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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The hour is chosen for the fourth time in your presence. I choose you gladly to be the headquarters of the Indian Section in the sacred City of Benares, one of the chief centers in the physical world, of the Theological Society of our Nation.

We are spending my fourth year of office, and I thank those who have elected me again to the Presidential Chair. I can only say that I will do my best to fill it worthily, so that the Society will not need to be ashamed of its very ancient President. As we were near the date for the nomination

our Vice-President I received a cable from my much-loved nephew, C. H. Johnson, that the Fifty-fourth National Society had been formed in Paraguay, and I hope that other countries in South America will follow ere long. South America is fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Cowland, now General Secretary for South Africa; these were succeeded by those of our much honored brother, who asked me not to re-nominate him as Vice-President of the Theological Society. He is so much loved and honored that the Society will deeply regret

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THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

BRETHREN :

You have re-elected me for the fourth time as your President in the year that is now closing, so once more, though absent, I welcome you gladly to the Headquarters of the Indian Section in the sacred City of Benares, one of the chief centres in the physical world, of the Theosophical Society of our Masters.

We are opening my fourth term of office, and I thank those who have elected me again to the Presidential Chair. I can only say that I will do my best to fill it worthily, so that the Society will not need to be ashamed of its very ancient President. As we were nearing the date for the nomination of the Vice-President I received a cable from my much-loved brother, C. Jinarajadasa, that the Forty-fourth National Society had been formed in Paraguay, and I hope that other countries in South America will follow ere long. South America is fortunate in having had the services of Mrs. Gowland, now General Secretary for South Africa ; these were succeeded by those of our much honored brother, who asked me not to re-nominate him as Vice-President of the Theosophical Society. He is so much loved and honored that the Society will deeply regret

his request not to be re-nominated. He would have been, I am sure, unanimously re-elected. His work and his blessing will ever remain with us none the less, and I hope that next year he will consent to join our Executive Council in Adyar. I have nominated to the vacant office of Vice-President Mr. A. P. Warrington, as one of the oldest and most devoted workers in our largest Section. All who know him love and trust him, and that love and trust can only be increased as they know him better.

Before I begin the detailed report of the growing activities of our beloved Society, you will join with me in our annual invocation to Those who are our Guides, leading us from the unreal to the Real, from darkness to Light, from death to Immortality :

May Those who are the embodiment of Love immortal, bless with Their protection the Society established to do Their will on earth ; may They ever guard it by Their power, inspire it with Their Wisdom ; energise it with Their Activity.

THE PRESENCE OF THE WORLD TEACHER

"Is not His Word like a Fire, and like a hammer that breaketh the rocks in pieces?" The words might have been written of our beloved Krishnaji, and I often think of them when He is speaking. Like a Fire they burn, often very painfully, but like a Fire they purify, for they devour the dross but cannot harm the gold. Those who feel the sting of the burning, welcome it, if they are wise ; if they are otherwise, they resent it. May I softly whisper : "Be wise," to any of you who are scorched ?

Moreover, we need discernment as we listen. He who is an embodiment of Truth cannot tolerate conscious, or even unconscious, hypocrisy. Ruthlessly he urges his hearers to examine their foundations, and if they find them rotten, to break them up and build new ones. "Do not accept a thing

because I say it," He cries, recalling the word of the Lord Buddha to His disciples; after noting the various wrong reasons for beliefs, He concludes: "Do not believe a thing though I say it"—He, the Illuminated One—"but when of your own selves you know it to be true, then believe." When S. Paul says that, as a wise master-builder, he has laid the foundation, he adds: "And another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. . . . The fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is." Those who build with "wood, hay, stubble," will see their work burnt up. And so loose thinking, drifting thoughts, unbridled emotions, will yield a result fitted only for destruction.

No one, I think, can listen to Krishnaji with indifference, unless he goes to sleep. But sometimes He uses words which exactly express the fact, and careless hearers are offended. One day, in his keen search for Truth, He went to a Theosophical meeting, and found no help in "Theosophical jargon". Every science, every philosophy, has its "jargon". This jargon is made of the new and precise words which express the new ideas tersely and exactly. Thus in botany we have petals, sepals, bracts, technical words for the parts of a flower under description; is the botanist to be sneered at because he has his jargon, instead of constantly repeating the description of each? When H. P. B. asked me to translate Theosophical names into English she was asking me to create a new jargon, and I promptly created it, and helped the man in the street to understand his own composition. I strongly advise all who go to hear Krishnaji to go with open minds, and listen to Him without blurring what He says by mixing it up with their own prejudices and conventions; then they will surely learn something worth taking away.

Another thing: newspapers like to state inaccurate news in order that it may be corrected. All stories of quarrel

between Krishnaji and myself are inventions or misunderstandings. We cannot quarrel. Sometimes I do not understand Him. Then I put the statement aside until I do. Suspension of judgment while waiting for further data is a quite legitimate state. I am fully convinced that, in Krishnaji, the human consciousness has been taken up into the superhuman. It is therefore the path of wisdom for me to learn from Him anything I am able to understand. Some day I shall understand more. Meanwhile I try to live such parts of His teaching as are applicable to myself, remembering that many things He says are for the world, not for a special individual. I realise that His Ideals are great and precious Truths in bud, which will unfold more and more as generations become more and more capable of living them. I try to live the fragments of them I can assimilate, and hope by this to gain further knowledge and to become more capable of larger assimilation; there is plenty of time, that is, plenty of successive stages of consciousness.

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY

The World University has continued its work in the three centres mentioned last year: Adyar, London and Java. To these must now be added the centres in Holland and in France.

Dr. and Mrs. Cousins are away on a world tour, and Mrs. Cousins has founded a new International Lodge in Geneva. Wherever they go, they inspire fresh energy and spread Theosophical ideals.

Mr. Knudsen has efficiently re-placed Dr. Cousins in carrying on the Brahma-Vidyāshrama. Let me say, however, that our National Societies do not send, as they should send, two or three of their most promising students and speakers to take advantage of its methods of applying Theosophy to the illumination of the ordinary science and philosophy.

OUR INTERNATIONAL LECTURERS

The two mentioned last year, Fruk. Dijkgraaf and Herr Vigeveno, continue their valuable work. Dr. Anna Kamensky, who is General Secretary for the National Society of Russians outside Russia, has taken a doctorate in the University of Geneva and, with that added dignity, has been lecturing to undergraduates on the *Bhagavad-Gītā*.

Our National Societies

CHARTERS UP TO THE END OF 1928

The number of Charters granted from the commencement of the Society to the end of 1927 was 2,608. In 1928, 68 new Charters were granted, raising the number to 2,676. 5,932 diplomas to new members were issued.

LODGES AND MEMBERS

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	Active Members	New Members added during the year	Remarks
1	T.S. in The United States ...	256	7,859	1,140	
2	" England ...	161	5,170	504	
3	" India ¹ ...	337	6,905	1,060	
4	" Australia ...	33	1,628	130	
5	" Sweden ...	39	1,103	39	
6	" New Zealand ...	19	953	44	
7	" Holland ...	47	2,794	244	
8	" France ...	77	3,375	417	
9	" Italy ...	38	625	79	
10	" Germany ...	46	902	311	
11	" Cuba ...	31	565	144	
12	" Hungary ...	17	352	50	
13	" Finland ...	24	628	79	
14	" Russian T. S. outside Russia ...	13	179	24	
15	" Czecho-Slovakia ...	7	114	21	
16	" South Africa ...	19	524	76	
	To be carried ...	1,164	33,676	4,362	

¹ This number includes 829 Active members and 276 new members of the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists.

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	Active Members	New Members added during the year	Remarks
	Carried forward ...	1,164	33,676	4,362	
17	T.S. in Scotland ...	32	743	50	
18	" Switzerland ...	18	245	90	
19	" Belgium ...	13	446	66	
20	" Dutch East Indies ...	30	2,183	155	
21	" Burma ...	6	293	63	
22	" Austria ...	12	520	79	
23	" Norway ...	11	250	6	
24	" Egypt ¹ ...	—	—	—	
25	" Denmark ...	15	529	63	
26	" Ireland ...	7	127	20	
27	" Mexico ...	26	391	50	No Report
28	" Canada ...	20	486	36	No Report
29	" Argentina ...	21	469	90	
30	" Chile ...	20	287	74	
31	" Brazil ...	23	525	114	
32	" Bulgaria ...	8	200	14	
33	" Iceland ...	7	360	34	
34	" Spain ...	18	340	—	No Report
35	" Portugal ...	8	331	29	
36	" Wales ...	18	358	48	
37	" Poland ...	13	346	49	
38	" Uruguay ...	10	145	13	
39	" Porto Rico ...	20	351	45	
40	" Rumania ...	11	247	99	
41	" Yugoslavia ...	8	166	43	
42	" Ceylon ...	8	88	19	
43	" Greece ...	7	131	57	
	Non-Sectionalised ...	18	567	111	
	Canadian Theosophical Federation ...	9	227	46	
	Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Egypt ...	5	71	7	
	Grand Total ...	1,586	45,098	5,932	

United States: The report from America shows a year full of activities and an excellent condition in the Society. There is a loss in the number of Lodges—11 newly organized and 17 disbanded; but in a number of instances the loss in numbers means gain in strength; in these cases the dissolutions were caused by the uniting of two Lodges into one. There were 1,140 new members admitted, 225 lost by resignation and death, and several hundred have relapsed into the inactive list, whence they temporarily emerged last year during

¹ See below for statistics.

the visit of the President. The present active membership is 7,859. The spirit of the membership, the General Secretary reports, has never been better. Mr. Jinarajadasa visited National Headquarters at Wheaton during the 8-day summer school, speaking twice and sometimes thrice daily during the session. This was the first term of the Summer School, which will be a permanent institution, aiming to train speakers and teachers along many lines for public Theosophical work.

England: England has a total membership of 5,170, of whom 504 are new members admitted during the year. "There is a new spirit stirring in our National Society, and this," the report says, "rather than statistics, is the feature of our year's work." Some results of this are seen in the large attendance of English members at the European Congress in Brussels. There have been fewer but more important propaganda meetings; more standard Theosophical books placed within the reach of all. Bishop J. I. Wedgwood and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa and Dr. Cousins have all been of great benefit to the Society through their lectures and talks. A Reincarnation Campaign was carried through with considerable success, and for this a special series of booklets and leaflets were printed, and over eleven hundred booklets have been sent in response to personal applications; many letters of appreciation and requests for further information have resulted. Two more Lodges—Orpheus Lodge, Eastbourne, and Wirral Lodge, Birkenhead—have established themselves in their own Headquarters. There is a tendency among the Lodges to develop the social, artistic and dramatic side of their work; this tendency is growing in strength and influence. Through personal service from members, the Headquarters has been able to improve its accommodation for enquirers. The *Theosophical Review* has ceased, but *The Link*, published by the London Lodge, has been heartily welcomed. *Notes and News* continues.

India: The Presence of the World Teacher among us has drawn much outside attention to the Society, and there has been a general awakening of interest among the members. The present active membership shows a gain of 540 over the last report, the total now stands at 6,905. This now includes the youth members, whose total has reached 829—a gain of 149 for the year. There has been a union of the two Telugu Federations forming the Andhra Theosophical Federation. Three Tamil Federations have also united to form one Tamil Districts Federation. Others remain as before. The report shows progress and good work in all autonomous Federations which depend on their honorary workers for their life. Both the Federations and the Section suffer for want of funds. Branches of the T. S. Muslim Association are being formed in various important places. Field work is well organized in the South Indian Federations; they have been ably assisted by our Joint-General Secretary, Bro. T. Ramchandra Rao. Our Educational Institutions are winning more and more recognition from the general public. The Women's Indian Association, which owes its inception to Theosophists, is progressing, many of our workers taking part in it.

Australia: This Section holds a special interest for us because of Bishop Leadbeater's presence and work there. "The body of the Australian Section has many members working along very different lines, but the head to whom we always look for guidance is Bishop Leadbeater," the General Secretary writes. The total membership is 1,628. The report shows a loss by death, resignation and transference of 200, and a gain of 130 new members. *The Australian Theosophist* was discontinued for lack of funds, but was revived again under the editorship of Bishop Leadbeater, and is a most valuable periodical with a steadily growing subscription list. The generosity and self-sacrifice of the Australian members have produced a very unusual financial response to meet a heavy budget. They were asked for £75 per week (1s. 6d. per member)

and the response so far indicates that the goal will be reached by Easter, when they hope Bishop Arundale will be with them to see the victory of his splendid scheme. The Broadcasting Station 2GB is recognised officially as the premier 'B' Class Station in Australia. It is an unequalled instrument for Theosophical propaganda. This Station has paid its way since last Easter—within 18 months of its inauguration. In New South Wales alone it is computed that there are between 300,000 and 400,000 listeners—a rather large Theosophical audience!

Sweden: Thirty-nine new members were admitted during the year; the total membership is now 1,103. Sweden, also, is feeling the stir of new life due to the presence of the World Teacher, and is adapting itself more and more to his teaching.

New Zealand: Mr. Crawford reports that throughout the Section there is a spirit of united service and active co-operation with all kindred movements. There is a fine co-operation among the different Lodges, a friendly exchange of lecturers between them, and a notable increase of able speakers from other related organizations. Eight Lodges now possess buildings of their own, and the General Secretary observed in the course of his travels as National Lecturer, that many Lodges were making a special feature of beauty in their surroundings. He reports an active membership of 953, 44 new members added this year. The Vasanta School, opened in 1919, is making excellent progress.

The Netherlands: After visiting thirty Lodges and six Centres the General Secretary finds in the Section everywhere a serious wish to carry on the Theosophical work in the right spirit. There have been difficult problems to face, but there is so much goodwill and sympathy and so many devoted members that all difficulties dissolve. One new Centre has become a Lodge and 5 new Centres formed. There are now 47 Lodges, and 22 Centres with a total membership of 2,794. The New Headquarters building is under construction. The Library has

outgrown its present quarters. The Publishing House is developing most satisfactorily. The Young Theosophists have 13 local Groups and are very active in the Youth Peace Movement.

France: During the last twelve months 6 new Lodges have been formed; 6 Lodges were transferred to the Greek Section. The total number of active members is 3,375, 417 of whom are new members; and 77 active Lodges. The figures show a net loss of 81, but as 498 were transferred to other Sections there has really been a substantial gain. Friendship, harmony and understanding exist among the members and, says the General Secretary, "we aim to make it prevail in the work." Mlle. Adele Beyer made a very successful lecture tour in North Africa, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco; these countries belong to the French Section. Mr. Jinarajadasa visited 5 Lodges in France and will be vividly remembered. A number of other lecturers have brought help to the Section. The young and active M. G. E. Monod Herzen, is the leader of the group of Young Theosophists, and by his co-operation with Professor Marcault the Association for the Theosophical University has been put in good standing in France.

Italy: The T. S. in Italy has had many external difficulties to meet; these have affected its growth; it has decreased in membership but increased in strength and there is a growing interest in Theosophy outside the Society. The report shows 625 active members and 37 active Lodges.

Germany: The retiring General Secretary, Mr. Axel von Felitz-Coniar, writes: "Professor Dr. Johannes M. Verweyen, Professor of Philosophy and Psychology at the University at Bonn am Rhein was, on September 2nd, elected General Secretary. He is not only very well known in the world of Science, but as a pioneer in spiritual movements. I am sure that the T. S. in Germany will greatly prosper under his able leadership." This Section has a total membership of 902, which is a gain of 101 over last year. New Lodges have

been founded in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, München, Nurnburg and Weimar. The Lodges are carrying on their regular work, and the members are endeavouring to come more and more into contact with other progressive movements.

Cuba: The Cuban Section Headquarters has removed to new spacious quarters, having not only adequate office space but two lecture Halls—one to accommodate an audience of 200, the other, 400. The report shows an increasing distribution of Theosophical literature; the installation of a broadcasting station is under way; the Theosophical Library is growing; propaganda is very active—greatly aided by the visits of Mr. Warrington, Bishop Cooper and others; leading newspapers are giving space to Theosophical teachings. A Latin-American Federation is being organised and is to hold its first Congress during the visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa this Spring. The report shows also a great deal of vitality in the allied activities and among the Young Theosophists. Three new Lodges have been chartered, 12 new Centres organized, 144 new members enrolled; loss by death, and resignation and transfer to other Sections 12—total active membership 565.

Hungary: The past year has been one of hard struggle, due to the denunciation of the T. S. to the Government by two expelled members—the Government enquiry lasted throughout the year and was finally put aside by the authorities concerned. Nevertheless the Society has gone ahead with splendid enthusiasm, due to loyal co-operation of the members. Four new Lodges have been formed and one Lodge of Young Theosophists was dissolved at the request of the Government, but the Young Theosophists have joined other Lodges. The total membership is 352—a gain of 33 over last year. The Library has greatly improved—"It is now the pride of the T. S." A Publishing Trust was recently formed and has the use of a printing machine; with this they plan to publish many translations which have long been waiting. They have been greatly helped during the year by visiting lecturers.

Finland: The T. S. in Finland has gained one new Lodge this year and has increased its membership by 38, its total membership now being 658. The Society has published 6 books, one by Dr. Besant, the others mainly by J. Krishnamurti and J. J. van der Leeuw, LL.D. Propaganda has gone on through lectures and the sale of books. The members report the completion of their Headquarter's building, the foundation stone of which was laid in August, 1927, by the President of the T.S. A new bookshop has been opened in the Headquarters building, which is most adequately arranged for offices, halls and some residential quarters. This is the greatest achievement of the year.

Russia: The "R. T. S. outside Russia" counts now 13 Lodges and about 309 members, of whom 179 are active F.T.S. Three new Lodges were formed during the year, one in Harbine (Eastern Siberia, China), one in Brussels and one in Rumania; two Lodges in Bulgaria have been lost—so Russia claims a total of 13 Lodges—9 in Europe, 3 in Asia, 1 in U. S. A. In Tientsin the Lodge has held many public lectures in Russian and English. The newest undertaking is a "Babies' Welfare Centre," started by a group of the T.O.S. The Lodge, through two Chinese Buddhists, has formed a Chinese group working in Chinese. The Lodge at Prague is a Community holding regular Lodge meetings three times a week. This Lodge is in contact with most prominent Russian Exiles, and has organized public lectures in the People's University. The chief events of the year for the Russian T.S. have been the visits to Geneva of Dr. Annie Besant, Bishop Wedgwood, Miss Dijkgraaf and Dr. and Mrs. Cousins. The General Secretary has lectured in Paris, Brussels, Lausanne, Neuchatel and Geneva. Miss Helmboldt has lectured in Paris, Berlin and Prague. The "R.T.S.—outside Russia" has certainly surmounted the difficulties of being spread all over the earth, and shows admirable activity and growth.

Czecho-Slovakia: The Section consists of 7 Lodges and 8 Centres, with a total membership of 114. Twenty-one new

members were admitted this year. The T.S. activities have gone on through lectures, through *Esper-Teozofia*—the only Theosophical paper giving Esperantists Theosophical information. The Section distributed to Government authorities 450 leaflets on the Peace movement. The members are co-operating with other Societies and organizations with similar ideals.

South Africa: The T.S. in South Africa, which has a total membership of 524, admitted 76 new members this year; 55 were lost. Six new Lodges have come into being during the year, which is a record for the Section. Everywhere there are signs of new life and increasing interest in Theosophy. The discontinued magazine, *Theosophy in South Africa*, was resuscitated by Dr. Humphrey, and goes to all members with no cost to the Section; it is proving of great service in the work of the T.S. The Book Depots at Cape Town, Durban and Johannesburg are valuable adjuncts to the Section's work. A notable achievement during the year is the erection of their own building by the Pretoria Lodge, Transvaal; this is the first Lodge in the Section to build its own headquarters.

Scotland: During the year there has been a gain of 50 new members, but through drastic revision of the membership list, the record shows a loss of 40 compared with last year; it leaves an active membership of 743. One new and flourishing Centre has been founded at Stranraer. Many lecturers from England have visited the Section; Mr. Jinarajadasa paid a visit to Scotland on his way to Iceland, and gave great inspiration and help. Drama and Art have characterized the work in Glasgow and Dundee. The Young Theosophists continue to radiate happiness with excellent results to the Society.

Switzerland: The Swiss Section seems to have overcome its difficulties. The membership is steadily increasing—growing from 160 to 245. The report states this is due largely to the work of Madame Kamensky. Around her at Geneva

is grouped a phalanx of fine workers; as Geneva is an International Centre, it is not possible to estimate how far-reaching may be the results of the Theosophical activities there. Theosophy in Geneva has been greatly helped by lectures from Bishop Wedgwood, Miss Dijkgraaf, Dr. and Mrs. Cousins, Dr. de Henseler and Mr. Meautis. A new Lodge has been formed in Lausanne. Les Chaux de Fonds—a small town of 40,000 inhabitants—boasts a vegetarian restaurant, and also has inaugurated special work, which is an example to towns where slums still exist; this is called "*L'intérieur gai*," showing what fresh wall-paper, soap and water, simple gay designs and sunshine can do to miserable dwellings. The report states: "The activity of the French part of Switzerland is satisfactory, but the German part is increasing by leaps and bounds." New Lodges have been formed at Basle, Zürich and Berne. The most important event was the organization by Mrs. Cousins of a plan to make Geneva an International Theosophical Centre. Geneva, on account of its international activities, gives a great opportunity to spread theosophical ideas.

Belgium: The Belgium Section shows a net gain in membership of 26 over last year; 66 new members were admitted, but 40 lost through various causes. Two significant events characterized the year—the transfer of Headquarters of the Belgian T.S. to its own building, and the building, by the Vrede Lodge at Ghent, of a large hall on one of the most important streets in Ghent. A new Lodge was formed at Liège, making 13 Lodges in all. The report expresses appreciation of the help received from many visiting lecturers, in addition to the regular lecturers. All Lodges in Brussels meet in the new Headquarters. A successful Reincarnation Campaign was started and will continue next year. The Library and Book Dépôts show progress. The great event was the European Congress held in Brussels: "The only shadow was the absence of our dear President."

Netherlands-Indies: There has been a steady growth of the Theosophical movement in these islands, and it is the only force working for peace, harmony and goodwill in the different races and nationalities among whom are much strife and misunderstanding. This Section is a veritable school for the Brotherhood of races. The total membership has grown to 2,183 which is an increase of 155 for the year. There are 28 Lodges and 17 Centres in Java, 1 in Sumatra, 1 in Celebes, and 1 in Borneo. The Djokja Lodge has erected its own building—this is the tenth Lodge in the Section to own its own building. The work increases mainly in the direction of allied movements. The Young Theosophists' movement is growing steadily, having its own magazine and several Lodges.

Burma: Theosophy is spreading among the Burma Buddhists in various ways, especially by linking it to Buddhism through propaganda among the Burmese—aimed at removing their deep-rooted prejudices and to revive Buddhism in Burma. It is interesting to note that of the 293 members 80 are Bhikkhus.

Austria: Two new Lodges and 3 new Centres bear witness to the growth in the T. S. in Austria, in spite of unusual difficulties, which were largely overcome by the help resulting from the President's visit, and also from the visit of a number of prominent Indians and others. The publication of translations into German of a number of recent books is something of which the Section feels justly proud.

Norway: In spite of declining health, Mrs. Sparre has visited and lectured for most of the Lodges in the Section. The great event of the year is reported to be the removal of Headquarters to new rooms in the heart of the city. The T.S. in Norway shows strength and solidarity.

Denmark: Denmark reports 3 new Lodges and 63 new members for the year. Much good work has been done in the Lodges, "but no stirring events". Many of the most active members have devoted themselves chiefly to the Order of the

Star, the Liberal Catholic Church and Co-Masonry. They are all parts of the one "Great Work".

Ireland: There is little general interest in Theosophy in Ireland. In Belfast three devoted members bought a house ("Vasanta House"), in which the Lodges, the L.C.C. and Co-Masonry all find suitable accommodation. Great help has been given by a number of distinguished visitors during the past year. The influence of the World Teacher is making an impression, and Ireland is stirring in her sleep of centuries.

Mexico: Mexico sends no report.

Canada: Canada sends no report.

Argentina: Argentina, amongst other good works, has taken a practical interest in the Happy Valley; the subscription opened for this has produced a fund of \$ 777·00, already sent to Ojai. The General Secretary visited Chile last March; this visit strengthened the bonds of Brotherhood between these two Sections. Ninety new members have been enrolled during the year and 2 new Lodges formed, and 3 new Groups. The Section Magazine has been improved and increased in size. This year marks four records in the T. S. in Argentina: the highest total membership; the largest number of new members admitted; the lowest number of members lost; the largest amount of money in cash. May these four records be broken every year!

Chile: The work of the T. S. in Chile is colored by the great desire on the part of the members of the Section to increase the spirit of international Brotherhood; with this in view, they maintain a correspondence with all the Sections in the world; they have given enthusiastic co-operation to the Latin-American Theosophical Federation, and have done their utmost to contribute to the realization of the International Peace Movement. The spirit of Co-operation characterizes all the Sectional life.

Brazil: The passing out of General Raymundo Pinto Seidl, the late General Secretary, was a great loss to the

Section, he is deeply loved and missed. The Brazilian Section approves the formation of the Confederation of American National Sections which the Cuban Section has initiated. The Society is active in propaganda and is energetically pushing the distribution of Theosophical books written in Spanish and Portuguese, the sale of which has far exceeded any former year. Aleixo de Souza is engaged in translating the *Secret Doctrine* into Portuguese. The press is especially favorable to Theosophical material, and much publicity is gained through this means.

Bulgaria: In Bulgaria a professor of Theology—the official public lecturer of the S. Synod, which is the governing body of the Orthodox Church—in a lecture given in many towns, said that humanity is much indebted to Theosophy, because it has checked the materialistic wave which threatened to stifle humanity. He says some other less complimentary things about it, but the 200 Theosophists in Bulgaria should feel that their efforts in propaganda have not been in vain.

Iceland: Iceland shows growth and increased activity. The members have translated three books, all related to the Coming of the World Teacher, showing that as a Society their attention is fixed on that great event. The Young Theosophists are represented there and are doing fine work.

Spain: Spain sends no report.

Portugal: The Society in Portugal is doing much excellent work through its interest and activity in such organizations as The National League for the Protection of Animals, the Fraternal League for assisting the Poor, and the Children's Home, where destitute children (girls) are educated and cared for. Miss Dijkgraaf's six-days' visit to Portugal and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa's four-hours' stop—while his boat was in port—were outstanding events.

Wales reports steady progress throughout the year. All Lodges and Centres in Wales joined in the Reincarnation

Campaign. In order to encourage research in Druidic teachings in this direction, Miss Charlotte Woods has offered a prize of £5 to the 1929 National Eisteddfod for the best essay on "The Idea of Rebirth in Keltic Tradition". Several groups of young Theosophists have been formed and are active in their own way. Much good work has been done by members in Animal Welfare, World Peace, Healing and similar causes. Goodwill Day (May 18th) is becoming an event of international importance. This was started by a Welsh School. Well done ! my sons.

Poland sends a report covering two years ; 1926-27 was a year of intense and fruitful work, great expansion, successful lecture tours, well-attended public lectures. Bishop Wedgwood's visit and the starting of the L. C. C. were the greatest events of that year. International links were strengthened, and new bonds of friendship made with many Groups. Last year was marked by the visit of the President, who brought strength to endure and overcome all our difficulties. It has been a year of endurance rather than expansion. The Section has published two books—Dr. Besant's *Initiation* and Bishop Cooper's *Reincarnation*.

Uruguay has made the unifying of the Sectional organization its chief concern. There has been a decrease in membership and in the number of Lodges. Out of it has emerged the fact that it is possible to accomplish more with a few purposeful and unselfish workers, than with a greater number, not so qualified. An office for translations has been organized with the help of competent people.

Porto Rico: On July 31st, 1927, the corner-stone of the new National Headquarters was truly laid with Masonic Rites, and on November 30th, with immense rejoicing, the Temple was consecrated by Bro. A. P. Warrington. This is the first Theosophical Building in Porto Rico. Much help was received from Mr. Warrington, Bishop Cooper and the Rev. Jose B. Acuña,

who arrived one after another, just as the Headquarters Building was completed.

Rumânia: Last December in Bucharest, a large hall was taken in the centre of the town for Sectional Headquarters. A new Lodge was founded in Bessarabia, due to the activity of Mr. Rostislov Smislov, who has been warmly congratulated by the orthodox priests who attended his meetings. The second Congress was held in Timisoara, in order to come into closer touch with the members in Transylvania; the lectures were given in German, Hungarian and Rumănian. It is characteristic of the Lodges throughout Rumănia that the various Nationalities represented among them meet together in perfect harmony.

Yugoslavia: The National T.S. is now three years old; members feel that their greatest need is some sort of Headquarters, where all the work of the different departments can be carried on, so they have taken the house of Mrs. Mayerhoffer—the Recording Secretary—altered and rearranged it, so that it is now adapted to the needs of the Head Office. Yugoslavia was well represented at the Ninth Congress of the T.S. in Europe. The Order of Service is very active; the members are co-operating with the Association for the Protection of Animals, the Yugoslav League of Total Abstinence, the Vegetarian Club and especially with the League of Nations Association.

Ceylon writes that “the report is more a report of what should be done, and how we should change ourselves, than a tale of what has been achieved”. Mr. N. K. Choksy’s resignation as General Secretary was deeply regretted, writes Mrs. Lourensz who succeeded him. Although there is a revival of interest in the work, the fact remains that out of the 124 members, 77 have not paid their dues, 32 have been placed on the suspended list. This state of affairs is reflected in every part of the Section’s life. The real vitality in the movement is in the Young Theosophists and the Youth Lodge to which they belong—they are the hope of the future of the T.S. in Ceylon.

Greece became a National Society this year, after 5 years of strenuous work with the helping hand of the French Section. Miss Dijkgraaf spent a fortnight here giving five lectures. Her one public lecture was attended by representatives of the Athenian Society and of the Greek Press. It was during Miss Dijkgraaf's visit and with her assistance that the National Society was decided upon. Plans are being made to form a Balkan Theosophical Union, functioning under the European Theosophical Federation, to forward the cause of permanent peace in the Balkans by constantly trying to put aside causes of discord between Balkan peoples. This new Section has already issued translations of Theosophical literature.

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China: Hongkong Lodge reports the resignation of Mr. Manuk, who had been their President since the Lodge was formed, five years ago; but as Presidential Agent for China he continues in close touch with them. The Lodge has carried on most effectively a full programme of meetings, classes and public lectures. The Chinese Lodge, under the able leadership of Mr. Wei Tat, B.A., as President, conducts all its sessions in Chinese; it has done good work in putting Theosophy before the young and educated Chinese, who will in time be the leaders and educators of their Race. They carry on regular public lectures, a Chinese Library and a Correspondence Course in Theosophy. A fine vernacular school for girls is also being maintained and carried on by two brothers, Lee Tinsik and Fung Jackson; great attention is paid to moral training and Theosophical ideals. The Shanghai Lodge is bravely meeting adverse conditions, and carrying forward the work. The Besant School for girls, Miss Dorothy Arnold reports, has come through a severe crisis, and is once more in a flourishing condition. Three hundred and forty students were enrolled at the beginning of the Autumn term. The success and fine

spirit of this school are due largely to the untiring efforts, self-sacrifice and devotion of Miss Arnold. She has shouldered almost a superhuman task in establishing and running this school.

Japan: The Mahāyana Lodge has this year translated and printed its first booklet in Japanese—*Information for Enquirers*. The Secretary says the Japanese are slow to come to Theosophy, because it is so much like their own Buddhist teaching. Miroku Lodge was chartered only a few months ago. One of the young members, Mr. S. Moroi, has composed a musical score for the translation of "The Hymn" from *The Path*, by Mr. J. Krishnamurti. This has been produced in a concert of 50 voices and 50 Orchestral pieces.

Egypt: The T. S. Federation in Egypt reports a quiet year. The number of members is small, but they are staunch and united. Several young Egyptians have joined the English Lodge and show a keen interest in Theosophical ideals.

Singapore Lodge reports steady work. A Service Group has been organized.

Barbadoes' Lodge starts its year free from debt, and is carrying out a useful programme of study, lectures and work.

Canadian Theosophical Federation has secured a charter for a new Lodge at Saskatchewan; the members are all Icelanders, except one. Forty-six new members have been added; the total membership is now 227. The Federation has been able to assist in financing lecture tours in Canada. Miss Watson and Mrs. Hampton have been lecturing for the Lodges in the Federation; Mr. Fritz Kunz made an extended stay in Vancouver, B.C., under the auspices of Hermes Lodge, making an intensive campaign among various Service Clubs and organizations in the city. Bishop Cooper also visited the Federation Lodges and brought inspiration and instruction. The T. O. S. is strong in Calgary. Krishna Lodge has done good work through this Order, in connection with Animal Welfare, Child Welfare and World Peace. Members of Sirius

Lodge at West Summerland, B.C., held a successful Summer School on the shore of Lake Okanagan under the inspiration of Mr. Logie. This is the 6th session of the Summer School, called "Besant College". The first issue of the Federation Magazine was in the press at the time of making the report.

HEADQUARTERS

Our dear brother *J. R. Aria*, an ardent Mason, has departed to the great Lodge above. He served as the Recording Secretary of the T. S. for nearly twenty years. The gratitude of all of us has followed him to the other side of death. *Mr. A. Schwarz*, our admirable Treasurer, who performs the right duties of a Treasurer by wiping out deficits, looks up, for the time, the work of the Recording Secretary in addition to his own; and he is helped by *Mr. Ganesan*, a capable clerk, who was trained by Brother Aria.

We owe much gratitude to our Treasurer for his constant generosity. He always tries to hide himself away, but I really must, now and again, pull off the veil in which he seeks to shroud himself. He reconstructed the building which accommodates the Olcott Panchama Free School at Adyar at his own cost, and I opened it triumphantly, as though I had done it myself, but gave due recognition to the particular Master Builder concerned. The little village was very happy, and we have provided a playground for children in the adjoining land of the T.S. which marches with one side of the village.

Miss Neff is doing most valuable work for the future in her patient labour on the "archives" of the future. She quite succeeds to Colonel Olcott's interest in "archives".

Mrs. Rogers has joined the staff of workers at the Headquarters and has taken up the very arduous work of the Sub-Editor of *The Theosophist*. She is very helpful to me, but she cannot stay here very long, because her sons clamour for

her return home. Well, I must grant that they have the first claim on her. So I cover my regrets with gratitude.

Baroness Isselmuden very kindly helps in the preparation of *The Theosophist*.

Mrs. Cannan, who was the Sub-Editor, is now in Britain and is doing admirable and continuous lecturing work for Theosophy and for India.

Mrs. Ransom has come over to Adyar to help for a short time in the work in the Theosophical Publishing House, which help is considered to be very valuable by Mr. Rajaram.

Mrs. Dinshaw has lately returned and is again giving her very efficient help in proof-correcting.

Mme. d'Amato looks after the comforts of the dwellers in Leadbeater Chambers, and makes them quite happy.

Mr. S. Rajaram has been the Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House now for many years. He has been carrying on the work against the inevitable difficulties, as National Societies, very rightly, more and more publish their own magazine in their own tongue. May I whisper that it would give me so much pleasure if every Lodge would take one copy of *The Theosophist* and, if possible, of *The Adyar Bulletin* also. Then I should feel that I could speak through *The Theosophist* to the whole world-wide Society which it is my duty and joy to serve.

Mr. J. Srinivasa Rao continues to be in charge of the Bhojanashala (The Indian Dining House). Twenty years of strenuous work is to his credit and he continues to be a devoted servant. [As our readers will see in *The Theosophist*, he has passed away to the Ashrama of our Masters by the sudden and swift opening, by murder, of the door into the higher worlds. He needed no "preparation for death," for he was a faithful servant of our Masters, and peace is with him. But we miss our comrade, as needs must be.]

Mr. Shah has been in charge of the Dairy, but has now handed it over to our largest customer, the Head Master of the

Guindy School. Recently I have given him charge of the ornamental side of the Headquarter's garden, and he has made our entrance road very beautiful.

Mr. Jassawala had been in charge of the extensive area of the productive side of the gardens as well as of the ornamental side. Hereafter he will be able to be more at liberty to improve the production of fruit and vegetables, which seems to be his special branch of work.

And there are other workers on whom Headquarters depends for its comfort. *Mr. Zuurman*, most efficient head of the Power House, ready to respond at any time, day or night, and Superintendent of the Engineering Department, and Messrs. C. Ramaiyya, and C. Subbaramaiyya, and C. Subbarayadu.

The now very excellent Laundry continues to be supervised by Brother *Mudaliyandan Chetty*, and his work has been successful, guided by his great devotion.

Miss Whittam is in charge of the general arrangement of the Headquarters, and keeps them very trim and neat. *Miss Parker* continues to help Mrs. Rogers and myself in my impossibly large correspondence.

Mrs. Jinarajadasa does splendid work in the Indian Women's Movement; she has a great talent for organisation and for inspiring others in her work. When I think of the difference in Indian women during the last nearly forty years, during which I have worked in India, I marvel at the vast reservoir of activity, created by Indian women and their few foreign co-workers, for the uplift of their country. India now has both her eyes open, and cannot long remain in bondage.

What I may call my personal staff is composed of *Miss Willson* who is attending to things concerned with my personal household, while *Mrs. Jinarajadasa* is helpful to me in how many ways I can't say.

Mr. Ranganadham, M.L.C., has brought to us by his residence here, a constant touch with the legislative side of Indian

politics, and helps very largely in popularising Svadeshi articles.

Dr. G. Shrinivasamurti finds looking after the health of every one in the Headquarters, such a pleasant task, that he insists that the pleasure is enough repayment for his ever-ready care.

Mr. Dwarakanath Telang has been lent by me to the T.S. in India, but we all regard him as peculiarly our own, and belonging to our family, wherever he is. He looked after the management of *New India* very effectively. I must myself be lacking as Editor, since I have been unable to keep up the daily, in spite of the first-rate staff which helps me: *Mr. B. Shiva Rao* and *Mr. Shri Ram* are both very able writers, Shiva Rao especially on Labor questions as well as on political, and Mr. Shri Ram being a fund of information on a very wide variety of subjects and reliable in all.

Mr. Raje, formerly a leading Accountant in Bombay, has now devoted himself to the financial side of *New India*, and I wish I had more money to hand over to his admirable accounts.

And what shall I say of the head of the Vasanta Press Mr. Sitarama Shastri, most admirable Printer, and of Mr. S. Rajaram, late Secretary of Kumbhakonam Municipality, and now the head of the Theosophical Publishing House? They really must keep on living indefinitely, as I should be lost, and the work would suffer, without them. My original trio, *Rao Sahab Soobbiah Chetty*, *Mr. Sitarama Shastri* and *Mr. Ranga Reddy* are my never failing helpers. [Dear old J. Srinivasa Rao was snatched suddenly away from us physically, but he cannot leave us.]

My beloved Brothers, C. W. Leadbeater and C. Jinarajadasa are doing splendid service to the Society, one in Australia and the other in Central and South America. We, who live among Theosophists can scarcely imagine the help and joy given to those in far-off lands, when someone comes among them from

the countries often visited by writers whose books are widely read, and who talks to them face to face.

And though he is not a resident and not a member of the Society, I must gratefully thank Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K.C.I.E., for constant help by wise advice in public affairs and steady comradeship in political work. And another good comrade is the newly returned fellow-worker, the *Right Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Shāstri*, so balanced and so steady in toiling for India's Freedom. And eloquent *Sarojini Naidu*, now India's ambassador to the United States, is another true servant of India, whom I keep in my heart. But I must stop, for so many are kinder to me than I deserve. Never was a woman more fortunate in strong and capable workers, I think, than I. And some also in England, in other lands also: my very dear Brothers, C. W. Leadbeater, George and Rukmini Arundale, Graham Pole and his wife and Esther Bright, and Countess De La Warr, and Mrs. Sharpe and Lady Emily Lutyens, and others whom I cannot mention by name, but whom I love and trust. What shall I, what can I, say of my close tie with Krishnaji, whom I love and try to serve, carrying my thought to the far Himālayan Home, the source of what strength I have.

So now for another seven years of work, I suppose. I beg to remark that on October 1st, 1929, I shall have 82 years of life behind me, and there does not seem to be a statute of limitations. I hope some one will tell me when I show signs of senility, if I do not notice them myself.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

The Library, under the continued directorship of Dr. C. Kunhan Raja has made progress in all directions—in publications, in better provision for accommodation of books, the acquisition of new books, better financial arrangements for members of the staff. Many scholars from distant parts of India and

other countries have used the Library and expressed their appreciation of it. The library is constantly used by the students of the Brahmavidya Ashrama. The re-arrangements of books in the Eastern Section is complete. The second part of the catalogue of manuscripts was published during the year. Many books and manuscripts have been acquired.

CHILDREN OF THE MOTHER SOCIETY

BRAHMAVIDYA ASHRAMA

Mr. A. F. Knudsen, Acting Principal, has taken Dr. Cousins' place during his absence. The work of the session this year has been carried on by a discussion method, the theory of intuition, its use in the waking consciousness has been the main topic. Mr. L. B. Raje gave a course of lectures on Astrology, Mr. Sundara Sarma on Indian Art and Prof. M. D. Kini of the Government Engineering College, on Science.

THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOL

An important event in the Olcott Free School was the opening of its new building by the President on October 1st. An atmosphere of freedom and joyousness pervades the school, and the children are responsive to it.

WOMEN'S INDIAN ASSOCIATION

This movement is growing, becoming an increasing power throughout India for social welfare, education and progress of girls and women, social reform (such as the Bill to raise the age of Marriage). The Association has recently secured a fine National Headquarters in Madras which will grow into an important Centre for Women's work.

THE ORDER OF THE ROUND TABLE

This Order is established in thirty Countries, which means that a small army of children and young people have been drawn together to work for and to follow the King, by living nobly and truly and doing good works.

EMPLOYEES' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY AT ADYAR

The Society has grown during the year from 128 to 199 members. The number of depositors has increased from 13 to 21. The financial statement shows that the progress of the Society is satisfactory. It is serving its members well.

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THE HEADQUARTERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Our budget for the year 1928 anticipated a deficit of Rs. 19,410 to be made good by donations. These have, unfortunately, not reached the full amount needed, the total of donations received amounting to Rs. 8,467 only, and the inevitable result has been a deficit of Rs. 13,284-8-7, to be carried forward to the year 1928-29, as shown in our abstract of the *Income and Disbursement Account*:

Expenditure	...	Rs. 80,593	2	6	=	£ 6,199	at Rs. 13	
							per £ 1.	
Income	...	„ 67,308	9	11	=	„ 5,177		
Deficit	...	„ 13,284	8	7	=	„ 1,022		

DISBURSEMENTS

Only two accounts need special mention in our Report, the remaining ones showing the usual figures and in many cases a saving as compared with the budget allowance. These two accounts are:

1. *The Golden Book of the T.S.* with a loss of Rs. 894-4-8 (£ 69). The sale of this valuable book proceeds, we regret to say, very slowly. Only seven copies were sold in 1928 and we deemed it advisable to allow the above amount for depreciation on our unsold stock of 1,043 copies.

2. *Construction and Repairs Account*, showing an excess of Rs. 10,036-11-0 (£ 772) over the amount of Rs. 22,000 (£ 1,692) provided in our budget. The total expenditure of Rs. 32,036-11-0 is made up as follows:

Rs.	18,026	1	0	New roof to Leadbeater Chambers,
„	2,114	12	0	Construction and Repairs in Dairy,
„	1,368	10	3	New Garage,
„	4,009	9	1	New Store-building,
„	2,605	8	0	Water-tank in Rajapuram, Compound
				walls, Roads, etc..
„	3,912	2	8	Repairs to buildings, etc.
Rs.	32,036	11	0	= £ 2,464.

The difference arises mainly from unforeseen reconstruction work in our Dairy, to prevent the collapse of an old stable, and from our expenditure in Leadbeater Chambers. It had been our intention to spread the cost of rebuilding the roof of Leadbeater Chambers over three years. One-third was done last year and the cost appeared in our accounts for 1927; one-third was budgeted for 1928, but in view of the great inconvenience caused to residents and in order to facilitate and expedite the work the remaining two-thirds were taken in hand and completed this year. Our 1929 accounts will show a corresponding reduction in expenditure.

Expenditure under the heading *Construction and Repairs* will always be a fairly heavy item. Our many buildings need constant attention if they are to be kept in good repair; also improvements and extensions are called for from time to time.

INCOME

Rent and Interest Account.—The income of Rs. 20,293-11-5 (£ 1,561) is nearly the same as last year. An increase to the larger figures realised in some years in the past would be most welcome, but depends entirely on the number of visitors and permanent residents. A large part of our available accommodation has remained vacant during the past twelve months and the outlook for 1929 also is not specially promising at present.

Fees and Dues amount to Rs. 17,050-14-2, i.e. :

Rs.	534	8	11	(£ 41)	account 1927,
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„	16,516	5	3	(„ 1,270)	„ 1928,
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Rs.	17,050	14	2	(£ 1,311),
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a disappointing figure, denoting a considerable decrease as compared with the preceding year. We must mention, however, that the annual Dues from seven Sections (Netherlands-India, Egypt, Spain, Cuba, Porto-Rico, Argentine and Brazil) have not been received up to the time of closing our balance-sheet. About Rs. 2,000 are outstanding on this account and our deficit would have been reduced by this amount, if the remittances had been sent to us in

time and in accordance with the provisions of our Rules and Regulations.

It is a regrettable fact that the Dues from the majority of our Sections show a decrease, which in the total is greater than the increase received from the minority. It is now quite evident that the 10% basis introduced three years ago does not benefit our Adyar Headquarters to any appreciable extent and it is hardly necessary to point out that the annual contribution of Rs. 18,000 to Rs. 19,000 (£ 1,385 to £ 1,462) from our Sections is inadequate for the upkeep of our International Headquarters.

Garden Produce realised Rs. 18,305-1-0 (£ 1,408), beating again all previous records. About Rs. 4,000 of this figure are, however, an exceptional item, due to the forced sale of Casuarina trees which had died from the effects of a prolonged drought, as already mentioned in last year's Report. While the additional income has been most welcome we cannot help regretting the loss of some 2,500 trees.

The following analysis of our sale proceeds will be of interest :

Cocoanuts	...	...	Rs.	4,306	10	3
Sapotas	...	...	"	4,399	11	9
Pineapples	...	...	"	714	0	6
Firewood (Casuarinas)	...	...	"	4,539	15	6
Oranges	...	...	"	2,227	3	0
Bananas	...	...	"	550	7	0
Mangoes	...	...	"	637	4	9
Papais	...	...	"	112	3	6
Plants	...	...	"	175	7	0
Sundries	...	...	"	842	1	9

Rs. 18,305 1 0

Our thanks are due to Mr. Jussawalla for his able management of our fruit gardens which are now a regular source of income.

Electrical and Engineering Department.—The Profit of Rs. 3,192-1-11 (£ 246) is derived mainly from current supplied to and building work, etc., done for our Adyar Headquarters and therefore goes to reduce the cost of lighting and of construction and repairs.

Thanks to Mr. Zuurman we are practically independent of outside help for all our electrical and engineering work.

Donations amounting to Rs. 8,466-13-5 (£ 651) were received as follows :

Rs.	3,227	12	0	"Adyar Day" collection from the American Section,
"	1,291	7	2	"Adyar Day" collections from other Sections,
"	3,947	10	3	Sundry Donations.
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Rs.	8,466	13	5	

With regard to the "Adyar Day" gift from the American Section the total amount received through the U. S. Adyar Committee came to Rs. 8,177-12-0 (£ 630), distributed as follows :

Rs.	3,227	12	0	to Adyar Headquarters, as shown above,
"	2,500	0	0	"Adyar Library, as per Library abstract,
"	1,000	0	0	"the Order of the Brothers of Service,
"	1,000	0	0	"the Theosophical Educational Trust,
"	300	0	0	"the Olcott Panchama Free Schools,
"	150	0	0	"the Women's Indian Association.
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Rs.	8,177	12	0	

All these institutions feel greatly indebted to our American friends.

We mentioned in the beginning of our Report that we had hoped for donations amounting to Rs. 19,410 to save us from a deficit. We realise, however, that all our Sections have financial burdens of their own and we are very grateful for the help given.

ADYAR LIBRARY

We take the following figures from our separate abstract of the Library Account :

Expenditure	...	Rs.	10,633	12	7	(£ 818)
Income	...	"	9,698	1	10	(„ 746)
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Deficit	...	Rs.	935	10	9	(£ 72)

which reduces the Endowment Fund from Rs. 1,06,842-8-11 at the beginning of the year to Rs. 1,05,906-14-2 (£ 8,147) at the close.

LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

With the passing away of Sir T. Sadasivier, "Govinda Vilas," the bungalow which he had built for himself in Blavatsky Gardens compound, has become the property of the T.S. and we have placed it at the disposal of the Adyar Library as the residence of Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, its Hon. Director. We have utilised the *Library Building Fund* for effecting necessary repairs and adding a garage, also for building next door to it quarters for the Assistant Librarian, as it is very desirable that one or more members of the Library staff should reside at Adyar.

The expenditure amounts to :

Rs. 1,048	10	0	for garage and repairs,
„ 3,937	11	7	„ the Asst. Librarian's quarters,
Rs. 4,986	5	7	(£ 384)

and in the coming year the cost of a complete sanitary installation, now in course of construction in these two bungalows, will be added.

On the 31st October, 1928, the *Library Building Fund* amounted to Rs. 65,782-3-5 (£ 5,060) as shown in our Balance-Sheet.

OUTLOOK FOR 1929

Our budgets for the T. S. Headquarters and the Adyar Library for 1929 anticipate the following deficits :

T. S. Headquarters	Rs. 18,544	(£ 1,426)	including the deficit of 1928,
Adyar Library	„ 7,150	(„ 550)	
Total Deficit	Rs. 25,694	(£ 1,976)	

The need for help is therefore great and in closing we commend our Report and the financial position of Adyar to the careful study and attention of all our members.

A. SCHWARZ,
Hon. Treasurer.

T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS				Rs.	A.	P.
To Deficit from 1926-27	...	...	...	39	0	2
„ Contribution to Adyar Library	...	...	...	2,500	0	0
„ Office Salaries	...	...	...	1,924	0	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	6,644	9	11
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	3,321	11	6
„ Garden Expenses :						
Productive Gardens	...	...	Rs. 10,347 4 5			
Unproductive (Flower) Gardens	...	...	„ 6,814 8 3			
Roads, Fences, etc.	...	...	„ 509 13 6			
				17,671	10	2
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	32,036	11	0
„ Telegrams and Postages	...	...	...	861	1	0
„ Lighting and Water Expenses	...	...	...	6,138	13	0
„ Taxes	...	...	...	459	10	0
„ Furnishing	...	...	...	383	15	0
„ Establishment Charges	...	...	...	1,020	1	3
„ Publishing <i>Adyar Bulletin</i>	...	...	...	242	4	0
„ Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund	...	...	...	380	14	2
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	2,980	0	11
„ Loss on <i>The Golden Book of the T.S.</i>	...	...	...	894	4	8
„ Museum	...	...	...	59	14	0
„ Brahmavidyashrama	...	...	...	1,954	12	1
„ Vice-President's Office	...	...	...	955	0	0
„ Convention Account	...	...	...	124	13	8
				80,593	2	6

ADYAR

31st October, 1928

A. SCHWARZ,

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1928

INCOME				Rs.	A.	P.
By Rent and Interest ...	...	...	...	20,293	11	5
„ Garden Produce ...	...	...	...	18,305	1	0
„ Donations ...	...	...	...	8,466	13	5
„ Electrical and Engineering Department ...	...	...	...	3,192	1	11
„ Fees and Dues :						
			Rs. A. P.			
U. S. America ...	...	...	4,925 10 3			
Canada ...	...	...	611 8 11			
England ...	...	...	2,440 7 2			
Scotland ...	...	...	216 1 2			
Wales ...	...	...	170 12 0			
Ireland ...	...	...	39 14 0			
India ...	...	...	1,460 0 0			
Burma ...	...	...	50 0 0			
Ceylon ...	...	...	24 4 0			
Australia ...	...	...	1,037 11 7			
New Zealand ...	...	...	561 6 9			
South Africa ...	...	...	259 5 0			
Holland ...	...	...	1,256 3 0			
France (Balance of 1927) ...	...	...	195 13 0			
„ (1928) ...	...	...	526 0 7			
Germany ...	...	...	95 9 0			
Italy ...	...	...	108 14 6			
Switzerland ...	...	...	85 13 6			
Sweden ...	...	...	87 0 9			
Norway ...	...	...	82 13 0			
Denmark (1927) ...	...	...	165 0 10			
„ (1928) ...	...	...	136 2 11			
Iceland ...	...	...	214 10 8			
Finland ...	...	...	141 9 6			
Austria (Balance of 1927) ...	...	...	17 5 3			
„ (1928) ...	...	...	59 5 9			
Yugoslavia ...	...	...	48 5 9			
Hungary ...	...	...	101 15 7			
Belgium ...	...	...	55 13 0			
Portugal ...	...	...	62 6 6			
Russian Section, outside Russia ...	...	...	62 7 1			
Roumania (1927) ...	...	...	16 7 8			
„ (1928) ...	...	...	13 1 1			
Bulgaria (1927) ...	...	...	46 3 9			
„ (1928) ...	...	...	46 12 9			
Greece ...	...	...	15 10 4			
Egypt ...	...	...	68 10 3			
Uruguay (1927) ...	...	...	25 0 2			
„ (1928) ...	...	...	124 2 5			
Chile ...	...	...	233 7 0			
Mexico ...	...	...	199 5 9			
Central America ...	...	...	214 9 5			
Unattached to National Sections ...	...	...	747 0 7			
				17,050	14	2
				67,308	9	11
„ Deficit carried to new Account ...	...	...	...	13,284	8	7
				80,593	2	6

Audited and found correct.

G. NARASIMHAM, F.R.S.A., F.A.A.,

Certified Auditor.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To General Fund (Capital)	...	...				5,00,788	6	8
„ Adyar Library Fund :								
Value of Books and MSS.	...	...	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,05,906	14	2	1,80,906	14	2
„ Adyar Library Building Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1927	...	...	68,046	12	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	2,721	13	0			
			70,768	9	0			
<i>Less :</i>								
Cost of new Quarters for the Assistant Librarian and Repairs to the Director's Bungalow	...	...	4,986	5	7	65,782	3	5
„ Subba Row Medal Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1927	...	...	2,699	4	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	108	0	0			
			2,807	4	0			
<i>Less :</i>								
Cost of Statue of Dr. S. Subramaniam Iyer			1,284	0	0	1,523	4	0
„ Theatre and Lecture Hall Reserve Account :								
Balance on 1st November, 1927	...	...	10,677	12	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	427	2	0			
						11,104	14	0
„ Electrical Installation Reserve Account	...					3,000	0	0
„ Isolation Hospital Reserve Account	..					1,117	0	0
„ World Congress Fund	...	...				781	4	9
„ Sundry Debtors and Creditors Account	...					1,305	8	6
						7,66,309	7	6

ADYAR

A. SCHWARZ,

31st October, 1928

Hon. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31ST OCTOBER, 1928

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Adyar Library Books and MSS.	...	...	...	75,000	0	0
„ 5 per cent War Bonds 1929/47 :						
Rs. 45,200 at 95 and par	...	...	...	43,700	0	0
„ 6 per cent Government Bonds 1932 :						
Rs. 45,000 at 102½	...	...	...	46,125	0	0
„ 4 per cent Government Bonds 1934/37 :						
Rs. 10,000 at 94	...	...	...	9,400	0	0
„ Immovable Property Account :						
Balance on 1st November, 1927	...	Rs. 4,53,632	4 0			
Purchase of land	...	„ 10,167	4 0	4,63,799	8	0
„ Movable Property	...	...	...	19,000	0	0
„ Electrical Installation	...	...	...	40,000	0	0
„ Electrical and Engineering Department :						
Outstandings and Stock of Materials	...	...	...	20,118	2	7
„ Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society	...	...	...	307	1	1
„ „ „ Adyar Co-operative Stores	...	...	...	251	0	0
„ Chartered Bank, Madras, Fixed Deposit	...	...	...	10,000	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Acct.	...	...	...	23,067	15	2
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	2,256	4	1
„ Income and Disbursement Account :						
Deficit carried to new Account	13,284	8	7
				7,66,309	7	6

Audited and found correct.

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ABSTRACT OF ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

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ADYAR

31st October, 1928

A. SCHWARZ,

Hon. Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1928

			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Balance on 1st November, 1927 :								
Value of Books and Manuscripts	...	...	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,06,842	8	11	1,81,842	8	11
„ 4 per cent Interest on Rs. 1,06,842	...	...				4,273	10	0
„ Contribution by T.S.	...	...				2,500	0	0
„ U.S. America “ Adyar Day ” gift	...	...				2,500	0	0
„ Sundry Donations	...	...				3	15	0
„ Sale of Library Publications	...	...				384	15	4
„ „ „ Stationery				4	15	3
„ Comparing Charges				30	10	3
						1,91,540	10	9

Audited and found correct.

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REPORTS OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIES OF THE
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T. S. IN AMERICA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The year in America has been very full of activities and the Society, in our part of the world, is in excellent condition; but in the matter of membership the figures do not make as good a showing as in the previous year. The number of new Lodges organised is 11 while 17 were disbanded. But in several cases such dissolutions were merely the uniting of two Lodges into one, which we count a real gain in strength and unity. In all the other cases the Lodges have never had more than barely enough members to hold a charter and when some of them removed to other cities the charters were necessarily surrendered. The total number of active Lodges is now 239.

The number of members admitted during the year was 1,140 while 225 were lost by resignation and death. This does not mean, however, that we have a net gain of 915. Several hundred members have been retired to the inactive list because of failure to pay dues so that the number of members in good standing on July 1 was 7,859. In this matter an interesting phenomenon was that when the President, T.S., was here on tour there was a membership gain of several hundred as a result of delinquent members asking for reinstatement. When the end of the year came, however, they did not pay dues again, but dropped back to their previous status of inactivity. Thus the temporary increase in membership has disappeared and we are back to normal conditions.

While perhaps our nation has suffered less than some others from business depression it has nevertheless been keenly felt here and the reaction on our work has been pronounced. The press, apparently endeavoring to help the situation through psychological suggestion, loudly and persistently proclaimed the prosperity of the country but as a matter of fact an enormous number of people have been idle. Our membership consists chiefly of people receiving

small salaries and many of them have been earning only enough to meet actual necessities. Our various funds have languished and shown deficits at the end of the year while the sales of the Theosophical Press have declined more than 23% for the year.

The spirit of the membership, however, has never been better and the outlook for the coming year is satisfactory. Most of our Lodges hold public meetings weekly and the stronger ones have various activities which direct public attention to Theosophy. A few of the larger Lodges have acquired buildings and grounds owned by the Lodge and have found such permanent headquarters a great help in the work.

We were fortunate enough this year to have Mr. Jinarajadasa as our guest at the Annual Convention in July. He gave three public lectures to large audiences but was not able to undertake a lecture tour of the country. Immediately after the Convention adjourned he came to our National Headquarters at Wheaton for a course of lectures during Summer School, speaking twice, and sometimes thrice, daily during the eight days of the session. This was the initial term of our Summer School which is especially designed to train our members for public speaking and other forms of propaganda work. We had on the faculty a specialist on voice culture and special attention was given to platform work and dramatic expression. How to reach and interest the public with forums and with classes on Astrology and Psychology also received much attention. The attendance at the School was much larger than anticipated and the results were so satisfactory to the students that we shall make the Summer School a permanent institution.

There was deep and widespread regret in America on account of your illness as reported in the press dispatches from London and we learned with the keenest satisfaction of your speedy and complete recovery. With this report I send you a renewed pledge of loyalty and reverent love from the Theosophical Society in America.

L. W. ROGERS,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ENGLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The following statistics cover the period 1st November, 1927 to 31st October, 1928 :

Total number of members	...	...	...	5,170
Total number of Lodges (including Associated Lodges)				161
Total number of Centres (including Associated Centres)				56
Number of members admitted	...	...	...	504
Number of members resigned	...	...	...	196
" lapsed	...	...	...	213
" transferred	...	...	...	37
" died	...	...	...	38
			—	484
Number of new Lodges formed	...	...	...	5
Number of Lodges dissolved	...	...	...	5
Number of Centres formed	...	...	...	12
Number of Centres become Lodges	...	...	...	3
Number of Centres dissolved	...	...	...	6

In this first report that I have the honour of making as General Secretary, I would pay tribute to the healthy state of the English Section when, after he had devoted to it four years of hard work and fostering care, I took office from Mr. E. L. Gardner in the Spring of the year.

There was already stirring in our National Society a new spirit, and it has been my privilege to help in finding expression for that spirit in proposals for a new outlook in our general policy, especially in the matter of propaganda. This, therefore, rather than statistics, is the feature of our year's work. Some results have been seen in the throwing open to the public of some Sessions of our Annual Convention, the large attendance of English members

at the European Congress in Brussels, the holding of fewer but more important public propaganda meetings, and the movement towards the placing of more of our standard Theosophical books within the reach of all, rather than the distribution of elementary booklets.

We are not, therefore, wholly dissatisfied with the past year, though it contained one greater disappointment than we have been called upon to bear for some time, namely, the serious illness of yourself during your visit to this country, and the consequent cancelling of many of your engagements. We are rejoiced to know, however, that you were so much better before you left England, and that since then you have so fully recovered your health that we may look forward to many visits from you in the future.

During the year we have welcomed Bishop Wedgwood, who presided at our Annual Convention in the Queen's Hall, and also gave a public lecture on "The Life after Death"; Mr. Jinarajadasa, who addressed several meetings, notably one in London to celebrate your birthday; and Dr. Cousins, who gave us some of his delightful lectures on Indian Art and Poetry.

Following the Resolution of our National Council at its October meeting last year, a Re-incarnation Campaign was inaugurated, and has been carried through with some considerable measure of success. Special Study Classes and lectures were arranged; London and the large towns were placarded with "Re-incarnation" posters; efforts were made to get the subject discussed in the Press, and a special series of leaflets and booklets were printed and widely distributed. Two of these booklets were extracts from your writings and those of Dr. Arundale in "Do We Live on Earth Again?", and of Mr. Jinarajadasa in "Re-incarnation and National Destiny". Mr. Gardner was good enough to write a special paper on "Re-incarnation: Some Testimony from Nature," and for the fourth of the series we were indebted to Dr. W. Y. Evans-Wentz, and the Oxford University Press, for permission to reprint an article from "The Fairy-faith in Celtic Countries," under the title of "The Doctrine of Re-incarnation Scientifically Explained". The leaflets

were reprints of the series of articles appearing in *The Spectator* from the pens of yourself, Dr. Evans-Wentz, and Miss Eva Martin. Over eleven hundred booklets have been sent in response to personal applications, and their receipt has usually been followed by letters of appreciation and requests for further information. Good results were achieved also at the Festival of Youth, held at the Crystal Palace, London, from a bookstall taken by some of our members.

It is a pleasure to report that two more Lodges have established themselves in their own premises this year—the Orpheus Lodge, Eastbourne, and the Wirral Lodge, Birkenhead—and their work is already showing the benefits of their improved accommodation.

The tendency of Lodges to develop the social, artistic and dramatic sides of their work is also to be noted. Many Drama Groups have sprung into being; in some cases their little day has been brief, but in others, by dint of hard work and a wise selection of plays, they have grown steadily in strength and influence, and are becoming a useful adjunct to the work.

I would like also to mention the increasing help we have been receiving in the way of personal service from members. By this means we have been able to enlarge and improve our accommodation at Headquarters for enquirers, both F. T. S. and the public, and we hope that no member in this or any other country will visit London and not call in at 23, Bedford Square, for the cordial welcome that awaits them.

We have had to cease publication of the "Theosophical Review," from financial reasons, but we have welcomed *The Link*, published quarterly by the London Lodge, under the able editorship of Mr. S. L. Bensusan. Our little *News and Notes* still continues as the official organ of the four National Societies in the British Isles.

With affectionate greetings from us all to you and our brethren in Convention assembled,

MARGARET JACKSON,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN INDIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to send you the following Report of the Indian Section, T.S., for the year ending 30th September, 1928.

The following statistics explain the present situation of the Section and compare it with the preceding year:

	FOR THE YEAR ENDING		REMARKS
	30-9-27	30-9-28	
Total number of Active Members ...	5,536	6,076	Youth members not included
" Lodges ...	329	337	
" Centres ...	25	30	
Members admitted during the year ...	809	784	
" revived ...	355	172	
" resigned ...	26	52	
" lapsed or dormant ...	210	296	
" died ...	66	68	
Number of new Lodges formed during the year ...	18	15	
" of Lodges revived ...	15	10	
" " become dormant ...	31	17	
" Centres formed ...	3	11	
" " revived ...	3	1	
" " become dormant ...	9	5	
" " raised to Lodges ...	2	2	
" of Youth members admitted ...	309	276	
Total number of Youth Active members ...	680	829	

There is a general awakening of interest and alertness among the members. The presence of the World Teacher among us has drawn much outside attention towards the Society. All this has resulted in a net increase of members, Lodges and Centres as compared with the preceding year. If Theosophy is to spread among the lower grades of educated people in the villages we should have to consider the question of their poverty. We find that Lodges in villages have difficulty in the payment of the

Annual Dues and they become dormant after a brave struggle for some years. Either the richer members should contribute towards the dues of the poor members or some other scheme should be found to help such members. The Central India and Rajputana Federation is providing for this contingency in the former way.

The total number of Youth members has increased as compared with last year when there had been a big drop as compared with its preceding year. If Youth Lodges are to succeed they must receive, where necessary and welcomed, the care and help of their local adult Lodges. The future success of T. S. depends upon the present success of the Youth Lodges. The Youth Federation Secretary should be a whole time man if possible, to keep his Federation in proper condition. At present we cannot say that we possess complete and correct information about this Federation and its Lodges. There is apparent a tendency in many Youth Lodges to lose their enthusiasm shortly after their formation. Some Youth Lodges are however working very well.

Federations.—During the year the two Telugu Federations joined together to form the present Andhra Theosophical Federation. The three Tamil Federations have also joined together to form one Tamil Districts Federation. This has been done with a view to better working. Other Federations, Karnataka, Kerala and Behar remain as before. All have held their Annual Federation meetings except Tamil which is holding its meeting in November, 1928. The non-autonomous Federations also have held their annual meetings. Many smaller Conferences have been held in the autonomous areas. There are visible, progress, enthusiasm and good work in all the autonomous Federations which depend upon their honorary workers for their life. All the autonomous Federations have their own vernacular or English magazines. The South India Autonomous Federations authorities held a Camp and Summer School at Chewara in Travancore near Quilon in April, 1928, where lectures in various subjects were delivered.

It would perhaps be invidious to mention any names of honorary workers where all have been doing their best for their Federations.

It is inevitable that in the beginning there should be several points needing settlement. But the policy of the Indian Section is

to leave each Federation to follow its own course though it looks up to each for help and co-operation. Both the Section and the Federations suffer from want of funds. Both are interdependent on each other for their success.

T. S. Muslim Association.—The main object of this Association is to restore the harmonious and brotherly relations between the two main communities in India by the study of the basic principles of each other's faiths and by understandings and toleration. Mr. H. C. Kumar made a tour of important places in U. P. and Behar, Punjab and Baluchistan during this year with this object in view. The Prophets' birthday has also been celebrated in many Lodges. Branches of this association are slowly being formed in various important places.

Field Work.—The South Indian Federations are well organised in this respect and they are ably assisted in their work by our veteran Joint-General Secretary Bro. T. Ramchandra Rao. The holding of the South Indian Conference and Summer School at Adyar helps the members to prepare themselves for this work. All other Federation areas except Central Provinces are looked after by their local workers. But it must be said that the Section still needs able Lecturers who could go about and enthuse the Lodges, and who can influence the public.

Want of funds handicaps us a great deal in issuing leaflets, etc., in the various vernaculars for propaganda purposes. We manage to print a few but we need many more.

The Sectional magazine has received a good deal of criticism. There are some who want to incorporate its important part with their Federation Bulletins. Some seem to think it competes with their vernacular magazines. There are others again who want it to continue in its unreduced form because it is the only Theosophical magazine they can afford to get. This matter will probably come up before the Council for decision.

The Indian Bookshop has had to contend against serious difficulties on changing its form from a branch of the Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar to that of an Indian Section business. It has suffered a serious loss this year and the Indian Section Council will have to decide whether it should be run at a loss or

be restored to the Theosophical Publishing House where it can have some chance of a successful running.

Our Educational Institutions are winning more and more recognition from the General public but it sometimes appears that the special advantages they provide and the successful way in which education is imparted here should be more advertised. They are building up a type of capable and self-sacrificing young men and women and that fact is perhaps not so well known except at Convention times when people have an opportunity to see them working and managing things.

Connected with the 2 Schools and College is a small dispensary primarily to meet the needs of these institutions but where they give free treatment to the poor of the locality and carry on some kind of Child Welfare work.

Our Finances.—The Section again closes with a deficit. The matter is engaging the attention of those responsible for it. For the public purposes fund Rs. 37,080-0-4 including Rs. 750 from outside India was collected. Out of this Rs. 2,000 were given towards the Section funds.

The Women's Indian Association Movement is progressing rapidly and many of our workers are taking part in it. It owes its inception to Theosophical workers and its chief activities are still carried out by them.

Obituary.—The Section regrets the temporary loss by death of its workers, Mr. M. B. Wagle for many years its honorary Assistant General Secretary, Rai Bahadur Syam Sundar Lal a life long prominent worker in Rajputana, Mr. Aria the Recording Secretary of the T.S. for about 20 years. Since the close of the year another prominent worker Rai Bahadur Shiva Prasad of Etawah has left us.

General.—In the management of the Indian Section Headquarters the General Secretary is assisted by a band of devoted workers from the two Schools and the Compound, but for whose silent help the work would have been difficult to carry on.

Lastly, dear President, I take the liberty to express the feelings of extreme devotion, loyalty and gratitude that the Indian Section feel towards you for your wise leadership and for the work you do

for India. These feelings have been reflected in their voting for your re-election. Their highest ambition is the service of and co-operation with the Great Brotherhood in Their efforts for the welfare of mankind and may that wish be fulfilled!

GEORGE S. ARUNDALE,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN AUSTRALIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to submit the following report of activities in the Australian Section during the year ended 30th September, 1928.

Statistics.—The following figures show numerically the position of the Section:

Total number of members, September 30th, 1928	...	1,628
„ „ Lodges	...	33
„ „ Centres	...	5
Number of members admitted	...	130
„ „ resigned, died, etc.	...	179
„ „ transferred	...	21
„ new Lodges formed	...	2
„ „ dissolved	...	1

Convention.—The special features of our Thirty-third Annual Convention held in Sydney at Easter were:

1. The presence of both Bishop Leadbeater and the Vice-President.
2. The continuation of the Active Service Fund.
3. The reluctant but apparently inevitable decision to discontinue *The Australian Theosophist* for lack of the necessary funds. (This magazine has, however, happily been revived by a few of our earnest members as a private enterprise, and is now edited by Bishop Leadbeater)
4. Introduction to Theosophists here of the symposium method of teaching, with a symposium guided by Mr. Jinarajadasa on "Theosophy and an Ideal Australia".

5. A session devoted to lectures on subjects of public interest, delivered by prominent citizens (not necessarily members of our Society).

The Officers elected at Convention were:

The Rev. Harold Morton, General Secretary.

The Rev. Henri Frei, Assistant General Secretary.

Mr. F. W. Houstone, Treasurer.

The living body of the Australian Section has many members working along very different lines, but the head to whom we always look for guidance is Bishop Leadbeater. As a symbol of this fact, we created the title of Counsellor to the Australian Section, which was conferred first on Bishop Leadbeater and then upon Bishop Arundale. Australia is most grateful to the latter, who by courageous organisation raised the outer work of the Section to a magnificent level, endeavouring to make Theosophical activity on the physical plane as splendid as Bishop Leadbeater has made it spiritually.

Finances.—During the year the Active Service Fund begun by our last General Secretary has been carried on, and again much wonderful sacrifice has been witnessed in its behalf. Since the Order of the Star this year issued a separate appeal, the Section appealed for 1,000 one and sixpences per week to be allocated in the following way:

	£
Section Office	415
<i>Australian Theosophist</i> (to last April only) ...	175
<i>Notes and News</i>	120
<i>Advance! Australia</i>	950
80 Years Young Fund	500
Order of the Star	290
Reserve	1,450
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	£ 3,900

The response to a money appeal is never consistent, and in the six months which have passed since Easter our barometer has risen erratically but substantially. Judging from the first half-year's response we are confident that the goal of the Active Service

Fund will be realised by next Easter; and we are hopeful that Bishop Arundale will be with us to see the victory of his splendid scheme.

Theosophical Broadcasting Station.—The record of 2GB is again a story of many vicissitudes, leading through apparently insuperable difficulties onwards to that triumph which must ever reward indefatigable exertions; and again the success is largely due to its manager, Mr. A. E. Bennett, Miss Gowlland, his Secretary, and Mr. Clement Hosking, who arranges the musical programme. Australia's foremost radio announcer, Mr. George Saunders, has served the Station well. 2GB is recognised officially as the premier 'B' class Station in Australia, and no form of Theosophical propaganda has so soon justified itself, nor so powerfully. It is furthermore to the everlasting credit of the management that this Station has paid its way since last Easter, within 18 months of its inauguration.

In New South Wales there are over 80,000 receiving licenses and it is computed by radio statisticians that there are four listeners to each receiver. This would indicate that there are between 300,000 and 400,000 listeners in New South Wales to the Sydney Stations, apart from listeners in other States. In Sydney there are three leading Stations, 2FC, 2BL and 2GB. It may be estimated, therefore, that most of these people listen at some time or other to 2GB and that there are about 100,000 regular listeners.

Lodge Activities.—Two new Lodges have been chartered since our last report—the Claremont Lodge in Perth, and the Dawson Valley Lodge at Wowan, Queensland, and the Olcott Lodge in Tasmania has been dissolved owing to the loss by death or departure of nearly every member. I omit all detailed reports of individual Lodges, as their progress and enthusiasm unites in the spirit of the Section. It should however be put on record that two buildings are being erected in Western Australia for the Perth and Claremont Lodges. The former, being the city Lodge, has a large hall capable of extension in two directions when necessary, and flats above which in their turn may have additional floors added. It is hoped that the Perth Lodge Headquarters will be completed by Christmas time. The new Claremont Lodge is erecting a

wooden hall, and this is being built by the enthusiastic and capable hands of its own members.

Travelling Lecturers.—As it was decided that the General Secretary should travel round the continent no lecturer was appointed in Miss Neff's place. Mrs. Mason-Beatty has however visited five States, lecturing continually and interesting outsiders in Theosophy. Her work has been well and thoroughly done. The General Secretary and Mrs. Morton visited the Southern and Western States and on their return to Sydney Mrs. Morton and her mother Mrs. Kollerstrom made a lecturing tour through all the Lodges in Queensland in the General Secretary's stead. It is the General Secretary's intention to visit every Lodge in the Section before Easter. Greatly to the Section's benefit Bishop Leadbeater himself visited Brisbane for three weeks, and lectured constantly for the Society and other movements. He also spent a day at Toowoomba and delivered a lecture there in Olcott Hall.

Publicity.—*Advance! Australia* has been issued regularly each month, though its progress has been beset by many an obstacle. We are endeavouring to keep its policy true to the principles of the Great Plan, and we aim at making this magazine an important power in the thought of Australia's citizens. Much work has still to be done in establishing *Advance! Australia* securely; but the Commonwealth needs such a publication and we want the Australian Section to present through this journalistic channel the Theosophical solution of its problems. Co-operation from all Sections in the form of literary contributions is most welcome, bringing as it does an international outlook, and we are grateful for all the assistance already given in this respect.

The Australian Theosophist was discontinued for three months, as it was found desirable to give more financial support to *Advance! Australia*. The loss of such an organ was felt everywhere as a great calamity, and Bishop Leadbeater, as Counsellor, with the help of a few staunch friends, came to the rescue of the Section and resuscitated this magazine. With Bishop Leadbeater as editor, this publication has immediately gained in prestige and interest, and it will surely do much to link together the countries of the Southern Hemisphere particularly.

Only two pamphlets were printed during the year, 2,500 copies of *Theosophy and an Ideal Australia* by Mr. Jinarajadasa, and 1,000 copies of *The Holy Eucharist*, by Bishop Leadbeater.

The Round Table.—A report goes to you separately from the Chief Knight of the Order in Australia. It is only necessary to say that youth in this Section is everywhere encouraged by all officials, and gradually youth is learning to share the burdens of the Society with those who have toiled for years.

The Future.—A report of the past seems unfinished if it gives no idea of the future for which the activities have been planned. While the Society's aim everywhere is to transmit the power of the Hierarchy into the life of the nations, part of our work in Australia seems to be along the following lines :

1. Development and extension of power on the air through the Broadcasting Station, by which the life of Australia may be influenced according to the true principles of government.

2. To establish *Advance ! Australia* securely, thus utilising the power of the press in the service of Australia.

3. The education of our own members to become leaders of thought in all matters of public interest, enabling them to use the growing influence of 2GB and *Advance ! Australia*.

As a conclusion I must convey to you, our beloved President, the loyal devotion of all your followers in the Australian Section. We rejoice in our membership of Their Society ; we rejoice in serving under your leadership ; and we rejoice that your great co-worker Bishop Leadbeater remains in Australia to urge us on to more strenuous service and greater heights of victory.

HAROLD MORTON,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SWEDEN

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I take the opportunity to point out, what for me seems to be the essential thing in our work in Sweden. We have represented in our country all the Theosophical activities as L.C.C., Co-Masonry, Order of Service, The Round Table and it is obvious that the work for them is taking great time and interest of the members. The traditional Lodge meetings are no more in the centre of the Theosophical life as it was before.

It seems to me that the members got the inspiration to take up these outer activities of the idea that such work primarily was a preparation for the coming of the World-Teacher, as you also strongly emphasised at the Ommen Camp, 1925. I suppose this is quite true. Now when the Teacher is here it seems to me more sensible to listen to his teaching about Truth, Life, Liberation and Happiness and to live our lives in the light he is giving, rather than to continue to the same extent with that kind of work suitable for preparation of his coming. This seems to be the right thing to do for us in a Society, whose motto is "There is no religion higher than Truth". I don't argue that anybody ought to leave any organisation, only that it is plain commonsense to take the consequence of the presence of the Teacher and shift the centre of gravity towards Him, during the time He is here. I suppose that the result also will be much better for our aims and for the world instead of going on as before.

Therefore my personal point of view is that T. S. in Sweden as its first purpose ought to help its members and the country to find and live Theosophy in the light of the Teacher and let all the other activities and organisations take the second place and not be accentuated. As Krishnaji expresses it: "The individual problem

is the World problem" and therefore the T. S. can with confidence watch how the individuals are awoken to Life even if the organisations fade away.

For me the most hopeful thing about the T.S. in Sweden is that you find signs of estimation of this individual road to Life and Truth.

Statistics.—During the year ending October 31st, 1928, 39 new members have been admitted. Our Section has now a total membership of 1,103 and 39 Lodges. Our magazine, *Teosofisk Tidskrift* is published in 10 numbers a year with 36 pages in each issue. The members receive it free of charge.

Annual Convention.—At the Convention the members did face the problem: The Theosophical movement before the proclamation of Krishnaji. On this occasion as well as on others you could find a keen interest in this kind of subject and how the members endeavoured to make a reorientation.

The General Secretary was unanimously re-elected for another year.

Propaganda.—Public lectures are going on as usual.

This report carries with it sincere and heartfelt love and gratitude to our deeply beloved President. We are all very sorry that Mr. Jinarajadasa has ceased to continue as Vice-President. It will not be easy to fill the gap.

HUGO FAHLCRANTZ,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour and pleasure of presenting to you my Annual Report for the year ending 31st October, 1928.

Membership.—New members 44, rejoined 8, transferred from other Sections 1, resigned 21, died 14, lapsed 62, transferred to other Sections 7, number on the register 1,147, active members 953, and active Lodges 19.

Members deceased.—Of those who have entered the higher life and are free for greater service, special mention must be made of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Short, faithful servants of the Section ever since its earliest days; Mr. Percy Wilcox, for many years an enthusiastic worker at Headquarters; and Mr. D. W. Miller, Chief Brother of the Order of Service in New Zealand.

Annual Convention.—The Thirty-second Annual Convention was held in Auckland in the grounds of the Vasanta Garden School on the 27th and 28th December, 1927.

The Rt. Rev. J. R. Thomson, President of the H. P. B. Lodge, was elected to the Chair and gave the opening address.

The following officers were unanimously elected: The Rev. W. Crawford, General Secretary and National Lecturer; Miss L. M. Stone, Assistant General Secretary; Miss G. M. Hemus, Treasurer; Mrs. Bond, Librarian; and Mrs. Younghusband, Editor of *Theosophy in New Zealand*.

The Annual Dues to the Section were slightly increased, so that now they stand as follows: Lodge members, 10s., Sectional members, 15s.

A special feature of this Convention was the Camp Fire, round which members gathered in the evenings, with community singing and talks in the form of questions and answers.

Publicity.—The Sectional Magazine is sent free to all members in good standing; non-members pay an Annual Subscription of 4s. Mrs. O. R. Younghusband, who has so ably edited the magazine for the past three years, is retiring, but only to devote herself to other lines of service.

From overseas, we were glad to welcome Dr. van der Leeuw, who engaged in a brief lecturing tour under the auspices of the Order of the Star.

There has been a friendly exchange of lecturers between the Lodges, and a notable increase in the number of able speakers from kindred organisations.

Eight of the Lodges—H. P. B. Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Wanganui and Wellington—now possess buildings of their own.

During my travels as National Lecturer, I was pleased to note that many of the Lodges were making a special feature of beauty in their surroundings.

Vasanta Farm.—This farm of 114 acres, donated to the Section seventeen years ago, is still increasing in value under the successful management of Mr. Colin Macdonald.

Vasanta School.—This school, which was first opened for pupils on the 10th February, 1919, is making excellent progress under the care of its Principal, Miss Mona Faram and her Assistant, Miss Edna Worthington. The classes range from Primer I to Standard VI, and the attendance at present is 37.

Presidential Election.—Of the 996 members in good standing, no one voted in the negative; 901 (90%) voted in favour of their beloved President, and many of these votes were accompanied by expressions of gratitude and devotion.

In conclusion, I may say that although the year under review has not been marked by any special feature of progress or change, yet there is throughout the Section a spirit of united service, and an active co-operation with all kindred movements.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

After sending you my first report a year ago, I have had every opportunity to get better acquainted with all that is going on in our Dutch Theosophical Society.

I have visited thirty Lodges and six Centres during the period from October, 1927—May, 1928, and have everywhere found a very serious wish to carry on the Theosophical work in the right spirit.

With very few exceptions however most Lodges have had to face the difficulties arising from difference of opinion with regard to the so-called "allied movements". Numerous were the complaints that, especially, the L.C.C. took from them their best workers and left the Lodges with fewer resources than ever before in the way of finances as well as workers.

On the other hand however I found so much goodwill, so much sympathy and so many able and devoted members that I feel justified in expecting full and whole-hearted co-operation in the attempt at forming a nucleus of the Brotherhood of humanity which to me, now as always, seems to be the main purpose of the T. S. and the only guarantee of loyal relations between the T. S. and other movements related or unrelated to the T. S. as the case may be.

Lodges and Centres.—One Centre has become a Lodge and five new Centres have been formed, so that we have now 47 Lodges and 22 Centres.

The Federations of Lodges (Hague, Amsterdam, Gooi, Rotterdam) have been trying to create closer mutual contact and have been on the whole very active.

Membership.—We lost 282 members :

Deceased	...	...	...	20
Transferred to other Sections	...	...	...	31
Cancelled after repeated efforts to get into contact with them	...	...	...	102
Resigned for various reasons (I have been making a point of taking up each case personally)	...	...	...	129

282

New members joined ... 244

Thus on September 30th, 1928, the total number was ... 2,794

Convention.—This year we did not have the privilege of any visitors from abroad at our Convention. So we made every effort to have an attractive programme in which burning social questions, viewed from the Theosophical standpoint, occupied much of the time. The fine spirit that prevailed both days was a great inspiration to everyone.

New Headquarters.—As the plans for our new building proved inadequate in some respects, new drafts were made, this caused a very disappointing delay. However, the building has now been started and we are looking forward to moving into it next spring.

Propaganda.—We are organising propaganda so as to make it as efficient as possible, starting from those places where we have a few members and trying to form Centres.

We are making an attempt to apply new methods of propaganda of which we may be able to say more in our next Annual Report.

Library.—The Library is badly in need of more room, so that our new Headquarters will provide a very desirable extension for its activities in every respect.

Publishing House.—The Publishing House is developing most satisfactorily. The following new publications appeared between October 1st, 1927 and October 1st, 1928 :

Erfelijkheidstheorie W. L. van Vlaardingen

Brieven van de Meesters van Wijsheid

2 de Serie

C. Jinarajadasa, M.A.

Translation of *Letters from the Masters of Wisdom* (Second Series).

Aan hen die hun Dooden betreuren. 3e druk C. W. Leadbeater

Translation of *To Those Who Mourn.*

Voorlichting bij den Eeredienst in de Vrije Katholieke Kerk

E. Francis Udny, M.A.

Translation of *A Help to Worship in the Liberal Catholic Church.*

De Theosofische Orde van Dienst Max Wardall

Translation of *The Theosophical Order of Service.*

De Vrije Katholieke Kerk. Een Genezingsdienst.

Translation of *The Liberal Catholic Church, A Service of Healing.*

Bijdragen uit de Geschiedenis der Vrijmetselarij C. W. Leadbeater

Translation of *Glimpses of Masonic History*

Eerste Beginzelen der Theosofie C. Jinarajadasa, M.A.

2e verbeterde druk.

Translation of *First Principles of Theosophy* (Fourth Edition)

Order of Service.—The Order of Service has been of real Service and has been exploring new fields of activities.

Unfortunately Miss Gentis who was the Chief Brother, had to give up the work which is now in the hands of Prof. van Hinloopen Labberton.

Young Theosophists.—The Young Theosophists are active. They have now 13 local groups and have among other activities worked in co-operation with the Youth Peace Movement.

The facts above given do not express the life-side of the work. And yet the very fact that we work for the realisation of life's value, and for the better understanding of the meaning and importance of life, is the highly inspiring part which makes the function of General Secretary such a valuable one.

I am happy to say that in this attempt I have found a warm response from our members, and cordial help from our National Board and the National Council.

C. RAMONDT-HIRSCHMANN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN FRANCE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have much pleasure in forwarding a brief account of the activities of the French Section of the T.S. for the period of twelve months ending 31st October, 1928.

During this year, six new Lodges have been formed :

Maitreya, in Athens; *Socrates*, in Salonica; *Verite*, in Epinal; *Le Sentier*, in Draguignan; *Solidarité*, in Grasse; *Cochinchine*, in Saigon.

One Lodge has been dissolved: *Christ*, in Montmorency. Another has become dormant as Lodge though still reckoned as Centre: *Uparati*, in Sidi Bel Abb's. One amalgamated: *Foyer*, Paris.

Six Lodges have been transferred to the Greek Section of the T.S., bringing the total number of active Lodges to 77.

The number of new members admitted has been 417. But 498 have been crossed off as they were transferred to other Sections, died, resigned or dropped, thus leaving a net loss of 81. The total number of our active members stands therefore at 3,375.

Theosophical work has progressed normally in the French Section, though circumstances have been somewhat less favourable than in the previous years; and while the number of newly admitted members has been lower, a considerable loss has been incurred owing to the formation of the Greek National Society.

The slight commotion caused by the statements made by Krishnaji at the Ommen Congress has not up to now had serious consequences, and the links of friendship and good understanding existing between the members of our National Society are not seriously endangered. Such an harmony is priceless, and while we have been able to maintain it among individuals, we aim at making it prevail also in the work.

After the formation into National Societies of Swiss, Belgian, Roumanian and Portugese members, we adopted in 1922 the T.S. members in Greece and acted towards them as foster Section. Now they have established a National Society of their own. We have full confidence in those who are at the head of this Section, as we had the opportunity to judge of their loyalty and their ability. We do not, therefore, entertain the least doubt as to their future success.

Mlle. Cecile Bayer undertook a big lecturing tour in North Africa, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco, with exceedingly good success. These three countries, spreading as they do over a stretch of 1,200 miles in length, cannot combine into a Federation owing to transport difficulties. And yet, with their eleven Lodges and their several hundred members they are an important part of our Section. But the distance to which they stand from the international routes has, up to now, debarred them from having the visit of our President or any of our Leaders, whose presence among them they would so much appreciate.

During the period under review, the former Vice-President, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, visited on his return from Spain our Lodges of Montpellier, Toulon, Nimes, Toulouse and Marseilles; everywhere will he be vividly remembered.

On her side, Mlle. Dykgraaf gave us in Paris a much appreciated lecture, and delivered it again in Bordeaux, Toulouse, Montpellier, Nimes and Marseilles. She then proceeded to Italy and Greece, in which latter country she largely contributed to the formation of the new National Society. Other lecturers, Mr. Gaston Polak, General Secretary of the Belgian Section, Mme. A. Kamensky, General Secretary of the Russian Section outside Russia, Mme. Canudo, M. Vivian du Mas, Mr. Jean d'Yd, Mr. Tozza, have also brought to our provincial centres, their help as speakers.

The Federation of Centre has held this year its sitting in Grenoble, under the presidency of our distinguished colleague, Mr. E. Tozza.

Our National Convention took place in Paris, on the 14th, 15th and 16th April, and we were favoured with the presence of Bishop Wedgwood. Our colleague, Mlle. J. Decroix, President of the Rouen

Lodge, delivered the public lecture on the very interesting subject : Modern Metapsychics and the Teachings of the Masters.

The Presidential Election took place in April. 58% of our members in good standing sent in their votes. Of these, 1,828 were in favour of the re-election of our President, Mrs. Besant. Only three votes were against, and one voting paper not in order was cancelled. This large majority was no surprise, as our dear President is unanimously loved and revered in our country, and our members hope that she will remain President of the T.S. during many years to come, for the greatest benefit of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society in the whole world.

Our young and active co-worker, Mr. G. E. Monod Herzen was again this year the leader of the group of Young Theosophists and by his close co-operation with Professor Marcault has put on a good standing in France the Association for the Theosophical University. On the other hand, Mlle. Pascaline Mallet has conducted with much activity the work of the International Order of Service.

On behalf of the Section, I beg to send you and to the Members assembled in Convention our most loyal and affectionate greetings.

CHARLES BLECH,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ITALY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honor to submit to you my report of the activities of the Italian Section for the last year.

From 1st November, 1927 to 31st October, 1928, the members newly admitted were 79 and 88 have left the ranks (4 died, 51 resigned, 30 dropped out and 3 transferred to other Sections). The number of members from 707 at the 1st November, 1927, have been reduced to 698, of whom 625 active and 77 suspended. Of the 625 active members 572 belong to the various groups, 53 are unattached. We have actually 38 Lodges (1 Dormant) and 2 Centres in 23 different places.

The decreasing of members does not mean less interest in Theosophy, on the contrary I believe that it is fairly growing, also outside the Society, but it is caused rather by external difficulties. But after all it is not the numerical value of the Society that matters so much, as the fact that the high and pure Theosophical ideal becomes more and more widely known and of greater usefulness to the world.

For different reasons we had no lectures in public, although different ones were held in the groups, outsiders being invited.

We have had the great pleasure of a visit by Miss Dijkgraaf who took part in our Convention and spoke in many groups from Turin and Milan down to Naples, inspiring all the members with her radiant love and her big spiritual power. The Italian Section owes her deep gratitude.

The subsidiary activities continue as usual: without performing big things, many small and useful labours are being done.

There has been founded in Florence by some of our members a book-concern *Nirvana*, which has the purpose of making the

purchase of Theosophical and similar books from everywhere more easy for our members.

The want of means and the high cost of printing hinders the publishing of many good and necessary books ; however, during the last year our Publishing House " Prometeo " has been able to publish the Italian translation of Bishop Leadbeater's *The Masters and the Path*. We have also reprinted in a neat little form *The Message of an Elder Brother*, a copy of which is given to every new member, so that he may know the importance given by our Great Ones to the Society.

The review *Gnosi* continues its publication and has among its subscribers a fairly good number of non-Theosophists.

In closing this brief report, allow me to send you on behalf of the Italian members our grateful and loyal greetings, to express our joy for the recovering of your health and the fervent wish for your further well-being, so that our Society may still be guided for many years by your Will, Love and Wisdom.

COLONELLO OLIVIERO BOGGIANI,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN GERMANY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

This is the last Annual Report I shall be sending you. At our Annual Convention at Hamburg on September 2nd, Professor Dr. Johannes M. Verweyen, Professor of Philosophy and Psychology at the University at Bonn a. Rhein, was elected as General Secretary. He is very well known not only in the world of science but as a pioneer in spiritual movements. I am sure that the T. S. in Germany will greatly prosper under his able leadership.

Membership.—The statistics are as follows :

Membership on October 1st, 1927	...	801
New members	311
Transferred from other Sections	...	3
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		1,115
Left the T.S.	20
Dropped	193
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		213
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Total membership on October 1st, 1928		902
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The Centres at Allenstein and Köln have become Lodges.

Activities.—Mr. José Vigeveno has again given his most valuable help in the form of public lectures at Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden, München, Nürnberg and Weimar. The study courses, as a result of these lectures, have been held by Miss Johanna Weitz, Mr. Ernst Brener and Mr. Martin Boyken. At all these places new Lodges have been founded.

I have visited the Lodges at München, Berlin, Hamburg, Wesel, Duisburg, Dortmund, Essen, Köln, Bonn, Frankfurt-a-M.,

Darmstadt, Mannheim, Karlsruhe, Düsseldorf, Hannover, Weimar, Leipzig, Dresden.

The Lodges are doing their regular work. Wherever I have spoken I have laid stress upon the necessity to become more and more active and to come into contact with other progressive movements so as to help them *on their own line in a Theosophical attitude*. This seems to me a more useful method than to try to persuade others to accept Theosophy as such.

Ten years have passed since the end of the war. The work done during these ten years, the great help given by you, by Mr. Jinarajadasa and many others have given life and strength to our National Society. It is now firmly established. My heartiest thanks to all who, during these ten years, have helped us to overcome all difficulties.

All the members join me in sending you our heartiest congratulations that you have overcome your severe illness. May the T.S. have you still for a long time as its President!

AXEL VON FIELITZ-CONIAR,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CUBA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is with great pleasure that I have the honour of submitting to you this Report of the activities of our National Society during this year.

Headquarters have been removed to a new building, where we not only have plenty of room for our offices, but also a small hall for meetings of around 175 to 200 people, and another large hall, with capacity for about 400 persons.

Furniture.—We have made additional investments to equip our Headquarters with the required pieces of furniture.

Office Equipment.—A new mimeograph has been purchased, which is rendering us invaluable services, not only in our communications with the Lodges, but also in sending out circular letters to outsiders, and small leaflets for propaganda purposes.

Book Department.—Business done by this Department has been gradually increasing, to the benefit of both the members and the Society.

New Diplomas in Spanish.—We have also printed new Diplomas in Spanish, the language spoken in this country, instead of using the English text which is unintelligible to a great number of members.

Radio Station.—We have been having financial and technical difficulties to have our Radio Station installed, but lately we have secured the co-operation of the proper persons, and it will undoubtedly be in service shortly.

Library.—Special efforts have been made to secure complete collections of the best Theosophical Magazines, and we are glad to report that we now have, with the exception of a few numbers which we are trying to secure, a most complete collection of *The Theosophist*, richly bound.

Propaganda.—The propaganda work has been very active. In this we have been greatly helped by the co-operation of Mr. A. P. Warrington and Bishop Irving S. Cooper, who honoured us with their visit. We also had the honour of being visited by Mr. Adolfo de la Peña Gil, on his return from Adyar, and Mr. José B. Acuña, Presidential Agent for Central America.

Bishop Cooper and Mr. Acuña delivered several public lectures, and talks of Mr. Warrington and Mr. Peña Gil were mostly directed to members, being rather of the nature of Lodge talks.

In addition to several public lectures in the large Hall at our new Headquarters, a number of public lectures in large theatres were also delivered, two of which were presided over by the Governor of one of our Provinces, who, by the way, is very interested in Theosophy, as well as his brother, the President of the Senate.

Considerable space has been spontaneously devoted by the leading newspapers in our country to Theosophical teachings, and one of them is now publishing a half a page Section on Theosophy, in addition to daily and occasional articles that are being inserted in other papers.

Publishing Fund.—A special fund is being created to enable us to publish not only propaganda pamphlets, but also books, specially the latest productions of our Leaders, which, being originally written in English, sometimes take several years before being printed in Spanish.

Sectional Council.—The new Sectional Council just elected is composed of a choice selection of our most able, earnest and prominent members, and it is reasonably expected that it will largely contribute to give a good impulse to our Society. A number of them are men well known in our social and official circles, and this will undoubtedly tend to bring to our ranks people of certain

standing, which we have been lacking, and who will indeed be very helpful to the propagation of our ideals.

Latin-American Federation.—This Federation is practically organized, and the first Congress shall be held in the City of Havana, on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa, during the first part of next year.

Liberal Catholic Church.—It has been definitely organized in our country, by Bishop Cooper, who visited us twice for this purpose. This Subsidiary activity is bound to grow much in our country, to judge by temperament of its inhabitants.

Co-Masonry.—Efforts are being made to give a greater impulse to this activity, the progress of which was handicaped during its first years, owing to special circumstances.

Brahmavidya Ashrama.—During his visit to us, Brother Adolfo de la Pena Gil organised a branch, which has already done some work. A new large lantern has been recently acquired, for projections during public lectures, and a programme of intense activity is being prepared.

Other Subsidiary Activities.—The Theosophical Order of Service, the Young Theosophists and the Round Table have also been definitely organized, and are already doing active work.

New Festivities.—At the initiative of one of our members, one of our Lodges has held two special festivities, one devoted to the Devas, and intended to stimulate good-will between men and Devas, and the other as special commemoration of the Wesack Festivity.

It is intended to create in our National Society what might be called the "Unknown Theosophist Day," intended as an homage to the many thousands of humble, non-conspicuous, earnest members, who the world over are quietly and silently working for Theosophy, without their deeds and works being recorded or noticed by others and who nevertheless efficiently contribute to *Theosophize* the world. This day it is suggested to be the first of January each year.

New Lodges.—Three new Lodges have been chartered.

New Centres.—12 new Centres have also been organized.

New Members.—144 new members have been enrolled.

The details of the above are as follows :

Active Members, June 30, 1927 ... 570

Less :

Passed away ... 4

Resigned ... 3

Dropped ... 2

Transferred to other National Societies 3

Transferred to Inactive List ... 203

215

355

Enrolled, during the year ... 144

Inactive members who became active 59

Re-enrolled ... 7

210

Total Active Members, September 30 ... 565

Resumé.—Active Lodges : 31 ; Active Centres : 24 ; Active members : 565.

Building Fund.— At our last Convention, held October 14, 1928, a plan was approved for the issue of a number of debentures intended to raise the necessary funds to construct our Headquarters building, and we hope that without a short time we shall be in a position to carry out our project.

Prospects for Next Year.—We are expecting the visits of two distinguished guests : Mr. L. W. Rogers, General Secretary for the T. S. in America, and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, formerly Vice-President of the T. S.

Mr. Roger's visit is mostly intended to give a number of public lectures in English, in order to help the organization of an English-speaking Lodge in Havana, and he being a remarkable lecturer, his co-operation will be very valuable indeed.

Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit we hope will mark an epoch in the history of our National Society. It has already had a very wide publication, both by means of the newspapers and of circular letters in English and Spanish, and a great expectation has been created,

to the extent that a considerable number of letters have been received requesting to be advised of the dates of his lectures. He will be the guest of one of our wealthy members, very well connected with the official circles, including the President of the Republic, of whom he is a close friend, and this will undoubtedly afford plenty of opportunities for his exerting a beneficial influence in the destinies of our country.

It is also expected that during this new year, a great number of members will join our Society. Last year's work was rather mostly devoted to the task of putting our house in order, and to strengthen our Society; and it seems that we can now do some more active outside work, intended to bring to our ranks a good percentage of the already large number of people who know Theosophy and practise Theosophy, although not members of the Society. Amongst these are persons of all standings, and one of them is a member of our Congress, in addition to others of influence and prestige.

E. FELIX,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN HUNGARY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to submit my report which covers the period November 1st, 1927—October 31st, 1928.

The past year was one of hard struggle to overcome the difficulties caused by the denunciation of the T.S. to the Government by two expelled members. The Governmental inquiry lasted throughout the year but as the statements were proved to be false, the denunciation was put aside by the authorities concerned.

The work of the T.S. not only has not suffered owing to this attack and to the ensuing inquiry but has gone ahead splendidly with great enthusiasm owing to the loyal co-operation of the majority of members.

Statistics.—We had at the beginning of this year 14 Lodges. During the year 4 new ones were formed—Szolgák (Servers), Plato, Testvériség (Brotherhood), Adyar levelező (Adyar correspondents)—and one, that of the Young Theosophists, had to be dissolved at the request of the Government. We have now 17 Lodges.

We had at the beginning of the year 319 members. During the year 50 were admitted, 14 resigned and 3 died. We have now 352 members, showing a gain of 33 as compared with the previous year.

Membership :

Total number of members on October 31, 1927	...	319
Number of members admitted in 1927—1928	...	50
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		369
Number of members resigned	...	14
" " died	...	3
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		17
Total membership on October 31, 1928	..	352
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Lodges:

Total number of Lodges on October 31, 1927	...	14
Number of new Lodges formed	4

 18

Number of Lodges dissolved	1
		— 1

Total number of Lodges on October 31, 1928	...	17
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Regular General Meetings were held from the 1st October, 1927, till 15th May, 1928, once a week as in the previous year, but this year we adopted a fixed plan—so that, the members received a systematic sequence of lectures beginning with the basic truths and teachings of Theosophy and leading up to the Masters of Wisdom; then bringing Theosophical knowledge into the various branches of life, science and art. This plan proved very successful and it was decided to adopt it for this year also as in this way even new members can understand and follow the subject.

Propaganda Meetings were held every Sunday at Headquarters, beginning on the 1st of November, 1927, and ending on the 1st of April, 1928. These lectures were divided into two parts. The first part (November-December) consisted of a lecture course on Dr. Besant's Popular Lectures. The second part (January 1—April 1) dealt with Reincarnation. These lectures were always very well attended and brought many new members to the Society.

Kindred Movements.—*The Theosophical Order of Service* had no ceremonial meetings during the year, because it was not recognised by the Government and such meetings were not allowed on account of the denunciation made against the T.S. in Hungary. So the members of the Order of Service could only work individually on the lines of unselfish work on social grounds. It is however hoped that the Organisation will again be allowed to start proper work. The Chief Brother Mrs. Ella de Hild endeavoured to keep in touch with the members in an informal way. Special good work was done by the International Corresponding League, which has 21 members, corresponding with 43 towns of 12 different countries.

The Order of Service had 34 members when its activities were suspended last year.

The Round Table under the leadership of Mrs. E. de Almásy only held 7 ceremonial meetings during the past year. The Round Table movement is not sanctioned by the Government, so it was considered wise to suspend the ceremonial meetings on account of the denunciation mentioned above and to form a lecture class until the ceremonial meetings could safely be resumed. The Round Table has now 16 active members.

The Young Theosophists reorganised in the previous year and started with great enthusiasm, had to be dissolved on account of the denunciation at the request of the Government. Most of the Young Theosophists joined various Lodges of the T.S.

The "Arpád" Group and the affiliated Group of the International Fellowship of Arts and Crafts under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. de Takách have done much useful work in conveying Theosophical ideals also to people who are not actual members of the T.S.

Library.—The library of the T.S. in Hungary has greatly improved owing to the generosity of our members and those of foreign Sections and is now the pride of the T.S.

Publishing Activity.—A Publishing Trust was recently formed through the generosity of Mr. Nicolas Miles, a Hungarian now living in New York, lending to the Society a printing machine enabling it to manage its own printing. We now hope to be able to publish the greater part of the translations, which have been lying for many years unpublished owing to lack of funds.

Donations.—A generous donation of £ 20 was received from Mr. Perez of Egypt and £ 4 from Mr. Rogers of America for the purchase of chairs and a large bookcase for Headquarters. A donation of £ 1 from Mrs. Haegler; £ 5 from Mrs. Brown; £ 2 from an English member enabled us to increase the Library. Diagrams for lectures from the T.S. in England. £ 30 from Mr. Nicolas Miles for the publishing of books.

Finance.—The financial position of the T.S. in Hungary is unchanged since my last report. The whole Nation suffers from extreme poverty due to the terrible mutilation of the country and

naturally this situation reflects upon the Society which is unable to support itself and has to cry out for help as all Hungary does.

Visitors.—A greatly appreciated help rendered by foreign Sections is the sending of visiting lecturers. Miss Dijkgraaf's interesting public lecture in the Town Hall of Budapest brought many new members to the Society and her lectures to members were highly appreciated. The Rev. C. S. Price visited our Section at Xmas and his talks to members were very valuable. Miss Clara Codd's public lecture series in the Town Hall of Budapest, held the interest of a big audience on three successive Sundays and her lectures and talks to members were exceedingly helpful. The Rev. John Cordes was heartily welcomed on his visit at Easter rendering much help to many members.

General Secretary.—At our Annual Convention held on 15th May, 1928, I was unanimously re-elected for the next year.

On the whole, the past year can be considered a successful one. We gained in strength and perseverance by the attacks and trials—and although but a small band we are now harmoniously united—in the work of the Great Ones.

With best wishes and hearty greetings to the Convention and with the expression of our deepest love and gratitude to our revered and beloved President *we thank her for all she has done for us.*

ELISABETH DE RATHONYI,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN FINLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have herewith the honor of submitting to you the Annual Report of the activities of the Finnish Section for the period October, 1927 to October, 1928.

Statistics.—One new Lodge has been formed during the year, namely Lodge "Janakkala" on the 21st of August, and none has ceased to exist. The number of Lodges is thus 24.

The membership, 30th September, 1927 was	618
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New members admitted during the year	79
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Members resigned ...	33
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,, died ...	1
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,, transferred to other Sections ...	7
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Total actual increase during the year ...	38
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Total membership, 1st October, 1928 ...	658
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Poor Russian members released from membership-fees	30
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Total number of paying members thus ...	628
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The Annual Convention.—The Twenty-first Convention, held in Tampere, the hometown of Lodge "Valonheittäjä," at Easter time, 7—9 April, was fairly well attended. The programme contained much good music, several lectures and lively discussions. A very harmonious, brotherly spirit prevailed during the whole time. The undersigned was re-elected General Secretary for another period of 3 years.

Publishing Activity.—The following books and pamphlets have been published in Finnish:

<i>The Fire of Creation</i>	J. J. van der Leeuw
<i>The Way of Truth</i>	Bela Zichy
<i>The Kingdom of Happiness</i>	J. Krishnamurti
<i>The Theosophical Society</i>	
<i>The World-Teacher and the New Civilization</i>	Annie Besant
<i>Who Brings the Truth?</i>	J. Krishnamurti

Magazine.—*Teosofi* 10 numbers a year.

Propaganda Activity.—The national Lecturer, Miss Helmi Jaalovaara, made a lecturing tour for nearly 2 months, lecturing in many towns and the bigger villages. Mr. J. Simpanen undertook for 2 months the business of a travelling book-seller, visiting many towns and going from house to house offering his books and often when questioned explaining to people Theosophical teachings and ideas. The result was quite good. Many Lodge members have been delivering from one to several public lectures in their respective Lodges.

The New Headquarters.—Our new Headquarters building, a five storey brick building, the Foundation-Stone of which was laid by our President on the 27th August, 1927, was completed in the end of September and dedicated on the 30th September. It contains on the ground-floor several business offices, among which is the Society's book-shop, and a lecture hall with seating accommodation for 300 persons. On the 2nd and 3rd floors are located the office rooms, two Lodge meeting rooms, one library room, an E. S. room, etc. The upper floors contain private residing rooms, occupied mostly by members. One wing is adapted to a high school with 8 classes for boys and girls, leading to the University.

Our New Book Shop was opened in our new Headquarters building in the beginning of September and contains all kinds of Theosophical literature, even in foreign languages.

Visitors.—Our country was visited last autumn in November, by Mr. Rajagopal and Baron van Palland, Miss Noomi Hagge and Miss Elsa Pehrson, Mr. Rajagopal lectured in Helsinki and Turku.

Summer Resort "Merilä".—Our Section owns a summer resort for the recreation of its members in the South East part of the

country on the shore of the Finnish Bay some 30 km. from the Russian frontier in a quiet place. It contains nearly 10 acres of mostly forest land with 3 wooden 1—2 storey buildings and 28 rooms. Its sandy shore is a favourite bathing and sun-bath place, etc. Here resided during the course of summer 96 members, some simply enjoying holidays, others resting or restoring their health.

Perhaps the most prominent feature of this year's activity has been the erecting of the new Headquarters building.

JOHN SONCK,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN RUSSIA (OUTSIDE RUSSIA)

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The "R. T. S. outside Russia" sends to you its hearty and joyous greetings.

Convention.—Our year closed with our July Convention in Brussels which was very successful and happy, 42 members being present. There were delegates from Prague, London, Paris, Geneva, Berlin, Reval and even from Rumania. A Russian Lodge having just been born in Brussels (the "White Lotus"), we had a large group of local members, attending our Convention, presided over by Professor N. Erassi.

It was decided that members who have not paid their fees for 2 years—unless they have asked to be liberated from financial obligations, and have been reported as such by the Treasurer—will be removed from the lists. At the end of the first year they lose their vote; after 2 years they drop.

Reports of the work done in our different Lodges and Centres were read and discussed. Then the press-work and editorial activities were discussed and finally the question of a Russian Theosophical community was put forward and considered from many points of view. Although we have not yet the means to realise it, the idea of a Russian colony, which would be our Russian Headquarters and a Centre of many beautiful activities, remains one of our dearest dreams for the future. So it was a useful discussion.

The Convention ended with a concert with Russian music, Russian poetry and even Russian dances.

Statistics.—The "R. T. S. outside Russia" counts now 13 Lodges and over 309 members, of which 179 are active F. T. S.

With the exception of two cases, (non-voting members) the election of the P. T. S. has been carried on unanimously and we are very happy to know that it has been so almost everywhere.

During this year, 3 new Lodges have been formed; one in Harbine (Eastern Siberia, China), one in Brussels ("White Lotus") and one in Rumania ("Vasanta," Kishinew). This Lodge must be attached, as already mentioned, to the Rumanian Section, owing to political difficulties, but it has been started by our Russian members; it works in Russian and remains in close contact with us. We have lost 2 Lodges in Bulgaria, which have gone into Pralaya, owing to the dispersion of their members. Thus we have in total 13 Lodges; 9 in Europe, 3 in Asia, 1 in the U.S.A.

Many Centres are working all over the world, some of which will very likely soon become Lodges. We have correspondents everywhere.

Activity.—All Russian Lodges have done good work. Especially interesting are the reports from Tientsin, Prague, Paris and Geneva.

Tientsin.—The Russian Lodge in *Tientsin*, outside regular Theosophical Lodge work, has held many public lectures in Russian and English. The Committee of the Lodge has organised several concerts and dramatic performances, which have benefited the Lodge and attracted many outsiders. A new undertaking is a "Babies' Welfare Centre," which a group of the T. O. Service have opened. It is interesting that one of the most prominent papers in Tientsin has refused to print the advertisement, because the T. S. Centre will take babies without concern as to creed or nationality!

The *Tientsin* Lodge is also engaged in international work. (Mrs. A. Sokol is a fine lecturer and knows several languages.) Some time ago, two Chinese Buddhists came for a talk. The result was that they joined the T. S. and formed a Chinese group, which works in Chinese, but once a week they come to the Russian Lodge for help and a regular questions-answers meeting is arranged for them; a Chinese acts as translator from English into Chinese. This year, Mrs. Sokol has organised a special class for training new lecturers.

Prague.—The “Vasanta Lodge” in *Prague*, is a community (the main workers, at least) and has very regular Lodge meetings 3 times a week. Besides, there are the T. O. Service, the group of the I. A. T. W. University and the Round Table. The work under the able leadership of Miss P. Asantchevsky is going on splendidly. This Lodge has undertaken press-activity and has issued during this year 2 books: Lectures by Dr. Annie Besant, by hectographic methods, and Mr. Jinarajadasa’s *First Principles*.

The “Vasanta Lodge,” being in *Prague*, is in contact with the most prominent Russian exiles and has succeeded in organising public lectures in the People’s University.

Paris.—The Lodge “Alkonost”¹ has the most members of any Russian Lodge in Europe, under the able leadership of Mrs. E. Nelidova.² It has regular Lodge meetings for members and also weekly public lectures and talks, for the public. It has a group of the I. A. T. W. U. and also a little group of the T. O. S. The members of the Order are chiefly engaged in musical work, helping the French Order of Service in its manifold activities. The Russian Head Brother for Paris is Css. O. de Suzor.

Geneva.—The Lodge “Giordano Bruno” under Miss C. Helmboidt, has been chiefly engaged in propaganda work, holding regular meetings and talks for the public.

It is also the centre of the Russian movement, Geneva being its headquarters. In Geneva, the Magazine *Vestnik* is issued, the *Russian T. S. Bulletin* is typewritten and an extensive correspondence is carried on.

The members of the Lodge are interested in various activities, educational, social, artistic and they are working a great deal on international lines, collaborating with the Swiss T. O. S. and with different Swiss institutions.

Chief Events.—The chief events of the year have been the visits to Geneva of the P. T. S., Dr. Annie Besant, Bishop Wedgwood, Miss Dijkgraaf and Dr. and Mrs. Cousins.

¹ Name of the mythical Slavonic bird.

² Actually the President is Css. O. de Suzor.

The General Secretary has lectured in Paris (3 times), in Brussels (2), in Lausanne (3), in Neuchâtel (2), in La-Chaux-de-Fonds (1), and several times in Geneva.

Miss C. Helmboldt, Vice-President, has lectured in Paris, in Berlin and in Prague.

Editorial Activities.—The *Vestnik* continues to be issued regularly, in spite of financial difficulties.

The Lodge "Vasanta" in Prague has issued 2 books and several pamphlets. The Tientsin Lodge has issued 1 pamphlet.

Subsidiary Activities.—(a) The Order of Service is working in several Russian centres, the Chief Brother being Miss C. Helmboldt. In Prague, excellent "Round Table" work is done, under Miss P. Asantchevsky, and also healing work. In Reval, there is much work done for the protection of animals. In Paris, the O. S. works chiefly on artistic lines. In Geneva, the work has an international character. One of the Russian members (Dr. A. Kamensky) being the Head Brother of the I. O. S. Department of Peace, has done much work in the Swiss Order of Service, helping to organise a series of Conferences on different subjects (Peace, Education, Animal-Welfare, Protection of Plants, etc.), which were a success. Each time, representatives of different social and religious movements were invited to speak and the concluding speech was made by Dr. Kamensky, who gave the Theosophical point of view on the subject.

Another form of work has been the organisation of a meditation-group, formed by the representatives of 10 different international organisations, who are meditating together on World-Peace.

(b) Some Groups work for the ideals of the League of Nations and for the *Slavonic Brotherhood Culture League*.

(c) The I. W. U. A. has active Russian groups in Reval (under Prof. Yansen), in Paris (under Mr. S. Matvéjeff), in Prague (under Miss Koudriawtzeff). In Geneva, Dr. A. Kamensky leads the Swiss group attached to the Association and Russian and Swiss members work together.

The General Secretary has attended the Swiss Convention, the Theosophical Congress in Brussels, the Congress of the Order of Service and the Russian T.S. Congress of Delegates, preceded by a Russian Summer School.

Summing-up.—Summing up the activities of the year, we may say that the "R. T. S. outside Russia" has been very active and is steadily growing.

We send our love and our hearty greetings to the members assembled at the yearly meeting. Our hearts are in India with our beloved President and with our dear brethren in India.

ANNA KAMENSKY,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honor to send you the following Report from Czechoslovakia for the year ended 30th September, 1928.

Statistics.—The total membership for the year under report is 114. New members 21; left the T.S. 2, and 1 died. There are 7 Lodges. In the past year 8 new Centres were formed which have less than the required number for a Lodge. So the Section consists of 7 Lodges and 8 Centres.

Activities.—In the past year 27 public lectures were given in different towns; in addition to 45 lectures for members and 2 debates. The St. Alban Lodge in Brno was visited by Mr. J. Cordes, General Secretary of Austria, where he gave two public lectures.

A number of members, of the Arjuna Lodge, Prague, consider the spreading of Esperanto important as a means of mutual understanding between Nations, and therefore the realisation of the Brotherhood of mankind in practical life. They therefore specialised in this work. It is Mr. Cimr with his wife who, for the last seven years, has published a magazine, *Esper-Teozofia*, which is the only Theosophical paper giving Esperantists information about Theosophy.

In the Peace movement our Section distributed 450 leaflets which were sent to the most important Government authorities and organisations; although, we are glad to say, in this country President Masaryk and Dr. Ed. Benes, the Foreign Secretary, are at the head of the Peace movement of the League of Nations.

Co-operation.—We co-operate with the "CAS" Czechoslovak Teetotalers Union, the Society "Life" the Society for Intellectual Studies, to which the General Secretary twice lectured.

On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Independence of Czechoslovakia an EXHIBITION OF THE PRESENT-TIME CULTURE took place in Brno, where we had two Charts of our Section showing the aims of the T. S. and the place of Theosophy in practical life. Visitors were much interested in them.

Our Section arranged also a picnic at Mor. Ostrava, where an address was given.

We sent 2 representatives to the Congress of the European Federation, T. S., held in Brussels, on 27th to 31st July, 1928.

We send loving greetings to the Fifty-third Convention.

JOS. SKUTA,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN SOUTH AFRICA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honor to send you the following report of the South African Section of the T. S. for the year ending 1st October, 1928.

Statistics.—The total membership of the South African Section for the year under report is—524. 76 new members were admitted, and four more were received by transfer from other Sections, making a total of 80 but on the other hand 55 were lost to us by transfers, resignations and lapsed subscriptions. Still the membership slowly creeps up each year.

The Twentieth Annual Convention was held in Durban, Natal, at Easter this year, and will long be remembered by all who attended it, for its happy atmosphere, and stimulating helpfulness—due in a large measure to the tact, brotherliness, and wisdom of the retiring General Secretary, Mr. C. E. Gyde.

New Lodges.—It is with very real pleasure that we have to announce the birth of 6 new Lodges during the year. This is a record in the history of the Section, and shows the increasing interest in Theosophy in this land, and also the Life working in the Theosophical Society here. Our chain of Lodges now stretches from Cape Town, at the extreme South—to Nairobi on the Equator, and includes a Lodge at Lourenco Marques, in Portugese East Africa.

Magazine and Propaganda.—The Sectional Magazine *Theosophy in South Africa* which had not been published, owing to lack of funds, for about a year was resuscitated after Convention, by Dr. Humphrey, who was one of its first Editors many years ago. It has been issued monthly since May last, in a simple and compact form, and distributed free to all members without any charge upon the Section funds. It is a very valuable and necessary asset for a Section like this, where the Lodges are separated by

such vast distances, for disseminating Lodge and Section news, as well as news of our Leaders.

An effective little brochure *Simple Theosophy* written by a Theosophist, has been printed and published at the Author's expense, and the proceeds donated to the travelling fund of the General Secretary.

Three valuable adjuncts to Sectional work are the Theosophical *Book Depots* at Cape Town, Durban, and Johannesburg, conducted by members of the Section.

Lodge Building.—A notable achievement during the year's work, was the erection of their own building by the Pretoria Lodge, Transvaal, the first time that any Lodge in the South African Section has been able to do this. Its example, we hope, is to be followed by Durban Lodge, Natal, who have secured a valuable site in a very central position of the city.

The Pretoria Lodge is commodious, and the interior decorations are in harmony with its purpose. The Opening on February 12th last was a red letter day in the annals of the Section.

The General Secretary had planned a Lecturing Tour this year over the whole Section, even more comprehensive than the one she undertook last year, but unfortunately, owing to severe illness, it has had to be postponed.

To all F. T. S.'s.—Our cordial greetings to every member of the Theosophical Society in the world, accompany this Report.

To Dr. Annie Besant.—I am sure that I am voicing the unanimous opinion of every member in South Africa, and Central Africa, in recording our expression of delight, that once again for a new cycle of seven years you, our beloved President, have been re-elected, and that your invaluable qualities and wisdom, are continuing to guide the Society, to which, so many years of your life have been devoted.

May we make this new cycle a memorable one, as a very small tribute of gratitude to you, our beloved and revered Leader.

ANNIE MINIE GOWLAND,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN SCOTLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

On April 30th, 1928 (the close of our financial year) we had 743 active members on our roll. During the year from 1st May, 1927 to 30th April, 1928, we have gained 50 new members, while 2 have been transferred to us from other National Societies. Our losses were 27 through resignation, and 7 through death, while 55 were suspended, and 2 have been transferred away from us. Our membership shows a loss of 40 compared with that of the previous year, but this is to a large extent owing to a drastic revision of the lists, and the suspension this year of 55 as against 13 last year.

One new and very flourishing Centre has been founded at Stranraer, which, with help from the local press is opening up a district hitherto hampered by its isolated position.

Miss Bryson resigned her post as Assistant Secretary in November to take up work at Eerde, Holland, and has been succeeded by Mrs. Leebody.

We had the pleasure of hearing many visiting Lecturers from England, and in the month of September Mr. Jinarajadasa paid us a visit on his way from Iceland. The inspiration and help given by his words and presence were very deeply appreciated.

The usual Social Gatherings were held on the great "Days" of the Society.

Very useful work has been done in Glasgow and Dundee through dramatic and artistic activities, and at Headquarters the Orpheus Lodge has given two series of Lectures on Ibsen, and one on Healing Power.

The Northern District Conference was held in Perth on the 22nd of October; the subjects for discussion were (1) Our difficulties; (2) How to overcome them.

Our Annual Convention was presided over by Prof. Marcault, and he laid special stress on his delight in the harmony and unity of its atmosphere.

The Young Theosophists continue to radiate a constant supply of happy force, with excellent results to the Society.

We send loving greetings to the Fifty-third Convention.

N. A. ELLINGSEN,

General Secretary.

These valuable and interesting Theosophical Book Deposits at Cape Town, and the Theosophical Society, London, and the Theosophical Society, New York, have been the result of our financial year. We had 743 active members on our roll. During the year from 1st May, 1927 to 30th April 1928, we have gained 50 new members, while 2 have been transferred to us from other National Societies. Our losses were 27 through resignation and 7 through death, while 33 were suspended, and 2 have been transferred away from us. Our membership shows a loss of 40 compared with that of the previous year, but this is a large extent owing to a drastic revision of the lists, and the suspension this year of 30 as against 13 last year.

Our new and very flourishing Centre has been founded at Greenwich, which with help from the local press is opening up a district hitherto hitherto by its isolated position.

Miss Bryson resigned her post as Assistant Secretary in November and was replaced by Mrs. Holland, and has been succeeded by Mrs. Theosophical Society, New York, and the Theosophical Society, London.

We had the pleasure of hearing many visiting lecturers from England, and in the month of September Mr. Theosophical Society, New York, and the Theosophical Society, London, paid us a visit and also gave from London. The inspiration and help given by their words and presence were very deeply appreciated.

The annual Social Gatherings were held on the "Days of the Society" on a whole at various and other to give them a very useful work has been done in Glasgow and Dundee through dramatic and artistic activities, and at Headquarters the Orpheus Society has given two series of lectures on Ibsen, and one on Healing Power.

The Northern District Conference was held in Perth on the 2nd and 3rd October; the subjects for discussion were (1) Our difficulties; (2) How to overcome them.

T. S. IN SWITZERLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

This year it is possible to send an exact and definite report of the situation of the Swiss Section. It seems that the Section has at last overcome its difficulties. Without any official optimism we can affirm that the situation of the Section is becoming more and more satisfactory.

The number of members is steadily increasing, it has grown from 160 to 245; this is a good proportion considering that our country has about four million inhabitants; very few resignations have been registered.

This result is due first to the activity of Madame Kamensky who has been for many years an element of peace and of harmony. Thanks to her efforts the fusion between the Federation and the Section has been realised; and actually through her activity at the Geneva University, her numerous lectures and her labour for the Theosophical World-University, she is a real centre of beneficent influence.

Around her in Geneva are grouped a phalanx of workers Madame Rollier, Madmoiselle Rochat, Mr. Sassi and many others assist in this progress, though their work is not always easy. Geneva, being a first-class international centre, is, at the same time, the centre of very numerous idealistic and religious movements which the public sometimes identifies with the Theosophical movement; also the somewhat stormy past of the Society has been a drawback and there are still prejudices against us though these will disappear.

Special mention must be made of our Treasurer, Mr. Fisher. Many of the past difficulties concerned financial matters, and now under his clever and firm direction, the finances of the Section are

regulated, trust is restored, and it is possible to go forward with positive work. The friendly understanding between the General Secretary and the Treasurer is an actual and important fact.

We report specially during the preceding year the visit of our President to Geneva. She brought us the blessing of her presence.

We had the pleasure and the benefit of welcoming in Geneva our good lecturers Bishop Wedgwood, Miss Dijkgraaf, Dr. and Mrs. Cousins, Dr. de Henseler, President of the Unity Lodge (Lausanne), Mr. Meautis, General Secretary, and whose kind words and inspiring presence have given courage and devotion to every member.

After Geneva, the most important centre is Lausanne. The principal Branch is directed by Dr. de Henseler, author of a remarkable and valuable book *Reincarnation in Old India*. Dr. de Henseler has awakened the interest of many people in Theosophical ideas by his public lectures, at the Maison du Peuple. Mrs. Maugham, in Lausanne, too, has created a new Branch (Yoga). She was very active and organised a course of astrology attended by eager listeners.

The development of Theosophy in a place depends much on the abnegation and devotion of the Presidents of Branches, so, living centres can be found in other towns less important. La Chaux de fonds (Canton de Neuchatel), a small town of 40,000 inhabitants, is one of the most important centres of Switzerland, thanks to Mr. Adrien Gogler. Besides the creation of a vegetarian restaurant which prospers under the labour of Madmoiselle Rachel Monin, the Branch at La Chaux de fonds has inaugurated a special work which can serve as an example to the towns where slums still exist. It is called "L'interieur gai". In miserable lodgings, which are particularly filthy, the members of this organisation go in with fresh, nice wall-paper, they wash the windows, sweep the place, scrub the floors, cover the walls with new paper, adorn them with simple art reproductions and bring into the place a little sunshine and joy.

The activity of the French part of Switzerland is satisfying, but in the German part it is increasing by leaps and bounds. Up till now the Theosophical movement though having very living Centres was not yet represented as much as we desired. We have

had the help of two brothers, Mr. Jose Vijeveno and Mr. Breuer, and we are thankful to them. They organised public lectures and a course for beginners which were quite successful, and to them is due the Centre at Bale, where a new Branch (Vahan) has been formed with the co-operation of Madmoiselle Bauman. The same thing happened in Zurich. Also a new Branch has been created in Berne. We hope that these helpers will continue their very useful collaboration.

We must mention the Locarno Branch where Madame Kern, the Chief of the Order of Service, lives. She has given fully of her time to work for "The Moment of Silence" on the 11th November for thoughts of Peace. She has also organised the "Animal's Day" for Switzerland.

All this has been but the preparation for the important event which happened at the Congress at Brussels, an event which rejoiced the souls of all Swiss Theosophists—the organisation by Mrs. Cousins of a scheme by which the Geneva Centre will be able to function in international circles and be an important international centre, more adequately than its unaided local facilities have hitherto allowed. Geneva as the centre of very numerous international activities is a magnificent place for spreading Theosophical ideas. The Federation of Theosophical Societies in Europe has appointed the following International Committee to secure the help of special workers and financial aid for this purpose; Miss Dijkgraaf, Madame Kamensky, Madame Rollier, Mr. Gardner, Mons. Marcault, Mr. A. Selleger. Their names guarantee that the project will succeed.

We regret the length of this Report. Last year it was not possible to write one—the future of the Section was then, to quote Homer: "on the knees of the Gods"—it was very uncertain. Now we can say that the Swiss Section is on the right road.

All have worked towards this result, but more still is due to the help and sympathy of the spiritual forces governing the world.

G. MEAUTIS,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BELGIUM

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The number of our members, on the 17th of June, 1928, was 446 against 420 last year. During the year, we admitted 66 new members, but we lost 40, by resignations, revision of lists, transfer to other countries, or deaths. Two of our oldest and most devoted members, Mme. André and Sénateur Deswarte, passed over this year.

The year has been characterised, for us, by two very significant events : the transfer of the Headquarters of the Belgian T.S. to its own building, 51 Rue du Commerce, and the building by the Vrede Lodge at Ghent, of a great hall, at 34a Rue de Courtrai, one of the most important streets in Ghent.

In our last report we explained how the building in the Rue du Commerce, in Brussels, could be bought. Thanks to the help of several members, and two specially, the premises have been transformed so as to become a home, worthy of the Theosophical activities in Belgium. The artistic sub-committee of the Order of Service was in charge of the transformations. The Society has now at its disposal a good lecture-hall, a room for Lodge meetings, a library, and a cloak-room. It has bought an organ and a piano.

The erection of the Headquarters of the Vrede Lodge, at Ghent, was due to the generosity of its President, Mme. Huybrechts. The inauguration took place on the 10th of June. It was a most cordial and touching ceremony.

The Theosophical Society has welcomed a new Lodge, the Vidya Lodge, at Liège, under the chairmanship of M. Bolly. We have thus now 7 Branches in Brussels, 3 in Antwerp, 2 in Liège, 1 in Ghent, 13 in all.

The ceremony of the White Lotus Day was, this year, invested with quite a special solemnity, as it constituted the real inauguration of our new Headquarters in Brussels.

Public lectures have been given regularly every Saturday evening, to very good audiences, several lecturers came from abroad; they were, to mention in chronological order: Mr. Rajagopal (Eerde), Mrs. Bonjer-Van Eeghen (Holland), Mr. Shankar (India), Miss Dijkgraaf (Holland), Professeur Marcault (England), Rt. Rev. Dr. Wedgwood (Huizen), Mr. Grondijs and Mr. Dols (Holland), Mme. Kamensky (Geneva). Besides our regular Theosophical lecturers, we had also lectures of a more scientific and social character, as p.e. "Destruction of Matter," and "The Miracle of the Waves" (Ing. Burvenich); "Permanent Organisation of Labor" (Dr. Drechsel); "Russian and Byzantine Icons" (Mr. Grondys); "The agrarian question and Social Progress" (Dr. Wauters); "European Peace and the Balkans" (Mlle. Dr. Lamy), etc.

A course on Theosophy has been given regularly every Wednesday evening. A very useful innovation was a course of English, given by Capt. Van der Hecht.

The Bulletin Theosophique appears regularly, as a quarterly, since the first of January, its size has been enlarged, and its presentation rendered more artistic.

All the Lodges in Brussels, except one, meet at the new Headquarters. We started this year a Reincarnation campaign which met with a good success. It will be continued next year.

Our Library has many readers, and our book-selling department has made this year about 1,000 frs. profit, to the great satisfaction of our Treasurer.

The different Branches and Lodges have sent ingratiating reports.

The greatest event of 1928 was the European Congress held, in Brussels, from 27th July to 1st August, and followed immediately by the Congress of the Order of Service on the 1st and 2nd August. Our revered President having been unexpectedly prevented from coming, by severe illness, Bishop Wedgwood kindly took over the chairmanship of the Congress.

The Congress opened with a public lecture by Prof. Marcault on "La Science de la Paix". The following day, under the direction of and with the financial aid of the Order of Service, we had the first performance of "Prométhée," a dramatic poem by a well-known Belgian poet, I. Gilkin. It was a great success.

On Sunday 29, the Convention of the Belgian T.S. took place. The General Secretary gave a short history of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society in Belgium. Then, Dr. Cousins spoke of Indian Art, and this, served as introduction to his lovely exhibition of the work of Indian Artists. In the evening, Bishop Wedgwood officially opened the Congress, and gave a short address, which was followed by the Report of Miss Dijkgraaf, General Secretary of the Federation, of her long journey through Europe, as European lecturer.

On Monday we had a lecture by Bishop Wedgwood, and a question and answer meeting presided by Mr. Gardner. In the evening, most of the members went to Malines, to hear the famous chimes, played by the well-known Jef Denyn himself.

On Tuesday morning, there was a discussion on "The Place of Youth in the Theosophical Movement," by several speakers, and at noon, the President closed the Theosophical Congress.

During the afternoon, we enjoyed a nice walk in the splendid woods near Brussels, and in the evening, a very good concert, before and after the lecture of Mr. Wardall, Chief Brother for the World of the Order of Service.

Each lecture was preceded by songs, which were very much appreciated. The Congress meetings took place in the magnificent halls of the Palace of Fine Arts, a new and grand building, erected in one of the finest parts of Brussels.

It was arranged to give a translation of the lectures, in writing, to those who did not understand English, only a few hours after each lecture had been given.

We all congratulated ourselves on having been able to attend this Congress. The only shadow was the absence of our dear President.

We look forward with confidence into the future and we are convinced that the new features in our Theosophical life, as well as the meeting of the European Congress in our midst, will give a fresh impulse to Theosophical ideas in Belgium.

GASTON POLAK,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honor once more to submit to you my report which covers the period from October 1st, 1927 to October 1st, 1928. All our activities have been carried on as usual and slowly but steadily the Theosophical Movement in these islands is increasing and growing. Amidst all the widely different races and nationalities living here, the Theosophical Society, working for Universal Brotherhood and understanding is the one and only force trying to bring peace, good will and harmony amongst very much strife and mutual misunderstandings. Notwithstanding the clash of different interests, opinions, religions and characteristics, the T. S. gathers them all within its fold and, though the waves of antagonism roll high everywhere around us, within the Society all these differences can meet each other perfectly harmoniously and without strife.

Though there is much unrest nowadays, principally due to an extraordinary evolutionary advance we have experienced here within the last 25 years or so, yet this—our beautiful Archipelago—seems in some hidden way a specially blessed spot for spiritual life and evolution, enjoying a wonderful benediction from on-high which becomes visible in the outward results of our labours, very often reaching far beyond our own small capacities. In the way of visits from our leaders in the outer world enjoying less help than some other sections do, it seems that there is some force working from within and spreading all over the country, making our labour easier. Moreover in a very real way our Section is a school for the Brotherhood of races and creeds, and I feel strongly that this working together in the interest of our One Great Cause and provides a wonderful opportunity for all who join in this work. Brotherhood

becomes more than a label when there are so many chances to overcome the barriers which divide man and man, not by talking and in theory only, but by actually living up to the ideal in every day life. It seems to me that a life in this, also in other ways so wonderfully blessed country, provide an extraordinary opportunity—if taken advantage of.

An outward sign of the inner life of this Section, T. S., is the remarkably regular growth in numbers. In our last year's report there was mentioned a total amount of 2,028 members. At present with the ordinary coming and going of members the total number amounted to 2,183 on the 1st of October, 1928, *viz.*, 1,078 Europeans, 906 Javanese and 199 Chinese, making an increase for the year under report of 155, *viz.*, 60 Europeans, 82 Javanese and 13 Chinese. Perhaps there are more Chinese members of the T. S. in Java than in China itself. There are 28 Lodges in Java, 1 in Sumatra and 1 in Celebes and also 17 Centres in Java, 1 in Sumatra, 1 in Celebes and 1 in Borneo.

The Annual Convention which this time was held at Bandoeng during Easter—April 5, 6, 7, 8—has been a success and all lectures in different languages (Malay, Javanese and Dutch) had large attendances. The number of delegates from all parts of the country amounted to 250, a really good number when one takes into account the enormous distances which people very often have to travel—outside Java always by sea—in order to be able to attend Convention. The area, covered by this Archipelago is about the same as the whole of Europe without Russia. There was a fine spirit of unity and harmony during the whole Convention and a great feeling of joy prevailed. At this Convention the method of voting was slightly amended, so as to facilitate the workings. Once more, as has been the case already for several years, we have enjoyed the 50% reduction on railway fares for all T. S. members visiting the Convention.

This year we can place on record that the Djokja Lodge erected its own Lodge building, a well-situated piece of ground was purchased, the amount of money needed collected and the work begun. Judging from the plans it promises to become a nice and well equipped, well situated house for the Lodge. This is the tenth Lodge in this Section to own its own building.

Our Magazines are still doing well and it was resolved at our last Convention to increase the output of *Pewarta Theosofie* (Malay) by a hundred extra copies in order to be able to use them for free distribution and propaganda purposes; the *Theosofisch Maandblad* (Dutch) uses 50 copies for the same purpose.

As already mentioned last year the work increases rapidly, mainly in the direction of the allied movements. The Young Theosophists Movement is growing steadily and has now branches in every one of the more important Lodges. It has its own Magazine, managed and edited by their own members, which magazine after some very difficult times seems to do better now; it provides a useful means for experiment and for mutual communication. The Young Theosophists had a most successful Camp—the first one in this country—in the Bandoeng Hill station, Lembang, the grounds of the Gunung Sari Training College for Teachers (owned by the Theosophical World University Association in D.E.I.) being borrowed for the purpose. They had a splendid time during the whole week that the Camp lasted.

In ending this report with loyal and affectionate greetings from the members of all nationalities living in this Dutch East Indian Section, we also send you—our revered leader—our heartiest congratulations on your re-election as President of this our beloved Society; may the Great Ones bless your work and thereby the Society which is one of Their instruments in the world.

J. KRUISHEER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BURMA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

For the third time I have the pleasure and honour of submitting to you the Annual Report of the Theosophical Society in Burma, this time it being for the year ending 30th September, 1928.

The year commenced with 235 members on the rolls. Sixty-three new members (including 53 Bhikkhus) joined during the year. Three died and one was transferred to another Section. There were 293 active members on the registers as on 30th September, 1928, of whom about 80 are Bhikkhus.

Among the three who passed away was Ko Hla Sein whose useful life was cut short by disease. He had given great promise of work for the Masters if his physical body had been spared longer. Perhaps he was considered more useful for the Master's work on the other side, like our Bro. U San U who died some thirteen years ago.

No new Lodge was formed and none ceased to exist. Rangoon, Mandalay, Maymyo and Pyinmana Lodges have maintained their activity. At the end of the year the number of Lodges remained the same as last year.

Our Sixteenth Annual Convention was held at Rangoon on the 17th and 18th November, 1927. The Anniversary of the Theosophical Society was celebrated at the same time. Mr. J. C. Billimoria spoke on "A Short History of the Theosophical Society" and "The New Civilisation". Mr. N. A. Naganathan delivered a public address on "The World-Teacher". These three public lectures were well attended and met with appreciation.

A good number of Burma members were able to attend the Annual Convention at Adyar and one of the pleasant functions

during the week was a gathering at the Buddhist Shrine led by Buddhist monks. An appeal was made for the costs of the construction of the shrine which was responded to by our brothers of the Section, Buddhist and non-Buddhist, but largely by Buddhist friends who were not members of the Society.

Mr. E. E. Power came to Rangoon in June, 1928. He is a well known American Buddhist and the author of a book called *The Path of Elders*. Under the auspices of the Olcott Lodge in Rangoon, he delivered a series of four lectures on (1) "How and Why I Became a Buddhist," (2) "Buddhism, the Wisdom Religion," (3) "Northern and Southern Buddhism," and (4) "Is Christianity a sect of Buddhism?" The addresses drew particularly big audience and met with intelligent appreciation and we are thankful to him for the services rendered to the Lodge. Another lecture which created great interest among the Indian citizens particularly was delivered by Tilakvijayaji Mahraj, the High Priest of Jains on "Manava Dharma" (Religion of Humanity). An English Lama, Bhikkhu Prajananda, B.A., spoke on "The World To-day" from the same platform.

The President's Birthday, the Adyar Day and the White Lotus Day were celebrated in the usual befitting manner by all the Lodges in Burma. Devotional meetings were held and collections made for charitable purposes.

The prayers of fellowship of faiths are recited every Sunday morning at Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, and at all celebrations of any importance and at the Lodges outside Rangoon and inspire the audiences whether they are members of the Theosophical Society or not.

The Sectional Magazine was re-organised and an attractive design for the cover was used under the new title *Towards Burma's Glory*. Unfortunately the new venture did not survive beyond the first number for want of funds.

The importance of linking Theosophy to Buddhism by means of propaganda work in Burmese has been repeatedly pointed out by our revered leaders, including the President herself and their advice has not escaped the attention of the Section; but the stringency of the Section finance which has hindered us from the

publication of the Sectional Magazine has crippled our efforts in this direction equally. The limited resources of the members by no means numerous are heavily taxed by the almost stupendous task of keeping a quarter of a century old educational institution like the B. E. T. Schools going. However efforts and still more efforts will be continued to help this propaganda work in the immediate future. This year 10,000 leaflets in Burmese relating to the Star propaganda were printed with the help of a donation and distributed freely and advantageously.

Mrs. F. J. Billimoria, as Superintendent, and Mr. K. Rajgopalachary, an old pupil of the B. E. T. Schools as Head Master, with the help of other members of the Society who have joined the staff will, it is confidently hoped, restore the schools to their former high standard of efficiency and further more inspire the whole institution with Theosophical ideal for which it exists.

An interesting feature this year has been to have Burmese taught in the school and the admission of a few Burmese Buddhist boys on the rolls. It is earnestly hoped that Burmese Buddhist boys will be daily more attracted towards the school.

As regards the general policy I am trying to spread Theosophy amongst the Burma Buddhists in various ways, particularly by linking Theosophy to Buddhism by means of the propaganda work in Burmese, by removing their deep-rooted prejudices against Theosophy and by reviving Buddhism in Burma. In the last moment I have received very valuable and timely co-operation from Mr. E. E. Power, an unattached member of Adyar Headquarters, since his arrival here in June last. With this end in view, at a large meeting held on the Shwedagon Pagoda a Committee was formed for preliminary work and 1,500 leaflets for propaganda are being printed. The Committee is intended to arrange for another public meeting to found a Society for the purpose of reviving Buddhism in Burma. It is hoped these activities will bear fruit and Theosophy will find an abiding place in the hearts of our Burmese Buddhist fellow citizens. The ambition of the Committee now formed is to pave the way also for the holding of a Buddhist World Conference some time in 1929-30. The idea was suggested by a certain number of Buddhists

in 1927 and has the blessings and support of our ideal Buddhist, and elder, Bro. C. Jinarajadasa.

With our deep love and gratitude to our revered President of the Society and with our warm greetings to our brethren at the Convention of 1928.

SAW HLA PRU,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN AUSTRIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Statistics.—As I am fortunate enough to be again the General Secretary for another term of three years, I have the great privilege of reporting to you for the eleventh time on another year's work. Last year's report closed with a note of confident hope that this year's figures would outstrip all former returns in consequence of your visit to Vienna in September, 1927, but possibly the effects of the economical depression under which our country is suffering was underrated by me, because, as a matter of fact, only 79 new members joined in spite of the hundreds who handed in their names as being interested after your two big lectures, so that we have 520 active members on our lists to-date (totalling 1,319 since beginning, 1912). These 520 are distributed among 12 Lodges (against 10 of last year); one of the two new Lodges stands to the credit of Mr. Jessold who formed the "Lotus Lodge," and Mrs. Lorry Stephani formed the "Pax Lodge". Mentioning that momentous word "Peace," reminds me of the efforts our best members are always making to support that part of your Great Work which is making for World Peace! Three new Centres are studying so eagerly that we may expect them to apply for Lodge-charters very soon.

Activities.—I also believe that the financial and political crisis through which both Hungary and Austria are passing increased the inner difficulties under which our Sections were labouring at the beginning of the year and which led to inner upheavals specially in the Executives of these two Sections, the seats of both of which are situated on the banks of the Danube. But the influences left by your visit and the visits of prominent Indians and other leaders sufficed to overcome our difficulties. Foremost among the helpers

from abroad was our now "departed" Brother J. R. Aria of Adyar; the next visitor was Sir Jaggadish Chandra Bose and Lady Bose of Calcutta; then came Professor Sanjiva Rao and Shrimati Padma-bhai, Miss Kitty Verstaendig and others from Benares; Miss Codd (London) and last and not least Miss Dijkgraaf (Amsterdam) also lectured to us. However powerful a factor for help their labours among us proved to be, the financial assistance generously vouchsafed us through the kindness of Mr. Schwarz had much greater visible effects, and some of which will be much longer in evidence, because with the means graciously put at our disposal for propaganda purposes we could print an introductory leaflet from the able pen of Mrs. Stephani, and purchase, at long last, the important works of our leaders, and even acquire the necessary book-shelves. Personally I am especially proud of seeing, for instance, *Die Chakras*, *The Fire of Creation*, *Gods in Exile*, *The Brotherhood of Angels and of Men* and other wisdom-treasures granted us these days, all in German garb, because of the fact that our Viennese groups of translators are chiefly responsible for the admirable style well set off by the artistic finish which is a mark of all the publications issued from Herr Ernst Pieper's Ring Verlag, in Düsseldorf.

We also could take up public lecture work again, and hire a fine little hall, where every Saturday for almost half a year, sometimes more than a hundred people listened to one or the other of our best lecturers.

As for myself, I had the good fortune to be asked to lecture in Jugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Roumania, thus forging still closer the bonds of Brotherhood which already unite us with these neighbouring Sections. And as we are also altering our Rules in conformity with the German Regulations, and as Prof. Dr. Johannes Verweyen, of Bonn University fame, the newly elected German General Secretary, who joined the Theosophical Society first in Vienna, promised to come and lecture to us this year yet, we feel confident that the co-operation between our German speaking twin-Sections will grow apace.

In conclusion kindly permit me on behalf of all our members to heartily congratulate you and our beloved Society on your fourth

re-election for a term of another seven years, and we sincerely pray that our new Vice-President, Mr. A. P. Warrington, may be imbued with strength and Wisdom, so that he may emulate the splendid example set him by his illustrious predecessor Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, and thus assist you and our movement to be of ever greater Service to Him who governs the World and at Whose Feet we bow in adoration.

JOHN CORDES,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN NORWAY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

First of all I must apologize for the belated Report of the T. S. work in Norway for 1928. However, conditions have been rather unusual this year, no less than 3 persons at periods having been in charge of the work. This of course has hampered the natural flow of force through the Society. The Convention this year was postponed till the first days of October due to various circumstances, and the planning and preparation for the coming year's activities has till now taken all the spare time of the new-elected General Secretary.

On account of ill-health our General Secretary was compelled to partly withdraw from her office early in summer, giving over the management of most of the national work to the Vice-General Secretary, Mr. Julius Michelsen, while still keeping up the contact with Headquarters in Adyar and with the other National Societies.

In spite of her declining health Mrs. Sparre has visited most of the Lodges, of which several are rather far-distanced from Oslo, lecturing publicly at some places. During the Easter week the Lodges on the Western coast had their Easter Gathering. This event is growing into a yearly institution, which promises good for the future. Distances are so long and travelling so expensive that many members find it difficult to come to Conventions in Oslo, and a gathering like the named thus can be a substitution for this, at the same time taking advantage of the great spiritual outflow during Easter week.

Mrs. Sparre was prevented from partaking in the Easter Gathering this year, and the chief burden of work thus was placed on Dr. Heber's shoulders. The meetings were very successful.

The great event of the year is the removal of Headquarters to new rooms. We have had the good luck of securing a nice 4 room flat in the heart of the city. It is a wonderful relief to "live" decently again after a sojourn of too many years in an ill suited place. We all hope that the changed conditions in this respect will mean a stimulus to the whole Society.

At Convention Mrs. Sparre finally found it necessary to resign from office. After having served the T. S. faithfully, loyally and strongly for 9 years as our leader, she now wished for a period of rest. Like no other Theosophist in Norway she is loved and respected, and during her 3 terms of office she has succeeded in bringing forth sterling qualities like enthusiasm, strength and true loyalty in the Norwegian members. We all sincerely hope that the long needed rest she is now enjoying will soon bring her back to active work.

The responsibility of the General Secretary's office has now been laid on my shoulders. I must confess that I do not feel quite "grown up" for it, but I will try to fill in as best I can.

Enclosed please find a programme for our public activities as arranged for Oslo this winter. Success or failure—that is a little chapter of next year's Report.

On behalf of the Norwegian Section I take the liberty of conveying our reverent greetings and warmest wishes. We are all happy beyond expression that our loved President recovered from the serious illness, and we hope with a full heart that her venerable physical presence will be among us still for many years.

ERLING HAVREVOLD,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN EGYPT

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T. S. IN DENMARK

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have great pleasure in handing you the Annual Report of the work of the Danish National Society, covering the period October, 1927—October, 1928.

Statistics are as follows :

New Lodges formed ...	...	...	3
Lodges dissolved ..	...	...
Active Lodges ...	...	...	15
New members admitted ...	...	...	63
Members resigned, dropped out or dead ...	...	...	148
Total number of active members ...	...	...	529

The 3 new Lodges were formed in Jutland, in towns where 2 Centres had existed for some time. In Aarhus, the chief town of Jutland, there are some younger Theosophical lecturers who have done a good deal of work in promoting the formation of the new Lodges. Our dear President's visit to Denmark in 1927 was also a very great stimulus.

The majority of the new members belongs to the new Lodges in Jutland. During the year we have had our lists of members severely revised, and the result was rather startling—148 members resigned, dropped out or dead—it does not mean that there has been a "flight" from our Society, it only means that a dead-weight has been discarded.

The year has been a quiet one. Good work has been done in the Lodges, chiefly by the Presidents, but no stirring events or specially attractive lectures have called attention to the existence of our Society. Many of our most active members have devoted their powers and work chiefly to the Order of the Star, the Liberal Catholic Church and Co-Masonry. I do not regret this,

because I know that all good work is the work of the Masters, but I mention it in order to show one of the reasons of the rather dormant position of our National Society with regard to public work.

Our Sectional Paper, *Theosophia*, appeared from August, 1928, in a new and enlarged shape. But it is only for a year, as the carrying through of the alteration makes claims on the members for financial support. As previously, a circle of members has published another periodical called *Tidskrift for Teosofi*.

Hoping that my next report will contain better news of the Danish Theosophists' work I conclude by sending you, on behalf of the Society and on behalf of myself, our most loyal and affectionate greetings.

CHR. SVENDSEN,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN IRELAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

On the occasion of forwarding my Annual Report of the Theosophical Society in Ireland, I wish to thank you, on behalf of our members, for your great kindness in accepting the leadership of our Society for another term and to express our joy on hearing that your health is better.

Although the general interest in Theosophy remains deplorable in Ireland, there have been several indications of more activity during the past year.

In Belfast, the Lodges have moved into new and very attractive premises, provided by the practical devotion of three members, who bought a house (christened "Vasanta House") in which our Lodges, the Liberal Catholic Church and Co-Masonry, all find very suitable accommodation.

New premises have been discussed for the Dublin Lodges but it has been left to the Co-Masons to take an attractive house outside Dublin, which, it is hoped, will serve as Headquarters for that activity in Ireland.

In Londonderry, after years of quiet, patient work, the little group of members there have decided that the time is ripe for a wider appeal and they have taken two very attractive rooms in the centre of the city.

Probably our most successful Annual General Convention was held in Belfast, for a change, in February, when Mrs. M. Sharpe very kindly presided and the occasion served as a very pleasant "house-warming" for the new premises.

The experiment has been tried in Dublin and Belfast of having fewer public lectures but although study groups and the kindred

activities more than filled the time thus made available, the net result, so far as the spreading of Theosophy and Brotherhood is concerned, remains in doubt.

We have been greatly helped by a number of distinguished visitors during the past year. Mrs. Sharpe and Mrs. Yates have visited us on several occasions—primarily in connection with Co-Masonry but always ready to help the Parent Society.

We have also had welcome visits from Bishop Pigott, Major Galloway, Mrs. James Scott, Dr. Cousins and Prof. James Scott.

Efforts have also been made to establish closer relationships with the Deva Kingdom by visits to Irish sacred centres, in which we had the very welcome help and guidance of Bishop Wedgwood and Mrs. M. Jackson—both on their first visit to our country.

Last year I stated that “the epoch-making events in the Theosophical world, during the past year, have had very little outward effect in this country”. Whilst unable to point to very definite proofs, that statement would not be equally true this year.

Vaguely but definitely, I think the influence of the Presence of the World-Teacher in the outer world is making an impression and Ireland is stirring in her sleep of centuries.

Unfortunately, my remark last year that “the general well-being of the country has been worse than ever” must be again repeated.

The general standard of well-being is being rapidly scaled downwards; emigration during the past five years has been unparalleled since the years immediately succeeding the Famine; unemployment has increased; tillage has decreased.

These disastrous facts are, in my opinion, due to our antiquated and reactionary financial system, which exercises its baneful influence the world over but is particularly vicious in an agricultural country such as ours, still ruthlessly exploited—through the control of its national credit by the Bank of England—to serve interests other than those of the people of Ireland.

Unfortunately, one of the inevitable results of our present ineffective methods of exchanging our goods and services is to drive individuals and nations automatically to aggression, as the alternative to starvation (entirely avoidable).

Unless this pernicious system is therefore radically and promptly altered, world peace will—in my opinion—be gravely menaced; the priceless opportunities offered by the Presence of the World-Teacher frustrated, and the efforts of our Society to promote Brotherhood will be largely nullified.

We continue to publish our magazine *Theosophy in Ireland* and it has been improved during the year.

T. KENNEDY,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN MEXICO

T. S. IN CANADA

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T. S. IN ARGENTINA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The situation of the T. S. in Argentina is, this year, in better conditions than in the preceding year; it has improved the number of its members, its organization and its economical situation. The internal incidents have diminished and we have passed a laborious period and in general the results are very satisfactory. We may foretell that this progress will continue in the future.

The Sectional Council held 13 meetings at the hour previously appointed and nearly all plenary. There have not been parties or disagreements. No members of the Council have resigned during the two years that I have been General Secretary.

All the collateral initiatives of the T. S. have always been welcomed by the Sectional Council, and in our official organ, *Teosofia en el Plata*, there has always been a full page devoted to these questions.

The most important works realized this year are :

(a) Our Statutes have been completely reformed and approved by all the Presidents of the Branches and Groups less one—that President informed us afterwards that his votes have been missed in the Post Office. We are arranging now to get them approved by the Government.

(b) We have re-formed the Annual Reports in the form you can observe for yourself, and this can be still bettered.

(c) These have been properly filed and brought up to date, the applications of membership and General Memberships Register.

(d) We have received and answered more than 1,200 letters and hundreds of circulars.

(e) We opened a subscription Pro-Happy Valley that produced \$777.00. That amount was sent to Ojai to Dr. Besant.

(f) Took place the election for President of the T.S. with the following result: for Mrs. Besant 340 votes, for Jinarajadasa 5, blank 3; of the members of the Section voted 90%.

(g) The election of General Secretary for the period 1928-30 took place in the way established in the new laws approved during the Ninth Annual Convention; that law proved to give splendid results. The nominal votes gave the following results: Dr. Carlos Adolfo Stoppel 274 votes, Charles E. Wells 79, and Oscar Gossweiler 31. Consequently Carlos A. Stoppel will be General Secretary for the next period. 81% of our members voted.

(h) An important international event took place: it was the journey of our General Secretary to Chile during the month of March, 1928; it was very profitable for both Sections and it has made stronger our understanding with the Brotherhood of Chile. Reports have been published to the number of 62 of *Teosofia en el Plata* and in various numbers of the official organ of Chile.

Membership Movement.—The Section has lost during the year 24 members and during the same period 90 new members entered and some old ones re-entered. To-day the Section has 469 members. There are two new Lodges. The Lodge Alcyone of Oruro (Bolivia), and the Lodge Evolution of Lima (Peru), and three new Groups: Jinarajadasa, of Monte Sociedad, Villa Hayes (Chaco Paraguayo), Hogar Teosofico, of San Juan and Hogar Teosofico of Caucete (San Juan); these two last ones in Argentina. Membership is increasing in the Branches of Peru and Bolivia; the same in the provinces of Argentine. During the last two years membership is diminishing in the city of Buenos Aires. In Paraguay the situation is more or less the same. During the year several brothers have passed over; among them: brother Agustin Debeuz, Secretary of the Fraternidad Branch of Paraguay, and Dr. Molano, one of the oldest members of our Section, although retired during the last few years.

Official Organ.—We have put special care into our official organ; we have increased its pages and illustrations and we have given preference to the original work of the members of the Section, wishing to stimulate investigation and study. We have tried in the best possible way to give quick and exact information despite

the disadvantages of our geographical situation. To-day *Teosofia en el Plata* has subscriptions and advertisements which afford us a better economical development. *Teosofia en el Plata* published a description of the Happy Valley with photos; that was a local success; from France they have asked for the blocks which we at once sent.

All the Presidents of Branches and Groups co-operated with the General Secretary unconditionally.

We are anxiously awaiting for the visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa, and, admitting that the ambient air is not very propitious of receiving a messenger of peace and love, we trust that we may obtain good results of his visit. The Section has sufficient funds to pay the expenses of the journey and visit.

We did our very best, and we may point out that in this year we made four records, namely: the highest number of members, of new members, the lowest number of members lost and the largest amount of money in cash.

There are many other things to do. But we all trust in the new General Secretary, a man of social position, enthusiastic, young and intelligent; most decidedly he and the new Council will do better than we did.

ARTURO MONTESANO DELCHI,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CHILE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Once more I discharge the pleasant duty of outlining the activities of the Theosophical Society in Chile for the period 1st September, 1927 to 31st August, 1928.

Once more we offer the sentiments of loyalty and admiration which the members cherish for you, the Great President of the Theosophical Society, which have been expressed by the unanimity with which they gave their votes for your re-election, and by the homage which we all have rendered you, and also to Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater on the occasion of the glorious 80th Anniversary.

Lodges.—My previous report announced the existence of 16 active Lodges. During this year the following Charters have been issued :

7th October—Logia "Matias Yurascek," Puerto Montt ;
10th November, 1927—Logia "H. P. Blavatsky," Santiago ; 30th
December, 1927—Logia "Ernesto Wood," San Fernando ; 14th
January, 1928—Logia "Alcione," Curanilahue, making a total of 5,
which increases the total of our active Lodges to 21.

Members.—On the same date last year the number of our members was

...	261
New members	74

335

Reincorporated or transferred from other Lodges	4
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339

Erased from roll for divers reasons	...	52
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Leaving a total of	287
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available members, that is to say, an increase of 26 over last year.

During this period two new Centres have been opened, in Tocopilla and Antofagasta; and steps have been taken for the formation of new Centres in upwards of ten different cities.

Revista Teosofica Chilena.—Our Sectional Organ has continued to appear regularly each month. The magazine devoted one of its issues to the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the President and Brother Leadbeater, and the other to the Argentine Brethren, on the occasion of the very welcome visit to Chile of Brother A. Montessano.

Book-Store.—The sale of books has been continued regularly, and has increased.

International Approachment.—The Section as a body, and especially its officials have attached fundamental importance to International Approachment. A special invitation was extended to the General Secretary of the Argentine Section, Brother Arturo Montessano Delchi, who visited all the Centres and South of our country, leaving everywhere the most pleasant remembrances, and having seen how warm is the feeling of international brotherhood and the wish to increase it, which is cherished in this country, especially among Theosophists. Correspondence has been maintained with all the Sections in the world, especially the Spanish speaking countries of South America. The reopening of relations with Peru our brother country to the North, has filled our hearts with joy.

Latin American Theosophical Federation.—Our Section has lent its most enthusiastic co-operation to this important scheme of our Cuban Brethren.

International Peace.—The International Peace Movement appeals in the warmest manner to us, and we are doing our utmost to contribute to its realization,

Activities.—Our Section has endeavoured to bring about an exchange of lecturers and visits among the Lodges. Besides, several brethren have displayed much activity in their endeavours to open new Centres in cities where these are needed for the propagation of the healthy Theosophical Ideals. All this was the result of the successful Annual Convention held in Talca, where an intense spirit of activity and brotherhood was felt, and which

served to demonstrate the strength which our small nucleus was capable of putting forth.

The members of our Society continue to show their personal interest in movements of a social character, to the furtherance of which they try to help in a true spirit of self-denial: they are engaged in Educational movements, in the Boy Scout Brigade and Naturist propaganda, forming courses for the development of Character, and in many other organisations to which they lend their co-operation.

We foresee that the activities in favour of Womanhood are likely to attract the attention of our members.

In the period under consideration progress attained has been more of quality than quantity, as *all* our most active and efficient members have this year had to suffer from the drawbacks inherent to the process of construction which is in progress in our country, and which will doubtless be marked in its history as one of the most interesting of epochs. The fire of the Ideal is alive in the hearts of all our most sincere members, and we are all endeavouring to enhance the importance of the paramount aspect of Brotherhood, our sole obligation.

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.—Up to the present we have not seen the fulfilment of our wishes to receive his visit, but which we still hope for before the end of the year. This will prove an inestimable help in the task of propagating the Ideals of the Ancient Wisdom, and in stimulating deeper love among men, these being the great objects which this Section desires to attain.

ARMANDO HAMEL,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BRAZIL

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Complying with the exigence of article 24, letter "J" of our RULES AND REGULATIONS, I have the honour of presenting to you the Report covering the work performed by our Section, during the period of 1927-28, 53rd year of the Mother Society and 9th year of the Brazilian Section.

The various occurrences connected with the demission of our lamented brother the late Ex-National President, the activities resulting from the election of his successor, combined with my lack of practice, were chiefly responsible for my having been unable to send last year's report in time to permit the incorporation of same in the GENERAL REPORT.

Commencing the exposition of the various occurrences which have taken place in our National Society, I would specially refer to three which deserve particular mention.

In the first place, the passing away of our lamented Ex-General Secretary, General Raymundo Pinto Seidl, which occurred on the 20th July last, after long suffering borne with all the resignation of a good Theosophist. His absence from the physical plane has been very greatly felt in view of the high spiritual and moral qualities that characterised him, and which he always devoted to the service of the Master. If Karma has stopped his activities on this plane, surely it compensated him with greater possibilities, thus enabling him on other planes to help in the propagation of our ideals, which has been his constant aim during the greater part of his life in his last incarnation.

The second great outstanding fact I would refer to very specially, is the so anxiously expected visit of our Elder Brother C. Jinarajadasa, due to arrive here on the 20th October. His sojourn

among us will be one month and two days, after which Mr. Jinarajadasa will leave for Uruguay in continuation of his lectures in other South American countries. It is hoped that his visit will serve to intensify our work of propaganda and bring together all interested persons in sympathies with the Theosophical movement, thus ever strengthening our National Society.

In the third place I beg to mention the visit to Ommen as representative of the Order of the Star, of our Brother Aleixo A. de Souza, on the occasion of the last Congress; he brought us from Holland the greatly comforting news for all South Americans, of the possibility of the organisation of a new Camp of the Order for South America, with probable Headquarters in our country, and the promise of our receiving annually the visit of our much beloved Master Krishnamurti, who will bring us the gospel words of the World Teacher. These two promises will greatly intensify our energies in the service of the Masters of Wisdom.

Executive Committee.—I took charge of the General Secretaryship in the Section on November 17th last, and from that date onwards I have done this duty with the assistance of all the Lodges of the Section, endeavouring to serve our cause with dedication.

Jointly with my election for the office of General Secretary, and the demission of the brothers occupying the posts of 1st Treasurer and Administrator on the Executive Committee, there were elected by the Council in their session of the 26th December, 1927, the following brethren: Ivan Galvão, *Vice-President*; Carlos de Souza Duarte, *1st Treasurer*; and José Rodrigues de Souza, *Administrator*, thus completing the Administration of our Section.

Confederation of the American National Sections.—In the meeting of the Council of the 26th April last, there was approved the indication that the Brazilian Section should be represented in the Havana Congress, convoked specially to treat of the creation of the Confederation of the National Societies of the Continent, on the initiative of the Cuban Section. The Directing Council of the S. B. in Brazil resolved to applaud the geographical criterion of Pan-Americanism, for this projected organisation. As it was not

possible, at the time of this Conference for our own delegates to take part in it, there was approved the choice of brother J. Catanhedda, of the Cuban Section, to represent the Brazilian Section at the meeting.

Statistics.

New Lodges founded	...	...	...	1
Lodges dissolved	...	...	...	3
Active Lodges	...	...	...	23
New members	...	...	...	114
Members resigned or dead	...	...	...	56
Total membership	...	...	...	525

Library.—The Library of the Brazilian Section possesses at present 797 books in various languages, and the Library has been opened to the public on the 1st July last. The former bibliothecarian, Sister Celeste Silveira, having resigned, Sister Blanche Guety, of the Van Hook Lodge, has taken office and carries out her duties with great zeal and efficiency.

Propaganda.—Propaganda is carried on from the public platform, through the Press and in the form of literature; many are the members of the T. S. who are doing good work in this respect.

Propaganda by Means of Literature.—This kind of propaganda is carried on by the publishing and sale of Theosophical books written in Spanish and Portuguese, the sale of which by far exceeded the figure attained in former years, and by the free distribution on behalf of the National Society, of leaflets, which is being done besides the publication of the Official Society Paper, viz., *The Theosophist*. Among the leaflets I beg to mention "The Theosophical Society, its Object and Use" containing a complete abridgment of the Theosophical Doctrine, as well as all necessary information pertaining to the Society. "The Power of Thought and its Use," an admirable abridgment and well composed by our beloved President, Dr. Annie Besant; "The Laws of Karma and Reincarnation," a leaflet treating of these two laws, and profusely distributed by the Legion of Karma and Reincarnation, which is composed of various members of the Rio de Janeiro Lodges; yet other leaflets have been distributed by other Lodges in the States of Brazil.

Our brother Dr. Luiz de Moraes Corrêa, President of the "Unidade Lodge," has published three splendid essays on Theosophical questions, under the following titles: "A New Conception of the World and Man"; "Crime and Capital Punishment seen in the Light of a New Doctrine"; "The Social Question seen through a New Prism"; "The Problem of Education from a New Point of View"; and finally "Psychology, a Science of the Soul". These essays which embody all Theosophical ideals pertaining to the chosen subject, have been eagerly sought after by the public in general.

Propaganda through the Press.—The Press in general has admitted in its columns our propaganda, and some of the newspapers maintain special sections for religious matters, in which invariably Theosophical questions are ventilated and exposed. A great number of T. S. members are collaborating by thus publishing our ideals. Besides the lamented Ex-General Secretary, General Raymundo Pinto Seidl, who was ever an indefatigable worker, many others have followed his example by maintaining a constant divulgation of our doctrine.

There exists here in Rio a great admirer of Theosophy, who, without being a member of the T. S. writes under the pseudonym of "Marcos Felicios" daily a series of Theosophical articles in the *Diario Carioca*, one of the Rio de Janeiro Dailies; these articles are very well accepted by the public and constitute therefore a valuable channel of propaganda.

Ivan Galvão, Stella Cruz, A. A. Rodrigues Quintans, Paulino Diamico, Eugenio Nicoll, Henrique de Macedo, Joaquim Gervasio de Figueiredo, Caio de Lemos, Luiz de Moraes Corrêa, Deolinda Fernandes, Nada Glover, Domingos Margarinos, and many other continue the propaganda of Theosophy through the Press.

Propaganda on the Public Platform.—The "Cruzada Espiritualista," an institution of propaganda of spiritual questions based on spiritualism, held a series of public lectures on the following religions: Judaism, Buddhism, Muhammadanism, Spiritualism, Positivism, finishing with Theosophy. The President of the Institution, Dr. Gustavo de Macedo, invited for these lectures the representatives of each religion, who exposed their respective doctrines. The

lectures were accompanied by appropriate music. The exposition of Theosophy was naturally given by the National Secretary, who spoke at two consecutive meetings, explaining in the course of the first lecture the Theosophical doctrine, and lecturing during the second meeting on the comparative study of the various religions looked at in the light of Theosophy. This work performed by the Cruzada Espiritualista caused a profound impression among the religious circles of Rio de Janeiro, and the lectures were attended by over 800 persons.

Construction of Headquarters.—We have not commenced the building of our own Headquarters as yet in view of the fact that the sum required has not been covered yet. Until the 30th September current year the total amount of donations was Rs. 32,011 and 180, which sum is placed at advantageous interest in one of the most reliable Banking Institutions here until the construction work will commence.

In the present Headquarters there meet, besides the Lodges "Pythagoras," "Orpheu," "Perseveranca," and "Van Hook," the Co-Masonic Order and the Legion of Karma and Reincarnation.

Theosophical Magazines.—The *Theosophist*, our Official Magazine, is somewhat behind in the publication, this being due to various matters of a material order; we shall, however, endeavour during the course of next year to bring the publications absolutely up to date.

The Magazine *Lucifer*, edited by brother A. A. Rodrigues Quintans, changed its name to *Sirius* and continues its efficient propaganda of our ideals.

The Magazine *Isis*, published in São Paulo at the expense of a group of devoted members, publishes its numbers regularly.

General Council.—All Lodges of the National Section have their representatives in the Council, with the exception of the Lodges "Pax," "Leadbeater and Annie Besant," of Pelotas, as well as the Lodge "Lotus Branco" of Cachoeira, which have not filled their vacancies as yet. The other Lodges appointed the following representatives: "Jesus de Nazareth"—Manoel Bandeira de Lima; "Annie Besant" of Pará—Da. Ida Escobar; "Maytréa"—Ernani de Abreu; "Unidade"—Oswaldo Silva; "Henry Olcott"

—Delorge Kaufmann ; “ Krishnamurti ”—Francisco Abdon ; “ Alcyone ”—Da. Deolinda Fernandes ; “ Blavatsky ”—Henrique Pires ; “ Perseveranca ”—Chrisostomo Cardoso ; “ Pythagoras ”—José Olibio de Mendonca ; “ Orpheu ”—José da Silva Martins ; “ Hamsa ”—Severino de Sant Anna ; “ Jovens ”—Alcides Conde Galvão ; “ Van Hook ”—Nada Glover ; “ Damodar ”—Tito Celso Cesar ; “ Bhagavad Gautama ”—Zacheu Penha Garcia ; “ São Paulo ”—Olavo de Mesquita ; “ Veritas ”—Aleixo Alves de Souza ; “ Albor ”—Major José V. de Araujo e Silva ; “ Arjuna ”—Aprigio Rodrigues de Souza ; “ Nova Krotona ”—Francisco Lobiersky ; “ Jehoshua ”—José Gomide Junior.

During the course of this year, the Council has held regular meetings, when various questions were resolved, among which figured the putting in office of the General Secretary ; the taking of last year's accounts ; the visit of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa ; the Congress of Havana re. creation of National American Sections ; election for filling the vacancies for the posts of Vice-President, 1st Treasurer and Administrator.

Brazilian Edition of “ The Secret Doctrine ”.—Our brother Aleixo de Souza, who is engaged in the execution of this monumental work, viz., the translation into Portuguese of one of the greatest contemporary bibliographic monuments, viz., *The Secret Doctrine*, has been unable so far to complete the second volume, due to other Theosophical activities demanding his time.

I trust, however, that within a few months there will be finished the translation of this work, the great utility of which is beyond doubt. I shall spare no effort during the time of my administration of the Brazilian National Society to see this service brought to a successful end.

Theosophical Order of Service.—This Order was established on the 17th July, 1926, by the initiative of our brother A. A. Rodrigues Quintans. The Theosophical Order of Service has during some time done good service to the National Society ; latterly, however, its activities became paralysed in view of the resignation of the President, our diligent brother Paulino Diamico, who handed over the files to brother A. A. Rodrigues Quintans, the organizer of the Order here, who is now waiting for a

favourable opportunity to recommence activities of this so very useful and really indispensable service.

Service of the Lodges.—The service of our Lodges is of a twofold nature, *viz.*, the propaganda of Theosophical ideas, from the platform, during the weekly meetings, and the propaganda carried on through the Press, either in the newspapers of our country, or in their special magazines. Some other useful service is being done, *viz.*, education, visits and Theosophical instruction to prisoners, and protection of animals.

The greater majority of our Lodges carry out the work of propaganda on the public platform, and some of them keep a small library for consultation. Others, however, as for instance the "São Paulo Lodge," besides being engaged in this efficient work, do yet other service, *viz.*, editing of the Magazine *Isis*, and also some of the members established a college for boys and girls, in which the education is administered from a Theosophical point of view. Some of the members of the "Damodar" Lodge, of Notheroy, pay weekly visits to Prisoners, and another brother teaches the A-B-C to poor children.

Two of the members of the "Van Hook Lodge" are engaged in the service of protection to animals, *viz.*, Mme. Blanche Guety and Da. Virginia de Carvalho; the latter is endeavouring to organise a small hospital for sick animals and towards this end some elements are already to hand.

It having become my conviction that the Headquarters of the Theosophical Society in Brazil require a powerful Lodge, both from a spiritual point of view in order to vibrate intensely the keynote of fraternity, as also from a material point of view, by being able to count on a large number of members in order to strengthen the resources of the Society, I visited in my quality of General Secretary, all six Lodges existing in Rio and brought to their knowledge the idea I had conceived regarding the realization of a service which would bring about the employ of all energies we dispose of, in a common cause. For the consecution of this desideratum I presented three versions, *viz.*:

(1) To form one only Lodge, which could take the name of our city "Rio de Janeiro," and to which all existing Lodges, *viz.*,

6, would be transferred; the files of each Lodge to be kept in the National Society, leaving them "forfeit" until a future opportunity. Once the Great Lodge is organized, the propaganda work to commence weekly in one of the districts of the capital. As soon as any such groups thus formed had become sufficiently strong, instead of establishing a new Lodge, it would revive the "forfeit" Lodges. In this manner we would be able to dispose, within a short time, in the capital, of a great, powerful Lodge, a central Lodge, whilst all other existing Lodges would meet in the districts.

(2) In case the Lodges did not wish to give up their independent existence, they should at least associate among themselves by sharing with each other their private activities during the period of one year, during which time they would be ruled by an Executive Committee formed of the Presidencies of all associated Lodges; during the Administration of this temporary organization they would jointly endeavour to carry out the idealised plan.

(3) That the Lodges should enter into an agreement in order to adequately modify the status at present prevailing.

The first proposition fell through in all Lodges except the "Hamsa"; the second suggestion met with no approval either, and only the third proposition was unanimously accepted, not to the effect, however, of materializing the idealised plan, but that we should hold once a month a common meeting.

In view of the fact of my having foreseen the lack of any tangible result in carrying out the last idea, since same would merely tend to increase the already existing work instead of utilising the energies in the propaganda service, I permitted my idea to remain unheeded for the time being, until an opportunity might arise when "Force Majeure" would make it clearer to the Lodges that lack of union does not produce the elements indispensable for attaining the object of our Theosophical ideals.

Financial Situation.—The enclosed Balance Sheet presented by the 1st Treasurer will give you a clear picture of the financial situation of the National Society, up to the present date. Of annual receipts, amounting to the considerable sum of Rs. 5,041'000

and derived from the remittance of annual dues through the intermedium of the Lodges, Rs. 504.100 were remitted to Adyar, corresponding to 10% of the actually verified receipt.

The considerable extraordinary expenses were connected with the anxiously expected visit of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa; the T. S. members, however, have given staunch support to cover the amount involved.

The enlisting of donations towards construction of our Headquarters are now somewhat paralysed until a new initiative will take place; this movement, however, will again be intensified after the departure of Mr. Jinarajadasa, because then a new impulse would have been given, which is sure to be crowned with success.

We disposed already of the sum of Rs. 32,011 and 180 which might be utilised in the purchase of some suitably situated land for the future construction, and perhaps some House Construction Concern will facilitate the actual building, in which case we shall naturally choose the one offering the most favourable conditions.

The visit to our National Society of the eminent personality of our Elder Brother will certainly contribute towards attainment of this great ideal of ours. Such is our fervent hope.

Dear Madam, Into your hands I deposit the Annual Report covering the occurrences of our National Society. The insignificant result is naturally due to our own inefficiency, but in compensation we spared no effort so that the services might not remain undone.

Theosophy is still everywhere the object of the respect and admiration it so amply deserves; a great number of people sympathise with and follow our ideals without belonging to the Theosophical Society, because the prejudices are still too strong to permit of these people's liberation from same; however, there exists no frank hostility against us.

We trust that the visit of our Elder Brother Mr. Jinarajadasa will wipe out all these causes which had been preventing a better development of the Brazilian Section. His great culture and evolution are elements which render this great Theosophical service easy, and prepare us in an efficient manner to receive your honourable visit.

Invoking the blessing of the Masters of Wisdom on the great service we are endeavouring to render humanity, I beg to reiterate to our beloved President the vows of filial esteem and eternal gratitude of the members of the Theosophical Society, in Brazil.

JUVENAL M. MESQUITA,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BULGARIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

After 27 years of propaganda our efforts had their reward last winter, from the official church. A professor of Theology, official public lecturer of the St. Synod—the governing body of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church—in a lecture given in many towns, has spoken many a good word about Theosophy. He said that humanity is much indebted to Theosophy, because it has checked the materialistic wave, which threatened to stifle humanity.

Beside this it calls out from man his best qualities. He finds only the following faults in it: the teaching of Reincarnation and Karma is immoral, because it leads its students renounce the best thing in man—his free will. If there were not this “Eastern Buddhistic” teaching, Theosophy would be a very good religious philosophy. Secondly, Theosophy is anti-Christian because it speaks in equal terms of respect of all religions and of all religious teachers! But the most dreadful thing in the teachings of Theosophy is the meditation and the practices which lead men to mysticism, which is next to craziness; it kills the soul, and deprives the society and the nation of sane members! It is interesting to hear a theologian speak against the method of his own religion! . . .

Among the long list of lectures on very varied subjects by many lecturers, the course of lectures on the 20 lectures by Prof. W. James under the title of “The Variety of Religious Experiences” most attracted public attention. As is known, the tendency of these lectures of the great American psychologist is that Religion may be treated as a science. This course of lectures was more than needed because just at that time our professors of psychoanalysis were speaking about the inner life of man as self-suggestion, or unhappy mediumship.

Last year the press was very favorable about Krishnaji. One may say that his name and aims are largely known and at least tolerated. The Archbishop of Sofia, Mgr. Stephan, last year gave a public lecture in one of the Sofia churches, stating his belief that now is the time of the coming of the Christ. If we believe in the Gospel, the signs spoken about the second coming in chapter XXIV of St. Mattheu are already upon us. He said that he had met many high personages in England and elsewhere—he visited in the summer of 1927 many high church officials in Great Britain—who confessed to him the same belief. May be the Teacher is already with us. It will not be the end of the world, because there are no signs of such an end, but surely Christ is coming to judge the living and the dead. And he finished his lectures by asking his audience to be ready for this day of judgment.

Spoken to the next day by one of us, he did not deny his words. He said to us that he knows that we are expecting the same thing, but is not sure, as we believe, that the World-Teacher now is J. Krishnamurti. Neither does he deny this. He is awaiting events. The Teacher will be known and recognised by followers as well as by deniers . . .

This year we admitted 14 new members and the total active membership is 200.

On behalf of the Section, I beg to send to you, Reverend Teacher and Leader, and to the members assembled in Convention our most loyal and affectionate greetings.

SOPHRONY NICKOFF,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ICELAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is my privileged duty to submit to you the Annual Report of the Icelandic Section of the Theosophical Society, covering the period from 1st October, 1927 to 30th September, 1928.

Statistics.—No new Lodges have been formed this year, and no Lodges have been dissolved, but one is dormant. Total number of active Lodges are seven. On the 1st of October, 1927, we had 366 members. During the year 34 members joined, 4 died, 6 resigned and 2 dropped out.

The total membership, October 1, 1928	...	388
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Suspended members	...	28
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Active members	...	360
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Separate list of Lodges, etc., is enclosed.

Literary.—The Magazine *Gangleri* has been issued in two numbers during the year, edited by the General Secretary.

The T.S. Lodge in Akureyri published translations of Annie Besant's Lectures on the coming of the World-Teacher (London Lectures). The translations were done by the President of the Lodge, Mr. Kristin Matthiasson. Mrs. Svava Þórhallsdóttir, one of our members, translated and published a book entitled *Avvaken*, *Avvaken*. And besides that, one of our members, Mrs. Aðalbjörg Sigurðardóttir, published a book of translations from Krishnamurti's Talks and Poems. The translations were partly done by herself, and partly by other members of our Society. It is a fact, that as members of the Theosophical Society, our attention is fixed on the great advent of a World-Teacher, as is evident from the publications.

Propaganda.—Besides a great number of lectures delivered at Lodge-meetings, there were issued 40 public lectures by different T.S. members and the General Secretary, who delivered 17 lectures in public before big audiences. Interested guests have been admitted to Lodge-meetings. Books were also lent out to the public by some Lodges.

Clubs and Study Groups.—Clubs and Study Groups were active during the winter. Jón Arnason, President of the "Reykjavik Lodge" was a leader of a Study Club with good attendance and great success. The Theosophical Order of Service was active. Special mention may be made of the work of the group for collecting, sewing, mending and distributing old and new wears to those in need. The Group of Young Theosophists held its regular meetings every week and did very fine work.

In April this year our Section had a very interesting visitor, Rev. C. Bolt, from Edinburgh. He is a Minister in the Liberal Catholic Church. Mr. Bolt gave a course of lectures on different subjects both in the Lodges and in public. He assisted in establishing the Order of the Round Table, which is under the Leadership of Mrs. Guðrún Sveinsdóttir and Helga Eggertsdóttir. Mr. Bolt had made many friends when he left Reykjavik.

Surveying the activity of the Section, we might say, that there is a considerable growth in the T.S. fields, inspite of many defects. In one of the quarterly letters from the Vice-President, Mr. Jinajadasa, issued after his visit to Iceland in 1927, he says: "My visit of three weeks has brought me in touch with a remarkably fine National Society." We feel that we are not living up to his expectations, but we hope to approach nearer year by year.

We conclude by expressing our love and gratitude to our President and heartfelt greetings to all T.S. members.

JAKOB KRISTINSSON,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN PORTUGAL

T.S. IN SPAIN

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T. S. IN PORTUGAL

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honor to submit to you the Report of the Portuguese Section of the T. S. during the year ending on the 30th of October, 1928.

I have also the honor to present you my respectful fraternal greetings in which all the members of the Directing Council of this Section join me.

All the Portuguese Theosophists congratulate themselves on having heard that the serious illness which risked your precious physical life was deluded and that you are again enjoying good health, thus being able to continue exerting your great efforts on behalf of the colossal spirit of the world's evolution.

The Directing Council of this Section, elected on the 1st April, 1927, for three years, when presented with the new alterations of the statutes, thought it should send in its resignation collectively, although a little over a year had passed of the triennial of which it had been elected.

Another election was held, the former Council being re-elected with the exception of two members who had sent in their resignation and were substituted by two new brethren.

That way the elected Council at the Convention held on the 29th of June, 1928, for the extension of three years (till 1931) was constituted as follows.

<i>General Secretary</i>	...	Antonio Rodrigues da Silva Junior
<i>Vice-General Secretary</i>	...	Colonel Oscar Cibrão Garcão
<i>Secretary</i>	...	Captain Leovogilde Sales
<i>Adjunct</i>	...	Felix Bermudes
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	Rear-Admiral Julio Milheiro

<i>Voting Members</i>	... Mrs. Berta Garcão; Dr. Francisco Esteves da Fonseca; Miss Branca Pacheco de Almeida; Madame Jeanne Lefebvre
<i>Substitutes</i>	... Mr. João Celestino Pereira de Sampaio; Mr. Joaquim Henriques Ferreira; Dr. José Antonio Salvado da Mota
<i>The Convention Board</i> (<i>Substitutes</i>)	... Mr. Anibal Campeão de Freitas; Mr. Ramiro Guedes de Campos
<i>Council of Fiscalization</i>	President—Mr. José Joaquim dos Santos Amaral
<i>Voting Members</i>	... Mr. Antonio Chaves Cruz; Dr. Augusto Teixeira de Vasconcelos.

These elections were subject to the new statutes approved in Adyar with those amendments according to those established in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Rule 30 of Chapter 18, the Council being voted by 16 votes of those that have the right of using suffrage according to what is fixed in Rule 16, Chapter V.

Existing Members.—During the year, 29 members were inscribed in this National Society, 3 members died, and there has not been any desistance, thus bringing up the movement as follows:

Active members on the 30th of October, 1927	... 305
Members admitted until 30th of October, 1928	... 29
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	334
Members deceased	... 3
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Total active members	... 331
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Lodges.—No new Lodge has been opened during this year, but one was dissolved through irregularity of the meetings.

Therefore at present 8 Lodges exist acting regularly in Lisbon, one that acts in the city of Lagos, in the province of Algarve, and 4 more groups of study dispersed through the provinces.

By the tables adjoining this report you will see the connection between these Lodges and groups of study.

The work of the Lodges bears an influence on the management of several branches that have a general knowledge of Theosophy and ethics, it is evident that from year to year Theosophical knowledge is radiated into the members that study and frequent the meetings.

Gatherings continue to be very well attended as before, the meetings of the T. S. destined for the general lessons of Theosophy, and lectures are given every Friday of each month.

There were some that aroused so much interest that 130 persons attended.

Publications.—The magazine, *Isis*, the official organ of this Section, continues to be published regularly up to date, for there had been a delay in its publication, but no other leaflet or booklet could be printed, the propaganda having been made with the stock of the year before.

Activities.—Having organized the Theosophical Order of Service and having appointed as chief brother for Portugal, Madame Jeanne Lefebvre, a devoted Theosophist and member of directing council, the activities of the T. S. passed to that organisation so that we do not mention them in this report.

Meanwhile I must say that our activities are flourishing more through the result of the Theosophical initiation of the member of the Order of the Star in Portugal.

The National League for the Protection of Animals has about 2,000 members, and has treated 3,600 animals during last year; the Fraternal League for assisting the poor has distributed 1,200 alms to the value of \$12,000, and the Children's Home where 17 destitute Children (girls) are educated fed, clad and sheltered, these are 3 beautiful realities promoted and supported by the efforts of the Theosophists.

The Visits of Distinguished Theosophists.—This year we had the pleasure of Miss Dijkgraaf's visit to Portugal (the General Secretary of the Federation of the European Theosophical Society) which lasted from the 16th to the 22nd of February last, when she gave several lectures and left us with indelible recollections

of cheerfulness and Theosophical culture which impressed us all.

On the 8th of October we had the pleasure to have as our guest, from 3 to 4 hours, our Venerable Vice-President of the T. S., Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, who was travelling to America on board the *Almazora* that called at this port.

Notwithstanding his short stay he yet made a speech in the meeting room of the Society, and he was received by a group of Theosophists who accompanied him until his departure.

The Portuguese Theosophists, therefore, had two opportunities of having, though for a short time, two very dear brethren as guests.

This year we still continue to feel the want of more propagandists to spread the Theosophical ideas and funds to publish Theosophical pamphlets and other works.

The economical crisis, that doesn't abandon us, opposes, thus being a great obstacle in the way of our expansion, for the most of the Portuguese Theosophists maintain themselves with great difficulty.

With the new Theosophical year, which is going to begin, our Faith and confidence will be strengthened to give more impulsion to Theosophy in Portugal.

Madame, with our fraternal greetings we beg you to accept our homage of admiration and gratitude for your great work.

A. R. SILVA JUNIOR,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN WALES

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have great pleasure in sending you copies of the Official Report of our activities during the year 1927-28.

The work has progressed steadily throughout Wales during this year and we have now 358 active Fellows on the Register as compared with 331 last year, and 209 at our Foundation in 1922.

Reincarnation Campaign.—All Lodges and many Centres in Wales co-operated in this Campaign with enthusiasm, and special lectures were given and special leaflets on Re-birth widely distributed.

To encourage research in Druidic teachings in this direction, Miss Charlotte Woods has most kindly offered a prize of £5 to the 1929 National Eisteddfod for the best Essay on "The Idea of Rebirth in Keltic Tradition".

Theosophical Order of Service.—National Head Brothers of all Departments have been appointed, and many Head Brothers of Centres throughout Wales. These in turn are appointing Brothers in charge of the different lines of activity in their own areas. Much good work has already been done, and we look forward to the future with confidence.

National Library.—The National Library, though small at present, continues to grow in size and usefulness. There are now 1,300 books in the Lending and Reference Libraries belonging to, or loaned to the Society. About 100 have been added this year, mostly recent publications and standard books.

Young Theosophists.—Several Groups of Young Theosophists have been formed, and although they are at present mostly "inviting the future" the present is not without its endeavours and accomplishments.

Round Table.—Two Round Tables have been formed, one in North, and the other in South Wales, under the leadership of Miss Magee and Mrs. Peter Freeman respectively. The young people being very enthusiastic in the work.

Theosophical World University Association.—Monthly study meetings have been held in the Cardiff Centre, and many important questions arising from Prof. Marcault's papers have been discussed.

Other Activities.—Much good work has also been done by F. T. S. in other directions including especially, Animal Welfare, Abolition of the Death Penalty, World Peace, Healing, Broadcasting, etc.

Students' Week.—A very successful Students' Week was arranged in Cardiff during May, 1928, for Members of the T. S. and kindred organisations. The lectures both to Members and Public were greatly appreciated, and another such "Week" is being prepared for next year. Not only do students benefit considerably in many ways by these "Weeks," but the "thought atmosphere" must be perceptibly improved.

Goodwill Day (May 18th).—Goodwill Day is becoming an event of real international importance. Each year sees the movement growing. Replies from 30 different countries came again this year to the Wireless Message of the Children of Wales.

Seventh Annual Convention.—We have recently held our Annual Convention at Plas Bendith, Colwyn Bay, over which Bishop J. I. Wedgwood kindly presided, and was supported by Mrs. Margaret Jackson. This was in every way successful.

With loving greetings and every good wish from all in Wales.

PETER FREEMAN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN POLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have to submit to you, our revered President, my Report for two years 1926-28, as I have not sent it last year.

The year 1926-27 was one of the most intense and fruitful work, of great expansion of our T. S., frequent and successful lecture-tours all over the country; very well attended public lectures and regular study-classes in Warsaw; Summer-Schools during holidays, being a training ground for future workers, gathered from all the parts of the country, were the chief points of our efforts.

Bishop Wedgwood's visit and the starting of the L. C. C. work in Poland was the greatest event of the year.

The General Secretary's lecture tour in Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Rumania during February-March, and England, Scotland, Wales during April and May, was also an important thing for our Society, as a strengthening of international links and making of new bands of friendship with many groups and members.

The gain in membership this year was 61.

The year 1927-28 began with the visit of our beloved President, who brought us strength to endure and overcome all difficulties of a new period in our T. S. work. Some of our best co-workers have left the T. S. for the Star, and we had to face the difficult problem how to maintain the whole field of our work without any reduction in spite of this considerable loss. It was a year of great strain, more of endurance than of expansion; a kind of transition period during which many members sought their own way, and tried to solve for themselves some vital problems.

Our Annual Convention held on October 1st, 1928, discussed and resolved many points of reorganisation, and change in the T. S., and I can say that a new period of quiet and steady work began, and we can look with calm and hope into the future of our T. S. in Poland; we have learned much and are wiser and stronger than ever before.

The Statistics of this year are:

New Lodge	...	...	...	1
Dissolved Lodge	...	...	...	1
Dormant	...	...	...	5
Total number of active Lodges	...	...	...	13
New members	...	...	...	49
Resigned	...	...	...	27
Dropped out	...	...	...	29
Died	...	...	...	2
Transferred	...	...	...	1
				59
				loss 10
Total number of active members	...	...	...	346

We have published this year two books; Dr. Besant's *Initiation* and B. Cooper's *Reincarnation*; our T. S. magazine is being published quarterly.

We send our heartiest greetings to all brethren assembled at the Convention and most faithful devotion to the President.

WANDA DYNOWSKA,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN URUGUAY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Herewith I send you the report of the work of the T.S. in Uruguay during the year 1927-28.

This period has been occupied in normal activities in general and with the work of unifying the Sectional organisation in particular.

Want of funds has been a great difficulty, but has been overcome by donations, so that by the purchase of more chairs, book-cases, tables for reading and copying machines. The work of furnishing our Headquarters has been completed.

In order to form the Section, many who appeared to be interested in Theosophy were invited to take part, but naturally, those who had not a real interest in the Theosophical Society have dropped out. This has caused a decrease in the number of members both last year and the previous one, resulting in the closing of the two Lodges—Gowland and Surya. Also the mistake of dividing forces was made, thus forming weak nuclei at the expense of others not too strong. Nevertheless the situation produced was not detrimental as might have been expected, and has served to show us those upon whom we may rely and *vice versa*. We believe that it is possible to do better with fewer but purposeful and unselfish workers, than with a greater number many of whom are members only in name. Selection is always beneficial and we trust that now, with the Section firmly established and the most important wants supplied we shall, during the coming year enter into a period of firm and fruitful progress.

Lodges.—The Lodges meet regularly and their officers study the problem of increasing the number of their members and visitors by means of programmes which arouse general interest.

The spirit of the members of the Council is a subject for congratulation as it is essential in order to maintain life in the different groups.

Theosophical co-operation has been developed and the Lodges are helped in their meetings by the presence of other members animated by a spirit of fraternity.

The general meetings where members of the different Lodges and also visitors who are not members come together, have proved useful as propaganda. News notices, select readings and musical items with comments create much interest.

Theosophical Activities.—The Theosophical activities initiated last year have progressed slowly on account of the want of unity among the various groups. An exception to this is the Art Group, Vidya, initiated by the Lodge of that name. It has given several recitals and with the coming of Mr. Jinarajadasa has prepared a good programme under the auspices of the Minister of Public Instruction.

An office for translations has been organised with the help of competent workers.

A group of members give attention to any sick brothers.

Other brothers try to spread the principles of Vegetarianism as a means of health, happiness and well-being.

Library.—The Sectional Library, well-stocked with books and magazines, mostly Theosophical, does good work among the members and the public in general. An information bureau with reference to Theosophical Activities has been established and classes on Elementary Theosophy are held as required.

Propaganda.—The difficulties already mentioned have prevented the written propaganda which we hope to make an important factor in the future. Only a few publications from the Besant Lodge have appeared, a few odd translations and an excellent pamphlet on Tagore's poem Chitra, published by the Vidya Lodge.

The Sectional review was superseded by a bulletin issued by the Library and this will give way for the Official Bulletin—the first number has appeared and will continue to improve.

Statistics :

Lodges dissolved	...	...	2
„ active	...	...	10
Members fallen out	...	...	41
„ rejoined	...	...	7
„ new	...	...	13
		—	20
Active members	...	...	145

With our best wishes for the prosperity of the Theosophical Society and the happiness of our dear President.

F. DIAZ FALP,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN PORTO RICO

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honor of submitting to you the Annual Report of the Theosophical Society in Porto Rico for the year 1927-1928 (July 1, 1927 to June 30, 1928).

Statistics :

Number of new Lodges formed ...	...	...	Nil
Number of Lodges dissolved ...	...	...	2
Total number of active Lodges...	...	...	20
Number of members admitted during the year	...	...	45
" " " dropped out, died or transferred	...	...	55
Total number of active members	...	...	351

Headquarters.—The desire of the members to build a Headquarters for the Section and a Hall with seating capacity ample enough to hold our meetings, conferences, etc., materialised during the year.

On July 31st, 1927, the first stone was duly and truly laid Masonically, the Grand Master of the Porto Rican jurisdiction having delegated authority to Bro. A. J. Plard, Past Master to do so, he and all the other officials at the ceremony were F. T. S.

Four months of hard and enthusiastic labor carried the work to a happy conclusion, and on November 30th, with immense rejoicing the Temple was consecrated and offered to the service of the Masters by Bro. A. P. Warrington, who had just reached the Island.

This is our first Theosophical building in Porto Rico, but we hope that other Lodges will follow the example of San Juan. With such a building we have been able to foster cultural activities, and many meetings have been held there tending to develop spiritual, artistic or scientific activities. Lately the L.C.C. has

held its services there and they will continue to do so until a more suitable place is found.

Though there is still a lien of \$6,000.00 on the building, we feel sure that the members will continue their efforts and sacrifices until the property worth now approximately \$25,000.00 is entirely free of this mortgage.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Seven branches have been organised in San Juan: (1) Social Service; (2) Social Economy; (3) Brotherhood of Arts and Crafts; (4) Watcher; (5) Social Education; (6) Nature Healing; (7) World Peace.

District Meetings.—In October, 1927, we held two district meetings, this arrangement of the Island into 2 districts having previously been made, in order to facilitate the attendance, shortening the distance to travel. We all feel the need of meeting oftener than once a year in order to keep up enthusiasm and intensify propaganda. The results have been encouraging and we propose to hold two or three district meetings every year.

Visitors.—Porto Rico has been exceptionally fortunate this year, compared with the previous isolation we suffered. We have had visits from Mr. A. P. Warrington, then Bishop I. S. Cooper and lately the Rev. José B. Acuña of Costa Rica. It was such a happy coincidence—if there be such—that no sooner had our building been completed, than they came one after another, and thus hundreds of persons who had never before shown any interest in Theosophy, visited our Temple and attended conferences, etc. The public is beginning to see in the Theosophical Society a movement free of antagonism to any religion, and in which there is real tolerance of others' opinions whether philosophical, religious or scientific.

In conclusion I send you and the members assembled in Convention the most brotherly greetings of the members of this Section.

FRANCISCO VINCENTY,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ROUMANIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

We have the honor of submitting to you the Annual Report of the T.S. in Roumania for the year 1927-28.

Total number of Members in November, 1927	...	152
New Members added	99

1 died, 3 resigned	251
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Total number of active Members in October, 1928	...	247
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Lodges founded during the year	...	3
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Total number of Lodges	...	11
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Activities.—In Bucarest we had two weekly meetings: on Sunday at 4 p.m. for members and those they invited and on Friday evenings for members only. In December last we hired a large hall in the centre of the town to secure as Headquarters of the T.S. This was made possible by sacrifices on the part of some members.

Mlle. Dijkgraaf was our last visitor, in November, 1927. The T.S. Order of Service has been started by Mme. Lucia Calomeri. Some of our newspapers gave accounts of the recent Congress in Brussels and of the Ommen Camp.

Publications.—We note the appearance of our annual *Bulletin Theosophique de Roumanie* (IIIrd Number); and the publication of Mr. Krishnamurti's pamphlet: *Who Brings the Truth*, and his poems: *Come*, translated into Roumanian. There is not much need for translation as nearly all members of this ancient kingdom speak French, and the other members understand English or German.

In Bessarabia the Vasanta Lodge has been founded, thanks to the activity of Mr. Rostislov Smislov. The orthodox priests who have attended his Theosophical meetings, have warmly congratulated him.

In Transylvania Dr. Palle Gabor and Mr. Silviu Rusu have been very active. They have lectured with success in Hungarian and Roumanian in the principal cities of this Province, and have not met with any opposition on the part of the authorities.

In Timisoara we note with pleasure the activity and growth of Lodge Unirea, presided over by Mr. Silviu Rusu: though only two years old, this Lodge already has 50 members, who study alternately Theosophical teachings and questions concerning the Order of the Star. A branch of the Order of Service has also been founded. It is characteristic of this Lodge and of the whole T.S. in Roumania that members of various nationalities meet together in perfect harmony.

In order to come into closer touch with our brothers in Transylvania we held our Second Congress in Timisoara on the 3rd and 4th June, 1928. The Lodges of Timisoara and Arad did all in their power to make the Congress a success. Mr. Cordes of Vienna, Mme. Ghomory of Czechoslovakia, Mme. de Hilt and Mr. Rath of Budapest took part. In Timisoara and Arad public lectures were given in German, Hungarian, Roumanian and although we did not understand one another's language there was a perfect feeling of fraternity and of understanding in our hearts. The members present belonged to seven different nationalities, but we all felt as though we were brothers.

We hope to renew these happy times in the month of May, at the European Congress in Budapest, to which we shall go with our hearts full of friendship for our brothers in Hungary.

With profound devotion and affection,

ZOE C. PALLADE,

Secretary.

T. S. IN YUGOSLAVIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Hail to our beloved Mother whom we are extraordinarily privileged in our history of the Society to welcome most cordially and to reverence most sincerely as our leading President elected for a fourth term of office to be far more so ever the divine Herald of the thousand years Peace.

The echo of the "Great Silence" and Its sympathetic vibrations widely spread all over the country having been caused by the symbolical realisation of two minutes Silent Service tenderly reminded the members of the Yugoslav T. S. to renew at that best instance, October 1st of every year, their offering to our most revered Chief to keep still even during this remarkable year of the life in Yugoslavia the friendly sincere and brotherly peaceful Harmony. In such an atmosphere beginning seriously to realise the World Peace you are protecting so masterly, I happily beg to submit the Report of the T. S. in Yugoslavia referring to the year running from October 1st, 1927 to September 30th, 1928, respective to November 11th A.C.

History.—There are now three years since the inauguration of our National Society took place, five years since the establishing of the first T. S. Lodge in Yugoslavia and seven years since the Ideal of Theosophy began once more to bring happiness to the country with the dominating Unity.

To get a corner of our own to make our Section useful for the work of the Masters and suitable to centralise in "the Headquarters" various activities existing at different places and residences our last Annual Convention decided in the unanimously accepted resolution to solve the problem of the most urgent society's need at present, the Headquarters. The warm advices of

Rev. Ct. Price during his visit to Zagreb in January, 1928, moved us after many discussions to the end and on September 9th A.C. some changes and rearrangements have been made in the private room of our Recording Secretary, Mrs. Valerija Mayerhoffer where we usually met during these years. Purposely adapted and made more spacious we dedicated it for the head office giving to everyone the opportunity to be linked with the Theosophical Idea of the Universal Brotherhood.

The trustful co-ordination of all the co-workers satisfactorily influenced by the co-operation of our Youth showed in these last nine weeks the growing development of the Society creating even in that our rather modest "Headquarters" the atmosphere of freedom and love.

Until we shall be able to lay the corner stone for our T. S. Headquarters as five Sister Sections did recently, may this "spiritual one" be laid by you, our Master-Guardian whom we longingly expect to lay that physical too.

The most unexpected event this year was the attendance of the writer with three more members at the Ninth Congress of the Theosophical Society in Europe, Federation of National Societies. It was the real manifestation of a wider consciousness of understanding of our National Society, *i.e.*, of those twenty-one friends who under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. de Ulmanky richly helped the General Secretary to represent the Yugoslavian Section at the Brussels Convention and at the Fifth Congress of the Order of the Star at Ommen. May they be rewarded by being enabled to represent Yugoslavia at the T. S. World Congress in Chicago, 1929.

Statistics.—The statement of our Recording Secretary is introducing a new statistical figure, *i.e.*, the percentage of working members. From the total of 153 members (in comparison to 143 of last year) "there are 67% co-working with the Board in different ways and 23% of them worked with great enthusiasm and utter devotion". In spite of 43 new admissions the net gain of only 10 is the result of the Membership Returns. Besides those of one who died and two who moved to other countries 12 have resigned and 16 have been dropped.

Because those two who left our country are the last ones belonging to the Lodge Krishnaji consisting mostly of Russians it ceases to exist and its Charter wherever it be is under the responsibility of the General Secretary on account of the fusion with the Lodge Surya which is realising nearly the same ideal. Consequently there are now eight Lodges belonging to the T. S. in Yugoslavia.

Activities.—All Lodges are continually studying and spreading the Theosophical Ideals mostly through lectures very often done by the ready help of our national lecturer Mr. Milan Marjanovic.

The evident success of the devotionally loving activity of the librarian, Mrs. Yelka Sooboda, has reduced perhaps the number of meetings as well as lectures, but has increased the number of books lent and read from our library consisting now of nearly 500 volumes.

Taking the library as an aspect of Wisdom, it is in a very connection with the other one of Love represented in our Section by *Theosophy* our quarterly magazine. The national Vice-President, Dipl. Ing. Bozidar Prikrlil, being in charge of the edition of it, is endeavouring to make it the vibrating aspect of Love.

The different activities within the Section were radiating this year the aspect of strength through the auspices of the Order of Service and its most "busy feet" of the Chief Brother, Mrs. Milena de Sisic. The resulting nice popularity of Yugoslav T. S. in our country eagerly moved the Protection of Animals Association, the Yugoslav League of Total Abstinence, the Club of Vegetarians and especially the League of Nations Association to widen the mutual collaboration.

The reflecting aspect of the threefold work of the Yugoslavian Section blissfully influenced the blossoming of our Society and on May 22nd, 1928, the group of the members of the Order of the Star ceremonially offered their "Lotus" bud to Krishnaji, the Head of the Order, in founding for their own the Association of the Order of the Star, and praying that you, its brave Protector during many years, may long be spared to guide us carefully into the Omnipresence of the World Teacher as the Great Master-BUILDER of the Commonwealth of the World.

May Those who are the embodiment of the Immortal Inspiration bless with Their loving protection the established Order that the realisation of His Ideals may introduce the desperate World of to-day into the "Life in Freedom".

To the Beloved President-Mother and to all the Fellow-Members assembled at the Annual Convention she is presiding over again, most friendly greetings and loving thoughts.

JELISAVA VAVRA,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CEYLON

REPORT FOR 1927—1928

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is this year, I am afraid, more a report of what should be done in the T. S. in Ceylon, more a question of how we should set to work to change ourselves than a tale of what has been achieved.

After last year's Convention, Mr. N. K. Choksy, the then General Secretary, left for Bombay to be married. Owing chiefly to his own and his young wife's illness, he could not return to us for some time, and though the Assistant General Secretary Mr. D. P. Wijetunge, did all he could, the work came largely to a standstill.

On his return from Bombay Mr. N. K. Choksy, resigned as his doctor had ordered him to reduce his work. We place here on record our regret that he was unable to continue in this responsible position.

At a Council meeting on May 26, I was elected to that post. After taking over office I made it a point to find out how the Society in Ceylon stood, and circulated among the members a statement that I do not consider the T. S. in Ceylon to be in a very happy condition. Though I can state with pleasure that there is some revival of interest in the work, the deplorable fact remains that a very great number of members do not pay their annual dues.

Membership.—The Section has at present 124 members. 32 will have to be placed on the suspended list on account of non-payment of dues for the period of two years. We hope that the new Treasurer will put all his energy into rectifying these matters.

Sad to say that of our 124 members, 77 did not pay their dues for 1927—28. However spiritual an organisation may be, the work cannot be carried on without the wherewithal to do so.

Lodges and Centres.—Chiefly on account of having to place so many on the suspended list two of the Lodges have had to be reduced to the status of centres. These are the Asoka Lodge in Kandy, and the Maitreya Lodge in Galle. I am glad to state that Galle has recovered to some extent. It has now a meeting place and has regained the necessary seven members, and has changed its name to Brotherhood Lodge, T. S. Virya Lodge in Jaffna has ceased to exist: there being only two members left in the place after all the rest have had to be placed on the suspended list. Regular visits to these Centres may have in course of time the required effect of rousing the interest in Theosophy, but for this funds are required. Of the Colombo Lodges, Hope Lodge and Service Lodge have ceased to meet regularly. In both Lodges study classes were held in the beginning of the Section year. Sarasvathi Lodge meets once a month. Lanka Lodge and Olcott Lodge make valiant attempts to keep the flag of Theosophy flying, helped on by regularly attending Youth Lodge members, but the greatest asset we have in Colombo is the very vital and living Youth Lodge. Besant Lodge in Nawalapitiya did not send in a report.

It is evident that it is essential that members should concentrate more on Lodge work. It may be that the new era demands different methods than those followed so far and the General Secretary is trying to find out the opinion of the members on this point.

Headquarters.—The amount collected for Headquarters Building Fund is about Rs. 8,360. Considering that this work has been mainly done by Mrs. A. E. Preston, who most of the time worked single-handed, this is very creditable. With the amount collected the Society has become the owner of a block of land of about $3\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre in extent, situated in Wellawatta, and is fairly central. If possible we intend using part of the ground for a tennis court.

To make work in the Headquarters building a success we need a good deal more co-operation from the members than we have received up to now.

Library.—This branch of the work will also benefit largely when we have our own home. 124 books were issued, and the credit balance is Rs. 11.49. A public reading-room is one of the features we are considering in our Headquarters.

Ceylon Theosophical News.—This, our Sectional magazine, has constituted up to recently the *only* link between the members in Ceylon. Each issue costs the Section Rs. 50 and these Rs. 200 a year form a big item in our Budget. The propaganda fund which was started mainly to continue has not been sufficient. As the T. S. is faced next year with a heavy expenditure, we will have to consider seriously whether it is advisable to continue the existence of the magazine C. T. N. The General Secretary has a proposal to make in this regard, which is practically the only way of enabling us to proceed with this branch of our work. Very many are the appreciative remarks made about the magazine, and these are valued, but only cash will ensure its continued existence.

The Weekly Sunday Afternoon Meetings which were for so many months a great asset to our work, were suffering also notwithstanding all the care taken and the sacrifice made by Mrs. A. E. Preston. As the attendance dwindled, it was resolved to discontinue these meetings, until we are in our own premises.

Personal Efforts of Members.—Since I have become General Secretary and have thus come more in personal touch with the Members, I have come to know more about this side of the work than I did before. The really excellent work, begun by Mr. F. G. Pearce and Mr. F. Kunz in this island is continued largely by the young men, who have been in contact with these great friends of Theosophy. I understand that they would not like to be mentioned by name in a report of this nature. But as General Secretary I would like to place this work on record. It is largely on account of this sort of labour in the Cause of Theosophy that we are still hopeful about Ceylon's Theosophical future. These young men, and the Youth Lodge to which they nearly all belong are building on the foundations laid by all the old workers for Theosophy who have left long since the shores of Ceylon and they will be chiefly the means whereby the revival of Theosophy will take place.

Much has still to be done by them in the way of self-preparation, for, to spread the ideal of Theosophy, it is necessary to have to some extent, besides the great enthusiasm which they already possess, the detailed knowledge of its teachings and the ability to convey this knowledge to others. To the young many things are possible, enthusiasm brings us a long way, and makes such a self-preparation also a labour of love.

In conclusion, let me once more emphasise the necessity for more co-operation. Together we can move mountains; when single, the work is heavy and we may grow despondent; when we work side by side we can cheer one another when difficulties seem almost insurmountable.

It is as a Unity that we can achieve and be certain of the inspiration and the blessings of the Masters of the Wisdom, Who are always ready to pour out Their energy when we have thus formed the Cup.

E. LOURENSZ,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN GREECE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

We have the honor of rendering, herewith, a report of the work accomplished by our Section during the year (1927-1928), in which period we had the happiness to celebrate the formation of our National Society, after five years (since 1923) of strenuous work, under the patronage of the French Section and the able guidance of our great friends, the General Secretary, Mr. Charles Blech, and the Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Ed. Point, to whom we are indebted for the work already done in our country.

During that period two Lodges have been established: "Maitreya" in Athens, and "Socrates" at Salonica; thus bringing the total number of our Lodges to seven.

During the year 57 members have been admitted, but 22 have died or dropped out, thus making the net gain 35. The number of our active members stands at 131.

During the month of May, we had the privilege of the visit of Miss C. W. Dijkgraaf, General Secretary of the European Theosophical Federation, accompanied by her Secretary Miss Elzy Lazar.

Miss Dijkgraaf stayed here for about a fortnight and her visit proved really valuable to everyone of us. She delivered five lectures, one for the general public and four especially for members of the T.S.

The former was attended to by a public amongst which were notable representatives of Athenian Society and of the Greek press; some of the Athenian newspapers published sympathetic reports of her public lecture.

During Miss Dijkgraaf's visit the formation of the National Society was decided upon; Miss Dijkgraaf's assistance in this was very much appreciated by the Greek members.

Through the encouragement of Miss Dijkgraaf, our Deputy General Secretary, Mr. J. N. Charitos, who had the honor to be introduced to you, last year, in Paris, has been asked to undertake the task of making contact with the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, and Rumania, with a view to forming a Balkan Theosophical Union functioning under the European Theosophical Federation, to forward the cause of permanent peace in the Balkans, by constantly trying to put aside causes of discord between Balkan peoples.

It is, of course, too early to have much to report thereupon.

Our Publishing Department—styled “The Theosophical Publishing House (of Athens) Ltd.”—so efficiently managed by Mr. J. N. Charitos, Vice-President, and Mr. N. Carvounis, Councillor, has, already issued translations of Theosophical literature.

It is really a happy coincidence that we date this report the 1st October, when our Revered and Beloved President enters her 81st year of an age, most of which has been dedicated, with such valuable results, to the service of the Masters. We earnestly hope that she will stay for a long time amongst us, guiding humanity to its divine goal.

All our members unite in expressing their most heartfelt wishes and grateful greetings.

B. D. KRIMPAS,
General Secretary.

CHINA

The President, France, has written:

I beg to acknowledge the Annual Reports received from the Lodge in China. It has been an interesting and useful year. The Lodge has been very active in its various activities, and has done much good work during the year. The reports are well written and show the progress of the work in detail. The President and Office bearers have done their utmost in the cause of Theosophy.

The Secretary of the Hongkong Lodge writes:—During the year 1900 the Lodge has been very active in its work. The new members have been very numerous, and the Lodge has been very successful in its work. The following is a list of the new members:

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At the annual election in July, to the regret of all, Mr. Martin resigned from the Office of President which he held since the Lodge was started over five years ago. As President of the Lodge in China, however, his connection with the Lodge is as close as ever, and the members' study class has been carried on successfully under his guidance all through the last months. The following were elected for the coming year:

President	Mr. J. Russell
Vice-President	Mr. W. W. May
Secretary	Mrs. M. May
Mr. Treasurer	Mr. B. M. Tait B.A.
Rev. Librarian	Miss H. Kim
Committee	Mr. B. M. Tait B.A., Mr. W. W. May, and Mr. W. T. Tait B.A.

Notes.—Altogether 12 meetings were held, consisting of 10 Public Lectures, 2 Theosophical meetings, and 11 Meetings of the Study Class, Anniversary, General Discussions, and

CHINA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to submit the Annual Reports received from the Lodges in China. I am glad to be able to say that all the Lodges with their various activities have done splendid work during the year under review and credit is due to the Presidents and Office bearers for their untiring efforts in the cause of Theosophy.

The Secretary of the Hongkong Lodge Reports.—During the year 5 members resigned, 5 left the Colony and 5 have been put on the inactive list for non-payment of dues. Two new members joined making the total number of active members 31.

Officers.—At the annual Election in July, to the regret of all, Mr. Manuk resigned from the Office of President which he held since the Lodge was started over five years ago. As Presidential Agent for China however, his connection with the Lodge is as close as ever, and the members' study class has been carried on successfully under his guidance all through the hot months. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

<i>President</i>	... Mr. J. Russell.
<i>Vice-President</i>	... „ G. W. May.
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	... Mrs. M. May.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	... Mr. B. M. Talati, B.A.
<i>Hon. Librarian</i>	... Miss H. Ezra.
<i>Committee</i>	... Mr. H. E. Lanepart, Mr. M. Minney, Mr. W. C. Felshow and Mr. Wei Tat, B.A.

Meetings.—Altogether 72 meetings were held, comprising of 32 Public Lectures, 9 Committee meetings and 31 Members meetings (Study Classes, Anniversaries, General Discussions, etc.)

Speakers.—The greater number of the Public Lectures were given by the Presidential Agent, Mr. Manuk. Other lectures were by Mr. J. Russell, Mr. Wei Tat (President of the Chinese Lodge), Mr. Lanepart, Mr. Gubbay, Mr. Francis Balazs and Mr. H. J. Leonard.

Number of *Adyar Bulletin* required by this Lodge 31 Copies.

Chinese Lodge.—Under the able Leadership of Brother Wei Tat, B.A., assisted by the Secretary and the Committee this Lodge has done most excellent work and I have great expectations from this Lodge. I recognise the fact that Theosophy must find adherents among the young and educated Chinese who will in time be the Leaders and the Educators of their race, and that the movement here is primarily for the Chinese and not for the foreign residents who are almost all birds of passage.

The Secretary of this Lodge reports as follows :

Membership.—During the year under review 33 new members joined the Lodge making the total membership 69.

Officers.—At the Annual Election Meeting in September, 1927, the following officers were elected :

<i>President</i>	...	Bro. Wei Tat, B.A.
<i>Vice-Presidents</i>	...	Bros. Ho Ting Cheung and Wong Man Keung.
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	...	Bro. Lee Tinsik.
<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	...	„ C. Y. S. Liu.
<i>Hon. Librarian</i>	...	„ Yeung Hin Sun.
<i>Committee</i>	...	Bros. Wan Ping Ching, P. K. Kwok, P. H. Wei, B.A., Tsui Mau Chi, Fung Jackson, A. S. Poon Ho Foo, Luk Pak To, Miss Chan Wai Yi, Miss Y. K. Wei.

Activities.—(a) Public Lectures : 27 public lectures were delivered during the year and the average attendance was 30. Bro. Wei Tat delivered 8 lectures, Bro. M. Manuk 7, Bro. Fung Jackson 5, Bro. Lanepart 3, and others 6.

(b) Library : A Chinese Library has been formed consisting of 240 books as an aid to the study of Theosophy.

(c) Propaganda pamphlets explaining the objects of the T.S. and containing a brief history of the Society were printed. They were circulated in China, Swatow, Singapore and South America.

(d) A Correspondence Course on the Principles of Theosophy in simple English is in course of compilation by Bro. Lee Tinsik.

(e) Schools for Boys : The outstanding feature of the year was the establishment of three English Evening Free Schools for boys with the object of introducing the Theosophical spirit into modern education, developing the latent faculties of a group of earnest students, and inculcating into them the simple truths of life in a way that they all can assimilate and utilize for the betterment of their lives. The schools are financially supported by Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and Mr. Tai Tung Pui. The number of students now on the register is 154. The schools are in a flourishing condition thanks to the efficient management of Bro. Ng Chan Kwan, Hon. Secretary for the schools, and through the harmonious co-operation of the teaching staff. The *Pool of Wisdom*, etc., is one of the textbooks for the two higher schools which is being taught by Bro. Wei Tat. Thus indirectly two Star Meetings a week are regularly held in the schools. The Educational Department consists of the following officers :

Principal ... Bro. Wei Tat, B.A.

Hon. Secretary ... „ Ng Chan Kwan.

Teaching Staff ... Bros. Lee Tinsik, Fung Jackson,
Lai Chung Mee, Li Yin Kae.
C. Y. S. Liu, Yorkson Lee, Lui
Hing Ling, Ng Chan Kwan,
Wai Man Lok, Wei Tat, Wong
Man Keung, Mrs. M. May, H. E.
Lanepart, Ng Chung Ming.

(f) School for Girls : A free vernacular evening school for girls has also been established by the two brothers Lee Tinsik and Fung Jackson. The free teaching service is undertaken by a very enthusiastic member Miss Lau Tak Ching. Great attention is paid to the moral training of the pupils and the realization of Theosophical ideals. The school has at present 40 students who work during the day for their living and attend classes at nights.

The school is said to be the first night school for girls in Hongkong.

Shanghai Lodge.—The Shanghai Lodge is bravely struggling against most adverse conditions but in spite of all, the work has been carried on most splendidly by those responsible. Mr. F. P. Musso was elected President and Mr. N. Buijs Secretary.

The Secretary reports as follows :

"The Lodge room at 12 Nanking Road was given up as from the 1st of November and at present our Lodge Meetings are being held by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. Browne at their flat at 12 Rue du Consulat.

"Our intention is to secure a larger room to serve as Lodge room, Lecture Hall and also as a social gathering place for members and friends.

"At present things are rather quiet Theosophically here in Shanghai and we had great hopes that Oscar Kollerstrom and Mr. Birrel would give us a lift during this season, but as you are aware they both left Shanghai for Europe a couple of months ago, It is hoped that Mr. Manuk will pay Shanghai a visit and revive the movement."

Besant School for Girls, Shanghai.—Miss Dorothy Arnold, the Co-Principal of this School, reports as follows :

"The Besant School for Girls founded in Shanghai in 1925 for the purpose of establishing an educational centre in which Theosophical ideals could be constantly held before young students is now beginning to fulfil to an increasing extent the purpose for which it was brought into existence.

"At the end of the Autumn term of 1927, the School went through a very severe financial and administrative crisis from which it emerged very crippled in its resources but was saved from extinction owing to the financial assistance of a few devoted members, chief among whom must be mentioned our Presidential Agent, whose generous assistance enabled the School authorities to continue their work and to put into effect a very thorough reorganization.

"Thanks to the capable and highly qualified leadership of the new Principal Miss Shuping Kuai, M.A. (Oxon.), the School is once

more in a flourishing condition and had an enrolment at the beginning of the Autumn term of 1928 of over 340 students; this may be considered a most satisfactory recovery from the temporary set back of the past year.

"It is hoped as time goes on to interest both teachers and students in the principles of Theosophy and in the ideals of the Star, and above all it is hoped that the students who graduate from the Besant School will reflect in their lives something of the great ideals of citizenship so nobly exemplified in the life and teachings of the great Theosophical Leader whose name the School is so proud to bear."

In this connection I should like to place on record Miss Arnold's untiring efforts, self-sacrifice and absolute devotion to the School. She has shouldered almost a superhuman task in establishing and running this school which has now emerged so successfully from its late crisis. Miss Arnold has gained the confidence, admiration and love of all her co-workers which is reflected in the harmonious working of the school.

In my opinion this School is destined to play a very important part in the future development of China and as such it deserves the hearty support of all Theosophists.

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T. S. FEDERATION IN EGYPT

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to send together with my devoted and respectful greetings the Annual Report of the activities of the Federation of the Lodges of the Theosophical Society in Egypt for 1927-28.

During the year under review we have worked quietly as in the year before. Our number is still very small, but the members are united by a strong bond of fraternity and devotion to our principles; they try to spread Theosophy around them in an unostentatious way and do succeed at times in making it better understood.

Last year we started a new departure in our weekly Lodge meetings, which proved to be a success; instead of studying a book, each member had to prepare and read a small paper on a Theosophical subject, an exchange of views on it then taking place; we also read and commented closely on the Kingdom of Happiness of Mr. Krishnamurti.

In April last we had to vacate our old rooms at Savoy Chambers and removed to a more spacious and quieter flat at No. 3, Sharia El Fadl which is our present address.

Mr. Hamza Carr, the President of the English Lodge, is doing excellent work among a nucleus of young Egyptians who follow regularly his small meetings of elementary Theosophy; six out of the seven new members we had in 1927-28 are his pupils.

We had in November last the privilege of welcoming our Brother Aria. We treasure the few days he spent with us here and try to overlook the physical loss we have all suffered in wishing him well in his changed circumstances.

We had also during last winter the visit of Mrs. and Mr. Rey a distinguished naturalist from Venezuela.

In Alexandria, several members of the Lodge "Annie Besant" who wished to work solely for Krishnaji's message and teachings have left it and re-opened the hitherto dormant "Hypatia" Lodge.

There is still very little activity in Port-Said; our small group there, is as a visiting card of the T.S. at the gate of the world East of Suez.

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CENTRAL AMERICA AND COLOMBIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I herewith send you the Annual Report of the Presidential Agency of Central America and Colombia as follows :

Number of Lodges formed during the year	...	1
Total number of active Lodges	...	9
Number of members admitted during the year	...	52
" " resigned, dropped out or died		24
Total number of active members attached and unattached...	... ..	316

As I am very much interested for this Report to reach you by the middle of November, I will give you further information in my next letter.

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Presidential Agent.

San Jose, Costa Rica.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1934

THE T.S. OUTPOSTS IN THE WILDERNESS

SINGAPORE LODGE

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1928

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to report another year of quiet but steady work in this cosmopolitan city. New admissions, resignations and departures notwithstanding, our membership remains at the same figure as last year—16.

Our plan of work also has been much the same as last year—weekly meetings open to the public and Sunday study classes open to members only. At the latter *A Text Book of Theosophy* was gone through, and we are now on *The First Principles of Theosophy*. At the former popular subjects were discussed from the Theosophical standpoint and very many questions answered.

The idea of starting a quarterly journal which was mooted last year was given up for want of proper facilities. But a Service Group has been organised and is doing a certain amount of useful work. For purposes of propaganda, in addition to the weekly meetings, the only means at present at our disposal is the Library. That it is doing its work is proved by the fact that we have a number of paying subscribers, besides the Lodge members, who regularly take advantage of it.

A visit was paid by two of our members to Kuala Lumpur in the early part of the year and a lecture on Theosophy delivered. With a little more propaganda it will be possible to organise a Lodge not only there but in many other Centres in Malaya. But we await the men who can undertake it.

Love to you, revered mother, and greetings to the brothers and sisters assembled at the annual gathering.

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Singapore.

C. R. MENON,

Secretary.

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BARBADOS LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Annual General Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, Pinfold Street, Bridgetown, on the 5th September, 1928.

No members were lost during the year, nor were any added, except Mr. Fitzpatrick, a duplicate of whose Diploma (which had never turned up and must have been lost in the post), was duly received, when he was elected to membership.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of 29 cents to the credit of the Lodge after paying all our expenses, so that we start the new year, at least, free of debt.

During the year the President delivered 3 Lectures on the following subjects, namely: (1) The Oneness of All; (2) The Powers Latent in Man; and (3) Theosophy and Christianity.

But although only these 3 lectures were given there was established and kept up during the year a regular weekly Study Class and Question and Answer Circle on every Lodge Night on which there was no lecture. And these classes have been regularly attended by several non-members who are becoming more and more interested. A regular course of lectures by the President and Vice-President and a Study Class and Question and Answer Circle every weekly Lodge night when there is no lecture, has been planned for the current year.

The Officers of the Lodge for the current year are as follows:

Mr. G. Clyde Williams (President-Judge of the Assistant Court of Appeal), President; Mr. P. P. Spencer, Vice-President; Miss Winifred Williams, Secretary; Mr. Chas. L. Ross, Treasurer; Mr. A. P. Spencer, Librarian; Mr. Victor Goddard, Member of Committee also composed of above members.

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WINIFRED WILLIAMS,

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Hon. Secretary.

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SHANGHAI LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The following is a short report of the activities of the Shanghai Lodge during the past year.

The regular Wednesday meetings have been continued throughout the year. During the past summer they were held at 49 Avenue Road, when a keen group headed by Mr. Calatroni studied *A Study in Consciousness*. These meetings were well attended and were only discontinued during the month of September, after which the regular weekly meetings were held at the Lodge room, 12 Nanking Road.

Public meetings commenced on November 10th, when Miss P. Ayrton gave an address on "A Practical Belief". She gave further lectures on February 16th and April 26th, speaking on "Creative Activity" and "Thought Power". Mr. Calatroni also gave three lectures, on January 19th, March 1st and April 12th, on "Eastern Philosophy," on "Death and After" and "Buddhism". Miss Noblston spoke on February 2nd on "Our Emotions" and Dr. Koenig on "The Atomic Theory" on December 8th.

The Lodge was fortunate in having Mr. Manuk for a short visit in March, during which he gave two public lectures, on March 26th and 29th on "The Attitude of Theosophists" and "The Way to Enlightenment" and also conducted a Lodge meeting.

The Library has been most ably run by Mr. Campbell who is in attendance on all Lodge meetings and class meetings, and also daily from 12.30 to 2 p.m. and owing to this facility offered to users of the library, a fair number of books have been in circulation this year.

Owing to the departure from Shanghai of several valued members the membership of the Lodge has somewhat fallen off, amongst those who are most missed are Mrs. Malley, Mrs. Buijs and Miss David. Mrs. Buijs it is hoped and expected will return to her activities in the Lodge and the Besant School, after her visit to her home in Australia.

Four new members have joined during the year, whilst visits have been paid by members from other Lodges.

In July a Healing Group was started under the guidance of Staff Sergeant G. Barber under the auspices of "The Theosophical Order of Service". This work has been steadily continued since then, the Group meeting every Monday evening with unfailing regularity.

Particular thanks are due to *The China Press* for space placed regularly at the disposal of the Lodge for advertising; this has been a splendid means of letting the meetings and Library become known to members as well as to others.

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MAHAYANA LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It was my intention to send in a brief Report of our Mahayana Lodge long before this and now I have postponed it so long, I doubt if you can receive it in time for the Convention. But in view of the fact that Mrs. Setti Hibino will be at Adyar at that time and as she is a member of the Lodge here, she will be able to tell of our activities.

Our activities have not been very large during the past year. A few meetings have taken place at our house and each time some one has been asked to lecture. We have however been successful in having our first booklet translated and printed in Japanese. *Information for Enquirers* was translated and 1,000 copies printed, making a neat little pamphlet. *Information for Enquirers* of the Order of the Star was also translated and made into a booklet.

We wish very much that one of the Society's lecturers would visit us some time. It seems difficult for Theosophy to make much growth here just for the reason that it is so similar in its teachings to Buddhism. There seems to be a general idea, especially among Theosophists that the Japanese are not a spiritual people and do not come for spiritual things. In my opinion this idea is entirely wrong. I consider the Japanese very spiritual. All that is best in their culture is based upon religion. No one could pass through this period of the Emperor's coronation without feeling how near the spiritual world is to the Japanese. But in regard to Theosophy, Theosophy comes not as something new but as a variant of their own Buddhist teaching and for this reason they are slow to come to it. The appeal of Universal Brotherhood is the note that must be stuck by Theosophists for the Japanese. It is just the same too in regard to

the Order of the Star. Their own great teachers like Kobo Daishi, Shinian Shonin and others stand still too close to them in time and they feel that they have not yet fully absorbed the teachings of these great ones and therefore they do not feel the call to look elsewhere. In my opinion it is not because of their unspirituality that they fail to do so but on account of their strong religious feeling for their own religious leaders. Personally I should like to have a larger membership for I am deeply interested in the Society, but at the same time, I appreciate the reasons why it is more difficult than it is in Western countries.

Mrs. Hibino carries the greetings of the Mahayana Lodge. We are collecting our dues and will be sending them on to Headquarters before long. We have now eleven members including Mrs. Hibino.

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MIROKU LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The following is a short report of the activities of the Miroku Lodge which was chartered only a few months ago.

Our new Lodge is not going very well in the international section owing to the uncertain ebb and flow of travelling foreigners, but the vernacular section is steadily settling down.

Number of members admitted during the year was 10 altogether, including both the sections. We have a total number of 15 active members, attached and unattached. No book or pamphlet published has yet been in our Lodge.

Our Secretary, Miss E. Casey, having gone to Hongkong and England for a year, we are at present looking for another Secretary among foreign people residing in Tokyo. Meanwhile I myself am acting as the Secretary, Treasurer and President.

There is in Tokyo a group of musicians called the "Surya" musical group of which chief members are our young "Theosophists," and among them the most promising young man is Mr. S. Moroi who has composed a musical score from the translation of "The Hymn" from *The Path* by Mr. Krishnamurti, which I have presented to Mr. Krishnamurti through Mrs. Hibino, who is going to Adyar presently. On the 21st October, Mr. Moroi and his party are giving a concert, and a hundred and fifty singers and about fifty orchestra will perform *The Path Hymn* which is expected to be a great success.

Krishnaji is not known among the Japanese and no Japanese papers have mentioned his name; my own translation of *At the Feet of the Master* is very little known, so by means of the concert

the people will have a chance for the first time to know Krishnaji as the World-Teacher. We people of these far Oriental regions may be helped more by music than by books.

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B. KON,

Ag. Secretary.

CANADIAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1927-1928

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Canadian Theosophical Federation reports having admitted 46 new members during the year, and having secured a charter for one new Lodge. The losses in membership by demits, etc., amounted to 22, so that the Federation is able to report a net gain of 24, making the total membership now 227.

The new Lodge was formed at Wynyard, Saskatchewan through the efforts of Mr. Wm. Thomson. This Lodge is in an Icelandic settlement. All of the members except Mr. Thomson are Icelanders. We are very glad to welcome them, and trust they will be able to spread Theosophy throughout the entire community.

Wayfarers Lodge at Winnipeg almost succeeded in doubling its membership during the year, so that it now shares second place in the Federation with Harmony Lodge of London, Ont.

Hermes Lodge of Vancouver still maintains the lead with a total membership of 117, and bears the distinction of being the second largest Theosophical Lodge in Canada.

The finances of the Federation are in a satisfactory condition, and have enabled it to assist in defraying the expenses of lecture tours in Canada. The small Lodges and the enormous distances between them make lecture tours in Canada very difficult, but during the calendar year Mrs. Betty Hampton has made one complete tour of the Federation Lodges, and is now engaged upon a second tour. Miss Mary Watson, National Organizer for the Order of the Star, has also visited the Federation Lodges. The visits of these lecturers are a welcome source of inspiration to the isolated Lodges, and we feel that we are fortunate in having their services.

In connection with Mrs. Hampton's present tour we are trying an experiment. Instead of arranging for the lecturer to spend one or perhaps three evenings with a Lodge and then proceeding to the next, we are arranging for a more extended series of public lectures and members' talks, covering a period of two or three weeks at each place. This enables the Lodges to arrange for meetings with the various clubs and organizations whose work is in any way allied to the objects of the Theosophical Society. The lecturer, in this way, is enabled to present the Theosophical message to those who otherwise might not attend a public lecture. The continued series of members' talks makes it possible for the lecturer to discuss many problems which are otherwise too long for consideration during a one or two night's stand. At the same time many valuable and intimate personal contacts with members are made, doing much to bring a realization of the brotherhood which exists in the Society. The principal difficulty with this type of tour lies in the problem of properly reimbursing the lecturers for the many days which they must devote to the work.

Mr. Fritz Kunz made an extended stay in Vancouver B.C. on this principle under the auspices of Hermes Lodge, putting on an intensive campaign among the various service clubs and organizations of the city and in the Lodge, for a period of five weeks. His lectures were very interesting and were well attended throughout the series. The Federation Lodges are also indebted to Bishop Cooper for a visit, which brought with it a great deal of inspiration and instruction.

Krishna Lodge of Calgary is to be commended for the good work which has been done through the T.O.S. in connection with animal welfare, child welfare and world peace. They have succeeded in securing the support of the press as well as of a number of humanitarian bodies working along similar lines.

Some of the members of Sirius Lodge at West Summerland, B.C. under the inspiration of Mr. Jack Logie have been conducting a summer school, which closed its sixth and most successful session in September of this year. The school, called "Besant College," is held at Summerland on the shore of the Okanagan Lake. The property comprises about five acres with a small stream running

through it, and has quite a grove of birch and maple trees. The site faces a beautiful expanse of lake and mountain.

All the lectures are open to the public, and deal with a wide variety of problems. The ideals of Besant College are based on those of the School of Pythagoras at Krotona, and the aim is to apply that Ancient Wisdom or Theosophy to the solution of the problems of modern life. No subject is barred. Discussion and studies embrace the problem of Statesmanship, World peace, the Economics of labor, Theories of community life, Mysticism and Occultism, Modern phases of literature and the Drama, The place of music in society, Latest tendencies in poetry, New ideals in education, Public speaking, Common sense in healing and diet, Demonstrations of handicraft, Pottery making, Basket making, Spinning and Weaving.

Vegetarian meals are served in a common dining room and expenses shared on a common basis.

At the closing meeting the session was voted an entire success by those present, and the members of the Advisory Board are planning many improvements and extensions for next year. This is the first effort along this line made by any members of the Federation Lodges, and it is to be hoped that success will follow their endeavours.

The Canadian Theosophical Book Centre has proved to be a successful venture. Though the books are handled purely on a non-profit basis it has been possible to extend the business considerably during the past year.

The first issue of the magazine, which was proposed a year ago, is now in the press. It will be confined almost entirely to matters of interest to members of the Federation, but it is hoped it will prove to be a medium of conveying to the general Theosophical membership an idea of the aspirations, ideals and activities of the Federation Lodges. It is not to be expected that there will be perfect agreement in the expression of these ideals, but we do feel that the membership is united on the basic principle of brotherhood as a practical rule of life. Those who are engaged in the effort to live their Theosophy cannot find time to criticise those with whom they do not agree, and under the inspiration of the message being given forth by Mr. J. Krishnamurti the majority of the membership

is seeking earnestly to find ways and means of intellectually and spiritually making life the goal.

The Federation takes this opportunity of congratulating the Society as a whole on the re-election which once more gives us the privilege of continuing to work under the inspiring leadership of our beloved Dr. Annie Besant. May good health always attend her.

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WILLIAM E. DUCKERING,

Federation Secretary.

RUSSIAN FEDERATION WITHIN THE FINNISH SECTION

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The general line of work during this year was along the deeper understanding of the Cosmos as of the One living Organism, and of every living entity therein as of some necessary factor, playing, improving or impeding part therein.

This principal topic—intuitive feeling was reflected into the many intellectual problems considered, such as: (1) *Will*; (2) *Liberty—Absoluteness* (of whom, from what and why); (3) Biological co-operation of Cells within the living organism, of thinking persons within the Buddhic aura of the Earthly Organism; (4) *Dharma* as the law of buddhic life and of *Necessity, Fate* of empyric world as of Karmic-Dynamic, creative reflection of the same Dharmic stimulus within the sensual empyrism.

This line of our work correlates truly in our consciousness the stimulus of the Aquarian Age and of Mr. Krishnaji with the impetus of the Ageless Wisdom given out by H.P.B. Thus we, small earnest parts of Humanity, feel ourselves really happy to share its great Dharma and to carry on its sublime creative task to the best of our ability.

KELLOMAKI, FINLAND,

September, 1928.

NIKOLAS EFIMOF

Chairman of Federation.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honor to submit the report of the Adyar Library for the year ending 30th September, 1928. The Library had a year of usefulness as before, and the work done by the Library is extremely satisfactory. There was a great progress in all directions, especially in the matter of publication. Better provision has been made for the accommodation of books. The pay of the members of the staff has been revised and liberal allowances have been granted for them. Scholars in various parts have made use of the Library and by reference on various points. The books in the main room of the Eastern Section of the Library have been arranged and numbered properly and the shelves have been labelled on the model of the Western Section started by Dr. J. H. Cousins. Some scholars from foreign Universities have visited the Library during the year and they all have spoken highly of the collection of books and manuscripts. I must especially note the name of Professor Gyvalis

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I have the honor to submit the report of the Adyar Library for the year ending 30th September, 1928. The Library had a year of usefulness as before and the work done by the Library is extremely satisfactory. There was a great progress in all directions, especially in the matter of publication. Better provision has been made for the accommodation of books. The pay of the members of the staff has been revised and liberal allowances have been granted for them. Scholars in various parts have made use of the Library through loan of books and manuscripts from the Library and by references on various points. The books in the main room of the Eastern Section of the Library have been arranged and numbered properly and the shelves have been labelled on the model of the Western Section started by Dr. J. H. Cousins. Some scholars from foreign Universities have visited the Library during the year and they all have spoken highly of the collection of books and manuscripts. I must especially note the name of Professor Sylvain Lévi from Paris.

There was no change so to speak in the staff of the Library. Mr. T. R. Chintamani was appointed as Librarian in the Eastern Section of the Library in 1927; his salary was increased from January, 1928. Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier's salary was also revised and he is granted a house allowance. He is now living in quarters provided within the Adyar Estate. The scale of the pay of the Pandits was also revised and a house allowance has been given to each of them. The distinction of first Pandit, second Pandit and third Pandit was done away with and a uniform scale of pay was fixed for all of them.

Mr. T. R. Chintamani is mainly attending to the publication of books. He has seen through the press the major portion of the second part of the catalogue of the manuscripts in the Library. He is also comparing manuscripts for publication and correcting proofs. The pandits are helping him in comparing manuscripts and in reading through the proofs. The pandits also prepare the transcript for the press. Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier is mainly engaged in arranging the books in the main room of the Eastern Section of the Library, in numbering the books and in labelling the shelves. He is also looking into the day to day routine of the office. The work of all the members has been satisfactory.

During the year the second part of the catalogue of manuscripts has been published. A small beautiful epic dealing with the marriage of Krishna with Rukmini, with commentary has been published, and the book will be ready to be issued in a very short time. The fifth volume of the Minor Upanishads with the commentary of Upanishad Brahma Yogin is now going through the press. The previous four volumes have been published by the late Pandit A. Mahadeva Sastri. The present volume is uniform with the four volumes in all respects. This volume will finish the Minor Upanishads. There is ready for the press a commentary on Apastambagrihya Sutra by Kapardiswamin, a very rare work. A commentary called Prakatartha on the great Advaita work of Sankaracharya—the Bhashya on the Brahma Sutras—is also ready for the press. These works will be taken up in time. The copy for publication is being prepared by the pandits and the manuscripts are compared and the proofs read through by Mr. T. R. Chintamani with the assistance of the pandits. I am looking into the general plan of the publication. I see the press copy before it goes to the press and I look into the proof before the final copy is struck off.

As usual, in the matter of purchase of books, attention was mainly directed to oriental subjects and to Theosophy. All the latest publications of importance on these subjects have been acquired. Few original manuscripts have been acquired during the year. But transcript of manuscripts from other Libraries has been made. In the coming year, I propose to go on a tour in

search of manuscripts. Most of the very valuable manuscripts in the collection have been acquired through such search made by Dr. Schrader and Mr. J. Van Manan. There is considerable scope for work in this field, and if I undertake the tour in person the work could be done with no appreciable expense.

The financial position of the Library is one which gives me considerable anxiety. In 1927 an amount of about Rs. 10,000 had to meet through donations from which Rs. 5,000 came from the Adyar Day Gift. This year also about the same has to be so met and the T. S. contribution was budgeted only as Rs. 2,500 instead of Rs. 5,000 in 1927. In the coming year also the total expense budgeted is about Rs. 14,000. The only stable income of the Library is the interest on the endowment fund of a little over a lakh of rupees, and the interest is only a little over Rs. 4,000. On salaries alone we are now spending over Rs. 7,000, according to the new scale, including the house allowance. In this connection I have to state that till now I was living in quarters within the Adyar Estate free of rent; but I propose to pay rent for the house that I occupy from the first of January, 1929. The Library has increased considerably in magnitude and the upkeep is becoming a really responsible burden. The real position is such that without a stable income of about Rs. 20,000 annually, the management of the Library has become a difficult task. Acquiring new publications, subscribing for periodicals, upkeep of the stock in good order without dust and worms, acquiring fresh manuscripts of value, and undertaking some publications—these items are indispensable for a Library of the standing and reputation which this Library has acquired. The only item which could be touched is the salary. It will be necessary to curtail the staff considerably. If it be the wish of the President that the establishment be reduced, then I will have to put in new schemes for the entire management of the Library. And there is a possibility of reducing the expense under the heading of salaries by Rs. 3,000, if some substantial change is introduced in the administration of the Library. As the books are now placed in about half a dozen places, and as the Library is being visited by sight-seers, it is necessary to employ the attenders for watching the books and to

see that the books are safe. If admission to the Library could be restricted to students who want to use the books, and if admission cards are issued as is done in some of the Libraries in Europe as the India Office Library, even a lesser number of attenders could look after the books, and they may be employed for clerical assistance as well. If I get sanction to thoroughly reorganise the administration of the Library, to limit the Library to those who want to use books, to exclude mere sight-seers, and to confine the literary activities to what could be efficiently supervised by an Hon. Director without prejudice to his work outside, then I can recommend that the staff be reduced to a Librarian who will be in charge of the office work, two Pandits to look after the manuscripts and to attend to the Publication Department, and three attenders and two boys. When our stable income is only about Rs. 4,000, salary alone should not come to such a figure as Rs. 7,000. Something has to be done regarding the finances of the Library.

I subjoin a Report from Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier where details and figures are given. Our thanks are due to those Libraries, Institutions, Governments and private individuals who have exchanged publications with us, who have presented books to us, and who have helped us in other ways.

C. KUNHAN RAJA,

Hon. Director.

REPORT OF MR. B. S. RAMASUBBIER, THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN

Additions to the Library.—83 books and 21 pamphlets in printed volumes have been added in 1928 to the Eastern Section. 744 books and 248 pamphlets in printed volumes comprise the addition to the Western Section, forming a total of 827 books and 269 pamphlets as against 558 books and 145 pamphlets last year.

The Samskrit works transcribed for the Library during the year are : (1) Artha Śāstra Vyākhyā (Jayamangala), (2) Siddhānta-sārāvalī (Jnanapada and Kriyapada), (3) R̥g-Veda Bhāsyam by

Skandasvāmin, (4) Kanakalekhā-Kalyanam, (5) Taptamudrā-Vidrāvaṇam, (6) Brahmasūtra-Hamsa-Bhāsyam, (7) Prakāṭārtha Brahmasūtra Bhāsyam, (8) Nyāyasiddhi, (9) Vakroktiḥvitā, (10) Vaṭāraṇya Māhātmyam, (11) Jinasēnāchārya Mahāpurāṇam, (12) Vakyapadiya-Tīkā, (13) Śṛṅgāraprakāśah, (14) Vijayīndraparājayah, (15) Munisuvrata-Kāvya.

The last-mentioned five are continuations of those begun in the past year.

Three palm-leaf MSS. were acquired during the year, viz : (1) Lingānusāsana, (2) Mādhaviya Dhatuvritti, (3) Laghu Bhāskariya.

Donors of Books.—Dr. Annie Besant, Dr. G. S. Arundale, Dr. J. H. Cousins, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, Mr. A. Schwarz, Mr. D. K. Telang, Mrs. A. E. Adair, Miss A. J. Willson, Mrs. C. V. Godefroy, Mr. E. S. C. Handy, Mr. S. K. Parthasarathi, Mrs. Colvi, Mrs. M. Grieve, Mr. T. R. Chintamani, Mr. S. Srinivasier, Mr. G. N. Gokhale, Madame Rathongi, Mr. Sven Dederling, Mr. A. Seamwell, Mr. M. Krishnan, Mr. K. V. Ramachandracharya, Mr. Markandeya Sarma, Mr. D. A. Narasimha, Mr. S. V. Kanakasabhai, Mr. K. S. Ramachandrier, Mr. C. Ramiah, the Bahai Publication Committee, New York, Darul Kutub Islamia, Lahore, Buddhist T.S. League, Calicut, The Australian Section, T.S., and Valparaiso T.S.

The names of the following institutions are worth mentioning as permanent donors to the Adyar Library with their annual and periodical publications.

(1) Smithsonian Institution and the Bureau of American Ethnology, (2) The American Academy of Social and Political Science, Philadelphia, (3) The University of Illinois, (4) The Library of Congress, Washington, (5) The University of Missouri, (6) The many National Societies of the Theosophical Society, (7) Indian Star Headquarters, (8) The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, (9) The Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, (10) The Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Egmore, (11) The Government Oriental MSS. Library, Mysore, (12) The Oriental Research Institute, Baroda, (13) The Samskrit Publication Department, Trivandram, (14) The Samskrit College, Benares, (15) Serfoji Maharajah Sarasvati Mahal, Tanjore, (16) Simon Hewavitarne Bequest, Ceylon, (17) The Asiatic Society of Bengal.

Binding.—350 books were bound during the year under report.

Use of the Library.—2,065 volumes were consulted in the Library. Books and MSS. are not as a rule lent out; but persons who are residents of Adyar and within the easy reach of the Library do mostly require loan of books in connection with their Theosophical work or studies and they often borrow and return books in due time and in good condition. Books so lent out number 1,071 as against 1921 last year. Exception is made with regard to the loan of MSS. in the case of scholars who are connected with the University Institutions in India. One such case in the year is the loan of the Manuscript of Rju Vimala to Mr. A. Chinnasvami Sastri, Mīmāṃsā Professor of the Benares Hindu University, on his signing the prescribed form of Instrument Stamp.

Exchange.—Copies of the last Annual Report of the Adyar Library were sent to the various important Libraries of the world in exchange of theirs. The last publication, *viz.*, the 2nd Volume of the Catalogue of Samskrit Manuscripts in the Adyar Library was sent to the institutions that have been sending theirs in exchange to the Adyar Library. The Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the year 1928 is herewith appended.

B. S. RAMASUBBIER,

Assistant Librarian.

AMERICA

Publications by the Theosophical Press during the year ending June 30, 1928:

<i>History of the Secret Doctrine</i>	Alexander Stone
<i>Divine, Her Power and Purpose</i>	G. S. S. S. S.
<i>Child Training in the Light of Theosophy</i>	Paul E. R. K. K.
<i>Flame of the Rose</i>	Isadora Brydova
<i>Introduction to Theosophical Science</i>	Alexander Stone
<i>Path to Progress</i>	Mary Storme House
<i>Signs and Symbols</i>	Bonnie Brydova
<i>The Message of the Month</i>	

BOOKS PUBLISHED DURING 1928

[Only a few Sections have sent in lists. The complete record is much larger than that which appears here.—P.T.S.]

From the period 1st November, 1927 to 31st October, 1928.

<i>The Secret Doctrine: Principles of Astrology</i> . (The author of "An Introduction to Psychological Astrology" and "The Principles of Astrology" has here produced a valuable treatise for students.)	Charles E. O. Carter
<i>Deity</i> . (pp. 40, 12. net.)	
<i>Le Chant de St. Germain</i> . (A reprint of this remarkable work with the original half-tone illustrations and reproductions of documents.)	I. Cooper H. Oakley
<i>Golden Era</i> . (pp. 284, 12. 6d. net.)	
<i>The Secret Doctrine</i> . (Three Vols. large 8vo, pp. 1040, 12. 6d. net.)	H. P. Blavatsky
<i>Masters and Disciples</i> . (F. cap. 8vo, pp. 92. Boards 12. 6d. net.)	Clare M. Codd
<i>A Ceremony of the Golden Chain</i> . (F. cap. 8vo, pp. 48. Paper 9d. net.)	John Poulton
<i>Consideration Many</i> . (12. net.)	
<i>Be Ye Perfect</i> . (A continuation of The Brotherhood of Angels and of Her Series. Foreword by Phoebe Stoker. F. cap. 4to, pp. 32. Boards 12. 6d. net.)	Geoffrey Hinton

AMERICA

Publications by the Theosophical Press during the year ending
June 30, 1928 :

<i>Alchemy of the Secret Doctrine</i>	Alexander Horne
<i>America, Her Power and Purpose</i>	G. S. Arundale
<i>Child Training in the Light of Theosophy</i>	Prof. R. K. Kulkarni
<i>Flame of the Fog</i>	Bozena Brydlova
<i>Introduction to Esoteric Judaism</i>	Alexander Horne
<i>Path to Peace</i>	Mary Morris Duane
<i>Sinners Sermons</i>	Bozena Brydlova
<i>The Messenger</i> (Monthly)	

ENGLAND

NEW BOOKS

Published by the Theosophical Publishing House, Ltd., London,
from the period 1st November, 1927 to 31st October, 1928.

<i>The Seven Great Problems of Astrology.</i> (The author of "An Encyclopædia of Psychological Astrology" and "The Principles of Astrology" has here produced a valuable brochure for students. Demy 8vo. pp. 40, 1s. net.)	Charles E. O. Carter
<i>Le Comte de St. Germain.</i> (A reprint of this remarkable work with the original half-tone illustrations and reproductions of documents. Crown 8vo. pp. 284, 8s. 6d. net.)	I. Cooper H. Oakley
<i>The Secret Doctrine.</i> (Three Vols. Imp. 8vo. pp. 2616, £2-2 net.)	H. P. Blavatsky
<i>Masters and Disciples.</i> (F. cap. 8vo. pp. 96. Boards 2s. 6d. net.)	Clara M. Codd
<i>A Ceremony of the Golden Chain.</i> (F. cap. 8vo. pp. 48. Paper 9d. net.)	John Foulds
<i>Gandharva Music.</i> (2s. net.)	
<i>Be Ye Perfect.</i> (A continuation of The Brotherhood of Angels and of Men Series. Frontispiece by Phoebe Stabler. F. cap. 4to. pp. 52. Boards 3s. 6d. net.)	Geoffrey Hodson

Theosophy and the Fourth Dimension. (Crown 8vo. pp. 128, 34
Diagrams, 4s. 6d. net.) A. Horne

The Divine Vision. (Crown 8vo. pp. 96. Boards 2s. 6d. net.)
C. Jinarajadasa, M.A. (Cantab.).

Religion for Beginners. (Crown 8vo. pp. 168, 5s. net.)
The Rt. Rev. F. W. Pigott

The Causal Body. (The fourth volume of the Series dealing with Man's
Bodies. Demy 8vo. pp. 364, 15s. net.) Lt.-Col. A. E. Powell

The Influence of Music on History and Morals. (A vindication of
Plato. Crown 8vo. pp. 256, 7s. 6d. net.) Cyril Scott

The Presence of Christ in the Holy Communion. (Crown 8vo. pp. 64.
Paper 1s. 6d. net.) The Rt. Rev. J. I. Wedgwood

The White Island. (Crown 8vo. pp. 216, 2s. 6d. net.) Michael Wood

The Philosophy of Reincarnation. (F. cap 8vo. pp. 48. Paper 6d. net.)
Charlotte E. Woods

The Zodiac and The Soul. (Crown 8vo. pp. 112, Nine Charts, 4s.
6d. net.) C. E. O. Carter, B.A.

Designed to interest those who hold that the material world is
a reflection of an ideal world, and that man subsists in an intermediate
condition.

The Angelic Hosts. (F. cap 4 to. pp. 80. Frontispiece by Phoebe Stabler,
5s. net.) Foreward by the Rt. Rev. J. I. Wedgwood.

Geoffrey Hodson

Provides a basis from which a more detailed study of the
hierarchy of angels may be obtained.

Offering. (Crown 16mo. pp. 96, 2s. net.) C. Jinarajadasa, M.A.

Tells of the Divine Child, of His teaching in regard to worship,
and of the place to which men go to commune with the Highest.

Highways in Astrology. (Crown 8vo. pp. 106. Boards 3s. 6d. net.)
Kumbha

A concise work based on the principles of Hindu Astrology. The
author's summary of aspects for both natal and progressed work and
his remarkable method of synthesis render the work invaluable.

Studies in Evolutionary Psychology. (Crown 8vo. pp. 96. Paper 1s. 6d.
net.) Introduction by. J. Emile Marcault, M.A., LL.B., Paris.

E. W. Preston, M.Sc. & C. G. Trew, B.Sc.

This textbook, from the London Centre of the Theosophical
World University, on the correlation of Psychological Evolution with

the history of physical science, art, etc., presents Theosophy as a philosophy of Universal Evolution.

REPRINTS AND CHEAP EDITIONS

Published by the Theosophical Publishing House, Ltd., London.

<i>In the Outer Court.</i> (Boards 2s. net.)	Annie Besant, D. L.
<i>Fragments of Thought and Life.</i> (Paper 1s. 6d. net.)	Mabel Collins
<i>Light on the Path.</i> (Cloth 2s. ; Paper 1s. net.)	„
<i>Old Diary Leaves.</i> (Price to be announced later.)	H. S. Olcott
<i>Incidents in the Life of Madame Blavatsky.</i> (Boards 1s. 6d.)	A. P. Sinnett

INDIA

List of books and pamphlets (original or translated) published, and magazines issued by the Indian Section, Theosophical Society :

<i>Congregational Pooja for Hindus</i> (English), Re. 1-0.	
<i>Mystic Experiences</i> (English), Re. 1-8	Babu Bhagawan Das
<i>Information for Enquirers (T.S.) Revised</i> (English), As. 1.	
<i>Who Brings the Truth</i> (Hindi and Telugu)	Other Agency
<i>Bhagwat Saram</i> (Tamil)	Krishna Das
<i>Nama Ramayanam, Nama Bhagwatam</i> (Malayalam).	
<i>Leaflet on the World Mother's Message</i> (Malayalam).	

MAGAZINES PUBLISHED :

<i>Theosophy in India</i> (English)	Indian Section
Behar, C.I. and Rajputana, Kerala, Telugu, Tamil and Karnataka Federations Magazines.	
<i>Brahmavidya</i>	Bengali
<i>Jyoti, Viswa Prakash and Yashoda</i> (Gujrati)	Private Agencies
<i>Navajyoti</i> (Hindi)	„

AUSTRALIA

PUBLICATIONS

PAMPHLET :

Theosophy and an Ideal Australia

C. Jinarajadasa

MAGAZINE :

*Advance ! Australia*Edited by J. L. Davidge and
the General Secretary

MAGAZINE :

*The Australian Theosophist*Formerly edited by J. L. Davidge,
now edited by the Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater

NEWSLETTER :

Australian Notes and News

Edited by the General Secretary

NEW ZEALAND

Books and Pamphlets published and Magazines issued by the
New Zealand Section, T.S., year ending 31st October, 1928.

PAMPHLET :

(For private circulation only.)

*A Message to the Members of the Theosophical Society from an
Elder Brother*—read at the Jubilee Convention, Adyar, December,
1925. The Theosophical Society, New Zealand Section, 371, Queen
St., Auckland.

MAGAZINE :

Theosophy in New Zealand, published on alternate months. Free
to Members of the New Zealand Section. Subscribers: 4s. per annum,
post free. 8d. per single copy. Editorial and Publishing Office: 371
Queen Street, Auckland.

FRANCE

List of new books and reprints issued during the year 1927—1928
by our Publishing House: *La Famille Theosophique*.*Nouveautés Et Reimpressions De L'Année, 1927—1928.**La Nouvelle Civilisation.*

A. Besant

La Voie de l'Occultiste. Tome II. Commentaires sur *La Voix du
Silence*

A. Besant and C. W. Leadbeater

**Le Maître*

R. Holt

* Original.

* <i>L'Evolution occulte de l'Humanite</i>	C. Jinarajadasa
<i>La Source de Sagesse.</i>	J. Krishnamurti
<i>De quelle Autorite ? La Vie comme Ideal</i>	"
† <i>L'Occultisme et la Vie</i>	C. Lancelin
<i>Le Cote cache des Choses. Tome II</i>	C. W. Leadbeater
† <i>Prologue au livre de Thot.</i>	A. Paviot
<i>Le Corps astral.</i>	A. E. Powell
* <i>Sur le Seuil.</i>	N.
† <i>Essai de Doctrine Occulte</i>	G. Chevrier
† <i>Les Veritis du Sanctuaire</i>	P. Letailleur

ITALY

Books translated and published by the *Prometeo T.P.H.* during the year 1927-28 :

<i>Ol ceux qui souffrent.</i> (Second edition)	Aimee Blech
<i>Occult World</i>	A. P. Sinnett
<i>The Masters and the Path</i>	Bishop C. W. Leadbeater
<i>Fire of Creation</i>	J. J. van der Leeuw
<i>Gods in Exile</i>	"
<i>The Message from an Elder Brother.</i>	

REVIEWS PUBLISHED :

Gnosi (bi-monthly).

FINLAND

Translations, in Finnish, of the following books have been published by *T.S. in Finland*, during the year 1927—1928.

BOOKS :

<i>The Fire of Creation</i>	J. J. van der Leeuw
<i>The Way of Truth</i>	Bela Zichy
<i>The Kingdom of Happiness</i>	J. Krishna murti

* Are reprinted.

† Are original.

PAMPHLETS:

*The Theosophical Society.**The World-Teacher and the New Civilization*

Besant

Who Brings the Truth

Krishnamurti

MAGAZINE:

Teosofi.

RUSSIA

PUBLISHING ACTIVITIES

Sectional Magazine (nearly monthly) *Vestnik* (Messenger).
 Bulletin of T.S. News (hectographically)—3 times yearly.

BOOKS:

First Principles of Theosophy

C. Jinarajadasa

Ideals of Theosophy

Dr. A. Besant

PAMPHLET:

What is Real Occultism?

Dr. A. Kamensky

SOUTH AFRICA

One Brochure, *Simple Theosophy*, 1,000 copies, and *Theosophy in South Africa*, Sectional Magazine, issued monthly since May, 1928.

SCOTLAND

Joint publication with England, Wales and Ireland. *News and Notes* of the Theosophical Society in the British Isles (in which Scotland has 4 pages), issued monthly, price 2d., post free 3d.

SWITZERLAND

PUBLICATION:

Bulletin Theosophique Suisse, Quarterly.

NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

- Gedachtevormen* A. Besant and C. W. Leadbeater
Commentaren I op Aan des Meesters Voete
 „ *II op De Stem van de Stilte* A. Besant and C. W. Leadbeater
 „ *III op Licht op het Pad* A. Besant and C. W. Leadbeater
De Zeven Stralen Ernest Wood
Het Vuur der Schepping J. J. van der Leeuw
Het Groote Geheim J. Kruisheer
Vrymaking „

NORWAY

Reprints of translations of:

- Light on the Path* Mabel Collins
The Riddle of Life and Theosophy's Answer Dr. Annie Besant
Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift (Annual Magazine)

DENMARK

PUBLISHING NEWS:

The Sectional paper of the Danish National Society is *Theosophia*—a monthly periodical, *i.e.*, appearing in nine numbers yearly, no numbers being published during the summer-season.

The Danish National Society has not published any books.

CANADA

BOOKS PUBLISHED DURING 1927

The only official publication during the year was *The Canadian Theosophist*, 12 issues. Also volume VIII bound, with index. The Blavatsky Institute in connection with The Toronto Theosophical

Society has reprinted and published *The Evidence of Immortality*, by Dr. Jerome A. Anderson, which has been out of print, and *The Esoteric Character of the Gospels*, by Madame Blavatsky.

POLAND

Publications issued by T. S. in Poland during the period from 1927—1928 :

Theosophical Review Magazine Nos. 13, 14 and 15.

Books :

Reincarnation (translation)

Irving S. Cooper

Initiation—the Perfecting of Man (translation)

Annie Besant

CEYLON

The Ceylon Theosophical Magazine (quarterly).

GREECE

List of Books published into Greek by the Theosophical Publishing House (of Athens) Ltd. :

1. Published during the years 1925 and 1926 :

A.B.C. of Theosophy (1925)

Pascal

Theosophy in a Few Chapters (1925)

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The Ancient Wisdom (1925)

Annie Besant

At the Feet of the Master (1926)

J. Krishnamurti

2. Published during the year 1927 :

Glimpses of Masonic History

C. W. Leadbeater

3. Published during the year 1928 :

The Masters and the Path

C. W. Leadbeater

The Path

J. Krishnamurti

Gods in Exile

J. J. van der Leeuw

4. In Course of Preparation. Will appear during the year 1928 :

First Principles of Theosophy

C. Jinarajadasa

The Hidden Life in Freemasonry

C. W. Leadbeater

THE NEAHMAYUTA ASHRAMA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The seventh lecture-series of the Neahmayuta Ashrama opened very auspiciously on October 3, inaugurated by your kind attendance and address. The work of the Ashrama in its first term, is marked by the development of the spiritual method, and in this the theory of the initiation and correspondence and use in the practical and working out of the main topic. The best part of this is yet to come in the next term.

Mr. L. B. Ray has presented a series of 10 lectures on the use and application of knowledge. Mr. W. H. Woodson, D.D., gave 3 lectures on India, and will continue in the second term. These lectures have been very valuable to all of the symbols of the temple, and the theory was carried out very by step. In connection with this work was held in the evening in Madras, where the students of the Ashrama of the study of Sanskrit, the structure of mind, and the nature of the human nature of organic and self-conscious. It was the first of our courses as it was new ground of all students. The last lecture on Evolution and Geology was the first of the series. It was filled up the programme.

The immediate future is very promising as we are preparing a series of Indian Philosophy by Dr. Sankaradeva, who has been much appreciated last year. The next lecture on the history of Sankaradeva Iyer expanding the theory of the initiation and will also make the coming term brighter. There were a series of visitors, the most notable being Dr. A. B. Sankaradeva, University, Toronto, who gave a most interesting lecture on the Kingdom Bacterial life and the Philosophy of the evolution of science he is an expert.

Our Dr. Cousin has been very helpful in the work of the World Universal Association, and will be.

THE BRAHMAVIDYA ASHRAMA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The seventh lecture-session of the Brahmavidya Ashrama opened very auspiciously on October 2, stimulated by your kind attendance, and address. The work of the session in this its first term, is marked by the development of the discussion method, and in this the theory of the intuition, and its recognition and use in the practical and waking consciousness has been the main topic. The best part of this is yet to come in the second term.

Mr. L. B. Raje has presented a series of most valuable lectures on the use and application of Astrology. Mr. M. S. Sundara Sarma gave 9 lectures on Indian art, with more to follow in the second term. These lectures have been very stimulating to all as the symbolism of the sculpture and architecture was pointed out step by step. In connection with this there was a visit to the Museum in Madras, where much was explained on the spot. In the study of Substance, Prof. M. D. Kini of the Government Engineering College, gave 7 very valuable talks on the nature of the atom, valence, the structure of molecules, and a short introduction to the nature of organic and cell structure. It was one of the best of our courses as it was new ground to all attending. The usual lectures on Evolution and Geology and the series on Animal Psychology filled up the programme.

The immediate future is very promising as we are to have a series on Indian Philosophy by Dr. Srinivasa Murthi, who was so much appreciated last year. The six lectures on Karma by Mr. M. Subbramania Iyer expanding the theme of his one lecture last April, will also make the coming term diversified. There were a number of visitors, the most notable being Prof S. Hibino of Taihoku University, Formosa, who gave one most valuable talk on the Cell Kingdom, Bacterial life, and the Flagellata, in which department of science he is an expert.

Our Dr. Cousins has been busy in Europe, lecturing, *inter alia*, for the World University Association, in London.

A. F. KNUDSEN,

Acting Principal.

THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

(From 16th December, 1927 to 15th December, 1928)

To the President and Board of Managers,

I have the honor to submit the following brief Report of the Olcott Panchama Free Schools for the year ending 15th December, 1928.

In the meeting held at the end of last year, the Board of Managers thought that under the present financial stringent circumstances it would be best to give away the H. P. B. Memorial Free School, Kodambakam, to the Saidapet Municipality, and to concentrate all the resources and work on the one remaining institution and make it an industrial, and, if possible, a higher elementary school. The matter was communicated to the Saidapet Municipality, but the President of that Council replied that the institution could not be taken up this year, since no allotment had been made for it in this year's budget. From later enquiry, it is not likely that the transfer will be effected within the next one year or two, at least not till the Saidapet Municipality brings the Compulsory Elementary Education Scheme into force in its jurisdiction. Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Labour was approached a few days ago to see if he could take up the school under his management and run it on. He has promised to give his immediate and urgent attention to the question.

During the year under report, "the condition of the schools continues to be efficient". The daily attendance of the pupils was fairly satisfactory. The health of the children continued to be good. The prevalence of cholera epidemic in the neighbourhood of the Olcott Free School during November last affected to

some extent the attendance and the work of the school as well. I am sorry to report here that one of our young and smart lads, a pupil of the III standard, died of the epidemic.

Personal hygiene receives particular attention. Necessity for it is emphasised both by precepts and examples. Bathing is made compulsory in our schools. The Adyar Baby Welcome continues to be of great help to the Olcott Free School in this respect. The health of the Teachers also has been fairly good throughout.

Instruction in the 3 R's and other allied subjects has gone on steadily as in previous years. Attempts are made to create greater interest in manual work. Spinning and weaving classes are doing good work and "the honorary worker Srimati Perammal is continuing to guide the section with her wonted zeal". In this connection, our thanks are once again due to our good friend Mr. C. N. Subrahmanya Iyer, whose monetary help has very largely enabled us to carry on these classes. "Introduction of more vocational subjects might make the institution more useful for the Adi Dravida pupils." Scouting wields its usual beneficial influence over our children. If the Scouts could only have a few camps! The daily distribution of mid-day food remains a necessity for our children.

Nineteen of the pupils who have passed out of our school are helped to prosecute their higher education.

The 17th of February our beloved Colonel's day, is a day of importance in our schools. In addition to the attempts to make the children feel his greatness, they were the happy recipients of Kudthas and eatables that day in his name.

Our schools celebrated our dear Krishnaji's birthday on the 11th May, when some kind friends distributed sweets amongst our children.

During May, the teachers of the H.P.B. Memorial School had an excursion to Chingleput and tried to learn something of the work done in the Senior Certified School and the Leper Asylum there. In June, a few of our teachers visited Mysore and important places of interest like Kannambadi, Seringapatam, Sivasamudram. Our grateful thanks to those who made these possible.

This time Amma's Birthday became one of the memorable days in the history of our schools. That day we had the happy privilege of having our beloved Amma in our midst, when she sanctified the whole place by her beautiful presence and very graciously opened the new building of the Olcott Free School, rebuilt for us by our ever-generous and munificent Mr. A. Schwarz. The children and teachers were all very happy under the loving influence and I am sure they will cherish that day for a long time to come. "The school children, boys and girls, gave a very good demonstration of the excellent teaching they had received . . . and the rhythmic movements for the young children performed by small boys and girls was delightfully quaint and clever . . . clothes were given to the teachers . . ." Mrs. D. Jinarajadasa presented a cloth to each child of both the schools, thanks to that friend of the poor, Mr. H. Sakharam Rao and a few others who made this gift of one cloth for each boy and for each girl possible. After this, the children were, as usual, fed by our friend Mr. C. N. Subrahmanya Iyer.

Every attempt is made to make the children feel free and joyous and the school a place of happiness for them. Special emphasis may be laid on the steps taken to strengthen the feeling of harmony amongst the teachers and make them render their duty in a spirit of love and service. The object during this year has been one of effort towards intensive work.

During the period under Report, I have once again missed the valuable help of our good friend Mr. C. N. Subrahmanya Iyer, who has been away from Adyar for a very long time in the interests of his health. I hope he will return quite well very soon, and will take his place once again in the guidance of the work of our schools. I offer my grateful thanks to Srimati Perammal, who is actively helping me and to Mr. A. Schwarz for the loving help he has been giving me throughout.

Fifteen years ago when Mr. C. Jinarajadasa visited the Olcott Free School, he left the following remarks in the visitors' book: "If I had been taught in my young days, as these little children are being taught now, I should not have painful scenes to look back upon in my endeavours to gain knowledge. The Lord Buddha

said that knowledge is ever 'sweet and agreeable'. The teachers of this school know how to make it so."

With the loving blessings of you all, so may it be!

NUMBER OF PUPILS ON ROLLS ON 15TH DECEMBER, 1928

CLASS	OLCOTT FREE SCHOOL		H.P.B. MEMORIAL FREE SCHOOL		TOTAL	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Kindergarten	24	12	31	9	55	21
I Standard	52	23	19	11	71	34
II "	28	7	38	10	66	17
III "	35	6	29	4	64	10
IV "	26	1	10	4	36	5
V "	21	1	5	2	26	3
Total	186	50	132	40	318	90
Grand Total	236		172		408	

M. KRISHNAN,

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

To the President and the Board of Managers.

In our last Report we appealed for Donations to the extent of Rs. 6,763 to cover the estimated requirements for the year under review. I am glad to say our appeal has met with ample response, as will be seen from our balance sheet for the year ending 31st March, 1928, submitted herewith.

Opening with a *deficit* of Rs. 1,263 from the preceding year, our Income and Disbursement Account closes with a *Credit Balance* (Surplus) of Rs. 1,488-1-11 as follows :

Income	Rs. 10,690	1	3
Expenditure	„ 7,938	15	4
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Surplus	„ 2,751	1	11
less Deficit from 1926-27	„ 1,263	0	0
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Balance to credit of 1928-29	„ 1,488	1	11
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Our *expenditure* has kept within the usual limits, *Teachers' Salaries* being the only item which shows a notable and unavoidable increase amounting to Rs. 387.

On the *income* side it is satisfactory to note that *Grants-in-Aid* have risen from Rs. 2,151 in 1926-27 to Rs. 2,718-14-0 in 1927-28, a sure sign that our Schools are well managed and judged favorably by the Inspector of Schools who has recommended them for an increase.

Donations have reached the handsome figure of Rs. 6,702-11-3, mostly from European and American sources, while the support

from India remained poor, forming but a fraction of the amount received.

The reconstruction of the old building at the Olcott Free School referred to in last year's Report could not be undertaken during the year under review (ending 31st March, 1928), but has since been taken in hand and the new building had the good fortune of being opened by Dr. Annie Besant, President of the Board of Managers, on the 1st October, 1928, her 81st birthday, a happy augury for its future. Being solidly built it will serve its useful purpose for many years and we are now trying to acquire land round the Schools in order to have a larger playground for the children and to avoid the encroachment of huts too near our buildings.

I take this opportunity to express our hearty thanks to all who have interested themselves in the work of our Schools, especially to the generous donors who, I trust, will continue to lend their financial support to these deserving Institutions.

ADYAR, MADRAS

A. SCHWARZ,

31st October, 1928

Secretary-Treasurer, O.P.F.S.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DISBURSEMENTS				Rs.	A.	P.
To Teachers' Salaries	...	...	...	4,845	12	0
„ Superintendent's Salary	...	...	...	900	0	0
„ Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	87	1	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	259	0	0
„ Books and Supplies	...	...	...	568	13	9
„ Rents and Taxes	...	...	...	75	11	5
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	261	0	0
„ Motor Cycle Account	...	...	...	753	3	0
„ Discount, Collection and Exchange	...	...	...	14	11	8
„ Subscription to Periodicals	...	...	...	12	12	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	110	14	0
„ Auditor's Fee	...	...	...	50	0	0
				7,938	15	4
„ Deficit carried forward from 1926.27	...	...	...	1,263	0	0
				9,201	15	4
„ Balance (Surplus) to new Account	...	...	...	1,488	1	11
				10,690	1	3

ADYAR

A. SCHWARZ,

31st March, 1928

Secretary-Treasurer.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.
To Panchama Education Fund	...	...	25,715	11	4
„ Food Fund :	Rs.	A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1927	92	4 11			
Donations in 1927-28	894	5 0			
	986	9 11			
Less : Food Expenses	737	11 6			
			248	14	5
„ Adoption Fund :	Rs.	A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1927	1,192	10 5			
Less : College Fees of Pupils	288	8 0			
			904	2	5
„ Income and Disbursement Account :					
Balance (Surplus) carried to credit of new account	...		1,488	1	11
			28,356	14	1

ADYAR

31st March, 1928

A. SCHWARZ,

Secretary-Treasurer.

FREE SCHOOLS PER 31ST MARCH, 1928

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Immovable Property	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
„ Movable do.	...	...	...	500	0	0
„ 3½ % Govt. Pronotes (face Value Rs. 30,200) @ Rs. 60	...	...	...	18,120	0	0
„ 5 % Bombay Municipal Debentures	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
„ 6½ % Bombay Development Loan	...	...	...	2,563	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras	...	...	...	1,948	1	9
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	217	10	4
„ Sundry Debtors and Creditors Account	...	...	...	2,808	2	0
				28,356	14	1

Audited and found correct.

G. NARASIMHAM, F.R.S.A., F.A.A.,

Associated Accountant (London),

Government Certified Auditor.

THE ROUND TABLE

REPORT FOR 1928

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The twentieth year of the life of our Order finds it established in 30 countries, and, as far as it is possible to judge from reports sent in, useful work is being done by most of the Tables. Some Leading Knights find that enthusiasm fluctuates, and during the past year the question that has occupied the minds of many of the best workers in the movement is how to hold the interest of boys and girls who have responded eagerly to the ideals of the Order, but who, after a certain length of membership, no longer find in it the same inspiration and stimulus to action.

In a meeting held at Letchworth (England) in October last, Knight of Honour Raja talked over this question with some members of the Round Table, and a summary of what was suggested appears in this *Annual*. One fact stands clearly out, that to learn to become an even better Server is the prime object of membership in the Round Table, and the degree in which this is achieved by each member of a Table must largely depend upon the extent to which the Knight in charge is himself fired with this ideal.

Our renewed association with the Order of Service, under whose banner the infant Round Table was placed by our Protector at its birth, has proved very helpful, much kindly encouragement as well as hospitality having been given by the elder to the younger body. As Round Table members more and more learn to find in the Leagues of the Order of Service an outlet for their desire to be of use, they will share in the life of the larger Order, and may be able in return to contribute their special note of chivalry.

Interesting accounts have been sent in of the work in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, Germany, Holland,

Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Yugoslavia and the United States, whilst a good beginning appears to have been made in South America, and with the help of a Chief Brother of the Order of Service a start was made last May in Iceland, where a promising Table has been formed. In Hungary the work has had to be kept very quiet because of political opposition to any kind of unorthodox ceremonial; in Italy also the political atmosphere is unfavourable, although there the enthusiasm of some young Knights enables them to carry on with considerable success the Tables for which they are responsible. The Australian report has probably gone direct to Adyar, where the Chief Knight for India will be at hand to report progress in that country.

It is only possible to mention here a few of the activities reported on by Chief Knights.

In Denmark a useful feature is a weekly meeting of Knights and Squires for discussion of topics within and without the Order. The meeting opens with the long pledge, repeated by members standing in a circle, and among the subjects discussed we note "Our Motto," "Krishnaji and his Message," "Juvenile Courts," "Marriage and Race Hygiene," etc. The Chief Knight herself conducts these meetings, and she writes: "It is nice to see their enthusiasm for these meetings. I cannot help thinking they must be fruitful." On October 1st the Protector's birthday was celebrated, "a very beautiful meeting, and as we could not send her our flowers we cabled her our greetings."

In England Letchworth has now become the centre, and here three Tables work on different lines, joining once in the month for a ceremonial meeting.

An interesting attempt was carried out here last summer in a two days' Festival, part of which was a tournament, followed by a camp fire, whilst the meetings on the second day included the Flower Ceremony, a picnic in the woods, and finally the Bread and Salt Ceremony, held amid beautiful surroundings in a garden of the Old House.

The American magazine, *The Guest*, still holds sway as our one printed journal which serves to link together the English-speaking members. But Holland also has now its own journal, *The*

Troubadour, and the Swiss members speak of the great help derived from Belgium's *Journal*, whilst Norway also has embarked on a little typed magazine.

A journal, however unpretentious, to which the children contribute drawings and articles, serves well as a means of self-expression and friendly emulation.

A novel instance of practical service is reported by Switzerland, where a newly-formed Table in Chaux-de-Fonds has started, in conjunction with the Order of Service, a small vegetarian restaurant from which meals are carried by the "Pages" of the Table to three destitute old men.

In most countries the Round Tables provide a Christmas party and gifts to children and others in their district.

One more feature of the year's work deserves mention, and that is the holding of a Field Day, or in some cases a Summer Camp, where Round Table members can grow to know each other in the freedom and comradeship of days spent out of doors. Such a meeting was held at Huigen in Holland last summer, when a large number of members gathered in the grounds of the Theosophical Lyceum, to watch the performance of a fairy play, followed by Dances and Games on the green. The day's proceedings were ended by the celebration of the Bread and Salt Ceremony in the Masonic Temple, kindly placed at the disposal of the Order by Knight of Honour Wedgwood, who officiated.

In Denmark, through the kindness of some parents, a regular Summer Camp by the sea was held, the elder members coming for the week-ends only, whilst eleven little ones remained for a whole fortnight under the charge of their Knight, and benefited greatly by their happy holiday, open air life and vegetarian food.

Reports of the work in Sweden, Germany, Belgium, England and elsewhere show steady progress in two directions: (a) By continually putting before the children the highest ideals, and (b) by encouraging them in their efforts to express themselves in service.

The International gatherings at Ommen and at Brussels were again taken advantage of to bring together members from many lands, for the interchange of ideas and the discussion of

points of interest to all. At Brussels a very beautiful ceremonial meeting was organised by the young Chief Knight and her helpers, whilst at Ommen Knights of many nationalities met under the inspiration of the brooding Presence of the King, and in the wonder of that time strove together to plan wisely for the welfare of His Order.

None could return unchanged from that memorable Camp, and throughout our Order, as through all bodies, however humble, whose purpose is "the service of the King," must surely flow a wave of that vivifying fire which shall stimulate, clarify and make all things new.

So we go forward in confident trust that, small and insignificant as our work may seem, it must be used, if our aim be single, by Him who can turn to account all sincere efforts to co-operate in the Great Plan.

AUSTRALIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I regret being late with this report, but the delay is due to the difficulty in obtaining statistics from the various Tables.

In most centres, the work of the Order has gone on quietly, but the practical dissolution of two Tables has resulted in a loss of 36 members, leaving us with a total of 53 Knights and 223 Squires, Companions and Pages.

In Adelaide, the chief work has again been the giving of assistance to the T. S. Lodge in various ways, in selling books and magazines, helping with the luncheons, socials, Dramatic Group and Public-speaking classes. An Entertainment was given at the Children's Hospital, with a picnic tea, for those well enough to partake of it. At Redfern, meetings have been suspended.

In Brisbane, the Tables have now settled down in new quarters, with greater accommodation.

The Dramatic group has been highly successful, the performance of a Christmas Comedy, entitled—"Something to Talk

About " raising £13 for the Active Service Fund, whilst another play was given in connection with the " Star " and repeated, greatly to the enjoyment of the inmates, at the " Hospice," a home for aged ladies, conducted by the Theosophical Order of Service. A very successful dance, also, was held for the local work of the " Star ".

The Lotus circle is still carried on successfully, whilst the Group of Servers continues to help the T. S. Lodge in many ways, and individual members take part in various Theosophical activities.

Two groups have been formed in connection with the World-Mother Movement.

Perhaps the one outstanding event of the year was your own visit to Brisbane, this being highly appreciated.

Launceston reports a quiet year, the visits of Knights Harold and Norna Morton and of Knight-Errant, Mason-Beatty being greatly valued.

In Melbourne, some time has been given to the rehearsal of the Ceremonies of the Light, and of Flowers, which are much admired.

A Lantern Lecture by Mr. J. Pyke brought a large and interested audience, besides raising £ 12-15-0 for the Kindergarten. During the year, two social gatherings, with games, music and dancing, brought members and their friends into closer touch with one another, whilst a visit to the Free Kindergarten, to present the sum of £ 18, with a large number of dainty garments made by the Companions, in honour of our beloved Protector's Birthday, brought a further gift of 22 from some accompanying friends, who realised the value of this work for the little ones.

The World-Mother movement has also been taken up and a Group formed.

Pages are encouraged to choose a certain quality such as courtesy, kindness to Animals, etc., and to endeavour to express this in daily life, reporting any helpful incidents, at the next meeting.

During the year, a new centre, with a World-Mother Group, was started at East Kew, stress being laid upon the value of physical grace and beauty, the Jack Burton Method of Physical

Meditation being used for this purpose; whilst the members join the Melbourne Tables in making garments for the Kindergarten.

In Perth, the young Theosophists have combined with the Round Table, and monthly social meetings have been held, a Tennis Club is in full swing, an Elocution Class meets fortnightly, and the young people take charge of the T. S. meeting once a month.

A World-Mother Group has been formed and assistance given to the T. S. and kindred activities.

At Gosnells, study has been the chief feature.

In Sydney, in order that members should become better acquainted, and so form a more efficient organisation for Service, the plan of having some social function about once a month has been adopted, each Knight, in turn, being responsible for its organization. A Camp, a Fire-Evening, a Tennis Tournament, a Dance, or a whole-day Trek, all these being greatly enjoyed.

In order to keep in touch with Brothers in other parts of Australia, a quarterly News-Letter has been started by the State Knight and has met with general approval.

Two Sydney Knights are endeavouring to carry the Ideals of the Round Table further afield, in the true Knight-Errant Spirit, they having been elected to the Executive of the Band of Hope Union, whilst the Rev. Ernest Trafford has become a Knight, with the intention of re-organising the whole of the Band of Hope Groups on Round Table lines, to which end the Ritual is being revised on Christian lines.

Many meetings have been attended and a great number of children have listened to talks about King Arthur and his Knights, two Lantern Lectures being given.

It has also been agreed to take charge of the T. S. Lodge meeting once every two months.

The Mosman Table, joining at intervals, with Sydney, has gone quietly on its way, the children making bead baskets, bringing in a sum of 25/- for the nucleus of a Library, besides making dolls and scrap books for the hospitals at Christmas.

The Marrickville Table, being an all-Australian Group, has taken as its ideal—"Patriotism"—Knightly Service for Australia. The Members helped greatly at the T. S. Bazaar, both in money and

in service, repaired the Lodge furniture and supplied a window-box with ferns. Each meeting is usually followed by games and music, everyone doing his share.

The Kuring-gai Table has specially emphasised the celebration of "Good-will Day" and work for the "Be-kind-to-Animal Week" and Anti-Vivisection, whilst undertaking the cleaning and beautifying of the T. S. Lodge room and of the Hall for public lectures, at which the Round Table Choir often supplies the music.

Several very successful picnics, of members and friends, have also been organized.

The Willoughby Table is now co-operating with the Kuring-gai Table in connection with the Lodge Fete and Christmas Tree.

With heartiest greetings to you, our worthy Senior Knight, to our well-beloved Protector, and to all our fellow-members wherever they may be, hoping we may ever remain worthy of the King's Service.

KNIGHT GARETH,

Chief Knight for Australia.

ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CHAIN

IN SPAIN

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The growth of the Golden Chain has been very remarkable this year and this is due to the visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa who always took so great an interest in it. 35 news "Links" entered and 3 Groups have been formed.

The Bulletin of the Golden Chain is regularly published and appears every two months instead of quarterly as formerly. Distributed freely as usual it helped, together with a pamphlet published by the Golden Chain, to spread the Movement in Portugal and México.

Out of the thousand copies of this pamphlet (Two of them here included) containing: the aims of this Institution in Spain, the aspirations of the Links written in music by a Director of one of the Groups, its educational system, its work, etc., 200 copies have been distributed freely in Spain and 200 outside.

Very brilliant displays for propaganda were given by the Links helped by the young Members of the "R. T." The public was composed of the Links' families, numerous children, non-members, with their parents, Members, T. S. and Star.

Perfectly united, the Golden Chain's Directors work with love and abnegation.

GROUPS AND THEIR WORK

With rare exceptions, the enthusiasm of the Links for their weekly meetings is remarkable. In these meetings the members bring explications of the paragraphs studied during the week or about an interpretation given by the directors, stories invented by

themselves on any subject, letters exchanged between Links, drawings and schemes for the spreading of the Order, submitting those to their chiefs; the Group's Committees of young ones surprising the Directors by the happy ideas they have for the developing of the Golden Chain.

Discussions they have among themselves, as a game, to teach them toleration for differing opinions, these give rise to joyous laughter and are very effective.

TO RESUME

As a result of the eight years of work since the foundation of the Golden Chain in Spain we have some young people working with untiring abnegation and great enthusiasm for our activities and outside work.

This year's good result is due to the visit to Spain of our dear Vice-President, T. S., a short but helpful visit with a full programme. His beneficent influence was strongly felt in the Golden Chain in spite of certain difficulties which are still about us.

With reverent love deeply felt, we bow to our well beloved Protector and Mr. Jinarajadasa.

The National Representative in Spain.

GROUPS AND THEIR WORK

THE ORDER OF THE BROTHERS OF SERVICE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

During the year that lies behind us, the members of the Order have been active in the ways recorded in previous years' reports. It has suffered a great loss in the passing away of Jal R. Aria, who, at the time of his departure, was the Treasurer and Assistant Secretary of the Order, Brother C. Jinarajadasa being the Secretary. He was a full Brother who was making regular monthly contributions to the finances of the Order by his earnings in business. Madame D'Amato was admitted as a full brother during the year, and the total number in that grade is now 23; the Novices, Probationers, Lay Brothers and Associates number 5, 50, 55 and 41 respectively. The Lay Brothers are pledged to pay to the Order one-tenth of their incomes: and the Associates give such help as they can. Out of the 55 Lay Brothers, 34 have been making regular contributions during the year. The financial position of the Order is not as satisfactory as it might be or as it was some time ago. The sources of its income during the year were (1) the contributions of the Lay Brothers, who are its main stay financially; (2) the earnings of some of the Full Brothers, which went up considerably while Mr. A. Ranganatham was a Minister in Madras, but dropped down on his resignation of that office; and (3) the collections of the Adyar Day Committee in the United States part of which was handed over to the Order by Dr. Besant, the Brother Server. The income just covered the expenditure, but as No. (1) is the only item on which the Order can depend, it is very much to be desired that those Lay Brothers who have not helped the Order during the past year and the Associates will make an effort in the coming year to renew their financial support. There has been no addition to the ranks of the Lay Brothers and Associates.

N. SRI RAM,

Treasurer of the Order.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE LEAGUE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The work of the I.C.L. in England has made steady progress during the year, all our different sections under their respective and capable Secretaries having shown much activity and achieved excellent results.

The "human" side of the work can never be given in a dry Annual Report ; but an occasional perusal of some of the letters that pass between our English correspondents and their newly made friends in far-flung lands, or a casual peep in at the International Social Centre where the nationals of many countries meet, reveals in a flash the solid basis of brotherhood on which the league is being built.

Correspondence Secretary's Work.—Mr. Cyril Barnes' card index of correspondents shows the following results :

English members	...	...	...	502
Foreign members	...	...	...	722
				—
Total	...	...	...	1,224
				—

The 722 overseas correspondents are situated in 52 different countries, which illustrate the many links composing the correspondence chain with which we girdle the world.

An analysis of some of these shows how the different countries contribute to the steady stream of interesting correspondence which our English F. T. S. are receiving from their friends abroad.

India	... 133	U.S.A.	... 52	Holland	... 21
Germany	... 111	Rumania	... 16	Japan	... 15
France	... 56	Italy	... 33	Latvia	... 13
Austria	... 25	Ceylon	... 18	Spain	... 12
		Greece	... 14		

Owing to some unexpected publicity respecting our work through the Berlin Broadcasting Company, we were almost embarrassed earlier in the year by a flood of applications from Non-T.S. students in Germany who wished to improve their knowledge of England and the English language. Every effort is being made to satisfy these enthusiastic young people who desire correspondence links, either through our own league or other agencies, but it is proving very difficult. The youth in this country appear very diffident about writing letters, and do not seem half so keen as their continental brothers and sisters at improving their knowledge of other languages. Students in U.S.A., Ceylon and India are also clamorous for contact with English students, and many are still awaiting links.

Magazine Secretary.—Mr. Leman, the Magazine Secretary, is gradually building up a network of magazine distribution which stretches from Fiji to (nearly) the North Pole.

The bare statement that 120 English members and 11 English Lodges are regularly posting Theosophical and other magazines to their colleagues in other countries may not convey very much ; but I know that the recipients, many of whom are keen on learning English and understanding English manners and customs, appreciate their monthly post when it brings the eagerly awaited magazine. Some of them live scores of miles from any large town or Theosophical Lodge, and a magazine to such people is as a gleam of sunshine on a dark cloudy day.

The types of literature which are being regularly posted are :

Abolitionist. Co-Mason, Iron and Steel Trades Journal, Liberal Catholic, New Era Occult Review, Star Review, Service, Theosophist and Theosophical Review.

This is a truly "catholic" list and Mr. Leman would be glad to double the number of individual members and Lodges who will regularly post their monthly journals to friends overseas.

Mr. Thiman's Travel Bureau.—The Travel Bureau has meant a disproportionate amount of work for small—though important—results ; and following on a Round-Table Conference at 84 Boundary Road, we have decided to discontinue the work as a separate section, and to incorporate it in the general activity of the

International Social Centre. The facilities of the Bureau will still be available, and our register of Hotels, etc., in Europe where vegetarian diet can be obtained, and the arrangements for English visitors to be met on their arrival at Continental centres, will both continue to be at the services of members of the T. S.

Arrangements respecting Travel, Accommodation, etc., have recently been made for friends who have been visiting France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Germany ; and Miss Strang or Mr. Thimann will always be pleased to hear of Hotels and Pensions which are personally recommended, especially if vegetarians are catered for. Visitors to this country can now be met on their arrival at Folkestone, Gravesend and Southampton.

International Social Centre.—There are various phases of the work which Miss Strang and her helpers are doing at 84 Boundary Road. As regards the Centre itself: this is just "a happy family party," where comfort, simplicity in every form, freedom and happiness are the keynotes. Garden parties, tennis and the weekly "AT HOME" are the special features, the last named being a sort of International Evening (on Fridays) when overseas visitors who happen to be staying at the centre are invited to give lectures on some particular interest or aspect of their own country. Some of these have proved delightful evenings and I mention one or two of the items.

Dr. Vocadlo gave a lantern lecture on Prague, and a compatriot of his a lecture with some beautiful slides on Bohemia. The Consul-General for Lithuania and the Consul-General for Czecho-Slovakia provided interesting talks. Dr. Matthiasson from Iceland, members from the Egyptian Students Mission and a visitor from China all gave illuminating addresses. A resident student from India delivered a series of three splendid lectures on India and Economics, whilst as a spice of variety an Isle of Man member provided an evening devoted to Folk-Lore and songs ; and many evenings have been spent in classical and community music. The Theosophical Mayor of Chiclayo (Peru) and Miss Scala from Italy and the chief T. O. S. brother from Bucarest—Miss Calolari—recently visited the centre and sent their greetings to all and sundry.

The social centre is never dull as visitors from the following countries have discovered :

Ceylon, India, Holland, Australia, China, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, Finland, Russia, South Africa, France, Latvia, Brazil, Czecho-Slovakia and Spain.

When I add that many, if not most of the visitors from these countries have been met on their arrival in London or at the ports, the places of interest in London shown to them, their transit to and from other towns arranged, and a hundred other little items of "service" rendered ; it will be realised that Miss Strang's department is engaged on real brotherhood work. More London helpers are needed in this department, and for those who take part in it I can promise some real lasting friendships in exchange for their tactful and sympathetic service.

The problem of providing accommodation "au pair" for women students and others who come to England to learn English and English home-methods has proved quite a difficult one, as homes are very difficult to find ; but Miss Strang has in certain cases solved it by receiving visitors in the centre at reduced fees in consideration of light duties rendered. Holiday visits also in the homes of English and foreign visitors are difficult to arrange ; the difficulties being greater on the English than on the overseas side. We English are nothing like so free in throwing our homes open to visitors as are our European fellow-members. I believe the I.C.L. and the Social Centre in particular are doing a great work in breaking down our national insularity, widening our international horizon and broadening the scope of International Brotherhood.

The whole of the work of the I.C.L. in England is now concentrated at 84 Boundary Road, London, N.W.8. Telephone : Maida Vale, 3072.

FRED W. ROGERS,

Organising Secretary.

THE WOMEN'S INDIAN ASSOCIATION

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Active work has been done by this Association during the past year. In the Branches most of them are doing very fine work. Some of them are running well organised Baby Welcomes and nearly all are taking a definite part in the education and progress of girls and women in their towns or villages. Many of our members are members of the District Municipalities and Boards. A large number of meetings have been held during the year supporting various measures on Social Reform, such as the Bill to Raise the Age of Marriage, the Bill to Raise the Age of Consent, etc. When Mrs. Cousins left India for a prolonged tour in Europe, Mrs. Maiati Patwardhan became the Secretary, and Mrs. Swaminadhan Treasurer of the W. I. A. They have been responsible for the starting of a fine Headquarters building in Madras city. This is a very good house with a large compound and will be a most important centre for women's activities in the future. Early in February, 1929, a Montessori school is to be started there under the auspices of Miss Barrie.

The Women's Home of Service which has been actively working for three years grew to such an extent that the Executive of the W.I.A. considered that in the interests of the work it should be handed over to the Poona Seva Sadan, an Indian organisation that is already running a very large Women's Home in the Bombay Presidency. This transfer took place a few months ago and the Madras Seva Sadan came into being and already there are three times the number of girls in residence on the home and the work is rapidly growing every day. The link with the W.I.A. is still kept for Mrs. Venkatasubba Rao, one of our W.I.A. Committee members, is the Secretary and Organiser of the Madras Seva Sadan, and also I am on the Executive Committee of this Home.

DOROTHY JINARĀJADĀSA,

For Secretary.

ASSOCIATION OF HEBREW THEOSOPHISTS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Association of Hebrew Theosophists which serves to link together Jewish F. T. S. has done a fair amount of quiet but useful work during the last year, though its membership has not greatly increased.

The chief centres of activity are in America, Austria, England, Holland, India and Poland. In these countries, groups for study have been formed and public Lectures given attempting to make known the Theosophical aspects of Judaism, and to arouse an interest among fellow-Jews in Theosophical ideas and the mission of the Theosophical Society.

In London, where there are many T. S. Lodges, the experiment has been successfully made of forming a "Jewish Lodge" admitting all who are in sympathy with the Objects of the Theosophical Society and interested in the special study of the relation of Theosophy to Judaism.

A fair amount of literature has been made available and circulated with a view to defining the purpose of the Theosophical Society and showing how membership within its ranks is in no way incompatible with the tenets of Judaism, thus answering much of the hostile criticism that has arisen in the Anglo-Jewish press.

Some few donations have been made towards the building of the Synagogue at Adyar among Places of Worship belonging to the other great Faiths of the world. The total amount so far received however is quite inadequate for its erection.

It is to be hoped that in the coming year that the ranks of the Association will be strengthened by those Jews who are at present F. T. S. and by those who enter the Society.

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Southampton, England.

S. I. HEIMAN,

Hon. Secretary,
International Executive Committee.

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY EMPLOYEES' CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR 1927-28

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Membership.—The membership increased from 130 with 764 shares and Rs. 3,022-9-1 share capital paid for 1926-27 to 138, 836 and Rs. 3,242-8-0 respectively in the year under report. Considering the large demand on the Society for shares and loans, the sanction of the Registrar was obtained during the year for raising the capital of the Society from Rs. 5,000 with 1,000 shares to Rs. 6,000 with 1,200 shares.

Transactions.—The total transactions for the year amounted to Rs. 14,508-0-11 against Rs. 10,098-14-0 for the previous year. Loans given and repaid during the year amounted to Rs. 10,242-0-0 and Rs. 9,365-1-0 against Rs. 7,490-0-0 and Rs. 6,499-0-0 respectively in the previous year. These figures show that the progress of the Society is quite satisfactory. One bad loan of 1922 was recommended to be written off as being irrecoverable and the amount due is only Rs. 8-11-0.

Deposits.—The number of depositors increased from 13 to 21 and the amount deposited from Rs. 309-3-6 to Rs. 716-3-6.

Reserve Fund.—A sum of Rs. 203 will be added to the Reserve Fund this year making a total of Rs. 868-6-6.

Stores.—Through the help given by 10 of the influential members of the Society who managed to take Joint Loans and deposit Rs. 1,200 on behalf of others as "Trade Deposits," a large number of the members are purchasing provisions from the Stores

but as the Deputy Registrar objected to the continuance of the Joint Loan system, the system of individual deposits was again introduced by giving them special loans. It is hoped that the members will be able to keep up the deposits by monthly renewals.

Conclusion.—The Society is serving well its members.

C. SUBBARAMAYYA,

President.

REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE ADYAR
CO-OPERATIVE STORES

FOR THE YEAR 1927-28

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Membership.—There has been a marked improvement in the strength of the Society, 199 members with 433 shares remaining at the close of the year against 128 members with 385 shares for the previous year. The paid up share capital amounted to Rs. 2,010-8-0.

Working Capital.—The working capital consists of the Share Capital and the Trade Deposits paid by the members.

Transactions.—During the year (1927-28) provisions were purchased to the extent of Rs. 35,989-4-10 while the total sales amounted to Rs. 37,886-4-0 which with interest on Bank investments and other miscellaneous receipts gave a gross profit of Rs. 1,920-3-11.

The expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,237-5-3.

The net profit thus earned during the year was therefore Rs. 682-14-8 but against this a loss of Rs. 375-10-3 of last year had to be set off. Deducting this amount, the sum available for distribution under the rules is Rs. 307-4-5.

General.—The "Stores" was started with a view to help the poor employees of the Theosophical Society at the request of the T. S. Employees' Co-operative Credit Society. Since, under the Rules, only cash transactions can be allowed and the employees have been found unable to pay down cash, they were given special loans by the Credit Society for the amounts being deposited in Stores as "Trade Deposits" and subsequently recouped every month. Unfortunately the attempt failed as most of them did

not renew their deposits the very next month. Consequently the sales were poor and the question of even closing the Stores was suggested as there was loss in the first year. Subsequently, however, the question was taken up by the Employees' Society and an arrangement was made by which 10 of the influential members took joint loans to the extent of Rs. 1,200 and deposited the money in the Stores in their names as "Trade Deposits" and allowed others to purchase provisions against these "Deposits". This resulted in the sales increasing from 20,000 of the year previous to 38,000 in the year under report. Thus it is clear that if we are to help the poor, we have to find some means by which we can give them provisions on credit, at least for some time till we are able to educate and bring them to a higher level. Their default is due merely to their inability to adjust their income and expenses. They are however getting a useful training in real co-operation which augurs well for them. Regarding the future, I think we can develop further and increase our sales to the extent of Rs. 60,000 per year if there is full co-operation of all of our members.

C. SUBBARAMAYYA,

Secretary.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 11, 1875, IN CALCUTTA, INDIA, A. 1861

In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Governor
and Governor-General of India in Council, bearing
on Act for the Registration of Societies,
Scientific and Charitable Societies

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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(ii) To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.

(iii) To investigate and promulgate the laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(iv) The Society will accept and hold any funds raised for the above objects.

(v) The members of the Society are bound to be exchange of culture with others, and to be open to all property, and any other matter which may be necessary for the purposes of the Society.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

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(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by gift or otherwise, of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purpose of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management, and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council, which is the Governing Body of the Society, are as follows :

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex Officio

<i>President-Founder</i>	... H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.
<i>Vice-President</i>	... A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	... Dr. S. Subramania Iyer, Madras, Justice of the High Court.
<i>Treasurer</i>	... W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7 West 8th Street, New York.	W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76 Ams-teldijk, Amsterdam.
Upendranath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.	Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59 Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.
Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28 Albemarle Street, London, W.	Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380 Corso Umberto, I., Rome.
W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42 Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.	Dr. Rudolf Steiner, Gen. Sect., German Section, 95 Kaiser-allee, Friedenau, Berlin.
Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engel-bretchsgatan 7, Stockholm, Sweden.	José M. Massö, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.
C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.	

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author [for 3 years].	Francesca Arundale, Benares. Author [for 2 years].
G. R. S. Mead, London, Author [for 3 years].	Tumacheria Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge [for 1 year].
Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalavala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].	Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer [for 1 year].
Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician [for 2 years].	

4. Henry Steele Olcott, who, with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, and others, founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society, or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them. Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises, unless, such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society, there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the

members of the Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of the Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society, present personally or by proxy, at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof, by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with the Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned, being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society, do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, dated this 3rd day of April, 1905.

Witness to the signatures :

H. S. OLCOTT

W. A. ENGLISH

S. SUBRAMANIAM

FRANCESCA ARUNDALE

UPENDRANATH BASU

ANNIE BESANT

N. D. KHANDALAVALA

... W. GLENNY KEAGEY

... ARTHUR RICHARDSON

... PYARE LAL

... PEROZE P. MEHERJEE

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,"

ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council, which shall be the Governing Body of the Theosophical Society, shall consist of its President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary and the General Secretary of each of its component National Societies, *ex officio*, and of not less than five other members of the Society; and not less than seven members of the General Council shall be

resident in India, and of these seven there shall be not less than three who shall and three who shall not be natives of India or Ceylon. The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

2. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office, while the other members shall be elected for a term of three years, by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting; the names of proposed members shall be sent to all members three months before the Annual Meeting. Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose of which at least three months' notice shall have been given; the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society, shall preside at all meetings of the Society or of the

General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a Chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of Office his successor shall be nominated by the General Council, at a meeting to be held by them, and the nomination shall be communicated to the General Secretaries by the Recording Secretary. Each General Secretary shall take the votes of the individual members of his National Society on the list of members forwarded to Adyar in the preceding November, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall take those of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to Adyar. A majority of two-thirds of the recorded votes shall be necessary for election.

11. The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his election confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall take effect from their dates, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority vote of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at its next succeeding meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of whom

at least two-thirds shall be members of the Council and it shall consist of seven members, all residents of India, including the President as *ex-officio* Chairman, the Vice-President when resident in Madras, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary as *ex-officio* Secretary of the Committee, and three of the members of such Committee shall and three shall not be natives of India or Ceylon.

15. The Executive Committee shall, as far as convenient meet once in every three months for the audit of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the Chairman whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting, and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally 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.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President

shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or by the Treasurer of the Society.

21. The funds of the Society not required for current expenses may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property of First Mortgages on such property, and with like advice and consent he may sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer the same, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall apply to the property at Adyar, Madras, known as the Headquarters of the Society.

22. Documents and conveyances, in respect of the transfer of property belonging to the Society, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary, and shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society.

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President and by the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President, until a successor takes Office.

HEADQUARTERS

26. The Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion of the Headquarters' premises for occupation and residences, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANISATION

28. Every application for membership in the Society must be made on an authorised form, and must, whenever possible, be endorsed by two fellows and signed by the applicant; but no person under the age of majority shall be admitted without the consent of their guardians.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and unattached Fellows residing within the territory of a National Society must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

31. When a Lodge or an individual Fellow is, for any serious and weighty reason, desirous of leaving the National Society to which it, or he, belongs, but is not desirous of leaving the Theosophical Society, such Lodge or individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters severing all connection with the National Society, provided that the President, after due consultation with the General Secretary of the said National Society, shall sanction the transfer. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member, and due consultation with the General Secretary of the National Society in which that new member is residing should always precede any decision for his admission.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows, in a country where no National Society exists, may apply to be chartered as a Lodge, the application to be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Any National Society or any Lodge, whether belonging to a National Society or not, may by a two-thirds majority of the members constituting the same withdraw from the Theosophical Society.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the Rules of the Theosophical Society, and the rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies, hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of the T. S.," before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: For Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large not belonging to any Lodge shall pay the usual 5s. Entrance Fee, and an Annual Subscription of £1, to the General Treasury.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received from its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer on or before the first day of October of the current year, and the official year of the Society shall close on 31st October.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36a or the withdrawal from the Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge under Rule 36b, its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapse and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to the Society, belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge, shall vest in the Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President or his nominee in its behalf; and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of the Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to transfer or revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter should have become so forfeited or lapsed, to such other Lodges not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, or to such other Fellows not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, respectively, or to such other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed

as aforesaid is situated, prohibits such vesting in the Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, which the Society may become entitled to under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in the June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in the March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of the Theosophical Society shall be held out of India, beginning with one in Europe at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of their whole number, in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

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Vice-President

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Additional

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| *NAWAB A. HYDARI, Hyderabad, Deccan [1927 for 3 years]. | KHAN BAHADUR N. D. KHAN-DALAVALA, Dubash House, Hughes Road, Bombay [1928 for 3 years]. |
| HIRENDRA NATH DATTA ESQ., 139 Cornwallis Street, Calcutta [1927 for 3 years]. | RAO SAHIB G. SOOBIAH CHETTY, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras [1928 for 3 years]. |
| Rt. Rev. C. W. LEADBEATER, The Manor, Mosman, Sydney [1927 for 3 years]. | D. K. TELANG ESQ., Theosophical Society, Benares City [1928 for 3 years]. |
| J. D. L. ARATHOON ESQ., c/o Bank of Indore Ltd., Indore [1927 for 3 years]. | |

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MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at the Headquarters
of the Indian Section, T.S., Benares City, on December 25th,
1928, at 10.15 a.m.*

PRESENT :

- Dr. G. S. Arundale ... *General Secretary, T. S. in India,
in the Chair.*
- Mr. A. Schwarz ... *Treasurer and Acting Recording
Secretary, T.S.*
- „ N. A. Naganathan ... *General Secretary, T.S. in Burma.*
- Mrs. E. Lourensz ... „ „ *T.S. in Ceylon.*
- Mr. Arthur Glucklich Feliz ... *Representative, T.S. in Mexico
and Chile.*
- „ P. K. Telang ... *Member, General Council, T.S.*

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President
Dr. G. S. Arundale was elected as Chairman.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings
of December 23rd, 1927, and of January 6th, 1928, having been
previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were
taken as read, and duly signed.

2. *Confirmation of the nomination of Mr. A. P. Warrington
as Vice-President.*—The nomination of Mr. A. P. Warrington as
Vice-President of the Theosophical Society having received the
necessary majority of votes, was therefore confirmed.

3. *Cordial Vote of Thanks to Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.*—The
Chairman proposed and it was resolved: “That this General

Council records with gratitude and pleasure its very cordial thanks for the eminent services rendered to the Theosophical Society by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa as its Vice-President for the past seven years."

Carried unanimously.

4. *Election of Additional Members of the Council.*—Mr. D. K. Telang was elected as an Additional Member of the General Council for a period of three years in place of Mr. P. K. Telang whose health has obliged him to withdraw. (41 for, 11 not voting.)

Khan Bahadur N. D. Khandalavala and Rao Sahib G. Soobiah Chetty, retiring members of the General Council, were re-elected for a further period of three years. (40 for, 11 not voting.)

5. *Amendment to Rule 11 of the Rules and Regulations of the T.S.*—Amendment to Rule 11, having been proposed by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa and supported by the necessary three-fourths majority (*viz.*, 41 for, 11 not having voted)—

It was resolved.—That the following amended Rule 11 be inserted in the Rules and Regulations of the T. S. :

"The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his election confirmed by the General Council."

6. *Rules 36 and 44—Additions and Alterations.*—Additions to Rule 36 and alterations of Rule 44 of the Rules and Regulations of the T. S. as recommended by the Sub-Committee appointed by the General Council, T. S., and accepted at the last meeting of the said Council, having received the necessary three-fourths majority of votes (as per Rule 49), the voting being as follows : 39 for, 3 against, 1 neutral, 9 not voting—

It was resolved.—That the following amended Rules 36 and 44 be inserted in the Rules and Regulations of the T. S. :

"36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

"(b) Any National Society or any Lodge, whether belonging to a National Society or not, may by a two-thirds majority of the

members constituting the same withdraw from the Theosophical Society.

"44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36a or the withdrawal from the Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge under Rule 36b, its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapse and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to the Society, belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge, shall vest in the Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President or his nominee in its behalf; and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of the Society.

"Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to transfer or revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter should have become so forfeited or lapsed, to such other Lodges not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, or to such other Fellows not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, respectively, or to such other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

"In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid is situated, prohibits such vesting in the Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the President.

"To effect any transfer of property, which the Society may become entitled to under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society."

7. *Alterations of Rule 2 of the Constitution and Rules governing a World Congress of the T.S.*—Proposed by the General Secretary of the T.S. in the United States of America and carried as follows : 36 for, 5 against, 11 not voting,

It was Resolved.—That Rule 2 of the Constitution and Rules governing a World Congress of the Theosophical Society, be amended to read as follows :

“ The expenses of the World Congress be met by charging an adequate fee to delegates attending the World Congress.”

8. *T.S. General Report and printing Lodge Lists therein.* The proposal of the General Secretary of the T.S. in France that the decision of the General Council *re* the cessation of printing Lodge Lists in the T.S. *General Report* be revised, was fully considered.

Replies received from the members of the General Council showed a considerable diversity of opinion, some being in favor of Mr. Blech's proposal, provided the finances allow it and on condition that the Reports be not curtailed, others suggesting a separate, modified periodical publication of the List of Lodges, others (U.S. of America and Canada) being strongly opposed as the publication leads to a continuous undesirable influx of requests of an exasperating nature and the flooding of their Lodges with literature from hostile Societies.

Voting was 27 for, 16 against, 1 neutral, 8 did not vote.

After fully discussing the matter the General Council decided that as the majority desiring the change was so small, and as the financial and other reasons adduced two years ago in favor of discontinuance of publishing the Lodge Lists were still potent, therefore

It was resolved.—That the decision *re* discontinuance of publishing Lodge Lists in THE GENERAL REPORT OF THE T. S. arrived at by the General Council at its Meeting held at Benares, on 24th December, 1926, be, for the same adequate reasons, herewith upheld.

Carried unanimously.

9. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet, which showed a deficit of Rs. 13,284-8-7 was, after some discussion, passed by the General Council.

10. *Budgets for 1929.*—The T. S. Headquarters and Adyar Library Budgets for the year ending 31st October, 1929, which had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee, T.S., were unanimously passed after examining various items.

T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1928-29

INCOME		Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURE		Rs.	A.	P.
Rent and Interest ...	20,000	0	0	0	Adyar Library ...	2,500	0	0	0
Fees and Dues ...	18,000	0	0	0	Office Salaries ...	2,200	0	0	0
Garden Produce ...	11,000	0	0	0	Servants' Wages ...	6,700	0	0	0
Electrical Department ...	2,000	0	0	0	Gardens ...	18,000	0	0	0
Deficit to be made good by donations ...	18,544	0	0	0	Printing and Stationery ...	3,500	0	0	0
					Telegrams and Postages ...	900	0	0	0
					Lighting and Water ...	6,500	0	0	0
					Taxes ...	460	0	0	0
					Construction and Repairs ...	7,000	0	0	0
					Establishment Charges ...	1,500	0	0	0
					<i>The Adyar Bulletin</i> ...	300	0	0	0
					Gulistan (Olcott Cottage) ...	500	0	0	0
					Brahmavidyashrama ...	1,500	0	0	0
					Furnishing ...	500	0	0	0
					Vice-President's Office ...	1,000	0	0	0
					Museum ...	200	0	0	0
					Miscellaneous ...	3,000	0	0	0
					Deficit of 1927-28 ...	13,284	0	0	0
	69,544	0	0	0		69,544	0	0	0

ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1928-29

INCOME		Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURE		Rs.	A.	P.
T.S. Contribution ...	2,500	0	0	0	Salaries ...	7,400	0	0	0
Interest ...	4,240	0	0	0	Books and Journals ...	2,500	0	0	0
Sales ...	360	0	0	0	Purchase of MSS. ...	500	0	0	0
Deficit to be made good by donations ...	7,150	0	0	0	Copying MSS. ...	500	0	0	0
					Fire Insurance ...	350	0	0	0
					Bookbinding, etc. ...	1,500	0	0	0
					Publication ...	1,500	0	0	0
	14,250	0	0	0		14,250	0	0	0

11. *Appointment of Executive Committee, T.S., for 1929.* *It was resolved.*—That the President, the Vice-President, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer, ex-officio, and Dr. G. Srinivasa-murti, Mr. D. K. Telang, Baroness J. van Isselmuden and Rao Sahib G. Soobiah Chetty be appointed members of the Executive Committee for the year 1929.

Carried unanimously.

12. *Appointment of Auditor. It was resolved.*—That Mr. G. Narasimham, F.A.A., F.R.S.A., Certified Auditor, be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1929, on the usual remuneration.

Carried unanimously.

13. *Mr. J. R. Aria.*—The General Council having suffered a great loss in the death of one of its best members, Mr. Jal Rustomji Aria who was loyal and faithful to the end, and had rendered valuable services to the Society as its Recording Secretary for almost 20 years, the Chairman proposed, and the General Council unanimously passed, that the following message of condolence be sent to his family :

“That the General Council of the T.S. places on record its love and gratitude to Mr. Jal Rustomji Aria for the very faithful and valuable services which he had rendered to the Society for so many years, and sends to his family its affectionate sympathy for the loss they have sustained, a loss which the whole Society shares with them.”

14. *Mr. A. Schwarz to act as Recording Secretary.*—As no suitable appointment to the Office of Recording Secretary could at present be made, the Chairman informed the meeting that, pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. J. R. Aria, the Treasurer (Mr. A. Schwarz), will continue to act as Recording Secretary.

The Meeting terminated at 11.15 a.m.

Telegrams of fraternal Greetings to members assembled at the T. S. Convention at Benares were received from the following places :
The General Secretaries of

National Societies	...	...	<i>England, France, Argentina, Uruguay.</i>
Mrs. Jackson	...	...	<i>Bussum, Netherlands.</i>
Mr. A. P. Warrington	...	...	<i>Ojai, Calif., U.S.A.</i>
Bishop Wedgwood	...	...	<i>Bussum, Netherlands.</i>
Mrs. Ralph Violet Christie	...	...	<i>Leven, Scotland.</i>
Eerde	...	...	<i>Ommen, Netherlands.</i>
Mrs. Sharpe	...	...	<i>London, England.</i>
Mrs. Cannan	...	...	“ ”

12. Appointment of Auditor. It was resolved.—That Mr. G. Narasimham, F.A.A., Certified Auditor, be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1929, on the usual remuneration.

Carried unanimously.

13. Mr. J. R. Ais.—The General Council having suffered a great loss in the death of one of its best members, Mr. Jai Rustomji Ais who was loyal and faithful to the end, and had rendered valuable services to the Society as its Recording Secretary for almost 20 years, the Chairman proposed, and the General Council unanimously passed, that the following message of condolence be sent to his family:

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Mr. A. T. Worthington ... U.S.A., U.S.A.

Bishop Westwood ... Russian, Netherlands.

Mrs. Ralph Violet Christie ... Sweden, Scotland, Norway, and

Rev. ... Russian, Netherlands.

Mrs. Shapcott ... Russian, Netherlands.

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