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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

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## THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

### THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

**BRETHREN :**

Again I have the happiness of welcoming you here to the Fifty-fourth Anniversary of the Theosophical Society, and as ever, I ask you, those of you who believe in the Masters, to join me in the annual invocation to Those whom we believe to be 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 and energise it with Their Activity."

During the last year He whom many of us regard as the vehicle of the World Teacher, has been working in the outer world, carrying far and wide His Message of Freedom to all who are in bondage of any kind. He has dissolved His Order of the Star, since He looked on it as an attempt to organise spirituality, which cannot be organised. But He has sanctioned the formation of five Trusts, to carry out the physical plane work connected with the physical side of His labors. Personally I acknowledge Him as the vehicle of the World Teacher in our world, but I cannot, of course, in any way bind the Society, which has no creed, leaving absolute Freedom to every member

to belong to any religion or to none, each member being responsible to himself alone for his beliefs and his unbeliefs, creating his own future by his present, as he has created that present by his past. Man, as says the Upanishad, is the creature of thought; as he thinks, so he becomes. Therefore let him think upon Brahman, the Self.

There are two main dangers, we may think, in the way of the Theosophical Society, each of which we must avoid. The danger of orthodoxy, which would be its death by fossilisation; we must oppose any tendency—world-wide, racial, national, local, the last in our Lodges—of identifying the Society with any religious, economic, political or social beliefs.

We must avoid tearing it into pieces by party spirit, the result of such identifications, which easily cause the creation of parties. The religions of the world are the partial unveiling of Truth—that is, the unveiling of such portions of Truth as are needed to help the stages of evolution present at any given time. Hence the comings into our world of an embodiment of the World Teacher, in connection with the appearance of a new sub-race. For each, Theosophy, the Divine Wisdom, has its special message through a special Messenger. If some of us believe in the coming of such a Messenger at the present time, we believe because our Theosophy taught us to look for such a Messenger, at the present epoch, in connection with a new sub-race, which has appeared in California, as H. P. B.—the Messenger from the Hierarchy in the last quarter of the nineteenth century—announced it as coming in America, (see *The Secret Doctrine*, Vol. ii, p. 464).

I notice that many confuse the Messenger who comes in the last quarter of the century with the coming of the World Teacher in connection with a new sub-race. They are inclined to reject Krishnaji as the World Teacher, who comes at His own time, whose disciples later make a new religion from His teachings, because He has come, as they think, half a century too soon. He *has* come, and is pouring out His Life over the world. He has come “that ye may have Life, and that ye may have it more abundantly.”

## LODGES AND FELLOWS

The number of Charters granted from the commencement of the Society to the end of 1928 was 2,676. In 1929, 82 new Charters were granted, raising the number to 2,758. 4081 diplomas to new members were issued. The total number of active Lodges is now 1,592, and we have 43,625 active members.

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	Active Members	New Members added during the year	Remarks
1	T.S. in The United States ...	234	6,917	716	
2	" England ...	158	5,050	381	
3	" India <sup>1</sup> ...	342	6,764	511	
4	" Australia ...	33	1,559	71	
5	" Sweden ...	34	763	24	
6	" New Zealand ...	19	1,074	36	
7	" The Netherlands ...	49	2,703	149	
8	" France ...	75	3,398	368	
9	" Italy ...	37	622	54	
10	" Germany ...	45	745	148	
11	" Cuba ...	25	468	92	
12	" Hungary ...	17	382	42	
13	" Finland ...	25	688	71	
14	" Russian T. S. outside Russia ...	14	356	47	
15	" Czecho-Slovakia ...	7	108	10	
16	" South Africa ...	22	528	42	
17	" Scotland ...	31	688	71	
18	" Switzerland ...	18	265	15	
19	" Belgium ...	12	475	71	
20	" Dutch East Indies ...	31	2,137	178	
21	" Burma ...	10	301	9	
22	" Austria ...	11	536	47	
23	" Norway ...	11	246	11	
24	" Egypt (See Federation, below) ...	—	—	—	
25	" Denmark ...	15	483	24	
26	" Ireland ...	7	131	14	
27	" Mexico ...	29	449	138	
28	" Canada ...	18	430	68	
29	" Argentina ...	18	453	104	
30	" Chile ...	20	285	38	
31	" Brazil ...	19	485	90	
32	" Bulgaria ...	8	200	24	
33	" Iceland ...	7	300	13	
34	" Spain ...	22	451	42	
35	" Portugal ...	10	202	8	
36	" Wales ...	20	373	49	
	Carried forward ...	1,453	41,015	3,776	

<sup>1</sup> This number includes 722 active members and 163 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
	Brought forward ...	1,453	41,015	3,776	
37	T.S. in Poland ...	16	342	37	No Report
38	" Uruguay ...	10	145	—	
39	" Porto Rico ...	18	300	30	
40	" Rumania ...	11	243	34	
41	" Yugoslavia ...	8	149	30	No Report
42	" Ceylon ...	7	89	14	
43	" Greece ...	7	190	60	
44	" Central America ...	15	313	62	
45	" Central South Africa ...	9	200	—	No Report
46	" Paraguay ...	7	49	—	
47	" Peru ...	8	60	—	No Report
	Canadian Theosophical Federation ...	10	231	8	
	Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Egypt ...	3	45	9	
	Other Non-Sectionalised Lodges	10	254	21	
	Grand Total ...	1,592	43,625	4,081	

### NEWS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

*United States:* The Report from America states that the event of the year was the third session of the Theosophical World Congress, which met in Chicago in August, and at which 27 countries were represented. The maximum attendance was about 1,300, and splendid audiences came to hear the President's lectures. During the year, for very various reasons, 27 Lodges were dissolved. 8 new Lodges were organised. As to members—79 were lost by death and 88 by resignation and many were transferred to the inactive list. We took in 716 new members and have now 6,917, 942 less than last year. The Summer School at Wheaton was a complete success, with Dr. Arundale as Dean. Nearly 1,000 Theosophical books were donated to 88 public libraries, but the sale of Theosophical literature has fallen off about 40 per cent, on account of economic depression, the dearth of newly written books, and other factors. The visits of the President and a number of other over-seas visitors have done much to revive the enthusiasm of the American membership. Good results are anticipated for



next year from the recently started tours of Miss Codd and Mr. Hodson.

*England*: England has now 5,050 members, 158 Lodges and 52 Centres. 381 new members were admitted, and 485 members lapsed, resigned, transferred to other National Societies, or died. Several Lodges have acquired their own premises, namely, Bolton, Liverpool and High Wycombe. Students' Weeks and Week-ends have been a great success in various parts of the country, also a One Day Campaign, in which most of the Lodges held lectures or symposiums on the Life After Death, which drew a good deal of press publicity. There have been three very generous gifts: namely, the remainder of the 14 years' lease of Headquarters, a small property in East London occupied by a Lodge, and the Mortimer Hall property.

*India*: India reports general progress throughout the country. The minds of the members appear to be much occupied with an attempt to understand Krishnaji's teaching and to solve the problems which it raises. The Constitution and Rules have been revised in order to remove legal discrepancies and to bring them into closer relation with present needs. Newly formed and revived Lodges number 21, and 16 were dissolved, so there is an increase of 5. Ten new Centres were formed and 4 dissolved. There has been a loss of 34 members, and the active Youth membership has fallen from 829 to 722. The Federations of Central India and Rajputana, and Gujerat and Kathiawar became autonomous on October 1st, and promise vigorous work. The autonomous Southern Federations have been working well, but the Northern Federations are not yet quite so well organised. Conferences and Camps have been very well attended, and important educational work also continues. The finances generally are more satisfactory than in the past, there being a credit balance, and the Indian Bookshop shows a profit of Rs. 4,000. The Headquarters needs repairs, improvement of gardens and sanitary installations.

*Australia*: Australia reports a successful Thirty-fourth Annual Convention. Its chief features were addresses by Bishops Leadbeater and Arundale and Mrs. Arundale; the



adoption of the Active Service Fund (which is an appeal for one shilling a week from every member); the re-publication of the *Australian Theosophist* as the official organ; meetings for the Youth Work, Order of Service and Education; and the establishment of the "Advance Australia News Service". The largest part of the public work has been carried out through the medium of the Theosophical Broadcasting Station, which continues to pay its way. The Theosophical Society in Australia can be proud of its radio service to the Commonwealth, for its popularity is great and it has earned high praise from many sources. It also finances the issue of *Advance Australia* as a fortnightly newspaper, having a circulation of 10,000 copies. The News Service has in four months secured publicity to the extent of 253 full columns at least, the newspapers making much use of the four page budget of paragraphs which is distributed to over 500 editors in Australia every week. Perth and Claremont Lodges have new premises of their own; in the latter case the actual work of building was done by the members of the Lodge themselves.

*Sweden:* Sweden reports that the organisation of the National Society had become rather loose, but is now being tightened up again. The work will proceed in a free spirit, with the recognition that while, as Krishnaji teaches, a belief cannot be organised, the T.S. has no creed, and may therefore quietly hold its old position. It is hoped that this will bring order into the somewhat bewildered ranks, and assist the strengthening of a real nucleus of Universal Brotherhood. The membership, having been severely revised, shows a decrease of dead-weight to the extent of 340 indifferent members. The sectional magazine has changed its name to *Fri Horisont*. The subscription of shares for the Headquarters building project goes on slowly. (I hope some one will tell us the meaning of the new name.—A. B.)

*New Zealand:* New Zealand has 40 new members, while those who have resigned, lapsed, passed over and been transferred to other Sections amount to 113. Still it has a large membership in proportion to population, namely 1,074. The sectional magazine, issued on alternate months, goes free to all

members, and every new member has also received copies of *A Message from an Elder Brother*, *What is the Theosophical Society?* and *The Hidden Side of Lodge Meetings*. The Headquarters' library has 60 subscribing non-members. The Vasanta Garden School is making excellent progress, the eurythmic classes being especially useful. It has built a new Assembly Hall. The attendance is 42. The Vasanta Farm, a property of 114 acres, presented to the Section 18 years ago with the idea of establishing a Theosophical College and Retreat, is being successfully worked as a farm, and the Order of Service is now fully organised.

*The Netherlands*: The new Headquarters, opened in July, has attracted many members and much Press attention. The buildings form a very remarkable piece of ultra-modern architecture. They include a most beautiful bookshop and a splendid library. The membership returns show a loss of 240, and a gain of 149, the total now being 2,703. The Publishing House shows great depression of business, which began suddenly and unexpectedly in September 1928. It is reported that the dissolution of the Order of the Star is causing many T.S. members to question the value of the T.S. The Society is also suffering under the mistake which people make in identifying the Liberal Catholic Church with the T.S., but it is hoped that Dr. Besant's expressed intention (not to attend the Church herself) may gradually improve the situation in this respect. The Order of Service is being re-organised.

*France*: France reports 368 new members and a loss of 345, making the present total 3,398. The General Secretary is not satisfied with the situation as, although there is no decline, there is a lack of real progress, which he ascribes not to the members' being less energetic than before, but to their using their energy not directly in the Society's work. As formerly, lectures and classes have been held regularly at Headquarters, but unfortunately Mlle. Aimée Blech's increasing ill-health now prevents her from taking part in this. The Theosophical work in Cochin China deserves special mention. It is rooted chiefly among the cultured classes—the Annamites. Some of the

members are erudite Buddhists, to whom the teachings of Theosophy soon become familiar, and who likewise quickly absorb Krishnaji's messages, as they are so closely akin to Buddhism.

*Italy*: In addition to its *Notes and News*, Italy has a new Review, *Il Loto*, which will endeavour to show the unity of life on the three lines of philosophy, science and art. The Order of Service has done good work and is expanding. 96 members have been lost, and 54 have joined, the total now being 622.

*Germany*: An extremely brief report informs us that the membership has fallen from 902 to 745, the reduction being ascribed as partly due to the influence of Krishnaji's teaching. The General Secretary is endeavouring to bring about friendship between the T.S. and the Anthroposophical Society.

*Cuba*: Cuba reports benefit derived from several distinguished or prominent visitors—Mr. Jinarajadasa, Mr. D. Rajagopalan, Mr. L. W. Rogers and Mr. Adolfo de la Pena Gil. With Mr. Jinarajadasa as chairman, a meeting was held to form a Federation of the Spanish-speaking countries of North America, namely Mexico, Cuba and other Antilles. The Lodges and members of San Domingo have been transferred to the Porto Rican T.S., so that they may have the benefit of the greater proximity. The magazine has been enlarged, and new and more pliable Bye-Laws have been passed. Membership shows 92 admissions and 217 losses, and the total is now 468.

*Hungary*: Hungary records a year of steady progress and an increase of members from 352 to 382. A special Convention of the T.S. in Hungary held in May under the auspices of the European Federation was a memorable event, and much strengthened the position of Theosophy throughout the country. The Headquarters has continued its systematic lecture courses, propaganda meetings, question and answer meetings, study meetings and social gatherings. Kindred movements had to remain suspended, owing to the strict policy of the Government. There is an International Correspondence League, communicating with members in 20 different countries. The Publishing Trust has been active, and has printed 10 booklets, 5 leaflets, a

larger book, and a small magazine on a printing machine lent by Mr. Nicholas Miles. The donation of £600 presented by the President from the Hamilton legacy will enable the new Headquarters to be completed next year.

*Finland*: The T. S. in Finland has an increase of 30 members, making a total of 729. The Twenty-second Convention in the new Headquarters' building was very well attended and was very harmonious and brotherly. The propaganda Committee has been particularly active, sending out lecturers and selling literature at many meetings. A notable feature was the work of the travelling bookseller, Mr. J. Simpanen, who was sent out for two months, going from town to town and village to village, selling books and distributing pamphlets. Mr. K. Unho also travelled for some time. This work cannot pay the keep and travelling expenses of the workers, but is valuable if financed by the Society. The magazine *Teosofi* has 1,150 subscribers—very many more than the members of the Section. October was made a special propaganda month, during which the Section had the additional advantage of a Hindu lecturer, Mr. A. L. Simha. At Vammelsuu the Society has a summer resort, which was used by about a hundred members, combining health with congenial company. The General Secretary feels that the movement has entered upon a new phase: "The living of Theosophy by Theosophists."

*Russia*: The "R. T. S. outside Russia" reports two new Russian Lodges, at Berlin and Brussels, making 14 all over the world. There are 47 new members and 8 have been lost; the total is now 356. A Convention was held in Paris on White Lotus Day, with delegates from London, Brussels, Berlin and Geneva. The General Secretary, Dr. Anna Kamensky, and Miss C. Helmboldt have lectured in various towns. The little magazine *Vestnik* appears regularly, in spite of financial difficulties, and the help given by Mr. P. Raggis of Reval has made possible the publication of *The Voice of the Silence* and *In the Outer Court*. This is very precious service, because of the book-hunger of Russian Theosophists. Every Lodge works in its own way, and many are active in various



lines of service and in artistic expression. The Russian Lodge in Tientsin, China, has been attacked by Christian Missionaries, but nevertheless has carried on its work bravely. In addition to her direct work for the Society, the Secretary has a Chair in the University, and holds courses on the Comparative Study of Religions, Vedism and the *Bhagavad-Gita*.

*Czecho-Slovakia*: The membership is now 108, a decrease of 7. Many public lectures have been given in different towns. Mr. and Mrs. Cimr publish a magazine *Espero-Teozofia*, which does the very useful work of giving information about Theosophy to Esperantists. The General Secretary remarks that this work is deserving of help from other National Societies.

*South Africa*: South Africa reports an increase of 4 members, the total now being 528. The Annual Convention was notable as the 21st, the "Coming of Age" of the Society in South Africa. In addition to its other work, it approved of the formation of a separate Central South African T.S., to be formed from its own Lodges. For some time advertisements have been inserted in the principal daily newspapers of the four Provinces, inviting those interested to apply for information on Theosophy; these have almost immediately brought in replies.

*Scotland*: A drastic revision of the membership list leaves the total now 688, as compared with 743 last year. The Annual Convention held at Perth was a very happy one, with the President of the Society in the chair. Special mention must be made of the deaths of Mr. William McLellan and Mrs. Isabel Stead, valuable and very old workers, well known to many of us.

*Switzerland*: The membership of the Society in Switzerland continues its steady increase, this year from 245 to 260. A policy of very careful expenditure of money and elimination of all wastefulness has enabled the Society to reduce membership fees, carry on vigorous activities, and close the year with a credit balance of £40. Special mention is made of the activity of the International Centre organised by Mrs. Cousins, of Adyar,

and Mrs. G. Kern. Mr. Meautis, the General Secretary, and Mme. Kamensky have been active in the lecture field. German Switzerland is especially active.

*Belgium*: Belgium reports an increase of 29 members, the total now being 475. The Lodges have been individually active, and the book-selling department has provided the T.S. in Belgium with good financial support. The Theosophical Order of Service has also helped much in the organisation of lectures, concerts, etc. For some years we have had in Belgium a legal organisation, the "Association Théosophique" to represent the Society in all financial transactions. This has now changed its name to the "Société Théosophique", so our Society has now a "personnalité civile" and can own, sell, receive legacies—and pay taxes.

*Netherlands-Indies*: The T.S. in the Netherlands East Indies reports 1,026 European members, 902 Indonesian and 209 Chinese, a total of 2,137, a reduction of 46. The General Secretary ascribes the decrease to the rising unrest caused by the teachings of Krishnaji, sometimes misinterpreted, and sometimes awakening the people to an earnest self-inspection which shows them that their place is not in our Society. He appears to agree that their place is not within the Society, though if they are true to their inner motives they will remain our friends and helpers outside, and remarks that the Section is stronger for their absence. The Society publishes four magazines, providing for Dutch, Malay and Javanese readers. The Lodge in Solo has undertaken the translation of the entire *Mahābhārata* into the Javanese language, and this has received an enthusiastic welcome. (Well done! brave little Lodge, shouldering so large a task.) There is great activity in the building of Lodges in no fewer than five places. Twelve of the Lodges now own their own buildings, and at some of them small Theosophical Communities dwell. The biggest effort this year appears to be at Bandoeng, which has raised almost £25,000. The great event of the year has been the visit of the Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, accompanied by a large circle of old and new friends. He stayed nearly half the year and visited



nearly all the Lodges of the Section. Great benefit was also derived from the visits of Bishop Arundale, Mrs. Arundale and Dr. van der Leeuw. The Convention was a great success, a new stepping-stone for the promotion of Brotherhood between the many different races and nationalities in Java. As it was held in Solo, which is a very characteristic Javanese cultural centre and the residence of two of the most influential Javanese Princes, it was decided not to give prominence to ceremonial work; the Liberal Catholic Church and Co-Masonry were therefore left out of the programme. In June a very successful Summer School Camp was held in Lembang. The subsidiary movements are carrying on their work, the educational being particularly notable. There are now 13 schools under Theosophical management, with over 2,000 pupils and 70 teachers.

*Burma*: Burma reports 301 active members, including honorary Bhikku members, an increase of 8. Most of the Lodges have been very active, the Youth Lodge, Rangoon, deserving special congratulations. The General Secretary states that by far the best work done during the year was the splendid distribution of booklets and leaflets by post. Mr. A. Verhage contributed Rs. 300 for books, and a thousand copies of *Krishnamurti, Who is He?* The Sectional magazine has been dormant, but will now be revived. Nothing has been done with the land belonging to the Section, and attempts to sell it have not been successful so far. The Buddhist Educational Trust schools are having an anxious time, as the Trust funds have become involved to the extent of about Rs. 17,000, owing to the failure of the firm with whom the money was deposited. The deficit on the Girls' School has been made up by a generous member.

*Austria*: The membership has increased by 16, and now numbers 536. The General Secretary states that though activity has not been great, the Theosophical life has been intense. The Section benefited much from the visits of the President and Bishop Wedgwood. The Liberal Catholic Church has proved a tower of strength to some of the Section's best workers.

*Norway*: The principal events mentioned in the General Secretary's report are a series of public lectures held in the new

Headquarters, to which many non-members were attracted, and the publication of a series of short booklets on popular Theosophy, which are doing much to spread the ideas all over the country.

*Denmark*: Denmark reports 483 active members, being a decrease of 46. We must record with regret the death of Mr. August Plum, who founded and for 18 years worked for the Blavatsky Lodge at Copenhagen and was also publisher and editor of the *Theosofisk Tidsskrift*. Successful Summer Schools have been held at Nakskov and Vadstrupgaard, led by Mr. Edwin Bolt. No books have been published this year, but the sectional magazine in its new form has been a great success. There is not much co-operation between the T.S., the Liberal Catholic Church and Co-Masonry, but on the other hand there is no ill-feeling.

*Ireland*: The General Secretary regrets to report once more that not much interest is taken in Theosophy in his country, probably because more than three-fourths of the population are strictly forbidden by their religious authorities even to attend our lectures. The membership shows an increase of 4. The visits of helpful friends are mentioned—in addition to the President—Mrs. Cannan, Miss Codd, Mrs. Yates, Dr. and Mrs. Cousins and Prof. James Scott.

*Mexico*: The chief event of the year was Mr. Jinarajadasa's tour, in which in 62 days he addressed 81 meetings in 26 places with an approximate total audience of 59,000. This visit came at a time when there was a transition from the old to the new spiritual life of the Nation. Most of the listeners were women, young people and labourers, a remarkable sign of the awakening of the National consciousness. There are now 449 members. The Lodge at Vera Cruz has erected its own building. Over 80,000 leaflets were printed on a small press managed by the General Secretary. Mr. Jinarajadasa's *Gods in Chains* is being published in Spanish.

*Canada*: The General Secretary explains that the T. S. in Canada has stood since its organisation for Theosophy as expounded in *The Secret Doctrine*, the early literature and the

Masters' letters, while maintaining perfect freedom of thought and speech and the privilege of criticism. He hopes that the Federated Lodges will see their way to reunite with the Section, as the harmony that prevailed at the Chicago Congress amid decided differences of opinion indicated what is possible. A very successful lecture tour by Mrs. Hampton, in which no debatable questions were raised, was arranged jointly by the National Society and the Federation. Since the last report there has been a loss of 73 members, the number being now 430. Mr. Smythe speaks of the very valuable work done by Theosophists who have been active in other organisations, and instances one who was head of a Dickens' Fellowship of 1,100 members, and also the lecturing of Mr. Roy Mitchell in many fields. The Sectional magazine has been the chief instrument of propaganda, and the services of several of the very oldest Theosophists have been secured to write articles for it. There has also been a re-publication of several valuable books, including *The Evidence of Immortality* by Dr. Jerome Anderson. There is also a travelling library, which is sent to any part of the country.

*Argentina*: The visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa aroused deep interest among the public, and more especially among the members. The General Secretary feels "that one of the greatest results of our brother's work was to bring the Argentine soul nearer to the reality of its own existence, revealing aspects of its own spirituality hitherto ignored or unappreciated". It has been the year of the most intense and effective work since the foundation of the National Society. On the administrative side, Lodges and members in Paraguay and Peru have been separated to form their own Sections. This takes away more than 100 members.

*Chile*: Chile reports a reduction of two members, the total number being now 285. The outstanding event was the visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa, who spent 40 days in Chile, and attracted very large and enthusiastic audiences in 14 of the most important cities. The General Secretary feels very strongly that we are in the midst of a period of renovation, so that the near future

will find us much stronger and more efficient in true spirituality than before.

*Brazil*: Reports an increase of 3 members, the total now being 485. The great event of the year was the visit of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, which was of great benefit, and received much attention in the press. A notable feature has been the fraternisation of Lodges, the two Lodges in Sao Paolo, for example, having a monthly *Day of Fraternity*.

*Bulgaria*: Bulgaria reports 200 active members, the same number as last year. Public opinion is turning very much in favour of the Theosophical Society. One often hears of its members as philosophers, religious, truthful and trustworthy; and almost all cultural organisations invite Theosophists for different kinds of social work. The members try to reach Liberation by service to other movements.

*Iceland*: There are now 300 members in the National Society, 82 less than last year. Some of the Lodges are in a bad way, but others are getting on well. One librarian records the loan of 700 volumes, mostly to non-members. There is uncertainty in the minds of some of the members as to the value of our work.

*Spain*: Spain reports a gain of 28 members, the total now being 451. Six of the Lodges are mentioned as being especially active. The Section has to face unusual geographical and ethnographical difficulties, on account of the great variety of types, languages and dialects, and the long distances between the principal cities and populated districts. The independent character of most Spaniards is also to be reckoned with. The present political situation and the power of the Church also prevent the free exposition of Theosophy from public platforms, but it is nevertheless permeating the thought of the cultured classes.

*Portugal*: The number of active members is now 202, as against 331 last year. A large number of members have been dropped because they have failed to pay their subscriptions. What the General Secretary calls "the gust of purifying wind from Ommen" has caused some temporary inactivity in the



South. At the same time the intense clerical reaction has assumed an aggressive aspect in opposition to Theosophical development.

*Wales*: Reports 373 members, which is 15 more than last year. Members have been active in many ways during the year, and steady progress has been made. An interesting point is that the University College of North Wales sent a request for a representative collection of Theosophical literature, which was duly provided. (That is a remarkably good sign.)

*Poland*: This National Society has now 343 members, a decrease of 4. Its main effort has been to inspire its members with the ideal of service. A ten days' visit by Bishop Wedgwood was a great inspiration, and Mr. A. Knudsen also rendered most effective assistance.

*Uruguay*: Sends no report.

*Porto Rico*: The Theosophical work during the year has not been so intense and enthusiastic as formerly, chiefly on account of deep economic depression following the terrific hurricane of December 1928. Certain interpretations of Krishnaji's messages have also caused some confusion in the members' minds. The number of members is now 300, a reduction of 41 in the year.

*Rumania*: (Report arrived too late.)

*Yugoslavia*: Reports a present membership of 146. The library has increased to 600 volumes. The bi-monthly magazine continues and publishes a translation of Dr. Besant's *Karma*. Prominent members of the Section have given lectures, and Mr. A. F. Knudsen, described as "the Godfather of the Yugoslavia Theosophical Society", paid a visit for the third time and lectured every day.

*Ceylon*: Has now 89 members. The outstanding event of the year is the completion of the Headquarters' building, the result of the cheerful and steady sacrifice of many small savings and a few handsome donations. There is also a T.S. Sports' Club. The excellent individual work of our members in various organisations is a triumphant justification of our existence. The Headquarters is always a house of friendship, where friendly

exchange of opinion and harmonious and pleasant intercourse are possible.

*Greece*: Sends no report.

*Central America*: This new Society covers Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Colombia, that is, all Central America with Colombia. The sense of responsibility awakened by the new organisation has much stimulated most of the Lodges. The tour of Mr. Jinarajadasa, who spared no pains and efforts in order to visit all the Central American countries, also greatly strengthened the enthusiasm and vitality of the members. Despite the hostility of the Roman Catholic Church, his lectures were crowded everywhere. The number of members is 313, an increase of 61 in 4 months.

*Central South Africa*: This Society was also chartered in May 1929, as an offshoot of the Theosophical Society in South Africa, which gave its kindly blessing to the new venture. There are 9 active Lodges with about 200 members.

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*China*: The *Shanghai Lodge* has given up its room in the Nanking road, and hired a letter box in the G. P. O. so as to have a permanent address. Its weekly meetings have been held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Browne. Mr. M. Manuk, Presidential Agent for China, visited the Lodge and gave two lectures, which were well attended. The membership stands at 34. The *Hong-Kong Lodge* has now 30 members. 79 meetings have been held, of which 34 were public lectures. Besides giving some of the lectures, Mr. Manuk conducted weekly classes in *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Bhagavad-Gita* and *The Voice of the Silence*, after which a Star meeting was always held. The *Chinese Lodge, Hong-Kong*, has 65 members, and has given 32 public lectures. It is printing 5,000 copies of *Life the Goal*, by Krishnaji, translated into Chinese, for free distribution, the cost of which has been provided by Commander Cather and Mr. Manuk. The Lodge also conducts two night schools, the teachers of which are members of the Lodge, who



give their services free of charge. There are 127 students, consisting largely of office boys and shop assistants. *The Besant School for Girls* at Shanghai has secured new premises in Ferry Road, and has now 381 students. It is gratifying that after years of disappointing reverses the efforts of Miss Arnold and Miss Kwai show every promise of being crowned with success.

*Egypt*: (Report arrived too late.)

*Canadian Theosophical Federation*: This Federation has now 10 Lodges, with 231 members, a net gain of 4 in the year. Mrs. Hampton's tour throughout the Lodges is mentioned as having been particularly useful. The Secretary speaks of much variety of opinion and activity among the members, but considers that this diversity will enrich and strengthen the movement.

*Russian Federation within the Finnish Section*: This Federation consists of Russian refugees who are so poor that they need no Treasurer. In the various Lodges the studies were chiefly based upon the methods of Krishnaji.

*Singapore*: Singapore Lodge reports little progress, but a persistency which has made the Lodge more coherent and the members more earnest. There have been weekly meetings for the public and Sunday classes for the members. The library is the chief means of propaganda. Visits of Dr. and Mrs. Arundale and Dr. and Mrs. Cousins were much appreciated. There are 15 members.

*Barbados Lodge*: Has now a membership of 30. The President, Mr. G. Clyde Williams, and the Vice-President, Mr. P. P. Spencer, have delivered a number of lectures, and there are regular weekly classes.

*Selangor Lodge*: This Lodge was founded at Kuala Lumpur in June, 1929, with 11 members, and it has now 13. Regular meetings and study classes are being held, and a library is being established.

#### HEADQUARTERS' EVENTS

All our extensive and varied work at Headquarters has been carried on smoothly during the year, mostly by the same

group of devoted members whom I mentioned last year. There have been but few changes. Owing to illness, Mr. S. Raja Ram has found it necessary to give up his work at the Theosophical Publishing House, and Mr. M. Subramania Aiyar, formerly of Rangoon, and a familiar figure at Headquarters, has taken up that onerous work. There has also been a change at the Bhojanashala, where Mr. C. Subbaramayya has taken up the post of Manager, made vacant last year by the tragic death of Mr. J. Srinivasa Rao.

For the sake of producing a Magazine in a form which would make a special appeal to the modern reader, I have transferred the publication of *The Theosophist* to America, where, in Los Angeles, Mrs. Marie Russak Hotchener will act as Editor and Mr. Henry Hotchener as business Manager. In this I had the hearty support of the General Council, and the most generous help from my two American collaborators. At the same time I found it necessary—in fact, binding on me as President by Colonel Olcott's bequest—to have an Organ at the Presidential residence at Adyar; so I continue to publish from here what is now called *The Adyar Theosophist*. I hope the Magazine started by H. P. B. and H. S. O. will in both parts of its new bifurcated form, continue to win the support of the members, and those sections of the public for which they are especially intended.

Mr. Schwarz will now take a well merited holiday for some months. He has had only three vacations abroad during his long service of twenty-two years as Treasurer at Adyar. During the last year he has also acted as Recording Secretary, but now that Mr. Ernest Wood has returned from his travels to take up that post, he will act as Treasurer also in the absence of Mr. Schwarz, paying back to him some of that karma which he has so richly earned.

My Brother Leadbeater, after nearly 16 years' residence in Australia, has returned to Adyar to make his home here as of yore. For several years he has been living in Australia for nine months and making a three months' trip to Adyar. Now he intends to reverse that process. I am happy to have him

with me again, for he is always a tower of strength and a fount of wisdom. My Brother C. Jinarajadasa is also here for a few months, after his long trip through many countries of South and Central America, in which he aroused immense interest in Theosophy, and was instrumental in forming no less than three new National Societies.

Many of our prominent members were gathered together in August at the great World Congress at Chicago, over which I had the pleasure of presiding. I have elsewhere described it as "a magnificent success". Many varieties of Theosophical opinion were there represented, but the spirit of more than tolerance—real Brotherhood—which was there as a perpetual flame made mutual understanding easy, and presented a rare spectacle of Theosophy living and triumphant in the nearly two thousand delegates who attended the meetings in the splendid Stevens Hotel, "the largest hotel in the world". Our thanks are due to the Joint Secretaries of the Congress, Miss Dijkgraaf and Mr. Rogers and their many helpers, for their excellent organisation of so important a function of our Society.

Our Congress took place when Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Prime Minister of Britain, was about to visit Washington to confer with the President of the United States, Mr. Herbert Hoover. Our gathering took the opportunity to send the following message to Mr. Hoover:

#### TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Third World-Congress of the Theosophical Society, and its National Sections in forty-five countries, was held in Chicago, Ill., from August 24th to 29th. The first Object of the Theosophical Society is to form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, and its National Sections are found in Europe, Asia, Africa, India, Australasia, Northern, Central and Southern America. Over 1,700 members from all parts of the world attended the Congress of 1929.

It held a farewell Banquet on August 29th, and I, as President of the International Society proposed, and Mr. Rogers, as President of the Theosophical Society in the United States of America seconded a resolution, which was carried by acclamation, that:

We, the Third World-Congress of the Theosophical Society, pray Mr. Hoover, the President of the United States of America, who saw in Europe the devastation wrought by war, and who nobly devoted himself to the relief of its victims, to lead the Nations of the world to the outlawry of war, and to the establishment of arbitration for the decision of international disputes.

Respectfully yours,

ANNIE BESANT,

September 1, 1929

*President, International Theosophical Society.*

A courteous acknowledgment was received by me from the American Embassy in London.

*The Adyar Library:* Under the continued direction of Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, the Library maintains its reputation as an institution of great usefulness to scholars, many of whom have made use of it by personal visits and also through correspondence. The publication of the 98 Minor Upanishads with a good Commentary (the only complete edition with a Commentary) is now complete, and beautifully printed by the Vasanta Press. The "Samnyasopanisat" and the "Rukminikalyanam" have been issued, and other works are in hand. Much useful rearrangement and cataloguing has been done, and there are many additions.

*The Olcott Panchama Free Schools:* There are now 267 pupils in the Olcott Free School, and 193 in the H. P. B. Memorial Free School. It was proposed to transfer the H. P. B. school to the Labour Department of the Madras Government, but the policy adopted by the Authorities has been to assist private agencies with substantial grants instead of taking over such institutions. Reports of visitors and Inspectors are very favourable. The health of the children receives particular care, and there is daily distribution of mid-day food.

*The Brahmaidya Ashrama:* The work has been carried on with typical willingness, in the absence of Dr. Cousins, by Mr. A. F. Knudsen, as acting Principal.

*The Women's Indian Association:* The efforts of the Association during the past year have been mainly applied to the support of the Bill restraining child-marriage, which was passed



in September. A Montessori school has been established in Madras. *Stri Dharma* is now self-supporting, and membership continues to grow.

*Theosophical Society Employees' Co-operative Credit Society:* The Society is in a stable condition, having a paid-up share capital of Rs. 3,775-4-7, and debits of only Rs. 1,600. The average monthly collections were about Rs. 900. The Society has been registered on a Limited Liability basis, but this has reduced the amount of transactions to Rs. 10,672-12-11 as against Rs. 14,508-11-0 last year, as on this basis the loans to depositors are restricted to four times their monthly pay. The membership is 126.

*Adyar Co-operative Stores:* Sales for the year were Rs. 33,871-11-0. the business resulting in a net loss of Rs. 87-7-1. The paid-up capital amounts to Rs. 2,050-3-0, and this, with the Trade Deposits paid by the members, forms the working capital. During the year it has been decided to have only cash sales, as it was found that credit sales tended to cause improvidence among some of the employees of Adyar.

*International Committee of the European Federation of Theosophical Societies:* This Committee was founded to link the T.S. in friendly co-operation with the numerous international organisations in Geneva, especially the League of Nations. It has an excellent suite of rooms in a good position. Its chief activities so far have been a Peace Week, and various lectures by Mrs. Cousins, Dr. Cousins, Mlle. Brisy, and others.

*The Theosophical World University Centre in London:* The report on this subject contains an account of the history of the movement, suggestions as to methods which it may adopt, a list of the activities in the form of lectures at Brompton Road and in various other places, and a statement as to the financial conditions and the requirements for the immediate future. These are all too complex for brief statement, but it is evident that great and varied activities are afoot, which may become the seed of a splendid world-wide Institution in process of time.

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# THE HEADQUARTERS



## TREASURER'S REPORT

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Our balance-sheet for the past year discloses an improvement in the financial position of our Adyar Headquarters. Opening with a debit balance of Rs. 13,284-8-7 it closes with a credit balance of Rs. 21,668-9-7 as follows :

Ordinary Income					
in 1929	...	Rs.	60,114	6 9 =	£ 4,624 at Rs. 13 per £ 1.
Expenditure	...	„	57,934	5 0 =	„ 4,456
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Surplus	...	„	2,180	1 9 =	„ 168
add: Transfer from					
Legacy by Mrs.					
Douglas Hamilton	„		32,773	0 5 =	„ 2,521
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	„		34,953	2 2 =	„ 2,689
less: Deficit					
from 1927—28	...	„	13,284	8 7 =	„ 1,022
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Balance (Surplus)					
to credit of new					
account	...	„	21,668	9 7 =	„ 1,667
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As the above figures show, this satisfactory result is due chiefly to the allotment of the sum of Rs. 32,773-0-5 from the legacy by Mrs. Douglas Hamilton. The surplus of Rs. 21,668-9-7 will not, however, be available for ordinary expenditure in 1930, being earmarked for the cost of a water-tower and of other necessary improvements for which this allotment was sanctioned.

Of the total amount of this legacy Dr. Besant kindly assigned £20,000 to our T.S. Headquarters in order to put Adyar on a sounder financial basis than was the case till now. In this connection I wish again to point out that the 10% annual dues paid by our Sections are quite inadequate for the upkeep of our Headquarters even on the most economical basis. At present they amount to about Rs. 18,000 (£ 1,385) per annum, of which amount no less than Rs. 3,000 (£ 231) are absorbed by the cost of printing our Annual Report which is supplied free of charge to all our Lodges. Donations are therefore essential; and in future the interest on the Hamilton legacy will help materially to lessen the financial strain. Of the above amount of £ 20,000 we realized £ 2,500 in cash for the special expenditure already referred to (water-tower, etc.) and for covering the deficit of 1927-28, leaving £ 17,500 invested in British Consols as shewn in our balance-sheet. A further amount of £ 2,500 has since been realized in new account and paid to Dr. Besant for her T.S. work, the *Permanent Fund* being now reduced to £ 15,000, bringing in about £ 600 (Rs. 7,800) interest. We hope it will not be necessary to reduce it further.

#### DISBURSEMENTS

A comparison with our budget will show that on nearly every account there has been a saving, and we need only refer briefly to two accounts.

1. *Construction and Repairs*.—The expenditure of Rs. 10,997-14-8 (£ 846) as against Rs. 7,000 provided in our budget is explained by the following particulars :

Rs.	2,650	9	0	Cost of pipes for water-tower scheme,
„	2,543	6	0	„ „ repairs to Leadbeater Chambers kitchen,
„	1,134	6	1	„ „ „ „ Vyshya Quarters,
„	1,334	12	0	„ „ „ „ roads, etc.,
„	3,334	13	7	„ „ „ „ various buildings.
Rs.	10,997	14	8	

The cost of water-pipes goes against the transfer from the Hamilton legacy; the expenditure on Vyshya Quarters, which were handed over to the T.S. during the year, has been partly covered by a donation of Rs. 350 received from the Vyshya Community along with the building; the other items refer mostly to unforeseen repairs to various buildings, which were urgent and could not be avoided.

2. *Electrical Department* shows a loss of Rs. 1,299-0-9 (£ 100) instead of a small profit of Rs. 2,000 as expected when the budget was made up. The difference is accounted for by the cost of rewiring and general renovation of our plant which had not been foreseen. Our installation is now in excellent condition and works most satisfactorily.

### INCOME

*Rent and Interest Acct.* netting Rs. 18,246-12-8 (£ 1,404) shows a decrease of over Rs. 2,000 compared with the previous year. Our income naturally varies from year to year according to the number of residents who pay rent, and during the past year a large part of our housing accommodation unfortunately remained unoccupied.

*Fees and Dues:* amount to Rs. 20,705-8-1 (£ 1,592), i.e.:

Rs.	3,067	15	6	(£ 236) account 1928,
"	17,637	8	7	(,, 1,356) ,, 1929,
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	
Rs.	20,705	8	1	(£ 1,592).
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	

If we exclude the amount of Rs. 3,067-15-6 paid for arrears of previous years the amount actually received for 1929 denotes a small decrease as compared with the preceding year. The dues from the following Sections are still outstanding: Canada, Germany, Italy, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Porto-Rico and Brazil.

It would greatly help if the Treasurers of our various Sections remembered that our balance-sheet closes on the 31st October and that annual dues should reach us by that date.



*Garden Produce.*—The proceeds amounting to Rs. 15,253-3-0 as against Rs. 11,000 put down in our budget are very satisfactory. The amount is made up as follows:

Cocoanuts	...	...	Rs.	4,028	15	3
Sapotas	...	...	"	4,365	13	0
Oranges	...	...	"	3,263	4	0
Mangoes	...	...	"	525	15	6
Bananas and Limes	...	...	"	512	14	0
Papais	...	...	"	141	5	9
Pineapples	...	...	"	269	9	3
Plants	...	...	"	256	4	0
Firewood	...	...	"	1,053	0	6
Sundries	...	...	"	836	1	9

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,, 15,253 3 0

*less Expenditure for Productive Gardens* ,, 8,851 14 8

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*Net Income derived from Garden Produce* ,, 6,401 4 4

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*Donations.*—We have great pleasure in thankfully acknowledging the following donations:

Rs.	3,201	6	0	"Adyar Day" collection from the
				American Section,
„	1,366	3	4	"Adyar Day" collections from other
				Sections,
„	350	0	0	Vyshya Community for repairs to Vyshya
				Quarters,
„	991	5	8	Sundry donations.

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Rs. 5,908 15 0

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The total amount of the "Adyar Day" gift from America, received through the U.S. Adyar Committee, amounted to Rs. 9,828 (£ 756). This was distributed as follows:

Rs.	3,201	6	0	to Adyar Headquarters, as shown above,
„	2,968	8	0	„ the Order of the Brothers of Service,
„	2,500	0	0	„ „ Adyar Library, as per Library abstract,
„	1,068	8	0	„ „ Olcott Panchama Free Schools,
„	89	10	0	„ „ Theosophical Educational Trust.
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Rs.	9,828	0	0	
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The splendid support given year by year to our Adyar activities by our American friends has been invaluable. Again our hearty thanks.

#### ADYAR LIBRARY

Despite our utmost economy our Library abstract shows an excess of expenditure over income, which has reduced the *Endowment* Fund from Rs. 1,05,906-14-2 to Rs. 1,02,953-12-5 (£ 7,919), i.e.:

Expenditure	...	Rs.	12,765	13	1	(£ 982)
Income	...	„	9,812	11	4	(£ 755)
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Deficit	...	Rs.	2,953	1	9	
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Special donations for our Adyar Library would be most welcome.

#### LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

The sanitary installations referred to in our last year's report, as well as other improvements to "Govinda Vilas," the bungalow of the Director of the Adyar Library, and to the Library Assistants' Quarters, have been completed at a cost of Rs. 1,676-5-0. This amount has been taken from the Library Building Fund which, on the other hand, has been credited with 4% interest and with the rent which Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, our Honorary Director, has been good enough to pay for "Govinda Vilas,"

and the Fund has now a closing balance of Rs. 67,155-14-5 (£ 5,168).

As our space for books is getting insufficient the question arises whether this Building Fund should not be utilized for building an up-to-date, well equipped annexe to the Library for storing books.

### OUTLOOK FOR 1930

Although the new year opens with a credit balance, we are obliged to anticipate, and invite, Donations in our budget as follows :

T.S. Headquarters	Rs. 6,042	(£ 465)
Adyar Library	„ 5,910	(£ 455)
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Total	Rs. 11,952	(£ 920)

The amount carried forward as part of the Hamilton legacy has been reserved for the cost of the water-tower and other necessary improvements which without it could not be carried out.

We trust therefore that on "Adyar Day" every Section will keep in memory and make added efforts to supplement by donations our insufficient income from annual dues.

ADYAR, MADRAS

31st October, 1929

A. SCHWARZ,

Hon. Treasurer.

## T.S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS		
To Contribution to Library	2,500 00	12 12
Office Salaries	1,200 00	12 12
Pension and Gratuity	1,200 00	12 12
Governor's Wages	6,607 22	12 12
Printing and Postage	408 40	12 12
1,000 Copies of Annual Report	2,507 00	12 12
German Expenses:		
Medical (German)	12 12	12 12
Administrative (German)	12 12	12 12
Medical, German, etc.	12 12	12 12
Construction and Repair	6,607 22	12 12
Telephone and Postage	670 00	12 12
Lighting and Watering Expenses	2,500 00	12 12
Taxes	1,122 10	12 12
Furnishing	507 00	12 12
Disbursement Clerks	1,672 40	12 12
Publication of Year Bulletin	200 00	12 12
Gifts of College Commemorative	1,000 00	12 12
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,501 40	12 12
Electric and Engineering Department	1,200 00	12 12
Reconstruction	200 00	12 12
Building from 1927-28	12,500 00	12 12
Balance (Surplus) carried forward to Credit of New Account	21,000 00	12 12
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## T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS					Rs.	A.	P.
To Contribution to Adyar Library	...	...	...	...	2,500	0	0
„ Office Salaries	..	...	...	...	1,826	8	0
„ Pensions and Gratuities	...	...	...	...	1,248	14	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	...	6,467	2	4
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	368	4	0
„ „ 1,600 Copies of Annual Report	...	..	...	...	2,687	8	0
„ Garden Expenses:							
Productive Gardens	...	...	Rs.	8,851 14 8			
Unproductive (Flower) Gardens	...	...	„	6,306 0 0			
Roads, Fences, etc.	...	...	„	2,215 7 0			
					17,373	5	8
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	10,997	14	8
„ Telegrams and Postages	...	...	...	...	679	5	6
„ Lighting and Watering Expenses	...	...	...	...	5,320	15	0
„ Taxes	...	...	...	...	422	11	8
„ Furnishing	...	...	...	...	267	3	0
„ Establishment Charges	...	...	...	...	1,374	4	5
„ Publishing <i>Adyar Bulletin</i>	...	...	...	...	231	4	0
„ Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund	...	...	...	...	1,068	6	2
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	...	2,821	4	0
„ Electrical and Engineering Department	...	...	...	...	1,299	0	9
„ Brahmavidyashrama	...	...	...	...	980	5	10
					57,934	5	0
„ Deficit from 1927-28	...	..	...	...	13,284	8	7
					71,218	13	7
„ Balance (Surplus) carried forward to Credit of New Account	...				21,668	9	7
					92,887	7	2

ADYAR

31st October, 1929

A. SCHWARZ,  
Hon. Treasurer, T.S.



## FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1929

INCOME				Rs.	A.	P.
By Rent and Interest ...	...	...	...	18,246	12	8
„ Garden Produce ...	...	...	...	15,253	3	0
„ Donations ...	...	...	...	5,908	15	0
„ Fees and Dues :			Rs. A. P.			
U. S. America ...	...	...	3,616 10 0			
Canada ...	...	...	176 11 0			
England (Balance of 1928) ...	...	...	122 6 2			
„ (1929) ...	...	...	3,024 0 9			
Scotland ...	...	...	206 0 3			
Wales ...	...	...	174 15 6			
Ireland ...	...	...	43 13 0			
India (Balance of 1928) ...	...	...	544 5 0			
„ (1929) ...	...	...	1,661 4 0			
Burma ...	...	...	50 0 0			
Ceylon (1927, 1928 and 1929) ...	...	...	39 8 0			
Australia ...	...	...	841 5 4			
New Zealand ...	...	...	464 15 0			
South Africa ...	...	...	267 5 0			
Netherlands-India (1928) ...	...	...	1,050 0 0			
„ „ (1929) ...	...	...	1,068 8 0			
Holland ...	...	...	1,214 11 6			
France ...	...	...	612 5 1			
Switzerland ...	...	...	78 7 9			
Sweden ...	...	...	219 5 6			
Norway ...	...	...	81 8 3			
Denmark ...	...	...	164 13 1			
Iceland ...	...	...	181 2 9			
Finland ...	...	...	143 6 11			
Austria ...	...	...	101 4 5			
Czechoslovakia (1926, 1927 and 1928) ...	...	...	43 14 0			
Yugoslavia ...	...	...	48 3 0			
Hungary ...	...	...	121 0 0			
Belgium ...	...	...	53 4 0			
Spain (1928) ...	...	...	205 4 1			
„ (1929) ...	...	...	203 1 9			
Portugal ...	...	...	63 14 0			
Russian Section, outside Russia ...	...	...	22 0 0			
Roumania ...	...	...	16 4 2			
Bulgaria ...	...	...	47 1 6			
Greece ...	...	...	44 0 6			
Egypt (1928) ...	...	...	91 8 4			
„ (1929) ...	...	...	92 9 3			
Cuba (1928) ...	...	...	363 15 0			
„ (1929) ...	...	...	351 15 0			
Mexico ...	...	...	267 7 6			
Porto-Rico (1928) ...	...	...	134 3 0			
Argentina (1928) ...	...	...	269 13 5			
„ (1929) ...	...	...	336 2 5			
Brazil (1928) ...	...	...	163 3 6			
Chile ...	...	...	225 2 3			
Central America ...	...	...	344 12 10			
Paraguay ...	...	...	90 10 6			
Uruguay ...	...	...	80 1 2			
Unattached to National Sections ...	...	...	877 4 8			
„ Transfer from Mrs. Douglas Hamilton's Legacy ...	...	...		20,705	8	1
				32,773	0	5
				92,887	7	2

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.
<b>To General Fund (Capital)</b>	...	...				5,00,788	6	8
<b>„ Adyar Library Fund :</b>								
Value of Books and MSS.	...	...	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,02,953	12	5	1,77,953	12	5
<b>„ Adyar Library Building Fund :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1928	...	...	65,782	3	5			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	2,600	0	0			
Rent for Govinda Vilas	...	...	450	0	0			
			68,832	3	5			
<i>Less :</i>								
Cost of Sanitary Installation, etc., in Govinda Vilas and Library Assistants' Quarters	...	...	1,676	5	0	67,155	14	5
<b>„ Mrs. Douglas Hamilton's Legacy :</b>								
Amount received through Dr. A. Besant £ 20,000 @ 1/6	...	...	2,66,666	10	8			
Amount of Interest	...	...	5,842	15	11			
			2,72,509	10	7			
<i>Less :</i>								
£ 200 paid to Mr. Th. Bes- termann	...	...	2,657	7	0			
Expenditure of Archives Dept.	...	...	2,985	0	0			
Stamp fees, difference in Exchange, etc.	...	...	760	13	10			
Transfer to Income and Dis- bursement Account	...	...	32,773	0	5			
			39,176	5	3	2,33,333	5	4
<b>„ Subba Row Medal Fund :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1928	...	...	1,523	4	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	60	15	0	1,584	3	0
<b>„ Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1928	...	...	11,104	14	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	444	3	0	11,549	1	0
<b>„ Electrical Department, Reserve Account</b>	...	...				4,117	0	0
<b>„ World Congress Fund</b>	...	...				1,091	9	6
<b>„ World University Fund</b>	...	...				1,493	11	10
<b>„ Sundry Creditors</b>	...	...				7,983	1	3
<b>„ Income and Disbursement Account</b>	...	...				21,668	9	7
						10,28,718	11	0

ADYAR

A. SCHWARZ,

31st October, 1929

Hon. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31ST OCTOBER, 1929

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Adyar Library Books and MSS.	...	...	...	75,000	0	0
„ Government Pronotes :						
Rs. 45,000 6 % Bonds 1932 @ 102½	...	...	...	46,125	0	0
„ 10,000 4 % „ 1934/37 @ 94	...	...	...	9,400	0	0
„ 45,200 5 % „ 1929/47 @ 95 and par	...	...	...	43,700	0	0
„ Consols :						
£ 22,142-3-4, various stock, valued	...	£ 17,500 @ 1/6 d.		2,33,333	5	4
„ Immovable Property	...	...	...	4,63,799	8	0
„ Movable Property	...	...	...	19,000	0	0
„ Electrical Installation	...	...	...	40,000	0	0
„ Electrical and Engineering Department, Stock Account	...	...	...	23,092	3	8
„ Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society	...	...	...	337	13	7
„ „ „ Adyar Co-operative Stores	...	...	...	250	0	0
„ Midland Bank, Ltd., London, @ 1/6	..	£ 1,679 8 8		22,392	7	1
„ Chartered Bank, Madras, Fixed Deposit	...	...	...	20,000	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras	...	...	...	21,785	0	10
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	2,547	12	1
„ Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	7,955	8	5
				10,28,718	11	0

Audited and found correct.

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

Certified Auditor.

### ABSTRACT OF ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

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ADYAR

A. SCHWARZ,

*Hon. Treasurer.*

31st October, 1929

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1929

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

*Certified Auditor.*





REPORTS OF THE GENERAL  
SECRETARIES OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETIES



## T. S. IN AMERICA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The outstanding event in our Theosophical year is of course the Third Session of the Theosophical World Congress, which met at Chicago in the latter part of August. There were represented at the Congress 27 countries in which our Society is organized. The attendance at its maximum was about thirteen hundred. Splendid audiences came out to hear the President's lectures on "Theosophy and World Conditions" and "Right Civilization".

During the year we dissolved 27 Lodges which represented an accumulation for several years of remnants of Lodges reduced, by removals to other parts of the country, death, etc., to a number too small to hold a charter. In some instances the dissolution was on account of two Lodges merging in one. Eight new Lodges were organized. We lost during the year 79 by death, and 88 by resignation, took in 716 new members, had the usual large number transferred to the inactive list, and finished the year with 6,917 members in good standing.

Our Summer School this year was very successful, with Dr. Arundale as the Dean and Mrs. Arundale, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and Mr. Max Wardall on his staff. The attendance taxed the Headquarters' capacity.

Nearly one thousand Theosophical volumes were donated by the Society to 88 Public Libraries in various parts of the nation.

There is a serious decrease in the sales of our Theosophical literature. The volume of sales has fallen off approximately forty per cent. This is in part due to the economic depression and in part to the fact that our Theosophical authors have produced very few books recently. Other factors are of course involved. We hope that by judicious advertizing and the increased enthusiasm for Theosophical

literature that may reasonably be expected to follow the World Congress we shall in time regain the former volume of business.

The visit of the President always acts as a stimulant; and the presence also of such other welcome Theosophists as Dr. and Mrs. Arundale, Miss C. W. Dykgraaf, Dr. and Mrs. Cousins, Miss Clara M. Codd, and Mr. Geoffrey Hodson must also be reckoned as important factors in reviving the enthusiasm of the American membership.

Arrangements have been made with Miss Codd and Mr. Hodson for prolonged lecture tours, and at this time they have been in the field about six weeks. Judging from the reports received to date, we may confidently expect most valuable results from their services.

L. W. ROGERS,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN ENGLAND

#### *To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you the following report of the activities of the English Section during the year ending October 31st, 1929.

Total number of members	...	...	5,050
Total number of Lodges (including Associated Lodges)			158
Total number of Centres (including Associated Centres)			52
Number of members admitted	...	...	381
„ lapsed	...	...	245
„ resigned	...	...	176
„ transferred	...	...	15
„ died	...	...	49
		—	485
Number of new Lodges formed	...	...	3
Number of Lodges dissolved	...	...	6
Number of Centres formed	...	...	11
Number of Centres become Lodges	...	...	2
Number of Centres dissolved	...	...	12



Although our total membership is slightly down and the number of new members admitted lower than last year, this is due to some extent, I think, to the long continued and very severe business depression which still exists and seriously affects the section of our population from which the bulk of our membership is drawn.

The special feature of the year has been your own presence amongst us for several months. We were proud and happy to be able to have you to preside over our Annual Convention held this year at the Caxton Hall. In your opening address you stressed the First Object of the Society, the Brotherhood of Man, and the work of Theosophists in the Plan of the Great Architect.

The Blavatsky Lecture was given by our Hon. Treasurer, Colonel Powell, who gave a brilliant exposition of "The Use of the Buddhic Consciousness on the Physical Plane," which roused a good deal of discussion.

The morning session of the first day of Convention was devoted to a discussion on the subject "Has the Teaching of Krishnaji shown us a new aspect of Theosophy?" Lady Emily Lutyens opened this discussion, and put forward her ideas in a very interesting manner. She was followed by several other speakers, including our late General Secretary, Mr. Gardner, and the discussion was closed by you with a stirring appeal to all to open their hearts to the Life which it was the mission of Krishnaji to pour out in every direction.

Several Lodges have acquired their own premises during the year, namely, Bolton, Liverpool, and High Wycombe.

*Students' Weeks and Weekends.*—These form an interesting part of our developing work, and have met with great success wherever they have been tried. They are held in different parts of the country. From them members return to their own Lodges full of renewed enthusiasm, and with the determination to equip themselves more thoroughly for future work.

Miss Clara Codd, our Senior National Lecturer, left in August for a long tour in the United States, to be followed by a visit to Australia and New Zealand. She expects to be away three or four years.

Instead of an extensive campaign, such as the Reincarnation Campaign of last year which lasted several months, this year we have tried the experiment of a One Day Campaign, which took the form of lectures and symposiums on the Life After Death. Practically every Lodge and Centre in the country co-operated in this effort, and the success exceeded our expectations. We secured a good deal of Press Publicity both before and after the lecture. The meetings were all well attended and attracted a good deal of attention throughout the country.

*Finances.*—Since I sent in my last Report this Section has received three very generous gifts, namely, the remainder of the 14 years' lease of our Headquarters' buildings, a small property in East London occupied by one of our Lodges, and the Mortimer Halls property (including halls, offices, shops, etc.). The donor of these valuable properties had kindly allowed us the free use of the Halls since 1919, but this year handed them over to us entirely.

*The National Council.*—All the meetings of the Council have hitherto been held in London, but at the last meeting it was decided to hold two of them outside London, and to combine its activities with those of one or other of our Federations.

It gives me much pleasure to be able to convey to you, our greatly beloved President, assurances of continued love and devotion from the members of this Section.

MARGARET JACKSON,

*General Secretary.*

#### T. S. IN INDIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I am glad to report that the year 1928-1929 has been one of general progress throughout India. It has been a year particularly of searching of hearts and minds, and thus full of hope for the future. The outstanding character of the thought in the Section is this intellectual disturbance of the calm contentment of members.

One at least of the Federation Secretaries reports that there is "a general dearth of vitality and freshness", but this view is definitely contested by the Joint-General Secretary, whose observation ranges over all the Southern Federations, who says that this is too pessimistic a view and is contradicted by the activity reported from all sides. To my mind, this "lack of vitality and freshness" is very largely the perplexity which the generality of our members feel between the claims of what now has become "the old teaching" and Krishnaji's teaching. The minds of members appear to be fixed on understanding the new teaching and the problems it has raised, and its reconciliation with the old teaching. As this perplexity wears off under clearer appreciation of the core of the teaching, a new vitality and freshness will more clearly materialize.

*Constitution.*—This year we have undertaken the revision of the Constitution and Rules of the Section, and great thanks are due to the Revising Committee. The Constitution is now clearly separated from the Rules, and both have now been brought into closer relation with our present needs and freed from some of the legal discrepancies that trimming and addition, from time to time, without reference to the whole, had made unavoidable. Under the new Constitution and Rules, now in force, a greater co-operation and harmony between the various units in the Section will become possible and assured.

*Lodges and Centres.*—9 new Lodges were formed and 12 revived, as against 15 and 10 respectively of last year, and 16 Lodges were dissolved as against 17 of last year. There are now 342 active Lodges as against 337 of last year. 10 new Centres were formed, 4 dissolved, and 3 raised to Lodges, total of active Centres now being 33, during the year, as against 11 new, 1 revived, 5 raised to Lodges, during the last year.

*Membership.*—The total membership is now 6,042, as against 6,076 of last year. Admissions are 348, as against 784 of last year, and losses by resignation, death and inactivity are 414 as against 416. 163 Youth members were admitted, as against 276, and our books show an active youth membership of 722 this year as against 829 of the last. The fall is due, it appears to me,

not so much to lack of interest in Theosophical thought as to inattention to details of obligation to the administration. Our work in all directions goes on as before, but much leavened by the new thought.

*Federations.*—Two Federations—Central India and Rajputana and Gujerat and Kathiawar—applied for and obtained leave to manage their own affairs during the year, though officially they became autonomous only on October 1st. They are vigorous and enthusiastic and give promise of successful work during the years that lie ahead. The Joint-General Secretary reports very favorably on the work of the autonomous Southern Federations, both in their administrative, financial and propagandist work. The Northern Federations are not quite so well organized yet.

All the Southern Federations held their Conferences, both provincial, district and group, and reports are very satisfactory as to the extent to which the educated public was reached. Lectures were very well attended and community life has come to be a special feature of most of the Conferences and Camps. Reports of propaganda work done are encouraging and satisfactory, particularly in the South. All Federations in the South have their own lecturers and Lodge Organizers, who are ably helped by honorary workers ; but in the North only U. P. Federation, under its Secretary, and our Joint-General Secretary, Brother H. C. Kumar, have been able to give attention to this part of the work. Their success, however, has been very satisfactory. Our members, generally speaking, continued their interest in educational work, and all T. E. T. or Rishi Valley Trust institutions have been carried on by the devoted work of those of our members who have been associated with it now for over a decade, and whose ranks have been swelled by new recruits from time to time.

*The Indian Bookshop* has shown a profit of over Rs. 4,000. The shop is slowly gaining the trust of some of the Northern Universities, and I have no doubt that it has a useful and profitable future before it.

Our *Finances* are not quite so unsatisfactory as they were in the past, some assistance that came during the year having helped to wipe out last year's deficit and left a little credit balance.



*Headquarters.*—Our Headquarters property needs a great deal of attention. Some very urgent repairs to the houses have been carried out, but much still remains to be done of repairs, improvement of gardens and general sanitation. We shall need about Rs. 10,000 for this project, if the repairs and sanitary installation are to be satisfactory. With the early possibility of the Schools and College being removed to Rajghat, these changes become urgent, in order to attract other tenants later on.

I should like to record here the great love and reverence that the Section as a whole feels for the President of the Theosophical Society, to whom she is and will always remain Mother. The residents at the Headquarters were very happy even when you could give them barely two days during the November Star Camp, and they all hope that you will again be able to make Shanti Kunja your real Indian home.

D. K. TELANG,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN AUSTRALIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honor to submit to you the report of work done by the Australian Section of the Theosophical Society for the year beginning 1st October, 1928.

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

Total number of members, September 30th, 1929	...	1,559
„ „ „ Lodges	...	33
„ „ „ Centres	...	5
Number of members admitted	...	71
„ „ „ resigned, died and dropped out	...	124
„ „ „ transferred	...	16

*Convention.*—The Thirty-fourth Annual Convention was held in Sydney. Its chief features were :

1. Addresses by Bishop Leadbeater and Bishop Arundale on the work to be done by Theosophists in the outer world for



Australia, and the inner work achieved through the establishment of spiritual Centres ; also addresses, including one by Mrs. Arundale, on the work of the World-Mother.

2. The adoption of the Active Service Fund as the means of providing the sinews of war for the year's work. The appeal was made for one shilling a week from every member, and since then members through voluntary offerings have contributed in varying amounts, and as ever, splendid sacrifice has marked the giving.

3. The reception of *The Australian Theosophist* once more as the official organ of the Australian Section, and thanks to Bishop Leadbeater and his generous donors who sent the magazine free of cost to every member in the Section for eight months.

4. Subsidiary meetings for the Youth work, Order of Service and Education.

5. Establishment of the Advance ! Australia News' Service.

*Officers.*—The Officers elected by the Convention for the ensuing year were :

The Rev. Harold Morton, General Secretary.

Mr. J. L. Davidge, Asst. General Secretary and Editor of Literary Bureau.

Mr. F. W. Houstone, Treasurer.

Mr. T. W. Macro, Auditor.

The Convention thanked the Rev. Henri Frei for his splendid services given to the Section at a time when his expertness was most valuable.

*Theosophical Broadcasting Station.*—The largest public work of the Australian Section has been carried out through the medium of 2GB. Five talks on an average are given every day, embodying the principles of the Advance ! Australia movement or definitely speaking of the contribution of Theosophy to the cultural life of the world. The station continues to pay its way and is still under the management of Mr. A. E. Bennett, whose efficient organizing powers enabled it to be established so successfully. Its popularity is equal to any 'A' class station in the country, and it has earned high praise from many sources.

*Publicity.*—The Broadcasting Station has also been able to finance the issue of *Advance ! Australia* every fortnight.

*Advance! Australia* is now a small four-page newspaper instead of a 48 page magazine, but because of its larger circulation of 10,000 and publication twice a month, and its further merit of condensing facts into small pithy paragraphs, it is doing a far larger work for Australia.

Until Easter *The Australian Theosophist* was edited and financed by Bishop Leadbeater and a few friends, and at the Convention it was received by the Section as its official organ. We are grateful that Bishop Leadbeater continues to have his name associated with this publication and contributes regular articles.

The *Advance! Australia News' Service* instituted by Convention to supply the country press with paragraphs on Theosophy and current topics of value has proved a valuable channel. Over a period of four months a total of 5,563 inches or the equivalent of 253 full columns appeared in voucher copies sent in and from further evidence it is clear that other newspapers appreciate this service though they do not send us copies. A four-page foolscap budget of paragraphs is distributed to over 500 editors in Australia every week.

*Lodge Activities.*—The outstanding event among individual Lodges which requires record in this report is the completion of the Perth Lodge's building. Arundale Hall was officially opened by the General Secretary early in the year, on which occasion the Recording Secretary, Professor Ernest Wood, and Mrs. Wood were present as guests of honor. The Claremont Lodge has also completed the building of its premises, the actual work of building being done by the members themselves.

In conclusion, we offer to you, our revered President, the loving gratitude and loyalty of your followers in this land of the Southern Cross. The light shed on the path of human service by you and your colleague Bishop Leadbeater has shown us the way to co-operate with the Elder Brethren; we will prosecute this ideal with all our strength.

HAROLD MORTON,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN SWEDEN

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

From being very well organized, the T.S. in Sweden has slowly become a rather loose organization, chiefly because it has identified itself with the activities originating from it. How much that has been the case I realized but recently, when some of our members, returning from Ommen, asked me "if the T.S. would go on now, when the Order of the Star was dissolved." Now things have changed and I hope the T.S. in Sweden will again take up its work in a new and free spirit. During our last troubles we have learnt to appreciate our organization and, while quite agreeing with Krishnaji that "a belief cannot be organized", we are aware that there is no creed in the T.S., which therefore may quietly hold its old position. We hope also to bring order into our somewhat bewildered ranks. Those of us who remain in the T.S. will endeavour, I am sure, to form a real nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood.

During the year we have had our lists of members severely revised, and the result has been that the total membership from being 1,103 on the last of September, 1928, now shows a decrease of 340 members, which only means a release of a deadweight of indifferent people.

Statistics are as follows :

New Lodges formed	...	...	...	Nil
Lodges dissolved	...	...	...	Nil
Active Lodges ...	...	...	...	34
New members admitted	...	...	...	24
Members resigned	...	...	...	129
" died ...	...	...	...	10
" dropped	...	...	...	225
Total membership of active members	...	...	...	763

Our Sectional Magazine, from having changed its name *Teosofisk Tidskrift* to *Fri Horisont*=Free Horizon, is issued as before, but we cannot report any new original or translated publications during the year. Efforts are being made to set apart a fund for the building

of our future Headquarters. Although the subscription of shares gets on very slowly, we will not give the project up.

On behalf of the Section, I beg to send to you, revered President, and to the members assembled in Convention, our most loyal and fraternal greetings.

LINDA EDSTROM,

*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you the Annual Report of the New Zealand Section for the year ending 30th September, 1929.

*Membership.*—New members 36, rejoined 2, transferred from other Sections 2, resigned 21, died 12, lapsed 72, transferred to other Sections 8, total membership 1,074, and number of Lodges 19.

*Annual Convention.*—The Thirty-third Annual Convention was held in Dunedin on the 27th and 28th December, 1928. The Chair was taken by Mr. W. A. Scott, President of the Dunedin Lodge, and Bishop Thomson gave the Opening Address. He emphasized the necessity for brotherhood as a living force in our lives, and referred to the Message from an Elder Brother which was read at the Jubilee Convention at Adyar in 1925.

The following officers were unanimously elected: The Rev. W. Crawford, General Secretary and National Lecturer; Miss G. M. Hemus, Treasurer; Miss L. M. Stone, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; and Mrs. W. J. Brooks, Librarian.

*Publications.*—The Sectional magazine, of 32 pages, is issued on alternate months, and is sent free to all members in good standing, non-members paying an annual subscription of four shillings.

In addition to the magazine, copies of *A Message from an Elder Brother*, *What is the Theosophical Society?* and *The*



*Hidden Side of Lodge Meetings* are sent free to every new member.

We have had no visiting lecturers from other countries during the year, but an increasing number of our own Lodges are doing excellent public service by inviting non-members to speak from their platforms.

Most of our Lodges have lending libraries and reading rooms, and these are made good use of by the reading public as well as by members. The Section Lending Library at Headquarters contains about a thousand volumes, and the Reference Library, four hundred and fifty. During the year we have had sixty subscribers—all of whom are non-members.

*Vasanta Garden School.*—This school is making excellent progress under the care of the Principal, Miss M. Faram, and her Assistant, Miss E. Worthington. It is situated in beautiful surroundings, and everything is done by the teachers to make it an ideal Theosophical school. Early in the year an Assembly Hall was built on the grounds, with accommodation for 150 people. It has already proved most useful, especially with regard to the eurhythmic classes conducted by Miss B. Whistler. The attendance at the school is now 42.

*Vasanta Farm.*—This property of 114 acres, donated to the Section 18 years ago, with the idea of establishing a Theosophical College and Retreat, continues to be successfully worked by the Manager, Mr. Colin Macdonald.

*The Order of Service.*—The Chief Brother, Miss Gertrude Watkin, is a woman of wide experience, and has brought system to bear in linking up the members of the Order for mutual service throughout the Section.

In conclusion, I send you most loyal and affectionate greetings from the members in New Zealand.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD,

*General Secretary.*



## T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

In the Netherlands the year 1928-29 has been greatly influenced by Krishnaji's statements on the uselessness of forms, at least as far as T. S. members were concerned that were also members of the Star. The dissolution of the Order of the Star has increased the number of T. S. members who question the necessity of continuing any forms at all.

Besides this difficulty we are still suffering under the mistake that people make in identifying the Liberal Catholic Church with the T. S. The fact that you, dear President, expressed your intention not to attend any more church services may prove helpful after a while; just now the conviction is too firmly rooted in people's minds to expect them to let it go at once.

I do not know whether the general depression which we notice in our T. S. is only due to these two causes; I am inclined to think that the suspension of the E. S. has a great deal to do with it too. People study less, read less, and buy fewer books. On the other hand the reaction of the active members is so much the greater. New methods are tried out, new ways of uniting our members. Above all the necessity is felt to keep in closer touch with the young Theosophists. We regret the fact that they are separately organized, entirely independent of our T. S. However we have found many of them, and especially their leader, willing to find ways of renewed and more efficient co-operation.

It has from the first seemed to me absolutely urgent to be on friendly terms with such movements as have been formed by people who felt that their place was no longer within the T. S., though they are fervent Theosophists. I have managed to get into closer touch with them and am hoping for the development of some co-operation, however slight, in the future, thus working for actual and active brotherhood.

*New Headquarters.*—Our new Headquarters which were officially opened on July 15th, have not only attracted a great many members, but have also drawn the attention of the Press, several representatives of which attended the official opening.

The building, designed by the architects Brinkman (an F.T.S.) and Van der Vlugt, forms, with our E.S. Temple, a very remarkable complex of modern architecture.

A most beautiful shop for the T. P. H. offers every opportunity of making an ample display of our literature. All we can hope for now is more readers, also for the *Library* which has now found a marvellous home.

*Lodges and Centres.*—Three Centres became Lodges, 4 new Centres were formed, one Lodge was suspended for a year, so that we have now:

Active Lodges	...	...	...	...	49
Active Centres	...	...	...	...	25

A number of Lodges and Centres have here and there united into Federations of which we have four, some of them very active.

*Membership.*—We lost 240 members:

Deceased	...	...	...	...	31
Transferred to other Sections	...	...	...	...	21
Dropped out	...	...	...	...	29
Handed in their resignation for different reasons	...	...	...	...	159

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Total    240

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149 new members admitted, so that on September 30th we have a total of 2,703 members.

*Conventions.*—Besides our Annual Convention in Amsterdam, which was very well attended, we had a mid-term Convention for study purposes in Utrecht and a District-Convention in Groningen. This last meeting was a new experiment, and, as it was very successful, we are going to have another in some other part of the country next year.

*Publishing House.*—The Publishing House has suffered greatly under the depression which began in September, 1928, quite suddenly and unexpectedly. Owing to this and unfortunately (or fortunately) not being capitalists, we are planning for a thorough reorganization.

*Order of Service.*—The Order of Service now under the leadership of Prof. van Hinloopen Labberton is being reorganized.

Although I feel that my Report must seem rather pessimistic, I am firmly convinced that the T. S. has still an all-important future.

C. RAMONDT-HIRSCHMANN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN FRANCE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I beg to submit the report of the French Section of the T. S. for the period of 12 months ending 31st October, 1929.

During this year 4 new Lodges have been chartered :

*Sincérité*, in Algiers ; *Libération*, in Toulon ; *Activité*, in Oran ; *Rakockzi*, in Paris.

Six Lodges have either returned their charters or become dormant :

*Union-Fraternité*, in Algiers ; *Harmonie*, in Bordeaux ; *Maitreya*, in Epinal ; *Etoile*, in Montpellier ; *Senevé*, in Toulouse ; *Aurore Guyannaise*, in Cayenne.

Thus the total number of active Lodges is now 75.

The number of new members admitted during the same period has been 368, but we have lost 345 who died, resigned or were dropped, making the total number of our active members 3,398.

The year that has elapsed has not been very satisfactory inasmuch as it did not make our Section of the T. S. more prosperous. The situation cannot be termed a decline, but it shows a lack of real progress, and this seeming standstill is to be ascribed to deep causes of which the most serious is that our members are scattering their effort in too many sundry branches of activity. They do not display less energy, but they display this energy elsewhere. The result is necessarily an impoverishment of the T. S. and consequently of the subsidiary activities which draw their life from the T. S. when they have not up to now been able to find sufficient support outside the T. S.

In order to remedy this, we have tried to make our work more external in character, to create new centres and stir up the slumbering ones. Our effort has been mainly aimed at the provinces in the east, the west, the centre and the south of France. The names of lecturers and of towns where lectures have been held would take too much space to mention. Suffice to say that the work has been everywhere attended with some measure of success.

Our National Convention, held on 6—7 April, was presided over by our distinguished brother Prof. Marcault, who expounded his views on "The Present and the Future of the T. S."

The Theosophical work in Cochin China deserves special mention, for it strikes root mostly among the cultured classes of the natives (the "Annamites") of that land. For some years we had a group of Annamite members in the district of Chaudoc, when our brother Raymond, engineer, settled in Saïgon and soon came in contact with the local members, with the result that he succeeded quickly in gathering new followers.

On the 10th of October, 1928, the Lodge "Cochinchine" was established in Saïgon. Some of its members are erudite Buddhists to whom the teachings of Theosophy soon became familiar, and who likewise quickly take in Krishnaji's teachings, so akin to Buddhism. The number of native members is at present 119 and it will no doubt grow substantially before long.

At our Headquarters, the lectures and classes have been held regularly, as in previous years. The Tuesday classes, which Mlle. A. Blech had to give up owing to ill health, have been entrusted to Mmes. Lanoe and Laurent Mayer, and MM. Benzimbra and Bohrer.

Lectures with debates have been started on Saturday evenings under the leadership of Mme. Canudo and Mr. Vivian du Mas. They were held until the month of June and attracted a faithful and regular audience.

I have to thank the Headquarters staff—office and lending library—whose devotion has been beyond praise, so much so that my absence of nearly three and a half months' was hardly noticed and the work did not suffer thereby.

CHARLES BLECH,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN ITALY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

With the Vice-General Secretary, Mr. Roberto Hack, I have created a new Review *Il Loto* in order to show the Unity of Life on the three lines—Philosophy, Science, and Art—and with *Notes and News* on the National and International Theosophical Movements, choosing always those articles which may prove the Truth proclaimed by Theosophy.

Good work is done in the Section by the Theosophical Order of Service, whose activities are expanding under the direction of the Chief Brother, Mr. Grant A. Greenham.

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

Membership on October 1st, 1928	...	...	664
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New Members	...	...	54
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718

Number of members resigned	...	...	11
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" " " lapsed	...	...	82
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" " " died	...	...	3
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Total Membership on October 1st, 1929	...	...	622
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Number of new Lodges formed	...	...	2
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Number of Lodges dissolved	...	...	3
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With deep love and gratitude to our President and warm greetings to all our Brothers.

LUISA GAMBERINI CAVALLINI,

*General Secretary.*



## T. S. IN GERMANY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The T. S. in Germany has to contend with difficulties arising from the spread of Anthroposophy. I have endeavoured, and shall continue to endeavour, to bring about friendship between the two movements. I have had the pleasure of finding Anthroposophists among the audience at my lectures, and have had talks with their leaders in a truly Theosophical spirit on both sides. I have also tried to initiate neighbourly relations with other Theosophical Societies. I was specially successful in Leipzig with the group of Dr. Vollrath, in whose rooms I spoke of the spirit of service and Theosophy. On the other hand the Young Theosophists in Leipzig, under the direction of Dr. Rudolphs, declined to arrange for a lecture which I offered to give.

The members on October 1, 1928, were 902. On September 1st, 1929, they numbered 745. The reduction is partly due to the influence of Mr. Krishnamurti's teachings.

I was glad to start new groups at Krefeld, Elberfeld, Oldenburg, Eden, Detmold, Bautzen, Stuttgart and Gorlitz, and expect further success in this direction.

JOHANN M. VERVEYEN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CUBA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The work of our National Society during the year just ended has been varied and prolific ; but in order to take the least time and space possible, I will try to make a resumé of the various activities, presenting them in a condensed form.

*Visit of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.*—Mr. Jinarajadasa arrived at Havana, Cuba, on September the 5th. A private audience was granted to him by the President of the Republic, and interviews

were also granted by other prominent officials of the Cuban Government. He lectured at the principal cities throughout the Island, left then for Porto Rico by airplane, returned back to Cuba, gave two additional lectures, and finally sailed from Havana to Spain.

*Other Prominent Visitors.*—During the year we were honored also by the visits of Messrs. D. Rajagopal, L. W. Rogers, and Adolfo de la Peña Gil, all of whom helped the work either by public lectures or otherwise.

*Federation of Latin-American Theosophical Societies.*—With Mr. Jinarajadasa as Chairman, a meeting was held at Havana to deal with the organization of this Federation, the following countries being represented thereat: Mexico, Chili, Peru, Porto Rico, Argentine, Uruguay and Cuba.

The main resolution passed was to limit this Federation for the time being to Mexico, Cuba and other Antilles, leaving the Central American countries to organize their own Federation and to those in South America to have also theirs, as it was thought that this grouping of those nations more accessible, geographically speaking, and having similar problems, affinities and ideals, would greatly facilitate the practical side of the work.

*Merging of Santo Domingo and Porto Rico.*—This year the Lodges and members in San Domingo heretofore belonging to the Cuban T.S., have been transferred to the Porto Rican T.S., as on account of the greater proximity of these two countries and the consequent facility of communication, the work in San Domingo may thereby be greatly benefited.

*Library.*—More books have been added, thanks mainly to the generous donations of private concerns, as well as authors and publishing houses, and a good number of collections of *The Theosophist* and other Magazines have been nicely bound.

*New Bye-Laws.*—At the last Annual Convention new bye-laws were approved, largely reducing the former one, and making it more pliable and less liable to formalisms and complications.

*Our Magazine.*—Thanks to the co-operation of a number of members, it has been possible, since the first of January, to publish our Magazine with a greater number of pages, and very much improved.

*Lodges and Members :*

New Lodges formed during the year	...	4
Lodges dissolved	...	8
Total number of active Lodges	...	25
Transferred to Porto Rico	...	2
Members admitted during the year	...	92
Members resigned, dropped out or died	...	217
Total number of active members	...	468

*General Condition of Our National Society.*—As a direct result of the teachings of Mr. J. Krishnamurti, much unrest, uncertainty and confusion has been created amongst the members, this condition making it impossible to foretell the membership and future developments in our National Society.

E. FELIX,

*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN HUNGARY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The past year marks steady progress in the life of the Section. We had at the beginning of this term 352 members. During the year 42 new members were admitted, 9 resigned and 3 died. We have now 382 members, showing a gain of 30.

During the year one new Lodge was formed—the “Pentecoste” Lodge. We have now one dormant and 17 active Lodges.

*The Special Convention* of the T.S. in Hungary held at Whitsun under the auspices of the European Federation, T.S., in the National Museum of Agriculture, was a memorable event in the life of the Section, which celebrated on this occasion the 24th anniversary of its first Lodge, which was formed in Budapest by Mrs. I. Cooper-Oakley. Those few days, with our beloved President in the chair, were for many of us the happiest and most beautiful days of our life. Her inspiring presence; her love and sympathy for our country, her wonderful kindness to us all, transformed this Convention for us to a jubilee of happiness and joy.

The audience granted to our great President by the Governor of Hungary, and her brilliant public lectures delivered at the Music Academy, have changed public opinion considerably in favor of Theosophy and the T.S. in Hungary, strengthening its position throughout the country.

*Regular Meetings* were held, as in previous years, every Thursday at Headquarters, from October to May. The lectures arranged in advance for the whole year according to a systematic plan proved very satisfactory. After two years of strenuous study in this manner, we now intend to introduce more variety into the life of the Section, arranging a social gathering and a question and answer-meeting every month, while continuing the study-meetings on the lines already adopted.

*Propaganda Meetings* were held every Sunday at Headquarters, beginning in November and ending in April. The lectures on "Man's Place in the Scheme of Evolution," by Mr. Alfred Reisch; on "The Great Messengers of Truth," by Mr. George Faluba; and on "Theosophy and Practical Life," by Mr. Ernest Martinovich, were very well attended and brought new members to the T.S.

*Kindred Movements* as in the previous year had to remain suspended, owing to the strict policy of the Government.

*The International Corresponding League* carried on correspondence with members in 20 different countries.

*The Árpád-Group* and the affiliated Group of the *International Fellowship of Arts and Crafts* under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Takách is doing excellent work in conveying Theosophy chiefly to artists.

*Publishing Activity.*—The Publishing Trust which was formed last year has done exceedingly good work, publishing translations of 10 booklets, 5 leaflets, the International Star Bulletin, Dr. A. Besant's book, *Theosophy in Relation to Human Life*, and a small magazine containing abridgments of the lectures at Headquarters. All this work was done on the printing machine so generously lent by Mr. Nicolas Miles.

*Donations.*—A very generous donation of £ 600 was received from our beloved President towards the building of permanent Headquarters. We hope that this may be ready next year.



*Finance.*—The financial position of the T.S. in Hungary remained unchanged since my last report, owing to the very irregular payment of membership fees.

*Visitors.*—Great help was again rendered to the Section by foreign lecturers. Bishop Wedgwood's lectures on "Man's Higher Faculties and Their Development" and "The Cause and Treatment of Moods" were very highly appreciated by very good audiences. Mrs. J. Cannan gave a series of lectures in April and May which proved very helpful to members and the public. Miss Flora Selevér gave a talk in May about "T.S. Activities in Holland".

I take this opportunity to convey to you, our beloved President, the loyal devotion and gratitude of the Hungarian Section, and our sincere thanks to all friends who by their presence helped to make our Special Convention a success.

ELISABETH DE RATHONYI,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN FINLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I beg herewith to submit my Annual Report of the activities of the Finnish Section for the period October, 1928 to October, 1929.

*Statistics.*—One new Lodge has been formed during the year, at Jyväskylä.

The number of Lodges	...	...	...	25
The membership, 1st October, 1928	...	...	...	658
New members admitted	...	...	...	71
				729
Members resigned	...	...	33	
" died	...	...	6	
" transferred to other Sections	...	...	2	
				41
Total actual increase	...	...	...	30



Total membership, 1st October, 1929 ... 688

Poor members released from membership-fees ... 44

Total number of paying members ... 644

*The Annual Convention.*—The Twenty-second Convention was held at Easter in Helsinki (Helsingfors) in the new Headquarters' building of the Section. It was very well attended, and a harmonious, brotherly spirit prevailed. Some good lectures were delivered; and a few entertainments with music and speeches helped to make the Convention pleasant and interesting.

*Propaganda Activity.*—According to the wish of the previous Convention, October was chosen as a propaganda month, and lectures and question-answer meetings were arranged in very many places. Theosophical literature was always on sale and pamphlets were freely distributed. The Propaganda Committee sent out the following lecturers: Miss Signe Rosvall, Mr. A. Astala, Mr. A. A. Saarnio, Mr. A. Vesenterä, and Mr. A. Siimes. In this propaganda work many Lodges took part in different ways.

The Lodge Valonheittäjä (Light-thrower) in the manufacturing town Tampere (Tammerfors) has given public lectures in its town every Sunday, and the Lodges in Helsinki (Helsingfors) have done the same almost every Sunday. The Art Lodge, Arteios, in Helsinki, has given three very well attended and appreciated art-entertainments with music, etc.

*Travelling Booksellers.*—The Sectional Council made an experiment in distributing and selling Theosophical literature by travelling booksellers. For this purpose, and at the expense of the Society, it sent out Mr. J. Simpanen, a very devoted worker, for two months. He travelled in the southern part of the country from town to town and from village to village offering books and distributing pamphlets. At his own expense Mr. K. Unho also travelled as a bookseller for some time in the eastern part of the country. Both came to the conclusion that book-selling in this way does not give sufficient profit to enable the seller to live and travel on it. Such work has therefore to be financed by the Society.

The Magazine *Teosofi* has had about 1,150 subscribers.

*Visitors.*—It happened conveniently that at the beginning of our propaganda month the Hindu lecturer, Mr. A. L. Sinha, B.A., from Madras, arrived in Helsinki (Helsingfors), having previously arranged a tour. He delivered in Helsinki five public lectures on the following subjects: "India, Past and Present," "Yoga," "The Philosophy of the Upanishads," "Mr. Krishnamurti and His Message," and "Mr. Gandhi". He delivered also 2 lectures in Viipuri (Viborg), 2 in Lahti and 2 in Turku (Åbo). He had very good audiences and his very interesting lectures were much appreciated. He spoke mostly in English, but a few times in German. His lectures in Helsinki were translated by Mr. Antti Aho into Finnish and one or two into Swedish by Mr. Edw. Larson.

In *Merilä*, the summer-resort of the Society at Vammelsuu, about a hundred members stayed this summer for a short or long time, enjoying the prevailing good weather and the sunny sand-shores very much.

To many members it seems that the Theosophical movement has entered upon a new phase of its existence, a phase of "the living of Theosophy by Theosophists". The Theosophical movement in our country is as lively and strong as before, and we will gladly carry out the requirements of this new phase.

JOHN SONCK,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN RUSSIA (OUTSIDE RUSSIA)

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

During this year, the "R. T. S. outside Russia" has continued to work actively and to grow. Two Russian Lodges have been founded this year: one in Berlin, the "Fiery Bird," with Mme. Lydia Erfurt as President; the other in Brussels, the "White Lotus," with Prof. Erassi as President. Thus we have ended this year with 14 Lodges all over the world and many Centres.

During the year 47 new members have entered; 1 has passed away, 7 have left the T. S. Thus we are now 356 members.

*Convention*.—Our Third Convention was held in Paris in May, under the blessing of White Lotus Day. Delegates came from London, Brussels, Berlin and Geneva. The Convention was very alive. Good work was done and many interesting schemes outlined for the future. Dr. Anna Kamensky was unanimously elected General Secretary for the coming 3 years.

*Propaganda*.—The General Secretary has lectured in Paris, Brussels, Geneva, Belgrade and London. Miss C. Helmboldt has lectured in Geneva, Berlin, Paris and Prague.

*Finances*.—This year the members have not been very accurate with their dues and there is a large deficit. We hope to cover it by a great effort in the coming year.

*Publishing*.—Our little magazine *Vestnik* is appearing regularly, in spite of financial difficulties. We have also a *Bulletin* for Sectional affairs, typewritten, appearing 3 or 4 times yearly.

We have published 2 books: *The Voice of the Silence*, by H.P.B., and *In the Outer Court*, by Dr. Annie Besant. The help of a dear brother in Reval, Mr. P. Raggis, has made this possible. It is a very precious service because of the book-hunger of Russian Theosophists.

*Lodge Work*.—Every Lodge follows its own line of work. I mention the most interesting: Lodge "Alkonost" (Paris), under the able leadership of C<sup>SS</sup>. O. de Suzor, has worked in the field of comparative study of religion, ethics and art. It has organized monthly Russian concerts which attracted a big public. The "Union-Lodge" (London) has worked very steadily and harmoniously. The Lodge "Kitej" (Reval) has worked out an interesting scheme of work with subjects connected with art and literature.

The young Lodge "White Lotus" (Brussels) has worked chiefly in public, organizing lectures and talks. "Yaroslav-the-Wise" (Belgrade) has received a new impulse with the arrival of Mrs. Irtel-Solovsky, and the visit of the General-Secretary. Lodge "Giordano Bruno" (Geneva) has organized weekly talks with enquirers. The Russian Lodge in Tientsin (China) has gone through many trials and was attacked by Christian missionaries; nevertheless the work has been carried on bravely.

The Russian Lodge "Vasanta," in Kichinev (Roumania), has done excellent work, but it is attached to the Roumanian Section, for political reasons.

*Subsidiary Activities.*—In several Russian Lodges, there are groups of the Theosophical Order of Service. They work for World-Peace, and for the Protection of Animals. There are Round Table groups and Healing Groups. There is also fine work being done on the line of Arts and Crafts.

In *Paris*, there has been formed a string orchestra, which helps to organize concerts and brings in much beauty and joy. In *Belgrade* and *Sofia*, the Slavonic Brotherhood has organized a beautiful Slavonic Art-Day. In *London*, there have been fine lectures on Arts and Crafts. In *Tientsin*, several musical performances have had great success. In *Geneva*, the Russian members have been very active, working with the Swiss members of the Order of Service and organizing a very successful Peace-Week.

*Adyar-Day.*—The Russian Lodges have met on Adyar-Day and we have been able to send to Adyar a gift of £5.

*International Activities.*—The "R.S.T. Outside Russia" has joined the "Federation of International Associations" in Geneva, which is supporting the ideals of the League of Nations.

The General Secretary was invited by the Swiss Section to make a tour in the country, and lectured in French and German in Geneva, Basel, Zurich, Berne, St. Gallen, La Chaux-de-Fonds and Locarno. She has also lectured in Paris for the French Section and in Brussels for the Belgian Section. At the Brussels Congress, she has been elected to the International Committee of Geneva, of which she is now Secretary. She has a chair in the University and holds a course on the Comparative Study of Religions and on Vedism and the *Bhagavad-Gita*.

Our T.S. members are all active in the local national Sections, especially in the O. S.

ANNA KAMENSKY,

*General Secretary.*



## T. S. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Statistics.*—The total membership in October, 1929, is 108. New members 10; left T. S. 2, dropped 12, died 3. They are organized in 7 Lodges and 8 Centres.

*Activities*—In the past year, besides regular work in our Lodges, and lectures for members, many public lectures were given in different towns of our Republic. We had the pleasure of hearing two much appreciated visitor's lectures, one given by the non-member Dr. Ctibor Bezdek and another by Dr. Rudneva-Bezdekova (Mrs.) from Ruzomberok.

Mr. Cimr with his wife continued publishing a magazine *Espero-Teozofia* in which they are giving information to Esperantists about Theosophy. This is very important and useful work in the Esperantists' sphere in Europe, and worthy of help from Theosophical Societies belonging to the European Federation T. S.

*Congress of the European Federation T. S. in Hungary.*—We sent 2 representatives to the Congress of the European Federation held in Hungary. We were pleased with the splendid arrangement of the Congress but we could not agree with the political propaganda connected with it, and want to give a warning for the future. I will take permission to point out in another letter the faults of which we were witnesses.

Hoping that our next report will contain better news of the T. S. in Czechoslovakia. With loving greetings from us all to you and our Brethren in Convention assembled,

JOSEF 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 October 1st, 1929.



*Statistics :*

Total membership	...	...	528
New members admitted	...	...	42
By transfer from other Sections	...	...	11
No. lost by transfer, resignations, and lapsed subscription	...	...	52

The membership, therefore is only 4 greater than last year.

There are five new Lodges, which have been formed by the splitting up of Johannesburg Lodge into smaller Lodges, as it was felt that this would lead to greater activity and the further spread of our truths.

Two Lodges have been dissolved,

This leaves as now with 22 active Lodges.

*Convention.*—The Twenty-first Annual Convention was held at Johannesburg at Easter, 1929. This was a memorable Convention for several reasons. It was our "Coming of Age" Convention. We were sorry, however, that our General Secretary, Mrs. Gowland, was unable to be present owing to severe illness.

The northern part of our Section suggested that the time was ripe for the formation of another Section. Many of us naturally regretted this, but we all endeavoured to take a wide vision to prove that we had really "come of age", by trying to see and sympathize with the view point of our brothers of the north. As a result the Convention agreed that such a Section be formed. The Charter has been authorized and South Africa will now have two Sections to spread abroad through its vast area the truths of the Divine Wisdom.

*Magazine.*—Our magazine, *Theosophy in South Africa*, continues to serve a very useful purpose under the able editorship of Dr. W. A. Humphrey.

*Propaganda.*—During my last term as General Secretary advertisements have been inserted in the principal daily newspapers of the four provinces inviting those interested to apply for information on Theosophy. Answers were received almost immediately and we hope that many in the outlying districts will thus be brought into touch with Theosophy.

It has also been arranged that Captain Ransom, who is with us at present, shall undertake a propaganda lecturing

tour to Capetown and the towns near and Bloemfontein during October, and we trust that many people will thus have an opportunity of hearing of Theosophy. In November, Mrs. W. Havik, an able lecturer, will also go on tour to East London, King William's Town, Port Elizabeth, Sunday's River and Grahamstown, and I hope to do a further propaganda tour in December and January. Most of the money for this work has been generously subscribed by Lodges and individual fellows.

We send our heartiest greetings to all fellows of the T. S. throughout the world and to you, our beloved President, our loyal and loving greetings, hoping that you will long be spared to guide our great work.

MARGARET L. MURCHIE,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN SCOTLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

During the year ending April 30th, 1929, 16 new members were added to our roll, and 3 were transferred from other National Societies. Against this we have to record the loss by death of 11 members, 3 by transfer to other Sections, 31 by resignation, and 42 by transfer to the suspended list, or by elimination from the roll. A further drastic overhaul of our records, in order to bring the Membership roll into accord with the membership returns from the Lodges, has disclosed a number of cases in which names which no longer appear in Lodge returns have not been removed from the roll. This revision, with the additions and reductions stated, gives a total membership of 688. Since that date there have passed from our physical plane fellowship our dear brother and worker, Councillor William McLellan of Glasgow, on 16th May, and Mrs. Isabel Stead, whose death occurred at Brighton on 17th September.

One Lodge—the Scottish Astrological—has been dissolved, but the special work of astrological study which this Lodge was doing is being carried on by its members, forming a group under the auspices of the Portobello Lodge.

Activities have been suspended at Penicuik and Ibrox Centres, but a new Centre has been formed at North Berwick, where an enthusiastic Study Group meets regularly.

We have been fortunate in the visits of several lecturers from England, and again we had the pleasure of hearing Prof. Marcault at Headquarters in March.

The gatherings held on the great "Days" have been very happy ones, and on 17th November we enjoyed a cinematograph lecture on Adyar.

In March Mrs. Leebody resigned her post as Assistant Secretary in order to give her time entirely to Star work and she has been succeeded by Miss Mary Billinghurst.

The Northern District Conference was held at Aberdeen in October, the subject under discussion being "Theosophy and Theosophists".

Our Annual Convention was held this year in Perth. The fact that you, our dear President, were in the chair and among us once again, was the immediate cause of its being one of the happiest Conventions our National Society has ever known.

N. A. ELLINGSEN,

*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN SWITZERLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The work of the Swiss Section has been steadily growing and the number of members, 260, shows marked progress. This increasing vitality of the Section comes, no doubt, from the enthusiasm and the strenuous activity of the members, but part of it comes from an element whose importance seems to be considerable, that is, the extremely prudent financial policy of the Section, whose principle is to undertake no pecuniary responsibility without being sure that it is covered by corresponding funds in hand. Besides this we calculated exactly what means we had for propaganda work. Such a policy may appear mean to some

people; but the majority of our members do not belong to the rich class; they do their best, and any squandering is a crime towards them.

We are proud to make the statement that for three years—and although the membership-fee has been reduced—the Section has not made any debt, and each year closed with a balance of about £40. This policy, inspired by sane reason, can very well be the basis of the spiritual life. Nothing is more contrary to a real spiritual atmosphere than continuous appeals for money.

The principal feature of this year has been the activity of the International Centre, created by Mrs. M. E. Cousins of Adyar and the tireless devotion of Mrs. G. Kern.

It is interesting to note that very often the problems of the Sections of the T. S. are the same or are parallel to the problems of the countries themselves. Thus for the Swiss Section the work of the next year will be to establish an intimate collaboration between the national and the international work, to find a harmonious equilibrium between these two aspects, one being just as important as the other; an equilibrium which can be conceived only in the application of this principle: "remaining one self, and understanding the others."

In more concrete details of activity, we note the work of the branches of German Switzerland where Mme. Kamensky and Mr. G. Meautis gave lectures, and the publication of a propaganda pamphlet in the German language.

G. MEAUTIS,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN BELGIUM

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Our Section numbers at present 475 members: 29 more than last year. 71 new diplomas have been delivered, but we lost 42 members, through resignations, deaths, lapses, or transfers to other National Societies. The last born of our Lodges, Vidyâ, in Liège, has been dissolved.



Public lectures have been delivered in Brussels, every Saturday evening, by some of our members, and also by prominent people outside the T.S. Unfortunately, from abroad, only one sister, Dr. Kamensky, and one brother, M. Jean d'Yd, could stay with us a few days. Two important lectures on Reincarnation attracted many people, and did much to spread that great idea.

Our Lodges in Brussels, Antwerp, Liège, Ghent, Esschen, and Ostend, worked steadily through lectures, study, distribution of pamphlets on Peace, Reincarnation, Karma, etc. During February, one of our members, Mlle. Serge Brisys, did very good work at the International Theosophical Centre in Geneva. As formerly, we held a regular course on Theosophy every Wednesday, as well as a course of English for beginners and advanced pupils.

Our Library has been well attended. Our book-selling department provided the T.S. in Belgium with good financial support.

Our quarterly, *Le Bulletin Théosophique*, appears regularly, and proves to be a much appreciated link between members, as well as a good means of propaganda for outsiders.

The Theosophical Order of Service works in complete harmony with the Theosophical Society in Belgium, and helped much the latter with the organization of lectures, concerts, etc.

Besides the Theosophical Society, we have had for some years in Belgium a legal organization, called the "Association Théosophique," which represents the Society in all financial transactions. This duality, inevitable at first, had become the source of useless complications. At our last Annual Convention, in June, the "Association Théosophique" changed its name to that of "Société Théosophique". This last has thus now been endowed with the legal existence which belonged to the first, and acquired what is technically called a "personnalité civile," so our Society, as such, can henceforward own, sell, receive legacies . . . and pay taxes.

As you see, revered President, there are no very important events to be related this year. However, our movement is slowly, and let us hope, surely growing.

GASTON POLAK,

*General Secretary.*



## T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have great pleasure in handing you the Annual Report of the National Section of the T. S. in the Netherlands East Indies, covering the period from October 1st, 1928, to October 1st, 1929.

*Statistics :*

Number of new Lodges	...	...	3
Number of Lodges dissolved	...	...	2
Total number of active Lodges	...	...	31
Total number of active Centres	...	...	8
Members admitted during the year	...	...	178
Members resigned, dropped out or died	..	...	224
Total number of active members (Last year 2,183)	...	...	2,137

Of these there are European members, 1,026; Indonesian members, 902; Chinese members, 209.

The number of members has decreased owing to the rising unrest caused by the teachings of Krishnaji; sometimes misinterpreted, sometimes awakening the people to an earnest self-inspection and showing them that their place is not in our Society. We may be sorry for the loss of so many good brothers, but we feel sure that the Section is only the stronger for it. Fellows not in complete accordance with our methods are rather a hindrance than a help to the work, and if they are true to their inner motives, they will remain our friends and helpers, though outside our Society, in the promotion of Truth, Brotherhood and Good Will.

*Magazines.*—The Section publishes four monthly magazines :

- (a) *Het Theosofisch Maandblad* for the Dutch readers ;
- (b) *Pewart* *Theosofie* and *Koemandang Theosofie*, the first in Malay and the other in Javanese, for the Indonesian brothers ;
- (c) *Theosofie in Nederlandsch-Indie*, printed both in Dutch and in Malay, this being the official sectional magazine.

Moreover the Javanese Lodge in Soerakarta (Solo) started the translation of the great epic "Maha-Bharata" (Javanese: "Broto-Joedo") in the classic Javanese language. This enterprise

has been greeted with a most enthusiastic welcome in Javanese circles; and there are more than 300 subscribers. This is indeed a very big enterprise for our Javanese brothers; and I am happy to state that the translation is steadily going on, and, if it maintains its present pace, will be finished in about ten years, that is, within the lifetime of those who started it.

*Theosophical Events.*—We have to regret the departure of our former General Secretary, Brother J. Kruisheer. He has given his best efforts to the Society, which was dear to him as it is to us all, and now he continues his work for Brotherhood in Holland.

Several Lodges celebrated a jubilee. Djocja Lodge ("Dharma") and Buitenzorg existed 25 years, Bandoeng ("Besant Lodge") and Weltevreden 20 years. Moreover Weltevreden celebrated the passing of the first decennium of the "Blavatsky-park" Headquarters.

We are happy to report a very active year in Lodge-building.

*Makkasser* inaugurated a new building on October 1st, 1928.

*Djocja*, "Dharma" Lodge was able to receive Dr. G. S. Arundale and Mrs. Rukmini Arundale in their new Lodge-building, which was finished in March, 1929. This Lodge was masonically consecrated by the very illustrious brother Srimati Rukmini Arundale. It is a small compound, as the Lodge is situated between two dwellings for T.S. members on a rather spacious terrain.

*Madioen* had a "Foundation-stone" ceremonial on October 1st and afterwards built its very fine Lodge, so that it could be inaugurated and consecrated by Bishop Leadbeater in August, 1929.

*Malang* Lodge is building a compound with four dwellings for members and a Co-Masonic temple next to the Lodge-building, which has existed for three years. It is a very fine extension of the Theosophical colony.

*Bandoeng*. "Besant" Lodge made the biggest effort and tried to keep pace with Weltevreden. A sum of nearly 3,00,000 guilders (25,000 Pounds Sterling) was raised, a very fine piece of land was purchased in the centre of the town, and now they are building a new Lodge, which will be able to accommodate at least 300 guests;

have a nice Library, several office-rooms and a rather large stage for the performance of concerts and dramas. This new Lodge will be surrounded by eight dwellings and two flat-buildings with nine flat-compartments intended for the use of T.S. members.

There are now twelve Lodges owning their own buildings, six of them combined with dwellings for the members. In this way the rent of the houses helps to compensate the Lodge-expenses, and thus we have a kind of Theosophical community, which is very valuable for the work to be done, and moreover trains the members to live the brotherhood which they profess in teaching and writing.

*Distinguished Guests.*—In December, 1928, Brother Dr. J. J. van der Leeuw paid a visit to Java and, although he lectured exclusively for the Order of the Star, he helped many of our brothers and inspired us with the desire for a better understanding. Then we had the very great pleasure of receiving in our midst Dr. G. S. Arundale and Mrs. Arundale, who travelled over Java, visited most of our Lodges and were an inexhaustible source of inspiration and enthusiasm to us.

In May, 1929, we had the good karma and great privilege of welcoming Bishop Leadbeater in Java, accompanied by a large circle of old and new friends and brothers. He stayed with us for nearly half a year, chiefly concentrating his efforts on Weltevreden and Bandoeng, but also visiting practically all the Lodges of the Section including Makkasser in *Celebes* and Medan in *Sumatra*. I need not say how very much we all owe to his presence and his inspiration. Our great brother is known by Theosophists all the world over, who love him and regard him as a torch-bearer of Truth, Brotherhood and Good Will.

*National Convention.*—We had a splendid Convention in Solo this year. Being a very characteristic Javanese cultural centre, the residence of two of the most influential Javanese princes, we decided not to give much time to ceremonial work. The L. C. C. and Co-Masonry were therefore left out of the programme. The spirit of the meetings was very friendly and harmonious, and the Congress may be considered to have been a new stepping-stone for the promotion of brotherhood between the many different races and nationalities in Java.

*Summer-school.*—In June a very successful summer-school-camp, lasting for seven days, was held in Lembang, a health-resort near Bandoeng, at an altitude of 3,200 feet. Bishop Leadbeater attended the camp, opened it by lighting the first camp-fire, and dedicated the camp in his opening speech to our revered President and the Masters of the Wisdom. Throughout the camp the ideal of service and brotherhood remained the key-note, and inspired us to try the experiment again next year.

*Finances.*—These are not quite “couleur-de-rose”, as the treasurer complains that many members, and even Lodges, lack in punctuality with regard to paying the annual contributions.

*Subsidiary Movements:*

(a) *Young Theosophists.*—At present we are not fully informed as to the progress and the general status of the Young Theosophist movement. There seems to be some lack of enthusiasm; and even the purpose of the movement seems not to be always fully clear to most of its members. The young people held a camp at Pengalengan, near Bandoeng, which seems not to have been such a success as that held at Lembang the year before.

(b) *Order of Service.*—Much good work has been done in several social fields. For the first time, a peace-day was organized in 1928, endorsed by the Government. In the schools throughout the Dutch East Indies a two-minutes' silence was recommended, and a lecture for the pupils on the peace-movement and the League of Nations. Steps are being taken to use the famous trans-continental radio-telephone-transmitter from the Government Radio-service on November 11th for broadcasting several addresses and a concert, which then will be audible the whole world over.

(c) *Educational.*—All our schools are doing very well. A further school was subsidized by the Government, this being the sixth. We now have 13 schools under Theosophical control, with far over 2,000 pupils and about 70 teachers.

*Conclusion.*—On the whole this year can be considered a successful one. We have undoubtedly gained in strength, enthusiasm and insight through the trials we have gone through, helped and upheld by the inspiration and wisdom of our leaders and great visitors.



In closing this lengthy report, allow me to send you, on behalf of all the members of the Dutch East Indian Section, our loving and heartfelt greetings. And we invoke the help and assistance of our Elder Brothers to inspire and guide you, so that through you They will inspire and guide our beloved Society for still many years to come.

A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN BURMA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Introductory.*—I have great pleasure to place before you the report of the Burma T. S., for the year ended 30th September, 1929, and to state that, in spite of various difficulties, efforts have been kept up to spread the message of Theosophy in Burma.

I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Section, to express and record our deep devotion and esteem for the labours of our great President, Dr. Annie Besant, Bishop Leadbeater, and Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, and our beloved Mr. Krishnamurti, for helping humanity out of ignorance and misery; and we send our loving greetings to these great persons for the help we have received from them.

*Strength.*—The year commenced with 293 active members, including honorary Bhikku members. There were 9 admissions, 3 transfers from other Sections, and 4 died, leaving our present strength at 301.

*Lodges.*—No new Lodges were formed. Rangoon Lodge was active as usual during the year, and Mandalay worked vigorously for the first part of the year on account of the enthusiasm of Captain Roseveare, Dr. B. N. Mullan, Mr. K. M. Dorabjee, U Kyaw Hla, and Mr. P. S. Comoro. Another active Lodge was Maymyo, which suffered a good deal owing to the death of Mr. Sheo Pershad and Mr. M. Rajagopal Mudaliar, and on account of the transfer of members to other places. Mr. T. R. Govindaraj, and Mr. M. R. Iyengar have



now gone back to Maymyo, and we expect that this Lodge will regain its activity. U Maung Maung of Yandoon has done good propaganda work in his locality. Pyinmana has just waken up, and we hope the members there will soon do very useful work. The Youth Lodge, Rangoon, was more active than any other Lodge, and the young men deserve congratulations.

*Study Classes.*—The usual advanced "Study Class" in Rangoon suffered a good deal owing to lack of proper lead. Mr. E. E. Power conducted for some time a class on "The Science of Peace", but as he had to leave Rangoon, this was given up. Mr. N. A. Naganathan, then took up a class on "Raja Yoga" for a month. On Sundays, we had the "Star Class" conducted by Mr. N. A. Naganathan, who had been to the Winter School, and read out his notes to this class. There were discussions on Krishnaji's teachings, and a number of people other than members freely took part in them. The Youth Lodge Class was conducted by Mr. D. A. Anklesaria every week, and the subjects dealt with were "Intuition" and "Teachings of the Gita". Study classes at Mandalay were conducted by Captain Roseveare and Dr. B. N. Mullan; Mr. Chowdhury conducted classes at Maymyo till March. Notes of the Rangoon Class were distributed to our Lodges up-country and to district members from time to time. Our members in Kalaw and in Taungdwingyi very often met and discussed Theosophical subjects.

*Propaganda.*—By far the best work done during the year was the splendid distribution of booklets and leaflets throughout the province by post. Mr. A. Verhage generously contributed Rs. 300 for the books, and 1,000 copies of *Krishnamurti: Who Is He?* I have to thank Mr. P. Venkataraman, and Mr. M. Radhakrishnan in helping me to distribute these books evenly throughout the province.

*Sectional Magazine.*—This was not issued during the year, as it was suggested that we could better utilize the amount usually spent on this. It has, however, been found that this will have to be revived in order to keep the district members in touch with our activities.

*Visitors.*—Mr. Manilal M. Doshi, from India, was here for about 4 months, during which he not only helped in the discussions

at the Sunday Classes, but delivered four public lectures at the Lodge.

*The Section Land.*—We have not yet been able to do anything with this land, nor were we able to sell it.

*The B.E.T. Schools.*—The running of these schools is again causing anxiety, as the Trust funds have become involved to the extent of about Rs. 17,000 owing to the failure of the Chettiar firm with whom the money was deposited. This has placed the management in a difficult situation, and the problem has therefore become acute, though efforts are being made to find some means to work the institution.

The responsibility of running the Girls' School and the meeting of its deficit have been undertaken by one of our members on behalf of the T. S. In addition to this, the Rangoon T. S. Education Committee has guaranteed to pay Rs. 2,000 to run the Boys' High School. The deficit in the Boys' School is thus met partly by the Rangoon T. S., and partly by public help. Mr. K. R. Chari, the Headmaster, and Mrs. Bilimoria, the Superintendent, are making great efforts to put the school in order.

*The Annual Convention.*—The Seventeenth Annual Convention of the Burma T. S. was held in Rangoon on the 3rd and 4th November, 1928. Mr. E. E. Power delivered the first lecture on "Theosophy and Buddhism," and Dr. Ba Maw, Barrister-at-Law, presided. Mr. N. A. Naganathan delivered the second lecture on "Release", and the meeting was presided over by Mr. D. A. Anklesaria. There was also another interesting lecture in Burmese when Sayadaw U Thondara, one of the presiding monks in Rangoon, spoke on "The Shortest Way to Nibbana". These were all well attended.

*Benares Convention.*—Mr. and Mrs. Naganathan, Mr. Bilimoria, and Mr. and Mrs. S. P. S. Iyer, and U Po Mya represented Burma at the Benares Convention. They were able to give us their impressions on their return and thus the inspiration and link with the centre of the T. S. was maintained.

In conclusion, I may add that there has been some confusion in the minds of members owing to the new ideas of Theosophy and the new visions opened before them; but I hope this will be only a passing shadow, and that with the

dawn of the new spirit there will be kindled new life in every one of us.

May the peace and blessings of the Holy Ones inspire us to live and to spread the message of Theosophy, and thus remove the ignorance and misery of suffering humanity.

N. A. NAGANATHAN,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN AUSTRIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Statistics.*—I have the honor to report 536 active members as against 520 last year. 47 new members joined during the year; 14 were transferred to other Sections, 10 left us, 5 were dropped, and 2 died. Of our twelve Lodges, two became dormant, but Graz organized a new "Gnosis Lodge," so that there are now eleven active.

*Activities.*—These were most of the year on a reduced scale, although Dr. Rudolf Biach put his vast learning at our disposal, both for public lectures and members' study evenings. Prof. Dr. Verweyen from the University of Bonn also honored us with repeated visits, much to our advantage. Even if our activity has not been great, we are glad to say that the life Theosophic was intense, although perhaps more beneath the surface and centring round our Theosophenheim out in the country. But there were two remarkable exceptions when we came forward very much into the public eye. You were the cynosure of all eyes, our beloved President, on your visit to Vienna, and Bishop Wedgwood graciously gave us some very instructive and inspiring lectures. The grand hall of the archducal palace gave a fine setting to his public speech, which was very much appreciated by an enthusiastic audience.

The other occasion of creating a stir was at the end of May when you brought us your influence and revived our enthusiasm for a greater life. Your mere presence, and specially the interviews

and public lecture, brought Theosophy into the foreground of interest in the city in spite of the advanced season, and made it possible to carry on combined Lodge and public activities through two whole summer months. This has never been possible or even attempted before, as every one is supposed to be away in the mountains during the sunny months. Quite a number of the visitors passing through on their way back from the Hungarian Convention helped us in this new venture by enlightening us with some good talks. Mrs. Cannan gave a fine one in the open out of town. Three weeks later the Rev. Hugh Noall of Huizen stayed in Vienna for a week after his sojourn in Transsylvania and his visit was, musically speaking, the finale of a grand symphony of marvellous effort to theosophize the Balkans.

Three Pullmann cars were filled with chiefly English and Dutch Theosophists who had left the shores of the northern sea, stayed in Budapest where the Theosophical Congress was welcomed by Town and Government, crossed the Hungarian pusztas and stopped at Hunyadi's memorable Castle Hunedora in Roumania, where again the Government did everything possible for them as honored guests of State. From there a messenger left for Eastern Roumania after having passed Wesak and all it implied to him at Vayda-Hunyad, another thirty hours' journey, and stopped not far from the shores of the Black Sea. The writer was this fortunate emissary of Theosophy who carried on for a month in Bucharest, Arad, Timisoara whilst you, our beloved Chief, graced the "Home" and Chapel, the field of his daily labors these many years.

Whatever other people or even leaders may say, for us, in these eastern parts, the L. C. Church proves a tower of strength to some of our best workers from far and near, to which fact not only the writer can testify from his own experiences in all these countries round about, but also, *e.g.*, Rev. Dr. Norbert von Lauppert of Graz. For surely it cannot be a mere chance-happening that Graz' Krishnamurti Lodge carried on throughout the year in spite of tremendous difficulties. All other Lodges down the South railway line, Mödling, Vöslau, Gloggnitz (and also Graz up till this year) had to close down at times. Mrs. Paula Kemperling, my



substitute-elect, who had the privilege in my absence to do the honors at your reception, begs to testify that our Centre near Vienna becomes ever more of help to keep the earnest workers together during the slack season, as the World-University to whom the building and grounds belong extends hospitality to some of our Subsidiary Activities like the 'Order of Service' (for which the writer is Chief Brother here), the 'Round Table' and, of course, the L. C. C. movement, which are dear to our members according to their several temperaments.

Whilst writing this report, Dr. Arundale's welcome news from the Chicago World Congress comes to hand and has greatly buoyed us up. We also sense the dipping down into a new incarnation of our beloved Society under the Law of Readjustment; we begin afresh, and your birthday celebrations at our Headquarters in town seemed to be throbbing with the pulse of the Manu; rallying Theosophists to His flag even through the blinding glare that the World Teacher is shedding in His Message.

Madame President, you may rest assured that your outpost in Austria will ever prove faithful to the cause. Up and forward to the "Right Civilization" under your guidance!

JOHN CORDES,

*General Secretary.*

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#### T. S. IN NORWAY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Our General Secretary, Mr. Erling Havrevold, who resigned from his office at our Convention of September 29th on account of failing health, has asked me to send you a short report dealing with the work of our Section during the past year.

The Section has not in this year been favored with visits from abroad, and we can note no great outstanding event in connection with our Theosophical work. The work has however been continued as previously, and we will hope that this will have its result in time.



A series of public lectures was held at our new Headquarters in Oslo, Bakkegt. 23, from October to April. They were given only by members of the Society, most of them untrained lecturers, but upon the whole they did good work, and aroused great interest.

We have published a series of short booklets, each dealing with one phase of Theosophical thought and activity. The whole being priced at Norw. Kr. 1, many members send for a number of sets. Thus a knowledge of Theosophy is spread all over the country.

ERNST NIELSEN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN DENMARK

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Hereby I have the honor to submit to you the Annual Report which covers the period 1st October, 1928 to 1st October, 1929.

We have 24 new members, whilst 70 members resigned, died or were dropped, so that the total is now 483.

The Pamphlets *Life After Death* (Annie Besant), and *Reincarnation and the Child* have been translated and printed for the Reincarnation campaign.

Mr. August Plum, the founder and for 18 years the skilled generous leader of the Blavatsky Lodge at Copenhagen, is amongst the members who threw off their physical bodies. For many years he lectured publicly and devoted all his mental power and all his time to Theosophical work. He was editor and publisher of *Theosofisk Tidsskrift*, a magazine which filled a gap when our sectional paper was small, and has still many subscribers outside the T.S.

Another noteworthy event is the change of General Secretary for 7 years. Mr. Chr. Sevendsen did the work in his calm way, always giving room for resourceful and energetic assistants, and always ready to supply our N.S. when it was in want of financial

means. It is quite owing to him that our Society is able to keep up a bureau and to provide some of the Lodges with appropriate rooms for their work. Mr. Svendsen was the man capable of carrying our Society through a critical time.

The work of facing the public has been carried on by some of the Lodge Presidents, who give lectures in their Lodge rooms to which the public have been admitted. Mr. Marius Andersen, from the Copenhagen Lodge, gives public lectures twice a month on Sunday mornings. Our public meetings are badly attended, but "never lose heart" we say. During this autumn the Executive Committee of the Society will attempt to make the active Theosophical workers co-operate so that a regeneration of the work, both inwardly and outwardly, may be the result.

Successful Theosophical summer schools have been run both at Nakskov and at Vadstrupgaard (near Copenhagen) both of them led in a most clever and inspiring way by Mr. Edwin Bolt, Edinburgh. The last mentioned summer school especially played a great part in the awakening of the Theosophical activities in Copenhagen.

No books have been published this year, but our Sectional magazine *Theosophia* in its new form has turned out a success owing to the editor Mr. Marius Andersen, and to the support (economical and editorial) given to him by many members.

I ought to mention that there is not much co-operation between the T.S., the L.C.C. and the Co-Masonry. On the other hand there is no ill-feeling of any kind, and some of the most active members of the T.S. are active members in the other movements. I hope that we now are beginning earnestly to practise tolerance, understanding and brotherly helpfulness.

On behalf of the Danish National Society I send you, our dear President, most reverent heartfelt greetings.

H. O. SVERRILD,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN IRELAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I regret that I must still report that there is not much interest taken in Theosophy in this country. This is probably mainly due to the fact that more than three-fourths of the total population are strictly forbidden by their religion (Roman Catholicism) to attend our lectures, much less join our Society.

We continue to hold public lectures in Dublin, Belfast, Cork and Londonderry, besides numerous study groups there and also in Coleraine, Bangor, Portrush, etc., and our members are also active in other philanthropic work, *i.e.*, Co-Masonry, Order of the Star, Liberal Catholicism, Animal Welfare, etc. Our ideas appear to be gradually penetrating the thoughts of others, and in dramatic and other circles, one notes similar ideas and points of view.

During the year we gained 14 new members, and lost 9 through resignations, lapses and transferences to other National Societies.

We have been greatly helped during the year by visits from a number of kind friends, notably Mrs. Cannan—who presided at a very successful National Convention—Miss Clara Codd, Mrs. Yates, Dr. and Mrs. Cousins, Prof. James Scott but, above all, we have been honored and helped by your visit to Ireland last July and by your lectures in Dublin and Belfast. In both places we secured record attendances and we hope for increased interest.

Our national magazine, *Theosophy in Ireland*, continues to be published quarterly and is improving.

Praying that you may long be spared to guide our Society and with very warm thanks for the help you continue to give to Ireland.

T. KENNEDY,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN MEXICO

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Following is the report of the activities of the Mexican Section for the year ending September 30th, 1929.

*World Peace (T. O. S.).*—Some of our members, headed by Mr. Fernando Patrón Correa, of Mexico City, and seconded by enthusiastic workers all over the country, succeeded in getting the Great Silence adopted by our Government. Mexico was the first nation to instruct the national police to stop public transit for two minutes on November 11th, 1928.

*Annual Convention.*—Our Tenth Annual Convention was held in the City of México on November 18th, 1928, twenty-one Lodges being duly represented, with Mr. Agustin Garza Galindo, in the chair. Mr. Adolfo de la Peña Gil was elected General Secretary.

*Own Press.*—A small press of our own is now being managed by the General Secretary. Over 80,000 leaflets were printed during the year, previous to the coming of Mr. Jinarājadāsa. As soon as a convenient place is found this business will be enlarged, so that Mexico may have cheap editions of our literature.

*Propaganda.*—In the City of Mexico there were four successive series of weekly public lectures, covering almost the whole of the year, viz.: 7 by Mr. José F. Nava, President of the Rosicrucian Fellowship; 5 by Mr. Pedro Espinosa, Secretary of the Occult Life Brotherhood; 30 by Mr. Agustin Garza Galindo, our former General Secretary; and a few by Mr. Manuel E. Velasco and Mr. José Romano Muñoz. Our social hall and two adjoining rooms proved too small for the large gatherings, specially at Mr. Garza Galindo's lectures, several of which were fully illustrated by the Epidiascope. Mr. Agustin Ponte, of our National Council, is, as ever, constantly busy writing pamphlets for propaganda and articles for several papers.

At Mérida (Yucatan), the Sunday lectures were delivered as usual at the "Mayab" Lodge's premises. At Tampico, Dr. Alfredo Cuarón carried out a most successful campaign which greatly helped Mr. Jinarājadāsa's work in that city. Most of the above mentioned public lectures served as a preface to:

*Mr. Jinarājādāsa's Tour in Mexico.*—This has been the chief event in the public life of this young Section, as well as the most valuable propaganda of Theosophy ever done by our members in this country. Figures speak eloquently:

Duration of his tour in Mexico	... ..	62 days
Lectures and addresses delivered by him (Public		
63, Lodges 18)	... ..	81
Approximate total number of personal hearers	...	59,000
Places at which he spoke (Cities 24, Villages 2)	...	26
Kilometers covered by his transit:		
Railway	... ..	4,325
Motor car	... ..	780
Airplane	... ..	900 6,005
New Lodges founded with his co-operation		6
Masonic Chapter and Lodge		2

The Theosophical wave preceding and accompanying Mr. Jinarājādāsa, crossed the country from west to east as a shaking in the Mexican mind, just at the very point of the transition from the old to the new spiritual and religious life of the Nation, after the so-called religious conflict which ended in buffoonery. Several other characteristic features of this tour were the following:

*The Government's Sympathy.*—The Minister of Education issued a free ticket for Mr. Jinarājādāsa to travel 800 miles on the National Railways from the seaport up to Mexico City. The President of the Republic gave audience to him at the National Palace. Three Governors were introduced to Mr. Jinarājādāsa, and his lecture on Education was reprinted by several local Authorities to be freely distributed among students and teachers. At the special request of the Tabasco authorities, Mr. Jinarājādāsa and myself were allowed to fly over three southern States on a small postal-airplane. The Municipal Council at Tampico received Mr. Jinarājādāsa as a Guest of Honor of the City.

There was no scientific reaction to his message as in other lands. There was, however, a philosophical reaction through papers and open letters, objecting to some of his statements; and, more sharp, the clerical reaction. The Roman Clergy preached against



Theosophy all along Mr. Jinarājadasa's line of transit, and the Bishop of Campeche considered it his duty to issue a Pastoral Letter warning his people not to attend his lectures; the result, of course, being a larger attendance in the Theatre, including 60 soldiers in full dress.

The biggest portion of the listeners, all over the country, was formed by women, young people and laborers—a very remarkable sign of the awakening of the national consciousness.

*Statistics.*—The Mexican Section counts to-day 29 Lodges and 449 members in good standing.

It is with great pleasure that we have to report the birth of seven new Lodges during this year. This record was partly due to Mr. Jinarājadasa's presence in our midst.

3 new Centres were formed, the total number of them

being ... .. 5

Lodges dissolved ... .. 4

Number of members admitted during the year ... 138

Members transferred to other National Societies ... 1

*Magazine.*—The Sectional Magazine, *El México Teosófico* which had not been published for about one year, was re-issued immediately after Convention.

*Lodge Building.*—A notable achievement, the outcome of months of continued effort, was the erection of their own room by the "Apolonio de Tyana" Lodge, at Veracruz. Meetings are now being held there and the room has been dedicated also for public helpful activities concerning Education, Music, etc. The opening and installation, on August 15th, 1929, was presided over by Mr. Jinarājadasa.

Our National Council, our Members and myself, send to our beloved President all gratitude, love and loyalty; as well as hearty good wishes to the Convention.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CANADA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Last year when I was about to despatch my report to you, there came several communications which indicated that a new attitude was being assumed in the Society, and as I have no desire to be precipitate, and some of the things that I had written seemed better reserved for silence under the new conditions, I refrained from sending on my report. Since then the change has become more obvious, more conspicuous indeed. The recent World Congress at Chicago indicated this in an unmistakable way. A great many things can be well forgotten if the new phase is to put them out of remembrance, and the new policy bring us back to our original directions. No Theosophist should be a stickler for form so long as the form is adequate to the expression of the Spirit that gives life. So I withheld my remarks and the Congress has been my justification, and I trust the Council at Adyar this Christmastide will not disappoint the expectations that the Congress aroused.

The T. S. in Canada, as you are aware, has stood since its organization for Theosophy as expounded in the Secret Doctrine, the early literature and the Masters' letters, while maintaining perfect freedom of thought and speech and the privilege of criticism. You are aware also that this freedom of speech and criticism led to the formation of a Federation of Lodges in Canada which were dissatisfied with such freedom. This has crippled the strength of both parties, but we think that full freedom of thought and speech is necessary above all things in the Theosophical Movement, and that there is sufficient protection in the autonomy of the separate Lodges to take care of the susceptibilities of those who wish to be segregated. So we are in hopes that the Federated Lodges will see their way to reunite with us and carry on Theosophical work as a whole for Canada, each Lodge taking its own course in that respect. The harmony that prevailed at Chicago amid decided differences of opinion, indicated what is possible.

We have not been without co-operation in Canada between the National Society and the Federation. Professor Duckering,

Secretary of the Federation, proposed that we accept joint responsibility for a lecture tour by Mrs. Betty Hampton. We at once agreed and practically all the Lodges had the advantage of having the principles of Theosophy placed before the public in a tour which covered nearly the whole Dominion. No debatable questions were raised, and many were interested for the first time. There was some protest from a few of the more extreme partisans on our side of the fence, and perhaps there would have been some similar protests had the situation been reversed and a lecturer proposed by the National Society been in question. But we need to restrain our prejudices and practise Tolerance and Brotherhood, which I might define respectively as the desire to understand and the desire to serve.

Following the tour of Mrs. Hampton, proposals for the reunion of the Federation and the National Society were made by Mr. F. E. Titus, and committees were appointed to consider the point. Nothing so far has come of it, and as most of the suggestions tended to whittle away the universality of Universal Brotherhood, and restrict it for the pleasure of small groups who distrust the wide open spaces, nothing so far has been accomplished.

Through various causes we have suffered a net loss of 73 members in the two years since my last report, a reduction from 503 to 430 active members on June 30th last. The lapses are usually the result of non-payment of dues; 148 passed to the inactive list in this way in two years. Six died; six resigned, and a few left for other Sections. New members number 68, and 28 were reinstated. We have just issued our 1000th diploma since our organization in 1920. Some members left us to follow the seductive voice of one of the numerous new "Messengers" who make a practice of founding sects and colonies and milking their neophytes. Some of those who left us discovered their mistake and took legal proceedings, but the "Brother" escaped on a technicality. This old heresy of hoping that some one else can redeem or protect the disciple is still strong in Theosophical circles, and of course every new prophet that comes along is hearkened to according to the vigor of his promises and undertakings. In

this association I would commend the study of Deuteronomy XVIII, 15-22.

There are other more or less praiseworthy movements also which attract or distract our members. These offer less onerous ideals or less rigorous study or discipline to the enquirer, and generally with the promise of as good or better results, and the actual premium of greater respectability and worldly advantage. Where our members carry the spirit of Theosophy into the more admirable of such movements the effect is excellent. It is, in fact, to be preferred to the segregation of the members of the Society in organizations which detach them from the rest of the world, at the cost of the spread of their influence. A Theosophist as head of a Dickens' Fellowship of 1,100 members, as in the case of a former Vice-President of our Toronto Lodge, is of more importance to the public in this position, and has a better opportunity for the exercise of charity, than if he confined himself to his Lodge.

One of our Canadian members who has accomplished much in other fields is Mr. Roy Mitchell, who has made a considerable impression in New York by his lectures and writings on Theosophy. His original and unpretentious manner have attracted many to take up the real study of Theosophy, and convinced them that the proper way is not to be satisfied with assertions by others, but to make their own investigations and corroborations. He has written some fertilizing articles for *The Canadian Theosophist*.

Among our contributors in these two years have been several of our older members. James Morgan Pryse, one of H.P.B.'s most approved helpers, has written a good deal, and his studies of *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Voice of the Silence* have attracted much attention. No one speaks with more authority and experience from the early days of the Society.

Another old member is Mr. John W. Lovell, the only surviving member of the original group of founders of the Society in New York in 1875, and, we are glad to know, a native Canadian. Mr. Lovell's reminiscences of the founding of the Society and its early days are of direct interest to every member, and his broad toleration and sense of the unity of all Truth in whatever form it



presents itself and in whatever organization it manifests itself, is entirely in keeping with the traditions of the Movement.

An article which we were permitted to copy by courtesy of the proprietors of the Atlantic Monthly, by Mr. Charles Johnston, was another evidence in our magazine of the power and beauty of the literature of which Theosophical writers are capable. This article on "Ancient and Modern Thinking" was a study of terrestrial cosmology putting forward the ideas of the Secret Doctrine in modern language in the most convincing terms.

Another contributor to the magazine is Mr. Fred B. Housser whose book on Canadian Art has been widely read. His article on "A Trip West," and a more recent one on "Theosophy and America," have aroused much thought and strike the note which appeals deeply to thinkers who are studying the developments of our day in America, and Canada more particularly, in connection with the teachings of the Mahatmas.

It is with satisfaction that we observe the increasing interest in Madame Blavatsky's writings as indicated in the new cheaper edition of *The Secret Doctrine*, issued in London. There are now three publishers of *The Secret Doctrine* and all are making increased sales. This is an excellent sign. *Isis Unveiled* is also keeping up its circulation and it is a pity that the members do not study this book more generally. They would avoid the pitfalls of ritualism and dogmatic religion if they acquainted themselves with the history of the delusions of the past. These are not less delusive to-day.

The publication of *The Mahatma Letters* has also been an immense stimulus to the interest of those who long for reality. A new edition, and a reprint of the original edition of *The Voice of the Silence*, brought out in China by Mr. Basil Crump and Mrs. Alice L. Cleather, another old pupil of H.P.B., and bearing the endorsement of the Teshu Lama, is a sign of a reawakening in the Orient which should not be without its effect in the Occident. As edition after edition of *The Mahatma Letters* has been sold, it is evident that the real teaching of the Masters is making its way among independent students, and the Theosophical Society should rejoice to see this result.



The change that Mr. Krishnamurti has occasioned in the minds of a host of the members throughout the world is naturally agreeable to our members in Canada, where we have been ostracized for saying the same things for many years past. Krishnaji ought to feel at home in Canada, should he ever visit us.

Among visitors to Canada of Theosophical note, since my last report, have been Mr. George W. Russell, better known as Æ, the poet, who spoke in New York and in Toronto in February last year, and is expected back again soon. The visit of Sir Rabindranath Tagore to Vancouver was a notable event, and some of our eastern members went to Vancouver for the occasion. Mr. Kartar Singh had left Toronto to carry out a mission among his fellow Sikhs in Vancouver, a year ago, and had much to do with the arrangements for Tagore's visit. Mr. Mulliss of Hamilton was also a visitor. Mr. C. F. Andrews has remained in the west since then and was back in Toronto in November with Kartar Singh, who had returned on a visit. They are deeply interested in the work of linking India with the Imperial Commonwealths, and now that Rt. Hon. Ramsay Macdonald, who has also been a visitor to Canada both last year and this, is Prime Minister, much is hoped for a settlement of this problem.

Our magazine has naturally been our chief means of propaganda. Besides such articles as have been mentioned, there has been republication of several valuable books. *The Evidence of Immortality*, by Dr. Jerome A. Anderson, a profound student of H. P. B.'s work and quoted by her on an interesting point of occultism; Claud Falls Wright's *Modern Theosophy*, in which he loyally follows her teachings as one of her personal students and helpers; these with her essay, *The Esoteric Character of the Gospels*, have been republished in book form by The Blavatsky Institute of Toronto, at popular prices.

Beside Mrs. Hampton's lecture tour, and arising out of it, came a tour by Mr. William Clark of the Orpheus Lodge of Vancouver. This Lodge, like the old Scottish Lodge of Edinburgh, and to some extent The Old London Lodge under Mr. Sinnett, has not encouraged public work, but kept their studies confined to a select group. Mr. Clark failed to find much Theosophy, such as he

recognized as Theosophy, around Canada, but it did the Lodges good to hear a new side of the subject, and a novel and striking method of presentation. Mr. Clark's obvious earnestness and sincerity would carry a much weaker cause home to real students.

The Travelling Library, which permits the loan of a selection of Theosophical books to any one in any part of our three and a half millions of square miles, is another useful propaganda activity. Our trust has not been abused and it is interesting to know that one of the most popular of recent books is Mr. William Kingland's splendid biography, *The Real H. P. Blavatsky*. It is not only a life, but a most interesting and simple exposition of the Secret Doctrine.

Among the deaths that have to be recorded are those of Samuel L. Beckett, an old member since 1892, and once President of the Toronto Lodge; Alexander George Horwood, for 22 years President of the Toronto Lodge, and a great admirer of Col. Olcott; Charles Lazenby, known throughout the English-speaking world as a lecturer on the Secret Doctrine subjects, an original writer and author of *The Servant*, an excellent manual for personal use; and Francis Joseph Brown, an earnest propagandist and author of a manual on Elocution and Oratory based on Delsarte and Theosophical ideas. Among friends of our work may be mentioned Miss F. M. Allen, who in far away Egypt was an enthusiastic supporter of our work in Canada; and the poet laureate of Canada, Bliss Carman, whose death on June 8th last, was a most unexpected loss and a profound shock to the literary world of the Dominion. He had in recent years been approaching more and more nearly to Theosophical views as an intimate friend of Dr. E. P. Fewster of Vancouver, Mr. A. M. Stephen and other members of the Society.

In June of last year, I came to Hamilton as editor of *The Hamilton Herald*, a daily paper. This has cut me off from the activities of the Toronto Lodge to some extent, but the work goes on uninterruptedly there, and while the outlook is no more favorable than in other years, apart from the actual membership, the permeation of the country with real Theosophical thought goes on to an even greater extent than formerly.

In concluding this report, it would be inconsiderate to pass over your re-election as President, without some reference to the wide-spread feeling of satisfaction that you were spared from your severe illness once more to assume the burden of office. We trust you will long be spared to us till all our difficulties are smoothed out and all energies are turned into the true path where only the Self is to be sought, and only the Real satisfies.

ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN ARGENTINA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have pleasure in sending a full Report of the activities of the Argentine Section during the present administrative year.

From the point of view of the contribution to the general culture of our people and propagation of our Theosophic teaching, I think I have had the privilege of presiding over the year of most intense and effective work since the foundation of our Section.

Mr. Jinarājādāsa's lecturing tour through all the Branches of our Section had the good fortune to rouse deep interest among the public in the cities visited as well as more specially that of our members. It also caused our Society as a whole to develop a great activity in organization, propaganda, publicity and preparation of lectures, including not only the task of giving opportunity to the general public to hear the lecturer, but also the arrangement of official visits, interviews, private lectures and publication of lectures; a hard and comprehensive task.

One of the greatest results of Mr. Jinarājādāsa's work was to bring the Argentine soul nearer to the reality of its own existence, revealing aspects of its own spirituality hitherto ignored or unappreciated.

The tour also affected the administrative side of the Society. On the one hand it resulted in the separation from our Section of an important number of Lodges and Members who formed the Paraguayan and Peruvian Sections, a separation which involved more than seven old Branches and more than a hundred members. On the other hand, the activity of our members has taken form in the constitution of four new Branches and the admission of more than eighty new members.

Our official organ, *Teosofía en el Plata*, has appeared regularly, dedicated as usual to giving full information of the movement and truths of Theosophy.

Recently in view of the acute crisis affecting every aspect of our Society, our Review has carried out an important work by giving to the Members opportunity of informing themselves on all the problems presented by the different phases of this crisis.

C. A. STOPPEL,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN CHILE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I hereby fulfil the duty of outlining the activities of the Theosophical Society of Chile, for the period from the 1st September, 1928 to the 31st August, 1929.

*Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.*—In the first place I desire to express our sincere thanks for the important lessons afforded us by the presence amongst us of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, and to convey to our President, Mrs. Annie Besant, the sincere congratulations due to him for the exterior work accomplished in our country and throughout South America.

He stayed forty days in Chile and visited the 14 most important cities of the country, travelling untiringly from one end to the other of our long territory; he everywhere delivered numerous lectures which attracted the largest audiences which



could be expected, and which were, in their expression and in their lofty ideas, far above our most optimistic expectations.

His personal action will be ever remembered by many, for the example which he gave of his prodigious activity, always serene, with the sympathy and firmness of his character and with the wisdom and understanding he so well knows how to display in Service.

All the members of the Society embracing the opportunity afforded by this visit, evinced their enthusiasm, their generosity and their ability for action for their Ideal, and also their determination to make this visit a success, as it really was, and at the same time the best propaganda which Chile has experienced up to the present for the great Ideals of the Ancient Wisdom.

*Our Members.*—The period we are traversing is distinguished by the continual changes to which the majority of our members are subject, especially the most loyal and laborious—changes of residence or of situation on the one hand, and changes of creative actuation, or of stagnation or cooling of enthusiasm on the other. Never has been more visible than at the present moment the initiation of a new order of things, of new standards and orientations, which demand an incessant renovation, and which are the precise causes of the order of things which I have pointed out.

For many, the renovation demanded by circumstances is not understood; it is a veritable surprise, which causes them to isolate themselves or separate themselves from the movement; for others it is a purifying action; it is new sap which will bring forth new fruit.

I have possibly been rather too extensive on this point; but this is the essential point which synthetises more effectually the present moment. Without these data it would not be fully understood in the light of statistical returns of members, of meetings held, etc. We are in the midst of a period of renovation, and it cannot be said how many members will remain, how many will retire, and how many will form the new tree. My personal opinion is most optimistic, and I believe that the near future will find us much stronger and more efficient in true spirituality, because everywhere is a vigorous nucleus of



persevering, loyal and convinced workers, which are the very life of the movement.

*Lodges:*

One suspended and one founded, which leaves the number 20 as before. There are, however, five Lodges which have not fulfilled their engagements to the Society, and which it may possibly be necessary to put into suspense.

*Members:*

Our members, according to previous report were 287; 38 entered during the year. The casualties were 40, leaving a total of 285. The casualties do not include the members of the 5 Lodges whose permanence is not yet assured, and which form a total of 49 members, of whom a considerable part will have to be erased from the rolls of their respective Lodges.

*The Revista Teosofica Chilena.*—This monthly has entered upon its tenth year and is published regularly.

*The Book-Store* has regularly carried on its activities and increased its sales.

*International Approachment* is still one of our most cherished wishes. We have to mention the especial co-operation given us by our Argentine brethren, especially the present General Secretary, Mr. Carlos A. Stoppel, who frequently visits our country, to our immense satisfaction, and the ex-Secretary, Mr. Arturo Montesano Delchi, whose able pen contributes to our publications.

We maintain the most friendly relations with Peru, Bolivia and Ecuador, and are always thinking of the best manner of uniting our countries.

Our members continue helping in different Societies to propagate the Spiritual Ideal taught us by Theosophy—in Education, Scouts, Naturism, and Protection to Women, which are perhaps the principal features.

The formation of the "Juventud" Lodge, composed of young ladies and young men full of enthusiasm, is the event which especially fills our hearts with gladness, and which is one of our hopes for the near future.

I will not conclude without telling you, our Great President, that we are many who understand the momentous import of

the present time in which we live, and endeavor to adjust ourselves to the same in serenity, and fully acknowledge, every day the more, the titanic efforts which it has been your part to display, especially in the preparation of our world for the New Era which now begins.

ARMANDO HAMEL,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN BRAZIL

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

In your hands I have the honor to place the Annual Report of our National Society for 1928-29. Few were the results obtained, due, naturally, to our own lack of experience, but we have utilized the best of our energies towards the ends in view.

Theosophy in this country as in other parts, is considered to be the best and most efficient path to Perfection. The doctrines latterly presented by Mr. Krishnamurti, as the mouth-piece of the World-Teacher, relating to Union to be achieved in the direct way, without the interference of mediators or authority, have in no way affected the movement of our National Society. All of us, realizing the wisdom of your advice, feel that the Theosophical Society, which was created to spread the Divine Wisdom, will continue to fulfill its glorious mission, by incorporating in its heritage the knowledge which the World-Teacher, through his beloved Disciple, confers on humanity.

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa's sojourn in Brazil was of great benefit not only to the members of the Theosophical Society, but also to all those who dedicate themselves to spiritual matters, because his lectures brought much light on the very important points of

Theosophical doctrines. New Lodges were founded, and the Brazilian Press for a long time gave him the reward that was his due, whether in personal interviews, or in well-merited notices.

*Elections.*—Having in view the great expanse to be covered, and the difficulty of the members in coming in direct contact with each other, the National Council resolved to send to the Lodges the names of persons resident in Rio, who might accept and fulfill the Post of General Secretary in the case of election. The actual General Secretary was re-elected; Dr. Cais Lustosa de Lemos was elected Vice-President, and Mr. Floriano Lopes Treasurer.

*Statistics.*—Three more Lodges were founded during this period—one in the City of Cuyabá, in the State of Matto Grosso, which telegraphed us the details of its foundation under the name of "Leadbeater". The second Lodge, "Humanidade," in S. Carlos do Pinhal, in the State of S. Paulo, was founded as the result of a conference of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa. The third Lodge, "Renascença," was founded in Rio de Janeiro. Unfortunately, out of the 26 Lodges already working, only 18 sent their reports, 484 members having paid dues. Of the 8 which did not send their reports this year, one, the "Arjuna" of Santos, amalgamated with the "Albor" of the same City, taking the name of the last mentioned Lodge.

The Lodges Nova Krotona, Pax, Lotus Branco, Annie Besant of Pelotas, Annie Besant of Pará, Maytreia, and Alcyone have not sent their reports since last year. The Krishnamurti Lodge which in spite of not having sent its report during this period, is active. The Hamsa Lodge changed its name to that of "Rio de Janeiro", thus complying with the request made by the General Secretary that all the Lodges of Rio which have their Headquarters in the central part of the city should amalgamate in order to form one entity, principally for the purpose of making a single name more widely known. The Hamsa was the only Lodge complying with that request—hence the reason why it does not appear under its previously well-known name. In actual activity, and having duly remitted their reports we have 19 Lodges.

Of the 468 members mentioned in our last report, 73 have retired, but 90 new ones entered, plus 5 "free members", thus increasing our total number to 485, or three more than last year.

Our Library contains 797 works in various languages, and continues to be open to the public. During the absence of the Librarian, this post was given in the charge of the Second Secretary of the Executive Council, Maria Emilia Appa dos Santos.

The diffusion of Theosophical ideas continues not only orally, but also through the intermediary of the Press and by books, and many are the members of the Theosophical Society who have done everything possible towards this end. The following are the books printed during this period: *Conferences* (C. Jinarājadāsa), containing the lectures delivered by this great Theosophist during his visit to Brazil. *To Those Who Suffer* (Aos Que Sofrem) by Aimée Blech, translation by Eugenio Nicoll; *Karma*, a pamphlet containing three Conferences given by Brother Eugenio Nicoll in the "Rio de Janeiro Lodge," etc. In August, 1928, the Spiritualistic Cruzade invited the representatives of the different religions in Rio de Janeiro to give, on separate occasions, conferences about their own beliefs. Seven, of different creeds, attended to this appeal, several lectures having been given on the following subjects: JUDAISM, BUDDHISM, CATHOLICISM, PROTESTANTISM, SPIRITISM, etc., terminating with 2 Conferences about Theosophy, given by the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Brazil. These Conferences were published in book-form, and still continue to be the subject of many comments.

The Brazilian Press is not averse to opening its columns to the diffusion of Theosophical ideas. Many members of the Theosophical Society, both in the Federal Capital as well as in the States of Brazil, have made constant use of same. The same purpose has also been served by special meetings in public places, or in the Lodges themselves.

The National Society moved its Headquarters from Rua General Camara 67, 2nd floor, to Rua Conde de Bomfim 169, Rio de Janeiro.



The *O Theosophista*, official mouthpiece of this National Society resolved to publish a monthly report, embodying the administrative business of the Lodges, as also, every three years, a book stating what had been done regarding diffusion of Theosophical Ideas. The magazine *Sirius* edited by "free" member A. A. R. Quintans, is published with regularity. The same occurs with the *Isis*, published in S. Paulo at the expense of a faithful group of members of the Lodges of that city. The *Servico* is the weekly publication of the "Jesus de Nazareth" Lodge of Manáos, in addition to many articles written by members of our Society.

The executive work of the Lodges in the diffusion of Theosophical ideas has continued in an efficient manner, not only by means of speeches and conferences in the Lodges, but also by the intellectual development of the members in the classes H.P.B. and Annie Besant. It has been notable, lately, that there was shown a marked tendency towards the fraternization of the different Lodges, and in S. Paulo the two Lodges "S. Paulo" and "Veritas" meet in a joint session on a monthly "Day of Fraternity," when there are discussed literary, artistic and Theosophical matters. These meetings are attended by many persons in sympathy with the cause. The inauguration of this "Day" was in homage to Dr. Annie Besant, on the 1st October last.

Under the direction of Mrs. Nada L. Glover, recently appointed Secretary for Brazil, and with the co-operation of Dr. Caio Lustosa de Lemos, the organization of the Theosophical Order of Service is completed and real service in the greater part of its activities is being rendered.

The balance sheet, drawn up by the Treasurer, Mr. Floriano Lopes, will explain the financial situation of the National Society, up to date. Of the annual revenue, which amounted to Rs. 8,505-000, 10% of same and two further donations towards the voyage of Dr. Annie Besant, and also Adyar-Day, amounting in all to Rs. 878-500, were remitted to Adyar. The amount already collected for the construction of our Headquarters, totalling Rs. 49,793-170 is deposited in a Bank.

Supplicating the Masters of Wisdom to give you their blessings, so that for many years you may be spared to direct our



Society, continuing to impress your knowledge upon us, as hitherto, the Theosophical Society in Brazil, through my intermediary, has the honor to send their very loyal esteem and eternal gratitude.

JUVENAL M. MESQUITA,

*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN BULGARIA

#### *To the President, Theosophical Society.*

It is with great joy that one notices how public opinion is turning in favor of our beloved Society. Often one hears that the Members of the T. S. are "philosophers, religious, truthful, trustworthy". And this honor passes from the Mother-Movement to the Daughter-Movements.

For the Bulgarian National Jubilee this year—fifty years of liberty—we, with all other cultural organizations, have been also invited to contribute to the National Jubilee Almanac. The pictures of two of our leaders and a short article on T. S. and L.C.C. are printed. Almost all cultural organizations in the country are inviting us for different kinds of social work.

Our Theosophical work is mostly public lecturing. The central theme last year was *The Science of Death*. On the 15th of every month we hold a meeting for the World Mother, and on the 11th and 22nd for the World Teacher. Our Sunday morning lectures are always on religious themes. The C.-M. work is going on very satisfactorily. It is interesting to see how the people like ceremonies.

In our Section there is no difficulty between the Mother-Movement (T.S.) and the Daughter-Movements. We don't find any pain in reconciling the teaching of Krishnaji with the positions of other movements, but strive to reach liberation through service in them.

Besides our magazine *Zvezda* we are not able to publish anything else. We have constant financial difficulties.

The number of active members is	...	...	200
New members added this year	...	...	24
Members dropped out	...	...	12
„ transferred	...	...	4
„ died	...	...	8
The number of the active Lodges	...	...	8

After one period and a half (in all 10 years) holding the post of Secretary of the Section, this summer, at the Annual Congress, I have been re-elected for a new period of 7 years.

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

SOPHRONY NICKOFF,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN ICELAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honor to submit to you a report of the activities of the Icelandic Section of the Theosophical Society for the year 1928—29.

Number of active Lodges	...	...	7
Number of members admitted during the year	...	...	13
„ „ resigned, dropped out or died	...	...	22
Number of suspended members	...	...	73
Total number of active members	...	...	300

The number of Lodges has been eight, but one of them, “Sannleiksleitinn”, is not active, though it has not yet been dissolved.

Another Lodge, “Laugarnes Lodge”, has only four members left, all of them patients at the leper hospital. As somebody said of that Lodge, it has had “one foot in the grave” the whole of its lifetime. The number of its members has not increased, on the contrary—one by one has thrown off that miserable garment, which a diseased human body is, and gone to the Lodge above.

The Matron Nurse of the hospital is keeping the Lodge alive, assisted by a few members of the Reykjavik Lodges, who now and then come to the hospital to deliver a lecture or give a word of comfort.

Our youngest Lodge, "Isafjarðar Lodge", has purchased a hall for Lodge meetings. It consists of 25 members, not at all wealthy, but enthusiastic. One of the members was going to build a house for himself, but he did not need more than one flat, so he built another flat for the use of the Lodge. The outfitting of that second flat was done mainly by the members of the Lodge, who happily worked at the plastering and painting of the Lodge room and two other small rooms during the winter. That work covers the rent for the next four years. They have also had to put some money into this undertaking—about 2,500 kr. (£115)—which covers the rent for another four years. They are not owners of the flat, but they have fitted it according to their own taste and comfort, and they have the privilege to use it without rent till the year 1936.

The other Lodges have been working as usual, with lecture-meetings every fortnight. One study-group has been working.

A reading-room and lending Library was fitted out at Headquarters. It has been kept open two hours a day, but has not been much used by the members. In Akureyri, too, there is a reading room and a lending Library; the Librarian records that 700 volumes have been lent out, mostly to outsiders.

No books have been issued this year by the Section, but a small magazine *Tiðbrá* has been issued three times during the session, and free copies sent to members.

In some ways this last year has been a time of trial for the T.S. in Iceland. There has been much illness among some of the chief workers. Our late General Secretary has not been able to stay in town, as he has been appointed Head Master of a school near the east coast, so the work has suffered. Also a great deal of uncertainty seems to be in the minds of some of our people as to the value of our work. We will, however, try to face these and other difficulties with calmness and love, working quietly to the best of our ability for the cause of the Masters.

At Convention the undersigned was elected General Secretary for the next year, as Mr. Kristinsson did not wish to be re-elected. It was a great loss for the T.S. in Iceland that he should retire from work. He was celebrated as a lecturer; there were always crowds attending his Theosophical lectures. However, he will certainly be a centre of blessing wherever he works—our gratitude for his past services will follow him.

Accept the affectionate greetings from the members of the Icelandic Section. May the Peace of the Great Ones ever live in your heart!

KRISTIN MATTHIASSEN,  
*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN SPAIN

*To the President, Theosophical Society,*

I take pleasure in forwarding a brief report of the Spanish National Society for the year ending October 31st, 1929.

A new Lodge has been formed during the year, namely, "Teresita del Niño Jesús," in Carcagente (a town situated in the orange producing district of Valencia). No Lodges have been actually dissolved during the period covered by the report, although several are dormant and in one or two cases the members are almost all dispersed. These Lodges are: "Almansa" of Almansa, "Asturias" of Gijón, and "Zanoni" of Sevilla. The Lodges "Pitágoras" and "Maitreya" of Málaga have merged, retaining the name of the latter.

The total number of active Lodges is now 22

The number of new members is 42. Members dropped out through resignation and death 14

Net gain 28

The number of active members at this date is 451

So much for statistics. The "life" report of our National Society is somewhat difficult to write. I was elected General Secretary on October 14th, 1928, after a long period of disorganization, unrest and even strife among the members. Although following the visits of Mr. Blech, the French General Secretary, and Mr. Jinarajadasa, in June and September-October, 1927 respectively, normal life seemed to have been resumed, yet obstacles were put again in the way by a few discontented people and the formal re-election of the General Secretary pro-tem, Dr. de Brioude, became impossible. This left the Section again without a recognized head for practically another whole year, although the Vice-President, Don Federico Climent Terrer, acting General Secretary carried on to the best of his ability amid great difficulties.

After my election a meeting was called to take place in Madrid at which I formally took up the office of General Secretary by the unanimous wish of all the active Lodges therein represented, and other Council members were elected.

Among other resolutions taken at this meeting, there was one to readmit during the coming year without payment of arrears any members who had dropped out or failed to pay their dues owing to the unsettled condition of the National Society. In this way many valuable members have come back, including the former General Secretary, Dr. de Brioude, who most gallantly overlooked the wrong done him and offered his goodwill and co-operation for the welfare of the Section.

The same cannot be said of the Lodges. Unfortunately, very scanty news has reached us of "Asturias" Lodge, which I have been unable to visit, and the last report from our Vice-President regarding Zanoni Lodge is not encouraging. However, in compliance with the resolution passed we will allow them till the end of the year and a final effort will be made not to have to ask them to surrender their Charters.

On the other hand some of the active Lodges are very much so, particularly the following, in alphabetical order:

"Ananda" Lodge, Madrid, is doing valuable lecturing and propaganda in the press, chiefly through its President.



"Arjuna" Lodge, Barcelona, giving regular public lectures every Sunday, is the chief meeting place for the local members.

"Besant" Lodge, Cartagena, has practically doubled its membership since my visit to them in December, 1928.

"Bilbao" Lodge, of the town of that name, has increased remarkably its membership and activity during the year in spite of hostile surroundings.

"Hesperia" Lodge, Madrid, assists in the lecturing work at Madrid Headquarters and gives valuable help in connection with the Propaganda Department.

"Madrid" Lodge, Madrid, carries on valuable study classes and semi-public lectures on various subjects of a scientific and occult character, mostly by a former General Secretary, Major J. Garrido.

Other Lodges whose work is not so conspicuous, carry on steadily and steadfastly.

On the whole the outlook is considerably more hopeful than it was a year ago, but there is still much to be done to make of the Spanish National Society a homogeneous whole, which, it may be said in passing, it never has been, since its foundation. The chief obstacles in the way are the geographical and ethnographical peculiarities of the Peninsula, with its great variety of types, languages and dialects; the long distances between the principal cities and populated districts and the high cost of travelling which almost precludes intercourse between members of distant parts and absolutely does so on a large scale at any rate; and last but not least the extremely independent character of most Spaniards, which, in many ways is nevertheless an asset.

However, obstacles exist to be overcome and although the devoted members are few and badly overworked, we hope by and by to set our house in order.

The work towards the outside—propaganda on a large scale—is almost entirely prevented by the present political situation of the country, which in most places, and even in a City of such importance and so cosmopolitan as Barcelona, prevents the free exposition of Theosophy from a public platform. The R. C. Church, secure in the

firm support of the powers that be, strives with all its might to keep at bay all spiritualizing and uplifting movements in the country. Yet in spite of it all, Theosophical ideas are steadily and surely permeating the thought of the cultured classes and they will do so more and more as we persevere in our quiet unostentatious but unremitting spreading of these teachings that we believe to be immensely beneficent.

I ought to apologize for taking your time with a long report—after having intended it to be brief—but I feel that yourself and our brethren in other countries may be glad to know with some detail how it is with Spain after her long silence.

ESTHER NICOLAU,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN PORTUGAL

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Once more it is my duty to submit the Report of the Portuguese Section of the Theosophical Society for the year ending on 30th September, 1929, to your clear appreciation.

The gust of purifying wind from Ommen has caused temporary inactivity in the Section owing to the anticipation of possible changes in the organization and work of the T. S. But questions of ceremonial have not affected us, as our work has been along the line of Theosophical study. Our inactivity is also partly due to lack of funds and helpers. For this reason we had to suspend publication of the review, *Isis*, for some months, the organ of this Section. We have also to count with the intense clerical reaction, which has assumed an aggressive aspect in most of the Latin countries, and opposes the Theosophical development.

*Existing Members.*—During the year, 8 members were enrolled in this Section, 4 members died, and 133 members were taken off the roll for non-payment of subscriptions. This reduces our membership from 331 to 202.

*Lodges.*—No new Lodge has been formed during this year. Nine active Lodges exist in Lisbon, and one in the city of Lagos in the province of Algarve, and 4 groups for study are dispersed through the provinces.

*Gatherings* continue regularly. The meetings of the T. S. appointed for study and Theosophical lectures are held every Friday. 32 gatherings have been regularly held during the year.

I conclude sending you my most sincere expression of constant admiration for your great work in the world, and I affirm that next year I shall try my best to renew the Theosophical propaganda in Portugal.

A. R. SILVA, JUNIOR,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN WALES

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The work has gone steadily forward during the year, though we have not been insensitive to the great changes that are everywhere taking place. This is a transition period, and we are eager to be of any service that lies in our power during the difficult process of re-adjustment and re-orientation.

*Membership Report.*—Our Membership Report shows that we now have 373 Fellows on our Register, as compared with 358 last year. Two new Lodges have been formed at Pontypool and Treharris. Both promise well for the future.

*Revised Amount of Annual Dues.*—At a meeting of the National Council held at Merthyr Tydfil on January 26th, 1929, it was decided to raise our Annual Dues from s.10-0 to s.12-0 per annum.

*National Library.*—There are now over 1,500 books in the Lending and Reference Libraries, belonging or loaned to the Society. About 260 books have been added this year, including both recent publications and earlier books, and bound volumes of Magazines containing many interesting articles on various aspects of Theosophy.

*Theosophy for Students.*—The Library Committee of the University College of North Wales (Bangor) recently approached the Bangor Lodge with a request for a representative selection of Theosophical Literature, which was duly presented. The Society is indebted to Miss Griffith, Colwyn Bay, for this generous gift.

*The Golden Chain.*—A Centre of the Golden Chain has been formed, and Miss M. B. Daniel, 35, Romilly Road, Barry, Glamorgan, has been appointed Leading Link.

*Goodwill Day, May 18th.*—The World Wireless Message of the Children of Wales roused greater interest than ever; replies were received from all parts of the world. This was the eighth year of broadcasting this unique and wonderful message.

*Other Activities.*—Members have been active in many and various ways during the year. The Theosophical Order of Service, the Theosophical World University Association, the Young Theosophists, and the Round Table are continuing their good work. Members have also been active in work connected with Animals' Welfare Week, World Peace Week, the International Correspondence League, the Abolition of the Death Penalty, and in many other lines of useful activity.

*European Convention, T.S., Budapest, May 10th—20th, 1929.*—We were fortunate in having Miss Griffith, Plas Bendith, Colwyn Bay, as our representative at the European Convention, T.S., held at Budapest. The General Secretary was not able to be present, owing to the urgency of political work.

*Kindred Movements.*—Our Fellows have co-operated in friendly relationship with several other World Movements which have the Service of Humanity as their objective, though, of course, between them and the Theosophical Society there exists no official connection.

*Our Work.*—Our work cannot, however, be measured by statistics or figures. There is no known standard of happiness. We can only hope that by our humble efforts some greater realization of Brotherhood has been achieved, not only by our Members themselves, but throughout our land and civilization. If we have been able to be of any service in that direction, our efforts have not been in vain. Those efforts must inevitably bring their own



reward, and the perfection of God's Plan must have been brought a little nearer its fulfilment. The justification of our work lies in that increased happiness and brotherliness in the world. We go steadily forward, joyous in the new work lying before us, eager to share our increased power with all who need strength and courage.

With hearty greetings and loving wishes from all in Wales,

PETER FREEMAN,

*General Secretary.*

#### T. S. IN POLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have great pleasure to send you the yearly Report of the activities of the T. S. in Poland up to 1-11-1929.

During this year our Section has met with great outer and inner difficulties, arising from the various interpretations of the sayings of Krishnaji especially regarding the problem of organization. At the same time our workers' staff was reduced on account of increase of the work in other brotherly organizations. This has called for much individual effort and strength on the part of our small group of workers.

Our main endeavour has been to form of as big a number as possible of our members a firmly bound group of people full of mutual understanding and inspired by the Ideal of Service. On the other side we have tried to cut off all that is dead and inactive.

In spite of these difficulties our work grows successfully:

Number of Lodges formed during 1-11-1928 to 1-11-1929	7
Lodges dissolved	0
Dormant	7
Total number of active Lodges	16
New members	37
Lost (4), resigned (28), dropped out (10), died (3).	
Total number of active members	343



Beside the normal work in the Lodges in Warsaw we arranged two advanced courses on New Psychology and each Sunday popular public lectures were given in the Headquarters Hall.

In the months of June and July we have arranged in a beautiful place in the country—named Mezenin—two Summer Schools for T. S. Members. The T. O. of Service arranged a third Summer School for members and non-members of the T. S. as well, with the purpose of rest and healing. These were a success.

We were greatly privileged to have among us for 10 days Bishop Wedgwood, who visited Warsaw, Lodz, Wilna and Kraków. His visit increased enthusiasm for work among our members and left within them great inspiration.

The Annual Convention took place in May, 1929. A new General Council and new President were elected. Miss Wanda Dynowska, who held this office from the beginning of our Society—really its founder and leader—resigned with the view to training new workers.

Our Convention was honored by the visit of the well known world lecturer Mr. A. F. Knudsen, who on many occasions gave us his most effective assistance.

In the new year we desire to continue our work in the same direction, we will endeavor to unite ourselves and to deepen our inner work—so that our outer expansion towards our Nation may be based on a firm and sure foundation.

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

W. WRZESNIEWSKA,

*General Secretary.*

T. S. IN URUGUAY

*(Report not received)*

## 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 1928-1929.

*Statistics :*

Number of Lodges dissolved ... .. 2

Total number of active Lodges ... .. 18

Number of members admitted during the year ... 30

„ „ „ dropped out, died or transferred ... 71

Total number of active members ... .. 300

*Activities.*—We held our Annual Convention, and two district meetings, in which very important points in regard to the organization and work of the Lodges were fully discussed.

In general, the Theosophical work during the year has not been so intense and enthusiastic as in past years. This has been due especially to the deep economic depression following the terrific hurricane that devastated our island on September 13, 1928. Furthermore, certain interpretations of Mr. Krishnamurti's Message on the uselessness of organized activities have contributed to create doubt and confusion among Lodges and brothers as to the importance and true value of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society as a whole.

Notwithstanding this, most of our Lodges are earnestly working on behalf of the high ideals of our Society and doing their best towards strengthening Brotherhood and Peace among all classes in our country.

With best wishes and hearty greetings to our President and members assembled in Convention.

FRANCISCO VINCENTY,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN ROUMANIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

We have the honor of handing you herewith the yearly Report of the Theosophical Society of Roumania for the year 1929.

The total number of members in October, 1928, was ...	247
New members ... ..	34
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	281
Retired from the Society ... ..	36
Dropped out ... ..	2
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	38
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Total number per 31st October, 1929 ... ..	243

The year is to be noted for the activity which enlivened our Headquarters.

One of our members placed at the disposal of the Society gratuitously half of his house in Bucarest, where we established our Headquarters. Our Lodges have held meetings regularly every week, studying the fundamental doctrines of Theosophy. Most of our Lodges were guided in their studies by Mr. Jinarajadasa's book *The First Principles of Theosophy*.

Three of our Lodges have developed a more varied kind of activity, namely, Bucarest, Chisinau and Timisoara Lodges, which have held every Sunday free lectures at the Lodge-rooms, publishing the programme in the newspapers, so as to give the public at large the possibility of getting to know and coming into touch with the Theosophical Society. The lectures were a success, and were attended even by students from Theological and Philosophy Universities, sent by their professors. Lecturers, with deep Theosophical and positive knowledge, might work very successfully in Bucarest (in French).

Several groups for studies were at work, and in weekly or fortnightly meetings went in for deeper studies of certain special subjects.

Public propaganda lectures were held in several towns, amongst which are specially to be remarked those in which there do not exist any Theosophical Lodges, namely, Brasov, Deva and Hunedoara. In the Capital all the big booksellers expose Theosophical books well in view in their shop windows, and these are bought by customers.

The members of the Theosophical Society in Roumania were glad to show all their interest for the Society, in the excursion to Hunedoara made by Dr. Besant with members who took part in the Budapest Congress. On the request of the Roumanian Theosophical Society, the Roumanian Government helped to receive the visitors, proving thereby that Roumania and her leaders approve the idealistic labour of the Society. The administrative and political authorities of Hunedoara, town and country, did all they could to tender proper hospitality to their foreign guests, receiving them with flowers, illuminations of the castle and banquets in their honour. Invited by the authorities, the citizens offered to Lodge all the Theosophists, who were pleased to accept their hospitality, and the Roumanian peasants from the surrounding villages came in festive clothes and received the President with due honors.

Mr. John Cordes of Vienna made a stay of more than a month in this country, working in the Bucarest Lodges, as well as those of Timisoara and Arad.

As the need was felt of Theosophical books in a Roumanian edition, in spite of our feeble means we published in Roumanian Bishop C. W. Leadbeater's booklet: *To Those Who Mourn*.

Although the Order of Service is still in course of formation, it achieved successes in arranging "Peace Week" and "Goodwill Day", and in the town of Chisinau its activity is so great that it is a recognized factor in the social life of the town.

The members of our Society are working in several foreign societies, where their activity is very useful, for instance in the Society for protection of young girls, the Society for absolutionism, the Y. M. C. A., and especially the anti-alcoholic Society. The International Order of Good Templars was brought in Roumania into a flourishing state, and is now conducted by Theosophists.

Some of the members tender much assistance to the Christian Orthodox Church, proving that Theosophical conceptions strengthened their understanding of the Christian religion.

The year was closed by a very successful week during which a gathering was held in Bucarest. All the Bucarest members and delegates from the provincial Lodges took part in the following programme: a festive gathering at the Headquarters; General Secretary's lecture (guests being admitted); an ordinary meeting for a group of studies ("Karma" was in study); a meeting of the Order of Service; a lecture on the objects and purposes of the T.S.: (only members admitted); a public lecture in the presence of about 500 people; tea for the members and their friends. At one of the meetings, the members spontaneously organized a subscription which produced an initial fund with which a group of the Order of Service was to begin their activity for clothing poor children.

SILVIN RUSU,

*Secretary.*

### T. S. IN JUGOSLAVIJA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

It is with great pleasure that I have the honor to submit to you the first Annual Report since our country, previously called the Kingdom of Serbs, Hroats and Slovens, was named Jugoslaviya.

The Section observed the Great Silence at two public lectures on November 11, 1928: one in the Headquarters by Mr. Milan Marjanovic, and the second broadcasted by our National Vice-President, Dipl. Ing. Bozidar Prikril.

The members of the Society gathered on October 1st, 1929, to remember their most revered Chief and to renew for the seventh time their pledge of preserving harmony in the coming year. It was the occasion of the birthday of the President and the inauguration of the 7th year of the Yugoslav Theosophical Society.



There were during the year 23 new admissions. Two members died—Mrs. Pia Sruka and our Doyen, Mr. Hinko Hinkovic dr, a well known politician and lawyer, and the founder of the Yugoslav Theosophical Society; 12 members resigned and 18 were dropped, so that on August 31st we had in total 146 members, forming 8 Lodges.

There are 5 Centres and 44 Groups of the Order of Service in 24 towns. Some of those groups collaborated with other Societies, such as the Society for the Protection of Animals, the Yugoslav League of Nations Association, the League of Total Abstinence and the Vegetarian Society.

We continued *Theosophy*, our bi-monthly magazine, and published in translation Dr. Annie Besant's *Karma* (lithographed). A great help was the duplicating of almost all lectures delivered at the Headquarters. They are also among our Library volumes. Owing to the contribution of many friends our Library has increased to six hundred volumes.

We had a happy time last Spring with our friends Professor Johannes M. Verweyen, General Secretary of the T. S. in Germany, and Mr. A. F. Knudsen. The first was with us three days and had great success at a public lecture attended by about six hundred people: many were turned away because the hall was too small.

Our old friend Mr. A. F. Knudsen visited our country for the third time, but he could stay only for four days. He lectured to members every day, as did Prof. J. M. Verweyen during his three days' stay and Mr. Hans Zeuger the whole of a month.

Our Annual Convention was the mirror of the work of our Section. The Yugoslav Spirit and the Theosophical attitude, the Soul of Jugoslaviya and the Theosophical unity, were the dominant tones, and they attuned the atmosphere into a perfect harmony never felt before. Mr. Hans Zeuger from Vienna represented Austria and Miss Marija Abramowicz, Poland. She gave a very uplifting address in Polish. Mr. Zeuger's public lecture in the evening was broadcasted.

Mrs. Paula de Ulmanky and Mr. Milan Reiching represented Jugoslaviya at the European Federation in Buda Pesth. Mr. A. F. Knudsen the "Godfather" of the Yugoslav Theosophical Society,

represented the Section and the General Secretary at the Chicago World-Congress.

Miss Edith Gray was with us a few days in December, 1928. Interested in National Minorities and talking privately as well as publicly lecturing, she educated many people of divergent opinions.

JELISAVA VAVRA,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN CEYLON

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Membership.*—We began the year with 118 members, of whom 20 had to be placed on the suspended list, not having paid their annual dues for three years. One member passed over, 5 resigned and 3 left for other countries. Against this loss of 34 members we had 14 new admissions and one transferred from India, so we begin the new year with a membership of 89.

I regret to announce that of these 89 members several have not paid their dues over the last two years. Unfavorable though this is, the state of affairs has improved very much when compared with last year, thanks to the efforts of our energetic Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Goonawardana, who has spent a good deal of his time in the collecting of dues, and in the payment of bills in connection with our new Headquarters.

*Headquarters.*—The outstanding event of the year is the completion of our Headquarters' Building. The need for a central place of meeting has been keenly felt ever since the inauguration of the T. S. in Ceylon, and it became all the more imperative, when the new National Section was formed three years ago. Though most of our members are not in affluent circumstances, yet the cheerful and steady sacrifice of their small savings and a few handsome donations have enabled us to buy a plot of land about  $\frac{3}{8}$  of an acre. By a loan of Rs. 8,000 as a mortgage from the Universal Order of Co-Masonry, repayable in 1933, we have been

able to put up a beautiful building, worthy of our young Section, and one which being essentially the product of sacrifice must engender in the generations of Theosophists yet unborn that same spirit of cheerful sacrifice and true brotherhood which is expected to be the characteristic virtue of all Theosophists.

*T. S. Sports Club.*—The erection of a tennis court has enabled us to start a Theosophical Sports Club which shall be open to all, irrespective of membership in the T. S. Indoor games have also been provided for.

*Lodges and Centres.*—Only three Lodges held regular meetings, among which the Colombo Youth Lodge remained one of the bright spots of our work in Ceylon.

*Individual Work of Members.*—Another bright spot in the T. S. work is the individual work of our members. Many of our members, both men and women, are spreading the spirit of brotherhood by taking part in organizations like the Youth League, the Women's Franchise Union and the Social Service League.

*Library.*—Our Library is housed in three teakwood book-cases, and an attractive room is set aside for reading and study.

The new building is a great help in our work. It is up to our members to make the fullest possible use of this, as a place of study and meditation on certain hours of the day and as one of recreation at other hours, but always as a house of friendship, where friendly exchange of opinion and harmonious and pleasant intercourse are possible.

E. LOURENSZ,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN GREECE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honor to render herewith a report of the activities of the Theosophical Society in Greece for the year 1928-29.

The number of our members has been substantially increased, from 131 to 194. A new Lodge has been established in Athens under the name *Phos* (Light). Thus we have in all eight Lodges in Greece, 6 in Athens, 1 at Piraeus and 1 at Salonica.

All these Lodges have been earnestly and joyously active throughout the year, holding regular meetings and trying to cultivate that essential cordiality between their members so valuable for promoting all spiritual work. Some Lodges have especially encouraged an answer and reply system in special meetings. The Lodges have also given several well attended public lectures on the main principles of Theosophy.

The Sectional Library having already a stock of about 400 volumes, mostly of Theosophical Literature, and magazines, does good work among the members, although all these books and magazines are in English and French, and many of our members do not know either of these languages. The Theosophical Publishing House (of Athens) Ltd. has issued during the period covered by this report, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa's *First Principles of Theosophy* in Greek, thus the total number of Greek translations of Theosophical Books now amounts to ten.

We have also started a quarterly bulletin, the *Theosophicon Deltion*.

Early in the year our Section held its first Annual Convention, at which a new Directing Council was elected for a period of three years.

On behalf of all our members I have the honor to convey to you the expression of our loyal and reverent love and our heartiest wishes that the Great Brotherhood may sustain you amongst us for a long time as our Revered and Beloved Leader and Guide.

CIMON PRINARIS,

*General Secretary.*



## T. S. IN CENTRAL AMERICA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

It is with a great pleasure that I submit to you the Report for the "T. S. in Central America," at the closing of our working period, on the 30th September last, and covering only from the date of the inauguration of our Society.

According to your authorization in reply to the application of 10 Lodges, and taking advantage of the presence of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa here, the new National Society was formally inaugurated on the 12th of May last, and I was installed as General Secretary, following the decision of a majority of votes of the members.

It is a very pleasant and warm duty to mention here the debt of gratitude that the new Section owes to brother J. B. Acuña, former Presidential Agent, for his great help in the fulfilment of our wish to establish an autonomous organization, and for the perseverance and love he has given to the Theosophical work. This Society covers the following countries: Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Colombia. *i.e.*, all Central America and Colombia.

The sense of responsibility awakened with the formation of a National Society is apparent in most of the Lodges, and it has been a strong influence in the success of the work. But what strengthened the enthusiasm and vitality of the members most was the tour of Brother Jinarajadasa, who saved no pains and efforts in order to visit all the Central American countries, delivering lectures, public and for members only, and giving all the valuable help that he is able to give with his profound views and the example of his devotion to the Masters' work. His presence and talks started a new era for the Lodges that had him as a guest, and a widespread interest was aroused by him among the public towards Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. Three Study Centres became Lodges during his visit. Everywhere his lectures were attended by as many people as could get in, despite the hostility displayed by the Roman Catholic Church. The memory of this visit will always be one full of love and deep gratitude with us.



In several countries the Government or high political authorities helped or entertained him in various ways, and in one of them the Minister of Public Education had his lecture on Education published as a pamphlet for distribution among the teachers. Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit has really given a strong impulse to the cultural progress of the American Nations that were fortunate enough to have him as their guest.

*Lodges and Members.*—The following statement shows the number of Lodges and active members :

	12th of May	30th of September
Lodges	... 10	... 15
Members (active)	... 252	... 313

The new members admitted numbered 62; one died, and there were no resignations.

*Work.*—Almost all Lodges, besides their usual meetings, have kept up fruitful activities that may be summed up in: public lectures; distribution of Theosophical literature; supporting of other spiritual movements, philanthropical work and cultural institutions; importation and sale of books; artistic and social meetings; maintenance of Theosophical Study Centres—and an active propaganda work in different ways, that has surely helped greatly in the formation of the five new Lodges. These are growing, with fine prospects in most cases.

The Secretary has recommended to the Lodges a plan of work for one year, including four intensive campaigns for Reincarnation and Karma; Brotherhood; Formation of Study Centres; Enrolling of new members. Also it has suggested the celebration of the following dates, every year: White Lotus Day; Anniversary of the National Society's formation; Birthday of the President; Anniversary of the Lodge's foundation; Closing of the year's work—with public meetings with attractive programmes specially arranged to give to outside people an opportunity of seeing what Theosophy and the Theosophical Society are and what ideals we stand for.

The importance of the following points has been very strongly emphasized :

Pulling down of all barriers between the Lodges and the country in which they work. Interesting the members in sharing in the

solving of the problems of the country (social, political, religious and cultural). The maintenance of a true spirit of freedom of thought within the Lodges. The necessity of an active Theosophy.

A few days before the closing of the period covered by this Report, we organized the Theosophical Order of Service in Costa Rica.

*Magazines.*—The General Secretary publishes *Virya*, our official organ, monthly, which is distributed free. It is supported by a few members and some Lodges. There are also two more local magazines, one published in San Salvador and the other in Colombia.

*Miscellaneous.*—The draft Rules and Regulations of this National Society have just been approved by the Administrative Council and are being translated into the English language to be submitted to you at once. I have to thank very heartily all members of the Administrative Council for the constant and valuable co-operation given to me in the organization of our new Society.

I am very pleased to convey to you, in my name and on behalf of all our Lodges, our feelings of deep gratitude for your wise help and direction, as well as our loyalty and best wishes for your health and well-being.

MARIANO L. CORONADO,

*General Secretary*

#### T. S. IN CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honor to send you this, my first Report of the Central South African Section, which was chartered only on the 15th May last.

The South African Section has been in existence for 21 years, the oldest Lodge in the country being Johannesburg. As developments took place in Natal and the Cape Province, a chain of Lodges was gradually formed, but a very scattered chain. Cape Town is 1,000 miles from Johannesburg, and 700 miles beyond Johannesburg comes Salisbury Lodge. I have, on my various visits to the country, been twice round the existing Section, and Mrs. Ransom

has also been all round, but it is of course a big undertaking, and one that is practically impossible for any official who is not free. There is little link between the scattered Lodges, except a very indifferent Magazine, and few visitors come along. In South Africa for several years, the impractical arrangement of having only one Section had been recognized, but it had not been strong enough to bud forth. At last, the number of Lodges in what we may call Central South Africa became more than sufficient for an application, and it was desired to proceed with the formation of a new Section. The Lodges of the old Section have given their warm support and kindly blessing to the proposed venture, and it is felt that so far from any disunion arising, the formation of the new Section will mean greater efficiency all round, with a friendly rivalry between the two Sections in hard work for Theosophy.

We have 9 active Lodges and about 200 active members, but we have had no members admitted or resigned. Among the Lodges the one we are proudest of is the "Pretoria Lodge", whose splendid Hall was recently illustrated in *The Theosophist*. Their President, Miss Riddolls, is much loved, and her departure for Adyar, on personal grounds, is regretted by all. The five Lodges in and around the city of Johannesburg support a Theosophical Centre in the heart of the city, and each Lodge, in turn, is responsible for the activities of this Centre.

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

SIDNEY RANSOM,

General Secretary.

## T. S. IN URUGUAY

(Received at the last moment)

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The most outstanding event of the period with which the present report deals, has been the visit of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa. Since our country was one of the first which Mr. Jinarajadasa

visited in South America and the first where Spanish is spoken, the sympathetic reception accorded to him by the press, as well as the fact that he had been introduced to the public by our Minister of Public Education, and that his lectures were attended by many representatives of the intellectual circles, served as a standard for most of the other South American countries which he visited, and thus helped to make his trip so remarkably brilliant. At various meetings of members of the Section he also gave useful hints and advice how our work could be made more efficient, and there is no doubt that this part of his work will bear fruit in due course.

During the year our Section has had a severe shock, in consequence of which several members have left the Society. The explanation of this fact is that a number of members were not sufficiently prepared and were lacking enthusiasm, and so they disliked the open way in which Mr. Jinarajadasa said that the real work for Theosophy should be carried out. It is also possible that the misunderstanding of Mr. Krishnamurti's teachings referring to organizations in general, as well as the closing down of the E.S., may have increased the difficulties. However, with the new members who have entered the Section during the year, the actual membership has remained the same, namely 146.

With a few exceptions the Lodges have continued their work, but to a certain extent it was more vegetating than working, and no special efforts have been made to spread our ideals. We have felt strongly the lack of efficient workers especially since our former General Secretary, Mr. Diaz Falp, suffered from an attack of paralysis. On the other hand we were assisted in our work by Mr. Andor Steinacker from Vienna, a member of the Austrian Section, who spent some months with us.

Some public lectures—to which we must add those of Prof. Kayserling and Prof. Krum Heller—as well as some articles published in newspapers and magazines, have helped to spread theosophical ideas, but it has not been possible to continue the publishing of our Sectional Magazine for the lack of funds.

The Headquarters of the Section were transferred to a larger flat situated in the main street of the city of Montevideo, and



efforts have been made to reorganize the library, and to get better furniture. The Art Group has arranged several interesting concerts.

At present the Section consists of 9 Lodges. The charter of the Lodge "Sophia" had to be withdrawn because the Lodge had not worked for a considerable time. There are two study-groups, at Salto and Maldonado. We believe that if the proposal of the Section of Ceylon, according to which Sections may simply consist of 50 members, at present under discussion, is accepted, a number of Lodges, which do not prosper but simply vegetate, will disappear, and that only some groups will remain which really work, and which thus will be made stronger.

With the sincerest and best wishes and the assurance of our loyalty to our beloved President, we send brotherly greetings.

ADOLFO CASTELLS CARAFI,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN PARAGUAY

*(Report not received)*

### T. S. IN PERU

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The presence of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa in this Country, which had already 5 Lodges, has resulted in the founding of 3 more Lodges, personally installed by him. The first Convention was held by the above Lodges on April 17, in Lima, the chief town of the Republic, and our honored Brother presided over the Convention during which the National Section of the T. S. in Peru was declared founded. The undersigned was unanimously elected its General Secretary.



Of the three Lodges, "Inti", "Tupac Amaru" and "Liberacion", founded by our Brother Jinarajadasa, the Lodge "Tupac Amaru" has not yet begun to work and has not paid its quota. The Lodge "Inti" has only begun to work since one month and is also backward in the payment of its quota. On August 22, 1929, besides the above mentioned Lodges, the Lodge "Jinarajadasa" in Lima was founded, of members already belonging to the T. S. We count to date 8 Lodges, as follows:

In Lima: "H.P.B.," "Evolucion" and "Jinarajadasa".

In Arequipa: "Krishna Murti" and "Liberacion".

In Cuzco: "Inti".

In Morocacha: (Jauja) "Besant".

In Muqueyanuo (Jauja): "Felicidad".

The official organ of our Section is the journal *Liberacion*. It appears every two months, and its fourth number has just appeared.

Regardless of our hard work to organize ourselves and to lay the foundations for the future, we work hard to widen our Section and to build the Order of Service, about which we have already written to London for authorization and information.

We strongly hope that, once fully organized, we can turn to the building of a new Theosophical centre.

A. BENAVENTE ALCAZAR,

*General Secretary.*





## CHINA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the activities of the Lodges in China.

*Shanghai Lodge.*—The Secretary, Bro. Buijs, reports as follows:

During the month of September it was decided that in view of the dearth of public lectures, and the unsatisfactory financial state of the Lodge, to give up our Lodge Room. A letter box at the G. P. O. was hired so as to give the Lodge a permanent address. Mr. and Mrs. Browne kindly offered their flat for the use of the Lodge meetings, which offer was gratefully accepted. Upon Mr. and Mrs. Browne's departure from Shanghai Mr. Musso kindly offered his office for the use of our Lodge Meetings and since then the Lodge meetings have been held there.

It was decided to hold weekly meetings for members and public meetings on alternate weeks. This plan has proved satisfactory. A number of friends and enquirers attend our public meetings, various questions and suggestions are brought up and some interesting discussions follow.

Our Lodge was fortunate in having a visit from Mr. M. Manuk, our P. A. for China, who conducted a public Lodge meeting and delivered a public lecture on "Our Influence in Life" in the Royal Asiatic Society Hall.

Owing to the departure from Shanghai of our President, Mr. F. P. Musso, and our Vice-President, Mr. M. A. Browne, a general meeting was called on March 27th for the purpose of election of Officers for the ensuing year, and the following were elected:

<i>President</i>	...	Mr. H. B. Campbell.
<i>Vice-President</i>	...	Miss D. M. Arnold.
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	...	Mr. N. Buijs.
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	Miss E. Kohler.
<i>Librarian and Book</i>	...	
<i>Steward</i>	...	Mr. T. M. Kung.

On April 10th a public lecture on "The Teaching of Theosophy" was delivered by our President, Mr. H. B. Campbell, in the Royal Asiatic Society Hall to a fairly numerous and interested audience of both members and friends.

The Library and book sale department was very ably conducted by Mr. H. B. Campbell until his election as President, and at present Mr. T. M. Kung is in charge.

Our membership stands at 34; three members left us for other Ports and four new members joined the Lodge. Eight members are absent on home leave.

The Healing Group under the auspices of The Theosophical Order of Service has held its weekly meetings with unflinching regularity under the able leadership of Mr. G. Barber.

*Hongkong Lodge.*—The following is the Report from this Lodge:

*Members.*—The number of active members remains very much the same as last year. Since the last Annual Report was sent in 10 new members joined, but as 4 have left the colony and 7 have lapsed for non-payment of dues, our membership is now 30.

*Officers.*—The following officers were elected at the last general meeting:

<i>President</i>	... Mr. J. Russell.
<i>Vice-President</i>	... „ G. W. May.
<i>Hon. Secretary</i>	... Mrs. M. May.
„ <i>Treasurer</i>	... Mr. B. M. Talati, B.A.
„ <i>Librarian</i>	... Miss H. Ezra.
<i>Committee</i>	... Mr. Wei Tat, B.A., W. C. Felshow, Mrs. Othen and Mr. F. L. Parton.

*Meetings.*—Since the last report was sent in, 79 meetings have been held, 34 of which were public lectures given by Mr. M. Manuk, the Presidential Agent, Messrs. M. J. Russell, G. W. May, Wei Tat, H. E. Lanepart, Clarke Irvine, B. M. Talati, Mrs. M. P. Talati, and Prof. Shastri. Throughout the year Mr. Manuk conducted weekly classes for members, using *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Bhagavad-Gita* and *The Voice of the Silence*. After the classes a Star meeting was



always held, the two being counted as one meeting in enumerating the meetings. On October 1st last year we celebrated not only Mrs. Besant's birthday but also the opening of our new Lodge premises, which the growth of the Chinese Lodge necessitated. It was also the birthday of our dear friend Mrs. Ruttonjee, who for so many years provided our Lodges with rooms and lighting. The rent of the new room is beyond the means of the Lodge, but thanks to the generosity of Mr. Manuk we are relieved from anxiety on that account. He also spent a large amount on new furniture for the Lodge, and later presented the Library with a further lot of 30 books. The Library is in excellent order, thanks to the efforts of the Hon. Librarian, Miss H. Ezra.

*Finances.*—The Lodge was put to great expense in getting the new premises prepared before moving in, but the balance sheet presented at the General Meeting last month showed a credit balance of \$252.

*Chinese Lodge, Hongkong.*—This Lodge is doing excellent work under the able leadership of Bro. Wei Tat, B.A., and his colleagues. The membership at present is 65. During the year 32 public lectures were delivered by various officers of the Lodge and friends.

The Lodge has also undertaken the translation into Chinese of *Life the Goal*, by Krishnamurti, and 5,000 copies are being printed for free circulation. The cost has been paid by Bro. Commander Cather, R.N., and the Presidential Agent for China.

The two night schools conducted under the auspices of this Lodge are doing excellent work. All the teachers are members of the Lodge and give their services free of charge. The number of regular students is 127, a majority of whom are students from other schools, office boys and shop assistants. Thanks to financial assistance from friends the schools are able to pay their way.

*Besant School for Girls.*—Miss Dorothy Arnold reports as follows:

In March, 1929, the school was faced with a serious crisis, as we could not renew the lease. We were, however, fortunate enough to secure suitable premises in Ferry Road, a nice residential part of Shanghai, the rent being greatly increased—Tails 475 instead Tails 300. We took the rather hazardous

step of increasing our fees to enable us to meet the increased expense, which made us the most expensive school in Shanghai. The result has been entirely satisfactory and we have opened the school year at our new premises with an enrolment of 381 students, and with every likelihood that this number will increase to 400 before long.

For the first time in the history of the school it is able to face the future without fear of a financial crisis and the whole outlook is full of promise. We feel full of gratitude towards those kind friends whose generous assistance in the past has made possible our satisfactory financial position and we look to the future with hope and confidence.

In presenting this report I should like to place on record my appreciation of the excellent work done by all members and officers of the Lodges, which have done excellent work, and the spirit of concord and brotherhood leaves nothing to be desired. Though small in numbers, the Lodges are active and have created an excellent impression in this part of the world.

I must again refer to the untiring work and whole-hearted devotion of Miss Arnold and Miss Kwai (Principals of Besant School in Shanghai). It is gratifying to know that after years of disappointing reverses their efforts show every promise of being crowned with success.

Address :

P.O. BOX 632,

Hongkong, China.

M. MANUK,

Presidential Agent for China.

## FEDERATION OF LODGES OF THE T.S. IN EGYPT

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I beg to send, together with my devoted and respectful greetings, the Annual Report for the activities of the Federation of the Lodges of the Theosophical Society in Egypt, for 1928-29.

We have had, in Cairo, the usual weekly meetings of the French and English speaking Lodges. Some lectures were given and fairly well attended. There certainly are members of the public who, though not wishing to study Theosophical teachings, are happy to listen to lectures occasionally. We have a difficulty with the language question in this respect.

In Alexandria there were, at the beginning of the year, two Lodges active. Most of the members have now either lapsed or resigned. This leaves just enough of members to carry on one Lodge, under the untiring care of our much valued worker, Mrs. Duckworth, who is indeed the very backbone of any Theosophical activities there.

In Port Said, the President of the Lodge having left the country for a year, and other members having disappeared, leaving but three, the Lodge has ceased to be, and so becomes but a centre.

In Suez we have three unattached members with Mr. and Mrs. Reed who are shortly leaving the country.

In the Sudan we have one unattached pioneer member.

It would seem that the members who have left may roughly be divided into two groups: those who think that they have to leave the T.S. to follow, or give more attention to, the teachings of Mr. Krishnamurti, and those who have merely disappeared, giving no notice or reasons.

Our work here goes on quietly—on might say too quietly, perhaps—in this country of extraordinary mixtures of nationalities, religions and languages. It would seem that, in trying to help the small number of those who are in any way genuinely attracted to Theosophical ideals and freedom, we constitute at present a group of caretakers, on the outer planes, of the past learning and wisdom of the spiritual side of Egypt. We feel sure that that mighty accumulated power still goes on, that surely will come a time when those embers will again burst into flame.

Last winter we were delighted to have a flying visit from Mr. Krishnamurti, half a day, while his ship was passing through the Canal. It was indeed a flying visit—lunch, a dash round the Museum, up to the Pyramids and, alas! into the great one, which was full of tourists, school-children and other noisemakers. The effect was far

from what one would look forward to, in that great temple of Initiation. On to the Sphinx, back for a wash and refreshment in Cairo, and away by the 6 o'clock evening train. Followed much wrath and indignation from T.S. members next day, as there was no time to warn them.

I have to announce the passing over in Paris of Monsieur H. Demirjian Bey, at the age of 78. He was the second General Secretary of the T.S. in Egypt, a zealous and active man to whom we owe very much indeed. It is of great interest that he was the translator of *The Secret Doctrine* into French, together with many other T.S. books into the same language. His memory will always be cherished by us, and he leaves for other planes of activity with our sincerest good wishes.

Address:

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P.O. BOX 240,

Cairo, Egypt.

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## CANADIAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The Canadian Theosophical Federation is able to report a small net gain in membership, in spite of the period of general Theosophical depression. One new Lodge has been formed: Unity Lodge, Toronto, with a membership of 12. We have now 10 Lodges, with 231 members, a net gain of 4.

Three general efforts of the Federation are of interest: the publication of the *Canadian Theosophical Quarterly*, the tour of Canada, by Mrs. Betty Hampton, and the negotiations with the Canadian Section and H.P.B. Lodge for a preliminary study of possible means of unifying the efforts of Theosophical Lodges in Canada.

The magazine is unpretentious, and is not intended to complicate the Theosophical field by merely adding to its literature. It is simply a means of unifying the Lodges of the Federation, and



of stimulating the membership in their work and in the preparation of brief comments and articles. At present it is limited to 16 pages per issue. With the exception of two articles, all articles were written by members of the Federation Lodges.

Mrs. Hampton's tour included every Lodge in the Federation except Sirius Lodge at Summerland, B.C. The Federation paid the travelling expenses to all Lodges in its membership. At Toronto, the lecturer was turned over to the Section, which financed the tour in Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal.

The small Lodges were particularly enthusiastic about the work of Mrs. Hampton, sending in appreciative reports and requesting that additional tours be organized. At Calgary, Vulcan, Winnipeg and London, the Section Lodges co-operated in the meetings.

It was at Winnipeg that the most extended and carefully planned effort was made to make the series of lectures a success, and the results obtained fully justified the expenditure of energy and money. The advertising was well planned and included good columns in the papers and the mailing of attractive announcements and invitations to several hundred people. This method is far superior to the undignified peddling of handbills.

At Winnipeg much good work was done among outside organizations. The students of the Provincial Normal School and the Experimental Progressive School were addressed by Mrs. Hampton on "Spiritual Values in Education". Talks were also arranged for the Little Theatre Guild and the Rotarians, which left such good impressions that future talks were invited. Not the least important part of the effort in Winnipeg, which extended over a period of about five weeks, was the series of study classes with question and answer meetings. These were well attended and interest ran high.

The value of tours of this nature rests upon two factors which in the above case were both present; the ability and personality of the lecturer, and the well organized and intelligent support of the local membership in the Lodges.

The negotiations looking toward a unification of the Theosophical bodies in Canada, while not resulting in any measurable benefits as yet, were carried on with such dignity and sincerity



on the part of all concerned, that the way is well paved for similar efforts in the future. It was brought out that while we differ widely as to the emphasis to be placed in certain fields of Theosophical study, the fundamental purposes are harmonious.

Perhaps the most important point which came to light, is the fact that the prevailing schemes of organization of National Theosophical Societies, are none of them far beyond the most elementary, crude centralizations of power, with the machinery for changing officers so undemocratic and unresponsive to the desires of the membership, that officials and policies are perpetuated long after they cease to reflect the real desires of the majority of the members. It is a severe reflection on our capacity to understand and interpret the needs of the life in an organization, that modifications in its policy and representatives is so rarely secured without serious conflict or defection.

The Constitutions and By-laws of most of the major National Societies appear to be in the main mere hybrid compilations of furtive compromises, designed to prevent any serious release of the living forces behind the organization. A Society is said to be well-organized when there is no longer any danger to be feared, that its ensouling life will seek a changed or increased expression.

The Krishna Lodge members continue to be the most active centre of the Theosophical Order of Service in Canada. Mr. John Richards has been especially active in the departments of Peace and Social Service, but has found time and energy to help in each of the others. Active campaigns have been carried on in co-operation with non-Theosophical bodies. Mrs. Anderson has done good work in the department of Animal Welfare, in co-operation with the efforts of the Alberta Anti-Vivisection and Humane Education Society.

Wayfarers' Lodge of Winnipeg has moved into new quarters, is free of debt, and is planning and carrying out an active campaign of classes and meetings.

The Theosophical Summer School, Sirius Lodge, at Summerland, B. C. continues actively. Its members are already planning the 1930 Summer School and intend to make it distinctly Theosophical in its outlook.

In general there seems to be among the members an increasing tendency to seek out individual lines of active work, some being more inclined to choose from the lines suggested in the T.O.S., others seeking to interpret in their lives, their understanding of the inspiring teachings of Mr. Krishnamurti, others by study endeavoring to increase their knowledge and understanding of the great wealth of Theosophical literature. There is no reason why these efforts should at any time come into conflict, if a decent degree of Theosophical tolerance is exemplified; but their very diversity will enrich and strengthen the entire Theosophical movement.

In concluding this report, I wish to express on behalf of the Federation membership, our ever increasing joy in the privilege of working under your inspiring leadership, and our grateful recognition of the honesty, devotion and wisdom with which you meet each problem in these soul-trying times.

*Address :*

1841 STEPHENS STREET,

Vancouver, B.C.,

Canada.

WILLIAM E. DUCKERING,

*Federation Secretary.*

## RUSSIAN FEDERATION WITHIN THE FINNISH SECTION

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Last year showed strenuous efforts by the members to attain to spiritual understanding. The impetus of the sublime ideas of Mr. Krishnamurti impelled them to clear their view of the universe from any creed or authority. Amongst the various Lodges we studied such topics as : (1) The organic as opposed to the mechanistic view of life ; (2) The biological basis of unity ; (3) The higher egoism as realization of the One Life, as opposed to egotism that sees all as illusion ; (4) Individual inner revolt against one's own crystallized forms, as opposed to the unintelligent destruction of forms outside one's own conception.

Our Federation consists of Russian refugees who are so poor that they need no treasurer. We cannot afford even to subscribe or *The Theosophist*. A gift of a set would be a boon to us, also of the Presidential Reports of 1927, 1928 and 1929.

Address: NICKOLAW EFIMOF,  
KELLOMAKI, Head of Federation.  
Finland.

#### SINGAPORE LODGE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

To judge by membership and outward activities, the Lodge would seem to have made little progress during the past year; but the persistency with which the old programme of weekly meetings for the public and Sunday Classes for Lodge members has been carried out has made the Lodge more coherent and the members more earnest. One meeting a fortnight is devoted entirely to questions and answers, and it appears to have been of considerable help to members and enquirers. For the purposes of these the Study Class members make a careful study of all the available literature on any chosen subject and compare and discuss their notes.

The year started with 16 members on the rolls; 2 new admissions were made during the year, but 2 left Singapore on transfer and 1 ceased to be a member, leaving 15. Perhaps the reason for the small membership is that no canvassing is employed, it having been our practice to admit only those who voluntarily seek admission and satisfy us as to their earnestness by attendance at our meetings.

We are again indebted to Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee for a handsome donation for the Library. This was also augmented by the proceeds of a Variety Entertainment got up by the Lodge with the help of sympathizers.

In January Dr. G. S. and Mrs. Rukmini Arundale spent two days with us, and we arranged for a public lecture and a ladies' gathering. These as well as a friendly tea to which a large number of cultured gentlemen and ladies were invited, and at which Dr. Arundale answered a large number of questions, were voted very successful by all who came.

With assurances of continued loyalty and affectionate regards from the Lodge I will now close this report.

Address :

C. R. MENON,

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Secretary.

Singapore.

## BARBADOS LODGE

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH JUNE, 1929

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The Annual General Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, Pinfold Street, Bridgetown, in September.

Three members were lost during the year, one local member and two absent members from another island, and one local member was added. Our membership is now 20.

During the year the President and Vice-President delivered a number of lectures each, which were all well attended and much appreciated. Our study classes, which are held weekly, except when a lecture is delivered, are also attended by a number of non-members, who are much interested. So that although our membership is not large we are succeeding in keeping up the interest of many who do not yet belong to the Society, and these we always heartily welcome without any attempt at proselytism.

Although, owing to lack of funds, there have not been many additions to our Library during the past year, the Librarian still reports a healthy circulation of our literature amongst our visitors.

The Officers of the Lodge for the current year are as follows:

<i>President</i>	...	Mr. G. Clyde Williams.
<i>Vice-President</i>	...	Mr. P. P. Spencer.
<i>Secretary</i>	...	Miss Winifred Williams.
<i>Treasurer</i>	...	Mr. Errol Gittens.
<i>Librarian</i>	...	Mr. A. P. Spencer.
<i>Member of Committee</i>	...	Mr. Victor Goddard.

*Address:*

WINIFRED WILLIAMS.

SUNNYMEADE,

*Hon. Secretary.*

PINFOLD STREET,

*Bridgetown, Barbados, B.W.I.*

## THE SELANGOR THEOSOPHICAL LODGE

(KUALA LUMPUR)

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

This Lodge was formed on 9th June, 1929, with 11 members. The total number of active members now is 13.

No book or pamphlet has been translated or published and no magazine has been issued by the Lodge.

Regular meetings and study classes are being held on Thursdays every week to which interested friends are being brought in by members.

A Library is being established for the Lodge and steady progress is anticipated to follow in the near future with regard to enrollment of new members.

*Address:*

K. C. SEKAR,

ASST. CHEMIST,

*Secretary.*

*Rubber Research Institute,*

Kuala Lumpur.



## THE ADYAR LIBRARY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

In all the activities of the Adyar Library there was satisfactory progress during the year; and the Library has maintained its reputation as an institution of extreme usefulness to scholars and students of various subjects, especially religion and oriental subjects. The members of the staff are quite content as a result of the liberal allowances made two years ago and they are all doing their respective work with interest and devotion. The museum is properly arranged; both in the eastern and western sections, the arrangement of books and labelling of shelves carried on through the initiative and under the guidance of Dr. J. H. Cousins make the appearance of the Library very tidy and attractive. Further it has become a great help to persons who come to study in the Library. Books and MSS. have been borrowed from and lent to institutions and individuals both in India and in Europe. Many scholars and students have made use of the Library by personal visit and also through correspondence.

*Staff.*—Mr. T. R. Chintamani was Assistant Librarian in the Eastern Section from September, 1927. He was entertained only as a temporary hand and his term had to be ended on the 30th June, 1929, simply as a retrenchment measure. Except this, there is no change in the staff. All the members of the staff are doing their work satisfactorily.

*Publication.*—The Samnyāsopaniṣat and the epic called Rukmīṇīkalyāṇam have been issued during the year. The Library has now finished the publication of the 98 Minor Upaniṣats with a good commentary. This is the only complete edition of the Minor Upaniṣats available with a commentary. The whole set is very beautifully printed and got up at the Vasanta Press and is much appreciated. This is the only publication which contains an index verborum for all the Upaniṣats. The Library has taken in hand the completion of the set by publishing the 10 Major Upaniṣats with the same commentary as that of the Minor Upaniṣats. Apart from the 108 Upaniṣats there are nearly 100 works more known as Upaniṣats, most of them very valuable and

informing works; and the Library proposes to print all of them.

*Catalogue.*—The complete catalogue of the manuscript collection issued during the last three years has made the contents of the Library better known to scholars outside. A descriptive catalogue of the Manuscripts is a very necessary undertaking; but it is too heavy a task to be undertaken without a substantial increase in the staff.

*Books.*—Books are bought mainly on oriental subjects and Theosophy. But other subjects are not neglected. Many books have been received as presentation copies. Some MSS. have been acquired. Photo and manuscript copies of rare and valuable works have been secured for the Library. Members of the Theosophical Society and Theosophical Lodges in India can do a great service to the Library by bringing to the notice of the Director, places where useful MSS. are deposited—palaces, temples, mutts, houses of pandits. I request that the President may be pleased to issue a few lines on this matter to the T. S. Lodges and Members.

*Finance.*—I had written in some detail regarding the financial position of the Library in my last report. We are trying to economize and we have come to the lowest level. Some measures must be taken by which the Library may be able to stand on a stable income enough for its proper maintenance. It should have a permanent endowment of between 3 and 4 lakhs of rupees.

In the subjoined report of the Library Assistant, details and figures are given. Our thanks are due to those Libraries, Institutions, Governments and individuals who have exchanged publications with us, presented books and helped us in other ways.

C. KUNHAN RAJA,

*Hon. Director.*

#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT

*Cataloguing.*—I am glad to report that I have finished the shelf-registering, labelling and numbering of books and shelves in the main room and the reading room. The title and author cards

pertaining to the books in the reading room have all been marked with their new shelf numbers. 12,000 books have hitherto been dealt with, and 10,000 await attention. The question of space for further expansion is a problem to be solved.

*Additions to the Library.*—In the *Eastern Section* 101 books and 53 pamphlets were added in the year. Of these 52 books and 19 pamphlets were presentations and 49 books and 34 pamphlets were bought. Besides, a beautifully bound set of 60 volumes of Tripitaka in the Chinese language was ordered at a cost of Rs. 1,184-8-0, carrying out the suggestion of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, whose interest in the Adyar Library is a source of constant inspiration to the members of the staff. Forty-two volumes have so far been received and the remaining are in course of publication and will be sent to the Library as soon as they are finished.

*The List of Donors of Books* is as follows : Tanjore Maharaja Sarfoji Sarasvati Mahal, 7 ; Govindabhawan Kāryālaya, 7 books and 17 pamphlets ; Mr. Mudumba Venkatarāghavāchārya, 5 ; Mr. D. R. Aria, 5 ; Samskrit College, Benares, 5 ; Curator, Trivandram Samskrit Series, 4 ; Dr. C. K. Raja, 2 ; the Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, 2 ; Mr. M. F. Rahman, 1 ; Mr. C. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Mr. S. V. Kanakasabhai, Mr. Subrahmanya Iyer, Swami Poorṇānanda, Theosophical Publishing House, The Oriental Institute, Baroda, Mr. Ramanujacharya, Satsanghabhawan, Bombay, Sentamil Office, His Holiness Yatirajasvami of Melkote, Mr. Ramachandracharya, Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier, Mr. Naraharilal B., The Asiatic Society of Bengal, Dr. Annie Besant, P.T.S., Sanatana Dharma Printing Works—one book each.

The following list of books among those acquired by purchase and presentation by others is worth mentioning :

(1) A new Tamil edition of Mahābhārata in prose edited by Mr. M. V. Ramanujacharya ; (2) The Tamil Lexicon ; (3) Abhidhana Chintāmaṇi, Vol. I and II Samskrit ; (4) Anekartha Samuccaya of Caçvata ; (5) Anekarthasangraha of Hemachandra ; (6) Mankha-kosa ; (7) The Critical Edition of Mahābhārata in Samskrit, published by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute ; (8) Vyākaraṇa Mahābhāṣyam Word Index ; (9) Vaijayanti of Yadavaprakāsa ; (10) Nyāyabindu Tika, Vol. 1 ; (11) Madhyamakavatara of

Chandrakīrti; (12) Saddharmapundarika Sūtram; (13) Avadāna-satakam, Vols. 1 and 2; (14) Sphuṭārtha Abhidhamma Kośa Vyākhyā—(this and the previous four being in the Encyclopædia Buddhica); (15) Indices Verborum, Samskrit-Tibetan and Tibetan-Samskrit; (16 and 17) Nyāyabindu of Dharmakīrti and Nyāyabindu of Dharmottara; (18) Tibetan-Samskrit Index; (19) Panchavidha Sūtra; (20) Puṣpasūtra; (21) The Nighantu and The Nirukta, by L. Sarup; (22) Fragments of the Commentaries of Skandasvāmin and Mahesvara; (23) Prakriyākaumudī; (24) Nyāyakosa; (25) Dvyāśrayakosa; (26) An alphabetical index of words occurring in the Aitareya Brahmanam; (27) Cordier's Catalogue du Fonds Tibetan, Vols. II and III.

The list of MSS. added to the Eastern Section during the year is given below :

(1) Bhāva-prakāśa (Two MSS.); (2) Mukhabhūṣaṇa; (3) Bhāvabhivṛtya; (4) Jānakīharaṇa; (5) Paribhāṣāvṛtti; (6) Vyākaraṇa-praveśa; (7) Kāma-prabhṛtam; (8) Svāra; (9) Miscellaneous works bound together; (10) Prayogamanjari; (11) Yāmala; (12) Aumāpatam; (13) Tripuradahanam; (14) Tripuradahana-vyākhyā; (15) Asvalāyana Gṛhyasūtra Vyākhyā; (16) Balarāmāyaṇatīkā; (17) Netrarogacikitsā; (18) Viśvakarmīya; (19) Campu-vyākhyā; (20) Gṛhyasūtra; (21) Pujakalpa; (22) Tripuradahana (another); (23) Hastalakṣaṇadīpikā; (24) Varnachandodaivatam; (25) Kūpa-saṣṭram; (26) Saugandhikāharaṇam; (27) Cikitsā; (27) Harilā-vyākhyā; (29) Kramadīpikā; (30) Mayūrasatakavyākhyā; (31) Vyavahāramālā; (32) Mudrārākṣasatīkā; (33) Bhagavadajjuka; (34) Sakalādhikaraṇa; (35) Praṭyayāntadhatuvṛtti; (36) Vedānta; (37) Bhīmaparākrama; (38) Padamālābhāṣya; (39) Kerala-māhātmya; (40) Kṛṣṇa-campu; (41) Kanthabhūṣaṇam; (42) Vaibhava-prakāśikā; (43) Yājñavalkya-smṛti; (44) Vijñāneśvara's Commentary on Yājñavalkya Smṛti; (45) Bṛhadāraṇyaka Bhāṣyam; (46) Taittirīyasamhitā, 2nd Kanda; (47) Taittirīya Samhitā, 5th Kanda to 8th Kanda in three volumes; (48) Taittirīya Samhitā Kāthaka; (48) Taittirīya Samhitā Āraṇyaka; (49) Sūrya-siddhānta; (50) Adbhutapanjari; (51) Bhāttasangrahaḥ.

A rotograph of Chhāndasikāvivarāṇam has been procured for the Adyar Library from the Orientalische Abteilung der Preussischen



Staatsbibliothek, Berlin, N. W. 7, at a cost of Rs. 82-7-0. Another rotograph of the work entitled Bhavatrata's commentary on Jaiminiya Srauta Sutra has been ordered from the Oriental Institute, Baroda.

*Additions of New Transcripts to the Eastern Section.*—

(1) Ratnatūlikā (Advaitasiddhantasiddhanjanavyakhya I Paricchedah completed and II Paricchedah is incomplete); (2) Nayaviveka (I Chapter I Pāda Completed and IX Chapter I Pāda completed; II Pāda incomplete); (3) Svaravivekah ; (4) Yohiprāpti; (5) Yohi Lakṣaṇam; (6) Svaraṣṭakam; (7) Pratiṣṭakriyāḍipika (Complete); (8) Kappaṇābhyudaya; (9) Venkatamādhava Rīg Bhāṣyam (Complete excepting the 4th Aṣṭaka); (10) Sarvānukramani; (11) Puṇyāsravakathā; (12) Rīgvedabhāṣyam (4th and 5th Aṣṭakas, the 5th being incomplete); (13) Karpuravarttika (7th and 8th Adhyāyas completed and 9th incomplete); (14) Vyākaraṇamahābhāṣyavyākhyā (1 to 6 Āhnikas completed and the 7th Āhnika remaining incomplete); (15) Vedānta Kaumudī (II and III Chapters complete); (16) Puṇyāsravakathāvyākhyānam (Complete); (17) Vāmiyasūktabhāṣyam (Complete); (18) Ābhoga (I and II Adhyāyas completed and the third incomplete); (19) Sripuranam (Complete); (20) Sphoṭasiddhi Savyākhyā 1 to 37 shlokas (Complete); (21) Prakāṣārtha (Complete); (22) Bhāṣyāḍipika (1 to 6 Āhnikas completed and the 7th incomplete).

In the *Western Section* 298 books and 119 pamphlets have been added during the year. The names of donors of books to this section are as given below :

The Theosophical Publishing House, 58 ; Mr. D. R. Aria, 39 ; Mrs. A. E. Adair, 24 ; Dr. Annie Besant, 23 ; The Calcutta University, 17 ; K. R. Cama Oriental Institute, 13 ; Miss Wheatland, 11 ; Dr. J. H. Cousins on behalf of Brahmavidyashrama, 7 ; Mr. J. E. Saklatwalla, 3 ; T. S. in Finland, 3 ; Mr. A. Schwarz, 2 ; Mr. R. Natesan, 2 ; Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, 2 ; Dr. F. O. Schrader, 2 ; Messrs. B. S. Ramasubbier, K. C. Varadacharya, Carl Erick, Paraguay, G. R. Venkataram, W. E. Bastian & Co., The Government Publication Depot, Calcutta, the Samskrit College, Benares, the Indian Star Headquarters, L'Ecole Francaise D'Extreme Orient, Hanoi, Miss Sarasvati, one book each.



The following are some of the titles of books of this year's acquisition worth mentioning in this section: Cambridge History of India, 2 Vols., The Golden Bough, 12 Vols., and Manu Smriti English Translation and Notes by Ganga Nath Jha, D. Litt.

A set of the 14th Library Edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica has been ordered.

The following list is added to that of permanent donors to the Adyar Library mentioned in the last year's report:

(1) The Tamil Sangham, Madura; (2) The Publishers of Daksinabharati Series; (3) The University of Calcutta; (4) K. R. Cama Oriental Research Institute, Bombay; (5) Āgamānusandhāna Samiti, Calcutta; (6) L'Ecole Francaise D'Extreme Orient, Hanoi.

*Binding.*—450 books and 230 booklets were bound in buckram full binding and quarter binding respectively.

*Use of the Library.*—1,028 books were consulted in the Library and 1,153 books were lent to the residents of Adyar for home reading, of which a small number belonged to the light literature section in Tamil and Telugu and was lent to the resident servants of the Adyar compound on recommendation from their masters.

The following is a list of scholars and institutions that borrowed books and manuscripts from the Adyar Library.

Professor Dr. W. Caland, Holland; Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona; Annamalai University; Professor I. J. S. Taraporevala of the Calcutta University; Professor S. N. Dasgupta, Presidency College, Calcutta; Government Oriental Research Institute, Egmore; Vidyabhavana, Visvabharati, Santiniketan; Pandit Bhagavad Datta, Dayanand Anglo Vedic College, Lahore; The Curator, Government Oriental Library, Mysore; The Curator, Government Oriental MSS. Publication Department, Trivandrum.

Various editions of and various literature concerning the Bhagavad-Gita were lent to the Bhagavad-Gita Exhibition of the Govindabhawan Karyalaya held at Calcutta. Reports and publications of the Library were also sent as exhibits to the All-India Library Conference held at Calcutta.

*Exchange.*—The usual exchange of Annual Reports with important libraries of the world has been kept up. The last

publication of Samnyāsa Upaniṣats has been presented to those institutions that have been presenting theirs to the Adyar Library.

B. S. RAMASUBBIER,

*Library Assistant.*

## BOOKS PUBLISHED

(This record is very incomplete, as only a few National Societies have sent in lists.)

### INDIA

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS :

<i>The Life Magnificent</i>	Dr. G. S. Arundale
<i>The World Mother as Symbol and Fact</i>	Bishop C. W. Leadbeater
<i>Youth and the Coming Renaissance</i>	Sadhu T. L. Vaswani
<i>Appolonius of Tyana</i>	T. Florence Tiddeman
<i>Thus Have I Heard</i>	Geoffrey Hodson
<i>Gods in Chains</i>	C. Jinarajadasa, M.A.
<i>The Religion of Burmah</i>	Bikkhu Ananda Maiteya

#### REPRINTS :

<i>Old Diary Leaves : Second and Third Series</i>	H. S. Olcott
<i>The Science of the Sacraments. II Edition</i>	C. W. Leadbeater
<i>The Buddha's Path of Virtue</i>	F. L. Woodward
<i>Character Building—IV Edition</i>	Ernest Wood
<i>Krishna : A Study in the Theory of Avataras, II Edition</i>	Shri Bhagavan Das

#### NEW PAMPHLETS :

<i>Present Day Problems</i>	The Rt. Rev. J. I. Wedgwood, D.Sc.
<i>Five Sermonettes</i>	Delivered by Annie Besant, D. Litt.
<i>Theosophy and Theosophists</i>	By C. Jinarajadasa
<i>The White Lotus Day</i>	An address delivered at the Memorial Hall, London, on May 8, 1929
	Dr. Annie Besant

## THE NETHERLANDS

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE T.S. :

- A Folder: *Life in All its Aspects Based on Brotherhood.*  
 A monthly Bulletin: *De Theosofische Beweging.*  
 A monthly Magazine: *Theosofia.*

## PUBLICATIONS OF THE T.S. PUBLISHING HOUSE :

- De Toekomst van Europa*, by Dr. Annie Besant.  
*Heilige Mis en Vespers in gebruik bij de V.K.K.*  
*Liturgisch Rituaal en Vrijheid van Denken*, by J. H. Kengen.  
*De Ingewijde door Zijn Leerling.*
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## FRANCE

## Ouvrages Edites par La Famille Theosophique :

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| <i>Le catholicisme et l'avenir religieux</i>       | P. d'Angkor      |
| <i>La vie libérée</i>                              | J. Krishnamurti  |
| <i>L'homme visible et invisible</i> (3me édition)  | C. W. Leadbeater |
| <i>L'Immortel ami</i>                              | J. Krishnamurti  |
| <i>Le royaume du Bonheur</i> (3me édition)         | "                |
| <i>La réforme hindoue. Essai sur le Bouddhisme</i> | V. Raynaud       |
| <i>L'Idylle du Lotus Blanc</i> (2me édition)       | Mabel Collins    |

## MAGAZINES ISSUED :

- Bulletin Theosophique* (for members only).  
*Revue Théosophique* (Le Lotus Bleu).
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## HUNGARY

## BOOKS—(Translation):

- Theosophy in Relation to Human Life* Dr. A. Besant

## BOOKLETS—(Translations):

- Theosophy and the Mission of the T.S.* Dr. A. Besant  
*The Work of the Theosophist* "  
*There Are No Dead* "

<i>Creative Thought</i>	C. M. Codd
<i>Reincarnation</i>	„
<i>The Other Side of Death</i>	„
<i>Karma</i>	L. W. Rogers
<i>Man's Invisible Bodies</i>	„
<i>Who Brings the Truth?</i>	J. Krishnamurti
<i>The Castle of Vajda-Hunyad</i>	I. Cooper-Oakley

## LEAFLETS—(Translations):

*Why Do We Not Remember, Reincarnation, Can We Be Born Again?, Karma, and Reincarnation.*

## MAGAZINES:

*Theosophical Lectures*, 4 issues (Original).

*International Star Bulletin*, 9 issues (Translation).

## FINLAND

Translations, in Finnish, of the following books have been published by T.S. in Finland, during the year 1928—1929.

## BOOKS:

<i>The Seven Rays</i>	Ernest Wood
<i>The Kingdom of Happiness</i> (Second Edition)	J. Krishnamurti
<i>The Outline of Theosophy</i> (Second Edition)	C. W. Leadbeater

## PAMPHLET:

*Will We Be Born Anew?* (From the Swedish) Anna Pallin

## MAGAZINE:

*Teosofi* (10 numbers a year).

## RUSSIA

## BOOKS:

<i>The Voice of the Silence</i>	H. P. B.
<i>In the Outer Court</i>	Dr. Annie Besant

## MAGAZINES:

*Vestnik* (The Messenger), a monthly Theosophical Review.

*Bulletin* ; appearing typewritten 3 or 4 times yearly (Sectional affairs and information).

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Works translated into Czech language to the present day are:

<i>Ancient Wisdom</i>	Dr. A. Besant
<i>Man and His Bodies</i>	"
<i>In the Outer Court</i>	"
<i>Some Problems of Life</i>	"
<i>Reincarnation</i>	"
<i>Birth and Evolution of the Soul</i>	"
<i>Initiation</i>	"
<i>The Voice of the Silence</i>	H. P. Blavatsky
<i>I Promise</i>	C. Jinarajadasa

## SOUTH AFRICA

## MAGAZINE:

*Theosophy in South Africa.*

## BELGIUM

Several books were published in the course of the year by some of our members :

<i>La divinité des choses</i>	Serge Brisys
<i>Le doute libérateur</i>	"
<i>Le catholicisme et l'avenir religieux</i>	Pierre d'Angkor
<i>Krishnamurti et l'Anti-Religion</i>	"

## BURMA

*Life the Goal*, by Mr. J. Krishnamurti ... 500 copies

*Let Understanding Be the Law*, by J. Krishnamurti ... 500 "



<i>At the Feet of the Master</i> (Burmese) ...	300	copies
<i>Theosophy and Buddhism Pamphlets</i> ...	300	„
<i>Four Noble Truths</i> , by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa ...	500	„
<i>Who Brings the Truth?</i> by Mr. J. Krishnamurti ...	300	„
<i>Other Pamphlets and Books on Theosophy</i> ...	1,600	„
<i>Krishnamurti—Who Is He?</i> ...	1,000	„

## MEXICO

## MAGAZINES:

*El México Teosófico*, bi-monthly.

*Boletín Mexicano de La Orden de la Estrella*, bi-monthly.

## PAMPHLETS:

*Helena Petrovna Blavatsky*, translation by Mr. Francisco Naranjo, Monterrey, Mex.

*A los que buscan*, 9 articles by Mr. Agustín Ponte y Blanco.

## LECTURES by C. Jinarajadasa:

*Dioses Encadenados*, *Nuevas Orientaciones en Educación*, *Por qué no es Ud. teósofo?*, *Las enseñanzas de Krishnamurti*, and *Los Ideales de la Masonería*.

## LEAFLETS:

*La Idea de la Reencarnación*, *Reencarnación Un Mensaje de Alegría y Esperanza*, *La Sociedad Teosófica*, *Después de la Muerte*, *qué?* *Por qué no recordamos las vidas pasadas?*, *La Reencarnación y su necesidad*, *Los cuerpos invisibles del Hombre*, *Karma Las acciones y sus consecuencias*, *Los Maestros de la Sabiduría*, and *El pensamiento y su fuerza*.

## BOOKS:

*Dioses Encadenados* and ten other lectures, by C. J.

## CANADA

*The Canadian Theosophist*, 12 issues. Also Volume IX with index.

The Blavatsky Institute also published:

*The Esoteric Character of the Gospels*

H.P.B.

<i>Evidence of Immortality</i>	Anderson
<i>Ancient and Modern Physics</i>	Willson
<i>Hints on the Study of the Secret Doctrine</i>	Roy Mitchell
<i>Course in Public Speaking</i>	"

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## SPAIN

### BY THE Biblioteca Orientalista :

<i>La Jerarquía Oculta</i>	Dr. A. Besant
<i>La Ciencia de la Paz</i>	Bhagavan Das
<i>En Su Nombre</i>	C. Jinarajadasa
<i>Plotino, Su Escuela Iniciática y su Filosofía</i>	P. Maynadé y Mateos
<i>Los Siete Rayos</i>	Ernest Wood
<i>Perfeccionamiento de sí mismo</i>	"
<i>La Construcción del Carácter</i>	"
<i>Curso Práctico de Concentración Mental</i>	"
<i>Curso Práctico de la Educación de la Memoria</i>	"
<i>Reincarnación</i>	E. D. Walker
<i>El Vencimiento de la Ilusión</i>	J. J. van der Leeuw, LL.D.

### BY THE MAGAZINE *El Loto Blanco* :

<i>Autobiografía de la Dra. Besant</i>	Dr. A. Besant
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### BY THE MAGAZINE *Lux* :

<i>Ideales de la Teosofía</i>	C. Jinarajadasa
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### REPRINTS :

<i>Los Gardens Iniciados</i>	Ed. Schuré
<i>El Loto Blanco</i> , Magazine published by a group of members.	
The sectional monthly <i>Boletín</i> .	

## THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

*To the Revered 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, 1929.

Regarding the transfer of the H. P. B. Memorial Free School, mentioned in my last report, to the Labor Department of the Madras Government, the policy adopted by the Labor Commissioner, on the strong recommendation of the Educational Authorities of the Government, was, not to take over the institution under his management, but to help the private agency to carry on its work, by making a substantial grant in addition to the grants-in-aid which the School has already been receiving from the District Educational Council. With this point in view he sanctioned for that School, for the current year, a non-recurring grant of Rs. 1,000, which he proposes to make a recurring one from next year. Mr. J. Gray, I.C.S., the Labor Commissioner, visited both of our Schools in November last and was, to use his own words, greatly impressed with the work of our Schools. In the visitors' book we find the following remarks made by him :

"... saw some excellent specimens of the pupils' handicraft. The children are unusually bright and alert and are obviously keenly interested in their work. The whole tone of the Schools is excellent ... maintaining a high standard all round."

Attempts are made to get additional grants from the Labor Department for the Olcott Free School also.

The work during the year under report has been one of concentration on intensive work, to make the schools a place of happiness and joyous activity for the children. Every effort is made to maintain the Schools in a state of efficiency and good condition. The strength of the Schools has steadily increased. We have now 460 pupils—351 boys and 109 girls. The daily attendance of the pupils was fairly satisfactory. The health of the children continued to be good. Personal hygiene and physical cleanliness received particular attention. In this respect our thanks are due

to the Adyar Baby Welcome which has been of great help to the Olcott Free School. In one of the inspection books, the District Educational Officer has remarked that "the children are well cared for and look clean and happy." 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. Spinning and weaving classes are doing good work and Srimati Perammal continues to guide this section with her wonted zeal. Our thanks are once again due to our good friend Mr. C. N. Subramania Iyer, whose monetary help has very largely enabled us to carry on these classes successfully. I wish we could introduce some more simple and useful vocational subjects. Scouting continues to play its great part in the work of our Schools. The daily distribution of midday food remains a necessity for our children.

The special point to be noticed this year is the frequent visits to our Schools of several Government inspecting officers, managers of private and missionary schools and a large number of teachers. In the inspection books will be found the remarks of the District Educational Officer that "the school is doing excellent work and the staff deserves credit for their enthusiastic work". At the suggestion of the inspecting officers, large parties of Elementary School teachers visited our schools "to observe the modern methods of instruction adopted in these institutions" and "with a view to seeing the equipment, organization and teaching at the several classes." They "spent the days in watching the classes at work. The lessons in first aid, bathing, visualizing, games and animal life are worthy of imitation. The other points of special interest about the school are the general organization, the nice discipline in the various classes, the all round attention paid to the cleanliness of person and the surroundings of the pupils, the special attention to the physical exercises and games, and the systematic work done by the teachers of the school." One of the managers "was greatly impressed with the tone and influence of the school and the high ideal they have before them," and another has remarked that "we who manage other schools have much to learn from these schools



regarding practical methods." Our teachers are invited to other schools to give demonstration lessons.

17th of February, our beloved Colonel's day, is a day of importance to our schools. On that day attempts were made to make the children feel his greatness. The children had special sports and games on that day, which they all enjoyed thoroughly.

On the 1st of October, our beloved President's Birthday, the children had their processions, bhajanas, talks and other activities. On that occasion they were the happy recipients of a large number of presents which were sent to them, with greetings of friendship and goodwill, by the generous and sympathetic friends and members of the Order of the Round Table in America. Each child received some present or other, beautiful and at the same time useful, in addition to two pencils and a few picture postcards. Not only those articles which were presented to the pupils, but a large quantity of school appliances and games was also received, which have been reserved for the use of the schools. I take, both on behalf of the children and myself, this opportunity of offering through you to those American friends our grateful thanks for all their kindness and love. After the distribution of the presents, the children were, as usual, given a feast by our friend Mr. C. N. Subramania Iyer.

In conclusion, I offer my grateful thanks to Srimati Perammal, who is actively helping me, and to Mr. A. Schwarz, but for whose ever generous and untiring help, the present state of efficiency and good condition of our work would not have been possible.

M. KRISHNAN,

*Superintendent.*



## REPORT OF THE TREASURER, OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

*To the President and the Board of Managers.*

Our Income and Disbursement Account for the year ending 31st March, 1929, closes with a credit balance of Rs. 2,969-11-2 as follows :

Income	...	...	Rs. 12,862	3	9
Expenditure	...	...	„ 11,380	10	6
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Surplus of 1928-29	...	...	„ 1,481	9	3
add Surplus from 1927-28	...	...	„ 1,488	1	11
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Balance to credit of 1929-30			Rs. 2,969	11	2
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The satisfactory result is due to the receipt of the following handsome donations :

Rs. 2,000	0	0	from Public Purposes Fund,
„ 2,700	0	0	U. S. Share with India Fund,
„ 300	0	0	U. S. Adyar Committee ("Adyar Day" collection),
„ 2,601	11	9	various donors,
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Rs. 7,601	11	9	
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for which we express our appreciation and hearty thanks.

Our ordinary expenditure has been normal, amounting to about Rs. 8,000 per annum for our two Schools (Olcott Free School at Adyar and H. P. B. Memorial School in Kodambakam), but there has been an extraordinary item of Rs. 3,000 on Construction and Repairs Account for the cost of a new school building for the Olcott Free School, to which we referred in our last Report. The cost has been met by a special donation, as well as by a building grant of Rs. 1,150 received from Government.

The financial outlook for 1929-30 is satisfactory, I am glad to say, for in addition to the above Surplus of Rs. 2,929 we have received up to the time of writing this Report (November, 1929)

donations amounting to Rs. 2,231 and a special grant of Rs. 1,000 from the Commissioner of Labor for the H. P. B. Memorial School. This school being situated about seven miles from Adyar, we had applied for a transfer to the Labor Department; the Commissioner of Labor however wishes it to continue under our management, and he was good enough to allow us the above subsidy, which is likely to become a recurring grant, a welcome addition to the grant paid by the Education Department. We are greatly indebted to the Commissioner of Labor for the interest he is taking in our Schools and the financial help given and promised for the future also.

Our financial position has become easier, but our regular income will still fall short of our expenditure and I wish to remind well-wishers of our schools that donations to the extent of about Rs. 3,000 per annum for current expenses and for feeding the children will be required and thankfully received.

ADYAR, MADRAS

A. SCHWARZ,

*Secretary-Treasurer, O.P.F.S.*

# INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DISBURSEMENTS				Rs.	A.	P.
To Teachers' Salaries	...	...	...	4,987	14	0
„ Superintendent's Salary	...	...	...	900	0	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	270	0	0
„ Books and Supplies	...	...	...	529	4	3
„ Rents and Taxes	...	...	...	49	9	8
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	3,506	5	5
„ Motor Cycle	...	...	...	712	13	0
„ Discount, Collection and Exchange	...	...	...	14	4	2
„ Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	81	12	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	306	0	0
„ Subscription to Periodicals	...	...	...	15	12	0
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	7	0	0
				11,380	10	6
„ Balance (Surplus) to New Account	...	...	...	2,969	11	2
				14,350	5	8

ADYAR

31st March, 1929

A. SCHWARZ,

Secretary-Treasurer.

31ST MARCH, 1929

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*Government Certified Auditor.*

## BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES				Rs.	A.	P.
To Panchama Education Fund	...	...	...	25,715	11	4
„ Food Account :		Rs.	A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1928		248	14 5			
Donations received in 1928-29		671	2 0			
		920	0 5			
Less : Food Expenses		862	8 9			
				57	7	8
„ Adoption Fund :		Rs.	A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1928		904	2 5			
Less : School and College Fees of Pupils		311	0 0			
				593	2	5
„ Income and Disbursement Account :						
Balance (Surplus) carried forward to credit of new account				2,969	11	2
				29,336	0	7

ADYAR

31st March, 1929

A. SCHWARZ,

Secretary-Treasurer.



## FREE SCHOOLS PER 31ST MARCH, 1929

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Immovable Property	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
„ Movable do.	...	...	...	500	0	0
„ 3½ % Govt. Pronotes 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	...	...	...	4,548	1	5
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	279	15	2
„ Sundry Debtors and Creditors	...	...	...	1,125	0	0
				29,336	0	7

Audited and found correct.

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

Associated Accountant (London),

Government Certified Auditor.

## THE BRAHMAVIDYA ASHRAMA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

During my absence for a year and a half the work of the seventh lecture session was conducted by Mr. A. F. Knudsen with his typical willingness. Pupils were fewer than usual, but those who attended the lectures and discussions have expressed warm thanks for the profit and happiness that they enjoyed from Mr. Knudsen and others.

JAMES H. COUSINS,

*Principal.*

## THE WOMEN'S INDIAN ASSOCIATION

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The efforts of the movement were mainly concentrated during the year on the campaign to secure the abolition of Child Marriage. In September the Association joyously celebrated the passing of the Law (Child Marriage Restraint Act) which will punish those who arrange or celebrate marriages of girls under 14, and boys under 18.

A Montessori school has been successfully established in the Headquarters, Pantheon Gardens, Madras. *Stri Dharma*, the monthly magazine, now enlarged and improved, has become self-paying. The membership continues to grow and the Branches throughout India are active centres for the social welfare, education and progress of women and girls.

## REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY EMPLOYEES' CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The Society was started in November, 1921, on an "Unlimited" liability basis, as is the case with all rural primary societies, for the helping of the employees of the Theosophical Society, who were

all poor. The transactions increased steadily from Rs. 3,641-1-4, in 1921-22 to Rs. 14,508-0-11, in 1927-28. While the Society owed to others only Rs. 1,600, it had a paid-up share capital of Rs. 3,242-8-0, and the average monthly collections amounted to about Rs. 900.

Considering the stability attained by the Society the Governing Body thought it desirable that it should have a better status, and by a resolution passed on 25-8-28, applied for its being registered on "Limited" liability basis. The Registrar approved of the same and the Society was registered as a "Limited" one in the Dy. Registrar's Pro. No. Dis. C 2-17/29, dated 6-4-29. By this change the members were relieved of the joint responsibility for the liabilities of the Society, their responsibility being limited to the number of shares held by each. Though this change was a boon to all of them, the by-laws of a "Limited Society" imposed restrictions on the amount of loans they can take, *i.e.*, four times their monthly pay, and this indirectly affected the number of shares held by each, for each member would like to have only such number of shares as would enable him to get the maximum amount of loan he can get and no more. This change in the by-laws tended to reduce the total transactions of the society.

*Membership.*—Out of 138 members on the roll at the beginning of the year there were two deaths and 20 voluntary withdrawals, against 10 new admissions, resulting in a net decrease of 12, reducing the membership to 126 at the close of the year. Notwithstanding the decrease in the number of members, the paid up share capital increased from Rs. 3,248-8-0, to Rs. 3,775-4-7.

*Transactions.*—The total transactions in the year under report amounted to Rs. 10,672-12-11, against Rs. 14,508-11-0 in the previous year, while the loans issued amounted to Rs. 7,204 and Rs. 9,365 respectively. The amount of deposits received also showed a decrease *i.e.*, Rs. 514-14-3 in the year against Rs. 716-3-6 in the previous year. This fall is due to the facts mentioned above and to the general reduction in the establishment of the T. S. which is gradually being carried out.

*Stores Purchases.*—In the report for the previous year, mention was made of the fact that in the place of joint loans,

individual loans were given to members to enable them to continue their purchases in the Adyar Co-operative Stores, and it was hoped that the members would be able to maintain the deposits made on their behalf by regular monthly payments to the extent of the amount of their purchases. It is very much to be regretted however that a large number of them failed again. No doubt, this is mostly due to the fact that their incomes are so small that they are hardly able to make both ends meet; as their daily wants are increasing, as is the fashion of the times.

ADYAR

C. SUBBARAMAYYA,

23rd December, 1929

President.

## REPORT ON THE WORKING OF THE ADYAR CO-OPERATIVE STORES

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Membership.*—There has been a fall in the strength of the Society from 199 members with 433 shares in the previous year to 183 members with 416 shares in the year under report. The paid-up share capital amounted to Rs. 2,050-3-0.

*Working Capital.*—The Working Capital consists of the Share Capital and the Trade Deposits paid by the members.

*Transactions.*—During the year 1928-29 provisions were purchased to the extent of Rs. 32,426-14-3, while the total sales amounted to Rs. 33,871-11-0.

There was a net loss of Rs. 87-7-1 during this year, ending 30-6-1929.

*General.*—As pointed out in the last report, 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. Under the rules only cash transactions are allowed. The system under which influential members took joint loans from the Credit Society, depositing the money in the Stores in their names

as "Trade Deposits" and allowed others to purchase provisions against these "Deposits" also failed to serve its purpose.

It was found that credit sales tended to increase the improvidence of the employees, who, though they were deeply in debt, indulged in luxuries which could be obtained for the asking. Purchases were made beyond the amount of the "Deposit" and it was exceedingly difficult to recover the balance. Government in the Co-operative department objected to these credit sales. The Secretary fell ill towards the end of the year. The sales began to decline. The outlook was, on the whole, gloomy.

Since then there has been a gradual recovery, which will find a place in the next report.

C. VASUDEVAYYA,

*Hon. Secretary.*

## THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETIES (GENEVA)

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The International Committee, which was founded in order to link the Theosophical Society in friendly co-operation with the numerous international organizations operating in Geneva, especially the League of Nations, took possession of a charming and commodious ground-floor suite of rooms at 14 Boulevard des Philosophes on November 1, 1928, the Geneva Theosophical Lodges being the chief sub-tenants. The suite consists of a lecture-hall seating 120, a library with a French window leading into a pleasant garden with shady trees, a meditation room, a comfortable bed-sitting-room for a resident international worker, a smaller bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. The rooms are centrally situated. The name-plate "Societe Theosophique" in large letters is seen from a number of converging streets.

The centre was opened on November 2, and the first public service of the artistically decorated rooms was to house a Peace Week organized by the T. O. S. Each day was devoted to an aspect



of peace-work: Peace and (1) Education, (2) Religion, (3) Art, (4) Social Service, (5) Animal Welfare, (6) Youth. Lectures and symposia on these topics brought numbers of people to the centre who were not otherwise interested in it. Later Mrs. Cousins gave a lantern lecture on Indian Womanhood with Mr. C. F. Andrews in the chair. Dr. Cousins presented his ideal of the University of the Future. A novel evening was provided by Mrs. Cousins in a pianoforte recital which constituted a Musical League of Nations, the programme being taken from the works of composers from many countries. In February Mlle. Serge Brisy of Brussels gave a series of much appreciated lectures covering a three-weeks' visit, and ending with a beautiful drama of her own on an Egyptian subject. Mlle Mallet, of Paris, did some special propaganda work amongst the international students in Geneva. Señor and Señora Turin of Italy remained several weeks in the centre; and the Committee are specially grateful to Miss Andrews of Wimbledon, London, who remained as home-maker of the centre for four months.

M. E. C.

## REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL WORLD UNIVERSITY CENTRE IN LONDON

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Origins.*—The origin of the London Centre of the T. W. U., as far as my association with it is concerned, is as follows: In September, 1925, at the Star Congress, Dr. Besant stated that she and her colleagues had been ordered to announce the foundation in the near future of three great Institutions, whose organization was entrusted to them. One of these was the Theosophical World University. Dr. Annie Besant was to be its Rector, Bishop Arundale its Principal, the Bishops Leadbeater and Wedgwood, Directors of Studies, and Mr. Baillie Weaver its Registrar.

In accordance with that announcement, the Brahmavidya Āshrama of Adyar, founded a few years before, was affiliated to the World University (1925).

It was felt in this country that in Europe also some preparatory work might usefully be done. In the summer of 1926 Mr. Gardner asked of Dr. Besant leave to begin working in that direction. Dr. Besant consented and approved of my name to direct that preparatory work. Mr. Gardner accordingly approached me at the Ommen Camp with a definite proposal and I had there a conversation with Dr. Besant, in which she gave me leave to work as I thought best, without referring to her unless large expenditure were to be involved, urging me to take Mr. Gardner's advice on matters of ordinary expenditure. I then sent formal acceptance to Mr. Gardner and came over to England in October, 1926, on a year's trial and at the end of that period, the position was confirmed for a further three years, as from January, 1928.

Something had already been done in England in 1925. Mr. Baillie Weaver had started correspondence courses conducted by Theosophists competent in various branches of science, and the older Theosophical Fraternity in Education had been re-organized into a Theosophical World University Association, intended to diffuse among the public the idea of a Theosophical University. I thought it wise to discontinue the correspondence classes, and with Mr. Gardner's approval and support decided to concentrate all the energies of the newly founded centre on real constructive work.

*Method.*—The task of a Theosophical University is neither to duplicate the Universities already existent by teaching the ordinary sciences, nor to duplicate the Theosophical Society by a mere repetition of its teaching. The time and opportunity had come for presenting the Evolution of the One Life—Theosophy's specific teaching—under the form of scientific knowledge, open to the verification of scientists. Our duty, then, was, within the limits of our capacities, to try to create that science. One method I had found in the course of twenty years' study of psychological evolution. Until a better method was found—and for technical reasons I did not think that there was another—I proposed to apply it. It has now fulfilled its promise, and we have evolved a psychology of human evolution which integrates all the sciences of man—history of literature, art, religion, philosophy, science, political institutions, etc.

Those ideas I expressed first on November 6th, 1926, in a lecture to members of the Theosophical Society (The University of the New Age), then in a series of talks on "Method" to a group of Theosophists possessed of academical qualifications, and finally in three articles published by *The Theosophical Review* in January, February and March, 1927. In the talks on "Method" I made it plain that positive results of certain value were easier to obtain in the evolution of man than in the rest of natural evolution. The latter will be Sixth Root Race Science and must remain mainly speculative during the Fifth. As a matter of fact, the Science Group, formed after my lectures at Brompton Road on that very subject, in its attempts to extend the work of our leaders on "Occult Chemistry and Physics" had failed to obtain results, in spite of the help of psychic observation. I asked all the members of that Group to co-operate with me in the easier task first, each one studying the development of his own science as a contribution to the evolution of consciousness.

I also thought it prudent to exclude from our platform psychics and healers on whom lecturing for the T.W.U. might have conferred an authority, undue perhaps, in the eyes of Theosophists, and by whom reactions, possibly justified, might have been provoked from scientific circles.

Nor did I deem it useful to multiply scientific lectures, as would have been very easy. We were not a scientific Lodge of the T.S.; our task was to edify a science of life the truth of which would be rendered accessible to the scientific world, and on which alone public opinion would base the authority of a Theosophical University. Quiet, persevering research in that new direction was our need, not the repetition of ordinary university teaching.

I consider, in fact, that before the "Mysteries of Knowledge," i.e., the Science of future Ages, can be instituted as the Real Theosophical University, the science of Krishnaji's Age has to be founded, its method ascertained, and its knowledge outlined, and that is, so far as I am able to understand, the science of human evolution.

Analogous work of preparation has been done on the two other lines of "Mystery" revival announced at Ommen. The church has been founded before the "Mysteries of Life and Love", preparatory for the Sixth Root Race, can be instaurated within it; and Masonry has had to be remoulded before the Mysteries of Power or Will, preparatory for the Seventh Root Race, can be revived.

Our task was, it seemed to me, clear. We had first to build up the science of life, bringing to a synthesis especially the various sciences of man, *i.e.*, the psychology of human evolution, synthesizing psychology with the histories of philosophy, science, literature, art, religion, social institutions, etc. Secondly, by expounding the results first obtained we had to bring students capable of positive research to co-operate with us in that vast undertaking. And thirdly we had to diffuse among scientific circles, the results already obtained, at the same time testing the value of our findings and preparing for a general acceptance of our position and teaching in the future, thus effectively laying the foundation of the future Theosophical University.

*Activities.*—Only two years have elapsed, and extensive results should not be expected; nevertheless, they have been far greater than might reasonably have been anticipated. Not many, I must say, have answered the call to co-operation in our research. A number of those whom I asked to lecture on our platform were content to expound whatever ideas they had so far evolved, but were not willing to pursue or begin the real task we had to accomplish. A few have consented to sacrifice their own views and fall in with mine. Miss Preston and Miss Trew (now Dr. Trew) have brought their knowledge of the history of chemistry and physics to bear out the evolutionary psychology of Theosophy and their course has been published in booklet form (*Studies in Evolutionary Psychology*). Miss Charlotte Woods also has contributed her psychological interpretation of religious evolution in Christianity. Miss Sybil Warner very usefully and beautifully synthesized for us the evolution of music and that of consciousness. Instructive courses on similar lines were given by Mrs. Helen Moller, on English Literature; Dr. Coode



Adams on Modern Physics; Miss Preston on the psychology of mysticism; Mr. Besterman on clairvoyance; Mrs. Hurren on craft work and on astrology; Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon on the human will; and Mrs. D. Groves on art and spiritual unfoldment. In the course of his tour of the world, Dr. Cousins stayed a few months in Europe (Summer and Autumn, 1928), and among other activities of a strenuous sojourn, gave us a brilliant course of twelve lectures on "A Revaluation of Literary Criticism".

The opportunity was afforded me to bring to completion the work begun many years ago; my courses on "The Psychology of Man's Evolution" (two terms), "The Consciousness of Time and Space", "The Unity of Consciousness", "The Principles of Race Psychology", "The Evolution of the Mystical Experience", reflect that study. I made it my first duty during the first term, 1926, to outline the pedagogy of Theosophy as I see it under the title "The Psychology of the New Education".

Recently the suspension of the E.S. has led me to believe that a new period is opening before the Theosophical University, when the first bud of an inner organization might appear within the exoteric work, and I asked Mr. Gardner to begin a course on *The Secret Doctrine*, so that the law of spiritual evolution might be exemplified along the dual line of scientific fact and occult teaching. In these two "layers" of evolutionary knowledge, we have, perhaps, the embryo of the complete Theosophical University of the future, where Occult Science will be linked with objective science, and the Masters of the former in permanent touch with the students of the latter. It seems to me, in fact, that the Theosophical University is the only institution of higher Theosophical culture which can receive the heritage of the E.S. and that the time when the esoteric teaching of an age becomes exotericized marks also the time when a new esotericism can appear within it. To Mr. Gardner's course I am adding one on the Psychology of Meditation.

Of all these courses extensive notes are being taken, duplicated and sold at cost price to students in London and abroad. While they preserve the essentials of the work done in our centre, they form the basis of future text-books.



*Students.*—Our courses held at Brompton Road have been regularly, if not extensively attended, and I must say that we have had so far interested listeners rather than real students. They are members of the T.S. who wish to learn but cannot contribute, for the most part, to our research work, and therefore the problem of our future Staff is left still unsolved. Considerable increase in attendance, however, has followed the closing of the E.S., and thus new possibilities for the future are opened. A few students have begun to do original research the result of which will appear later.

The number of attendants to Mr. Gardner's courses is nearly eighty; those to my own course on Meditation about forty, and an average of twenty is shown for the other courses.

*Outside Activities.*—By far the most encouraging results have been obtained outside our centre and the T. S. A large number of lectures have been given to universities, educational bodies, T. S. Lodges and Conferences, Association groups and the general public. Wherever our evolutionary psychology is presented and its educational application expounded, we find immediate and appreciative response. Two professors of education, the Chairmen of lectures in the Universities of Dundee and Glasgow, have declared that whereas the New Education was known to give better results, I had shown the scientific reasons for those results. The National Union of Women Teachers asked me for two years in succession to give one of the official lectures at their Annual Conference, and their official organ—*The Woman Teacher*—underlined this unusual departure from their policy in inviting the same lecturer twice.

The Education Commission of the Independent Labor Party, who, in their preparation of a complete Educational Reform Bill (from the Infant School to the University) which they intend to present when they return to Office, have consulted a considerable number of scientific and educational authorities, have accepted the view of psychology and education which I presented to them. They have submitted their reports to me before publishing them.

I attended the Modern Churchmen's Conference last September and was asked to contribute an article to the Movement's magazine, and a paper to their next Annual Conference.

A list of activities for the present term will give, I think, an idea of the work being done outside :

*In January*: Four lectures in Italy. *In February*: Weekends in Bradford, Doncaster, Bolton, Tildesley and Manchester, with public lectures to Theosophical and Educational audiences, including groups of the National Union of Teachers and a lecture to the Students of the Gipsy Hill Training College. *In March*: A twelve-days' tour in Scotland, with lectures to universities and educational associations and a lesson on Theosophy to the higher form of a Girls' public school in High Wycombe (the Head Mistress not Theosophical).

I may here mention the fact that I was invited in 1928 to lecture on the New Education to the Staffs of two large public schools (Bryanston and Stowe); the Head Masters of these schools, not being Theosophists, wrote, nevertheless, to the Theosophical University to invite me.

*In April*: I am to give one of the official lectures and will lead discussions at the Conference on "The New Ideals in Education", presided over by Professor Edmund Holmes.

We have now a centre working regularly, with courses which are better attended. We have organized and developed the Theosophical World University Association, which serves as a link between ourselves and the public. The Association has nineteen national sections; the British Section counts twenty-six centres, the members numbering about five hundred; the Scottish Section report about fifty members. The centres in England and abroad are very active; they form study centres where non-Theosophical teachers are invited to come, and our notes on our courses are studied. Professor James Scott, who is the President of the T. W. U. Association, during his visits to T. S. Lodges as National Lecturer, meets those centres and lectures to them and their public. A number of very useful public lectures is organized in this way by local groups of the Association.

We held a small conference at Kiplin Hall during the Easter holidays in 1928. Not more than thirty-five attended, but it was an instructive experiment. An Inspector of Education, not a Theosophist, was with us for two days; Mr. Lyn Harris, headmaster of

St. Christopher, Letchworth, Miss E. W. Preston, and a number of very keen Association members attended throughout the Conference. A good deal of enthusiasm was fostered in that group, which has resulted in increased and better directed activity.

The possibilities are so promising that I have asked Mr. Gardner to engage the services of the Secretary of the New Education Fellowship, Miss Clare Soper. The New Education Fellowship, founded by Mrs. Ensor for the diffusion of what she held to be the principles of Theosophical education, is now the largest educational association existing, and has practically won general acceptance of those ideas. It has now no further teaching to give out, and the New Educational Fellowship leans for support no longer upon the T. S., but upon the leading psychologists. We can supply a fuller doctrine of Theosophical education; and with Miss Soper's help can not only develop the work already done through the Associations, but also use the channels of the many Educational Associations with which she has been in touch for years.

The unity of organization in the Association is maintained by a Monthly Letter sent to all members and a News Bulletin, which, in my opinion, form the embryo of a future periodical by means of which the result of our work will be conveyed to our national sections and through them to their own fields of activity. The presence of Dr. Cousins has been a good opportunity, naturally, for linking up our work with that of the Ashrama at Adyar. A positive phase in the organization of the Theosophical University and its medium of influence, therefore, seems to open before us.

I have thought that we might usefully serve the cause of education by presenting its problems to the various candidates for election and have prepared a "Questionnaire" to be submitted to them, and a booklet on "The Education of a Democracy" for the coming election campaign.

*Finance.*—The financial side of our activity has been left entirely to Mr. Gardner's supervision. He has given us the use of the Brompton Rooms, has provided me with the help that was needed, which consists of two secretaries, one being for the office work in connection with notes of lectures, correspondence of the University Centre, and all the work in connection with the British

and International Associations—a full-time occupation which could not be dispensed with without seriously compromising the work. Miss Clare Soper would substitute the present occupant of that post. On the other hand, the time at my disposal for writing text-books and for correspondence of a more private order being very short, Miss Marietta Patricchio has been placed at my disposal and has done extremely useful work towards a literary representation of our teaching; I should be very grateful if in the future I might still have her assistance for the books which it is now possible, and which it would be necessary, to issue. Her health, unfortunately, has prevented her from working for the past few months, but I understand that she is now recovering and might resume her literary activities during the coming summer, when I shall be freer to devote myself to that side of the work. The other workers at the Brompton Rooms (Secretary, Librarian, Book-vendor) whose devotion brings into our Centre a peaceful and refined atmosphere, are voluntary helpers.

#### SUPPLEMENT TO REPORT ON THE T. W. U. (LONDON CENTRE) ABOUT THE FUTURE

Concerning the future of this Centre, I think we can entertain optimistic anticipations. When we vacate the Brompton Rooms at the end of March, the needs, as far as I can see, will be as follows:

1. An Office. With room for Secretarial work (we have office furniture, duplicating machines, typewriters, office library, files). Unless the T.W.U. Association is suppressed, the work for the International and British Sections must be continued. According to my previsions and those of Dr. Cousins, it is likely to increase rather than to be reduced in the near future. Indeed, we have refrained for prudence's sake from developing the Association too rapidly, but it will need little encouragement, I think, to spread apace, when that is needed.

2. Space for our Library. We have about 2,800 volumes in the Library of the Brompton Rooms, which Mr. Gardner has given over to the T.W.U. Centre. It is composed of Theosophical



literature and works on symbolism and mysticism, etc., and deficient as it is in regard to history, philosophy, psychology and art, it constitutes a valuable foundation for the Theosophical University Library. I consider that most, in fact almost all, of those books should be retained ; they must, therefore, be lodged.

3. Space for our Classes. As the work develops and it becomes more widely known that valuable scientific studies along new lines can be pursued in our Centre, we shall need more space for classes. A room capable of seating sixty to eighty would be required, unless we obtain the use of the T.S. halls or Lodge rooms, which would, however, present difficulties on account of frequency and hours.

4. It would be inconvenient if I could not use the office in town for interviews, correspondence, etc. Wimbledon is certainly too distant. I do not, naturally, pretend that an office of my own is a necessity, and merely say this with reference to the size of the office. I have not mentioned in my Report that besides the stipendiary secretary a voluntary worker, Mme. Mertens Stienon, has been working regularly in the office. She has helped with the duplicating work and with the typing of correspondence in foreign languages, of which, including translations of my articles, etc., there is a good deal going on almost continually. Mme. Stienon comes about four half days in the week.

I do not know how far these desiderata can be met. They would, no doubt, be satisfied if we had two or three rooms. In any case, I think that one room, large enough for harboring the books and office furniture, and in which to carry on office work, cannot be dispensed with. The classes we may find it possible to hold in the Mortimer Halls (though that would involve, all put together, as much expense as the rent of a special room) or elsewhere. We have two hundred chairs and furniture for two class rooms.

*Personal Help.*—1. A Secretary, giving full time (and there has always been more than full time work) is necessary for the correspondence and office work of the Centre and the Secretaryship of both the International and the British Sections of the T.W.U. Associations. In view of keeping ahead of the developments and needs of the work, I have asked, and Mr. Gardner has engaged from



May next, the services of Miss Soper, at present Secretary of the New Education Fellowship, in substitution of the present Secretary. The conditions of that engagement are, I am told, £250. Miss Soper is at present sole manager of the largest educational Association existing, with constant lecturing at home and in foreign countries, and several Reviews in different languages. She has long been in touch with educational organizations throughout the world, and has organized international Congresses for the past eight years, including that of Locarno in 1928, numbering 2,000 members; and that at Elsinore next August promises to have as many. She is an old T.S. and E.S. member and wishes to devote herself to the Theosophical University.

As pointed out in the Report, her experience would be invaluable in taking up and carrying on the work which the N.E.F. began as a Theosophical activity and which, because it has lost touch with the T.S., it cannot carry beyond the point it has reached. The Theosophical University alone can provide further knowledge for progress towards spiritual education. Hence the need of access to educational Associations, which Miss Soper would provide. At the time when this University work is expanding and entering on a period when, I have no doubt, it will be met from within and the University itself will be instituted, Miss Soper's experience and organizing ability is a capital asset.

2. The need for the publication of text books is pressing. We have prepared the public sufficiently, and can devote more time to literary work. My knowledge of English may be sufficient for lecturing; it is most insufficient for writing. Miss Patricchio has been helping me from the beginning with that side of my work (booklets, articles, lecture-notes, etc.). Since her illness, for which I am afraid overwork is in part responsible, I have had advice from various persons; none enters into my thought so thoroughly and precisely or interprets it in so clear and, so far as I can judge, elegant a language. She has had journalistic and literary experience, and I should be grateful if she were maintained in the position she has held from 1926. She will, I am informed, return home in April, and be able to resume work (which she has never

quite abandoned) from April-May, a time when I shall be freer to write consecutively.

*Publications.*—I was contemplating the publication of a booklet on our Educational Principles and a Questionnaire-sheet to be used during the Election Campaign. These, distributed by the members of our Association, and through the New Education Fellowship and other associations, might be sold at a little more than cost price and the expenditure be promptly recuperated—I do not think it would go beyond £50. Because the educational views of the three political parties are practically the same and they only differ as to the means to be granted for realization, the work done among the elected candidates and the public might be sufficient to create a favorable atmosphere for complete reform.

These are my previsions for the immediate future. Whoever has the direction of this work, I do not think (except, of course, if completely carried on by voluntary workers) it can be done in more economical conditions. When we have students pursuing studies in our Centre, other problems will arise. I do not think this will happen in a sufficiently marked manner before several years have elapsed.

J. EMILE MARCAULT,

*Director,*

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## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED BY JESSE K. L. 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 1, 1884

By the order of the XII of 1887 of the City of the United States  
and Government of India in London, England  
in 1887 for the Department of Literature,  
Science and Charitable Societies

1887

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION, ETC.

## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is "The Theosophical Society."

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

- (a) To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, or color.
- (b) To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.

3. To investigate and explain laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

4. The holding and maintenance of all funds raised for the above objects.

5. The purchase or acquisition of land or to exchange or on life or by gift or otherwise, of any real or personal property, and any rights, privileges, franchises, or concessions for the purposes of the Society.





## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy  
and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
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### MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is "The Theosophical Society".

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

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

(ii) To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.

(iii) To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(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.

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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].	Tumacherla 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		... W. GLENNY KEAGEY
S. SUBRAMANIAM		
FRANCESCA ARUNDALE	}	... ARTHUR RICHARDSON
UPENDRANATH BASU		
ANNIE BESANT	...	PYARE LAL
N. D. KHANDALAVALA	...	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 or 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 residence, 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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GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1929—30

*Ex-Officio*

**President**

ANNIE BESANT, D.L.

**Vice-President**

A. P. WARRINGTON

**Recording Secretary**

ERNEST WOOD

**Treasurer**

A. SCHWARZ

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#### **Additional**

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| <p>HIRENDRA NATH DATTA ESQ.,<br/>139 Cornwallis Street,<br/>Calcutta [1927 for 3 years].</p>      | <p>J. D. L. ARATHOON ESQ.,<br/>c/o Bank of Indore Ltd.,<br/>Indore [1927 for 3 years].</p>                 |
| <p>RT. REV. C. W. LEADBEATER,<br/>Theosophical Society, Adyar,<br/>Madras [1927 for 3 years].</p> | <p>KHAN BAHADUR N.D. KHAN-<br/>DALAVALA, Dubash House,<br/>Hughes Road, Bombay<br/>[1928 for 3 years].</p> |



RAO SAHIB G. SOOBIAS CHETTY, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras [1928 for 3 years].	C. JINARAJADASA ESQ., Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras [1929 for 3 years].
D. K. TELANG ESQ., Theosophical Society, Benares City [1928 for 3 years].	

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" English Section : "Theosoph, London."

" Indian Section : "Theosophy, Benares."

" Australian Section : "Theosoph, Sydney."

" Swedish Section : "Teosof, Stockholm."

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" South African Section : "Theosoph, Maritzburg."

" Scottish Section : "Theosophy, Edinburgh."

" Chilean Section : "Theosophia, Santiago."

" Welsh Section : "Penarth 423."

" Central American Section : "Teosofia, San Jose."

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**MINUTES**

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room,  
Headquarters, Adyar, on December 23rd, 1929, at 10 a.m.*

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**PRESENT :**

Dr. Annie Besant ... *President, T.S., and Representative, T.S. in Scotland.*

Mr. Ernest Wood	...	...	<i>Recording Secretary, T.S.</i>
„ A. Schwarz	...	...	<i>Treasurer, T.S., and Representative, T.S. in France.</i>
Mrs. Margaret Jackson	...	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in England.</i>
Mr. D. K. Telang	...	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in India, and Member, General Council.</i>
Mrs. E. de Rathonyi	...	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Hungary.</i>
„ Elizabeth Lourensz	...	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Ceylon.</i>
Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater	...	...	<i>Member, General Council, T.S., and Representative, T.S. in Australia.</i>
Rao Sahib G. Soobiah Chetty	...	...	<i>Member, General Council, T.S.</i>

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meeting of December 25th, 1928, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, adopted and signed.

The Minutes of the Special Meetings of August 24th and 29th, 1929, held in Chicago, were read, adopted and signed.

2. *Election of Additional Member.*—Mr. C. Jinarajadasa was elected as an Additional Member of the General Council for a period of three years in place of Nawab A. Hydari who had resigned. (43 for and none against.)

3. *Amendment to Rule 35.*—The addition to Rule 35 of the Rules and Regulations of the T.S. proposed by Mrs. Elizabeth Lourensz, General Secretary, T.S. in Ceylon, not having received the necessary three-fourths' majority of votes (as per Rule 49), was lost. The voting was as follows: 24 for, 15 against and the rest not voting.

4. *Proposals referred forward by the General Council Meeting of the World Congress, 1929, and those of Mr. W. J. Heyting.*—The Council briefly discussed the following Resolutions and Recommendations that had been submitted to it;

(a) Recommendations relating to the Objects of the Theosophical Society, being those mentioned in the Minutes of

Chicago Meetings, as well as the following offered by the President, T.S.

“That the Object of the Theosophical Society be to form a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood, the bond of union between members being their common search for truth.”

(b) Resolutions from Mr. A. E. S. Smythe, General Secretary, T.S. in Canada, relating to Rules and Regulations of the T.S. and the Resolution on “The Basic Truths of Religion”.

(c) A Resolution by Mr. Ernest Wood, Recording Secretary, T.S., dealing with membership in the T.S.

(d) The suggestions of Mr. W. J. Heyting with regard mainly to the Rules affecting the election of President, etc.

(e) The proposal of Mrs. Margaret Jackson, General Secretary, T.S. in England, to delete two of the Rules in the Rules and Regulations of the T.S.

After some discussion

*It was Resolved.*—That the Recording Secretary, T.S., be requested to form a Committee to consider all these resolutions and any others in hand, and put them into a form in which they could be circulated to the Members of the General Council, T.S., without overlapping and causing confusion.

5. *Disposal of dues collected for World Congress Fund.*—In view of the decision recorded at the last Meeting of the General Council, that the expenses of the World Congress be met by charging an adequate fee to delegates attending the World Congress,

*It was Resolved.*—That the Treasurer, T.S., be authorised to return to the respective National Societies the amount of 1% dues which he has so far collected.

6. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were passed.

7. *Budgets for 1930.*—The T.S. Headquarters and Adyar Library Budgets for the year ending 31st October, 1930, which had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee, T.S., were unanimously passed after examining various items.

## THE GENERAL REPORT OF THE T. S.

## T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1929-30

INCOME	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.	A.	P.
Rent and Interest ...	26,000	0	0	Adyar Library Acct.: ...			
Fees and Dues ...	18,000	0	0	1929 Deficit Rs. 2,500			
Garden Produce ...	11,000	0	0	1930 „ „ 2,500			
Surplus from 1929	21,668	0	0		5,000	0	0
Deficit to be made good by donations ...	6,042	0	0	Office Salaries ...	2,200	0	0
				Servants' Wages ...	6,500	0	0
				Gardens ...	21,000	0	0
				Printing and Stationery ...	3,500	0	0
				Telegrams and Postages ...	700	0	0
				Lighting and Water ...	6,000	0	0
				Taxes ...	460	0	0
				Construction and Repairs ...	25,000	0	0
				Establishment Charges ...	1,500	0	0
				<i>The Adyar Bulletin</i> ...	600	0	0
				Gulistan (Olcott Cottage) ...	500	0	0
				Brahmavidyashrama ...	1,000	0	0
				Furnishing ...	500	0	0
				Archives ...	1,000	0	0
				Miscellaneous ...	3,000	0	0
				Pensions and Gratuities ...	1,250	0	0
				Electrical Dept. ...	2,000	0	0
				Convention Deficit ...	1,000	0	0
	82,710	0	0		82,710	0	0

## ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1929-30

INCOME	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.	A.	P.
T.S. Contribution ...	2,500	0	0	Salaries ...	5,600	0	0
Interest ...	4,120	0	0	Books and Journals ...	2,500	0	0
Sales ...	300	0	0	Purchase of MSS. ...	500	0	0
Rent ...	420	0	0	Copying MSS. ...	500	0	0
Deficit to be made good by donations ...	5,910	0	0	Camera ...	1,300	0	0
				Fire Insurance... ..	350	0	0
				Bookbinding, etc. ...	1,500	0	0
				Publication ...	1,000	0	0
	13,250	0	0		13,250	0	0

8. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1930. It was resolved.*—That the President, the Vice-President, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer, ex-officio, and Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, Rao Sahib G. Soobiah Chetty, Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa be members of the Executive Committee for he year 1930.



9. *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 1930 at the usual remuneration.

10. *Letter of Mrs. Dorothy Jinarajadasa.*—A letter of Mrs. Dorothy Jinarajadasa, offering two alternative proposals relating to policy of the T.S. with regard to the Society's relations with other organisations, was fully discussed, and

It was resolved.—That the Recording Secretary be authorised to circulate the proposals to the Members of the General Council for discussion and suggestions.

11. *Status of Religious Foundations within the T.S. Estate, Adyar.*—There was a brief discussion upon the status of religious foundations within the T.S. Estate at Adyar, in the course of which the President informed the Council that she considered any closed door policy to be unbrotherly. She herself belonged to no religion, and had always been in favour of the Society's being inclusive. "As long as I am President you shall not let in one Religion and shut out another." Further discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12.28 p.m.

## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on December 27th, 1929,*  
at 3.40 p.m.

### PRESENT :

Mr. A. Schwarz ...	... Treasurer, T.S., and Representative, T.S. in France, in the Chair.
„ Ernest Wood ...	... Recording Secretary T.S.
Mrs. Margaret Jackson ...	... General Secretary, T.S. in England.
Mr. D. K. Telang ...	... „ „ T.S. in India, and Member, General Council.

Mrs. E. de Rathonyi	...	General Secretary, T.S. in Hungary.
Mr. N. A. Naganathan	...	„ „ T.S. in Burma.
Mrs. Elizabeth Lourensz	...	„ „ T.S. in Ceylon.
Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater	...	Member, General Council, and Representative, T.S. in Australia.
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	Member, General Council, T.S.

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, Mr. A. Schwarz, Treasurer, T. S., was elected to the chair.

1. *Status of Religious Foundations within the T.S. Estate, Adyar.*—The question of religious foundations upon the Adyar Estate was further discussed. Mr. Schwarz pointed out that so far no sort of agreements had actually been made. After some discussion

*It was resolved.*—That a Sub-Committee consisting of the following members be requested to study this matter and report to the Council.

- (1) The Treasurer, T. S.
- (2) The Recording Secretary, T. S.
- (3) Mr. D. K. Telang, General Secretary, T. S. in India.
- (4) Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Member, General Council, T. S.
- (5) Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, Member, Executive Committee, T. S.
- (6) Mr. K. S. Chandrasekara Aiyar.
- (7) Mr. K. Shankaranarayana Rao.

2. *Amendment to Rule 49.*—Mr. C. Jinarajadasa proposed that Rule 49 of the Rules and Regulations of the T. S. be amended by the substitution of "Four Months" for "Three Months".

*It was resolved.*—That the Recording Secretary be requested to circulate the proposal of Mr. Jinarajadasa to the Members of the General Council and take their votes on the same.

3. *Publication of the Constitution and Presidential Address in Spanish.*—Mr. C. Jinarajadasa proposed that as there are now twelve National Societies whose languages are either Spanish or Portuguese, the Constitution of the Theosophical Society and the Annual Presidential Address be published in Spanish. After some discussion

*It was resolved.*—That as an experiment for one year the Constitution and the Presidential Address shall be published in Spanish, at the expense of Headquarters.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4.35 p.m.

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## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S.,  
held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on  
January 4th, 1930, at 9.45 a.m.*

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### PRESENT:

Dr. Annie Besant	...	President, T.S., and Representative, T.S. in Scotland.
Mr. Ernest Wood	...	Recording Secretary, T.S.
„ A. Schwarz	...	Treasurer, T.S., and Representative, T.S. in France.
Mrs. Margaret Jackson	...	General Secretary, T.S. in England.
Mr. D. K. Telang	...	„ „ T.S. in India. and Member, General Council.
Mrs. E. de Rathonyi	...	General Secretary, T.S. in Hungary.
„ Elizabeth Lourensz	...	„ „ T.S. in Ceylon.
Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater	...	Member, General Council, T.S., and Representative, T.S. in Australia,
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	Member, General Council, T.S.

1. *Report of Resolutions' Committee.*—The Recording Secretary reported that the Committee to consider and arrange Resolutions had put the resolutions in hand in due order for circulation to the members of the Council. They had found that there were many defects in the form of the Rules and Regulations of the T.S., and recommended that later on, when any changes are being made in the Objects of the Society the whole Rules and Regulations should be revised.

It was decided to adopt these suggestions, and the Recording Secretary was instructed to circulate the Resolutions as arranged, and also send a note to the General Secretaries suggesting that they consult their Councils and members wherever convenient.

2. *Report of Committee on Religious Foundations in the Adyar Estate.*—The Recording Secretary reported that the Committee to consider Religious Foundations within the Society's Estate at Adyar submitted the following suggestions to the General Council:

(1) That any buildings erected on the sites granted shall be used solely for the purposes of worship for which they are granted ;

(2) That they shall always be kept in proper repair and condition ;

(3) That the Society shall be at liberty to take possession of any property built on the sites, after due notice, on payment of a reasonable compensation ;

(4) That the management of Churches, Temples, etc., shall conform to all regulations made by the President, T.S., with regard to sanitation, freedom from noise and other civil amenities ; and

(5) That all future arrangements shall require agreements embodying the above points, and that bodies already established be approached with a request to sign similar agreements.

Carried unanimously.

3. *Policy regarding association with other organisations.*—The Recording Secretary read a letter signed by seventeen members requesting the Council to arrange that the issues raised by Mrs. Jinarajadasa be published in *The Adyar Theosophist* and the Sectional Magazines, and to arrange also for a general referendum of all members on the subject.

The Recording Secretary also read an additional note from Mrs. Jinarajadasa explaining that she sent the two proposals only as a basis for discussion, not suggesting that either of them would solve our problems, and asserting her confidence in the magnificent future of the Society if all points of view are treated with respect, by minds open to consider changes, however drastic.

After considerable discussion it was decided that there could be no referendum as it is not provided for in the Rules at present,

that the Editors of Magazines are free to publish or not, and that the proposals should be circulated to the Members of the General Council with a note to be drawn up by Messrs. C. Jinarajadasa, A. Schwarz and Ernest Wood.

4. *Mrs. Douglas Hamilton's Legacy*.—Mr. C. Jinarajadasa pointed out that it was necessary to regularise actions with reference to Resolution No. 3 of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, January 6th, 1928.

*It was resolved*.—That in view of the instructions given in the Will of Mrs. Hamilton, which have been duly carried out by the President, T.S., Resolution No. 3 of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., dated January 6th, 1928, be rescinded, it having been passed under a misapprehension.

The Meeting closed at 11 a.m.

## MINUTES

*Of a Special Meeting of the General Council, T.S.,*

*held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.,*

*on August 24th, 1929, at 2 p.m.*

### PRESENT :

Dr. Annie Besant	...	<i>President T.S.</i>
Mr. Ernest Wood	...	<i>Recording Secretary, T.S.</i>
„ L. W. Rogers	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in U.S.A.</i>
Dr. J. Sonck	...	„ „ <i>T.S. in Finland.</i>
„ Anna Kamensky	...	„ „ <i>Russian T.S. outside Russia, and Representative, T.S. in Switzerland and Belgium.</i>
Mr. A. E. S. Smythe	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Canada.</i>
„ Peter Freeman	...	„ „ „ <i>Wales.</i>



Dr. G. S. Arundale ... *Representative, T.S. in Australia, England, Hungary, Netherlands East Indies and Austria.*

Miss M. Poutz ... *Representative, T.S. in Sweden.*

Dr. C. C. Saavedra ... *„ „ Cuba.*

Miss C. W. Dijkgraaf ... *„ „ Spain and Holland.*

Mrs. Consuelo de Aldag ... *„ „ Mexico.*

Mr. A. J. Plard ... *„ „ Porto Rico.*

„ R. Brenes-Mesen ... *„ „ Central America.*

„ A. F. Knudsen ... *„ „ Jugoslavia.*

1. *Report of the Council of the World Congress.*—Miss Dijkgraaf read the report of the International Council of the Third World Congress, which was proposed, seconded and accepted.

2. *Next World Congress.*—The Vice-President proposed, and it was resolved that the President appoint a Committee to decide where the next World Congress shall be held.

3. *Secretary and Treasurer of the next World Congress.*—The President suggested that a Secretary be appointed for the next World Congress.

*It was resolved.*—That Miss Dijkgraaf be Secretary and Mr. A. Schwarz Treasurer of the next World Congress.

4. *Transactions of the World Congress.*—As the report of the transactions of the Vienna Congress had been difficult to sell, and it was not probable that the published reports of the present Congress would be a financial success,

*It was resolved.*—That they be not printed, but the hospitality of *The Theosophist* be asked for a condensed report.

The President assured the Council of that hospitality.

5. *Proposition on Objects of the T.S.*—On the President's motion it was agreed to hold over Mr. Freeman's motion and the amendments thereto until the adjourned Meeting of the Council, so that the Council members might first hear the views of the Congress on the subject.

6. *Messages from Congress.*—Mr. Freeman suggested that the Council request that the President draft a message from Congress to the members of the T.S. The President agreed to this, and also

to send greetings to the Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Mr. J. Krishnamurti and Mr. A. Schwarz.

7. *Resolutions on Rules.*—Mr. Smythe presented three Resolutions dealing with various Rules of the T.S.

It was resolved that these and any other resolutions proposed to be brought forward in the Congress should be considered by a small Committee, to be appointed by the President, which would put them in order for the Congress Resolutions Committee. The President appointed Miss Dijkgraaf, Mr. Smythe, Mr. Wood, Mr. Freeman and Mr. Warrington.

The Meeting was then adjourned until August 29th, 1929, at 9 a.m.

## MINUTES

*Of an Adjourned Special Meeting of the General Council, T.S.,  
held at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, Ill., U.S.A.,*

*on August 29th, 1929, at 9 a.m.*

### PRESENT:

Dr. Annie Besant	...	President, T.S.
Mr. Ernest Wood	...	Recording Secretary, T.S.
„ L. W. Rogers	...	General Secretary, T.S. in U.S.A.
Dr. J. Sonck	...	„ „ T.S. in Finland.
„ Anna Kamensky	...	„ „ Russian T.S. outside Russia and Representative, T.S. in Switzerland and Belgium.
Mr. A. E. S. Smythe	...	General Secretary, T.S. in Canada.
„ Peter Freeman	...	„ „ „ „ Wales.
Dr. G. S. Arundale	...	Representative, T.S. in Australia, England, Hungary, Netherlands East Indies and Austria.
Miss Marie Poutz	...	Representative, T.S. in Sweden.
Dr. C. C. Saavedra	...	„ „ „ „ Cuba.

Miss C. W. Dijkgraaf	...	Representative, T.S. in Spain and Holland.
Mrs. Consuelo de Aldag	...	„ „ Mexico.
Mr. A. J. Plard	...	„ „ Porto Rico.
„ R. R. Brenes-Mesen	...	„ „ Central America.
„ A. F. Knudsen	...	„ „ Jugoslavia.
„ Soren Sorenson	...	„ „ Iceland.

1. *Resolutions from the Congress.*—Mr. Wood reported that certain resolutions had been presented to Congress by the Committee appointed by the President, and that of these the following had been referred back by the Congress to the General Council:

(1) Resolutions and amendments relating to change of the Objects of the Society, as follows.

The General Secretary of the T.S. in Wales proposes:

That the General Council consider the advisability of the amendment of the Objects of the Theosophical Society.

The President pointed out that with reference to these matters the present Council Meeting had not power of decision, but it could discuss these matters and make recommendations to the regular Council Meeting held in December.

Amendment proposed by the General Secretary of the T.S. in Portugal—That the Object of the T.S. be “To form a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood based on recognition of the unity of life, which is expressed in nature, by study and research.”

Amendment proposed by Mr. Wood—That the Objects of the Theosophical Society be restated with an explanatory preface as follows:

“Since Theosophy is an attitude which involves recognition of the fundamentality and the unity of life, the Objects of the Theosophical Society are:

(1) To form a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood.

(2) To promote the search for essential Truths of Life.

(3) To encourage Occult Science.”

The General Secretary of the T.S. in America proposed.

“Whereas the Objects of the Theosophical Society as at present stated set forth more fully and definitely the purposes for which the Society exists than any substitute that has been offered

for them, therefore be it resolved that the present text be retained."

(2) Three resolutions relating to Rules, all proposed by the General Secretary of the T.S. in Canada, namely :

(a) Resolved, That the resolution affirming the existence of a World Religion, and stating "The Basic Truths of Religion" as declared by "The Fellowship of Faiths" be withdrawn, such a statement, apart from any question of its correctness or authority, being inconsistent with the non-dogmatic character and professions of the Theosophical Society.

(b) Resolved, That Rule 44 of the General Constitution be replaced by the following :

That when differences of opinion arise among the members of a Lodge or a National Society which lead to a desire for withdrawal or separation in the Lodge or National Society on the part of one-third or more of such members in good standing, the property belonging to such Lodge or National Society shall be divided pro-rata among the groups of members, the Charter to remain with the original group.

(c) Resolved, that Rule 30 be abrogated so that persons desiring to join the Theosophical Society may attach themselves to any Lodge to which their nationality, language or principles may render them sympathetic, and without reference to the jurisdiction of the National Society under which they reside.

Seconded by Mr. Freeman.

(3) A resolution proposed by Mr. Wood, briefly as follows :

That general membership in the Theosophical Society be obtainable by subscription to *The Theosophist*, on a form of application stating the Objects of the Society and the desire of the signatory to further them and to be a member of the Society, so that those persons who desire to have membership without attachment to Lodges, or who cannot conveniently attend Lodges on account of distance, finances or other duties, may nevertheless conveniently join the Society, keep in close touch with it, and feel that they are taking part in the movement which it promotes.

This resolution had been presented to Congress in much longer form, with a number of business suggestions



for its detailed working out in reference to different languages, and to subscription to the magazine by Lodges. On its being referred back to the Council, Mr. Wood requested permission to condense the whole resolution in brief form. The permission was moved, seconded and carried.

With reference to all the above resolutions and amendments Mr. Warrington moved a blanket resolution that they be circulated for the consideration of all the members of the General Council and brought forward on the agenda of the General Council Meeting in December, 1929. The resolution was seconded and carried.

2. *Transfer of "The Theosophist" to America.*—The President announced her plan to have *The Theosophist* published in America, beginning with the January, 1930 number, to establish an editorial board, appoint a competent business manager, and do everything possible to build up a magazine that would command the attention of the public.

*It was resolved.*—That this Meeting of the General Council, T.S., heartily approves the action of the President in regard to *The Theosophist*.

The President further announced that she had appointed Mrs. Marie Hotchener head of the editorial board, and Mr. Henry Hotchener business manager.

3. *Federations.*—The General Secretary of the T.S., in the Netherlands suggested that the Council discuss the desirability of forming Continental Federations in other parts of the World, after the example of Europe, which are to be recognized in the Rules and Laws of the Theosophical Society.

*It was resolved* to adopt the recommendation of the resolutions sub-committee that this matter be dropped, inasmuch as the Sections or National Societies have full power to form such Federations if they desire to do so.

4. *Frequency of World Congresses.*—Mr. Freeman urged the consideration of a suggestion that had been made by Mr. Wood, to combine the World Congresses, Annual Conventions and some of the larger Federation Meetings, making them into one annual event, to be held alternately inside and outside India.



On the motion of the President, who pointed out that this would involve alteration in the Constitution of the Society, the matter was dropped.

5. *Next World Congress Committee.*—The President announced that she had appointed the following Committee to arrange for the next Congress.

Miss C. W. Dijkgraaf.

Mme. Anna Kamensky.

Mr. Freeman.

„ J. H. Perez.

„ A. Rangaswamy Aiyar.

„ Robert Logan.

„ E. L. Gardner.

The Meeting closed at 10.5 a.m.



