

GENERAL REPORT
OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

AT THE HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, MADRAS,
DECEMBER 27TH, 1898, AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

WITH OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

The Convention Hall presented a brilliant appearance at 8 A.M., on the 27th December, when the President-Founder conducted Mrs. Besant to the platform to deliver the first of the four morning lectures of her course. The nave and transept together with the outside galleries under the porte-cochère were packed to overflowing, and the beloved speaker was greeted in the most enthusiastic fashion. His Excellency Sir Arthur Havelock, Governor of Madras, with his Private Secretary, Mr. Sim, a lady friend and Capt. Campbell, A. D. C., was present, and was received with enthusiasm. The hall columns were wreathed with palm branches and the new transept, with its art-tinted walls and its lofty ceiling supported on steel girders of over 30 feet span, was admired by all. Mr. Besant's subject was "Ancient and Modern Science," and the theme was treated in a strain of fervid eloquence that it seemed as if she had never previously reached. In fact, it was evident to all the audience that, within the past two years she has become one of the most finished orators, as she has always been one of the most able teachers, of our day. After the lecture His Excellency and party visited the Eastern and Western Galleries of the Adyar Library and expressed their gratification at what they saw.

THE NEW LIBRARY.

The new Western gallery or hall, which has been begun and completed this year, is undoubtedly one of the finest rooms in India, and barring one or two in princely palaces, perhaps the finest. The room measures 44 × 18 feet, is paved with white Italian marble and polished Cuddapah slates, the shelving is of waxed teakwood of selected quality, the ceiling covered with Lincrusta Walton (embossed *papier maché*), the gift of a group of London colleagues represented by Miss Edith Ward, the great doors are carved in the best style of the high Madras art, and the

panes in the central French glass window are covered with symbolical paintings representing the basic unity of all the chief religions of the world. Beneath them are two brass panels bearing exquisitely embossed figures of Indian yogis sitting in meditation. On the outside of the wall, on the side of the Convention Hall, are four bas-reliefs in terracotta, done at the Madras School of Arts, of which the large one over the door represents Minerva surrounded by the arts and sciences ; over it is a smaller plaque showing the armorial bearings of the old families of the two Founders—which, by a curious coincidence, are almost identical ; and in long panels to the right and left of the main door are full length figures of "Vigilance" and "Prudence." The entire cost of this great improvement has been met by gifts of devoted friends, *viz.*, the English group mentioned above, the Cuddapah T. S., P. Casava Pillay of Gooty, Meenakshi Sundaram Pillay, Hugo Boltze, A. von Hoffmann, of England, H. H. Mrinalini, the Rani of Pikapara, and Prince Harisinhji Rupsinhji, of Bhavnagar (who generously gave Rs. 500). The President-Founder also contributed. There are nearly 5,000 books already on the shelves, and by carrying the latter up to the ceiling, double that number can be accommodated.

At noon, on the same day, the proceedings of Convention were opened by the President-Founder, who read his Annual Report, as follows :—

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Brethren : We are spared to meet together once more to write off the history of a year and to congratulate each other on the favorable aspect of our affairs. At this 23rd Anniversary of the Society we have a large attendance of Delegates and Branch representatives, while the American, European, Netherlands, Australasian, New Zealand and Indian Sections have sent us friends to bear us their kind messages and best wishes for the future success of this wonderfully vital movement ; Ceylon is also represented, and from the far-off Hawaian Islands comes the voice of brotherly love. As the surviving Founder of the Society, my heart runs over with joy to see such manifest proofs of the strong hold that Theosophy has taken on the thought of our age. Most certainly it has come to stay. You and I might now be swept out of sight, yet the movement would run on unshaken in its power for good. How could any one have doubted its destiny at the beginning, who really believed that its guiding reins were held in the hands of the Mighty Ones who preside over the fortunes of the human race ? Ah ! blind were many from ignorance, and sad the mistake of such as were without the faith and confidence that would make them foresee the inevitable coming of the dawn after the night had run its course. Unhappy the error of those who deserted the work they had been privileged to undertake and wasted this incarnation. When too late, they will look back and mourn the lost opportunities. On the other hand, happy and fortunate are we who have stood fast and kept the faith, and help-

ed to intensify the grand vibration that is reaching human hearts in all the quarters of the globe. Feeble and puny our efforts may have been, day by day we may have committed mistakes and fallen short of our ideals, yet we have with our best intention and in our humble way been loyal to our pledges and a blessing has been poured upon us. I speak this word of encouragement advisedly, for I want each member of the Society to feel that, though he may have stumbled seventy times seven, yet every forward step has been a gain. Errors are venial, the one fatal sin is apathy begotten of indifference; for that checks evolution of the ego, that stops the revolving wheel of personal progress.

The statistical compendium of last year showed that it had been one of unprecedented growth for the Society; sixty-four new Branches had sprung up, and the reports from all quarters were bright and encouraging. A like showing is made by the returns of 1898. The effects of the American schism of 1895 have as completely passed away as the clouds of last week's thunderstorm. The death of the leader of that secession seems to have broken up his party and resolved a compact body into antipathetic fragments; it no longer presents a solid front to the vast public that the movement was intended to draw in. There being no longer the strong personality to rally around, his chief colleagues have fallen out with each other, and some of them have begun to turn their eyes to us and to regret the secession. Meanwhile, we go on in our path, stronger and stronger as each brief year passes by, intent on doing our duty, without envy or malice to even those who have done and are doing us most injustice.

THE WHITE BEQUEST.

Hardly had we passed over the Hartmann estate to the lawful heirs when word came to us from the North-West coast of America that another of our members, the late Mr. Charles A. White, of Seattle, had bequeathed to us his estate. His chief executor, Mr. Barnes, writes me that the property consists mainly of town lots which, just now, have only a nominal value, owing to reaction after a speculative rise; he hopes, however, that after two or three years, if business improves, to be able to sell the lots for good prices and to pay into our treasury a handsome sum. He mentions \$50,000, say £10,000, but this is mere surmise and we ought not to build expectations and lay plans on so insecure a basis.

THE CONVENTION HALL.

I am not surprised at your enthusiasm on seeing the improvements effected in this Hall since last December. Already, although our plans are but half carried out, it is one of the finest public halls in Madras. I thought it best to improve the transept while we were doing the new Library room, as it was in fact, architecturally, its pronaos. The completion of the nave, which includes the removal of all the old pillars and the raising of the terrace roof five feet, will be taken in hand shortly,

if we get the Rs. 2,500 of interest on mortgage due us, or if I can temporarily borrow the sum on my personal security: at any rate, we shall meet here next December in one of the noblest halls in India, if nothing unforeseen occurs. The economic aspect of the matter is this: from 1882 to 1886 we had to spend Rs. 450 annually for temporary palm-leaf pandals or "wigwams" for the Convention. At this rate we should have spent by this time, say Rs. 5,400. Now to build this Hall, in 1886, cost us Rs. 2,700, so that we have saved its cost and as much more in these last twelve years. By spending another Rs. 2,000 or so, we shall get, without going outside our honest income, a grand place for our annual meetings and for future use for that educational and reformatory Oriental Institute for which my plans are laid and for whose behalf I have built up these two libraries and made these improvements at Headquarters.

THE CENTRAL HINDU COLLEGE.

This brings me to speak of the scheme of a Central Hindu College at Benares, which Mrs. Besant and others have recently, with so much eloquence and persuasive common sense, put forth. It is most gratifying to know that a liberal response has already been made and that there are good prospects of winning success. It seems to me right that our Indian members should lead the way in this matter of high national importance since they, if anybody, can best realise what a public blessing it would be if the Indian people can be led back into the path which was traced out for national evolution by the Mighty Rishis of Aryavarta. I believe that wherever the world's Karma opens out a fresh field for philanthropic public work we, Theosophists, should be the pioneers to enter it. To me, it seems as natural that we should work along with Hindu patriots to build up this religio-secular College, in the interest of their religion, as it was for me to lead the Buddhists of Ceylon into the way of education and encourage them to open their now many Buddhist schools and their three colleges at Colombo, Galle and Kandy; as natural as that I should be starting next month for Burma to help the Burmese in the same way; as that I should have welcomed with a glad heart the committee of Pariahs, who came here on last White Lotus Day, and begged me to help them to educate their children and get back the religion which they claim to have lost. To us, collectively, there are no antipathetic tints of skin, no revolting religions, no irredeemable out-caste communities; we know of one human family, one basic religion, one karmic principle which equally affects the entire race. So have we been taught, so should we act.

In this connection I will present to you our American sister, Miss Sarah E. Palmer, B.A., B. Sc., G. Ph., a graduate of the Minnesota State University, a teacher of sixteen years' experience, a lady of the highest character, who has come to work for the Masters' cause with all her powers and without ulterior motives. I bid you welcome her as you have

Mrs. Besant, Miss Edger, Mr. Keightley, Dr. Richardson, Dr. English, Mrs. Higgins, Miss Rodda, Mr. Banbery, and others who have come to us in the same spirit. These brave souls are the future pillars of this edifice of our Society.

CEYLON.

The reports of progress in our educational work in Ceylon are very encouraging on the whole, and I beg you to pay close attention to the documents as read. Mr. Banbery has been most energetic and successful in the Kandyan mountain districts. He has infused a feeling of interest into the higher classes, raised money for new buildings, increased the number of pupils, enlarged the Kandy Boys' School into a College, obtained a charter for a new Theosophical Branch which, like the Hope Lodge of Colombo, will be of the same character as our Branches throughout the world, and not exclusively Buddhistic like our old Branches in Ceylon. He has taken a most important step in beginning a training-class for young monks, to fit them for teaching and propaganda work. Should his health continue good I hope for excellent results from his labors and those of Mr. Panday, Miss Rodda, and his other co-workers in the education of both sexes. Mrs. Higgins is building up her Buddhist Girls' School and Orphanage with unflagging zeal, and is now, with the help of Mr. D'Abrew and other friends, enlarging her school buildings. The Countess Cannavaro, who was at the last minute prevented from attending this Convention, is energetically pushing on her educational work among Buddhist girls, and Mr. Dharmapala's Rajgir College near Colombo has begun work on a small scale. Our Buddhist colleagues at Colombo are as active and devoted as ever, as the reports of Mr. Buultjens and Mr. Perera clearly show. They have from the first been constant in good work, and to them we chiefly owe the great Buddhist revival that is now so strong. Should we be successful in forming enough purely Theosophical Branches to organize a Section, I hope to be able to group together the purely Buddhistic ones in some more satisfactory form than we have at present.

A CHANGE IN THE CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

While at the recent Indian Section Convention at Benares, meeting my old and dear friends of Northern India, it became evident to me that it would be best to change the present plan of annual sessions of the Convention at Adyar to that of alternate meetings at Adyar and Benares. The vast area of India, over which our nearly 200 Branches are operating, makes it impracticable to gather together a full representation of the Indian Section. If, therefore, we continue meeting every year at Adyar we virtually cut off from touch with headquarters the whole Northern family of Branches, and thus gradually weaken their interest in it as the federal centre of the whole movement. Upon mature reflection I decided therefore, to hold our Convention and Anniversary at the centre where the Section was in convention, which would make us meet here together in 1899, at Benares in 1900, here again in 1901, and so on. This deci-

sion was most warmly hailed by the representatives of the North Indian Branches, and, I have no doubt, will meet with your approval when you have looked at the matter from both sides.

SIR WILLIAM CROOKES.

A great honor has been indirectly conferred on our Society by the brave stand taken by our respected colleague of many years' standing, Sir William Crookes, F. R. S., in his Presidential Address before the British Association this year. The declaration of his determination to stand firmly by his convictions as to the potentialities of occult science as a solvent of the mysteries of life and consciousness, was a heroic act in which I recognize the spirit which should characterise the true Theosophist. I pray that his example may be followed by us all.

THE SUBBAROW MEDAL.

I have not thought it best to award the Subba Row Medal this year as Mrs. Besant, to whom it should go, has already received the Medal, and no other completed original work of equal merit has appeared. Translations and compilations, are of course, out of competition, else I should have given it to Pandit A. Mahadeva Sastri for his excellent edition of Gita with the Commentary of Shri Sh'ankaracharya, or to one of the translators of the "Secret Doctrine" into Spanish, French, and other languages.

ZOROASTRIANISM.

I am sorry to say that the Parsi Panchayet, of Bombay, has not yet moved in the all-important matter of beginning a systematic course of excavation and explorations in the Cradle Land of their race, in the interest of their religion. Let us hope that it will be taken up by the University which the princely munificence of Mr. J. N. Tata is bringing into existence. Meanwhile, ground has been broken by our beloved brother N. F. Bilimoria, in his "Zoroastrianism in the Light of Theosophy," recently published.

THE PANCHAMA MOVEMENT.

The Olcott Free School has done very well during the past year, as many pupils as the building will hold having been registered. It will surprise some of you to hear that out of ten boys sent up for examination in the Fourth Standard, *eight passed*: a percentage that the higher castes and, in fact, Europeans, would find it hard to beat.

The Kodambakam H. P. B. Memorial School was opened for work several weeks ago, although the premises were not repaired, and it is doing well. As soon as Miss Palmer has learnt enough Tamil to begin her benevolent labors among them, she will be put in charge of both schools, and I hope for excellent results within the next twelvemonth. Her paramount duty is to lay the foundations for a wide educational movement among this long down-trodden and unhappy people. She will also second the efforts of their leaders to give a strong religious tone to their minds. The Buddhists of Ceylon are watching with deep interest

the movement which Pt. Iyothee Doss and others have begun, to restore their people to the Buddhistic fold, and several bhikshus are now fitting themselves for future work among them. My best wishes go with them.

THE H. P. B. MEMORIAL FUND.

In a recent Notice in the *Theosophist* I announced that, by a two-thirds vote, the General Council of the Society had approved my suggestion that the small residue of the "H. P. B. Memorial Fund" (less than Rs. 3,000), now lying useless, and with every likelihood of remaining so, should be turned into an invested capital for the partial support of the Pariah School to which I have given her revered name. H. H. the Maharajah of Kapurthala, who subscribed Rs. 2,000 to the Fund, has given in the letter which I have here, his consent to my utilising the money in any useful way I choose. The trifling residue having been subscribed by our own members towards an object which has failed, and the precedent having been made at the Benares Convention in the transfer of the Famine Fund surplus to the Central Hindu College, I have determined to put the H. P. B. Memorial Fund money to the excellent use of perpetuating her name in a free school for the poor Panchamas, where they will be given access to Western and Eastern books. The Fund is now earning $10\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest on primary mortgage on Madras real estate and the collections are made monthly. I shall be glad if those who love the name and respect the memory of my great colleague and our elder sister, will swell this Fund by their gifts, until her memorial will be free schools for the "submerged millions" opened up throughout the whole Presidency of Madras.

GROWTH OF THE SOCIETY.

As remarked above, the growth of our Society is unchecked. Gradually we are spreading from land to land and from race to race, daily we find our ideas reflected more and more in contemporary literature. The following statistical table emphasizes this truth:

CHARTERS ISSUED BY THE T. S. TO THE CLOSE OF 1898.

1878	1879	1880	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
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NEW BRANCHES.

America has added twenty-one new Branches to our list, during the past year ending November 1st, and five of her former charters have been cancelled.

India has added nineteen new Branches to the list of her Section and seven dormant ones have been revived.

The European Section has formed seven new Branches, and three charters have been given up.

The Australasian Section has added one new Branch, the Scandinavian Section one, and Ceylon one, which makes a total of fifty new Branches throughout the world. I have telegraphic advices of the formation of a new Branch at Moulmein (Burma), but this must be included in next year's list.

LOCALITIES OF NEW BRANCHES.

India :—Conjeeveram, Namakal, Tirupatur, Vaniyambadi, Vedaranyam, Rayadrug, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Purasawalkam, Triplicane, Tiruturaipundi, Nandyal, Tiruvallur, Poonamalle, Wallajanagar, Tirupati, Dharampur, Patukota, and Gudivada.

Europe :—Hampstead, Thornton Heath (name since changed to Croydon), Hanover, Brussels, Hamburg, Wandsworth, and Branche Centrale Belge (Brussels).

America :—St. Joseph, Mo., Worcester, Mass., Findlay, O., Newton Highlands, Mass., Davenport, Ia., Cresson, Ia., Jamestown, N. Y., Lima, O., New Orleans, La., Vancouver, B. C., Indianapolis, Ind., South Haven, Mich., Kalamazoo, Mich., Council Bluffs, Ia., Freeport, Ills., Lansing, Mich., Peoria, Ills., Oakland, Calif., Saginaw, Mich., and St. Louis, Mo.

Australia :—Sydney.

Scandinavia :—Sundswall.

Ceylon :—Dharmaraja (Kandy).

Deducting Branches seceded and surrendered, we have over 450 living charters and active centres remaining.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY.

The growth of our book collections is rapid and we have hardly finished one gallery before we begin to see that much more shelf room will soon be needed. Mr. Ananthakrishna Sastry has been so successful of late in collecting ancient MSS. that I intend to send him on another and longer quest. I hope that many valuable works may have to be reported next December.

We have added to the Library during the year 705 books and MSS. of which 260 were presented and 445 purchased. Mr. Sastry, the librarian, collected and brought with him from the Tinnevely District, 115 MSS., nine-tenths of which were Mantra Sastras. Many of these are rare and valuable works, and their names have been noticed in the *Theosophist*. The Sastry has, during the past year, translated Gopâlatâpani Upanishad with three different commentaries, and Krishna Upanishad, into English. The latter was published in the *Theosophist*, and the former is being published. Of the 705 books, 514 go to the Western Section and 191 to the Oriental Section.

Following are the details of the collections up to date :—

1.	Vedas and Vedangas	...	...	...	...	227
2.	Puranas	...	...	...	...	157
3.	Dharma Sastras	...	...	...	...	333
4.	Philosophies of the six schools	...	...	...	...	629
5.	Jyotisha and Vaidya	...	...	...	...	93
6.	Jainism (Sanskrit)	...	...	...	...	27
7.	Mantrasastra, including Tantras	...	...	...	...	258
8.	Grammars and Lexicons	...	...	...	...	166
9.	Literature	...	...	...	...	235
10.	The <i>Pandit</i> , <i>Anandasrama</i> , <i>Kavyamâlâ</i> and other magazines	...	...	...	...	202
11.	Stotras	...	...	...	...	141
12.	Indian Vernaculars	...	...	...	...	750
13.	Reference books, including Sacred Books of the East, Trübner's Oriental Series, &c.	...	...	...	...	644
14.	Buddhism, including Chinese, Japanese, Burmese, Siamese, Pali and other texts	1,490
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						Total... 5,352

WESTERN SECTION.

General Literature under separate headings ... 4,742

Grand Total... 10,094

BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 1898.

English.

"Theosophy Applied," Lillian Edger.

"Apollonius of Tyana," A. P. Sinnett.

Esoteric Christianity—five Lectures, by Mrs. Besant (pamphlets).

Occultism, Semi-Occultism and Pseudo-Occultism; Emotion, Intellect and Spirituality; Individuality—three lectures by Mrs. Besant (pamphlets).

"A Theosophical Question-Book;" translated from the French of D. A. Courmes.

"Tao-Teh-King," by Dr. Paul Carus.

"Zoroastrianism in the Light of Theosophy," by N. F. Bilimoria.

"Bhagavad Gîtâ" with Sri Ramanujacharya's Commentary, by A. Govindacharlu.

The *Mercury Series* of pamphlets have been issued by the *Mercury Publishing Co.*, America, and a number of pamphlets, by Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary of the American Section.

FRENCH (translations).

"The Secret Doctrine," Vol. I.

"The Ancient Wisdom," Mrs. Besant

"The Path of Discipleship," Mrs. Besant;

"Devachan," Mr. Leadbeater.

GERMAN (translations).

- "Invisible Helpers," Mr. Leadbeater ;
- "Dreams," Mr. Leadbeater ;
- "The Ancient Wisdom," Mrs. Besant ;
- "Man and his Bodies," Mrs. Besant ;
- "The Future that awaits us," Mrs. Besant.

SPANISH (translations).

- "Secret Doctrine," Vol. II, H. P. B. ;
- "Reincarnation," Mrs. Besant ;
- "The Story of Atlantis," Scott Elliott.

NORWEGIAN (translations).

- "The Ancient Wisdom," Mr. Besant ;
- "Invisible Helpers," Mr. Leadbeater.

CZECH (translation).

- "Light on the Path."

SCANDINAVIAN.

- "Secret Doctrine," H. P. B., Vol. II. (last 6 numbers) ;
- "Four Great Religions," Mrs. Besant (translations); also two original papers (pamphlets) relating to Rabbi Dr. G. Klein's critique, on the "Secret Doctrine," and four translations (pamphlets) from Mrs. Besant's works.

DUTCH.

- "Four Lectures on Theosophy," Mrs. Besant ;
- "Conditions of Life after Death," Mrs. Besant ;
- "Sketch of Mrs. Besant's Life," Joh. van Manen.
- "The Theosophical Society and Objects," Lorenzo ;
- "The Seven Principles of Man," Mrs. Besant; and
- "Reincarnation"—revised translations—by Joh. van Manen.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

Pamphlets on Reincarnation by Dr. Marques, Ph. D., President, and Miss L. S. Mesick, of the Aloha T. S., have been issued.

PUBLICATIONS BY INDIAN BRANCHES.

Bombay Branch.—Mrs. Besant's "Path of Discipleship" has been translated into Gujerati by Mr. M. D. Shroff, and published under the title of "Mumukshu Marga."

Adyar Lodge.—Mr. V. C. Seshachari has issued the Sanskrit text, with Shri Shankarâ Chârya's Commentary, of the following Upanishads, viz., Isa, Kena, and Mandukya, together with a very well done English translation of both text and commentary. Two pamphlets were also published by the President of the Lodge.

Surat Branch.—A vernacular translation of "Uttara Gitâ," by brother Indravardan Madhva Charan, and *Karma* and *Kalchakra*, and

Satyaprem Patrika, and other journals prepared by the President, Mr Nowtamram Uttamram Trivedi, were published during the year.

Bhavnagar Branch.—This Branch has published a translation of Mrs. Besant's Manual, "Reincarnation," and also two original works upon Theosophy.

Mysore Branch.—The Secretary, Mr. A. Mahâdeva Sastri, B. A., has issued the Sanskrit text with English translation and commentary of the Amrita Bindu, and Kaivalya Upanishads, (Minor Upanishads, Vol. 1st).

MAGAZINES.

	English (Monthly).
<i>The Theosophist</i> ,	
<i>Theosophical Review</i> ,	" "
<i>Mercury</i> ,	" "
<i>Vâhan</i> ,	" "
<i>Book Notes</i> ,	" "
<i>Prasnottara</i> ,	" "
<i>Theosophic Gleaner</i> ,	" "
<i>Arya Bala Bodhini</i> ,	" "
<i>Theosophy in Australasia</i> ,	" "
<i>The Buddhist</i> ,	" "
<i>Journal of the Mahabodhi Society</i> ,	" "
<i>The Punjab Theosophist</i> ,	" "
<i>Forum</i> ,	" "
<i>Notes and Queries</i> ,	" "
<i>Modern Astrology</i> ,	" "
<i>Sanmarga Bodhini</i> ,	Telugu Weekly.

POLYGLOT.

	Monthly
<i>Teosofisk Tidskrift</i> (Swedish),	
<i>Balder</i> (Norwegian),	" "
<i>Revue Theosophique Française</i> (French),	" "
<i>Sophia</i> (Spanish),	" "
<i>Philadelphia</i> (Spanish),	" "
<i>Theosophia</i> (Dutch),	" "
<i>Lotus Blüthen</i> (German),	" "
<i>Theosophischer Wegweiser</i> (German),	" "
<i>Teosofia</i> (Italian),	" "
<i>L'Idée Theosophique</i> (French),	Quarterly.

REPORTS OF SECTIONS.

We shall now hear from the representatives of our various Sections what has been going on in their several parts of the world.

[The Reports of Sections and remote countries were read as follows : European, by Mrs. Besant; delegate.—American, by Miss S. E. Palmer, delegate; Indian, by the General Secretary; Australasian, by Miss Lilian Edger, delegate; New Zealand, by Miss Lilian Edger, delegate; Netherlands, by Bertram Keightley; Scandinavian, by Bertram Keightley; Buddhist Educational Reports, by Harry Banbery.]

REPORT OF THE EUROPEAN SECTION, T. S.

TO COLONEL H. S. OLCOTT, P. T. S.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,—This being the first occasion that it has been my duty to forward to you the summarized account of the year's work of the European Section, I trust you will permit me to express how highly I value the privilege, and the great pleasure that it is to me to transmit to you, Mr. President, my report on the occasion of the Anniversary Meeting of the Society.

Although I have no very striking event with regard to the activities of the European Section to record during the past year, yet the twelve months have been, I believe, on the whole, a period of growth and strengthening for the Section. One marked feature of the past year has been the absence of discord and the evidence of a most hearty and harmonious co-operation of Branches, Centres and individual members, a spirit of unity which cannot fail to knit and weld together the many and various component parts of the theosophic instrument. It is, I think, impossible to overrate the value of any progress made in this direction.

With regard to membership, I have to report that during the year ending 17th November, 1898, 306 new names have been added to the Roll of members—a total which I believe is the largest that has been recorded since the first year of the Section.

While a large addition to the membership cannot be taken in itself as a proof that any Section is performing its work efficiently, yet the fact of 306 new members joining during the past year, not as the result of any specially active campaign of propaganda, but, as one may say, in the ordinary course, is fairly indicative that Theosophy and theosophical teachings have an increasingly firm hold on the more thoughtful of the reading public and that an ever-increasing circle is gradually coming in touch with our literature.

Seven new Lodges have received charters during the year; their names are as follows:—Hampstead, Thornton Heath (this Lodge subsequently changed its name to "Croydon"), Hanover, Brussels, Hamburg, Wandsworth, Branche Centrale Belge (Brussels).

The following charters were returned: Bradford, East London, Margate. At one time there were two Lodges in Bradford; it was deemed advisable by the members of one to relinquish their charter, there is therefore one Lodge at present active in Bradford. In the case of East London and Margate it was found that from one cause and another the members who had originally formed these Lodges had removed to other districts and that consequently these Lodges were not in a position for the moment to carry on the active work, and their remaining members decided under these circumstances to return their charters and simply continue as centres, until such a time as they had grown strong enough to again apply for their charters.

New centres have been formed at Leeds, Battersea, East London, Margate and Leipsic.

The total number of Lodges at present holding Charters in the Section is 87, and the Centres number 23.

Ten members resigned from the Section during the year.

The Section as a whole has been most fortunate in having had the advantage of Mrs. Besant's presence for a considerable period in the past year during which time she delivered many lectures. Besides the numerous lectures given in London and the neighbourhood—among which were included the exceedingly valuable series of five Lectures delivered at the Queen's Hall on the subject of Esoteric Christianity, which were reported and published, lecture by lecture, as delivered, and which have been very widely read—Mrs. Besant on two occasions presided at the meetings of the Northern Federation at Harrogate and visited many of the Lodges. She also visited Paris, Toulon and Nice, delivering addresses at each place. In Paris she had an audience of over 600 to whom she spoke in French. Scandinavia, Germany and Holland were visited by Mrs. Besant, who also spent some days in Rome where she gave a public lecture.

In connection with the work of visiting Lodges and attending the Federation meetings, both in the north and south-west, much work has been done, as usual, by Mrs. Cooper-Oakley, Mr. Mead, Mr. Leadbeater and others.

Mr. Bertram Keightley attended a meeting of the North of England Federation and gave an address.

Mr. Chatterji spent some time in Brussels lecturing; he also visited Paris and spoke there.

There have been several valuable additions to the Reference Library during the year, the "Encyclopædia Britannica" (reprint of the 9th edition) being amongst the number. Much care and attention has been given to the work of cataloguing the Library by one of our members, Mr. Cook, and before very long, thanks to Mr. Cook's efforts, we hope to possess an accurate Title catalogue and look forward to a Subject catalogue in the not distant future. In order that the Reference Library may be of as much use as possible to members residing at a distance, the Lodges have been notified by the Librarian that in case any members, for their work, require references to be looked up, if they will notify the Librarian all possible assistance will gladly be given them.

The Lending Library is still very well patronized. There are about 80 subscribers to the books, of whom a large proportion are not members of the Society.

The most noteworthy contributions to Theosophic literature emanating from the Section during the past twelve months are a series of three lectures now published, which were delivered by Mrs. Besant to the Blavatsky Lodge, the subjects dealt with being, "Occultism, Semi-

Occultism and Pseudo-Occultism," "Emotion, Intellect and Spirituality," "Individuality." The Reports of Mrs. Besant's lectures on Esoteric Christianity, to which I have already alluded, were an important feature in the literature of the year.

There has this year been less than usual published in book form, a condition of things which we must expect; if real solid work is to be done it cannot be quickly turned out, and for the moment there is already so much published that we need not be in too great a hurry for more. Most of our prominent writers, Mrs. Besant, Mr. Mead, Mr. Leadbeater, Mrs. Cooper-Oakley, and Dr. Wells among the number, have contributed articles of much interest, with great regularity, to the *Theosophical Review*, which I think all admit has more than maintained its usual satisfactory level of excellence.

The *Vâhan* has been full of interesting replies to questions, on the whole, of general interest.

One very important branch of activity in literary matters has been the number of translations of Theosophical books published in English, which has been carried out during the year. Into French have been translated Mrs. Besant's "The Ancient Wisdom" and "The Path of Discipleship," and "Devachan" by Mr. Leadbeater. Into German, Mr. Leadbeater's "Invisible Helpers" and "Dreams," Mrs. Besant's "The Ancient Wisdom," "Man and His Bodies," "The Future that Awaits us." Into Spanish, Vol. II. of "The Secret Doctrine," H.P. Blavatsky, "Reincarnation," Mrs. Besant, "The Story of Atlantis" by W. Scott Elliot. Into Norwegian, "The Ancient Wisdom" and "Invisible Helpers." Into Czech, "Light on the Path."

The Convention, which took place as usual in July, was very well attended and all passed off harmoniously. Mr. Sinnett, Vice-President T. S., presided. At the Convention we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Chakravarti as representing the Indian Section, Miss Weekes as representing the American Section and Mr. Van Manen, the Dutch Section. Countess Wachtmeister acted as representative of the Scandinavian Section. Two public meetings were held in connection with the Convention and the speakers were Mr. Sinnett, Mr. Bertram Keightley, Mr. Mead and Mrs. Besant. A pleasant informal incident in connection with our Convention was the presentation to Mr. Mead by Mrs. Besant, of a testimonial destined to take shape as books subscribed for by a few of his old friends in the Society, to mark their gratitude to him for the devoted work which he had given to the Section in the carrying out of his duties as General Secretary since its organization.

This brings me to speak of the change in the office of General Secretary of this Section. Mr. Mead, gradually finding that the time which he felt should be given to his literary work was being more and more encroached on by his Secretarial duties, felt himself reluctantly compelled to choose between the two. He, after careful consideration, at length decided that his literary work would be of the

greater value to the Society at large and he, therefore, on the 30th of April, finally gave up his duties as General Secretary.

At the request of the Executive Committee I undertook to carry on the duties of General Secretary until Convention, and Mr. Herbert Burrows kindly consented to relieve me in the duties of Treasurer. At the Convention both appointments were confirmed, Mr. Herbert Burrows became Treasurer and I was appointed General Secretary. At the same time a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Mead for his services was passed.

On the Continent there is considerable activity in many quarters. In Belgium we have had a large increase of membership. In Rome the Lodge works with much activity. In Paris the movement is decidedly gaining ground. In Spain, owing to the troubles through which the country has been passing during the past year, little fresh ground could be broken.

Since the last report a bequest of a property situated at St. Georges, in the Island of Grenada in the West Indies, has fallen to the Section, under the will of the late Mr. Thomas E. Passee, a member of the Society. The property consists of Lamolie House in the town of St. George. The matter is in the hands of the Trustees: the precise value of the property cannot yet be estimated.

In bringing my report to a close I will merely add that, so far as the Theosophical movement in Europe is concerned, I think there is no doubt that it is gradually gaining ground among thoughtful people, that the Section as a whole is distinctly growing in many directions, that there is a gradual gaining of greater balance, that there is no decrease in vitality and that within the Section all is moving harmoniously forward towards an ever-increasing unity of purpose and action.

I enclose a list of Branches and Centres and remain, dear Mr. President,

Yours most cordially,

LONDON, November 25th, 1898.

OTWAY CUFFE,

General Secretary.

When the report of the American Section was called for, Miss Palmer said:—I come to you a delegate representing the American Section of the Theosophical Society.

We, American Theosophists, have much to encourage us. The spread of Theosophic teaching, the wearing away of prejudice, the rapid increase in the number of branches, due mainly to the visits of Countess Wachtmeister and Mrs. Besant, have rejoiced our hearts.

In coming to India to spend the rest of my life in teaching the Pariahs, I feel that I have a great privilege and opportunity. It was with a feeling of reverence that I entered this land of the mystic Sages, the land held sacred by Theosophists all over the world. It is a piece

of good karma that enables me to participate even in a humble degree in the work of our beloved Society. By continued faithful service I hope to receive the spiritual help always given to those who deserve it; and in another incarnation I hope to be able to perform more efficient work for Those whom we serve.

I cannot adequately tell you what joy has been put into thousands of American hearts by the preaching of this sublime Theosophy. It is my most earnest desire that the teaching of the Wise Ones may continue to spread from land to land until the glad tidings have reached earth's remotest nations.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN SECTION.

To the President-Founder T. S.

From November 1st, 1897, to November 1st, 1898, 21 Branches have been chartered, and 5 Branches have surrendered their charters and dissolved, to wit, the Narada T. S., Tacoma, Wash.; the Omaha T. S., Omaha, Neb.; the Ann Arbor T. S., Ann Arbor, Mich.; the Dunkirk T. S., Dunkirk, N. Y.; the Dhyana T. S., Indianapolis, Ind. The present number of Branches is 68; last year it was 52.

Members resigned 39; died 13; admitted 461; restored 67. It was found expedient to enforce rigidly the rule to drop from the roll, members derelict in dues, and so many have thus been cut off that the present number of Branch members is but 1,215; of members-at-large, 126; total, 1,341. Last year it was 1,164.

The Countess Wachtmeister contributed five months more of work before her return to Europe in the spring, and the Section, thanks to the ever-generous kindness of Mrs. Besant, is at present enjoying the presence and labor of Mr. J. C. Chatterji of London. Until the exhaustion of the Propaganda Fund, great benefit was had from the tours of our two devoted lecturers, Dr. Mary W. Burnett and Mr. F. E. Titus, and valuable help has also been given by volunteers. In order to increase this Fund, and, if possible, to secure to it a reliable income, enough to keep our lecturers in the field through much of the year, an attempt is now being made to secure from each Fellow a systematic contribution of some small sum weekly. Partly for this attempt, but also because the administration of our other activities has been too scattered and feeble for the best results, the wise policy has been adopted of concentrating that administration in Chicago, it being the natural centre of Theosophy in the United States, and the strongest point since New York lost its predominance by the secession of 1895. A National Committee has therefore been formed there, to which have been transferred the various systems of correspondence work, circulating libraries, propaganda, &c., and sub-committees take charge severally of these systems. Vastly greater efficiency is expected from this arrangement, and it is the more practicable and the more obvious because Chicago has in its four Branches so many zealous Theosophists, able and glad to give their time

to this duty. In the whole field of Sectional activities there is nothing more cheering and more hopeful than the work done in Chicago.

Further improvement has been made in *Mercury*, and, whatever may be the future successes of the Section, they must be traced in no small measure to the zeal, fortitude, and self-sacrificing labor which caused its editor to spring to the front at a period of calamity and to omit no effort which could turn calamity into welfare. The struggles of loyalists to re-awaken public interest in Theosophy have been enormously helped through the repudiation of the name by one of the two bodies antagonizing the Society, and thus the Society has been relieved from an incalculable amount of odium arising from its supposed responsibility for fraud and folly and puerile imposture. There are indications that public confidence is turning again towards the philosophy, and, too, that minds participating and aiding in a strange moral delusion are beginning to sense its nature and to renounce it.

Abundant reason exists for the belief that every succeeding year will abate the painful experiences which since 1895 have confronted the Cause and its workers, and that each will exhibit that steady growth, that expanding zeal, that increasing labor which are the certain means to the successful achievement of the mission that the American Section for so many years has held as a sacred trust,—the permeation of a continent with the truths and motives of the Wisdom Religion.

ALEXANDER FULLERTON,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE INDIAN SECTION.

To Col. H. S. Olcott, *President-Founder, T. S.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honour to transmit to you here-with a summary of the Annual Report of this Section for the year ending September 30th, 1898, for inclusion in your Annual Survey of the work of the movement as a whole.

Permit me also to avail myself of this opportunity to officially place on record the gratitude of this Section for your kindness in undertaking the long journey hither to preside at our recent Convention, and still more for your generous and unselfish compliance with our suggestion as regards the holding of the T. S. Anniversaries at Christmas, at Benares in alternate years. I am confident that the great assistance which you will thus render to the work, in India will draw the Section yet more closely to the Headquarters of the whole Society at Adyar, and cause our members to feel and act more energetically and warmly in all matters where the interests of the Headquarters and the Society as a whole are concerned.

I have the honour to remain,
Sincerely and fraternally yours,
BERTRAM KEIGHTLEY,
General Secretary.

To the President-Founder, T. S.

During the past 18 months the whole of the work of the General Secretary has been performed, with the most successful results, by my dear brother and friend, Babu Upendra Nath Basu, Joint-General Secretary, and this summary of the Annual Report of our Section is really a summing up by myself of what he has achieved, as my home duties have kept me altogether in England, much to my own grief and sorrow, during the period in question.

The improvements in our office system noted last year have been further developed, with gratifying results, and both the
The office. registers and the ever-increasing correspondence bear witness to the importance of this mechanical factor in the smooth and effective carrying on of our work.

As regards the visiting of the Branches, we may
Visits to congratulate ourselves that this most vital part of our
Branches. work has been very well carried out during the past twelve months.

Since January 1898, Miss Lilian Edger, M.A.—whose claims on our sincere gratitude are very great—has made two extensive tours accompanied by the President-Founder. The first, beginning in January at Calcutta, included Midnapur, Bankipur, Mozufferpur, Benares, Allahabad, Cawnpore, Bara-Banki, Bareilly, Aligarh, Agra, Kapurthala, Lahore, Rawal Pindi, Amritsar, Lucknow, Allahabad (again), Jubbulpore, Gooty, Bellary and Cuddapah. Then, during the hot weather, she devoted herself to the Branch at the Adyar Headquarters, which under her fostering care gives every promise of being a living, energetic and active centre of work. In her second tour through Southern India, she visited Coimbatore, Palghat, Salem, Erode, Karur, Madura, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, Negapatam, Kumbakonam, Chingleput, Conjeeveram, Tirupathur, Chittoor and Tiruvallur, a long tour demanding full two months of very hard work for the south alone. At each place she lectured repeatedly, besides devoting several hours each day to answering questions and most ably and patiently removing the difficulties and doubts of the large number of educated and intelligent men who came to converse with her. Thus out of the nine months from January to September of the present year, Miss Edger has spent not less than five on tour, and any one who has had a similar experience will readily appreciate how untiring her devotion and self-sacrifice in our cause have been.

On a par with Miss Edger's work, in its energy and devotion, stands that of our old and tried Brother Mr. K. Narayanswami Aiyer, on whose definitive addition to our staff of men devoting their whole lives to the work, we had to congratulate ourselves last year, and well indeed has he fulfilled the hopes then expressed.

In October 1897 he visited the Branch at Chingleput, in March 1898 that of Sholingur, and in July 1898 that of Tiruvalur, and *revived* them all three, for they had been practically quite dormant for several years.

He has also formed *new* Branches at Conjeeveram, Namakal, Tirupattur, Vaniyambadi, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Purasawalkam, Tiruppattur, Triplicane, Tiruvallur, Poonamalle, Wallajahnagar, Tirupati, Patukota, Vedaranyam and Tiruturaipundi, fifteen in all; besides visiting and lecturing at Mylapur, Saidapet and Adyar, as well as accompanying Dr. Richardson to Chingleput and Conjeeveram and Miss Edger throughout her South Indian tour. He has thus formed fifteen *new* Branches, revived three quite dormant ones, in addition to the other work mentioned, and I am sure that we all agree that this is a splendid record of work for any one man, and should serve as a lesson to us all in showing how much the energy and real devotion of one man even can accomplish for our movement.

Pandit Bhawani Shankar has during the last twelve months visited Bareilly, Lucknow, Mozufferpur, Berhampur, Motihari, Midnapur, Jubbulpur, Gooty, Cuddapah, and Bangalore, remaining in each place for a full week and giving a series of most valuable and instructive lectures, as well as stirring up the hearts of the earnest, by his own example and fervent devotion to a keener realisation of what spiritual life really means. He also accompanied the President-Founder and Miss Edger to several places on the North Indian tour. His invaluable services during the past six years are appreciated by many, as they deserve, and we have been gratified by the many warm and hearty testimonies of the regard in which he is held.

After last year's Convention and in the preceding October, Dr. Richardson visited Conjeeveram, Guntur and Hyderabad, giving a series of lectures in each place and greatly stimulating their activity and the local interest in Theosophy, by his addresses and explanations.

Mr. T. S. Lakshminarayan Aiyar revived the dormant Karur Branch and gave a number of lectures at Chowghat, Palghat, Salem, Coimbatore, Tiruppattur, Vaniyambadi, Kodimudi, and Echangudi.

Mr. R. Jagannathia visited and revived the Branches at Anantapur and Kurnool, and formed new Branches at Nandyal and Rayadrug.

Mr. J. Srinivas Row, to whom the Section has been so often indebted for his admirable management of the feeding and other arrangements at our Adyar gatherings, visited Gooty, and lectured at Anantapur, Cuddapah, Bangalore and Sulerpett.

Mr. T. Ramchandra Rao, Sub-Judge at Masulipatam, visited during the year, Vaniyambadi, Gooty, Nandyal, lectured at these places and also revived the Branch at Kurnool which had fallen into inactivity.

Babu Debi Sahay revived the dormant Fyzabad Branch, while Mr. H. H. Mehta and Dr. Edal Behram assisted in the formation of the new Branch at Dharampor.

Rai B. K. Lahiri visited the Bengal T. S. (Calcutta) and Brother Lala Jagannath spent 27 days lecturing at the Jallandhar Branch.

Finally, our President-Founder revived the long dormant Branch at Aligarh during his visit with Miss Edger to Northern India.

This gives a total of eighty-five distinct and separate visits to various Branches, a total which quite maintains the good showing of last year, but still proves that our staff of Branch Inspectors is as yet not adequate to the demands upon it. What we need is two more men of the devotion and calibre of our dear Brother Bhawani Shankar, and then it seems to us that our working staff would be effectively manned, but if only those we now have could but devote as much time, and work as hard, as our Brothers K. Narayanswami Aiyar and Bhawani Shankar, very much more could be done and the life, interest and activity of our Branches be steadily maintained at an increasingly high level.

The growth of our Section is progressing steadily, even at an increasing rate, for we have this year to record the *New Branches*. formation of eighteen new Branches, as well as, what is almost equally satisfactory, the revival into fresh life of seven dormant ones. In addition to these the Hope Lodge of Colombo, Ceylon, has joined our Section. The detailed lists are appended.

New Branches.

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| 1. Conjeeveram. | 8. Dharmapuri. | 14. Poonamalle. |
| 2. Namakal. | 9. Purasawalkam. | 15. Wallajahnagar. |
| 3. Tiruppatur. | 10. Triplicane. | 16. Tirupati. |
| 4. Vaniyambadi. | 11. Tiruturaidundi. | 17. Dharampor. |
| 5. Vedaranyam. | 12. Nandyal. | 18. Patukota. |
| 6. Rayadrug. | 13. Tiruvallur.* | 19. Hope Lodge. |
| 7. Krishnagiri. | | |

Old Branches Revived.

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| 1. Chingleput. | 4. Anantapur. | 7. Fyzabad. |
| 2. Sholingur. | 5. Kurnool. | |
| 3. Tiruvalur.† | 6. Aligarh. | |

To render the growth of the Society in India more easy to follow I have summed up, so far as the information at my disposal permits, the progress year by year since 1892.

	New Branches formed.	Old Branches revived.	New Centres opened.	New Members joined.
1890 ...	...	...	...	...
1891 ...	10	...	...	200
1892 ...	7	...	...	220
1893 ...	6	...	...	361
1894 ...	3	...	2	330
1895 ...	...	3	2	93
1896 ...	4	...	2	122
1897 ...	14	6	...	304
1898 ...	19	7	1	383

* Chingleput District.

† Tanjore District.

This gives us for the present year 137 active Branches as against 130 which were in existence at the close of our last year's work.

The list of new publications this year is a short one; but this is in part due to the fact that our general work has stimulated other people to activity in this field, though the time is yet far distant when we can afford to relax our efforts in this direction.

Bombay Branch.—Mrs. Besant's "Path of Discipleship" has been translated into Gujerati by Mr. M. D. Shroff and published under the title of "Mumukshu Marga."

Adyar Lodge.—Mr. V. C. Seshachari has issued Sanskrit text with Shri Shankarâcharya's Commentary of the following Upanishads, viz., Isa, Kena, and Mândukya together with a very well done English Translation of both text and commentary. The President of the Lodge also published two small pamphlets.

Surat Branch.—A vernacular translation of "Uttara Gîtâ" by Brother Indravardan Madhuva Charau and, "Karma and Kalchakra," and "Satyaprem Patrica" and other journals prepared by the President, Mr. Navtaram Uttamram Trivedi, were published during the year.

Bhavnagar Branch.—This Branch published a translation of Mrs. Besant's Manual, "Re-incarnation," and also two other original works upon Theosophy.

Mysore Branch.—Mr. A. Mahadeva Sastri, B. A., has issued the Sanskrit text with English translation and commentary of the "Amritabindu" and "Kaivalya" Upanishads,—comprising Vol. 1st of a series of "Minor Upanishads" which he intends to bring out.

Thanks to the care and zeal of Brother Upendra, our little Sectional Organ has shown great improvement during the last two years and its contents have proved both valuable and of sustained interest. In order, however, to still further add to its usefulness we propose to increase its size from 24 to 32 pages and to devote one-half, i.e., 16 pages, each month to the publication of the short-hand reports of Mrs. Annie Besant's informal lectures to the Benares Branch, which have been taken by the kind care and zeal of our Brother Sirish Chandra Bose.

The state of our finances this year continues to show a not unsatisfactory improvement; and the following is a comparative statement of income and expenditure for the last four years, which shows at a glance how we stand. Again

our warmest thanks are due to our generous Brother Narendra Nath Mitra for his very handsome donations both to the Section and to the no less important Central Hindu College. Our dear and devoted Brother Tookaram Tatya of Bombay has passed from amongst us, and this therefore is the last occasion we shall have of recording our gratitude for the unflinching liberality and generous help which he always extended to our

work. To his help both the College and the Section are again this year substantially indebted, and I fear we shall in the future feel his loss very sorely, for he was one of the exceedingly few rich men in our Society in whom the sense of their duty to the movement was ever awake and who gave freely in accordance with the need and with their own ability, and not merely according to the dictates of the desire for possessions.—

	TOTAL NET INCOME.	TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE.	INCREASE OF INCOME.
1895 ...	3,411 11 6	4,698 7 11	<i>Decrease.</i>
1896 ...	5,898 11 0	4,503 4 11	2,486 15 6
1897 ...	6,996 2 11	4,959 14 3	1,097 7 11
1898 ...	8,082 9 6	6,493 14 3	1,086 6 7

We commenced our financial year with a balance of Rs. 5,781-13-6 and we close it with a balance increased to Rs. 7,370-8-9 ; but it must be remembered that the building and furnishing of our new Sectional Headquarters and the assistance which it is our duty to give to the Central Hindu College will make very heavy demands upon our resources during the coming year.

One very important step taken during this year in connection with our movement has been the establishment and opening of the Central Hindu College, Benares—the first educational establishment in India which has made it an essential and integral portion of its curriculum to give its students definite moral and religious instruction in accordance with the Hindu Shastras, in addition to a thorough education upon the best western lines. The College has been affiliated to the Allahabad University and is destined to prove a most important factor in the revival of India's spiritual life.

Among our numerous losses by death, the following names must be specially mentioned as standing high on the Roll of Honour of our movement : Tookaram Tatya, Pherozeshaw R. Mehta and P. M. Ghadiali, of Bombay, and Prof. Manilal N. Dvivedi, of Nadiad. Of these four, two are widely known wherever theosophical literature has spread, while the other two had earned the deep respect and affection of all their colleagues in India.

Slowly and surely, through the blessing of the Great Gods, a nucleus of devoted and spiritually inclined souls is being gathered together Year after year from India and from other lands ardent and devoted souls are being brought into unison, linked by the imperishable bonds of common spiritual aspiration and work shared for the regeneration of the race. Even in the darkest hour the mercy of the Compassionate Ones has kept a flame of hope, however feeble, steadily burning, and even though the gloom and darkness which envelopes and saddens this earth should grow even more dense and oppressive, yet still They will keep that flame alive ; and if we, relying under all trials and tribulations upon Their

Wisdom, Power and Love, strive ever cheerfully and undauntedly to purify ourselves and spread the light of Their divine teaching in the hearts of men, then surely and without fail shall a new and glorious life shine forth in this holy land of the spirit, and spreading ever, more widely, fill the minds and hearts of all with its peace and illumination. Then shall the Golden Age return upon earth and life become truly divine in purity, in nobility, in wisdom and in peace. So may it be!

BERTRAM KEIGHTLEY,

General Secretary.

(Since the date of this Report, one new Branch has been formed at Gudivada).

REPORT OF THE AUSTRALASIAN SECTION: THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

To the President-Founder T. S.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honour to report to you that the number of Branches now on the roll of the Australasian Section of the T. S. is fourteen (14), one new Branch having been chartered at Sydney under the title of the Egyptian Lodge of the T. S.

The roll of membership in this Section remains the same as that of last year, the thirty-six new members who have joined during the year being minimised by an equal number of withdrawals.

The Fourth Annual Convention of this Section was held in Sydney on April 8th, 1898. Delegates were present representing the Branches at Sydney, Mt. David, Melbourne, Ibis (South Yarra, Melbourne), Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth, Maryborough, and Hobart.

The main business of the Convention was the revision of the Sectional Rules to bring them into line with the Rules of the whole Society, the presentation of the General Secretary's Report and Balance Sheet, and the appointing of the sectional officers for the year.

Mr. T. H. Martyn was appointed Honorary General Secretary, but as he was attacked by a severe illness in the month of May, the Executive Committee requested me to again resume the duties of Acting General Secretary until he should have recovered.

Some correspondence having taken place between the Branches and the Executive Committee with reference to the carrying on of the Sectional Activities in the future, it was decided to accept the offer of Dr. A. Marques, of Honolulu, to undertake the duties of General Secretary, and devote the whole of his time to Theosophical work in these colonies without expense to the Section.

Dr. Marques is expected to arrive early next year, and it is hoped that then we shall have more active work to report than we have at present.

During the year the main Branches of Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, South Yarra, Adelaide, and Hobart, have continued their public

activities, and private classes for study, without cessation, and report favourable results. The smaller Branches, although in some cases of late they have had to cease public work, from lack of funds or public interest, still retain their nuclei of active earnest members, ready to launch out into wider work as soon as opportunity offers.

The Sectional organ, *Theosophy in Australasia*, has been issued monthly during the year. The books left by Mr. Staples to found a nucleus of a Sectional Library have been received and placed at the disposal of the Branches; and the Library has been further increased by a donation from Mrs. Parker, of the Ibis Lodge, of beautifully bound complete sets of all the main Theosophical magazines.

The circulation of type-written lectures has been continued, but for want of suitable MSS. has not been as useful as it might have been.

Although there have been no Lecturing Tours undertaken by any one within the Sectional limits during this year, yet the sale of literature has been as large as ever, and enquiries from those beginning to be interested have been quite as numerous as in other years.

I enclose a list of Branches with the names and addresses of the officers, up to date.

It is hoped that when Dr. Marques arrives and Miss Edger returns from India, we shall have far more activities to report than is at present the case. With best wishes for a successful anniversary meeting,

I am, my dear President,
Most cordially yours,
JAMES SCOTT,
Acting General Secretary.

Miss Edger, in presenting the report of the New Zealand Section, read the following letters :

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, N. Z. SECTION,
14th November 1898.

The President-Founder, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—On behalf of the New Zealand Section, T. S., I beg to send to the Annual Convention at Adyar a cordial and fraternal greeting, with the hope that your deliberations may be harmonious; that the result may be the further extension of the field of usefulness of our Society; and that it may so continually grow in the right direction that the blessing of the Masters may be more and more bestowed on it as the years go on.

Yours fraternally,
C. W. SANDERS,
General Secretary.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND,

November 27th, 1898.

TO OUR DEAR PRESIDENT,—This should reach you about the time of the Anniversary Meetings.

From New Zealand we send you our loyal greetings, our kindest thoughts, and offers of devoted service.

May they who have in the past guided the Society through all its difficulties, direct you in your deliberations, so that as a result the Society may be re-invigorated, the cause of Humanity be served, and the Master's blessing rest on all those who shall be appointed to any office.

W. H. DRAFFIN.

REPORT OF THE NEW ZEALAND SECTION, T. S.

From 1st November, 1897, to 31st October, 1898.

To the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honour of submitting to you the Report of this Section, the third since the Section was formed in 1896, and the first which it has fallen to my lot to send in to you.

Since the report forwarded to you last year by my predecessor, Miss Lilian Edger, we have held our Second Annual Convention, a most successful and harmonious gathering. It was held at the Headquarters of the Section, in Auckland, on January 3rd and 4th of this year, and was fairly representative of the various Branches comprising the Section. The various forms of activity recommended by it have been more or less put into force, but not so extensively as might have been expected. One rule of the Constitution was altered, and the alteration received your approval, while one was rendered unnecessary owing to an Executive Notice issued by you early in the year.

The various general activities of the Section continue; the Auckland, Christ Church, Dunedin and Wellington Branches are active in study, and Auckland, Christ Church, and Wellington hold regular weekly public meetings; Dunedin has a public lecture monthly, and Woodville frequently. Pahiata Branch holds no public meetings, but the members meet more or less regularly for study; Waitemata Branch has sustained a loss in the death of its Secretary, Mr. J. Dinsdale, and has consequently ceased all activity, while Wanganui has also ceased all activity, nor can any members of it see their way to take office, and keep the Branch in existence.

During the year that has elapsed since the last report was sent in, twenty-three new members have been added to the register; but as three have died, five have left the country, seven have resigned, five have lapsed, according to the Rules, and a total of nineteen removed, the list of members only numbers 171 as compared with 167 last October.

The Section has benefited by the donation of a valuable collection of books, known as the Maybank Library, from Mrs. Parker, formerly resident in Melbourne, but now at the Headquarters of the European

Section in London. Additions from other quarters have been made to it from time to time, and it promises to become a very useful and valuable adjunct to the Section. The bulk of the books are in the Headquarters' office, but many are loaned to different Branches.

A group for study has been formed at Port Chalmers, under the direction of Dunedin Branch members; and owing to the activity of Mrs. Richmond, President of Wellington Branch, aided by Mrs. Aiken, a Christchurch member, a fairly large group has also been formed in Nelson; and as the number of members there is slowly increasing, it is hoped before long a Branch may be formed, which should also be the case ultimately at Port Chalmers.

There is not so much increase in numbers as in the previous year, still those that are left are likely to be steady workers. The last twelve months, without the excitement and stimulus of special lecturers, has given members the opportunity of learning to stand upon their own merits. There are always members who join for the novelty of the thing, and who, as soon as they find they have to work, and not remain as spoon-fed infants, take themselves off to other pastures.

The sale of literature (amounting to nearly £150 during the past year) is a very satisfactory proof of the great interest taken in matters Theosophical. We are gradually leavening the masses.

Yours fraternally,
C. W. SANDERS,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE NETHERLANDS SECTION.

To Colonel H. S. Olcott, President-Founder, T. S.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,—I have the pleasure of herewith forwarding you a report of the activities of the Dutch Section during the last year.

No new lodges have been formed but some of the younger members have formed a centre in Amsterdam with the object of spreading Theosophical ideas among the students, and weekly meetings for debate and study are held.

In Dutch India no lodge has as yet been formed, as the members are too scattered to be able to work together; but several are working seriously and we hope before the year has passed that a lodge will be formed somewhere in Java. One of our members there is busily engaged with a translation of the Theosophical Manuals on "Reincarnation" and the "Seven Principles," into Javanese. The "Theosophische Uitgevers Maatschappij" has published during this last year in the Dutch language,—

Theosophia, 12 Nos.

Four maps of Atlantis after the drawings of Scott Elliott.

Four Lectures on Theosophy, by Mrs. Besant.

"Conditions of life after death," by Mrs. Besant.

"Short Sketch of Mrs. Besant's Life"—Joh. van Manen.

"The Theosophical Society and the object it has in view," by Lorenzo.

New and revised translations of Mrs. Besant's Manuals—the "Seven Principles," and "Reincarnation"—Joh. van Manen.

Last year, after the Section was formed, the number of our members was 124; it is now 177.

During this last year we have lost one member by death, 15 have resigned, and 3 have settled in Belgium and helped to form the Brussels Lodge. 72 new members have joined during the year. The greatest event of the year was Mrs. Besant's visit in January last, when for the first time she lectured in several towns besides Amsterdam. Her lectures, although delivered in English, drew large audiences in Rotterdam, Haarlem and the Hague, as well as in Amsterdam, where she delivered two lectures—one public lecture in the Free Church, which the Committee kindly placed at her disposal, and one in the Amsterdam Lodge, for members only. The whole series of lectures was taken down in short-hand by Mr. J. J. Hallo, Jr., and published in Dutch, under the title of "Vier voordrachten over Theosophie," with a portrait of Mrs. Besant, as frontispiece. More than twenty newspapers printed notices, biographical sketch, and reports of the lectures. A good deal of propaganda work has been going on this year and public lectures have been given in Leenwarden, Twolle, Utrecht, Gouda, Rotterdam, the Helder, the Hague and Haarlem. The notices and reports in the provincial papers show that the press is much more friendly disposed than was the case a few years ago.

The Second Annual Convention of the Dutch Section was held on Sunday, July 3rd, 1898. The full report of the proceedings will already have reached you. On the evening of Saturday, July 2nd, a conversazione was held in the Headquarters of the Dutch Section, when a large number of members were present. The Morning Session of the Convention was devoted to the business of the Section. The evening meeting, open to all associates and friends provided with a card of introduction, was very largely attended. The General Secretary opened the meeting with a short speech, after which addresses were given by Mme. Windust, on "The one Condition of Membership in the T. S.;" by J. Lauweriks, on "The Theosophy of Confucius;" by Joh. van Manen, on "The Future of the Theosophical Movement;" and by Mme. Meuleman on "The use of Annual Conventions."

Although the ordinary lodge work was, as usual, discontinued during the summer months, still a large amount of propaganda work went on. A resolution was passed in Convention that if possible the Theosophical Society should be represented at the Exhibition of Women's Industry at the Hague, and accordingly a stall for the sale of theosophical literature was secured near to the entrance of the Congress Hall. A large number of books and pamphlets in English and Dutch were sold

and a number of people came to the book-stall to ask questions and discuss the points which had interested them in the books they had purchased. The Congress Hall was also placed at the disposal of the Section, for August 5th, by the Committee, and lectures were given by Mme. Perk on "The Part Women have taken in the Theosophical Movement," by Joh. van Manen, on "Reincarnation and Karma," and by Mr. J. J. Hallo, Jr., on "Theosophy and Social Problems." The lectures were well attended and were followed by an interesting debate which did much to arouse public interest, as attested by the increased sale of theosophical works. Our thanks are due to our members, Mmes. Perk, Rauws, Du Prez and Dijkgraaf, who in turn gave their time to take charge of the books and furnish information to all interested in the subject.

The Exhibition was daily visited by large numbers of people from the provinces and from abroad and was, therefore, a particularly well chosen centre for propaganda.

It now only remains for me, Mr. President, to convey to you the good wishes of this Section for a most successful Convention.

We beg you to convey our heartiest greeting to our Indian Brothers in Convention assembled, and to assure them that we are with them in thought and we join them in the hope that you may long be spared to preside over the Society of which you and our beloved and deeply respected H. P. Blavatsky were the co-founders, and to which you devoted your lives.

I am, Dear Sir,
Fraternally yours,
W. B. FRICKE,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SCANDINAVIAN SECTION: T. S.

To the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Just one year ago the number of the members of the Scandinavian Section was 341. Afterwards 114 new ones have been admitted; but as 9 have left, the total number of members to-day amounts to 446.

A new Lodge was founded 22nd last April, in the modern Swedish town, Sundswall, under the chairmanship of Mr. Aug. Berglund. The Lodge has now 22 Members.

In most of the Section's 14 Lodges there has been a considerable activity during the year, with public and private lectures and discussions.

Two precious visits have given a great impulse to our work. Mrs. Annie Besant arrived during the cold season. She came to Gothenburg, in Sweden, and left for Christiania in Norway,—afterwards to Stockholm, Upsala and Lund, in Sweden, and at last to Copenhagen in Denmark,

where she gave her last public lecture, 24th January, before an audience of about 1,000 persons. In all, she had given nine public lectures during her visit.

Countess Constance Wachtmeister came after her in company with her son, Count Axel Wachtmeister. This visit took place during the autumn and concerned only Sweden and Denmark. August 28th she gave her first public lecture in Lulå, in the north part of Sweden, continued southward and visited Boden, Solleftea, Hernösand, Sundswall, Gäddede, Stockholm and Lund, all in Sweden, and Copenhagen, which she left 25th September and travelled *via* Paris to Marseilles, and then on to Bombay. She gave during her visit ten public lectures and led, every day, discussions in our Lodges.

The following officers were elected at the Third Annual Convention of the Section in Stockholm, 30th May: General Secretary, Mr. A. Zettersten; Executive Committee: Dr. Emil Zander (vice-chairman), Mr. G. Kinell, Mr. Fred. Lund, Mrs. Fanny Ingeström, Mr. Gust. Zander (treasurer). Moreover the Presidents of all the Lodges are members, *ex-officio*, of the Committee.

A great literary work, remarkable for our circumstances, has been finished this year. It is the translation, in Swedish, of "The Secret Doctrine," Vols. I. and II., published in 36 numbers, of which the first appeared 1893.

During the year the following works have been published:—

(a) *Translations*: "The Secret Doctrine," by H. P. Blavatsky, Vol. II. (the last 6 numbers);

"Four Great Religions," by A. Besant;

(b) *Pamphlets*: Two original papers on account of the critique of Rabbi Dr. G. Klein, of Stockholm, on "The Secret Doctrine."

Four translations from A. Besant.

(c) *Magazines*: *Teosofisk Tidskrift*, published in Stockholm, 10 numbers;

Balder, published in Christiania (Norway), 9 numbers,

The Section has during the last four years carried on a publishing business which, at first rather small, has now come to such dimensions that the value of the published articles amounts to 27,320 Swedish crowns (some fifteen hundred pounds sterling). From our office, 13 Master Samuelsgatan, Stockholm, we sell a considerable quantity of theosophical literature over the whole of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, and it also finds its way to the Swedish speaking brethren in the United States of America.

Yours fraternally,

A. ZETTERSTEN,
General Secretary.

Dr. Pascal, the Delegate from France, addressed the Convention in French, the following being a translation :

REVERED PRESIDENT AND MY BROTHERS,—

It is with joy that the Theosophists of France have sent me among you, and I have the privilege of bringing you the message of their lively sympathy, their tender affection. To you we are brothers for whom the Aryan emigrations prepared a distant field of incarnation, but we have not forgotten our cradle. The sweet name of India sounds in our ears as the echo of a song which enchanted our infancy, and awakens in our hearts all that is deepest and most sacred.

Specially am I happy to be on the spot where the tree of Theosophy has its root ; the tree of which our Masters prepared the germ, that our great teacher H. P. B. and our President planted, which they have vivified with all the forces of their mind and have watered with the blood of their heart.

Thanks to them, thanks to the apostles who have followed them—among whom I am happy to salute here the greatest—Mrs. Annie Besant—this germ has developed into a mighty tree whose branches bear spiritual fruits in the four quarters of the globe. We can now only offer to the great Soul who has momentarily disappeared, the silent homage of our heart's gratitude ; but we may gladly bring to our President in person the cordial testimony of our thankfulness.

As a Frenchman I owe to him and I owe to Mrs. Annie Besant something more. I have not forgotten how they came to the assistance of the cause in my father-land. I have the duty and also the joy of bringing to them in the name of the Theosophists of France, all our gratitude, all our love.

Pandit J. C. Chatterji, a learned member of the Society who has rendered such valuable service to Mr. Mead in his translations of the Upanishads and who has been doing good work in various lands, being introduced by the President-Founder, read a letter brought by him from Dr. Marques of the Hawaiian Islands, giving a report of the Aloha Branch, T. S. The letter is as follows :

HONOLULU (H. I.),
October 26, 1898.

Colonel H. S. Olcott, President, Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I take advantage of the visit of Brother Chatterji, to send you a direct report of the doings of the Aloha Branch of your Society in Honolulu (American Section). The Branch now counts 25 members, and there are in this country 8 others, Members at Large. We have a library of about 100 volumes of the best theosophical literature, opened freely to the public. Three meetings a week have been held regularly, one on "Secret Doctrine" (Saturday), one on "Human Aura" (Tuesday), and the third one, of the E. S. T. (Friday). A fourth one, a Beginners' Class, has just been started, numbering

seven, not yet T. S. members. The H. P. B. class meets once a month, and the Branch keeps White Lotus Day every year. Two pamphlets—on Reincarnation—by A. Marques and Mrs. Mesick, have been published by the Branch for free distribution. Miss Marie A. Walsh, Pacific Coast Lecturer, was sent for, last January, and gave lectures during a month's stay, which were well attended by the public. The newspapers, formerly very hostile to Theosophy, are now all very kind; not only willing but eager to publish any theosophical news and to extend courtesies in announcing our meetings, etc. The number of persons known to be interested is quite large and growing, for a narrow-minded place as this is, still under church influence, and any lecturers that could be sent from abroad would be sure of a good hearing and warm reception. We deeply regret that Mr. Chatterji's stay is so short that it has been impossible to arrange a meeting which would have given the members the good fortune of hearing him. The Branch intends to celebrate the 7th of November, the anniversary of the foundation of the T. S., by a social meeting. We regret that there are no means, officially devised, for keeping in touch with the Central Headquarters. Although the autonomy of the various Sections may be very well, in a way, it would do no harm and would certainly tighten the bonds of loyal friendship, if something could be heard from Headquarters direct. Could not a small monthly periodical be started in Adyar, giving all the various items and news of general interest, to be sent to all members in good standing, and making every one feel in touch with the venerable President-Founder?

Very fraternally and obediently yours,

A. MARQUES,

President, Aloha Branch, T. S.

P. S.—The Members of the Aloha Branch send their warmest greetings to the Convention.

[Dr. Marques, has been asked to assume the General Secretaryship of the Australasian Section, and is probably now on his way to that country.]

Mr. Chatterji also gave the results of his observations on theosophical activities in America.

A summary of the accounts of the Treasurer who was unable to attend, on account of illness, was read by Harry Banbery. Telegrams of congratulation were next read, from Countess Wachtmeister, from P. C. Jinavaravansa (the Buddhist Prince Priest), from the Hyderabad Branch, T. S., and the Lahore Branch, T. S.

Mrs. Besant then made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Central Hindu College, of Benares, first giving a statement of its objects, and next showing the vital importance and necessity of the institution for the proper and all-round training of Hindu youth, physically, mentally and spiritually. A movement has been started to form local committees in all the large towns in India, to collect funds for the support of the

College, and this movement should be faithfully and energetically prosecuted.

REPORT OF BUDDHIST SCHOOLS

CONNECTED WITH THE COLOMBO BUDDHIST THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH NOVEMBER 1898.

Colonel H. S. Olcott, P. T. S.

DEAR SIR,—The beginning of the Buddhist Educational movement about ten years ago was beset with many difficulties and met with some opposition. The chief hindrance to success was in the apathy of the Buddhist public itself which looked upon the new movement with indifference. This had to be overcome by appeals to the feelings of nationality and religion, based upon the watchword of Buddhist schools for Buddhist children. Another obstacle was the violent opposition of certain missionary bodies which had been long in occupation of the educational field and claimed a prescriptive right to, and a monopoly of, the Districts already occupied by them. They dubbed the new Buddhist schools as factious opposition schools intended merely to destroy the good work of Christian missions and having no element of stability and permanence.

The hue and cry raised by the missionaries found an echo in one or two of the Government Inspectors of Schools and even in the Director of Public Instruction, who promulgated the famous Quarter-mile Clause, or Buddhist Boycotting Bill, which affected disastrously certain Buddhist schools that had lately been started. Local efforts against the iniquitous clause having failed, an appeal to the Secretary of State for the Colonies brought relief to the injured schools.

The outlook to-day has considerably changed. The number of schools has continually increased, the masses of the Buddhists take keen interest in their village schools. Strained relations with the Department of Public Instruction have given way to friendly understanding and the Christian Missionary Bodies have recognised that the Buddhist educational movement is their ally and not their foe, in overcoming the indifference and ignorance of the masses and in spreading the blessings of education throughout the country.

The growth of the number of schools and scholars for the past decade in schools of the Buddhist Theosophical Society may be seen at a glance from the following table:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No. of Schools.</i>	<i>No. of Scholars.</i>
1888	6	686
1889	7	934
1890	8	1,042
1891	9	1,176

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No. of Schools.</i>	<i>No. of Scholars.</i>
1892	12	1,457
1893	22	2,263
1894	28	2,749
1895	38	3,182
1896	46	4,602
1897	60	6,911
1898	79	9,280

But the example set by the Buddhist Theosophical Society in opening schools has been followed by private Buddhist Societies which prefer to maintain schools independent of the Buddhist Theosophical Society. The opening of some of these schools has been with the co-operation of members of the B. T. S., and their existence also has been in a measure due to the educational movement initiated by Colonel H. S. Olcott.

The annual increase of all Buddhist Schools, whether Buddhist Theosophical or otherwise, has been a very steady one, and the growth of the number of the registered schools alone, and of the amount of grant-in-aid earned from Government, as compiled from the Director's Annual Reports, has been as follows:—

<i>Year.</i>	<i>No. of Buddhist Schools</i>	<i>Amount of Grant.</i>	
		<i>Rs.</i>	<i>CENTS.</i>
1888	1	84	00
1889	15	3,396	00
1890	18	4,244	00
1891	18	4,613	00
1892	34	10,223	53
* 1893	33	11,054	00
1894	44	15,150	75
1895	54	15,096	45
1896	68	19,305	04
1897	86	22,185	62
1898			

(Government Report not yet issued).

The Government have recognised the work carried on by us and the following excerpt from the *Account of the system of Education in Ceylon* published by the Government Education Department as a Sessional paper, will be read with interest:—

Buddhist Schools.

“Perhaps the most encouraging feature in the extension of education in the country is the part, even though tardy, taken by indigenous private enterprise in the establishment of schools. For the seventy years anterior to the constitution of the present Department of Public Instruction, the only extraneous agencies auxiliary to the Department, in

* The check to the increase of schools this year was due to the operation of the Quarter-mile Clause referred to above.—A.E.B.

the promotion of popular instruction, were the various missionary societies at work in the Island. Unrecognized and unaided by Government, these societies had, within half a century of the British occupation of the Island, spread a network of schools throughout the country, that challenged the recognition when the instruction of the people ceased to be the object of sectarian animosities. The more liberal spirit displayed in the consideration of this subject in 1869 gave birth to a more enlightened policy, and though the portals of religious neutrality in education were since that year thrown open to all engaged in this enterprise, without distinction, native Buddhists were still slow to avail themselves of the opening for educational activity in the interests of their co-religionists, that thus presented itself. For fifteen years or more after that, these Christian societies continued to be in almost undisputed possession of the field. With the Buddhist Theosophical movement in 1889 the Buddhist community awakened to the responsibilities to their co-religionists that the presence of well-organized and successful proselytizing societies could no longer permit them to shut their eyes to. A society was formed to resist the inroads of the foreign faith, and, by the establishment of Buddhist Schools for Buddhist children, to narrow the scope and the opportunities of the opponents of their religion. The apathy which for these long years contented itself with a policy of inactivity, was shaken off, and in ten years' time, 63 Buddhist Schools have been registered under the management of the Buddhist Theosophical Society.

A few Buddhist priests, too, have in the meanwhile interested themselves in education, and three of their number share the management of 13 schools. A few wealthy lay Buddhists are the managers of 27 schools well attended and in many instances admirably housed. The total number of what may be termed avowedly Buddhist Schools, as distinguished from those private schools maintained in the interests of the teachers, now stands at 103, and there is every indication that this number will be increased year by year. For the present year no less than 20 applications for Buddhist Schools are under consideration."

The Government have also recognised the educational efforts of the Buddhists, by the appointment of a member to represent the interests of Buddhist Schools at the Board of Education.

Schools in the Western Circuit.

Within the Western Circuit nineteen new schools have been opened in 1898, as follows :—Mabima Boys' ; Watinapaha Mixed ; Nittambuwa Mixed ; Peellawatta Girls' ; Godagama Girls' ; Padukka Mixed ; Medagama Boys' ; Pelpola Mixed ; Mahagama Boys' ; Barawawila Girls' ; Kalubowila Mixed ; Boralesgomuwa Mixed ; Sanghamitta (Industrial) ; Maduwa Girls' ; Yagodamulla Girls' ; Galgana Boys' ; Randombe Girls' ; Yatiyantota Mixed ; Watugedara Boys'.

Of the new schools opened last year the following eleven have been registered for grant by the Director of Public Instruction :—

Indibedde Mixed ; Kotadennjawa Boys' ; Vitanamulla Boys' ; Moratumulla Mixed ; Nalluruwa Mixed ; Ambalangoda (English) Boys' ; Kadewideya Boys' ; Kasbewa Girls' ; Mahagama Boys' ; and Sanghamitta Industrial (Girls') ; Sanghamitta Vernacular (Girls').

The total number of schools in this circuit is 79, of which 44 are registered schools. The applications for the registration of the others have been forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction, and their registration may be expected next year.

The amount of grant earned by these schools

In 1897	was	Rs. 8,78,300
In 1898 (up to date)	was	„ 9,93,550
	which is an increase of	„ 1,14,050 up to date.

For the improvement of existing schools and their greater efficiency and continued growth and prosperity I may venture to make a few suggestions :—

1. The opening of one or more training schools for vernacular teachers, to be attached to the leading English schools. Such schools will receive aid from Government and will supply the demand for properly trained and qualified teachers for our out-station schools.

2. The opening of a larger number of English schools within the circuit. There are only four such schools in the circuit at present—three for boys and one for girls. I am glad that substantial tiled buildings for English schools have been put up at Kollupitiye and at Kelaniya and that they will be opened shortly. A fund is also being raised for opening an English school at Wellawatta. Other desirable sites for English schools are at Panadura, Kalutara and Matara.

3. The formation of a Buddhist Literature Society for the preparation and publication of school books for our Vernacular and English schools and for books on Buddhism.

Such Society may also undertake the annual examination of scholars in religious knowledge and award prizes. At present a Christian Missionary History of Ceylon, antagonistic to Buddhism, is being used in our schools, and this is an anomaly. I have prepared a history, from 543 B. C. to 1505 A. D., which I am willing to submit to such a society. There is also no Central Board of Examination, or even an approved list of Text Books in religious knowledge—a subject of primary importance in the establishment of Buddhist Schools.

4. I have repeatedly urged the necessity of the appointment of an Inspector of Schools, and I am glad that Mr. Dharmasiri, who has been over ten years a practical teacher at the Ananda College, and who holds a first-class license has lately been appointed. I expect much from his periodical visits of inspection to our out-station schools which he will pay regularly from this month.

5. Funds are urgently wanted for the upkeep of existing schools, for the opening of new schools, for the salary of a clerk at the Head-

quarters, and of the Inspector of Schools, for travelling and incidental expenses, for a Prize Fund for Religious knowledge and for the carrying out of the suggestions I have made above. The Annual Fancy Bazaar in aid of the Educational movement takes place in December—17th, 18th, and 19th—at the Ananda College, and I trust the Buddhist Public, both the wealthy and the moderately well-to-do, will recognise the good work that has been done in the past and respond liberally.

The thanks of the Buddhist community are due to all the local managers of our schools for their substantial help in money and in aid of their local schools, and to all teachers engaged in our schools for their efficient work.

I do not wish to make invidious distinctions by mentioning the names of those only who have contributed largely to the upkeep of their schools. They obtain the reward of inward satisfaction with their unselfish work.

A. E. BUULTJENS,
General Manager of Buddhist Schools.

BUDDHIST PRESS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

30TH NOVEMBER 1898.

Colonel H. S. Olcott, President-Founder, T. S.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to submit my report in connection with the Buddhist Press for the year ending 30th November 1898.

Last year I had the satisfaction to report on the progress of the several departments under my immediate control. The period under review also, I am equally pleased to say, has been a year of greater progress than I anticipated.

The circulation of our Sinhalese newspaper, the *Sandaresa*, has largely increased during the year, and the income from subscriptions and advertisements has also increased considerably. Owing to the growing demand of the space of the paper for public business advertisements it has been found necessary to enlarge the paper as soon as possible, and I hope to obtain the sanction of the Society early next year.

Another improvement in connection with the Sinhalese Department is the establishment of a type-casting room.

As regards job work, the number of orders received during the year from outsiders has been very large and more than our establishment could execute. I have therefore found it an urgent necessity to enlarge the jobbing department. Printing work executed for the Society has also increased considerably. The expansion of our School Department is due to this increase.

Colonel Olcott's "Buddhist Catechism" and Mr. Leadbeater's "Sisubodaya" (Parts I. and II.) went through another edition. This year only

one new book, the "Gihi Diva Chariya" (Sinhalese Etiquette) by Mr. H. Dharmapala, was printed. This very useful book has already gone through two editions, and the third is also likely to be issued very soon.

Our English organ, *The Buddhist*, having been a weekly for the last nine years is now made into a neat little monthly magazine. This time Mr. D. B. Jayatileka, B.A., Vice-Principal of the Ananda College, has kindly taken up the editorship, and the journal, I am glad to say, by the manner in which it has been accepted by the public, is not likely to be such a failure as when it was a weekly.

The success of our work rests chiefly on the successful working of our two organs, and specially the *Sandaresa*. For this purpose the premises have to be enlarged, and then I will be able to extend the Printing establishment, and carry on the work much more satisfactorily.

Fraternally yours,

H. S. PERERA,
Manager.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF BUDDHIST SCHOOLS IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1898.

Colonel H. S. Olcott, President, Theosophical Society.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to forward the annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1898, of the work done in the Central Province by the Kandy Buddhist Theosophical Society.

General Educational Work.—There are now 32 registered schools under the management of the Society, two of which were placed on the list of Grant-in-Aid Schools since last year. Two more schools have been opened this year which are not yet registered, an English Boys' School at Bopitiya, and a Vernacular Mixed School at Polgahawela, so that in all we have nine English Schools and twenty-five Vernacular Schools, making a total of thirty-four, with an attendance of about 3,500 children.

Registered Schools.

(1) Dharmaraja College, 310; (2) Matale Boys, English School, 150; (3) Hatton Boys' English School, 122; (4) Katugastota Boys' English School, 183; (5) Kurunegalla Boys' English School, 112; (6) Nawalapitiya Boys' English School, 130; (7) Ampitiya Boys' English School, 90; (8) Panurla Boys' English School, 46; (9) Gampola Vernacular Mixed, 160; (10) Rattota Vernacular Mixed, 110; (11) Hanguuranketa Vernacular Mixed, 160; (12) Manikawa Vernacular Mixed, 135; (13) Maturata Vernacular Mixed, 143; (14) Padiyapalella Vernacular Mixed, 140; (15) Ataragalla Vernacular Boys', 180; (16) Dan-

kande Vernacular Boys', 40; (17) Millagahalanga Vernacular Boys', 68; (18) Bembiya Vernacular Boys', 19; (19) Paneliya Vernacular Boys', 90; (20) Kandy Vernacular Girls', 136; (21) Katugastota Vernacular Girls', 75; (22) Ampitiya Vernacular Girls', 40; (23) Kadugannawa Vernacular Girls', 98; (24) Iriyagama Vernacular Girls', 56; (25) Panwila Vernacular Girls', 33; (26) Wattegama Vernacular Girls', 46; (27) Mailapitiya Vernacular Mixed, 150; (28) Rambukkana Vernacular Girls', 50; (29) Galagedara Vernacular Girls', 70; (30) Digane Vernacular Girls', 32; (31) Ulapane Vernacular Boys', 50; (32) Mahawewe Vernacular Boys', 140.

Unregistered, Schools.

(33) Dharmaraja School for Priests, 31; (34) Bopitiya English Boys' School, 80; (35) Polgahawela Vernacular Mixed, 110.

From this list it can be seen that we have 10 English Schools with an attendance of 1,254 children and 25 Sinhalese Schools with an attendance of 2,236 making a total of 35 schools with an attendance of 3,490. As all returns have not yet come in from the Office of the Director of Public Instruction, it is difficult to estimate the total grant earned for the year, but the total amount will be at least Rs. 7,000.

I am pleased to be able to say that, speaking generally, the English Schools under our management have passed very satisfactory Government Examinations, in many cases standing first in their particular districts for efficiency.

The Sanghamitta Hermitage.—In last year's report attention was drawn to the necessity for opening a Boarding School for the daughters of Kandyan chiefs. Since that time the want has been supplied chiefly through the untiring efforts of the Countess Canavarro. She opened the Sanghamitta Hermitage as a Girls' Boarding School in May of this year. As her work in Colombo occupied so much of her time she gave over the care of the school to Miss Rodda, an Australian lady, who had been residing for some time at Adyar. Under the skilful management of Miss Rodda the institution is gradually achieving the success it deserves.

Dharmaraja College.—Perhaps the chief work of the year has been in connection with the High School in Kandy. I am glad to be able to report that its numbers are rapidly increasing so that now there are over 300 boys whose names appear on the roll, most of whom are very regular in their attendance. It is now one of the largest Buddhist Schools in the island, and it has been thought advisable, in order to keep pace with the rival Missionary Schools, to change the name, and for the future it will be known as the Dharmaraja College. Great thanks are due to Mr. Panday, a member of the Bombay Lodge, for his valuable services so freely given as Vice-Principal, to which the increased efficiency of the school is largely due.

Mr. Faber, a member of the Hope Lodge, T. S., Colombo, has also taken up duties in the school as Head-master, and great results in the

future are to be expected from his energy and unexceptional abilities. The teaching staff generally has been re-organized and when I mention that in the school curriculum such subjects as Latin, Higher Mathematics, Science, Sanskrit, Pali, and short-hand are included, it can be seen that the prospects of future success are bright and encouraging.

The enlargement of the school premises is proceeding steadily, though slowly. Our best thanks are due to all those gentlemen who have contributed so willingly. When completed, the College will have accommodation for one hundred boarders in addition to the usual number of day scholars.

Here I must not forget to express the great thanks due to Mr. Goenewardhana, the President of the Society, Mr. Kobbekaduwa, R. M., the Secretary of the Society, M. Batuwantudawe, the Sub-Inspector of Schools, and Mr. E. M. B. Seneviratne, the Assistant Secretary, for the willing help they have given me in the arduous work of collecting subscriptions for the Building Fund. Tours have been made throughout the Central Province for this purpose and Mr. M. Batuwantudawe in particular deserves special thanks for the valuable help he has given me.

In connection with the College a priests' school has been established, with the Revd. T. Silananda, keeper of the Oriental Library, Kandy, as Principal. There are at present 31 priests in the school, whose ages vary from ten to eighteen. The course of study includes English, Sanskrit, Pali, Classical Sinhalese, Tamil, Mathematics and Sciences.

The school has been formed with three objects:—

1st.—Of raising the Buddhist priesthood from the low state to which it has fallen.

2nd.—Of counteracting the work of the Jesuit priests who have established a large seminary two miles from Kandy.

3rd.—For the purpose of training missionaries for general work in Buddhist countries.

General Activities.—Lectures on Ethical Buddhism are given in the College Hall on each Full Moon Night, while other lectures on philosophical subjects have been given at irregular intervals, the Revd. T. Silananda, the Countess Canavarro and Messrs. Dharmapala and Faber being among the lecturers.

Dharmaraja Lodge.—A Lodge has also been formed for regularly organized study in Comparative Religions and Philosophies. Members who join bind themselves to hard and systematic study, so that they may be more competent to carry on the future work of the Society. We are hoping during the next year to be able to form the nucleus of a library of Theosophical and Philosophical Works, such a library being essential if we are to carry out our object.

Visit of Colonel Olcott and Panchama delegates.

A noteworthy incident of the present year and one which marks a new departure in the modern history of Buddhism is the visit of Colonel Olcott accompanied by the Panchama delegates, Dr. Iyodhi Doss and Mr. Krishnasawmy, during the month of July. There is no need here to state their object at length, as it will be found elsewhere. It is sufficient to say that they were received with every mark of welcome and of enthusiasm, both by priests and people of all castes ; and although the people here have a great many projects on their hands to be carried out, yet they are sparing a portion of their time and thought to give to the work to be undertaken in Madras.

At every place visited by me on my lecturing tours the news was received with joy and many blessings were called down upon the Colonel ("Their Father" as they call him) by the people, for his share in the work.

In conclusion, I have to thank the several gentlemen who have so kindly acted as local managers of our schools, and I feel sure that if the ready support of all our friends be given with equal willingness in the future as has been hitherto done in the past, many of our projects will be carried out to a successful completion.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

HARRY BANBURY,

Principal (Dharmaraja College) and

Genl. Manager, Buddhist Schools, C. P.

REPORT OF THE BUDDHIST THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
OF GALLE DURING THE YEAR 1898.

To the President-Founder T. S.

Twelve general meetings were held and as many more for transaction of business in connection with educational matters. Most of the members have to be constantly appealed to, to rouse up their dormant spirits to active work. There is a large field in South Ceylon for work, but no labourers. The presence of a European is likely to bring about a change and the sooner a genial sympathetic European graduate is sent to assume duties as Principal of Buddhist work in the Southern Province, the better it will be for the myriads of children growing up in ignorance and attending non-Buddhistic institutions.

1. Mahinda College is gradually progressing. A diligent, sympathetic European Teacher should be appointed as Principal if the institution is to be a success. The funds at the disposal of the Manager are not at all satisfactory to promise a handsome pay. As an institution started under the auspices of the Theosophical Society the hope of the most of the Buddhists here is that the President-Founder of the Theosophical Society and his worthy colleagues will help the Manager

with a competent Principal to undertake work at the College almost for a nominal pay.

2. Kalegana Boys' School is steadily progressing. It is a primary English School.

3. Dangedara Mixed Vernacular School earned a satisfactory grant at the last Government examination. It is situated at a centre where Buddhist parents take very little notice of the education of their children.

4. Meepawala Boys' School is progressing. An application has been made to the Public Instruction Department to have it registered as a Mixed School, so that girls whose education is neglected, in about six villages, may be benefited thereby.

5. Ganegama Boys' School is well attended. A Girls' School has been opened with the view of converting the Boys' School into a Mixed School.

6. Gintota Mixed School. This was taken up by the Society in January last. It was at the time rapidly going down, but now it is over-crowded and the building is being enlarged. Our hearty thanks are due to Mr. F. de Silva, Station-Master, the President of the Local Society, and Mr. Juwanis Modalali, Treasurer, for their indefatigable labour to strengthen the stability of the school. There are four teachers, and an attendance of about 150.

7. Hagoda Boys' School. This is situated in a hamlet populated by indifferent Buddhists. The school is mainly kept up by the support of Mr. T. D. S. Amarasuriya, President of Galle Branch.

8. Milidduwa Mixed School is increasing in attendance. A new bungalow is being put up.

9. Unawatuna Mixed School was opened in November last year. It has an attendance of nearly 300.

10. North Dangedara Mixed School has an attendance of about 150. An application has been forwarded to the Department for its registration.

11. Lelwala Mixed School. This is a school situated in a centre where thousands of boys and girls are left quite untutored. Buddhist parents here are wholly indifferent to the education of their children.

O. A. JAYASEKERE,

Secretary.

GALLE, 12th December, 1898.

BUDDHIST THEOSOPHICAL OFFICE,
GALLE, 23rd December 1898.

To the President-Founder, T. S.

SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herein the Balance Sheet of the National Fund sent to me by the Treasurer only this morning.

I beg further to add that, if our work in the Southern Province is to succeed, it is essential that we should have an energetic European as the Principal of Mahinda College.

Mr. Gordon Douglas has resigned, as our sympathy is not with him, in consequence of his hostile attitude towards the Theosophical Society.

Your obedient servant,

O. A. JAYASEKERE,

Secretary.

The Singhalese National Buddhist Fund collected by Colonel H. S. Olcott with the aid of the Buddhist Theosophical Society.

RECEIPTS-	Amount.		EXPENSES.	Amount.		Total.
	Rs.	ct.		Rs.	ct.	Rs. ct.
To collections by Colonel Olcott ...	5,845	93	By amount lent on Bonds	4,941	70	
			Value of immoveable property ...	1,000	00	
Interest received from 15th December 1896 to 15th December 1898 ...	450	50	Amount in C. M. Bank ...	599	19	
By unexpended balance ...	1,582	57	Amount in hands of Treasurer ...	195	23	
			<i>Expenses from 15th Decr. 1896 to 15th Decr. 1898.</i>			6,736 12
			Peons' wages ...	60	00	
			Carriage hire and sundries	17	75	
			Books, &c. to Schools ...	38	03	
			Mahinda College ...	609	60	
			Sanorawala School ...	120	00	
			Dangedara School ...	87	50	
			Gintotte School ...	150	00	
			Haberaduna School ...	60	00	
Total Rs...	7,879	00	Total Rs...			1,142 88
						7,879 00

Andited by

A. J. JAYASEKERE,

V. P. Board of Managers,

H. C. PERERA,

Treasurer, B. N. F.

GALLE, 3rd December 1898.

THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

The twenty-third Anniversary of the Theosophical Society was celebrated at Victoria Hall, on December 28th, at 5-30 P. M., and was very largely attended. In addition to the cheering remarks made by the President-Founder and the General Secretary of the Indian Section,

Mr. Keightley, brief addresses were delivered by Miss Sarah E. Palmer, delegate from America, Dr. Pascal, of France, Miss Lilian Edger, of the Colonies, Mr. Kapade, of Amraoti, Professor Arthur Richardson, and Babu J. C. Chatterji.

Dr. Richardson, President of the Central Hindu College, referred to the system of education prevailing in the East, and said it often resulted in damaging the morals of the pupils, and rendering graduates less useful to the community than they would otherwise be. He noticed the widely divergent character of the two forces—Culture and Cram, the former prevailing in the West, the latter in the East. Although Cram might enable a student to pass an examination, it left the character untrained and the intellect feeble and lacking in true discipline. He said it would be the aim of the Hindu College with which he was connected, to realise the nobler aims of education.

Following is a translation of Dr. Pascal's address :

HONOURED PRESIDENT, AND DEAR BROTHERS,—

I am profoundly convinced that my stay in India will be one of the sweetest, one of the greatest blessings which Destiny has granted me in the course of my present incarnation. I cherished this conviction, intuitively, before leaving Europe, and since my feet have pressed the holy soil of your country, I find each day confirming it afresh.

For, indeed, what privilege could be sweeter than to return to that land which was for us, Aryans, our common cradle; to the country where we entered upon the experiences which were to constitute the task of our fifth cycle; the land which the great Rishis and thousands of Yogis have hallowed by streams of love poured forth in profusion age after age?

What boon could be greater than to dwell for several months in the most sacred city of the world, in the spiritual focus of our planet, in the very heart of India—holy Kâsi, whose atmosphere has been so deeply saturated by the divine radiation of the great Beings that—after centuries of the Dark Age, after the fall of the sublime India of the past, after numberless barbarian invasions, after years of contact with the most terrible of destroyers—the materialistic civilisation of the egoistic West—its atmosphere remains sweet with calm, with peace, with purity, and allows the soul thus filled to expand under its caress and soar towards the Infinite? What could make one happier than to dwell thus in the life-giving atmosphere of Elder Brothers, by the side of souls holy and strong, at the feet of the great Apostle who was given for our enlightenment, when the disappearance of the radiant messenger, H. P. B. seemed to leave the world in the darkness of night?

What could cause greater joy than to come to the foot of the tree of Theosophy, to rest under its shade, and to open the doors of the mind and the heart to the memories of the past which fill the air of the Headquarters?

Therefore my heart is full of the liveliest gratitude to all those, great and small, known or unknown, who worked at the building of the

glorious edifice known as the Theosophical Society : above all to the Great Souls who guide the spiritual evolution of Humanity, to Whom we owe a reverence so profound that to speak of Them in any other language than that of the silent adoration of the heart, seems a profanation ;—for the mighty spirit who was called H. P. Blavatsky and who was that channel of that flood of Life and Light which the Great Brotherhood poured out upon earth on the eve of that critical moment which is to see one cycle expire and another be born ; for H. P. B., who was of all of us the teacher, of all the mother, who bore with a courage] we too often forget, the frightful blows aimed by the spirits of evil against the edifice which shall regenerate our race made gangrenous by materialistic scepticism ; for H. P. B. who, like all Saviours of the world, had to bear a heavy cross on the road to her Calvary and drink to the last drop the bitter cup of the Passion :—for our President-Founder, who was the builder of the edifice we admire to-day ; the faithful workman of our Masters, the indefatigable labourer, travelling in all latitudes and by every means seeking to cement new centres to the foundation-stone ; the strong soul who remained unshaken amidst terrible troubles, unmoved in face of the most dangerous of the forces of destruction, the ridicule which dissolves all that it touches ; the hero who fought out beside H. P. B. the obscure but terrible battles of our theosophic childhood, and who has never for a moment ceased, as you know, to devote himself to every task of abnegation and self-sacrifice : for that galaxy of devoted souls, of whom more than one is present here, who were the faithful and indefatigable co-workers of those early days, days full of difficulties, dimmed by hatred and treachery, by calumny and falsehood, by plottings and scandals, by all the powers of Evil striving to stifle the new-born light ; for all those who, since then, have given to the Society the support of their voice, their fortune, their thought or their love ; finally, for her to whom there came, on the departure of our glorious H. P. B. the order to throw her great soul into the theosophic instrument and who, ever since, ensouls and guides it, who instructs us, sustains us, guides us, protects us, giving to the cause all the energies of her body and her soul—Mrs. Annie Besant.

Without the sacrifices of this staff of heroes, without the efforts of these pioneers, without all these acts of devotion known or secret, present to our memory or forgotten, the flood of spiritual Life which the Great Brotherhood had to pour out upon the world, could not have come down to us ; it would not have found any channels to receive and distribute it to the souls parched by the simoon of materialism ; we should have remained in the night, groping in darkness, crying in vain for light, and the dawn of freedom would not have shed on our foreheads its luminous life nor opened our eyes with its rosy fingers ; our race would have pursued its mad career towards the abyss and no guide, no light, no barrier would have prevented its losing itself in the depths of the gulf which swallows up the peoples which have lost the path.

* * * But gratitude is incomplete if it does not emerge from its negative aspect, if it remains shut up in the silence of the heart, if its vibrations do not go forth into the field of action on the physical plane. Gratitude must take on its positive expression and translate itself into concrete devotion; we must not rest satisfied to receive with selfish joy; we ought to give, we ought to show forth to the world the light we receive, we should not be mere receivers in a spiritual avarice, but channels always wide open, giving free passage to the waters of Life which come to us from God.

And this individual devotion, although indispensable, is not sufficient. The radiations of mere units are too restricted, too isolated to produce anything but feeble isolated centres; the union of all in love and devotion is needed; the cells of the theosophic body must be one with its organs and with the whole system; networks of life must arise from this fraternal solidarity of individuals, functional activity must arise and the Theosophical Society become the complete living organism which it ought to be, the perfect instrument for which the world is waiting. Then the life which the great Beings pour out into it will find its full expression, its total result, and Theosophy will shine like a sun whose brilliant rays will light up the dogmas of the churches, will revive the spark of the "spirit" deadened by the "letter," a sun which will warm all, give life to all, enlighten all: sciences, philosophies, religions.

It rests solely with ourselves to hasten the epoch of this union, of this fraternal solidarity, of this organic perfection of the theosophic body which is needed ere the instrument can give forth the full expression of the divine harmony which shall re-echo therein. The stumblings of infancy are overpast, the mistakes of youth lie already behind us, the old Karma which hampered our first steps is nearly exhausted; we can see the first signs which betoken the coming of our manhood, the age of strength and action. Let us take courage then, and redouble our efforts. Let us not rest content with considering the function which the Section, the Branch or the Centre of the Society to which we belong specially fulfills; let us think, at the same time, of the entire organism, in each one of its cells; let us will energetically that this spiritual union of the unities in the life which makes them live shall be the uniting link of our efforts, the cord binding together the separate strands of our individual forces, and when the thought of each shall be the thought of all, when the power of each shall be multiplied by the power of all, when the devotion of each shall be sustained by the devotion of all, the sacrifice of the Great Nameless Ones shall bear its fruit—the Redemption of the Race.

Mrs. Besant's closing address was a masterly outburst of eloquence, and a condensed report of it will be reproduced in February *Theosophist*. Never before has there been so brilliant an outlook for the progress of theosophical ideas during the next century.

PERMANENT FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.			EXPENSES.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th Dec. 1897 ...	25,096	9	0				
Mr. S. Rangiah Naidu, Nag- pore	12	8	0				
Interest on Government Pro-Note	1	7	7				
Do. on Savings Bank ...	2	13	0				
Total...	25,113	5	7				

ANNIVERSARY FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.			EXPENSES.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th Dec. 1896 ...	259	1	2	Gallery ...	61	8	11
DONATIONS :—				Victoria Hall	15	0	0
Mr. R. Kesava Row and three others, Dharapuram ...	4	0	0	Feeding delegates, &c. ...	50	7	0
„ Ramasawmi Pillai and two others ...	1	8	0	Extra servants ...	28	3	0
Dr. D. J. Edal Behram, Surat	65	0	0	Repairs ...	47	12	3
Countess Wachtmeister ...	100	0	0	Sundries ...	55	8	0
Mr. Surya Row Naidu, Viza- gapatam	15	0	0	Pandal contractor ...	128	2	0
				Iron railing	7	0	0
				Balance ...	393	9	2
					51	0	1
Total...	444	9	3	Total...	444	9	3

HEAD-QUARTERS FUND.

1898.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.			EXPENSES.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on December 1897..	2,718	10	7	Establishment charges ...	2,333	4	1
DONATIONS:—				Repair and Material ...	3,639	8	4
Mr. P. D. Khan, Bombay ...	15	0	0	Stable ...	349	3	10
„ C. Sambiah ...	15	0	0	Post and Telegrams ...	81	10	0
„ A. F. Knudsen ...	50	0	0	Food for guests ...	373	13	1
„ A. P. Sinnett, London				Printing and stationery ..	500	10	10
Lodge £5-0-0...	80	0	0	Loans raised and returned ..	2,908	14	0
„ D. D. Chidester £4-0-4...	61	3	5	Travelling ...	236	1	0
Mrs. L. Wadham, and Miss				Sundries ...	1,393	14	4
Brodie, San Francisco 19/9	14	13	0	Transfers ...	263	7	0
H.H. Maharajah, Kapurthala	150	0	0	Cashing cheques ..	682	15	0
Mr. K. Venkatarao, Bellary...	100	0	0				
Dr. Balkishen Lal, Lahore	20	0	0				
Mr. Jussa Wala, Bombay ...	25	0	0				
Buenos Ayres, South America	120	0	0				
Mr. P. Nanjunda Naidu,							
Hassan ...	3	0	0				
A Lodge on a/c of Indian Sec.	21	10	0				
Mr. Venkatakaniah ...	1	8	0				
Mrs. Patel, Pittsburg, U. S. A.							
£2-0-7...	30	7	0				
Mr. N. Ramasamy Naidu,							
Kottur... ..	1	0	0				
„ Anantrai Nattiji Mehta,							
Bhavnagar ..	84	0	0				
Fee for opening hostel during							
Convention ...	3	0	0				
A sympathiser ...	5	0	0				
W. A. E ...	10	0	0				
Mr. P. de Abrew ...	5	0	0				
ENTRANCE FEES:—							
Dharma Raja Lodge ...	20	0	0				
Mr. Robert J. Tebbitt, Pekin.	13	0	0				
TRAVELLING EXPENSES:—							
Return ticket charge for Miss							
Edger ...	868	0	0				
Headquarters to Benares,							
Indian Section ...	100	0	0				
Trip to Burmah ...	500	0	0				
DUES:—							
European Section £86- 5-10	1,323	5	0				
American do £81-16- 4	1,227	4	7				
New Zealand do £ 9- 7-10	147	2	0				
Australian do £12- 5- 4	196	4	0				
Netherlands do £ 8- 2-10	121	2	10				
Indian do ...	1,464	1	6				
Carried over ...	9,514	7	11	Carried over...	12,763	5	6

RECEIPTS.	Amount.		EXPENSES.	Amount.	
	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
Brought forward...	9,514	7 11	Brought forward...	12,763	5 6
Scandinavian Sec. £25- 8- 4	406	10 0			
Theosophist Fund £12-13- 7	190	3 0			
Return of Loan from Library	750	0 0			
Do do Theosophist.	500	0 0			
Loan from Private Funds ...	370	0 0			
Return of small loan ...	4	0 0			
Loan from Theosophist ...	500	0 0			
Received from Theosophist in exchange for cheque £30-0-0	450	0 0			
Interest on Mortgage Thompson & Co. ...	545	10 2			
Interest on Post Office ...	3	2 0			
Sale of tickets ...	28	0 0			
Garden ...	208	4 8			

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H. P. BLAVATSKY MEMORIAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.			EXPENSES.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th Dec. 1897...	2,946	9	3	Loan to Library ...	500	0	0
Interest on Pro-Notes ...	44	1	8	Balance ...	2,691	12	5
Interest on Mortgage ...	201	1	6				
Total...	3,191	12	5	Total...	3,191	12	5

OLCOTT PENSION FUND (NOW FREE SCHOOL FUND).

RECEIPTS.	Amount.			EXPENSES.	Amount.		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on 24th Dec. 1897 ...	2,793	11	6	Paid to O. Free School to meet current expenses ...	103	0	0
Interest on Govt. Pro-Notes.	39	10	6	Loan to Library ...	400	0	0
Interest on Mortgage ...	191	1	6				
				Total...	503	0	0
				Balance...	2,521	7	6
Total...	3,024	7	6	Total Rs...	3,024	7	6

WHITE LOTUS FUND.

RECEIPTS.	Amount.		EXPENSES.	Amount.	
	Rs.	A. P.		Rs.	A. P.
DONATION :—			Nil		
W. B. Fricke, General Secy.,					
Netherlands Section £9-17-4.	148	9 3			

RULES OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

As revised in General Council, July 9, 1896.

CONSTITUTION.

1. The title of this Society, which was formed at New York, United States of America, on the 17th of November, 1875, is the "Theosophical Society."

2. The objects of the Theosophical Society are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of comparative religion, philosophy and science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

3. The Theosophical Society has no concern with politics, caste rules, and social observances. It is unsectarian, and demands no assent to any formula of belief, as a qualification of membership.

Membership.

4. Every application for membership must be made on an authorized form, and must be endorsed by two members of the Society and signed by the applicant; but no persons under age shall be admitted without the consent of their guardians.

5. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Branch, the General Secretary of a Section, or the Recording Secretary, and a certificate of membership, bearing the signature of the President and the seal of the Society, and countersigned by one of the above-named officers, shall be issued to the member.

Officers.

6. The Society shall have a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

7. The President-Founder, Colonel H. S. Olcott, holds the office of President of the Theosophical Society for life, and has the right of nominating his successor, subject to the ratification of the Society.

8. The term of the Presidency is seven years (subject to the exception named in Rule 7).

9. The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to election by the Society. The Vice-President's term of office shall expire upon the election of a new President.

10. The appointments to the offices of the Recording Secretary and the Treasurer shall be vested in the President.

11. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be one of the trustees and administrators for property of all kinds, of which the Society as a whole is possessed.

12. The President shall have the power to make provisional appointments to fill all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

13. On the death or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the presidential duties until a successor takes office.

Organization.

14. Any seven members may apply to be chartered as a Branch, the application to be forwarded to the President through the Secretary of the nearest Section.

15. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and the seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

16. A Section may be formed by the President of the Society, upon the application of seven or more chartered Branches.

17. All Charters of Sections or Branches, and all certificates of membership, derive their authority from the President, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

18. Each Branch and Section shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the general rules of the Society, and the Rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

19. Every Section must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of communication between the President and the Section.

20. The General Secretary of each Section shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the 1st day of November, a report of the work of his Section up to that date, and any time furnish any further information the President may desire.

Administration.

21. The general control and administration of the Society is vested in a General Council, consisting of the President, Vice-President, and the General Secretaries.

22. No person can hold two offices in the General Council.

Election of President.

23. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office his successor shall be nominated by the General Council, and the nomination shall be sent out by the Vice-President to the General Secretaries and Recording Secretary. Each General Secretary shall take the votes of his Section according to its rules, and the Recording Secretary shall take those of the remaining members of the Society. A majority of two-thirds of the recorded votes shall be necessary for election.

Headquarters.

24. The Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, India.

25. The Headquarters and all other property of the Society, including the Adyar Library, the permanent and other Funds, are vested in the Trustees for the time being of the Theosophical Society appointed or acting under a Deed of Trust, dated the 14th day of December 1892, and recorded in the Chingleput District Office, Madras, India.

Finance.

26. The fees payable to the General Treasury by Branches *not comprised within the limits of any Section* are as follows: For Charter, £1; for each Certificate of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each member, 5s. or equivalents.

27. Unattached Members not belonging to any Section or Branch shall pay an Annual Subscription of £1 to the General Treasury.

28. Each Section shall pay into the General Treasury one-fourth of the total amount received by it from annual dues and entrance fees.

29. The Treasurer's accounts shall be yearly certified as correct by qualified auditors appointed by the President.

Meeting.

30. The Annual General meeting of the Society shall be held at Adyar in the month of December.

31. The President shall also have the power to convene special meetings at discretion.

Revision.

32. The rules of the Society remain in force until amended by the General Council.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Adoni	The Adoni T. S.	1882	Mr. A. Chakrapani Iyer...	Mr. P. Sabapathy Mudeliar	Agent of the Sabapathy Press Co. Limited, Adoni.
Adyar	The Adyar Lodge T. S.	1897	W. A. English, M. D.	V. C. Sessa Chariar, B.A., B.L.	High Court Vakil, Mylapore, Madras.
Agra	The Agra T. S.	1893	...	Dormant	...
Aligarh	The Aryan Patriotic T. S.	1898	Babu Gouri Shanker, M.A.	Babu Kedarnath Chatterji	Pleader, Aligarh, N. W. P.
Allahabad	The Prayag T. S.	1881	...	Dr. Abinash Ch. Banerji, L.M.S.	Colvin Medical Hall, Allahabad.
Almorah	The Tatwa Bodhini Sabha T. S.	1893	Pandit Bhairah Dat Joshi	Pandit Badri Dutt Joshi, L.L.B.	Almorah, N. W. P.
Ambasamudram	The Ambasamudram T. S.	1889	Mr. G. P. Nilakantier	Mr. H. T. Subbusami Aiyar	Pleader, Ambasamudram.
Amritsar	Jignasa T. S.	1896	Mr. Harjiram	Sirdar Randhir Singh	Sillah Bhangian, Amritsar.
Anantapur	The Anantapur T. S.	1885	Mr. P. Veeranna Naidu Garu	Mr. M. Subramaniaiya	Secretary, Theosophical Society, Anantapur.
Arcot	The Arcot T. S.	1884	...	Dormant	...
Arni	The Arni T. S.	1885	W. Gopala Charlu, B.A., B.L.	Mr. V. Subba Row Avergal	Secretary, Arni T. S.
Arrah	The Arrah T. S.	1882	Babu Kaylash Chandra Banerji, M.A., B.L.	Babu Kisori Lal Haldar, B.L.	Secretary, T. S. Arrah.
Baluchar	The Jaina Tatwajñāna Sabha T. S.	1890	...	Dormant	...

Bangalore	...	The Bangalore Cantonment T. S.	1886	Mr. T. C. Mohaswamy Pillai	Mr. A. Singaravelu Mudel- liar	Resident's Office, Bangalore
Do	...	The Bangalore City T. S.	1886	...	Dormant	...
Bankipore	...	The Behar T. S.	1882	Babu Purnendu Narayan Sinha, M.A., B.L.	Babu Siva Sankar Sahay.	Pleader, Bankipur (Behar).
Bankura	...	The Sanjeevan T. S.	1883	...	Dormant	...
Bara-Banki	...	The Jnanodaya T. S.	1883	Pandit Parmeshwari Dass.	...	Pleader, Bara-Banki, Oudh.
Barakar	...	The Sadhu Sanga T. S.	1892	...	Babu K. P. Mukherji	Mine Surveyor, Barakar.
Bareilly	...	The Rohilkhund T. S.	1881	...	Rai Bishan Lal, M.A., LL.B.	Vakil, High Court, Bareilly.
Barisal	...	The Barisal T. S.	1887	...	Dormant	...
Baroda	...	The Rewah T. S.	1882	Rao Bahadur Janardan Sakharam Gadil, B.L.	Rao Saheb Maneklal Ghe- labai Jhaveri	Baroda.
Beauleah	...	The Rajshahye Harmony T. S.	1883	...	Babu Sreesh Chandra Roy	Head Master, Loknath School, Beauleah (Rajshahye, Bengal).
Bellary	...	The Bellary T. S.	1882	Rai Bahadur A. Sabapathy Mudelliar	Mr. R. Jagannathia	Sanmarga Samaj, Bellary.
Benares	...	The Kasi Tatwa Sabha T. S.	1885	Babu Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B.	Babu Govinda Dass	Durgakund, Benares City.
Berhampore	...	The Adi Bhoutic Bhratri T. S.	1881	Babu Dinanath Ganguli...	Babu Nafar Dass Roy	Secretary and Treasurer T. S. Zemindar, Gorabazar, Ber- hampore, Bengal.
Bezwada	...	The Bezwada T. S.	1887	Rao Bahadur S. Lingia	Mr. T. Venkatanarasiah	Pleader, Munsiff's Court, Bez- wada.
Bhagulpore	...	The Bhagulpore T. S.	1881	Babu Parpati Charn Muk- herji	Babu Motilal Misra	Pleader, Bhagulpore.

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Bhavnagar	The Bhavnagar T. S.	1882	Raol Shri Prince Hari-sinhji Rupsinhji.	Mr. J. N. Unwalla, M. A.	Principal, Samaldas College, Bhavnagar, Kathiawar.
Bhawani	The Bhawani T. S.	1893	...	Dormant	...
Bhowanipore	The Bhowani T. S.	1883	...	Dormant	...
Bolaram	The Bolaram T. S.	1882	...	Dormant	...
Bombay	The Blavatsky Lodge T. S.	1880	Mr. D. Gostling	Mr. S. Raghavendra Row,	37, Hornby Row, Fort, Bombay.
Broach	The Broach T. S.	1892	...	Dormant	...
Bulandshahar	The Baron T. S.	1887	...	Dormant	...
Burdwan	The Burdwan T. S.	1883	...	Dormant	...
Calcutta	The Bengal T. S.	1882	Babu Narendra Nath Sen.	Babu Hirendra Nath Dutt,	28-2, Jhamapukur, Calcutta.
Do.	The Ladies' T. S.	1882	...	M. A., B. L. Dormant	...
Cawnpore	The Chohan. T. S.	1882	Babu Devi Pada Roy	Babu Haran Chandra Dev.	Translator, Judge's Court, Cawnpore
Chakdighi	The Chakdighi T. S.	1883	...	Dormant	...
Chingleput	The Chingleput T. S.	1883	Mr. D. Raghurama Row	Mr. K. K. Krishnier B. A.	Hd. Master, Native High School, Chingleput.
Chinsurah	The Chinsurah T. S.	1883	...	Dormant	...
Chittagong	The Chittagong T. S.	1887	Babu Durgadas Das	Babu Kamala Kanta Sen	Pleader, Judge's Court, Chittagong.

Chittoor	... The Chittoor T. S. ...	1887	Mr. Bhashyam Iyengar	Mr. C. M. Duraswamy Mudaliar, B. A., B. L.	District Court Vakil, Chittoor.
Cocanada	... The Gantama T. S. ...	1885	Mr. K. Perrazu	Mr. V. Venkata Rayudu...	First Grade Pleader, Cocanada,
Coimbatore	... The Coimbatore T. S. ...	1883	Mr. T. S. Balakrishna Iyer	Mr. S. N. Ramasawmy Iyer	Pleader, Coimbatore.
Do.	... The Satchidananda Centre. 18 th ...	1895	Mr. A. Ponnuranga Mudaliar	Mr. G. Paranjoti Chettiar	Teacher, St. Michael College, 93 Oppanakara Street, Coimbatore.
Colombo	... The Hope Lodge T. S. ...	1898	Mrs. M. M. Higgins	Miss J. M. Davies	Museum School and Orphanage for Buddhist Girls, Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo.
Conjeeveram	... The Satyavrata T. S. ...	1897	Mr. N. Venkataraghava Iyer	Mr. V. Venkatachariar	19, Yathokari Samadhi Street L. Conjeeveram.
Cuddalore	... The Cuddalore T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant	...
Cuddapah	... The Cuddapah T. S. ...	1886	Mr. A. Nanjundap pa B. A. B. L.	Mr. A. S. Vaidyanatha Iyer Avergal, B. A. B. L.	Hd. Master, High School, Cud- dapah.
Dacca	... The Dacca T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant	...
Darjeeling	... The Kanchinjunga T. S. ...	1882	Babu Srinath Chatterji	...	Pensioner, Darjeeling.
Dehra-Dun	... The Dehra-Dun T. S. ...	1892	Lala Baldeo Sing	Babu Ishanchandra Dev, B. A.	C. T. Survey Office, N. W. P. Dehra-Dun.
Delhi	... Indraprastha, T. S. ...	1883	.....	Dormant	...
Dharampore	... The Ramjayanti T. S. ...	1898	Mr. H. H. Mehta,	Mr. Dahyabhai Vasanji Desai	Asstt. Master, English School, Dharampore.
Dharmapuri	... The Dharmapuri Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Mr. C. Kuppuswamy Iyer.	Mr. Ramaswami Naiker...	Mittadar, Dharmapuri, Dt. Salem.
Dindigul	... The Dindigul T. S. ...	1884	Mr. P. Venkateswara Iyer.	Mr. S. Subramania Iyer...	2nd Grade Pleader, Dindigul.
Dumraon	... The Dumraon T. S. ...	1883	Babu Devi Prasad	Mr. M. Omrao Ali	Inspector of Dumraon Raj Schools, Dumraon.

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Durbhanga	The Durbhanga T. S.	1883	Pandit Lakshmi Narain...	Babu Ganganath Jha, M. A.	Durbhanga.
Ellore	The Gupta Vidya T. S.	1887	Mr. D. Sriramulu	.....	Ellore.
Ernacolum	The Ernacolum T. S.	1891	Mr. V. Ramiah, B. A.	Mr. T. S. Subbaraya Iyer	Clerk, Dewan's Office, Ernacolum, Cochin.
Erode	The Erode T. S.	1891	.....	Dormant	.....
Fatehgarh	The Jnana Marga T. S.	1885	Munshi, Bakhtwar Lal, B. A.	Lala Har Prasad	Head Clerk, R. M. Ry, Loco. Office, Fatehgarh, N. W. P.
Fyzabad	The Ayodya T. S.	1883	Dr. Munna Lal	Babu Damodar Das B. A.	Government Collegiate School, Fyzabad.
Ghazipore	The Ghazipore T. S.	1883	.....	Dormant	.....
Gooty	The Gooty T. S.	1883	Mr. J. Srinivasa Rao	Mr. P. Kesava Pillai	Pleader, Gooty.
Gorakhpur	The Sarva Hitkari T. S.	1883	.....	Dormant	.....
Gudivada	The Gudivada T. S.	1898	Mr. D. V. Raman Rao, B.A.	T. Gopalakrishnamurty ..	Pleader, Gudivada.
Gujranwalla	Gujranwalla T. S. Central.	1894	Mr. Ralla Ram Arora	Mr. Dewan Chandra Varma	Sub-Overseer, Lane Mull Singh Kapur, Gujranwalla.
Guntur	The Krishna T. S.	1882	Mr. V. Bhavanachari	Mr. H. Bhagavanta Row Pantulu	Post Master, Guntur.
Guntur	Sadvichara T. S.	1891	Mr. Chegu Kanakarathna Garu	Mr. D. Purushottam	Sadvichara T. S., Guntur.
Gya	The Gya T. S.	1882	Babu Hari Haranath Sir-car	Babu Nilkant Sahay	Pleader, Gya, Behar.

Habigunj	...	The Habigunj Branch	...	1897	.....	Babu Mahim Chandra Dutt, M.A. B.L.	Pleader, Habigunj.
Hoshangabad	...	The Narbudda T. S.	...	1885	Babu Choudry Prayagchand	Babu Jagannath Prasad...	Pleader, Hoshangabad, C. P.
Howrah	...	The Howrah T. S.	...	1883	.....	Dormant	...
Hyderabad (Deccan)	...	The Hyderabad T. S.	...	1882	Mr. Dorabji Dossabhoy	Mr. Jehangir Sorabji	Chadder Ghat, Hyderabad, Decan.
Jalandhur	...	The Tatwajana Pracharni T. S.	...	1893	Babu Sandeeram	Babu Sawan Mall	Busteegoozan, Jalandhur, Punjab
Jalpaiguri	...	The Jalpaiguri T. S.	...	1889	.....	Babu Benode Behary Banerji	Dy. Commissioner's Office, Jalpaiguri, Bengal.
Jamalpore	...	The Jamalpore T. S.	...	1882	Mr. B. J. Elias	Babu Kali Bushan Roy	Loco. Office, Jamalpur.
Jand	...	Jand Centre	...	1894	Sirdar Sahib Singh	Lala Anantaram	Contractor, N. B. S. Ry., Jand, Pindi
Jessore	...	The Tatwajnan Sabha T. S.	...	1883	.....	Dormant	.....
Jeypore	...	The Jeypore T. S.	...	1882	.....	Dormant	.....
Jubbulpore	...	The Bhrigu Kshetra T. S.	...	1883	Babu Kalicharan Bose, B.A.	Mr. Govind Prasad	Clerk, District Engineer's Office, S. I. P. Ry. Jubbulpore
Kanigiri	...	The Olcott T. S.	...	1890	.....	Dormant	.....
Karachi	...	The Karachi T. S.	...	1896	Mr. Daulat Ram Jetmul...	Mr. D. P. Kotwal	Camp, Karachi, Sind
Karur	...	The Karur T. S.	...	1885	Mr. J. Padmanabha Iyer...	Mr. E. Annaswami Mudaliar	Medical Officer, Karur.
Kapurthala	...	The Kapurthala T. S.	...	1883	Sirdar Bhagat Singh	Lala Harichund	Judicial Asstt. Kapurthala, Punjab.

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Karwar	The North Canara T. S.	1883	Mr. K. M. Raghavendra Row	Teacher, High School, Karwar (North Kanara District).
Krishnagiri	The Krishnagiri T. S.	1897	Mr. C. Subramani Aiyar, B.A., B.L.	Mr. C. Rajiengar	Pleader, Krishnagiri Dt., Salem.
Krishnaghur	The Nuddea T. S.	1882	.....	Dormant	.....
Kuch Behar	The Kuch Behar T. S.	1890	.....	Dormant	.....
Kumbhakonam	The Kumbhakonam T. S.	1883	Mr. T. Krishnamachariar B.A.	Mr. C. Krishnaswami Aiyar	Second Grade Pleader, Kumbhakonam.
Kurnool	The Satkalakshepa T. S.	1883	Mr. T. Chidambara Row...	Mr. C. Venkataramiah	Collector's Office, Kurnool.
Lahore	The Lahore T. S.	1887	Lala Nath Mal	Pandit Ikbalnath Taimini.	Clerk, Government Advocate's Office, Lahore.
Lucknow	The Satya Marga T. S.	1892	Rai Naraindas Bahadur	Babu Mirtunjaya Chatterji B. A.	Head Clerk, General Department, Office of the Postmaster-General, Lucknow.
Ludhiana	The Ludhiana T. S.	1891	Rai B. K. Lahiri	Shankar Lal Varma	Head Master, Rai J. K. Darma School, Ludhiana.
Madras	The Madras T. S.	1882	Mr. Koralla Subbaraya-du Gara	C. R. Krishnamachariar, B. A., B. L.	High Court Vakil, 430, Mint Street, Madras.
Madura	The Madura T. S.	1883	Mr. P. Narayana Iyer, B. A., B. L.	Mr. V. Ramachendrayar, B. A., B. L.	High Court Vakil, Madura.

Madanapalle	... The Jignasa T. S.	... 1891	Mr. O. L. Sarma	Mr. M. K. Subba Row	Madanapalle, Dt. Cuddapah.
Malegaon	... The Malegaon	... 1897	Rao Bahadur Dadoba Sakham	Dr. Krishnagir Anandgir.	Malegaon.
Mannargudi	... The Mannargudi T. S.	... 1891	Mr. B. Veeraswami Aiyagaru	Mr. S. Venkataramaiyar...	Municipal Councillor, Mannargudi.
Masulipatam	... The Masulipatam T. S.	... 1887	Mr. T. Ramachandra Row Garu	Mr. V. Venkataseshayya.	Sirkellipetta, Masulipatam.
Mayaverain	... The Mayaverain T. S.	... 1883	...	Dormant	...
Meerut	... The Meerut T. S.	... 1882	Babu Rama Prasad, M. A.	...	Pres., Pleader, Meerut.
Midnapore	... The Midnapore T. S.	... 1883	Babu Girish Chander Mittra	Babu Ishan Chandra Singh	Pleader, Judge's Court, Midnapore (Bengal).
Monghyr	... The Monghyr T. S.	... 1887	...	Babu Priyanath Chatterji.	Monghyr.
Moradabad	... The Atma-Bodh T. S.	... 1883	...	Dormant	...
Motihari	... The Motihari T. S.	... 1896	Babu Ramballabh Misra M. A.	Babu Nando Lal Bhatta- charjee M. A., B. L.	Pleader, Motihari.
Muzaffarpur	... The Muzaffarpur T. S.	... 1890	Babu Surendra Krishna Dutt, B. A., B. L.	Babu Raghunandana Prasad Sarma	Zemindar of Mahamedpur Susta, via Silout, T. S. Ry. Muzaffarpur Dt.
Muddehpoorah	... The Muddehpoorah T. S.	... 1881	...	Dormant	...
Muttra	... The Muttra T. S.	... 1891	Pandit Jai Narain Bararu, C. E.	Dr. Ramji Mull, L. M. S.	Medical Hall, Muttra City.
Multan	... The Multan T. S.	... 1896	Rai Bahadur Harichand...	Mr. Sham Sunder	English Clerk, Divisional Court, Multan City.

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Mysore	The Mysore T. S.	1896	Mr. A. Narsinha Iyengar.	Mr. A. Mahadeva Sastri, B. A.	Curator, Govt. Oriental Library, Mysore.
Nagpur	The Nagpur T. S.	1885	Mr. C. V. Naidu	Mr. C. Srinivasa Das	Clerk, Revenue Secretariat, Nagpur (C.P.)
Naini Tal	The Kurmachal T. S.	1888	Babu Lakshmi Narayan Banerji	Babu Hira Lal	Allahabad Bank Ltd., Naini Tal, N. W. P.
Namakal	The Namakal T. S.	1897	Mr. P. S. Singaravelu Pillai	Mr. N. V. Anantaram Iyer	Pleader, Namakal.
Nandyal	The Nandyal T. S.	1898	...	C. Adikesavalu Reddi	Postmaster, Nandyal.
Narail	The Narail T. S.	1883	...	Dormant	...
Narasarowpet	The Narasarowpet T. S.	1891	Mr. T. Anjaneya Sastri	Mr. K. Viyyanna Pantulu.	Pleader, Narasarowpet.
Nassik	The Nassik T. S.	1891	...	Mr. D. R. Tarkadhar, B. A.	Hd. Master, High School, Nassik.
Negapatam	The Negapatam T. S.	1883	Mr. S. Chakrapani Iyer	Mr. P. Kanakasabhapathy Sastriar	2nd Grade Pleader, Negapatam.
Nellore	The Nellore T. S.	1882	Mr. M. Parthasarathy Naidu	Mr. A. Narayana Iyer, B. A.	Vernacular Hd. Clerk, Collector's Office, Nellore.
Nilphamari	The Nilphamari T. S.	1892	Babu Janakinath Biswas.	Babu Rajani Kanta Sirkar	Pleader, Nilphamari, Bengal.
Noakhali	The Noakhali T. S.	1886	...	Dormant	...
Ongole	The Ongole T. S.	1891	Mr. T. Swami Iyer Avergal, B. A.	Mr. B. Lachminarayana Row	Pleader, Ongole.

Ootacamund	The Dodabetta T. S.	1883	Major Genl. H. R. Morgan	L. Setu Aiyar	Hd. Clerk, Forest Office, Ootacamund
Orai	The Orai T. S.	1886	...	Dormant	...
Pahartali	The Maha Muni T. S.	1887	...	Dormant	...
Pakur	The Pakur T. S.	1891	Rajah Sitiesh Chandra Panday Bahadur	...	Pakur, Bengal.
Palghat	The Malabar T. S.	1882	Mr. V. Vengu Iyer	Mr. S. Veeraragha va Iyer	Sagaripuram, Palghat.
Palni	The Palni T. S.	1897	Mr. M. Saketarama Naidu	Mr. H. Ramaswami Iyer...	Manager, Native Middle School, Palni.
Paramakudi	The Paramakudi T. S.	1885	Mr. S. Minakshi Sundram Iyer	Mr. A. S. Krishnaswamy Sastriar, B. A.	Paramakudi.
Patukota	The Patukota Lodge	1898	Mr. A. C. Kannan Nambiar	Mr. S. Krishnaswami Iyer	Pleader, Patukota, Tanjore Dt.
Purasawalkam	The Sri Rama Lodge T. S.	1898	Mr. M. A. Chinnayya Pillai	Mr. G. Ranganatha Mudr.	7, Kariappa Mudali Street, Purasawalkam.
Penukonda	The Penukonda T. S.	1893	Mr. A. Ramachandria	Mr. N. Kurattalwar	Head Master, Board Lower Secondary School, Penukonda.
Periyakulam	The Periyakulam T. S.	1884	Mr. V. Ramabhadra Naidu	Mr. A. Nadamuni Iyah	Retired Teacher, Periyakulam.
Pollachi	The Pollachi T. S.	1885	.....	Dormant,	.....
Pondicherry	The Pondicherry T. S.	1883	...	Dormant,	...
Poona	The Poona T. S.	1892	Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala	Mr. Rajana Linga	Pleader, Malcolm Tank Road, Poona.
Poonamallee	The Poonamallee Lodge T. S.	1898	Mr. T. T. Rangachariar, B. A., B. L.	Mr. K. Venkatachariar	Second Grade Pleader, Poonamallee, Chingleput.

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Prodattur	The Prodattur T. S.	1893	Mr. Y. Nagayya	Mr. G. Venkatramayya	2nd Grade Pleader, Prodattur.
Rai-Bareilly	The Gnanavardhani T. S.	1883	.....	Dormant	.....
Rajahmundry	The Rajahmundry T. S.	1887	Mr. S. Gopalakrishnamma	Mr. K. Rama Brahmam Garu	Pleader, Rajahmundry.
Rajmahal	The Rajmahal T. S.	1887	Babu Panchanan Ghose...	Babu Phagu Lal Mandulie	Rajmahal, Bengal.
Ranchi	Chota Nagpore T. S.	1887	Babu Nibaran Chandra Gupta	Babu Manmatha Nath Chatterji	Ranchi, Chota Nagpur.
Rangoon	The Irawadi T. S.	1885	...	Dormant	...
Do.	The Shavai Daigon T. S.	1885	...	Dormant	...
Do.	The Rangoon T. S.	1885	...	Mr. T. M. Ramaswami Aiyar	Clerk, Custom House, Rangoon.
Rawalpindi	The Rawalpindi T. S.	1881	Babu Shyama Charan Bose	Babu Dharendra Kumar Banerji	Rawalpindi.
Rayadrug	The Brahma Vidya Branch T. S.	1898	Mr. V. Subbaraya Mudaliar	Mr. S. V. Srinivasa Charariar	Sub-Registrar, Rayadrug.
Salem	The Salem T. S.	1897	Mr. V. Krishnaswami Aiyer	Mr. R. Anantaram Aiyar, B.A., B.L.	High Court Vakil, Salem.
Sangrur	The Sangrur T. S.	1896	Babu Raghunath Das	Mr. Shazad Singh	Translator, Foreign Office, Sangrur, Jind State, Punjab.

Satur	... The Satur T. S.	...	1897	...	Mr. M. V. Bhagwanta Row	Second Grade Pleader, Satur.
Searsole	... The Searsole T. S.	...	1883	...	Dormant	...
Secunderabad	... The Secunderabad T. S.	...	1882	Mr. Bezonji Aderji	Mr. Kavasha Eduljee	Pleader, Tower Street, Secunderabad, Deccan.
Seoni-Chappara	... The Seoni T. S.	...	1885	Mr. P. Rajnath, B.A.	Mr. S. G. Subedar, B.A.	Extra Assistant Commr. Seoni-Chappara (C. P.)
Sholapore	... The Sholapur T. S.	...	1882	...	Dormant	...
Sholinghur	... The Sholinghur T. S.	...	1889	Mr. C. Subbaraya Naidu	Mr. P. R. Sivaramayya	Pleader, Sholinghur, North Arcot
Silliguri	... The Silliguri T. S.	...	1885	.....	Dormant	.....
Simla	... The Himalayan Esoteric T. S.	...	1882	Dormant	.....	.....
Do.	... The Simla Eclectic T. S.	...	1881	.....	Dormant	.....
Sivaganga	... The Sivaganga T. S.	...	1897	Mr. N. Sambasivaiah B.A., B.L.	Mr. M.S. Shankaraiyer B.A.	Sheristadar, Lessee's Head Office, Sivaganga.
Srivaikuntam	... The Srivaikuntam T. S.	...	1897	Mr. V. Veeraraghava Iyer	Mr. S. T. Ponnambala Natha Mudalliar	Pleader, Srivaikuntam, Tinnevely Dt. Madras Presy.
Srivilliputtur	... The Natchiyar T. S.	...	1883	Mr. E. Krishnaiya	Mr. G. Veeraraghava Iyer.	Second Grade Pleader, Srivilliputtur.
Surat	... The Sanatan Dharma Sabha T.S.	...	1887	Mr. Nautamram Uttamram Trivedi	Mr. Ghelabhai Lellabhai.	Sanatan Falia, Surat.
Tanjore	... The Tanjore T. S.	...	1883	Mr. K. S. Srinivasa Pillai.	Mr. S. Venkatasubba Aiyer	Pleader, Vennar Bank, Tanjore.
Tinnevelly	... The Tinnevely T. S.	...	1881	Mr. T. A. Anantaramaiah (Vice-President)	Mr. S. Ramachandra Sastri	Clerk, District Court, Tinnevely.

Indian Section—continued.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Tipperah ...	The Tatwagnana Sabha T. S. ...	1889	Prince Rajakumar Nava- dwipchandra Dev Var- man Bahadur	Babu Chandra Kumar Guha	Sheristadar, Collectorate, Comil- la, Tipperah, E. Bengal.
Tirupati ...	The Srinivasa Lodge T. S. ...	1898	Mr. Y. Janaki Ramayya Pantulu Gurn ...	Mr. Chella Ramakrishnaiya	Clerk, Dt. Munsiff's Court, Tiru- pati.
Tirapattur (Salem Dist.) ...	The Brahma Vichara Lodge T. S. ...	1884	Mr. O. V. Nanjundaiya ...	Mr. T. Ramanujam Pillai.	Sub-Engineer, P. W. D., Tirupat- tur, (Salem Dist.)
Tirur ...	The Tirur T. S. ...	1894	.....	Mr. C. S. Adinarayana Aiyer	Pleader, Tirur, Malabar.
Tiruvallur ...	The Veeraraghava Lodge T. S. ...	1898	Mr. D. B. Venkata Subba Row	Mr. K. Ramachandraiya.	Pleader, Tiruvallur, (Chingleput Dt.)
Tiruvalur ...	The Tiruvalur T. S. ...	1891	Mr. N. Vaidyanathier ...	Mr. T. K. Ramaswamier ...	2nd Grade Pleader, Tiruvalur, Tanjore District.
Trevandrum ...	The Trevandrum T. S. ...	1883	...	Dormant ...	
Trichinopoly ...	The Trichinopoly T. S. ...	1883	Mr. A. Ramchandra Iyer	Mr. N. Harihara Iyer, B.A., B.L.	Pleader, Trichinopoly (S. I. Ry.)
Triplicane ...	The Parthasarathy Lodge T. S. ...	1898	Mr. R. Shadagopachariar, B.A., B.L.	Mr. K. Subba Rao ...	Clerk, Chief Secretariat, Nalla- tambi St., Triplicane, Madras.
Tiruturaipundi ...	The Bilwa Arareya Lodge T. S. ...	1898	Mr. T. K. Atmanatha Sastriar	Mr. V. Narayanaiyar ...	Head Master, B. M. School, Tiruturaipundi.
Udamalpet ...	The Udamalpet T. S. ...	1894	Mr. C. K. Venkataramaiya	Mr. P. L. Palaniandi Pillay	2nd Grade Pleader, Udamalpet.

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Umballa	The Umballa T. S.	1891	...	Babu Shyamacharan Mukherji.	Royal Medical Hall, Sudder Bazaar, Umballa Cantonment.
Vaniyambadi	The Vani Lodge T. S.	1897	Mr. O. Sundara Row	Mr. M. Subbaraya Iyer	Municipal Manager, Vaniyambadi.
Vellore	The Vellore T. S.	1884	Mr. P. Venkata Kanniah Garu.	Mr. Krishnaswamy Iyer	Pleader, Vellore.
Vizagapatam	The Vizagapatam T. S.	1887	...	Mr. P. T. Srinivasiengar, M.A.	Principal, Hindu College, Vizagapatam.
Vedaraniem	The Vedavichara Sabha T. S.	1898	Mr. T. C. Ramachendra Row.	Mr. N. Pichai Pillay	Retired Tahsildar, Vedaraniem.
Vizianagram	The Vasishtha T. S.	1884	...	Dormant	...
Walajahnagar	The Walajah Ranipet Lodge T. S.	1898	Mr. T. P. Narasimha Chariar.	Mr. W. Vijiaraghava Muddaliar.	Pleader, Walajahnagar, North Arcot.
Warangal	Satyavichara T. S.	1891	Mr. C. Luxman	Mr. T. Govindarajulu Naidu	Care of Station Master, Warangal, N. G. S. Ry.

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AMERICAN SECTION.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Chicago, Ill. ...	Chicago T. S. ...	1884	Geo. E. Wright ...	Miss Isabel M. Stevens ...	Room 426, 26, Van Buren Street.
Minneapolis, Minn.	Ishwara T. S. ...	1887	C. G. Hillman ...	Mrs. Harriet C. Dodge ..	1713, Steven's Ave.
Portland, Oregon...	Willamette T. S. ...	1890	Alex. R. Read ...	Wm. H. Galvani ...	74, Lewis B'd'g.
Muskegon, Mich ...	Muskegon T. S. ...	1890	F. A. Nims ...	Mrs. Sarah E. Fitz Simons	157, Peck Street.
Toronto, Canada ...	Toronto T. S. ...	1891	A. G. Horwood ...	Mrs. Mary Darwin ...	33, Arthur Street.
St. Paul, Minn. ...	St. Paul T. S. ...	1891	Mrs. Gertrude Grewe ...	Mrs. Marie F. Miller ...	778, Wabasha Street.
Toledo, Ohio ...	Toledo T. S. ...	1892	Mrs. Kate H. Marguire ...	Mrs. May B. Barber ...	2293, Ashland Ave.
Los Angeles, Calif.	Harmony Lodge T. S. ..	1894	Jasper A. Haskell ...	Miss Stella Michelsen ...	441, 23d Ave, East L. A.
Chicago, Ill. ...	Shila T. S. ...	1894	Mrs. Julia A. Darling ...	Miss Angelina Wann ..	6237, Kimbark Ave.
Honolulu, H. I. ...	Aloha T S. ...	1894	Augustus Marques ...	Wm. R. Sims ...	
East Las Vegas N. M.	Annie Besant T. S. ...	1895	John Knox Martin ...	Almone F. Benedict ...	P. O. Box 337.
San Francisco, Cal..	Golden Gate Lodge T. S.* ...	1895	Davis J. Lamoree ...	Wm. J. Walters ...	Palace Hotel.
Pasadena, Cal. ...	Unity Lodge T. S. ...	1896	Frank T. Merritt ...	John H. Swerdfiger ...	48, E. Colorado Street.
Santa Cruz, Cal. ...	San Lorenzo T. S. ...	1896	Mrs. Rachel Blackmore ...	Mrs. Nellie H. Uhden ...	145, 3d and Riverside Ave.
Seattle, Wash. ...	Ananda Lodge T. S. ...	1896	Thos. A. Barnes ...	Mrs. Harriet C. Stein ...	Old Ranier Hotel, 5th Ave.

Spokane, Wash. ...	Olympus Lodge T. S. ...	1896	Prof. John Mackenzie ...	...	...
Butte, Montana Terr.	Butte Lodge T. S. ...	1896	Jean E. Losten ...	Carl J. Smith ...	47, W. Broadway.
Sheridan, Wyoming Terr.	Sheridan T. S. ...	1896	Fernando Herbst ..	James G. Hunter ...	Lock Box 43.
Minneapolis, Minn.	Yggdrasil Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Niels Juel ...	Charles Borglund ...	2106, S. 9th Street.
Streator, Ill. ...	Streator T. S. ...	1897	Fawcett Plumb ...	George Goulding ..	...
Buffalo, N. Y. ...	Fidelity Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Dr. Thos. P. C. Barnard..	Miss Dora H. Hastings ..	176, N. Pearl Street.
Chicago, Ill. ..	Englewood White Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Maude L. Howard...	Miss Gertrude Longenecker	7237, Stewart Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y. ..	Mercury T. S. ...	1897	Alfred A. Ury ...	Miss Ellen H. Hendrickson	424, Franklin Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio ...	Cleveland T. S. ...	1897	Dr. Quincy J. Winsor ...	Mrs. Helen B. Olmsted ...	649, Prospect Street.
New York, N. Y. ...	New York T. S. ...	1897	...	Thos. B. Clatworthy ..	93, Chambers Street.
Washington, D. C. ...	Washington T. S. ...	1897	Azro J. Cory ...	Mrs. Sarah M. MacDonald	1719, H. Street, N. W.
Philadelphia, Pa. ...	Philadelphia T. S. ...	1897	Alex. W. Goodrich ...	Miss Anna M. Brendin ..	3041, Srsquehanna Ave.
Topeka Kan. ...	Topeka T. S. ...	1897	...	Mrs. Eliz. M. Wardall ..	307, Van Buren Street.
Chicago, Ill. ...	Eastern Psychology Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Kate C. Havens ...	Mrs. Kate Van Allen ...	6237, Kimbark Ave.
Newark, N. J. ..	First Newark Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Gustav J. T. Kluge ...	Mrs. Cecel H. A. Kluge ..	570, Hunterdon Street.
Denver, Colo. ..	Brotherhood T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Julia H. Scott ...	Mrs. Alice L. Prentice ..	200, Pearl Street.
San Diego, Calif. ..	H. P. B. Lodge T. S. ...	1897	Mrs. Henrietta Pierce ...	Mrs. Sylvia A. Leavitt ...	1162, 5th Street.

* Re-chartered.

American Section—continued.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Sacramento, Calif..	Sacramento T. S.	1897	Mrs. Mary J. Cravens	Miss Mathie E. Griffin	1805, N. Street.
Ellensburg, Wash..	Ellensburg T. S.	1897	Clyde Warner	Patrick H. W. Ross	P. O. Box 92.
Clinton, Iowa	Indra T. S.	1897	James H. Reed	John Heales	215, Pearl Street.
Menomonie, Wis...	Menomonie T. S.	1897	John H. Knapp	Miss Ethel Grace Copp	...
Kalamazoo, Mich...	Kalamazoo T. S.	1897	Dr. Jas. W. B. La Pierre	Miss Agnes Bevier	422, Oak Street.
Jackson, Mich.	Jackson T. S.	1897	Mrs. Delia Robb	John R. Rockwell	Lock Drawer 552.
Lynn, Mass.	Lynn T. S.*	...	Mrs. Helen A. Smith	Nathan A. Bean	176, Washington Street.
Galesburg, Ill.	Galesburg T. S.	1897	Dr. David E. Coulson	Sam. J. Hoffheimer	549, N. Seminary Street.
Lily Dale, N. Y.	Lily Dale T. S.	1897	Mrs. Myra F. Paine	Mrs. Estelle H. Baillet	...
Detroit, Mich.	Detroit T. S.	1897	Dr. Martin V. Meddaugh..	Mrs. Leota Giddings	242, Charlotte Ave.
Green Bay, Wis.	Green Bay T. S.	1897	Andrew Reid	Rowland T. Burdon	1005, S. Jackson Street.
Rochester, N. Y.	Blavatsky T. S.	1897	Mrs. Anges T. Probst	George Hebard	153, Carter Street.
Syracuse, N. Y.	Central City T. S.	1897	Dr. T. C. Walsh	Dr. Frances G. Barnes	627, Montgomery Street.
Albany, N. Y.	Albany T. S.	1897	Alfred S. Brolley	George H. Mallory	51, State Street.
Boston, Mass.	Alpha T. S.	1897	...	Miss Estelle Bright	7, Chardon Street.

Kansas City, Mo. ...	Olcott Lodge T. S.	...	1897	...	Dr. Eugenia Metzger	...	400, Y. M. C. A. B'd'g.
St. Joseph, Mo. ...	St. Joseph T. S.	...	1897	Mrs. Anna S. Forgrave	Mrs. Anna M. Goodale	...	1404, Sylvania Street.
Newton Highlands, Mass.	Dharma T. S.	...	1897	Mrs. Minnie C. Holbrook.	Mrs. Minerva C. Stone	...	15, Duncklee Street.
Worcester, Mass ..	Wachusett T. S.	...	1897	Chas. R. B. Claffin, Jr.	...	...	...
Davenport, Iowa ...	Silent Workers Lodge T. S.	...	1898	Mrs. Ellen K. Cook	Mrs. Carrie W. Banks	...	808, E. 4th Street.
Creston, Iowa ...	Creston T. S.	...	1898	Jonathan M. Joseph	Daniel W. Higbee	...	105, E. Montgomery Street.
Jamestown, T. S. ...	Jamestown Philosophical Club T. S.	...	1898	...	Dr. Wm. E. Goucher	...	...
Findlay, Ohio ...	Findlay T. S.	...	1898	Dr. Myron J. Ewing	Miss Laura Athey	...	...
Lima, Ohio ...	Lima T. S.	...	1898	Louis P. Tolby	Wm. W. Hawkins	...	940, W. Wayne Street.
New Orleans, La. ...	Louisiana T. S.	...	1898	Dr. Robert A. Bayley	Miss Zoe M. Bayhi	...	919, Robert Street.
Vancouver, B. C. ...	Vancouver T. S.	...	1898	Thomas E. Knapp	Arthur Kitt Ledger	...	P. O. Box 414.
Indianapolis, Ind. ..	Indiana T. S.	...	1898	Dr. Henry Van Hummell.	Dr. Helen G. Baldwin	...	725, N. Penna. Street.
South Haven, Mich.	South Haven T. S.	...	1898	Hiram T. Cook	William H. Payne	...	...
Kalamazoo, Mich. ...	Burr Oak T. S.	...	1898	Mrs. Anna M. Wagner	...	...	...
Peoria, Ill. ...	Peoria T. S.	...	1898	Dr. Kittie J. Welsh	Mrs. Pearl A. Spaulding	...	327, S. Douglas Ave., Springfield, Ill.
Council Bluffs, Iowa.	Council Bluffs T. S.	...	1898	Mrs. Harriet F. Griswold.	Lewis A. Storch	...	Room 58. U. S. Nat. Bank B'd'g, Omaha, Neb.

* Seceded 1895 ; restored 1897.

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Freeport, Ill. ...	Freeport T. S. ...	1898	Charles H. Little ...	William Bringsmaid ...	167, Foley Street.
Lansing, Mich. ...	Lansing T. S. ...	1898	Rev. Myron B. Carpenter..	Albert T. Van Dervort ...	206, S. Capitol Ave.
Saginaw, Mich. ...	Saginaw T. S. ...	1898	Lincoln E. Bradt ...	Mrs. Amie A. Hubbard ..	1207, S. Warren Ave., E. S.
St. Louis, Mo. ..	St. Louis Lodge T. S. ...	1898	Miss Margaret K. Slater..	Miss Agnes Leech ...	4234, Prairie Ave.
Oakland, Calif. ...	Oakland T. S. ..	1898	Frank H. Brooks ...	Dr. Aurick S. Brackett ...	852, Broadway.

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EUROPEAN SECTION.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Great Britain.					
Birmingham	Birmingham Lodge*	1890	O. H. Duffell	A. W. Greener	Sec., The Cedars, Grange Road, Erdington, Birmingham.
Bournemouth	Bournemouth Lodge*	1892	H. S. Green	Dr. Nunn	Sec., Gestingthorpe, Boscombe, Bournemouth.
Bradford	Athene Lodge	1893	H. Saville	Miss Annie Gale	Sec., 157, Washington Street, Girdlington, Bradford.
Brighton	Brighton Lodge*	1890	Mrs. Tippetts	Dr. Alfred King	Sec., 30, Buckingham Place, Brighton.
Bristol	Bristol Lodge	1893	Miss Hastings	Miss Kate Moffatt	Pres., Regent Studio, Clifton, Bristol.
Edinburgh	Edinburgh Lodge	1893	G. L. Simpson	...	Sec., The Avenue, Greenhill Gardens, Edinburgh.
Harrogate	Harrogate Lodge*	1892	Hodgson Smith	Miss Shaw	Sec., 7, James Street, Harrogate.
Leeds	Leeds Lodge	1892	F. Rust	Mrs. Lees	Sec., 5, Roseville Road, Roundhay Road, Leeds.
Liverpool	City of Liverpool Lodge	1895	...	Mrs. Gillison	Sec., 14, Freehold Street, Fairfield, Liverpool.
London	Adelphi Lodge*	1891	J. M. Watkins	Frank Hills	Sec., 8, Duke Street, Adelphi, W. C.
Do.	Blavatsky Lodge*	1887	Mrs. Besant	Mrs. Sharpe	Sec., 19, Avenue Road, Regent's Park, N. W.
Do.	Chiswick Lodge*	1891	A. A. Harris	W. C. Worsdell	Sec., 6, Cumberland Place Kew.
Do.	Croydon Lodge	1898	P. Tovey	Fred Horne	Sec., 27, Keen's Road, Croydon.
Do.	Hampstead Lodge	1897	Mrs. Alan Leo	Alan Leo	Sec., 9, Lyncroft Gardens, Finchley Rd., N. W.
Do.	London Lodge	1878	A. P. Sinnett	C. W. Leadbeater	Pres., 27, Leinster Gardens, W.

Do.	... North London Lodge*	...	1893	A. M. Glass	...	R. King, Junr.	...	Sec., 69, Barnsbury Street, Liverpool Road, Islington.
Do.	... Wandsworth Lodge	...	1898	Dr. M. Sharples	...	H. Warren	...	Sec., 15, Eccles Rd., Clapham-Junction, S. W.
Do.	... West London Lodge	...	1897	Miss Ward	...	G. H. Whyte	...	Sec. 7, Lanhill Road, Elgin Avenue.
Manchester	... Manchester City Lodge*	...	1892	C. Corbett	...	Mrs. Larmuth	...	Sec., 24, Eccles Old Road, Pendleton, near Manchester.
Middlesborough	... Middlesborough Lodge*	...	1893	W. H. Thomas	...	Baker Hudson	...	Sec., 113, Grange Road East, Middlesborough.
Norwich	... Norwich Lodge	...	1894	J. Fitch Thorn	..	Selby Green	...	Sec., The Croft, Limetree Road, Norwich.
Edinburgh	... Scottish Lodge*	...	1884	...		Dr. G. Dickson	...	Sec., 9, India Street, Edinburgh.
Sheffield	... Sheffield Lodge	...	1896	Frank Dallaway	...	C. J. Barker	...	Sec., 183, Intake Road, Sheffield.
Belgium.								
Brussels	... Brussels Lodge	...	1898	Willem H. M. Kholen	...	J. G. Bäumer	...	Sec., 129, Rue de l'Intendant, Molenbeek, St. Jean, Brussels.
Do.	... Branche Centrale Belge	...	1898	Dr. Victor Lafosse	...	Miss Lilly Carter	...	Sec., 21, Rue du Vallon, St. Josseten-Noode, Brussels.
France.								
Paris	... Ananta Lodge	...	1891	Mons. Paul Gillard	...	...	...	Pres., 38, Rue de Verneuil, Paris.
Nice	... Nice Lodge	...	1897	Mrs. Terrell	...	Mons. H. de Castro	...	Sec., 57, Rue de la Paix, Nice.
Toulon sur-Mer	... Toulon Lodge	...	1895	Dr. Pascal	...	Mme. Jane Ruyer	...	Sec., 46, Rue Victor Clappier, Toulon.
Germany.								
Berlin	... Berlin Lodge*	...	1894	...		Graf von Brockdorff	...	Sec., Paulstrasse, 23, Berlin, N. W.
Hamburg	... Hamburg Lodge	...	1898	Herr Bernhard Hubo	...	Herr J. Gus. Scharlan	...	Sec., 21A, Reysoldstrasse, Hamburg.
Hanover	... Hanover Lodge	...	1898	Dr. Hübbe Schleiden	...	Herr Günther Wagner	...	Sec., Waldhausen, bei Hanover, Germany.

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Greece.					
Corfu	Ionian Lodge	1879	Prof. Pasquale Menelao...	Mons. Otho Alexander	Sec., Corfu, Greece.
Italy.					
Rome	Rome Lodge*	1897	Sigr. Gualtiero Aureli	Signor Decio Calvari	Sec., 31, Via Lombardia, Rome.
Spain.					
Alicante	Alicante Lodge	1894	Sr. D. Manuel F. Maluendo.	Sr. D. Carbonel Joverñ	Sec., Calle Cid 10, Alicante.
Barcelona	Barcelona Lodge	1893	Sr. D. José Plana y Dorca.	Srta. Carmen Mateoz	Pres., Calle de la Cendra 30 and 32, Barcelona.
Madrid	Madrid Lodge*	1893	Sr. D. José Xifré	Sr. Manuel Treviño	Sec., 3 and 5, San Juan, Madrid.
Switzerland.					
Zurich	Zürich Lodge	1896	Herr. J. Sponheimer	Dr. A. Gysi	Sec., Börsenstrasse 14, Zurich, I.
British.					
	Battersea Centre	...	...	P. Tovey	28, Trotby Rd., Southwark Park Rd., Bermondsey.
	Derby Centre*	...	...	Miss Emma Ousman	Fritchley, near Derby.
	Eastbourne Centre	...	...	Jas. H. MacDougall	68, Willingden Road, Eastbourne.
	Essex Correspondence Centre	...	...	George Coates	"Bunavie," King's Place, Buckhurst Hill.
	Exeter Centre*	...	...	Miss L. Wheaton	Sherwood, Newton St. Cyres, near Exeter.
	Falmouth Centre*	...	...	Miss S. E. Gay	"Rosveau," Falmouth.
	Glasgow Centre*	...	...	James Wilson	151, Sandyfaulds Street, Glasgow

Herne Bay Centre	...	...	...	H. A. Vasse	...	25, William Street, Herne Bay.
Hull Centre*	...	...	...	H. E. Nichol	...	56, Albany Street, Hull.
Leeds, Alpha Centre	...	...	...	W. H. Bean	...	9, Winstanley Terrace, Heading- ley, Leeds.
Llandudno Centre*	...	...	...	W. Kingsland	...	Roslin Cottage, Old Road, Llan- dudno.
Margate Centre	...	...	...	Mrs. Holmes	...	39, High Street, Margate.
Merthyr Centre*	...	...	...	G. M. Thomas	...	18, Park Place, Merthyr Tydvil, Glamorganshire.
Plymouth Centre	...	...	...	Alfred Weekes	...	1, Thorn Park Avenue, Manna- mead, Plymouth.
Ramsgate Centre	...	...	...	Miss H. Hunter	...	6, Clarendon Gardens, Ramsgate
Stoke-on-Trent Centre*	...	...	...	Thomas Ousman	...	36, South Street, Mount Plea- sant, Stoke-on-Trent.
Tavistock Centre*	...	...	...	Rev. John Barron	...	5, Broadpark Terrace, Whit- church, Tavistock.
York Centre	...	...	...	E. J. Dunn	...	Kelfield Lodge, near York.
Foreign.						
Cherbourg Centre	...	...	...	Mons. Syffert	...	28, Rue de Bassin, Cherbourg.
Coruña Centre	...	...	...	Sr. D. Florencio Pol	...	Ordenes, Galicia.
Genoa Centre	...	...	...	Stanley C. Bright	...	35, Via SS. Giacomo e Filippo, Genoa.
Munich Centre	Herr O. Huschke	...	Lerchenfeldstrasse, 5, Munich.
Leipsic Centre	Herr R. Bresch	...	Körnerstrasse, 31, Leipsic.

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NETHERLANDS SECTION.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Amsterdam	Amsterdam Lodge	1891	Te Herr W. B. Fricke	Te Herr H. W. van Coehoorn.	<i>Pres.</i> , Amsteldijk, 76, Nieuw-Amstel, Amsterdam.
Gelderland	Vahana Lodge	1891	Te Herr K. P. C. de Bazel.	Miss Gruntke	<i>Pres.</i> , Bourmalsen, Gelderland.
Haarlem	Haarlem Lodge	1891	Te Herr van Manen	Te Herr J. Hallo	...
Helder	The Helder Lodge	1891	Te Herr T. van Zuilen	Te Herr S. Gazan	<i>Pres.</i> , Molenstraat, 64, Helder, Holland.
Rotterdam	Rotterdam Lodge	1897	Te Herr Hagenberg	Te Herr I. A. Ferwi	...
Hague	The Hague Lodge	1897	Dr. Binenweg	Miss C. DePrez	...
Vlaardingen	Vlaardingen Lodge	1897	Te Herr DeLange

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SCANDINAVIAN SECTION

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
	Original Swedish Lodge ; Charter	1889	Sweden.	...	...
Stockholm	... Stockholm Lodge*	... 1893	Herr A. Krös	... Fru Alme Edström	... Malmshiilnadsgat 41, Stockholm.
Do	... Orion Lodge*	... 1893	Herr J. F. Rossander	... Fru Ada Rossander	... Lill Jans Plan 4, do
Do	... Ajax Lodge*	... 1895	Dr. Emil Zander	... Herr Oscar Zander	... Riddargat 78, do
Göteborg	... Göteborg Lodge*	... 1893	Herr Gust Sjöstedt	... Fru Helen Sjöstedt	... Victoriagat 15, Göteborg.
Lund	... Lund's Lodge*	... 1893	Herr H. Sjöström	... Herr A. J. Wetterström	... Trädgardsgat 15, Lund.
Örebro	... Örebro Lodge K. V.*	... 1893	Fru Annie Wallström	... Herr P. E. Larsson	... Kungshalvesbragats 2, Stockholm.
Smedjebacken	... Smedjebacken Lodge	... 1894	Herr G. Weibull	... Herr G. Weibull	... Starbo, Gräsberg.
Jönköping	... Jönköping Lodge*	... 1894	Herr C. M. Ericsson	...	... Ostra Storgat 96, Jönköping.
Solleftea	... Solleftea Lodge*	... 1895	Fröken Alma Kjellon	... Herr Axel Westberg	... Solleften.
Upsala	... Upsala Lodge	... 1895	Herr G. A. Ahlstrand	... Herr Hjalmar Lindborg	... Börjegat 15, Upsala.
Lulea	... Bäfrast Lodge*	... 1897	Herr S. I. Sven-Nilsson	... Herr Hans Lindman	... Lulea.
Sundsvall	... Sundsvall Lodge*	... 1898	Herr Aug. Berglund	... Dr. Anders Lindwall	... Alvik, Sundsvall.
			Norway.		
Christiania	... The Norwegian T. S.*	... 1893	Herr R. Erikson	... Herr O. Worne Dahl	... Underhougsveier 9B, Christiania.
			Denmark.		
Copenhagen	... Copenhagen Lodge*	... 1893	Herr H. Thaning	... Herr Anker Larsen	... Osterbrogade 27, Copenhagen.

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AUSTRALASIAN SECTION.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
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Do.	Egyptian T. S.	1898	Mrs. Steel	Mr. G. Doherty	T. S. Room, Temperance Hotel, Pitt Street.
Do. Surrey Hills	Dayspring T. S.	1895	Mr. G. W. Marks	...	...
Melbourne	Melbourne T. S.	1890	Mr. H. W. Hunt	Mr. S. Studd	178, Collins Street.
Do. S. Yarra	Ibis T. S.	1894	Mr. W. Buckil	Mr. H. Telburn	8, Garden Street.
Adelaide	Adelaide T. S.	1891	Mr. N. A. Knox	Miss K. Castle	T. S., Victoria Square, East.
Brisbane	Queensland T. S.	1891	Mr. W. G. John	Mr. W. A. Mayers	T. S. Room, Elizabeth Street.
Bundaberg	Bundaberg T. S.	1894	...	Mrs. Nicol	Quay Street.
Rockhampton	Capricornian T. S.	1893	...	Mr. W. Irwin	Rockhampton, Queensland.
Maryborough	Maryborough T. S.	1896	Mr. F. J. Charlton	...	...
Cairns	Cairns T. S.	1896	...	Mr. C. Handley	Cairns, Queensland.
Hobart	Hobart T. S.	1890	Mr. J. Benjamin	Mr. G. Rea	57, Melville Street.
Perth, W. A.	Perth T. S.	1897
Mt. David, Rockley, N. S. W.	Mt. David T. S.	1897

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NEW ZEALAND SECTION.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Auckland	Auckland T. S.	1891	Mr. S. Stuart	Mr. W. Will	West Street, Newton, Auckland
Wellington	Wellington T. S.	{ 1884 } { 1894 }	Mrs. E. J. Richmond	Mrs. Gibson	24, Marion Street, Wellington.
Dunedin	Dunedin T. S.	1893	Mr. G. Richardson	Mr. A. W. Maurais	Star Office, Dunedin.
Christchurch	Christchurch T. S.	1894	Mr. J. Bigg-Wither	Mr. J. McCombs	3, York Street, Christchurch.
Woodville	Woodville T. S.	1895	Mr. Jas. Taylor	Mrs. Gilbert	"Woodlands," Napier Road, Woodville.
Pahiatua	Pahiatua T. S.	1895	Mrs. Moore	Miss Moore	"Roseleigh," Pahiatua.
Auckland	Waitemata T. S.	1896	Mrs. Draffin
Wanganui	Wanganui T. S.	1896

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CEYLON BRANCHES.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Anuradhapura	Maha Mahendra T. S.	1889	...	Dormant	...
Badulla	Uva T. S.	1887	...	"	...
Batticaloa	Sugatapala T. S.	1889	...	"	...
Do	Parajnanamarga T. S.	1891	...	"	...
Bentota	Bentota T. S.	1880	...	"	...
Colombo	Colombo T. S.	1880	Mr. R. A. Mirando	Henry Dias	Buddhist Hd, Qrs
Dikwella	Moggaliputta T. S.	1889	...	Dormant	...
Galle	Galle T. S.	1880	Mr. T. D. S. Amarasurya.	Mr. O. A. Jayasekera	Mahinda College, Galle.
Jaffna	The Jaffna T. S.	1890	...	Dormant	...
Kandy	Kandy T. S.	1880	Mr. A. D. J. Goone wardhana	L. B. Kobbekaduwa R. M.	Dharmaraja College, Kandy.
Kataluwa	Sariputra T. S.	1889	...	"	...
Kurunegala	Maliyadeva T. S.	1889	...	"	...
Matale	Ubhaya-lokârthasadbaka T. S.	1889	...	"	...
Matara	Matara T. S.	1880	C. D. S. Weerasooriya	D. A. Weerasinha	Matara.
Mawanella	Ananda T. S.	1889	...	Dormant	...

Panadura	...	Panadura T. S.	...	1880
Ratnapura	...	Subaragamuwa T. S.	...	1887
Singapore	...	Singapore T. S.	...	1889
Trincomalee	...	Mahadeva T. S.	...	1889
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Japan	Yamato T. S.	1889	...	Mr. M. Matsuyama	Nishi Hongwanji, Kioto, Japan.
Manilla	Manilla T. S.	1892	...	Mr. B. C. Bridger	Escotta, 14, Manilla.
Buenos Ayres	Luz T. S.	1893	Señor Alejandro Sorondo.	Señor Federico W. Fernandes.	Ave Las Heras 1309 Buenos Ayres, S. America.
South Africa	Johannesburg T. S.	...	Mr. Herbert Kitchen	Louis L. Playford	Johannesburg, South Africa.
Kandy	Dharmaraja T. S.	1898	Mr. Harry Banbery	Miss S. A. Rodda	Sanghamitta Girls' School, Kandy Ceylon.
Honolulu H. I.	Aloha T. S.*	1894

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