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ANNUAL CONVENTION, ADYAR, 1933

finished Treasurer, Mr. Albert Schwarz, and our revered President, Dr. Anna Besant. For twenty-five years the one sat at his desk in his quarters and dealt with the accounts with grace, industry and wisdom; the other, always cheerful, always ready to take up at his desk the work which was his, with a will and a spirit which was a source of satisfaction and edifying comfort. When ladies were needed to make

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, DECEMBER 24-28, 1933

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

BRETHREN,

Circumstances have placed me where, for a brief space, the duties of the office of President of the Theosophical Society have fallen upon me; and so it is my very great pleasure to welcome you to this Fifty-eighth Annual Convention of the Society. You may well imagine how difficult it will be for me to rise to the proper performance of these duties in the light of the magnificent record made by our great leader who has so recently vacated the office. But it is comforting to learn that no more is ever expected than one is able to give, and I shall surely try to give that as fully as may lie within my power.

I shall now ask you to repeat with me in your hearts, as you have often done before with our late President, our Convention Invocation:

"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 by Their wisdom, and
Energize it by Their activity."

We have to record the Society's great loss in the passing away during the year of two of our most important official workers—our

faithful Treasurer, Mr. Albert Schwarz, and our revered President, Dr. Annie Besant. For twenty-five years, the one sat at his desk in Headquarters and daily dealt with Headquarters accounts, with peons, gardeners and workers generally, always cheerful, always happy in the work taken up at his President's wish and carried on to her great satisfaction and abiding comfort. When funds were needed to make good a deficit, it was often his purse, when it was not the President's, that was opened to convert the figures appearing in red into figures in black. During his later years age crept upon him noticeably; and while away in his native land, endeavouring to recover from a particular ailment for which there had been an operation, he suddenly passed away in greatest peace. Continued peace be unto him whose life-work was well and faithfully done.

Our late President tarried with us long past her power to utilize her body save slightly for the work she so greatly loved, thus seeming loath to withdraw until the last drop of her wonderful cup of life had been drunk to the very dregs. And now that her great mission stands fulfilled in all its beauty and power, I, on my part, would venture to look for greater things happening in the world at large; for a world-force has been liberated for a wider freedom of action in a broader area where all great things have their beginnings, the true home of the noble leaders of men.

Honoured have we been that our beloved Society, though comparatively small in numbers yet strong in ideals, has had so great a leader during the past three decades or nearly so. True servant of the Masters of the Wisdom has she been, ready at any moment to give all and ask for naught, that Their Will might be done to bring succour to a race of beings long lost in the bogs of the world's darkest age. What now shall we do, what can we do, to justify that inspiring guidance vouchsafed unto us? That only the future can answer. But the General Secretary of Central South Africa gave a fine keynote when she said in her letter of good-will to this Convention: "I feel convinced that there will be a spirit of rededication at that (this) Convention; a determination to carry on in loyalty and confidence."

Yes; rededication, loyalty, confidence! Rededication to our world-saving work; loyalty to the Divine within ourselves and to the great Masters of the Wisdom who gave us this work to do; and unshaken confidence in the ultimate good of it all. Rededication,

because, having outwardly lost our great leader, we must now work with more fire and determination than ever; loyalty to her memory, expressed in an eager pressing forward as she herself would do were she here with us as of old; and confidence in the foundations she laid down upon the eternal verities taught by our great Founders and the wise ones throughout the ages. What she possessed so splendidly, we must try now in some measure to build within ourselves; and so shall the work not languish, but be carried on until she shall rejoin her old-time army to fight again for the great cause.

Just the same, we cannot shut our eyes to the fact that there are many who now find themselves quite lost without her leadership. She was the source of their inspiration, the power that made their work vital. And now that she has passed from their sight, they have lost interest, not knowing what to do. But I ask you, ought this to be so? Has her leadership meant so little to us in training and development that, when her back is turned, we can fold our hands helplessly like that? Is our work something that must be regimented? Over and over again our late President has told us that through our work we were in training to give the lead to those around us who did not possess our wonderful heritage of the Ancient Wisdom. Shall we not then seize the opportunity that confronts us and show the stuff of which we are made, by throwing ourselves more eagerly than ever into the work of acquainting the world with the truths of Theosophy? Never before have the orthodox barriers in the way of that work been so effectively thrown down as now; and if we miss this magnificent opportunity, it will be the worse for us and for the many who will lose by our failure. It would indeed be a poor tribute to her and her years of patient leadership if we did anything less than this in the emergency that now is before us.

What would she be doing if she were with us to-day and in the height of her power? No one has the least right to say. But I myself haven't the slightest doubt that she would be using her every talent to help to make secure and permanent the peace of the world, which always seems more or less seriously endangered. In the post-bellum world-wide development of a powerful spirit of individualism and insulated nationalism, the separatist instinct, well known as the great heresy, is having its day, and unless it is checked it can but lead to a devastating catastrophe. For this evil

instinct there is but one true remedy, and that is the widespread recognition of the spirit of universal unity, which is the cornerstone of the teaching of Theosophy. The world situation presents to us the opportunity of the ages to spread the truths of the basic unity of life; and wherever there exist potent conditions which deny those truths by dividing life up into countless inherently warring distinctions and sub-distinctions, there we may all find work to do in great abundance. Let us not grow faint-hearted like children, but buckle on our armour and fight as she would fight were she here—fight for the truth that all life is one and nothing must be allowed to flourish that denies it. Be your own spiritual leaders in the great fight for humanity through Brotherhood.

I shall now call on the Recording Secretary and Treasurer to read their reports, and from these you will see that while the Society is organically in a good, stable condition financially, with a valuable, debt-free property of 262 acres of land at Headquarters, and capital investments that help to meet annual expenses, yet the Society does now and always will need your best business brains and your unselfish devotion to enable it to carry on and to make ends meet in annual expenses. When you hear the detailed reports read, there may appear features that are disappointing, such as the falling off in membership and the consequent reduction in income; but I would caution you not to miss the cheering and hopeful features, such as increase in the number of visitors to libraries and lectures, younger people showing interest, exceptionally enthusiastic Conventions, etc.

On the whole, it would appear that those under-currents of interest and power, which have sustained the Society in very many trying circumstances in the past, have been strongly operative in the present time of change; and this, we believe, will carry us through to days of further progress and success; for that interest and power emanate from the Great White Brotherhood whose blessings ever lead Their servants forward to the highest and best for mankind.

THE RECORDING SECRETARY'S
REPORT

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To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

In response to your wishes I hereby beg to submit my report, the first to be thus formally submitted by the Recording Secretary in the history of our Society. Mr. Ernest Wood who had been Recording Secretary for nearly five years resigned his office when he decided to accept nomination for the Presidentship of the Society, and I was appointed in his place on the 15th October, 1933.

During the year we have added one more National Society to our list; our Brethren in the Philippine Islands have banded themselves together and now form the 48th Section within the Theosophical Society. The number of charters to Lodges granted from the commencement of the Society to the end of 1932 was 2,843. In 1933, 17 new charters were issued, raising the total to 2,860. The statistics for the present year show that we have now 1,279 Lodges and 30,836 members on the rolls. Compared with last year, there is a net loss of 66 Lodges and 2,545 members.

I present you with a table showing the number of Lodges and Members in each Section of the Society at the present time.

STATISTICS

1933

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	No. of Members			
			Admis- sions	Retire- ments	Net gain or loss	Present total
1	T.S. in U.S. of America ...	171	612	1,304	-692	4,544
2	" England ...	135	254	459	-205	3,653
3	" India ...	261	265	477	-212	4,078
4	" Australia ...	27	149	193	-44	1,433
5	" Sweden ...	35	—	—	—	639*
6	" New Zealand ...	19	59	52	+7	930
7	" Netherlands ...	45	131	264	-133	2,160
8	" France ...	75	177	305	-128	2,850
9	" Italy ...	19	18	74	-56	404
10	" Germany ...	40	—	—	—	500*
11	" Cuba ...	19	—	—	—	173*
12	" Hungary ...	13	10	45	-35	315
13	" Finland ...	18	—	315	-315	304
14	Russian T.S. outside Russia	11	6	12	-6	169

* Last year's figures.

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	No. of Members			
			Admissions	Retirements	Net gain or loss	Present total
15	T.S. in Czechoslovakia ...	7	—	—	—	86*
16	" South Africa ...	10	—	—	—	209*
17	" Scotland ...	28	18	62	-44	488
18	" Switzerland ...	14	11	5	+6	220
19	" Belgium ...	12	35	35	—	378
20	" Netherlands-Indies ...	25	89	392	-303	1,443
21	" Burma ...	10	9	1	+8	280
22	" Austria ...	9	46	73	-27	467
23	" Norway ...	9	4	—	+4	196
25	" Denmark ...	12	22	30	-8	413
26	" Ireland ...	8	1	8	-7	89
27	" Mexico ...	16	28	23	+5	249
28	" Canada ...	16	48	73	-25	332
29	" Argentina ...	19	69	174	-105	310
30	" Chile ...	10	—	38	-38	109
31	" Brazil ...	17	—	—	—	395*
32	" Bulgaria ...	7	10	5	+5	120
33	" Iceland ...	6	64	28	+36	229
34	" Spain ...	23	80	80	—	439
35	" Portugal ...	7	21	16	+5	172
36	" Wales ...	19	29	26	+3	328
37	" Poland ...	9	8	39	-31	184
38	" Uruguay ...	5	14	32	-18	74
39	" Porto Rico ...	8	1	1	—	75
40	" Roumania ...	8	9	16	-7	171
41	" Jugoslavia ...	12	32	23	+9	199
42	" Ceylon ...	7	2	25	-23	102
43	" Greece ...	8	24	23	+1	118
44	" Central America ...	10	32	104	-72	109
45	" Central South Africa ...	8	4	—	+4	187
47	" Peru ...	7	—	—	—	87*
48	" Philippine Islands ...	7	—	—	—	112
UNSECTIONALIZED LODGES						
	Canadian Theosophical Federation ...	7	9	55	-46	131
	Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Egypt ...	2	—	—	—	39*
	Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Paraguay ...	1	—	61	-61	11
	Barbados Lodge, T.S. ...	1	—	—	—	9*
	Nairobi Lodge, T.S. ...	1	—	—	—	13*
	Shanghai Lodge, T.S. ...	1	3	3	—	25
	Hongkong Lodge, T.S. ...	1	—	—	—	29*
	Singapore Lodge, T.S. ...	1	2	2	—	12
	H.P.B. Lodge, T.S. ...	1	—	—	—	12*
	Selangor Lodge, T.S. ...	1	5	4	+1	12
	Miroku Lodge, T.S. ...	1	—	—	—	8
	Fellows at large ...		2	—	+2	20
Grand Total ...		1,279	2,412	4,957	-2,545	30,836

* Last year's figures.

As you will notice, the loss is fairly evenly distributed over all the large Sections, which clearly shows that the trouble—whatever it be—is universal, and not peculiar to one or other Section, or even Continent. I have analyzed the reasons given by the various General Secretaries in their last annual reports and I find that the following are the chief causes mentioned as militating against the growth of the different National Societies.

18 times	...	Financial depression.
12 times	...	Lack of local leadership; want of good lecturers; lack of helpers with free time; lack of organized propaganda campaigns.
6 times	...	Influence of Mr. Krishnamurti.
4 times	...	Political and social difficulties.
4 times	...	Loss of interest.
3 times	...	Antagonism on the part of the Roman Catholic Church.
3 times	...	Competition from spiritual movements with similar aims.
Twice	...	Tardy development of up-to-date presentation of Theosophy suitable to the modern world and lack of practical application of Theosophy to world's affairs and conditions.
Once	...	Lack of balance between the teachings as in books on Theosophy and life.
Once	...	Lack of inspiring organization scheme from Adyar Headquarters to stimulate members.
Once	...	Withdrawal of intellectual members.
Once	...	Senility.

As you can see, the principal reason given for our declining membership is the economic depression, and financial and political troubles. This is particularly the case on the Continent of Europe where there is at present more real want, and even suffering, than almost anywhere else in the world. As long as conditions remain as they are we cannot possibly expect our membership to go up; in fact it is greatly to the credit of the members of some of these countries that they manage to keep the Society going at all.

Some General Secretaries perceive various silver linings in the dark clouds of our economic and political sky and consider that the turning-point is in sight. Whether they are correct only the future

will show, but in any case most General Secretaries are very optimistic regarding the future, and strongly determined to carry on the good work. Nearly all of them report splendid enthusiasm at their Conventions and some of them have worked out very interesting schemes for public propaganda during the coming period.

I am inclined to think that we sometimes attach rather too much importance to mere numbers. To illustrate my point I need only mention that a Theosophical Society consisting of just 50 such people as our late President would accomplish infinitely more work and influence the world to a far greater extent than 50,000 of us ordinary mortals. So numbers alone will never prove whether our Society is making progress or the reverse, even though, of course, from a financial point of view, a large membership is very desirable. I consider that it would be much more interesting to know what type of people we are getting as new members and also what type of people we are chiefly losing. One obviously cannot tabulate every member who joins, but broadly speaking it should be possible to state whether during a particular year we have been attracting chiefly people of an artistic, scientific or spiritual type, and whether the bulk of the members who have resigned or dropped out are chiefly of the emotional or intellectual temperament. Perhaps some of the General Secretaries will be so kind as to look into this suggestion and let us have some particulars next year.

Several General Secretaries who have reported considerable reductions in the membership have at the same time been most emphatic that more interest was shown by the public in our movement this year than during the previous one, and that lectures and libraries were better attended than before. The chief activity of the Theosophical Society has been to spread ideas of Brotherhood and, at least in the West, to bring before the public the ideas of Karma and Reincarnation, and so on, with the collecting of new members as only of secondary importance. Obviously, therefore, those Sections which have reached a bigger public this year than before have actually accomplished more work and shown more progress compared with the previous year, even though the membership roll is smaller now.

Some General Secretaries make rather pointed remarks regarding the average age of our members; one of them even goes so far as to talk of senility. I think this is sufficiently serious to be taken

notice of. If we do not now get the same percentage of young people applying for membership in the Society as in former years, we certainly ought to try and find out the reason for it. It is difficult to find a reason in my office, but I notice on looking into old reports that we used to get regular annual reports from the Order of the Round Table and from the Order of the Golden Chain, but that both Orders stopped sending reports after 1928. Evidently these two movements are not very flourishing now, and as both of them used to act as stepping-stones to the Theosophical Society, one wonders whether this is the reason for the falling off of applications from young people. I would strongly recommend that the General Secretaries give this matter their immediate attention and take such steps as will ultimately lead again to a proper balance of young and old in the Theosophical Society.

The General Secretary for the United States of America has recently published some very interesting statistics showing an analysis of the loss of members. According to these figures, 33% of all new members who came into his Section during the last twenty years have dropped out again by the end of the second year, while at the end of the fourth year 51½% were lost. It appears that the loss by death, or resignation for some valid reason, is insignificant; by far the greater number just lose interest and become inactive. Now these figures are most startling even when making allowance for the American temperament. It certainly should be possible to hold within the Theosophical Society a larger percentage of those whom the national lecturers have been able to interest sufficiently to induce them to apply for membership. The General Secretary is inclined to blame the old members for this state of affairs, and he appeals to Lodges to make their meetings more interesting and more attractive.

This question of how to make Lodge meetings more interesting is a problem all over the world; various General Secretaries refer to this loss of interest of members; everywhere one hears complaints of dull meetings. The senior Lodge in Denmark has to a certain extent solved this problem by finding out by vote what the members are really interested in and then arranging the programme accordingly. Some other Lodges might find it useful to adopt this plan. Perhaps, on the whole, it is always better to give the people what they want within reason instead of what somebody else thinks they ought to want.

We have recorded in our General Register, from the founding of the Society, 143,073 names, and the respective names have been alphabetically indexed. The process of recording and registering is always a bit slow and in arrears, as it takes considerable time to collect the applications from all parts of the world. I hope, therefore, that the General Secretaries will always be very prompt hereafter in despatching the original applications to this office.

There are two definite complaints in the General Secretaries' reports which might be brought to the future President's attention. One refers to the lack of inspiring organization schemes from Adyar. Members unquestionably look to Adyar for guidance, for a lead, and if something more could be done in future in this direction it would be of great help in the far off-countries. The other refers to the tardy development of up-to-date presentation of Theosophy suitable to the modern world.

As regards our own compound here at Adyar, it is a great pleasure to me to be able to report that during the year we have been able to acquire another Government road which leads into our grounds: this is the road leading from Elliot Beach Road to the Parsi Quarters. This road has now been acquired by purchase from the Government. No road now runs through the compound—the Elliot Beach Road excepted—to which the public has any rights.

Before closing I would like to mention that it is almost impossible to draw up an interesting report on the year's work throughout the world, because reports from the various National Societies generally only reach Adyar a few days before Convention; in fact the reports from eight Sections and one Federation of Lodges are even now still outstanding. Mere figures of membership can of course be compiled in a few days, but a proper analysis of the reports can only be done if one has ample time. It would be of great help to the Recording Secretary in office if the General Secretaries could see their way to despatch their reports at the end of October, so that they would reach here at the latest at the end of November, or early in December.

H. FREI,

Recording Secretary.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

Before entering on my report proper, I have to record the great loss the Society has sustained in the passing away of its former Treasurer, Albert Schwarz, who has performed the duties of this office for over a quarter of a century. I am not adequate to sing his praise; besides, it has been done already by a better voice in a fitter place. Yet, personally I would fain pay him this tribute that, were it not for his exemplary organization of the whole financial machinery at Adyar, I his humble successor, who am not a financial expert, would not have been able to step into his shoes and carry on the work. To him then the praise if all went well with the Society's finances this year.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Our statement of accounts for the financial year ending 31st October, 1933, compares favourably with our budget, as shown by the following figures :

		<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual Figures</i>
Surplus from 1931-32	...	Rs. 11,811	Rs. 11,811
Income	...	,, 63,589	,, 69,833
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		Rs. 75,400	Rs. 81,644
Expenditure	...	,, 75,400	,, 64,131
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	<i>Balance</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Surplus*</i> Rs. 17,513
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While our Income has exceeded anticipations, our expenditure has been below budget provision, and we are thus in the fortunate

* *Vide* page 20.

position to open the new year's Income and Disbursement Account with a credit balance of Rs. 17,513-5-10 (£ 1,313).

INCOME

Looking over the various items of Income we find that *Rent and Interest Account* takes the foremost place with Rs. 27,850-11-11 (£2,089) which is Rs. 3,775-11-10 (£ 283) less than last year. This is due to there having been a smaller number of visitors at Headquarters than in the preceding year.

Garden Account: The income from Gardens this year amounts to Rs. 9,822-3-3 (£ 737) as against Rs. 9,280-5-3 (£ 696) of last year. The total outlay in the gardens was Rs. 16,155-11-9 (£ 1,212).

The following details of Income may be of interest:

Cocoanuts	...	...	Rs. 2,337	8	9
Bananas and Popayas	...	...	"	258	13 9
Sapotas	...	...	"	4,305	12 9
Pineapples	...	...	"	149	13 9
Lemons	...	...	"	77	0 9
Firewood	"	957	15 0
Oranges	"	398	13 9
Plants	"	86	8 0
Mangoes	"	473	8 0
Sundries	"	776	4 9
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					Rs. 9,822 3 3

There is yet no material income from the ornamental gardens. The suggestions made by my predecessor, last year, in the Treasurer's Report regarding economy in this department, have been carried out to some extent. Further improvements in the management of this Department are also under consideration.

Fees and Dues: Under this heading we have received Rs. 12,309-8-8 (£ 923), that is Rs. 2,700 (£ 202) below the budget amount. Of this amount Rs. 1,393-14-9 (£ 104) are on account of dues for 1931-32, and Rs. 10,915-9-11 (£ 819) are on account of dues for the current year.

There are still about 24 Sections whose dues for 1933, and of some of them even for 1932, have not yet arrived. They are:

Scotland, Ceylon, Austria, Italy, Australia, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Hungary, Central South Africa, Greece, Germany, Switzerland, Roumania, Poland, Mexico, Paraguay, Cuba, Brazil, Central America, Peru and Chile. Five of these countries have written to us that their dues are being kept in reserve for us, because they are not allowed to send money out of their country at present. The rest have as yet not been heard of.

Donations and Legacies have been as follows :

Rs.	9,093	3	0	Part of Susan Daintry Legacy,
„	2,979	4	9	Half of Legacy by Mrs. M. E. Binns,
„	659	11	0	„ „ „ Amy Louisa Hill,
„	1,286	6	0	“Adyar Day” Collections, U.S. America,
„	1,127	8	1	„ „ „ Other countries,
„	541	0	3	Sundry Donations.

Rs. 15,687 1 1

Once more the U.S. Adyar Day Committee heads the list of “Adyar Day” Collections with Rs. 3,086-6-0 (£231) which has been distributed as follows :

Rs.	1,286-6-0	to Adyar Headquarters, as shown above,
„	1,300-0-0	„ Adyar Library as per Library Abstract,
„	500-0-0	„ Olcott Panchama Free School.

Rs. 3,086-6-0

The help of our American friends has again been of the greatest value, especially to the Adyar Library and the Olcott Panchama Free Schools. It is however regrettable that the donations for the Adyar Day have diminished considerably during the last few years. I would therefore specially appeal to our brethren all over the world to try to increase the amount again for the coming years. From the General Account we may see that they play an important part in covering the deficit of the Headquarters' budget.

DISBURSEMENTS

The expenditure this year has amounted to Rs. 64,131-3-4 (£4,515), which is well within the budget. This is due principally to the item

of *Construction and Repairs* estimated at Rs. 22,000, consisting of ordinary repairs Rs. 9,000 and special repairs to Leadbeater Chambers Rs. 13,000. This last item was begun this year but not quite completed, so that the full account of it amounting to Rs. 18,000 will appear in next year's report. This will make it clear at any rate that the Rs. 17,513 surplus is not really a surplus, but will be all taken up and has in fact been already exhausted by these very necessary repairs.

The ordinary repairs and improvements include the following principal items :

Rs. 1,138	Boundary wall,
„ 1,230	Late Bhujanga Rao's House,
„ 866	Records Office,
„ 400	Shanti Vilas.

Lighting and Water: Under this head the largest item is Street Lighting which is maintained on all the main roads of the estate up to 10 p.m. The cost for current and repairs was Rs. 1,011-1-0.

Gulistan. Our cottage at Ootacamund has this year again undergone all sorts of small repairs and improvements amounting to a total of Rs. 927-6-8.

RESERVES

Our investments in Indian Government Paper and in Consols were again carried forward at their former valuation, so that they stand in our books still a little below the market value. The 5% War Loan of 1929/47 amounting to Rs. 42,700 and Consols £2,443-6-0 were redeemed this year. On the other hand, we have added to these investments Rs. 83,400 of 4% India Bonds of 1960/70.

The addition to the Electric Department Reserve Account is due mainly to profit realized on the item Advance Account (repairs to Leadbeater Chambers). It does not mean that there is any real profit since there is of course a correspondingly larger expenditure under Construction and Repairs. The surplus is transferred to the Electric Department Reserve Account to cover possible losses in the same Department.

As regards the Pensions and Gratuities Fund we have been able to make an addition of Rs. 800, the total now being Rs. 6,915-7-0.

ADYAR LIBRARY

Our Library Account closes with a deficit of Rs. 613-9-11 as shown by the following :

Income	...	Rs.	11,480	0	0	(£ 861)
Expenditure	...	„	12,093	9	11	(£ 907)
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Deficit	...	Rs.	613	9	11	(£ 46)

This reduces our Endowment Fund from Rs. 104,085-0-0 to Rs. 103,471-6-1 (£ 7,760). Needless to say that if we regularly draw on the Endowment Fund, our income will be reduced in future years and therefore it seems to me very necessary that efforts should be made to economize in this Department also.

OUTLOOK FOR 1933-34

As already explained before, the apparent credit balance in the Headquarters is in reality already exhausted by the repairs to Leadbeater Chambers. For the next year it is not possible to balance our budget, neither for the Headquarters nor for the Adyar Library, without again appealing for donations, as follows :

T. S. Headquarters	...	Rs.	19,787	(£ 1,484)
Adyar Library	...	„	2,100	(£ 158)
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		Rs.	21,887	(£ 1,642)

May we, therefore, again hope that in the coming year our friends and well-wishers in every part of the world will do their best to send us the necessary support to help to make our Headquarters a useful centre, worthy of the position of the Theosophical Society in the world ?

ADYAR, MADRAS

31st October, 1933

A. J. HAMERSTER,

Hon. Treasurer, T. S.

REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS				Rs.	A. P.
To Contribution to Adyar Library	...	...	...	5,000	0 0
„ Office Salaries	...	...	...	2,329	8 0
„ Pensions and Gratuities	...	...	...	3,113	4 0
„ „ Fund (Contribution)	...	...	...	800	0 0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	4,802	6 6
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	387	13 9
„ „ 1,250 Copies of the Annual Report	..	...	...	1,471	6 0
„ Garden Expenses:					
Productive Gardens	...	Rs. 8,350	0 9		
Unproductive (Flower) Gardens	...	„ 7,805	11 0		
				16,155	11 9
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	8,677	9 3
„ Telegrams and Postages	...	...	...	1,381	11 9
„ Lighting and Watering Expenses	...	...	...	9,223	15 6
„ Taxes	...	...	...	462	11 10
„ Furniture Account	...	...	...	1,323	15 6
„ Establishment Charges	...	...	...	1,800	3 9
„ Publishing (Free Copies of <i>The Theosophist</i>)	...	...	...	1,513	10 6
„ Gulistan (Olcott Cottage), Ootacamund	...	...	..	927	6 8
„ Museum and Archives	...	...	...	241	3 0
„ Dispensary Account	...	...	...	332	12 6
„ Miscellaneous Account	...	...	...	3,929	13 1
„ Golden Book of the T. S. (Depreciation)	...	...	..	256	0 0
				64,131	3 4
„ Balance to New Account:					
Surplus * carried forward to 1933-34	17,513	5 10
				81,644	9 2

ADYAR

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A. J. HAMERSTER,

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1933

INCOME				Rs.	A.	P.
By Rent and Interest	27,850	11	11
" Garden Produce ...	...	...	...	9,822	3	3
" Donations ...	...	...	...	2,954	14	4
" Legacies ...	...	...	...	12,732	2	9
" Bonus on Conversion of 5% War Bonds ...	...	...	...	4,163	14	2
" Fees and Dues :				Rs.	A.	P.
U. S. America ...	...	...	...	2,599	14	7
Canada (1932)...	...	...	...	71	1	9
" (1933) ...	...	...	...	238	6	0
England ...	...	...	...	2,029	8	2
Scotland (1932) ...	...	...	...	154	4	1
Wales ...	...	...	...	166	1	6
Ireland ...	...	...	...	30	2	2
India ...	...	...	...	1,280	6	0
Burma ...	...	...	...	30	0	0
New Zealand (1932) ...	...	...	...	37	9	0
" " (1933) ...	...	...	...	315	0	2
South Africa (1932) ...	...	...	...	79	8	0
" " (1933) ...	...	...	...	65	9	0
Netherlands-Indies ...	...	...	...	703	2	9
The Netherlands ...	...	...	...	1,428	8	0
France ...	...	...	...	760	1	0
Germany (1932) ...	...	...	...	115	15	0
Italy (1932) ...	...	...	...	105	5	0
Sweden (1932) ...	...	...	...	346	7	5
Norway (1932)...	...	...	...	26	6	7
Denmark ...	...	...	...	103	14	5
Iceland ...	...	...	...	105	11	0
Jugoslavia (1932) ...	...	...	...	55	0	5
" (1933) ...	...	...	...	80	0	0
Spain ...	...	...	...	162	12	0
Portugal ...	...	...	...	52	13	8
Russia (outside Russia) ...	...	...	...	38	11	3
Bulgaria (1932) ...	...	...	...	14	7	3
" (1933) ...	...	...	...	53	0	4
Greece (1932) ...	...	...	...	16	4	6
Egypt (1932) ...	...	...	...	37	7	6
" (1933) ...	...	...	...	33	3	10
Cuba (part of 1930 to 1933) ...	...	...	...	49	12	0
Brazil (1932) ...	...	...	...	158	7	9
Central America (1932) ...	...	...	...	73	7	8
Argentina ...	...	...	...	147	11	8
Porto Rico ...	...	...	...	42	9	0
Uruguay (1932) ...	...	...	...	52	6	10
" (1933) ...	...	...	...	52	4	0
Philippines (1933) ...	...	...	...	85	8	0
Unattached to National Societies ...	...	...	...	310	11	5
" Balance (Surplus) from 1931-32 ...				12,309	8	8
				11,811	2	1
				81,644	9	2

Audited and found correct.

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

Registered Accountant.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To General Fund (Capital)	...	...				6,67,988	14	8
„ Adyar Library Fund :								
Value of Books and MSS.	...	...	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,03,471	6	1	1,78,471	6	1
„ Adyar Library Building Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1932	...	...	54,022	6	11			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	2,155	7	8			
			56,177	14	7			
<i>Less : Cost of Screen tattees and Sundry repairs to Vani Vihar</i>	...	...	135	3	6	56,042	11	1
„ Subba Row Medal Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1932	...	...	1,782	0	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	71	4	6	1,853	4	6
„ Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1932	...	...	12,991	1	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	519	10	3	13,510	11	3
„ World University Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1932	...	...	1,328	9	7			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	53	2	3	1,381	11	10
„ Electrical Department Reserve Account :								
Balance on 1st November, 1932	...	...	7,280	0	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	291	3	2			
Transfer from Electrical Dept. Acct.	...	...	2,928	12	10	10,500	0	0
„ Pensions and Gratuities Fund	...	...				6,915	7	0
„ Gardens Reserve Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1932	...	...	5,200	0	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	200	2	5			
			5,400	2	5			
<i>Less : Watering Casuarina plants in Olcott Gardens</i>			140	0	0			
„ Sundry Creditors	...	...				5,260	2	5
						14,072	0	9
„ Income and Disbursement Account	...	...				17,513	5	10
						9,73,509	11	5

ADYAR

A. J. HAMERSTER,

31st October, 1933

Hon. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31ST OCTOBER, 1933

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Adyar Library Books and MSS.	...	...	...	75,000	0	0
„ Government Pronotes :						
Rs. 45,900	5½%	Bonds 1938/40 @ par	...	45,900	0	0
10,000	4%	1934/37 @ 94	...	9,400	0	0
83,400	4%	1960/70	...	80,160	9	3
20,000	6½%	1935 @ par	...	20,000	0	0
1,000	3½%	1865 @ 51	...	510	0	0
„ Consols :						
£ 12,500, various stocks, valued ...			£ 15,315-13-2	1,67,868	15	1
„ 5 Ordinary Shares in Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., @ 25				125	0	0
„ Immovable Property at Adyar				4,04,730	0	0
„ Ananda College, Colombo				34,000	0	0
„ “Gulistan” (Olcott Cottage), Ootacamund				15,000	0	
„ Movable Property, Adyar				15,000	0	0
„ Electrical Installation, Adyar				30,000	0	0
„ Electrical and Engineering Department Account :						
Stock Account	...	...	Rs. 11,965-11-6			
Outstanding Bills	...	...	2,649-0-0			
Advance Account	...	...	18,810-0-0			
				33,424	11	6
„ Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society				432	15	11
„ Midland Bank, London				£ 362-19-7	4,935	12 1
„ Chartered Bank, Madras, Fixed Deposit				10,000	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Account				12,669	7	2
„ Cash in hand				3,986	2	5
„ Sundry Debtors				10,366	2	0
				9,73,009	11	5

Audited and found correct.

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

Registered Accountant

ABSTRACT OF THE ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

			Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
<i>To Expenditure in 1932-33 :</i>						
Salaries and Pensions	...	...	5,940	13 5		
Purchase of Books and Manuscripts	...	...	2,662	14 3		
Copying Charges	...	...	349	5 0		
Fire Insurance	...	...	329	9 0		
Bookbinding	...	...	1,109	6 0		
Printing and Stationery	...	...	249	0 9		
Postage	...	...	62	13 0		
Contingencies	...	...	552	13 6		
Nellore Sanskrit School	...	...	240	0 0		
Printing Upanishads	...	...	596	15 0	12,093	9 11
<i>„ Balance to New Account :</i>						
Value of Books and MSS.	...	...	75,000	0 0		
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,03,471	6 1	1,78,471	6 1
					1,90,565	0 0

ADYAR

31st October, 1933

A. J. HAMERSTER,

Hon. Treasurer.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1933

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>By Balance on 1st November, 1932:</i>						
Value of Books and MSS.	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	1,04,085	0	0	1,79,085	0	0
<i>„ Receipts in 1932-33 :</i>						
4 per cent Interest on Rs. 1,04,085	4,163	6	5			
Contribution by T.S.	5,000	0	0			
U.S. America " Adyar Day " Gift	1,300	0	0			
Sundry Donations	37	15	1			
Rent for Library Asst.'s Quarters	400	0	0			
Sale of Library Publications	258	13	0			
Copying Charges	106	9	0			
Miscellaneous	213	4	6	11,480	0	0
				1,90,565	0	0

Audited and found correct.

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

Registered Accountant.

CLOSING OF THE CONVENTION

At the final session of the Convention, greetings from Sections were read and the following Resolutions were unanimously passed:

1. "This International Convention of the Theosophical Society, meeting under the shadow of the passing of Dr. Annie Besant, places on record its heartfelt gratitude to her for the priceless services she has rendered to the Society, both during the earlier years of her ordinary membership and still more during her splendid Presidentship of twenty-six years. This Convention is assured that in thus recording its own gratitude it is no less echoing the deep sentiments of thousands of members throughout the world, who feel they owe their beloved President an imperishable debt for the light she shed upon the pathways of their lives.

"This Convention prays that the Society may, in the new dispensation now opening before it, remain true to the spirit of H. P. Blavatsky, H. S. Olcott and Annie Besant, and so continue to be worthy of the blessing and guidance of Those whose gift it is to the world of to-day."

2. "Convention sends loving thoughts and fraternal greeting"—to M. Charles Blech, the General Secretary of the French Section of many years' standing, who is now in failing health.

3. "Convention sends loving greetings"—to Mr. C. Jinārādāsa who is now in England; and

4. "Annual Convention sends loving greetings to youngest Section"—to the new Philippine National Society.

A few members were asked to speak briefly on the needs of the Society which must be fulfilled in the near future, after which the President *pro tem* closed the Convention in an address the substance of which follows:

Mr. Warrington: In closing this Convention, I wish to send out my hearty salutations to all the members of our world-wide Society,

whom I shall endeavour faithfully to serve as their Chief Executive during the remainder of my brief term. And to those great Masters of the Wisdom who have deigned to look upon this Society as an instrument for use in the outer world, I give my deepest homage and fealty. That the Society has, in an inner sense, been formed into three Sections, of which They constitute the First, with the E. S. as the Second, I have no doubt; and it is my ardent hope that we of the Theosophical Society may so effectively do Their work in the world as labourers in the Third Section, that conditions may become favourable in time for so great a consummation as that of Their visible physical presence among us, the better to speed on that work. But it lies with us, in the way we perform Their service, the thoroughness with which we live Brotherhood in daily life, and the keenness of our devotion to Truth, as to how soon this beautiful hope may be fulfilled.

This high hope is in reality no mere idle dream on my part, but a deep conviction growing out of a possibility foreshadowed by our late President herself. Such a possibility was, no doubt, the greatest of her reasons for longing to see Adyar become once again a real centre of flame and spiritual warmth. But such a lofty hope can never be realized until each individual here shall first be set aflame with fire from the spiritual world; comes out of this world into that, in spirit, and renounces the combined dangers of the unbridled tongue and of that part of the mind which has ever been known as "the slayer of the real". To this must be added a joyous and eager struggle to do one's best to help salvage our floundering civilization from its present plight, by bringing ever to notice the deepest truths of the Ancient Wisdom, and especially that of the fundamental unity of all life and the evil man does by denying this unity in his separation of man from man and nation from nation by barriers that can never be other than artificial and therefore unreal.

When all the activities of our Society shall express an unbreakable friendliness, regardless of personal hurts caused by misunderstandings, differing opinions or false action, then may we truly hope to call our beloved order a Brotherhood in fact, as well as on paper; which "being done, let visions of the night or of the day come, as they will".

But have we not already a realized vision of the day, an earnest of that future hope, in the presence of Mr. Krishnamurti in the world

to-day? Read what our late President has had to say month after month during the past few years in support of this, when she reminded us that there was already in our midst one whom she firmly believed to be a direct representative of the Great White Lodge, or the Teacher of whom she for years had ardently given annunciation. This Teacher, coming as he does as Mr. Krishnamurti, has been invited to speak at Adyar again, and will do so in the days following this Convention. Hence the reference to the words of our late leader lest they be overlooked and forgotten.

Last year when Krishnaji spoke at Adyar, I was conscious of listening to a teacher with a world-wide responsibility, not to any particular group, but to his entire world, trying to awaken all who should ever come to learn of his words to a proper sense of their great responsibility to the spirit of truth. Where else ought he to speak to his world so widely and effectively as at this International Centre?

And so I would fain hope that those who attend Krishnaji's talks here this year will bear in mind what our great President for very many years has said of his rare mission, and never forget the keen desire she had that Theosophists should always receive him in a truly Theosophical way; for he is our own true Brother in a very deep sense, and the honour of announcing him, and now of recognizing the true nature of his work, belongs nowhere else than to our great Society. Let us then never fail him as brothers, no matter how much we may fail to understand some of his remarks; and so shall we demonstrate our readiness and gladness to offer sympathetic and protective environment for those future Visitors from the Great White Lodge, who may elect to come into this unsympathetic world to work for its redemption, an honour worth working for at any cost of personal sacrifice.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIES OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETIES

T. S. IN AMERICA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

In a year in which economic depression has resulted in unemployment greater in proportion to the population than in any other country of the world, the Theosophical Society in America could not fail to feel the effects, reflected in a relatively small number of new members and a correspondingly large number of transfers to the inactive list.

The statistics show the addition of 456 new members and 151 reinstatements. Resignations accounted for the loss of 121 and deaths for 73, while the number transferred to inactive membership was 1,108; five transferred from other countries and two transferred from the Section, leaving an active membership total at the close of the year of 4,544. Conditions of employment and business are steadily improving and many of those crossed off the rolls may be expected presently to return to active membership.

Seven new Lodges have been chartered during the course of the year, while 18 have been dissolved or have merged with other Lodges, leaving the total at the end of the year at 171.

The Theosophical Press published during the year *Mount Everest*, a volume of talks of Dr. Arundale at the 1932 Summer School. The Press has in manuscript, ready for publication, Mrs. Josephine Ransom's *Studies on the Secret Doctrine*, and also reprints of *Art and the Emotions*, by Mr. Jinarājadāsa, and of *A Message from an Elder Brother*, this latter to be distributed, by vote of Convention, to every member of the Section. The number of books sold or otherwise distributed during the year approximates 9,000 to 10,000 and the number of pamphlets about 12,000, besides large quantities of free publicity leaflets.

Financially the Section continues in a sound position, and as the economic situation seems quite definitely improving, no serious impairment of that position seems likely to occur.

During the year we missed Mr. L. W. Rogers from the lecture field, for he spent the year working in other Sections over the world. Mrs. Josephine Ransom lectured in the Section for the first half of the year, leaving at about Christmas time for England. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson worked throughout the season until August. Mr. Fritz Kunz spent the whole year among our Lodges. Others less well known worked steadfastly, including for the first time a new worker who paid particular attention to small Lodges and isolated groups, and whose work was confined to practical helpfulness to Lodges and members and to groups of interested friends rather than to the public generally. To Miss Anita Henkel, who has worked so steadily in this field, the Section owes a great deal.

The National President's periodical letters to all members have been continued as have also the regular bulletins to Lodges.

Olcott Sundays at Headquarters have provided the opportunity for social gatherings as well as for lectures among a group of one hundred or more located near enough to spend a Sunday each month at Headquarters.

The Convention of 1933 was the best from many standpoints that the Section has held for a number of years, the attendance being 242 with 501 additional represented by proxies, a total voting strength of 743. This Convention was held at the Society's Headquarters, the gatherings being almost all out-of-doors in a tent in the grove on the estate. No more enthusiastic Convention has been held in the Section; no greater harmony has prevailed; none have been more constructive.

The high point of Convention was the introduction and the enthusiastic support with substantial funds of the Greater America Plan, a programme of Section-wide development of a cultural nature, designed to stimulate Lodges and members to new activity, relating their work and studies to world affairs, in the fields of education, literature, beauty, citizenship, etc. The general objectives of the Plan are described as follows:

1. To increase the inner, spiritual understanding of each member.
2. To broaden the general knowledge of members.
3. To develop a sense of beauty and culture in the entire membership.

4. To beautify Lodge rooms.
5. To stimulate the circulation of Theosophical books among members and the public.

So enthusiastic was the response to the detailed presentation of this programme that a director of field activities was appointed, and Dr. Pieter K. Roest has been travelling among our Lodges reviving with splendid local response the desire in our members to work and make each Lodge strong and effective.

We were honored during Convention and the preceding Summer School sessions by the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Arundale, always welcome guests of the Section for the inspiration derived from their participation in our deliberations and our programmes.

The passing of our great and beloved leader, Dr. Besant, has been a matter of regret to all and of grave concern to some of our members, but it is safe to say that the American Section will stand steady and continue its work, and that as a Section it will be prepared to whole-heartedly support and follow her elected successor. To her we offer grateful thanks for years of inspiration and leadership, and to you, our devoted President *pro tem.*, our assurance of uninterrupted activity and effort during the difficult interim.

Supplement to Report

A statistical analysis of the membership records of the past twenty years discloses most surprising information relative to the loss of members from inactivity.

In that period, the loss by resignation is slightly less than 10%, by death slightly over 5%, those who became inactive represent 88½% of the total number of new members in the period. Some of these, however, reinstate, and the net loss on account of members' becoming inactive is 74%.

This figure represents such a tremendous proportion of the new members that a very close analysis of all the records of inactivity for the past twenty years has been made with still further astonishing disclosures. This record shows that by the second year ⅓ of our members are lost to us, and that this loss continues year by year in a decreasing ratio so that half are lost by the end of the 4th year, ⅔ at

the end of the 7th year, $\frac{3}{4}$ at the end of the 10th year. Only a small proportion of these reinstate; 84% are permanently lost.

This same data has been accumulated by 5-year periods, and the results are so uniform, period by period, that it is safe to say that it is not an outside cause such as fluctuations in economic conditions or the advent of controversy within the ranks that produces this steady loss of members. Such influences have but relatively small effect upon our membership. They may modify the number of new members or even the number of resignations, but do not much affect the number of members just dropping out through apparent lack of interest. That number appears to bear a fairly constant relationship to the number of new members taken in.

For example:

Period	No. of New Members	% Inac. end 2nd year	% Inac. end 3rd year	% Inac. end 5th year	% Inac. end 10th year
1913-'16 (4 yrs.)	3,792	29.1	44.6	59.5	77.7
1917-'21 (5 yrs.)	8,012	36.9	46.5	57.9	69.1
1922-'26 (5 yrs.)	6,668	39.5	53.4	67.0	...

Similar figures for the last four years are as follows:

1927	...	1,807	29.2	38.3	47.3
1928	...	1,127	34.0	40.0	...
1929	...	716	25.5	37.9	...
1930	...	564	32.6	...	...

The above is but a brief summary of figures prepared for study in much more detail. They serve the purpose of demonstrating the point that there is a huge loss of members in the early years amounting to from 25% to 40% in two years, from 40% to 50% in three years, and up to nearly $\frac{2}{3}$ by the end of the 4th year; the average for the whole period of twenty years being, at the end of the 2nd year, 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ %; at the end of the 3rd year, 44.2%; at the end of the 4th year, 51.5%.

These facts have probably not been so clearly defined in the past. To the extent that they have been recognized there has perhaps been a tendency to attribute them to the fact that Theosophy represents that type of philosophy which by reason of the startling nature of its teachings attracts many people, but which by reason of its call to pioneer service loses those who, at the present stage of evolution, are not attracted to a philosophy in which self-interest has no part.

It is an easy explanation to say that the world is not ready, and that we can expect to hold only a very small proportion of those who display original interest. That explanation is probably sound when

applied to account for the fact that only a few thousands out of the millions in the world show any interest in Theosophy. It is not so true an explanation of the fact that of those who are interested enough to embrace membership, so few remain, and it is time that we become much more concerned and recognize that the condition disclosed is a serious responsibility of the Society and of its Lodges and its members. *I judge it to be a much more accurate explanation of the great loss of interest among those whom our public lecturers have brought into membership, to state that it is due to the failure of those who are already members to continue to make Theosophy attractive to new-comers. We cannot lightly pass over the facts for it is no light responsibility to have seekers for truth placed in our care, and it is a heavy one indeed that befalls us if we fail to show the way.*

These figures of membership losses are a challenge to us, not only to present Theosophy so that it continues to hold the interest of those whom our public lecturers have brought into our Lodges, but to each member to uphold in his life the principles that he professes to accept. It calls upon us to present Theosophy as a living power in each one of us so that each is an example of what Theosophy is to the individual; thus will the new-comer gain the impression first of all, of people big and tolerant so that personalities and differences do not affect their loyalty to the principles involved. A practical application that makes Theosophy living in each is the answer to the problem. We can never hold new members who see in older members an intolerance, a smallness of outlook and a pettiness of personality that should be abandoned with the very beginning of an understanding of Theosophical truths and principles. We must look to ourselves, what we are, what we make of our Lodges and study classes and group meetings, for an explanation of this early loss of interest in new members.

The facts point out the importance of field workers and fine organization in our Lodges to supplement the work of lecturers before the public, and the necessity for establishing in each a nucleus of people to whom the Theosophical life is all-important, who will maintain in every Lodge a harmonious centre where tolerance and good will prevail and into which pettiness, personalities, and attitudes untheosophical cannot enter.

The responsibility is on us, the members, to keep alight the flame burning in the seeker for truth instead of snuffing it out by

the unattractiveness of our own small attitudes, to fan it into a great light by the ardor of our own enthusiasm and the broad tolerance of our understanding.

SIDNEY A. COOK,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ENGLAND

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

From careful observation, personal touch with and reports from all parts of this Section, I can affirm that there is apparent a reviving and keen interest in Theosophy. The long-continued world disturbance has been faced and feeling about it is changing from depression to determination to find a way out. This spirit affects also the Society which realises that it has so much to offer to resolve the individual dilemmas of to-day, and therefore world dilemmas. The Section is harmonious and progressive, as has been borne witness to in Federation Conferences and at times overflowing public meetings. We find many young and enthusiastic people among us who are beginning to take their part in the Society's affairs.

Our Convention this year was well attended, and the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Arundale, and Mr. Rogers from America, contributed largely to its success. We are looking forward to an early visit from Mr. Jinarājādāsa, and his return by Convention time next Whitsun.

Our late President.—No words of mine can convey the sense of loss we suffer from the passing of our great leader, Dr. Annie Besant. Fearless, courageous and wise, she launched reforms the full value of which only the future can properly estimate. She led the Society to great expansion, and influence on contemporary thought and action, and leaves thousands of inspired people ready to stand for progress and development along many lines. The world met in her noble heart and knew itself there as a united family where all were welcome. She had a special link with two countries, England and India, and in both left an indelible stamp upon their destinies. We offer her our homage and our determination unflinching to carry forward the torch of Theosophy to the best of our ability.

Headquarters.—We are seeking more commodious premises where we can have a suitable Hall to accommodate our many meetings both public and private. The Executive Committee has

decided that it will build a suitable hall in its new premises which will be dedicated as a permanent Memorial to our President and for which the public that she so splendidly served will be asked to contribute. Many visitors from abroad came to see us, and 12 different Sections have been thus represented. During April to September nearly 400 visitors came to tea, in addition to the many who came to the Library or for other reasons visited us.

Membership.—At the 30th September, 1933, the total number of members was 3,653, of whom 627 were unattached. The number of Lodges was 135 and there were 38 Centres. 254 new members were admitted in the past year. 203 lapsed, 178 resigned, 17 transferred, and 61 died: total 459 (loss over gain 205).

Headquarters Library.—The year that is past has seen a definite turn of the tide towards more prosperous conditions. There has been a noticeable increase in the number of subscribers drawn from the general public, and including people of very varied interests. This is a useful vindication of the policy, pursued in recent years, of adding the best possible modern works upon a wide range of subjects, provided that they have some bearing upon matters of Theosophical interest. The service rendered through the National Central Library has also steadily grown. This Library acts as a kind of clearing house through which public libraries all over the country can borrow books of non-fiction character for their readers. In this manner our Theosophical books reach a public which could never be served through the Lodges.

Among the members themselves there has been a gratifying increase of interest shown in Theosophical study and in the facilities afforded by our Library. It is always difficult to estimate the extent to which F. T. S. engage in study, because there is no means of testing the amount of reading served by Lodge Libraries, but we possess many books which these smaller libraries are unable to supply, so that a growing use of such books is a clear indication of renewed vitality and further desire for knowledge.

Finance.—In spite of the general economic position which affects so many of our members adversely, we are happy to be able to say that the payment of members' subscriptions has been kept at a high level. In addition, members have given in donations a sum almost equal to that received in the previous year. This is yet another indication that our members feel that the Society has work

to do which it is their privilege and duty to support financially to the best of their capacity.

Publicity.—Professor Marcault inaugurated a new form of work during the first six months of this year. He spent one week with various Lodges, speaking to members individually and collectively, helping in many ways to get to the bottom of difficulties. This proved very beneficial and we hope to be able to continue the work in some form at a later period.

During April, May and June we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. L. W. Rogers, from America. He gave a series of six weekly lectures to Lodges in various parts of the country and also six Sunday lectures in London. After his visit, Enquirers' Groups were started in all the places he had visited, and the numbers attending these varied from forty to one hundred. The groups are still meeting and in many instances new people are joining them. Capt. Sidney Ransom returned to England in May and he is lecturing for us until the end of March next. This is proving a great help to the Section, as he is well known and very popular, also ever ready to help in all branches of the work. Mr. A. Jackman is also touring and visiting many of the smaller Lodges, giving them fresh inspiration.

It will be seen by the above that we have rather concentrated on propaganda lecturing during the last year, and next year we hope to continue this by putting Mr. I. A. Hawliczek into the lecturing field also, thus helping to consolidate the work already done and extend the increasing and lively interest in Theosophy which is reported to us from all quarters.

We should like to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for the splendid work done by voluntary lecturers and workers throughout the Section. They unsparingly give of their time and energy. Study week-ends continue to be a source of pleasure and inspiration to many. Headquarters is also undertaking elementary and advanced study groups.

Conclusion.—We can definitely look forward to the New Year with fresh hope and enthusiasm, and confident that the cause of Theosophy will find in us happy, enthusiastic and devoted servers.

JOSEPHINE RANSOM,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN INDIA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

In presenting my Report for the year 1932-1933, I would say at the outset that although there was a reduction in the number of our members, the fall was not so steep, nor dormancy as wide spread as it was in the previous year, and there was, on the whole, more accession of strength. The Lodge and other activities were fully maintained, despite the prevailing financial depression, which has hit India perhaps worse than many other countries. Most Federation Secretaries report, on the other hand, that the seeming conflict between the "old" and the "new" teachings in the minds of our members has settled down, and there is general agreement, with one or two exceptions, that there is "no reason to be dissatisfied" with the progress made in the Section. This is, no doubt, the language of caution, and one Secretary at least is glad that "things have not gone from bad to worse . . . and the general level of work has been maintained during the year". The Youth Federation, however, has grown definitely stronger during the year. Two factors appear to my mind as essential for the health, growth and extension of the beneficent work of the Society, and of our Section, in particular. The difficulties and uncertainties in the teachings available either in our Society or through cognate sources should show signs of settling down, and our active work, both for our members and others, should continue to be diffused in an ever-widening circle. To the success of both these factors the reports of the Federation Secretaries bear excellent testimony, and to that extent I claim that we have not only held our ground, but consolidated it during the year.

Our satisfaction at this state of affairs is not unmixed this year. The resolutions by our Federations and Lodges, adopted on the passing of our greatly revered and dearly beloved President, Dr. Annie Besant, eloquently proclaim the love, admiration, respect and appreciation of one and all as also how real and deep was the influence that the President exerted on the cultural and spiritual aspects of human life. Hers was a long and peerless life, spent in aspiration and intentness on the welfare of others; in kindness and consideration, in pursuit of human uplift, for which she labored with a singleness of purpose excelled by none, equalled perhaps by those

who become to their posterity the redeemers of the world. That she may come soon to this suffering world is the hope expressed all over this Section. Let us keep our minds and hearts open and watch for the Light and Leading she always was.

There were important constitutional changes during the year under report. An Eastern Division was constituted, to the improvement of the eastern part of the section. The old Andhra Federation was partitioned into two autonomous Federations for administrative convenience, which have worked well. The autonomy of the Youth Federation was temporarily withdrawn and the Federation has had time to organise, and thus strengthen itself. This it has done, under changed circumstances, which gave it financial security.

The membership declined from 4,290 to 4,078, a decrease of 212. There were, however, more revivals of membership, quite the double of the last year, and greater admissions also. There were less resignations and less dormancy than the previous year, as figures supplied to you separately will bear out. There was also a reduction in the number of our Lodges and Centres. We had 276 active Lodges and 21 Centres during the previous year, but during the year under review they were reduced to 261 and 19, respectively. Only two new Lodges and one Centre were formed during the year. Most Federation Secretaries attribute this lethargy to lack of more vigorous propagandist activity owing to lack of financial means, but remedies are being considered and will be operative during the current year.

With the exception of the two Federations, from which reports have not reached me, all our Federations held their Annual Meetings, giving thus impetus to their propaganda. I am glad to report that all the Lodge activities as also other work for their surroundings—social uplift, educational, medical, cultural, through lectures and study-classes, generally, even political, of various hues, were ably maintained and carried out. The Karnataka Federation adds mention of “the munificent donation of Rs. 20,000, made by its President, Raja Dharma Pravina Dewan Bahadur K. S. Chandrasekhar Aiyar, for the construction of a separate Out-patients’ Dispensary in the New Maternity Hospital in Bangalore and . . . a further gift of Rs. 5,000, made my him for the laying out of a boulevard in Sri Krishnarajendra Road, Bangalore City. Both these will bear

the cherished and respected name of his late wife, Parvati Ammal, who was herself a leading Theosophist and social worker ”.

During the year our propaganda has not been as vigorous as it might have been. Most Federations could not afford to do more than they did. This work is largely carried out by the tours of our Joint General and Federation Secretaries, as also those of the Lodge Organisers and honorary visiting lecturers. This work is quite ably assisted by many vernacular magazines conducted by the Federations. *Theosophy in India*, the Sectional Magazine, also helps, but it reaches only those who understand the English language. Our lady members largely profit by the vernacular journals. Our publications during the year were not many, but a few original contributions and some translations, including three of Krishnaji's books, were published by our Federations.

The financial position of the Section is sound, as usual, though, of course, it is not as flourishing as we would like it to be. We look forward to the lifting of the depression cloud, when no doubt plans would be made for the improvement of our finance. One source of our income failed us altogether during the year, without, I am happy to say, affecting our work in any serious manner.

Our main problem always is, and still remains, how to carry Theosophy to every door in a way so that it becomes a power in the lives of the people and does not merely remain as a set of beliefs. It is felt, I think, that the old methods are no longer finding favour. Our members are asking for new thought, new experiments, new ways of presentation. Shall we or shall we not welcome them, whatever their source? Many reports acknowledge debt to Krishnaji's teaching on these particular points, and one Secretary definitely records that “the trend of world's thoughts is in consonance with Krishnaji's teaching”. This is the thought, I feel, which is slowly emerging in this Section, this is what is meant or conveyed when it is claimed, as some members of another Federation claim, that Krishnaji's thought is a step ahead of where the T. S. leaders' thought belongs. My hope is that we may choose rightly in the future that lies immediately in front of us.

21-12-1933

D. K. TELANG,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN AUSTRALIA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to submit the report of work in the Australian Section for the year ending September 30th, 1933. In brief, the year has been a satisfactory one, all things considered, and though several grave difficulties have had to be faced, the Section is in a sounder and more vigorous condition than at the time of our last report.

Statistics.—There are 27 Lodges on the roll and 7 Centres. There are 1,419 members, the register showing a net loss of 58 for the current year. The following indicates how these figures are comprised:

INCOMING			OUTGOING		
New	...	144	Resignations	...	65
Re-Admission	...	3	Dead	...	24
Transfers	...	2	Dropped	...	114
		—	Transferred	...	4
Total	...	149			—
		—	Total	...	207
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Those "dropped" from the register now are an accumulation over the last three depression years, people who have been kept on a suspense list in the hope of having their membership revived. Most of them ceased to be active and financial three years ago. In actual fact therefore, there are now *more* active members than at this time last year.

Convention.—The Thirty-eighth Annual Convention was marked by two important proceedings. The first was the election of an Executive Committee formed chiefly of new members chosen for their business ability. This is the beginning of a policy which needs to be pursued over a number of years to have full effect—a policy of leaving all business in the hands of business men. And the other part of this same move was to give effect to the desire of many members that Convention itself shall be chiefly a gathering for Theosophical planning and inspiration, leaving business to be dealt with by the Council. Perhaps this will have the most far-reaching effect of any resolution carried in recent years, for it prevents the waste of Convention's time on business details which a smaller body

can despatch more efficiently, leaving the Convention free to plan campaigns of work.

Lecturing.—The Section has been most fortunate in having the services of Miss Clara Codd during the whole of this year. She has lectured in all the capital cities of the Commonwealth with the exception of Hobart, and has carried through the finest propaganda programme for many years. Nobody else has roused such keen enthusiasm for Theosophy from the public nor given such an impetus to members. Most of the new members during the year can be attributed to her splendid efforts.

Publications.—An experiment was tried with *The Australian Theosophist* of endeavouring to extend its scope by making it smaller in size but increasing its circulation. The experiment was only partially successful, and it was decided after three issues of the "pocket edition" to discontinue publication during the rest of the year, making an effort to revive it in its original form next Convention. In place of *The Australian Theosophist* therefore, a small duplicated newsletter goes forward to members only each month to keep them in touch.

Theosophical Broadcasting Station.—The most important work of the year has been done through the instrumentality of 2GB radio station, though the possibilities of radio propaganda are still in their infancy. It has been the endeavour of radio speakers to make their appeal as wide as possible, not limiting their talks to the requirements of the deeper student. Consequently on the larger brotherhood issues, on the fundamentals of life after death, karma, and reincarnation, there are numerous inquiries being made constantly. The importance and extent of broadcast publicity will be immediately apparent if we recognize the great numbers listening in at any moment of the day. 2GB is the premier "B" class station in the Commonwealth (the difference between "A" and "B" class being a distinction between Government and private stations, not a quality status), and commands the greatest listening public of the Commonwealth. Its message penetrates to thousands of homes, and though the correspondence of inquirers is large and continually growing, it is but a small proportion of the total listeners at any time. During the last few months we have introduced over 200 of our radio listeners to the Theosophical library where they can follow up the spoken by the printed word. These are all potential members. Our chief source of

gratification is the number of letters received from listeners in far country towns where there has never been a Theosophical lecturer and probably will not be for years to come. Not only do they come from the furthest parts of this State, but we hear that our broadcasts have been appreciated in all the other States of the Commonwealth and in New Zealand. The time is fast coming when the matter of radio propaganda will need to be the concern and under the full direction of the Station management itself instead of the spare time work of the General Secretary. This department is capable of enormous expansion, and it is the next step ahead in Theosophical organization in this country. In passing, one might mention that 2GB has been extraordinarily successful financially, repaying the Australian Section's debenture of £2,500 during this year and paying a dividend of 15%.

To sum up, I would say that the prospects ahead of the Theosophical movement in this continent are brighter than any we have had in the past. There is new life pulsating through the organization, and if full advantage is taken of existing resources, Theosophy must go ahead.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the deep appreciation of our members for the courageous life and splendid service of Dr. Annie Besant. Only the golden words of the poet are adequate to offer true homage to her life's work. Our unspoken testimony will find expression in the will to work for her beloved Society.

18-10-1933

HAROLD MORTON,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SWEDEN

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

Owing to the temporary absence of our Secretary, the usual report has been delayed, but will you kindly use our report for last year, as there is very little difference in the figures.

As regards our work during the past year, we have followed the same lines as the year before. The most prominent events have been Mr. Bolt's visit at our Annual Convention and as leader of our

Summer School, which was attended by about 80 persons. This autumn we have had as lecturers Miss Dijkgraaf, Bishop and Mrs. Bonjer. I think it is a sign of growing strength in our Section that Lodges are beginning to take more interest in giving public lectures.

27-11-1933

ELMA BERG,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the honour and pleasure of presenting to you a brief report of the activities of the New Zealand Section for the year ending 30th September, 1933.

Membership.—New members 46, rejoined 8, transferred from other Sections 5, resigned 22, died 15, lapsed 14, and transferred to other Sections 1. This leaves a total membership of 930, a gain for the year of 7 members. We have still 19 Lodges, the Waipukurau Lodge having been disbanded owing to the gradual dispersal of its members, and a New Lodge formed at Nelson, the charter of which is dated 7th December, 1932.

Annual Convention.—The Thirty-seventh Annual Convention was held in Dunedin on the 27th December, 1932. It was attended by 25 delegates and a number of visiting members. Young Theosophists were also represented by 22 members of the Round Table. Mr. T. Scollay, President of the local Lodge was elected to the Chair, and gave an inspiring address, referring in affectionate terms to Bishop Thomson who was absent owing to ill-health, and whose never-failing presence had for many years been an inspiration to all.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: The Rev. W. Crawford, General Secretary; Miss L. M. Stone, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; and Mrs. W. J. Brooks, Librarian. Miss J.G. Montgomery was also appointed to take charge of a "Tell New Zealand" campaign to be inaugurated on lines similar to the Australian one of 1932.

Publications.—The Sectional magazine, *Theosophy in New Zealand*, published quarterly in 1932, is now published bi-monthly at the request of the Lodges. The longer interval weakened its

usefulness as a link between the Lodges and as a means of propaganda. It is sent free to all members, the annual subscription to non-members being 2/6.

A large supply of leaflets was issued and distributed to the Lodges and members throughout the year. These contained carefully selected paragraphs on Reincarnation and the Life after Death, the Meaning of Theosophy and the Three Great Truths.

The "Tell New Zealand" Campaign was welcomed by the Lodges throughout the Section. Whereas some excelled in obtaining newspaper publicity, others attracted larger audiences in meetings open to the public. Propaganda literature was freely distributed, Australia assisting generously with pamphlets at much reduced rates.

Library.—The Section Library contains 1,308 volumes, 21 new books having recently been added. Thirty-five new subscribers were enrolled during the year, and a few of the older members joined the H. P. B. Lodge.

Vasanta Garden School.—This happy little school, ideally situated in beautiful surroundings, has now completed its 15th year, and during that time it has splendidly fulfilled the purpose for which it was established. It has now reached a stage where expansion is essential to its future progress, and it has been decided to add a Secondary Department from the beginning of 1934. The present attendance is 36, a slight increase from last year.

The Passing of Dr. Besant.—Soon after the news was received of the passing of Annie Besant, our beloved President, on the 20th September, memorial services were held in all the principal Lodges, and brief sketches of her eventful life appeared in every newspaper throughout the country.

Lodge Activities.—Reports from the Lodges this year have been very cheering, full of interest and enthusiasm. Co-operation between young and old is increasingly evident, and the drama and music are proving valuable aids in the presentation of Theosophical truths. The Lecture List for this year shows a wide range of subjects dealt with, and although we have had no lecturers from other lands, every opportunity has been taken for the interchange among the Lodges of visiting members whose public addresses have been much appreciated.

W. CRAWFORD,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

This time, after having addressed these our Annual Reports for so many, many years to our so dearly beloved and revered President, Dr. Annie Besant, it is a matter of course that our thoughts which have been with her during all these last days of September, now once more turn to her in grateful commemoration of the great Chief and Leader who has left us. Here in the Netherlands we always have felt ourselves strongly attached to Dr. Besant, we have appreciated her strong impersonal leadership, her clear insight and vision, her unwavering courage, and we cannot help hoping that our present physical loss might soon prove to have been a temporary one only and that she, our "Warrior-Chief" might soon return, as strong and vigorous as ever, to lead us further onward to victory.

Visitors.—Once again this year we were favoured with a somewhat prolonged visit of Dr. and Mrs. Arundale, during which the former gave some interesting lectures in some of the Lodges and above all the great Convention lecture on "The Spirit of Kingship" at Amsterdam Headquarters. Another visitor, speaking also at this Convention, was Miss Cecil Bayer, who gave a Lecture on "Egypt".

Membership.—In last year's Report we had to mention a considerable decrease in numbers and now, notwithstanding we then felt justified to end with an optimistic conclusion and a forecast of somewhat better prospects for the coming year, yet there is this time another decrease of 133 members to be reported. There have been 131 new members, but 216 resigned, 32 died and 16 were transferred to other Sections, so that on October 1st, 1933, the total number amounts to 2,160.

Lodges.—In Rotterdam this year (the same as in Amsterdam the year before) two local Lodges have united. One Lodge (Baarn) has been dissolved in consequence of insufficient membership and also one Lodge in Leeuwarden and was turned into a Centre, but at Den Haag another Lodge is newly established, so consequently there are now in our National Society 45 Lodges and 26 Centres working.

Conventions.—Besides the Annual Convention already mentioned there was held a special Convention on February 12th for the

commemoration of Richard Wagner. Dr. D. Albers gave a splendid lecture in our Headquarters Hall on "The Esotericism in Rheingold," and in the famous Concert-building of Amsterdam the well-known pianist Marinus Salomons lectured on "The Mystical Meaning of Parsifal," beautifully illustrated by himself on the piano. With this Wagner-Convention we reaped a considerable success in the best musical and artistic circles.

The yearly Whitsuntide Camp at Huizen on the beautiful estate Drafna, belonging to the Theosophical Lyceum, proved again a success, more so because it was favoured by exceedingly beautiful springweather.

Another, more local convention was held at Hengelo on the 26th of March for the eastern part of the country and yet another one on July 2nd at Breda for the South.

Radio Propaganda.—Amongst the means of propaganda the Radio-distribution now is coming more and more to the front and is gaining an important place. Mainly started by members of the T. S., there has been established some years ago a Society called the "Humanitarian and Idealistic Radio Distribution" (in Dutch "Omroep," thus abbreviated into the capital initials H. I. R. O.), wherein a good number of organisations of the said nature, joined together in order to be able to combine a sufficiently numerous membership, strong enough to hold itself against the other (commonly called general) distributors in this country who never gave a chance to our humanitarian ideas, working only for amusement and following the line of least resistance. After some very difficult years, but growing slowly into more experience, this organisation now consists of 34 associated bodies, counting over 200,000 members and it now has secured the officially guaranteed weekly distribution for this society for an hour's time. Now once every month the T. S. has the opportunity of sending a propaganda lecture into the ether and those lectures prove an enormous success because people come to listen now who would never have dreamed of going to a lecture. Here is a most useful movement, organised and mainly worked by some of our members.

The Brotherhood Federation is another enterprise wherein several members T. S. are working for co-operation of a great number of idealistic organisations. This Federation embraces some 60 different organisations, including f.i. some religious

movements, Order of Odd Fellows, Esperanto Society, some Masonic organisations, Peace-movements, Woodbrookers, Society for Psychical Research in Holland, several Youth Corporations. Combined gatherings and conventions are held where the different ideals are exchanged and so mutual understanding and in several cases co-operation has been made possible.

Visiting Lodges by Touring Car.—Lately, some 30 members of Rotterdam Lodge, T. S., have undertaken what—I believe—seems quite a new enterprise and another sign of the times. Considering it useful that the members of different Lodges should come to know each other better and in order to establish a better contact between members all over some part of the country, they hired a beautifully comfortable modern motorbus and on the day of May 28th made a tour to some of the other Lodges, visiting Haarlem, Amsterdam (Lodge and Headquarters), Huizen (Lodge, St. Michaels Centre and Theosophical Lyceum Drafna) and Utrecht. This tour has been so animated that it has inspired other Lodges to try the same experiment.

In conclusion it may be said that the Section has been less uprooted than in former years by the difficulties and troubles that are constantly threatening the equilibrium and restfulness of T. S. members, though in so doing are awakening us to a better understanding of what really Theosophy means. In this the rise and fall of numbers is of secondary importance and in full confidence of the illustrious future of the T. S. we gather our strength for again spreading of the Light of Theosophy in the following year.

2-10-1933

J. KRUISHEER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN FRANCE

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I beg to submit a report of the activities of our National Theosophical Society for the 12 months ending 31st October, 1933.

During this period one new Lodge has been chartered, but three have become dormant, which leaves the number of our active Lodges at 75.

The number of new members admitted has been 177, but 305 have resigned, died or lapsed, which leaves the total of our active members at 2,850.

Theosophical work at our Headquarters has been kept up at the same level of activity. The Sunday lectures and the various day and evening classes on Theosophy have been regularly given by our faithful band of lecturers, among whom Mrs. Laurent-Mayer, M. M. Tozza, Benzimbra, Bohrer. They were well attended in the average.

Our Library has also been much patronized by the general public. But our devoted librarians, Mr. and Mrs. de Feularde, are doubtful whether all the readers came for the sake of Theosophy. Works on occultism and magic are so attractive for the unwary . . .

In the Provinces, activity was maintained at a fair level. In Marseille, the efforts of a generous member succeeded in securing for the local Lodges a fine Headquarters with sufficient accommodation for Lodge meetings and public lectures. It was inaugurated by the General Secretary and promises to be a great asset for the promotion of Theosophy. Public lectures are delivered there every Sunday on a great variety of topics of spiritual significance.

The chief towns of France have had frequent visits from our best lecturers, the names of Mlle. Bayer and Mr. Thorin being added to those above mentioned. This enabled the local Lodges to hold their own reasonably well.

A Congress of the Federation for Central France took place at the beginning of June in Grenoble. Delegates from the neighbouring Lodges assembled, discussed, ate together, went on pleasure trips together, so that this gathering was the occasion for the display of much brotherly feeling.

A successful lecture tour was made by Mlle. Serge Brisy in Algeria, and Tunisia, also in the South of France.

Visitors from other Sections have in several instances been invited to lecture in our Paris Headquarters. This was notably the case for Dr. Arundale, Mr. L. Rogers, Mrs. A. Kamensky, Miss C. Dykgraaf, Mr. M. G. Polak, to whom our best thanks for their help are due.

Our National Convention took place at Easter, and was presided over by Miss C. Dykgraaf who delivered the public lecture. In connection with the Convention, the Round Table people staged a

play of Sutton Vane "Au grand Large," which had been played some years ago in a leading Paris theatre. People who saw both performances did not rate the achievement of our amateurs much below that of the original actors.

At the gathering of White Lotus Day, an additional item was introduced, to present our General Secretary with a symbolical gift of flowers on the occasion of his 25th year of Theosophical service in the quality of General Secretary, truly a silver wedding.

Our Publishing Department "La Famille Théosophique" (Editions Adyar) has not been altogether idle. The last of Major Powell's books on the subtle bodies of man and the solar system, were published in French this year. A book on "Krishnamurti" by Mr. Carlo Soares has been printed in French and in English, and was promptly sold out. The translation of H. P. B.'s 'Key to Theosophy' was also reprinted as a complete and revised edition. An interesting book by the General Secretary, Mr. Charles Blech, was also published under the title: "Contribution à l'histoire de la Société Théosophique en France." It deals with the inception of the Theosophical movement in France and contains a number of original letters from H. P. B. to notable spiritualists of those days. The work entailed by the preparation of this book was a great strain on the General Secretary's health, which up to now remains very poor, and his great age—78 years—make matters difficult, and prevent him from taking an active part in the management of the Section.

The passing away of our President, though not unexpected, was a severe shock, but certainly contributed to deepen the confidence of our members in the transcendental aspect of the Theosophical teachings. The attention of our Section has been thus drawn to Adyar and to the devoted ones who helped to administer the affairs of the T. S. during the President's illness. Of these good brothers, one, Mr. C. Jinarajadāsa, is shortly going to spend some short hours with us in Paris. To the others, and especially to you, dear Mr. Warrington and Acting President, may the good wishes of the French Section give all possible encouragement in the present trying circumstances.

Paris, 31-10-1933

CHARLES BLECH,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ITALY

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The persistent economic depression, together with other local difficulties which render the publicity and extension of Theosophical teachings so arduous at present in Italy, has been decidedly prejudicial to our work during this year.

Indeed, of the 29 Groups existing in the first six months of 1932, ten have been disbanded, not being constituted in conformity with the laws now in force under the new Italian Penal Code respecting Associations of an international character, with the result that on October 1st, 1933, only 19 Lodges remained in full activity.

The number of members on October 1st, 1932, was 460, and during the current year 18 new members have been admitted. On the other hand we have to notify a loss of 74 members, of which the greater part (54) have had their names struck off the rolls on account of continuous non-payment of fees, etc., and this again is chiefly due to the difficulties of the economic situation. There have been 14 resignations, 5 members have passed on, and one has been transferred to another Section.

Among those who have passed from the physical plane this year, to pursue their labours for humanity in higher spheres, are several eminent and well-known workers in the Italian Theosophical movement, and we may mention the names of Fanny Cavallini, née Cialdea; Emilio Turin, ex-General Secretary of the Italian Theosophical Society, and former head of the Order of the Star in Italy; lastly, Col. Oliviers Boggiani, who was the first General Secretary of our Section, and who founded in Italy the review *Gnosi*. He was a second time appointed General Secretary up till the year 1929.

Our two reviews *Il Loto* in Florence, and the *Gnosi* in Turin, are still carrying on, each in its own sphere of activity, the work of spiritualisation and Theosophical propaganda in Italy.

The "Prometeo" and "Nirvana" Theosophical Publishing Houses, also the Theosophical Bookshop, are carrying on the work of diffusion of Theosophical and kindred works. Considering the difficulties attendant on the economic crisis, it is not possible to develop the work as we should wish, but nevertheless a translation

of Van der Leeuw's work "The Conquest of Illusion," is already in the press.

Our Annual Congress, which took place last Easter in Turin, was remarkable for the atmosphere of fraternal and sincere cordiality that prevailed, and there was evidence of a lively desire among all members for a greater mutual understanding for the furthering of the work, and for rendering our Society on ever-increasing force, living and harmonious, among the Italian people.

For this reason the passing away from the physical plane of our great and unforgettable President, Dr. Annie Besant, stimulates the members of the Italian Section to give practical proof of their gratitude towards her, remembering that "our one law is Brotherhood, or the union of all those who love in the service of all who suffer".

In the name of the whole Italian Section, of Vice-General Secretary, Mr. Robert Hack, and myself, I send you most cordial and fraternal greetings and good wishes.

20-11-1933

LUISA GAMBERINI,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN GERMANY

(Report not received)

T. S. IN CUBA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to send you herewith the report of the Cuban Section, T. S., covering the year from October 1st, 1932 to October 31st, 1933.

At our Annual Convention held on July 9th ult. I was favoured by a majority of members and was elected for the position of General Secretary for three years, and it is therefore now my pleasant duty to submit to your Convention the present report.

Our Section is undergoing very painful and difficult conditions owing to political perturbations, disorders and chaos which are

reigning in this country, and which have brought about a disastrous financial situation mightily influencing our members and depriving them of their time and serenity to dedicate to our high ideals. Nevertheless our Section is holding out, thanks to the great efforts made by our members, and continuing propaganda even though weakly because of our small income. Our loss of members is mainly due to the bad economic situation.

During the period to which this report refers there have been chartered two new Lodges; these are: "Morya" in the city of Remedios, and "Arturo Villalon" in the town of Jobabo. Although some Lodges remain inactive, none have been dissolved. Our total now is 19 Lodges.

With respect to members, 42 new members have been admitted, and lost 78, of which 3 died, 4 resigned and the rest have been dropped for non-payment of annual dues during three or more consecutive years and not having demonstrated any Theosophical interest.

Owing to the lamentable economic situation under which we suffer our review *Revista Theosofica Cubana* has not been published since May last.

The passing away of our beloved President, Mrs. Annie Besant, has made a deep impression on our minds, but overcoming our natural pain more than ever we intend, as the best tribute to her memory, to work as eagerly as possible for the welfare of humanity and in the service of the Masters.

This Section sends through me, and I in my own name, to all members assembled in that Fifty-eighth Annual Convention our brotherly greetings.

31-10-1933

SALVADOR SIBECAS,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN HUNGARY

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to send you the following Report of the Hungarian Section T.S. covering the year October 15th, 1932 to September 30th, 1933.

The Hungarian Section T.S. tried its very best to keep up its enthusiasm during the past year. Conditions have not improved

since my predecessor has sent her last Report to Adyar; the only thing we can say with some satisfaction is that we have not lost our faith in the Good Law.

Our members are still very poor, and our fees low—so in spite of a great effort on the part of a group of members, which had as result a slight increase of incoming dues as compared with last year, the Society has still large debts which it cannot pay unless it receives some help from outside.

Notwithstanding this fact we tried all we could to “keep our fire burning”;—the average number of visitors at the weekly meetings at Headquarters, as well as at the propaganda lectures on Sundays, was higher than in the previous year, and so was the attendance at the Annual Convention, this last numbering 55 against 36 last year.

Membership has again decreased, chiefly owing to the financial depression. We have 10 new members on our rolls, whereas the number of lapsed members amounts to 45 (42 resigned, 3 dead), the net loss being 35. On October 15th of last year our membership was 350, now it is 315.

Meetings.—General meetings for members were held at Headquarters every Thursday from October 1st to end of May. We continued the Question and Answer meetings and meetings for Discussion once a month each, the alternate Thursdays being taken up by lectures. We had during the past year 33 meetings for members, of which 4 were festivals (Opening, Olcott Centenary, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day), 14 lectures, 7 Discussion meetings, 6 Question and Answer meetings, and 2 social meetings.

Propaganda lectures were held at Headquarters every Sunday from 1st of November to end of April, Mr. Jinarajadāsa's “First Principles of Theosophy” being treated chapter by chapter by different lecturers on 23 evenings.

During the summer months (June to September) members and friends met twice a week in the garden of Headquarters, and Theosophical subjects were introduced by different speakers, followed by general discussion.

Visitors this year were: Dr. Paul Ligeti from Budapest, Miss Elly Kastinger from Vienna, Miss Martha Root and Mrs. Carpenter from America, Miss Edith Abbott from England,

and Mr. G. S. Mathur from India. Their lectures and talks were greatly appreciated.

A new feature in our work was the invitation of Dr. Paul Ligeti who is not a member of the T. S., but who, being a remarkable exponent of his theory of the regular recurring of certain types of Art at certain periods of the history of human culture, gave us a lecture on his theory, and a second evening was consecrated to the discussion of the subject from the Theosophical point of view, with the concurrence of the lecturer himself. We hope to repeat this interesting experiment with other lecturers whom we feel in their tendency developing towards Theosophy.

Our *Publishing activity* had to be suspended during the last year, owing to lack of funds.

Our Theosophical News and Notes, which appeared 10 times last year, only continues to exist through the generosity of its printer, one of the members of the Society.

Lodges.—2 Lodges were dissolved during the past year: Apollo which had been dormant for more than 5 years, and Alcyone. In the Lodges now existing, work has been taken up more intensely, so that we hope they will do good work for the living and spreading of Theosophy.

We are fully aware that in these times the more everything seems to conspire in threatening the unity of the Society, the more reason there is for us to do all we can to remain firm and loyal in the Masters' service, and faithful to Their Society.

The best wishes of the Hungarian T. S. go out to you and to all members of the General Council.

FLORA DE SELEVER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN FINLAND

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

This year has been very trying to our Finnish Section, because of our economic difficulties. The Theosophical Society in Finland has been obliged to go bankrupt, because it had become impossible to pay the high interest on the loans burdening the building owned

by the Society at Helsinki. This bankruptcy was proclaimed on July 6th. This circumstance has necessitated the reconstruction of the T.S. in Finland, to legalize it under a new Finnish name and new rules because a Society in insolvency is badly handicapped on account of Finnish law, *f.i.*, it cannot collect means for its further activity. Prompted by all this the members of T. S. in F. assembled on August 27th to pass a resolution to dissolve the T. S. in F. as soon as possible, but the same gathering of members at Helsinki established a new Theosophical Society in Finland under the name of TEOSOFINEN SEURA to continue the Theosophical work in Finland. The former Society has now really no activity, its Lodges having either joined the new reconstructed Society, or else dissolved. So 15 old Lodges have joined the new one and three new Lodges at Helsinki have been established. We are now waiting for our charter from Adyar. The Lodges which have not joined our new Society, had really ceased their work before T. S. in F. has been dissolved. Probably the number of members will be diminished to begin with, but it will be the more enthusiastic and more capable members who are joining the new Society. The total membership of our new Theos. Section is now October 31st 304, of which 274 are attached and 30 unattached members.

There are signs showing that the Theosophical work in Finland is now gaining new life after being released from a long economical pressure which has been paralyzing our work—although all that has been gained by heavy losses. Through the bankruptcy we have been freed from our debts, but the loss of all our property has brought heavy losses to many of our members.

The Theosophical work in Finland has been going on on the same lines as before, *i.e.*, the Lodges meeting weekly. The work in the large Lodges in towns like Helsinki, Turku and Tampere has been more lively, the Lodges having arranged also meetings with public lectures and festivals on Theosophical memorial days.

The Annual Convention of T. S. in F. was held in Easter time under the auspices of Adyar and it was very harmonious with lectures on problems of the day.

In July we had a Summer school meeting lasting one week at our former Summer-home at Wammelsuu, with lectures every day. The partakers were delighted and many Theosophical problems were discussed and cleared.

Our only printed publication has been our monthly, *Teosofi*, edited by W. Angervo Med. Col. with co-workers. Its size has been 32 pages, and it has had 650 subscribers. The contents of it has been—except translations from *The Theosophist*—original essays and news from the Theosophical field of work.

Our Theosophical Recital-chorus, containing also young people from outside of the T. S., has continued its artistic work, performing poems about peace and brotherhood on Theosophical entertainments and festivals, sometimes also outside the T. S.

In October we have been happy to receive several delightful visits. Bishop Bonjer visited the L. C. C. and Mrs. Emely Bonjer delivered five highly interesting public lectures about education and problems of to-day. Two weeks later Miss Dijkgraaf visited Helsinki and held meetings for members of T. S. All these lectures and meetings, as well as the personal contact with our dear guests, were very profitable and inspiring.

In honour of our dear late President Dr. Annie Besant we had a memorial-celebration of her passing on September 23rd at Helsinki. With regret and gratitude every Finnish member cherishes the memory of our beloved late President-Mother, blessing her work, being sure that by carrying on her tradition and following her teachings a new and brighter day will dawn on the Theosophical Society and the Theosophical work in Finland.

A. RANKKA,

General Secretary.

THE RUSSIAN T. S. OUTSIDE RUSSIA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

Our Jubilee Convention.—Last year, 1932, there were 10 years of work outside Russia. Owing to bad events in France, our Convention was not held. But this year we had a brilliant Jubilee Convention in Paris, a sort of triple Jubilee: 11 years of work of our T. S. outside Russia, 10 years of publishing our *Vestnik*, and 25 years of Theosophical activities (our T. S. in Russia was born in 1908).

If we count the years of unofficial activity, we have 33 years of good record behind us.

Our Convention was held in June (22-29) in Paris, presided over by C^{ss}. Sophie Tolstoi, from Prague, and with Dr. G. S. Arundale as President d'honneur.

We had the privilege to receive a message from our great President which made us very happy, and also a loving message from Dr. G. S. Arundale, unable to attend our Convention.

Delegates.—Delegates from London, Bruxelles, Prague, Geneva and Paris met during several days and did much useful work. Dr. A. Kamensky was re-elected as General Secretary for the next 3 years.

Meetings.—Five general meetings were hold, one being especially consecrated to the Jubilee. On that day there was a solemn celebration, many addresses, letters and cables were read; a beautiful concert followed with an artistic dance performance. A message was sent to the President in Adyar and to Dr. G. S. Arundale.

Lecture.—On the eve a public lecture on "Russia's Destinies" was held with great success.

After the closing of the Convention, there was a tea party and a concert in honour of our international friends. And then an excursion on the river.

Membership.—During the year 1 member passed away and 6 entered the T. S. We are now 169 members but only 89 have been able to pay their dues.

Lodges.—We have 10 Lodges. The Lodge in Belgrade (Yaroslav-the-Wise), which was asleep, has awoke to an active life. We have corresponding members in all parts of the world. Our Lodges work in Paris, London, Bruxelles, Geneva, Berlin, Reval, Belgrade, Prague; also in China (Kharbine Tiensin, Shanghai). There is a centre in America. It is the devoted Lodge in Paris, "Alkonost," presided by Countess O. de Suzor, which organised the Jubilee Convention and gave us hospitality.

Chief Events and Propaganda.—The General Secretary delivered lectures in France, Belgium, Italy and Switzerland. Miss C. Helmboldt has lectured in Paris and Geneva and Mrs. E. Solevsky in Paris, Geneva and Belgrade.

Publishing.—Our magazine *Vestnik*, in spite of great financial difficulties, has been issued 6 times. The *Bulletin* (Sections nervs, typewritten), 3 times. We have also issued a book: *The Hidden Sense of Life* by Mme. E. Pissareff.

Other Fields.—Many of our Lodges are working also with the local Sections, in the Order of Service, the Round Table, in healing groups, in Arts and Crafts. Some work with the World Peace movement, or with the Theosophical World University. Some adhere to the Slavonic Cultural Brotherhood, which celebrates every year, on the 12th November, a Slavonic Peace-Day.

O. S. of Russia.—A new form of work is the "Order of Service of Russia," which is studying the great Russian traditions and Russian psychology, proclaiming the great ancient ideals of brotherhood and chivalry and trying to prepare for Russia's resurrection. The devise is: "I believe in God: I believe in the victory of Light. I believe in Russia's resurrection."

International Work.—During her Russian tour, the General Secretary has always lectured for the local Sections (Paris, Bruxelles, Trieste). She has been asked also to make a tour in Switzerland, lecturing in Lausanne, Zurich, Berne, Locarno, Basel and La Chaux-de-Fonds.

Being the President of the Theosophical International Centre in Geneva, she has to organise and lead the international work.

As General Secretary of the World Peace Union Dr. A. Kamensky is organising yearly a Peace-Week in Geneva. She has also to organise the work of the Interconfessional Group in Geneva. She presides over the group of the Theosophical World-University. She has also a chair in the University of Geneva.

Summing up.—We think that during the 11 years of our work outside Russia we have done an important and useful work among refugees and we hope that this work is not only helping "Russia, outside Russia," but also the great Russia of the future.

We send our loving message and our hearty good wishes to beloved India and to the General T. S. Council.

DR. ANNA KAMENSKY,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

(Report not received)

T. S. IN SOUTH AFRICA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

There is very little to report as the year has been a very quiet one. Our numbers are small, 132 in all, and the teachings are being given forth in our various Lodges.

Durban is a very active centre and has a fine Lodge room with a beautiful outlook. We are hoping that the visit of Miss Clara Codd in 1933 will help us.

Our distances are so great that it is difficult to keep in touch with one another, especially as we had to give up the publication of our magazine, as the expense was too great.

Our deepest love is with our beloved President, for though she has passed on to a greater world, I think we shall always think of her as our "beloved President".

Great was her work here, and we who have seen the light through her guidance will ever revere her name.

M. L. MURCHIE,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SCOTLAND

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to submit this Annual Report of the Scottish Section.

On April 30th, 1932, we had 532 members on the active roll. During the year ending 30th April, 1933, 18 new members have joined the Section, 3 have transferred to other National Sections, 5 have died, 16 have resigned, and 38 have been placed on the suspended list, leaving a total active membership of 488. Since the end of the Society's year, we have welcomed an additional 11 members.

The number of Lodges is now 28, for now that the work for which it was formed has reached a conclusion, India Lodge has sent in its charter, the members joining other Lodges in the Eastern District. There are three Centres.

The Eastern, Western and Northern Districts have sent in very good reports of steady work. Those Lodges that could not hold public lectures have specialised in study meetings, symposia, or

discussions. A fortnightly series of At Homes was a very successful feature in the programme of the Western District, while several At Homes were held in the Eastern District as well. The largest of these, under the auspices of Orpheus Lodge, was given at Headquarters to the overseas members of the Edinburgh International Club, when these premises were filled almost to capacity and 23 nationalities were represented. The reports received from the Northern Lodges—many of which are numerically small as well as being isolated—prove that there is a spirit of sturdy perseverance, which, I think, we have every right to hope will bear good fruit as the times become less difficult.

Throughout the country, the Section has relied to a great extent on the good services of our own lecturers, but we have also had the good fortune to receive visits from Miss Charlotte Woods, Mr. Ivan Hawliczek and Mr. Percy Lund. Mrs. Alice Bailey also visited some of the Lodges.

Our Twenty-third Annual Convention was held on June 10th and 11th, at Headquarters, under the presidency of Mrs. Josephine Ransom, General Secretary of the English Section. Convention is always a "great time". This occasion was no exception. We are deeply grateful to Mrs. Ransom for coming to Scotland and for bringing us her strong assistance. Her example of definiteness of purpose and of vigour remains with us for an inspiration in our future work. This Convention will be remembered for its happiness and for its power.

I regret to report the passing in September of the late General Secretary, Mr. John P. Allan, and I record herein the Resolution passed by National Council as follows:

"The National Council desires to express its sense of the great loss sustained by the National Society, and by the Theosophical Society in the passing of the late General Secretary, Mr. John P. Allan, in whom the Theosophical Society had one of its earliest adherents in Scotland, and, with deep gratitude for his many years of active service the Council records its high estimation of his many fine qualities, unselfishly devoted to the cause of Theosophy—his wise guidance, his sympathetic understanding and his constant activity in the service of others."

The work in the Lodges is well sustained and public interest in the message of Theosophy does not decline. In the difficult times

through which the world is passing we have much to give that can help our fellowmen to a better understanding.

On behalf of the Scottish Section I send to you and to Bishop Leadbeater the loyal and affectionate greetings of our members.

CHR. GALE,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SWITZERLAND

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the pleasure to send you the report of our Swiss Section (1st of October, 1932 to 1st of October, 1933).

No new Lodge and no new Centre was added to our list, but I am glad to announce that 11 new members have joined; our total membership passed from 214 to 220.

Our Convention held in La Chaux-de-fonds was a harmonious gathering—few delegates were present on account of the economic depression. The question of bringing young people to the T. S. was carefully examined but we came to no precise solution except that we would try to understand them and give them the consciousness of their own divinity—and of the spiritual laws of the world. Every Lodge is free to invite young people to meetings, or to organize special gatherings for them. Actually an interesting experience is made in Headquarters (Geneva) where Mr. Tripet tries to interest a certain number of people—under 32 years of age. He introduces briefly his subject which becomes the theme of a general conversation in the group. We don't know yet if they will be desirous of joining the T. S. in the near future.

Mesdames Kern, Minutio near Locarno, are doing the same thing. Seeds are sown and we must wait to see them growing.

The general propaganda work is done by public lectures: Dr. de Henseler, Mr. Sassi, Melle. Baumann and Dr. Biach have spoken in various towns in French and in German Switzerland.

The International Centre working hand in hand with the Section has given us the help of its lecturers: Prof. Marcault, Mr. Gaston Polak, Melle. Brizy and Mr. Demarquette. Mme. Dr. Kamensky, President of the International Centre, is always at hand to help the Section.

At Headquarters in Geneva, Lotus Day, our dear President's birthday on the 1st of October, Christmas, Adyar Day and Lotus Day were duly celebrated.

Healing groups, Meditation groups, Theosophical Order of Service, Theosophical World University groups and other activities have kept us busy till the 1st of July and we look forward to another busy and fruitful year.

We all send our loving thoughts to our great President, Annie Besant.

Geneva, 10-10-1933

LOUISA ROLLIER,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN BELGIUM

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

Owing to various circumstances, I am unable, this time, to send you a detailed report of our activities during the year from 1st May, 1932 till 30th April, 1933.

The number of our members is just the same as last year, viz., 378. 35 new admissions have been compensated by the same number of departures, on account of deaths and resignations.

The number of our Branches, and their committees, are also the same as last year.

Nothing salient to mention. We had our usual lectures every Saturday, well attended; no lecturer came from abroad, except Dr. Kamensky, from Geneva.

Adyar Day, Lotus Day, were celebrated with the accustomed ceremonial. On the first of October, 1933, we mourned the departure of our beloved President from this physical plane; many members from the provinces were present at this impressive ceremony.

Notwithstanding the great economic depression of this time, we were able to amortise further 16,000 frs. of the debt weighing on our Building, specially thanks to the generosity of one of our members.

Brussels, 19-12-1933

GASTON POLAK,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the pleasure to present you the report of the activities of the Netherland East Indian Section during the year ending September 30th, 1933.

Statistics.

Number of new Centres	...	...	...	...	2
Number of Lodges dissolved	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Centres dissolved	...	...	...	...	3
Total number of active Lodges	...	...	...	...	25
Total number of active Centres	...	...	...	...	10
Incoming Members	...	...	...	...	89
Outgoing Members	...	...	...	...	392
Total number of active Members	...	...	...	...	1,443

Of these there are 620 European, 675 Indonesian and 148 Chinese members. It may interest you to see the fluctuation of the membership in our Section during the last 10 years.

Year	Number	European	Indonesian	Chinese
1924	1,774	840	819	115
1925	1,939	912	892	135
1926	2,145	1,034	905	206
1927	2,128	1,068	864	196
1928	2,183	1,078	906	199
1929	2,137	1,026	902	209
1930	2,090	1,006	876	208
1931	1,892	919	774	199
1932	1,746	846	715	185
1933	1,443	620	675	148

It might be interesting to compare this list with those from other countries. Perhaps I may suggest my colleagues to send one with their next year's report?

The constant decrease of membership in the last years, beginning 1931, is the consequence, in my opinion, of a process of impoverishing of the people in our country. The economic depression, which has begun in the self-same year, affected our country very seriously, because our Government kept the gold standard, while all countries surrounding us dropped theirs. Now we have a very hard

struggle to keep our economic world-position, but you will understand that because of the stagnation of our export the whole population suffers under the burden of a very rigorous system of retrenching of expenses. Needless to say, that our Society's finances are also seriously affected and we need to economise on all kinds of expenses. Also several Lodges with own buildings and compounds suffer from the general economic situation.

Magazines Published.—(1) The Dutch Sectional Monthly Magazine: *The Pioneer*, dealing with problems of topical interest, Theosophical as well as of a general importance, is now sent to all Dutch members of our Section at the exceptionally low price of 3 guilders per year, for which they receive 576 pages of letter-press. It is, however, regrettable that so many members though they did not decline the offer, afterwards did not pay the bill. We shall try to increase the interest by intensive propaganda.

(2) The Malayan Sectional Monthly Magazine: *The One Life* (Persatoean Hidoep) is doing very well and we are trying to rouse the interest of all Indonesian members by presenting it to them for a subscription-price of only half a guilder, the Society supplying the rest. The result will show next year, but at present the response is already very satisfactory. The magazine will contain 384 pages of letter-press a year and we intend to publish through its columns several Theosophical books and so get them cheaply in the possession of our Indonesian brothers, who otherwise would not be able to procure the books.

(3) The Official Bulletin of our Section: *Theosofie in Nederlandsch Indië* is published in 2 languages: Dutch and Malay, and is sent to all members free of cost. Only presidential letters, official communications, minutes of meetings, and such things appear in this magazine.

(4) Moreover one Indonesian Lodge (Solo) publishes a separate monthly magazine, called: *Koemandang Theosofie* printed in Javanese, with a Malay annex. They also issue a monthly, containing the translation of the complete Maha-Bharatha in Javanese. This is a tremendous work, which is proceeding very slowly, but the translators have pledged themselves not to give way to any difficulty.

Theosophical Events.—The outstanding event of this year has been, of course, the commemoration of the passing away of our beloved President on the 20th of September. All Lodges were

informed by telegraph as soon as I received your wire. All newspapers, Dutch, Malay, Javanese, Soendanese, Chinese, etc., that same evening published extensive articles on Dr. Besant in a very appreciative way, except one in Batavia and one in Sourabaya, which are under Roman Catholic influence.

We further organized a moment-lecture on Tuesday, September 26th, to be held in all places where our Section is represented by a Lodge or a Centre. This has proved to have been a very good decision and the meetings were a very big success. The reports I received up to this moment tell all of crowded meetings, intensive interest, deep reverence and splendid lectures in honour of Mrs. Besant. The title of the lecture was everywhere: "Theosophy as a Herald of LIGHT."

Christmas-time saw a gathering of Lodge and Centre-presidents to discuss matters of interest concerning the future of our work, propaganda, lecturing, and so on. It has been a very interesting meeting and we hope to repeat it this year.

The new movement, called "Pemitran Tjahja" (Brothers of Light) and which is meant to reach the man in the street, the unlettered, the labourer and the farmer, is going on very well. Already 12 centres are formed and about 6 to 700 men assist regularly at the meetings. We have some interesting reports of several Government Officials showing that in the villages where such a centre operates the percentage of crime (thefts, fighting, etc.) has dropped very low.

National Convention.—Our Convention was held at Madioen at Easter-time and was attended by about 200 members, who lived together for 3 days in a former school-building, graciously offered for that purpose by the Government. All the meetings (*viz.*, 3 socials, 5 lectures, 3 official meetings and 1 picnic) were very much appreciated and the general feeling was brotherly and uplifting.

Propaganda.—This year we carried on a more intensive propaganda. Personally I visited all the Java-lodges, lectured for members of the T.S., for Art-Circles and University-Extension-Societies, kept up a personal contact with many members by correspondence and tried to inspire them with our ideals. Moreover we have found in brother Raden Soeriakarta Prawira, a former Government Official, an able and trustworthy lecturer and he arranged several very successful tours.

A special Propaganda-fund is established to cover the cost of travel and lodging.

We are now looking forward to a tour of brother Geoffrey Hodson and his wife, who promised to lecture from October 14th to November 20th. We are greatly interested in what he will tell us and we informed the public through the newspapers, who all published a long article on him.

Education.—We are very happy to report that this movement has experienced a very strong stimulation. Brother P. Fournier, our Vice-President, member of the Peoples-Council (a kind of Indonesian Parliament) devoted himself to a complete reorganisation and to the intensification of the educational movement. The result is remarkable, several schools were added, others considerably extended, many private societies offered their schools to be included in our Theosophical movement and everywhere great activity is shown.

It is a pity, however, that the number of T.S. members who show any interest in this activity, which is so very important, especially in a colonial country and especially at this time when the public schools decrease in number and education is rather hard to obtain, is still so very small.

In ending this report allow me to express on behalf of our Section our feelings of loyalty to our beloved Society and let me voice the hope, that in electing our new President, the Light of Wisdom, Tolerance and Love will guide us and that the Spirit of a sincere Theosophical feeling of Universal Brotherhood without distinction of Race, Religion and other minor differences will inspire us.

A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BURMA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have great pleasure to place before you the report of the Theosophical Society in Burma, for the year ending 30th September, 1933, and to state that in spite of the still unsettled position of the country due to trade depression, and economic distress, efforts were maintained to spread the message of Theosophy, and the year has been one of activity in many directions.

I take this opportunity on behalf of our members to send our loving greetings to our President *pro tem.* in his labours for spreading the message of Theosophy and Brotherhood and his sustained interest in the Theosophical movement.

Dr. Annie Besant.—The greatest event of the Theosophical World during the last month of our year has been the departure of our Great Chief from the physical plane. Her passing removes from the World arena a World figure, an ideal Theosophist, and the most remarkable person of all time. For over a quarter of a century she was the greatest inspiration to us all. We who are Theosophists owe her a deep debt of gratitude, for she was everything to us. She lived a life of utter devotion to her Master. With the passing away of her from our midst, our responsibility to the Theosophical movement has become all the greater, and we must with redoubled energy carry on the work. The World is at a great crisis, and needs us more now than at any time, and there is a splendid opportunity for every one of us to be a channel for the glorious work of the Masters. The World needs BROTHERHOOD to-day more than at any other time, and let us all rally round the flag of Theosophy, and make Brotherhood more practical.

We also take this opportunity of sending and recording our gratitude for services rendered to this movement by Bishop Leadbeater, Mr. G. S. Arundale, Mr. Jinarājadāsa, and the President *pro tem.*, Mr. A. P. Warrington.

Strength.—We had 9 admissions during the year, an increase of eight over last year. Dr. S. Jacob passed away in January last after a record of good service to the Rangoon Lodge. This has left us at the end of the year 169 active members, and 111 Honorary Bhikku members.

Lodges.—The number of chartered Lodges remained the same, *viz.*, ten, but the most active Lodges were Rangoon, Mandalay, and Maymyo, and the Youth Lodge, Rangoon.

Rangoon Lodge has been more active this year than for many years, and there have been study classes on "Advanced Theosophy" on Wednesdays conducted by Mr. Chari, Mrs. Leonard and Mr. D. A. Anklesaria. Besides the usual classes on Sundays, there were public lectures on almost every Sunday on various subjects, such as "Philosophy of Sri Sankara," "Islam," "Studies in Bhagavad-Gita," Yoga and Science, Palmistry, Astrology, Phrenology, Karma

Philosophy, Study of Jain and Buddhist Philosophy, Place of Zarathushtra in the Great Plan, Buddhist Psychology, Spiritual Advancement, Yoga and Science, Life and Teachings of Thiruvalluvar, Universal Love, Harmlessness, Vision of a New Faith, and so on, by a number of friends. These meetings attracted a regular audience to our Lodge.

Mandalay Lodge held the usual weekly classes, and Maymyo also reports regular study meetings at the Lodge. I had occasion to go to Mergui, and interest some friends in Theosophy including one of our old brothers, Dr. U Lugale, who is doing good work for the cause of Buddhism in that part of the province.

Mrs. Wales continued her propaganda work for the T. S. among Burmese ladies in the town, and several books were distributed by her.

Library and Reading Rooms.—Rangoon, Mandalay and Maymyo Lodge reading rooms continued to attract more readers, and served a very useful purpose. The Section and the Mandalay Lodge subscribed for *The Theosophist* for various public libraries in the province which was another useful propaganda for the movement.

Our Members.—Our members take a great deal of interest in all activities which promote brotherhood, such as in Burma Humanitarian League, Scout movement, Night school work and in educational and social activities.

Propaganda.—Our Section continued to do the usual propaganda work, and several copies of *At the Feet of the Master* in Burmese, the Noble-Eightfold Path, and "Theosophy" by Annie Besant were sent to enquirers.

Sectional Magazine.—The Sectional Magazine *Message of Theosophy* was issued as a leaflet of 8 pages for the months of October and November, 1932, but had to be discontinued after that for want of funds. It is now again revived and will appear in a decent form from October, 1933, as a regular quarterly.

Finance.—There is nothing satisfactory to report under this head as collection is very difficult, but members help us with donations.

Section Land.—The land at Thingangyun remains in the same position, and as the price at present is low, we are not in a position to dispose of the same.

B. E. T. Schools.—These schools, Boys' High School and the Girls' Middle School, founded by the T. S., and now working under the name of the Burma Educational Trust, have expanded during the year. There is a further increase in both the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the present strength is 450 boys and 225 girls. The financial position has not much improved. The Boys' School is helped by public subscriptions, while the deficit in the Girls' School is met entirely by T. S. members who also take an active part in the management. Mr. K. R. Chari is in charge of the Boys' School, and has brought it into a good working order. The Girls' School is managed by a small committee of T. S. members who have helped to organise it well.

Visitors.—After the last Adyar Convention, Mr. L. W. Rogers was kind enough to visit Burma, and his stay in Burma for 2 weeks brought Theosophy once again to the forefront. His interesting lectures on "Cause and Cure of World Depression," "Self-Development and Power," and "Laws of Destiny" attracted a very large audience at Rangoon, and also at Mandalay. Baroness Van Isselmuden from Adyar was with us for a short time and gave us a talk on her work at Adyar at the Lodge. She also visited all the up-country Lodges.

Our Annual Convention.—The Twenty-first Annual Convention of the Burma T. S. was held in December at Rangoon, presided over by Mrs. M. Leonard.

Conclusion.—Though the work of the Society is going on, there remains much to be done to spread the Message, and it is our hope that more of our members will come forward to take up the cause.

May the Peace and Blessings of the Holy Masters inspire us to live and spread the message of Theosophy, and thus help us to remove ignorance and misery of the suffering humanity, and establish love and brotherhood in the world.

10-12-1933

N. A. NAGANATHAN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN AUSTRIA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to submit to you the report of the Austrian Section of the T. S. for the year ending with September, 1933.

Statistics.—The statistics which I append herewith will show you the movements of the Austrian members.

Finances.—The great distress of the country is clearly shown by the following experiences. Of 320 active members of Vienna, only 158, have paid regularly, 59 begged us to free them from paying and 103 simply did not pay without any excuse. There are three groups of the latter: 41 members owe the money for one year, 39 for two years and 23 for three years. The consequence is that we are missing more than 50 % of the sum we were entitled to expect.

As we dispose of hardly half of the sum we used to get, it is doubtful whether we shall be able to meet with all our obligations. It is particularly doubtful whether we shall be able to send to Adyar and to the European Federation for the year 1933 what we ought to pay.

Activities.—Although our work is confined to two cities only Vienna and Graz, we have done our best.

On Monday evenings there were meetings of the Lodge "Alcyone" at Headquarters for members only, where different members gave lectures; once or twice several persons united in what we called a "Symposium" with about 50 persons present. The Lodge "Gnosis" had an astrological class for advanced members and guests, where interesting examples of horoscopes were studied. About ten persons were present.

This year for the third time the librarian had a class on Friday to introduce members and guests into the Theosophical system. There were about 20 persons present, 12 of whom became members.

There were public lectures every fortnight in the Headquarters, but in spite of the fact that they were advertised in the daily newspapers they were only poorly attended, about 20-30 persons being present. Perhaps it is the newly awakened political interest that kept people from coming.

There were held in the house of the head of the Lodge "Lotos" about 40 meetings for the purpose of introducing the members

into the Theosophical system. The average attendance was 25 persons.

There were meetings twice a week in the house of the head of the Lodge "Pythagoras," with three kinds of meetings, introductory lectures, questions and answers and social gatherings. Although a comparatively young Lodge they own about 250 books.

The Lodge "Blavatsky" at Graz, working all the year round, had 52 meetings. The second Austrian Lodge "Gnosis" at Graz had some inner difficulties, the climax of which was the death of the leader, Mrs. Marianne Hamik. Since Mrs. Paula Loew has been elected Head the Lodge has begun to flourish again.

The former Lodge "Brotherhood" at Hintereben has begun a new period of activity after rather a long spell of inactivity when the founders (peasants) moved to Seewiesen.

The head of the Lodge "Pax" endeavours through lectures among the young people to awaken the interest of modern youth in the Theosophical system and outlook.

The Lodge "Fraternitas" at Voeslau had to be cancelled on account of inner social decay.

In spite of the strong political troubles in Europe which are also felt in our beloved little Austria the idea of brotherhood is so firmly established among our members that we are looking forward to the future with real confidence and faith in the coming unfoldment of our National Section.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN NORWAY

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The past year's work shows no marked difference from that of 1932. The inner Theosophical meetings are not visited by any great number of members, and many obviously grow tired of meetings.

The public meetings on the other hand have large attendances, and the interest in Theosophy is—as far as we can see—increasing.

One of our members, Mr. E. M. Iversen, has done good work in public lecturing and continues his lectures this autumn with the same good result.

Also this year we have had a successful summer school in the same place as last year—Sorumsand—with Mr. Edwin C. Bolt as leader. His bright and happy view on life and his inspiring lectures create that feeling of unity that always should be the feature of a Theosophical summer school. He had a remarkable co-worker in creating the right atmosphere in Mr. N. A. Ellingsen from Edinburgh, the sunbeam of the summer school from morning to night.

The decease of our beloved President has naturally been a great pain to us all, but at the same time we are glad that this fiery flaming Soul has been liberated from her worn-out body.

To us Norwegian Theosophists that whole life of hers will be an inspiring example. Blessed be her memory.

Now when the new President is elected, I hope that he will contact a great stream of sympathy and feeling of co-responsibility for the Cause of Theosophy from the Norwegian Section.

On behalf of all the Norwegian Theosophists I send the General Council in Adyar our sincere thanks for all good work during the last year, and the wish that Theosophy will always inspire new forces and new channels to carry the work further.

November, 1933

JULIUS MICHELSEN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN DENMARK

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

On the whole there are no outstanding features marking the face of the Danish Theosophical Society during the year October, 1932—30th September, 1933.

As may be seen from the enclosed statistics, the membership number has hardly been changed; although some series of public lectures have been given, the public have shown no interest in the Theosophical work here in Denmark.

The Lodge-presidents all report of steady work and rather good attendance at the Lodge meetings. The leader of the Western Federation of Lodges (in Jutland), Mr. Bonde Jensen, reports as follows:

"The Lodges in Jutland continually rejoice in good mutual co-operation. As the greatest and oldest Lodge in Jutland, the Aarhus Lodge has by the Section been charged with sending lecturers once every month to the other centres, and on several occasions meetings have been held, where representatives from all the Lodges have been present.

It has been tried to decide by voting in what the members especially are interested; the result was:

The Masters, the Path, Ethics	53 % votes
Occult Research, Doctrine of Evolution	40 „ „
The Teaching of Krishnamurti	11 „ „
Ceremonials	0 „ „

Thereafter the work has been arranged so that these claims were met. The central importance of the idea of brotherhood has been emphasized at *all* meetings based upon the consideration that a nucleus of the universal brotherhood is a *rhythm* in consciousness which we must try to forward in the work of the Lodges with the different subjects by emphasizing the points of resemblance and not the differences.

Mr. Edwin C. Bolt, Cambridge, has been of invaluable help, partly by his interesting lectures that extended over two weeks, partly by the wave of vitality and enthusiasm for the innermost values of Theosophy which always accompanies his visits. After his last meeting in Aarhus, which was attended by more than one hundred members and interested persons, the majority of the audience accompanied him to the steamer and in parting gave him three cheers.

Such an episode shows that our objects expounded in the right way may still release the enthusiasm and joy of life without which it is impossible to lead a movement to victory.

Mr. Bolt's work in Copenhagen, during 4 weeks in springtime, was very much appreciated by a great many of our members, and the Copenhagen Lodges draw, undoubtedly, to a high degree on his inspiration and his joyous and trusting interpretations of the different manifestations of life.

The Annual Convention, held in Copenhagen in April, was attended by some 15 delegates, all but one from Copenhagen. Very little interest is on the whole shown in the administrative affairs of our Theosophical Society.

The closing meeting at which Mr. Bolt lectured was fairly well attended.

On account of the financial depression, no books and pamphlets have been published, but we have succeeded in running our national magazine *Theosophia* as usual.

The last month has, of course, to a great extent been devoted to the memory of our revered late President, Dr. Annie Besant, and both among our members and the public (as shown in the Newspapers) there is but one opinion as to Dr. Besant's uniquely great personality and her unselfish work; and on behalf of our members I want to say that we have all felt her death as a personal bereavement, and are eager to express our gratitude for her great example, and our appreciation of her quite peerless work for Theosophy.

28-10-1933

H. O. SVERRILD,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN IRELAND

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

It is difficult to write a report of the work of The Theosophical Society in Ireland without striking a note of regret, and of melancholy, which is a wrong note for a Theosophist, who should know that we must not judge by results.

In addition to the old difficulty in this country of the religion of the large majority of the people—which religion definitely forbids them to attend Lectures or classes in connection with the Theosophical Society, there has been for some years so much political agitation and disagreement that there is no time to devote to higher things; and the financial situation resulting makes everything more difficult still. These remarks apply particularly to the South of Ireland. Northern Ireland has its difficulties too, but they are somewhat different.

There is a brighter side however; a small number of earnest faithful members, giving all they can to keep our Society not only alive, but as bright and active as circumstances permit.

In Dublin a further set-back for the moment has been the forming of a branch of the Point Loma Theosophical Society. We do not however regard this as a serious menace.

The Convention of the Irish Section is held alternatively in Dublin and in Belfast. This year it was held in Dublin, and we had as Chairman Mr. Peter Freeman, General Secretary of the T. S. in Wales; we greatly appreciated this visit, and Mr. Freeman's business ability was a great help at our meetings. He also gave a Public Lecture, which in spite of small numbers—accentuated by a certain amount of illness in the City, and also by the fact that a Mail Strike prevented any members from the North of Ireland attending the Convention—was much appreciated.

The number of members still seems to decrease, but there are always some who stand firm; and who will, I have no doubt, continue to stand firm. Lectures and Study Classes are still held in all the Lodges.

With the members of The Theosophical Society all over the World we are realizing the loss on this Plane of our beloved President, Dr. Besant; but we know what her watch word was; and in her spirit, and in recognition of her life of devotion, we will still try to "carry-on".

J. M. NICHOLS,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN MEXICO

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The general situation of the Mexican Section of the Theosophical Society stands somewhat similar to the last year, having improved, however, as regards the field-work, and the renewal of interest in several of our oldest members, on study and public teaching of Theosophy.

Convention.—From November 12th, 1932 to November 17th, our Fourteenth Annual Convention held at the City of Mexico, was the expression of renewed life and enthusiasm. Our General Secretary was then re-elected for a fifth period of one year. Four public lectures, preceded by musical art and classical dances, were delivered on topics such as "Socialism," "The Right to Maternity," "The Origin of Man," etc.

Lodges and Members.—Our chartered Lodges are 16. We have also eleven Study Centres, lead by active F. T. S., nine of them in places where no Lodge of the T. S. exists. The work in seven Centres has been very successful the whole year long.

Up to the 15th of October the number of our members in good standing amounted to 249. As in last year, 28 new members, (one transferred from the North-American Section) joined our Section which suffered a heavy loss with the passing away of Bro. Julio Camelo, the President of "Lue de Tabasco" Lodge at Villahermosa, State of Tabasco. Several old and earnest members, unable to pay their annual dues, are being still considered as local members by some Lodges in the Interior, though not listed as active in this report.

Study and Teaching.—As per reports received, almost all our Lodges and Centres are active in the work of propaganda and of furthering brotherhood. Theosophy has been most intensively studied and expounded this year at the cities of Mexico, Veracruz, Orizaba, Tampico and Monterrey.

All round the year, Bro. Miguel Martinez Yopez (of Venezuela), travelling for his own account as Theosophical missionary, has visited many cities and villages of this country, lecturing at Theatres and Cines, and awakening many souls (specially among school teachers) to the call of Theosophy. The Mexican Section is really indebted to him for his tenacious and fruitful work.

The General Secretary paid three short visits to members at Puebla and Orizaba, conducting several question and answer meetings.

At Headquarters 12 public lectures were delivered during the Spring 1933 by four of our fellows: Ing. G. Adolfo Montoya, Dr. Agustin Servin de la Mora, Prof. Rafael Mallen and Dr. David R. Cervera.

At Tampico, Bro. Alfredo Cuarón organized six public lectures delivered by Mrs. Guadalupe Gutierrez Joseph, whose eloquent talks were listened to with keen interest.

The now five-year-old Sunday open discussion on Krishnaji's teachings has unceasingly continued at Headquarters, Mexico City, this year conducted by Bro. Fernando Bengoechea.

The General Secretary directed during the whole year a special weekly public class to explain Theosophy to non-members. This attracted a regular and continued attendance of some 30 people and some applications for membership are resulting. Mr. Pavri's *Theosophy Explained* served as text-book.

Commemorations.—The Adyar and White Lotus Days were celebrated at Headquarters and several Lodges of the Interior in the usual manner, with music, recitations and talks. Señora Consuelo R. de Aldag, through an interesting lantern lecture, told us many details of the life and work of our revered C. W. Leadbeater.

The glorious return of our beloved Mother and President, Dr. Annie Besant, to the realms of the Great Light was also simultaneously celebrated by almost all our Lodges on the 30th of September; a public Commemoration by our Officials taking place at the City Hall of Mexico on the night of the 14th of October. Mrs. Aldag also delivered a special lecture in English on the life and work of our great President.

Publications.—Our *Boletín Oficial* has regularly appeared at the beginning of every month, being distributed free to every one of our active members, to subscribers, and to 75 Latin-American and Portuguese Lodges.

In our own little Press, we printed for distribution 15,000 leaflets on Theosophical topics; 2,000 leaflets *Don't Quit*; 1,000 books *Mi Religión* by Dr. Ernesto Escalona; 1,000 books on Dietetics by Bro. Joaquin Z. Valadez; 200 pamphlets of Dr. Besant's Biography translated from that of Mr. Jinarajadāsa; 10,000 leaflets of Mr. Krishnamurti's answer about the remedies for the present distress of the world.

The "Luz de Tabasco" Lodge at Villahermosa, is still editing a free monthly paper *Luz* in order to spread Theosophical teachings and to push on the Peace-Movement.

Finance.—A little improvement in our entries, as compared with the previous year, may be reported. Our regular local

expenditure having been settled, all surplus is invested on account of the price of our Headquarters at the City of Mexico.

The Golden Chain.—This Movement has been active during the year at the cities of Mexico and Veracruz. At this Port an Art-Group of 35 children was organized within the Golden Chain by Bro. Moises Martinez. They learn music, songs and declamation; having successfully started on the 11th of August when our little brothers paid a birth-day homage to our Great H. P. Blavatsky.

Kindred Movements.—Quite a number of our members are taking their usual share in Masonic work and social uplift. Laudable mention must be made here of Bro. Rafael Mallen's unwearied work to foster the constitution of Co-operative Societies at several cities of this country, taking advantage to spread among their fellows the Theosophical ideals of union and fraternity.

With the exception of one Lodge harmony has found its abode in every Theosophical entity of this country. Mental difficulties seem to have utterly disappeared among readers of Krishnaji's teachings, who are now able to fully disagree on the mental plane while their emotions remain unaltered. This has strengthened in a perceptible degree the vitality of our Section.

Let me close by taking the occasion to reaffirm in the name of the Mexican Section of the Theosophical Society our invariable love to those great souls and leaders Dr. Annie Besant and Bishop C. W. Leadbeater, in whose name we shall continue to work for Theosophy and for the Masters.

20-10-1933

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CANADA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The death of our famous and devoted President is at once the event of the year, the close of an epoch in the history of the Society, and the beginning of a new time, whether for advance or stagnation,

remains to be seen. In Canada we have looked forward for many years to a revival of the early enthusiasm for those teachings with which Madame Blavatsky inspired the world of thought in the 'seventies,' and which she summed up finally for this century in *The Secret Doctrine*. Many take the view that to adhere to the theories she promulgated would be to fasten the Society and its members to a dogmatism that would destroy its usefulness; but nothing could be farther from the fact. Theories, to begin with, cannot be dogmatic, and the whole tendency of *The Secret Doctrine* is away from dogmatism. In contrast, the cut and dry systems which to some extent have displaced it, are really dogmatic, and prevent those who accept these views from taking up the independent research which *The Secret Doctrine* involves; they are asked to believe certain statements based on psychic revelations, and the result is their evolution is ended for that incarnation. *The Secret Doctrine* opens up so many paths of investigation that only fearless and independent thinkers are willing, or perhaps even capable of following them. It is easier to take the way of belief, but if the beliefs are found to be unreliable the effect is deadening to the student. No other reason is needed to account for the falling off of so many of the members of the Society which in the Fifty-seventh General Report numbered 44,217, yet with additions of new members in 1928 of 5,932, in 1929 of 4,081, in 1930 of 2,717, in 1931 of 2,119, and in 1932 of 2,865, a total of 14,997, in this last Report only numbered 33,267. That is to say we lost 25,929 members since 1927. What the present year may show I know not, but from our experience in Canada we do not expect a better result. I have elsewhere indicated my belief that it is the dogmatic attempt to have the members follow leaders rather than principles that accounts for the weakness that develops when the leaders for one reason or another fail their followers. Principles never disappoint.

These facts interest us as a National Society quite as much as in the International relation. "All one body we," as the hymn has it; we cannot separate ourselves from the general karma of the Movement. It is this tendency towards the heresy of separateness that has weakened us so greatly, even in the attitude adopted by Mr. Krishnamurti, whose utterances still have a wide influence among the members. We can only hope that this heresy may be overcome, and the really disintegrative elements of the Society drop out. Those

who have sworn to ruin the Society may succeed for a time, but the cryptic saying is worthy of attention in this connection: "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a people (ethnos) bringing forth the fruit thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to pieces."

The T.S. in Canada has fared no better than her sister Societies. With 357 members in good standing last year, we closed our term in 1933 (June 30) with a loss of 25 members, although 26 new members had joined during the year. Twenty had been reinstated, 8 had died, 1 resigned, and 62 became inactive on non-payment of dues. Undoubtedly the universal depression accounted for many of these. But we cannot ignore the fact that the keen interest which is seen in the various Churches, does not seem to grip our members, so that they would regard the Theosophical Society as their main interest in life. Unfortunately our losses do not appear to have ended here, for the present term shows fewer members paid up at corresponding dates than in previous years.

The death of Mrs. Besant naturally revives the vexed question of successorship. A perusal of *Old Diary Leaves* should remove any difficulties any student may have on this matter. The Presidency which Colonel Olcott held was not a teaching office, but an Executive one. Succeeding Presidents need not be supposed to have any greater occult power or knowledge than the worthy Colonel. Madame Blavatsky held the office of Corresponding Secretary, and no such office now exists, so she can have no successor there. To say that any other is a successor to her is much the same as claiming to be a successor to Shakespeare. Madame Blavatsky had no successor and the claim to be a successor is an idle one. With respect to the Esoteric Section or Eastern School of Theosophy, that is another matter. There are a number of these Schools now, and members or students take their chance in joining them. Careful and earnest study of *The Secret Doctrine* and Madame Blavatsky's other works is the best method of approach to the Masters on the intellectual path. For the Heart Doctrine, action in compassion and service of the race of men is the royal road to Those who serve day and night unceasingly.

Believing that Brotherhood is the real basis of the Theosophical Movement, and that it is true that if you cannot love the brother

whom you have seen, you cannot love the Masters whom you have not seen, the General Executive authorized one of its members, Mr. Cecil Williams, to organize an international and inter-Theosophical Convention at Niagara Falls on June 10-11 of this year. As a beginning the occasion was a great success, members of the Point Loma Society and of the U.L.T and *Theosophy* magazine Movement of Los Angeles taking part, along with our Adyar members, and contributing to the success by participation in the proceedings and by financial assistance. Among those taking part in the Convention were Mr. J. Emory Clapp, President of the American Section of the Point Loma T.S.; Mr. Alvin B. Kuhn, Ph.D., Columbia University, author of the book *Theosophy*, his thesis for his doctorate in philosophy; Mr. Lawren Harris, who contributed a valuable paper on *Theosophy and Art*, he being the head of a school of painting in Canada; and Mr. Felix A. Belcher, Toronto. The General Secretary presided. A resolution was submitted suggesting that the progress of the Movement depended on the self-abnegation of the various leaders, but the committee on resolutions rejected this and adopted one expressing the hope "that practical Theosophical unity in the form deemed most desirable may and should be realized, and may not be far distant". Co-operation at least is assured among many of the branches of the various societies. The American T.S. was unable to co-operate. The next Convention was agreed upon for Rochester, N. Y., next June.

Resolutions of sympathy with the Jewish people in Germany have been sent to the General Secretary by the Vancouver Lodge, B.C., the St. Catharines, Ontario group, and the Federated Lodge of Egypt. It is only possible to transmit these expressions to Adyar with the best hopes for the escape of a proud people from their national karma.

An interesting recognition of our work during the last year was the presentation to our National Society by His Majesty, the King of Siam, of a copy of the Tripitaka in 45 volumes, a memorial edition, produced in honour of His late Majesty, King Rama VI, of Siam. In addition to the Tripitaka there were added three volumes, *Paramathamajusa Visuddhi Maggatika*, or commentary on the Buddhist Scriptures, presented by His Excellency, Chao Phya Abai Raja, the ex-Minister of Justice, also in memory of His late Majesty, King Rama VI.

The death of George R. S. Mead calls attention to the very few who remain of Madame Blavatsky's immediate supporters, Mrs. Alice Leighton Cleather, William Kingsland, and James Morgan Pryse. One of these is in Asia, one in England, and one in America. The significance of this should be appreciated, all the more as it is quite unpremeditated. These three are still strong supporters of Madame Blavatsky's Secret Doctrine without accretions, but with full liberty of judgment regarding it. Mrs. Cleather has left Peiping to be near Kum Bum and the Panchen Lama. Mr. Mead had much to do with the literary form of Madame Blavatsky's writings. He metricalized *The Voice of the Silence*. The changes in grammar and construction in the Third Edition of *The Secret Doctrine* were due to him. Practically all her later articles passed through his hands, during those days in Avenue Road.

Other deaths that have occurred during the year are of E. M. Fleming, who printed *The Canadian Theosophist*, and joined the Society through reading it; and Phillips Thompson, a veteran newspaper man, both old members of the Toronto Lodge. Outside our jurisdiction we note with regret the deaths of A. Schwarz, Dr. Weller van Hook and the Anagarika Dharmapala, the latter a monumental apostle of Buddhism.

The magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, is our chief publication, but its life is always precarious. We have to rely on what Wilson MacDonald, the Canadian poet, calls "the hosts of Barbary" for its support. We have been republishing this year Charles Johnston's early work, *The Theosophy of the Upanishads*, and Eustace Miles' *Life After Life*, a book on Reincarnation. Mrs. Walter Tibbitts has also been contributing some of her Indian experiences. James M. Pryse has given translations of Chapters 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 of the *Bhagavad-Gita*. The little pamphlet in six chapters, *Elementary Theosophy*, by the late Mrs. Albion E. Lang, has been reprinted, completing 40,000 of these in circulation. Of Theosophical books which have attracted Canadian readers during the year may be mentioned Dr. Kenneth Guthrie's translations from Greek and Gnostic writings, Plotinus, Proclus, etc., William Kingsland's *Some Aspects of the Great Pyramid*; Madame Blavatsky's *Complete Works*, of which two volumes have been issued; Ernest Wood's *Natural Theosophy*; and H. Y. Romaine's *Anthropos*, a rendering in

Greek dramatic form of the Secret Doctrine. The T. P. H. Oriental series, from Adyar, merit special mention, including as it does the *Twelve Principal Upanishads*, *The Crest Jewel of Wisdom*, and other spiritual treasures.

The astonishing approximations that have been made to *The Secret Doctrine* in recent years by scientific men like Sir Arthur Eddington, Sir James Jeans, Sir William Bragg, Professor Millikan and others in the domain of physical science should be of the deepest interest to students of Madame Blavatsky's writings. Her anticipations of the science of this century are sufficient in themselves to convince most students of her authority, and there is no other warrant for the ordinary reader. The new science as she outlined it, arising out of former conditions of things in the Universe, is ahead of man's own evolution which, proceeding on moral and spiritual lines, must be greatly hastened, properly to enjoy the fruits of his intellectual labours. The emphasis which has been laid on psychic development in some quarters is deadly to the student, who at his best, wearies of such empty speculations with their lame and impotent conclusions, their false prophecies, and their shattering disillusion. A book published in 1927 by Julian Huxley, represents what might have been the path of many to the Theosophical Movement had we all stuck to science and philosophy instead of chasing after psychism and its tawdry revelations. This book *Religion Without Revelation*, while utterly independent of technical Theosophy, has so much genuine Theosophy in it, and tends so firmly to build up independence of mind and heart, that it is for the average Theosophical student a thousand times more worth while than, say, *Man: Whence, How and Whither*, or any similar volume of fictitious speculation. Huxley's chapters on Personalism, Some Fundamentals, Comparative Religion, and Psychology and Religion, are full of quotable paragraphs seasoned with sound sense. His conclusion is thoroughly Theosophic in its breath and vision. The task of our generation, he says, "is to combine clear thinking with unafraid feeling." And he ends with his creed: "I believe in the religion of life." That is what the world needs to-day, and that is what the Masters intended we should give it. Nor is it yet too late.

So we close the record of a momentous year, knowing not what is to befall us, but confident that the Great Law, with which even

the Blessed Masters cannot interfere, will bring all things sweetly and justly to the attainment of Truth in the dispensation of Love.

ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ARGENTINA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

After just finishing the first year of the Presidency with which I was honoured, I take pleasure in giving account of the administrative labour of this sectional Council, which gave me assistance during the first year of my period.

I consider the first in importance for our National Society, the reincorporation of the Branches "Dharma," "Amor Maitreya" and "Hypatia" after their long dissidence. I did not succeed in the same way with the "Buenos Aires" Lodge, and its authorities did not answer our letters and circular letters which we sent them during the whole year.

I thank some of the Branches and members of this Section for their assistance and financial help for publishing regularly our National organ *Kuntur*. For the satisfaction of all I can say that the success obtained, also in foreign countries, compensates for the labour and the sacrifices in publishing it.

We paid a donation of a hundred Argentine dollars in favour of Madame Blavatsky's nieces. We have arranged the accounts with the Puerto Rico and Uruguay Sections and with the South American Theosophical Federation.

The high freight we have paid for the transport of the files obliged us to conserve only with us the collections of reviews as *The Theosophist* and some other important ones. We sent the remainder to the Argentine Theosophical Library.

We are maintaining cordial relations with the whole Argentine Section and with the Bolivian Branch "Paz". Considering the difficult situation of Bolivia just now, we could not yet bring about the foundation of another Bolivian Branch at Uyuni. Happily we can make known the foundation of a little Group named "Fraternidad" by three old members of our Society, and we hope shortly to announce the foundation of a Lodge in Bahia Blanca.

The National Council has held 48 meetings. It has obtained the assistance of the Branches of Buenos Aires, Rosario and Mendoza for sending a numerous representation to the last South American Theosophical Convention, which took place at Santiago (Chili), whose report will appear in the 5th number of *Kuntur*.

H. FOLQUER,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN CHILE

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

It is our privilege to express our gratitude, affection and best wishes that you may stay many years among us, in the physical plane, as a living link of union with the Masters you have so heroically served.

In the annual reports for the years 1929 to 1932 it was remarked that the Society had gone through a period of renovation, and that for many reasons its activities had considerably decreased; but in the last report we assured that this condition was getting near to its end. Though this year we have registered a lower number of Lodges and members, we nevertheless, expect now that a better period begins for our Society.

Lodges and Centres.—Last year we had 14 Active Lodges. The Lodge "El Despertar" La Serena was dissolved because the number of members was below seven and three Lodges are not included in this report; two of them, the "Kut-Humi" and "Leadbeater" for the same reason, and the "Jinarajadasa" Lodge having become

inactive, did not send either report or fees. So we have now 10 active Lodges.

Active Members.—Last year we had 147 members; to-day we have 104 active members and 5 free members. Total 109 members. We have registered a loss of 38 members for various reasons.

Annual Convention.—The Fourteenth Annual Convention was held in Valparaiso in September last.

The Society Building in Santiago.—We have made proper arrangements regarding the property we bought last year; now we have a good hall in which many of our members and friends have delivered interesting lectures this year, with good attendance.

Third Congress of the South American Theosophical Federation.—This gathering took place in Santiago in April, 1933, under favourable circumstances. Members from Argentina, Uruguay, Peru and Chile were present. Brazil and Bolivia also sent delegates.

We had the pleasure of receiving the visit of Mrs. Julia A. de La Gamma, President of the South American Theosophical Federation and past General Secretary of the Uruguay Section; Mr. Alvaro Araujo, Secretary of the same Section, and Mr. Honorio Folquer, General Secretary of the Argentina Section; we were sorry not to see among us Mr. Carlos Stoppel, past General Secretary of the Argentina Section, owing to ill health; his presence was missed by all of us, since he was together with the undersigned the initiator of the Federation and the principal organiser of the Mendoza and Montevideo Congresses.

Activities of the Congress.—The works of the Congress were dedicated mostly to the planning of a working programme. At the same time this meeting has helped to develop friendship between members; a strong link of fraternity will unite all those who attended it. We are sure that our visitors will now be as good friends of Chile as the Chilean members who visited Argentina and Uruguay in 1931 admire and love those countries.

The Congress took much interest in the study of the problems of the Theosophical Society in the present time and its principal resolution was *that it is not necessary to make any changes in the principles and rules of the Theosophical Society to do effective work* and that those principles give the most ample opportunity to serve the world efficiently.

The Chilean Section, by the initiative of two of its members, Miss Esmeralda Urizar and Mr. Oscar Miral, prepared an interesting list of subjects for discussion.

We are sending together with this report the list of subjects, and a circular letter reviewing the influence of the Congress in the situation of the Theosophical Society in Chile and some photographs of the Assembly.

Other Activities.—The principal Lodges continue their regular work of public and private meetings. The sale of books had made good progress during this year. Unfortunately the economic situation and lack of co-operation on the part of our members do not allow us yet to resume our publications.

Our Programme.—We shall endeavour now to reorganise and consolidate the Society maintaining the strongest adherence to our principles, rules and regulations; watching zealously for the present and future autonomy of the Society. We shall print again the rules of the Theosophical Society and also our own; we shall request from each Lodge a copy of their own regulations. We shall stimulate all social obligations, principally the regular celebration of private and public meetings and especially studies. We shall interest ourselves in the Theosophical Order of Service and we will get in touch with the primary schools, fulfilling in this way a pressing need in this country.

We are studying the possibility of creating centres for investigation of the most vital problems that our generation must solve by itself, and we shall do effective work by trying to influence our customs and legislation with the results of these studies.

In synthesis, we shall enthusiastically try to put into practice as "Active Service" with high spirit and efficiency the truths of the Ancient Wisdom applying these to the modern world. We have optimism. Next report will show if we are mistaken.

15-9-1933

ARMANDO HAMEL,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BRAZIL

(Report not received)

T. S. IN BULGARIA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

During the past year the activity of the T. S. in our Bulgarian Section has been centralised mainly in the Lodges in order that the members may be better established in the teachings of Theosophy and that they may live these teachings. For this purpose each Lodge has followed in its work a special plan.

Thus, the members of the Lodge "Olcott" have studied Mrs. Besant's *Thought Power*, and for meditation have used *The Voice of the Silence*.

In the Lodge "Apostol" they have studied *The Secret Doctrine*, *In the Outer Court*, *The Occult Evolution of Mankind*. As a guest from the Lodge "Orpheus" N. Trifonov also delivered talks on various subjects.

The Lodge "Rakotzi" has studied *The Cave of the Nymphs* by Porphyrius in connection with the mythology and symbolism of the ancient poets and philosophers, especially the philosophy of Plotinus and his Thaumaturgy. One of the members of this Lodge gave a number of public lectures on the following subjects: (1) The Living God—where is He? Can He be Seen?, (2) The Secret of Life and Death, (3) Is Theosophy Right?, (4) Is the Bible a Human or Divine Word?, (5) Esoterism of the Gospel, (6) The Trinity of Christ, (7) Interpretation of Christ's Proverbs.

This year the Lodge "Annie Besant" renewed its activity and the Secretary gave a number of lectures on the subject "How Must We Live the Teachings of Theosophy".

The members of Lodge "Orpheus" are doing chiefly individual work in order to prepare themselves for a more fruitful work in the future.

A general meeting for the members of all Lodges have been held every Friday afternoon, when many articles by our leaders A. Besant, C. W. Leadbeater, C. Jinarājadasa, G. S. Arundale and Krishnaji have been read. In these meetings greater light has been thrown on the Theosophical Movement in the world. Besides this,

many public lectures on the fundamental principles of Theosophy were given in these Friday meetings. Brother St. Tankov, member of the Lodge "Annie Besant," gave a number of lectures on Astronomy and Astrology in connection with the building of the atom and the Universe. These lectures raised great interest in the audience.

This year the number of members has increased by ten, so we have 120 members in all, 80 of whom are attached to the different Lodges and 40 are unattached.

Two of our ardent and devoted brothers living in Kasanlik, have formed there a Theosophical centre which may in time become a Lodge. During the year the General Secretary visited the town Kasanlik and gave three public lectures: (1) Man—Self-Purpose and Destiny, (2) Wagner's Musical Drama, (3) Spinoza—Life and Teachings.

Since the New Year the Society is publishing the magazine *Theosophsky Vesti* (Theosophical News), which on account of the heavy economic crisis comes out in a rather limited size. No other books have been issued for the same reason.

The Annual Convention of the Section took place on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October. Members, delegates and guests were present. The General Secretary reported about the passing of our beloved President, Annie Besant, pointing out her great service for lifting up the T. S. during her 44 years of untiring activity. He said that she has fought like a knight against the darkness and chaos in the world. Her great spirit delivered from death will watch over the Great Cause and will inspire all those who follow in her steps, true to her will—to make Theosophy a living power. The meeting honoured her by rising.

The work of the Convention was done in great harmony. The following lectures were delivered: (1) The Place of Theosophy in Human Evolution, (2) What Must the Student of Occultism Know, (3) The Mission of the Theosophist in Society, (4) The Teaching of Krishnaji and the Quintessence of Theosophy.

Several musical numbers by some members and friends added to the variety of the programme.

Please accept the fraternal greetings and best wishes of all the Bulgarian Theosophists.

5-11-1933

IVAN GROSEFF,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ICELAND

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The Icelandic Section feels deeply the loss of our great President. We owe her a great debt of gratitude, as mostly through her writings we have been given the priceless gift of Theosophy. We rejoice, however, that she has been delivered from the "burden of the flesh" which was such a burden to her. We offer our loyalty to you, dear Vice-President and look to the future of the Society with confidence, knowing that the Society of the Masters will be provided for.

The activities of our Icelandic Section have been going on as usual although the General Secretary was absent the whole year, visiting Adyar, England and Holland. Most of the burden was laid on the shoulders of the Vice-President, Mrs. Martha Kalman, but several other workers have also been assisting.

The six Lodges now existing have kept up their fortnightly meetings, although the attendance has not been as good as it used to be. The public lectures, however, are always well attended. Ten public lectures were delivered by various workers in the Headquarters Hall. But our public lectures do not result in increased number of members.

Our membership has again gone down, though not so much as last year. We have now 229 names on our lists, but only 177 paying their dues. I would not call all those who do not pay inactive.

Some of them are very active, but poor, so we keep them as "honorary members". Others are only interested and love our meetings, but so poor that we cannot ask them to pay. Still others are uncertain and we may drop them next year.

Only two new members have been admitted during the year and one re-instated.

Our periodical *Gangleri* was issued twice during the year. No other publications were issued.

We had a very successful summer school last August. It was conducted by Mr. Edwin Bolt, and we had a very energetic Committee which arranged the material side of things. This was an old dream of ours at last come true and we hope to be able to continue it in the future. The school was held in beautiful

surroundings in the country and somehow we felt nearer to the source of things, listening to the Truths of the Ancient Wisdom surrounded by majestic hills and over-looking a mighty river running swiftly to the ocean.

The day after we heard of the passing of our beloved President the members met in the Headquarters Hall in order to have a quiet hour together in memory of her, to send her our affection and gratitude. We decorated her picture with flowers and lit many candles in her honour. We also had beautiful music and only a few words were spoken. It was a beautiful and solemn hour.

Convention was held on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of October. At the opening we began by reading some of Dr. Besant's Birthday Messages, dedicating our work to her and to Those whom she served. It was attended by fifty to sixty members—a few of them being delegates from the Lodges round about the country.

We made a few amendments in our regulations, the alterations will be sent to Adyar later for the approval of the President.

Greetings and hearty good wishes to the delegates assembled at Convention and to all the faithful workers at Headquarters.

5-10-1933

KRISTIN MATTHIASON,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SPAIN

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have much pleasure in submitting the Report of the Spanish Section for the year ending October 31st, 1933.

At the time of writing, I am still under the impression created by the loss of Dr. Besant. Our beloved President will be deeply missed, yet I believe that, while remembering her in our hearts, we must all look ahead and place our trust in the new President who will be elected: the Masters will surely stand by him, as They stood by Dr. Besant and Col. Olcott. Let us then rally round our new President, who will certainly ably guide the Society in the outside world.

As regards the work of our National Society, there has not been much change from last year's activities. We record the same

number of Lodges and the same number of members as last year. In spite of the universal unrest, economic crisis and far-reaching political upheavals, the Spanish Section has succeeded in holding its own.

During my travels among the Lodges, I have noticed that some of them are full of enthusiasm and zeal, while others merely exist, their members having apparently lost any interest in the Society. I will briefly mention the outstanding activities of the Lodges:

"*Ananda*" Lodge.—The President, Señor Barroso, has given a course of weekly lectures in the Society's premises.

"*Arjuna*" Lodge has carried out its important propaganda work in Barcelona, distributing literature and giving lectures. The principal lecturers have been Señores Climent and De Vía.

"*Aquarius*" and "*Barcelona*" Lodges.—These Lodges are sharing the same premises, and have worked in common this year. Lectures have been given by Señora Alonso in working men's quarters and by Señor Crespo in the Theosophical Club. Señora Solá is doing educational work, and Señor Loppe is busy with the "Practical Idealists".

"*Arias Montano*" Lodge.—This new Lodge has been formed in Huelva by a group of members, mostly newcomers in the Society.

"*Bhakti*" Lodge keeps on its enthusiastic educational work among children and young people. It has sections of the Golden Chain and the Round Table. Several members have given lectures in Women's Associations, with good results.

"*Bilbao*" Lodge is now one of the most lively in our Section. It holds meetings for members and sympathizers, gives public lectures, and issues a monthly bulletin which is sent to its members and to other Lodges. The key-note of this Lodge is its impersonality. The members try to work as a whole, and no one personally stands out. Its propaganda work and its efforts for Peace are also noteworthy.

"*Fides*" Lodge.—With contributions from some of its members and from others in Barcelona, it has erected its own Lodge building, which will also serve as Sanatorium or Home for needy members. A great effort deserving success.

"*Hesperia*" Lodge.—This Madrid Lodge is doing splendid propaganda with the distribution of pamphlets and leaflets, and still more with the weekly lectures in the Theosophical Atheneum. It has created the Rose De Luna Library, which will be inaugurated

this season. Its new monthly bulletin is distributed among all the Spanish and some American Lodges, as well as its own members. It has started an Enquiry Office, for the use of visiting members.

"*Madrid*" Lodge.—This Lodge has held elementary courses in Theosophy and on the *Secret Doctrine*. In other meetings various subjects have been discussed, including: the Golden Section, relations between Color and Sound, etc. Twice a month there has been held a "devotional" meeting, in which a beneficent spiritual force is created. In outside propaganda the monthly lectures by Señor Treviño in the Society's quarters deserve mention. In acknowledgment of Dr. Besant's tremendous labour this Lodge addressed her last February a message of love and gratitude.

"*Montoliu*" Lodge now owns splendid premises with a fine hall in Tarragona where public lectures have been given by Señores Menasanch and Oliva, and other speakers from Barcelona.

"*Maitreya*" and "*Pitagoras*" Lodges.—These two Malaga Lodges keep carrying on normally. The former distinguishes itself by its propaganda work, the latter by its activities in favor of Peace.

"*Ramon Lull*" Lodge.—The Palma de Mallorca (Balearic Islands) Lodge has also done considerable propaganda work with number of public lectures, and by writings in the Press.

"*Sophia*" Lodge.—This new Lodge has been established in Alcoy (Alicante).

"*Valencia*" Lodge, has worked this year with great activity, under the able guidance of its President, Señora de Piñango. Numerous lectures and concerts have been given, both in the Lodge premises and in the Valencia Atheneum. Señor Puche is a successful worker in the protection of animals and plants, and other members in other branches of service.

"*Blavatsky*" Lodge.—Remains inactive, as well as "*Dharma*" Lodge.

The Lodges that are not mentioned have done their usual work.

The kindred associations, Ateneo Teosófico in Madrid, and Club Teosófico in Barcelona, have maintained their public propaganda.

The Catalonia Lodges held a joint meeting in Sabadell during the visit of the General Secretary.

Propaganda.—The various Departments of Propaganda have distributed in the course of last year about 18,000 leaflets and about 3,000 booklets. In several cities, following the distribution

of booklets, the silence of November 11th was kept in favour of World Peace.

Serge Brisy.—In April we were favored with the visit of this distinguished lecturer, who gave several successful public lectures in Madrid, in Headquarters, in the Ateneo and in the Women's Association for Civic Education, besides lectures for members only. A meeting of the Round Table was held by Madrid Lodge. Her lectures were greatly appreciated and she left everywhere pleasant and lasting memories of her kindness and Theosophical spirit.

Theosophical Congress.—Our Section requested the European Federation that the Congress of 1934 be held in Barcelona, and this was granted by the Council of the Federation at Huizen. We have already received the visit of Miss Selever, who has taken the preliminary steps in preparation of the Congress, which will be held at Easter, i.e., at the beginning of April. We have started working to help organize the Congress which, we hope, will be attended by a large number of members from the various European Sections.

The constituent period over, Spain has entered the path of political normality as a liberal and democratic nation, and under the Government of the Republic extends a hearty welcome to foreign visitors, to say nothing of her matchless scenery and art treasures.

On the other hand, visiting members can lend Spain and Europe considerable assistance in these stressful times of acute crisis of threats of War, since the Elder Brethren avail themselves of these widely attended Congresses as a channel for the outpouring of their spiritual influence on mankind.

With the best wishes of the Spanish Section, I hold myself at your and the Society's service.

31-10-1933

L. G. LORENZANA,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN PORTUGAL

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

We can divide our report into two parts: the first, relative to the financial situation of our Section; the second about Theosophical activities.

The financial situation is a little better. Our monthly income which last year was lower than the expenses, is to-day sufficient, because some members who had withdrawn from the Society have joined it again, and some have increased their dues a little. Also, our landlady has reduced the rent of our House by 100 esc.

Nevertheless we have not yet been able to pay our dues to the European Federation and we have nothing over for propaganda.

The debt which our Section incurred for furnishing its premises is still 4,100 esc. We did not redeem anything of it this year, because, on account of the crisis, many members do not pay their dues, and others pay only half.

Bulletin Osiris.—With the aim to establish a link between our members especially in the provinces, we published a little bulletin every three months, printed by some devoted members.

Our directing Council, which was not complete last year on account of the difficulty of finding members with time and desire to work, is now composed of nine members in accordance with our Rules.

We had a series of good and interesting weekly lectures in our lecture room and also different courses of studies: Theosophy, Astrology, Magnetism, Raja-yoga.

The General Secretary gave some lectures, two in Ponte de Lima, and two in Lisbon at the Naturist Society.

The Adyar Day, the White Lotus Day and the Day of the Opening of the Theosophical Work were celebrated with speeches, music and poetry.

We have seven Lodges working regularly: Annie Besant, Isis, Koot-Hoomi, Maitreya, Visconde de Figanière at Lisbon; Alcyone at Matozinhos, Krishnamurti in Ponte de Lima.

The General Secretary visited all the Branches, even those in the provinces, at her own expense.

Two General Secretaries had the kindness to pay us a call and we were happy to receive their visit: Mr. Ransom, ex-President of the T. S. of Central South Africa with two of his members; and Mr. L. G. Lorenzana, the General Secretary of Spain, who was three days in Lisbon and who gave us a very interesting lecture.

The different activities, of the T. O. S., Leagues for Children, for the poor and for animals, continue to work and also a little group of the Golden Chain and the Peace Work.

Movements of Members :

We have actually 148 members, as following :

Paying their dues	102
Paying a half	24
Not paying on account of the crisis	22
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Total	148
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For next year we will endeavour to do our best to increase and strengthen our Society.

JEANNE SYLVIE LEFEVRE,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN WALES

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to present to you a few extracts from our Annual Report for 1932-3, as follows :

Eleventh Annual Convention.—Our Eleventh Annual Convention was held in Cardiff on November 12th and 13th, 1932, Miss Phoebe Payne (London) presiding. Seventy-five Members registered, and the following Lodges were represented : Cardiff, Newport, Penarth, Rhyl, Llandudno, Merthyr Tydfil, Bangor, Bridgend, Swansea, Llanelly, Pontypool, and Ebbw Vale Centre. Greetings were received from the National Societies of England, America, Hungary, Jugoslavia, Sweden, Bulgaria, Argentine, and Brazil, as well as from many individual Members.

Miss Payne's inspiring and encouraging talks on "Practical Clairvoyance," and "Being Ourselves" to Members won the hearts of everybody. The Public Lecture in the Engineers' Institute on "The Magic of the Invisible Worlds" was one of the largest and most enthusiastic of meetings held in Cardiff next to those given by Dr. Besant in years gone by. Many questions followed, and the audience was very appreciative of the splendid address.

Following the Reception to F.T.S. and Friends, the Symposium on "Creative Thinking and Feeling" was produced. A useful discussion followed and aroused considerable interest.

Annual Business Meeting.—The Reports of the General Secretary and the National Treasurer for the year 1931-2 were received and adopted. It was also announced that Mr. Peter Freeman and Mr. Herbert H. Pratt, J. P., had been re-elected as General Secretary and National Treasurer respectively for the current year. Mr. D. Griffiths, P.A.S.I. was elected Auditor.

Membership Report :

Membership, July 1st, 1932	325
Members joined during the year...	...	...	...	27
Transferred from other National Societies	...	...	...	2
Total Increase	...	...	...	29
				354
Transferred to other National Societies	...	...	...	2
"Passed Over"	...	...	...	3
Suspended	...	...	...	13
Resigned	...	...	...	8
Total Decrease	...	...	...	26
Membership, June 30th, 1933	...	...	...	328

National Library.—There are now approximately 2,000 books in the Lending and Reference Libraries belonging or loaned to the Society. The Library continues to grow in both size and usefulness. Six hundred and forty-six books were borrowed during the year and there are four Books boxes out on loan. Forty books were purchased during the year and 18 were given to the Library.

Founders' Centenary Fund.—With the approval of the National Council, this Fund (originally called the "H.P.B. Centenary Fund") has altered its name to include that of Col. H. S. Olcott whose Centenary occurred on August 2nd, 1932.

This Fund has been most generously supported, and the first £50 has practically been found during the first year. This, with the anonymous gift of a further £50, will enable us to pay off £100 of our mortgage, thus not only clearing our debt, but giving us a larger income year by year.

We record our grateful appreciation to all who have helped to raise such a substantial amount, whether by the "Penny a Week" Scheme, or by a donation. We also thank Mr. W. Chas James

(South Wales Group Secretary) for acting as Collector and supervising the details of the Scheme.

The Year's Work.—The World situation has not lent itself to extensive propaganda or development, and we have had to be content with humbler efforts at maintaining our position. This has certainly been accomplished, and in some cases even definite progress has been achieved in spite of abnormal difficulties. All the greater credit is therefore due to our Officers, Lecturers and Members, who have helped in our great Cause, and our thanks and appreciation are hereby recorded.

The growing work at Headquarters has again been most efficiently carried out by Miss Alice Banks, who also acts as National Recorder, and Secretary to the Council.

Finance.—Although economic difficulties everywhere exist, we are glad to report that our financial position is well maintained.

PETER FREEMAN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN POLAND

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The last year in the Theosophical Society in Poland was not rich in new lines of work. The Lodges were active, as well as the Meditation Groups. Also the study of the Alcyone booklet *At the Feet of the Master* in a small group of members proved very useful.

As to the Propaganda work we had a series of public lectures given by Miss Wanda Dynowska and some other members. We have published two numbers of our magazine, edited under the title of *The Theosophical Thought* and a supplement to it, consecrated especially to our beloved President, Dr. Annie Besant, and issued at the date of the last Convention in Adyar which she opened herself. We had also an interesting meeting with social workers to discuss the problem of peace in the light of Theosophy.

The gathering of the "White Lotus Day" was the culminating point of the year's work: the deep unity between members found

its expression in it and the concentrated work of this year showed its positive results.

In May we celebrated the tenth anniversary of our Section; two meetings were consecrated to the reminiscence of the first steps of our Society.

The Summer School held in our country farm was a great success. This year many serious social workers came to our School, encouraged by friends and co-workers who were present the previous year. They were seriously interested in our methods of work, especially in self-education, and showed much sympathy for our ideas, but were chiefly attracted by the strong atmosphere of peace, joy, freedom and brotherliness reigning in the School. In it they found not only the best means for rest and relief, but also—as they stated—a source of new strength for their difficult social and political struggle. So in our Summer School we have now the best way to enter into close co-operation with the social servers of Poland.

As to the contact with other countries, we had the visit of Mrs. Paterson from England, who showed much sympathy for our work, and of Mr. van der Stock from Holland, whose deep understanding of the national spirit of Poland of its strong and weak points has given us many a new idea as to our work in our country.

The news of the Passing of our beloved President and Mother has reached us on the 20th of September first by radio, then by your cable. The first meeting consecrated to her has taken place on the 21st of September in a spontaneous silence.

In close contact with our beloved Chief, more vivid now than even during her life in a physical body, we find every day new strength and inspiration to carry on the work to which she has devoted her great life.

EVELYN KARAS,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN URUGUAY

(Report not received)

T. S. IN PORTO RICO

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The year just past has been uneventful for the T. S. in Puerto Rico. The enthusiasm of the few members who have remained faithful to their Theosophical trust seems to be increasing, so it augurs well for the future, and the Lodges no doubt will become more vigorous. Only one member has been added during the year. On the 6th of August we held our Annual Convention. The attendance was good and the members showed that they were deeply interested in applying Theosophy to help and solve present-day problems of humanity.

We hope that with the expected better financial prospects for the next year the movement will also be benefited, the financial upheaval at present hampering the members in many ways.

13-9-1933

A. J. PLARD,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ROUMANIA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The two Bucarest Lodges "Ananda" and "Activitatea," have carried on studies on ethics and Theosophical doctrine. Members of both Lodges have contributed to the weekly public lectures which were given every Saturday in the Hall of our Headquarters. These lectures have been well attended by members as well as by people from outside the Society. Once a month instead of having a public lecture we had a tea-party with music and sometimes declamation. These have proved very good in helping our members to know each other better. Newcomers have found in these tea-parties a hearty welcome and learnt to know our people. The White Lotus Day has been celebrated this year with a deep sentiment of love for H. P. B. and the 1st of October has been an occasion for us to express our gratitude for our former President and our admiration for her work. On the 30th of April the Annual Convention was held.

The social-group of the T. O. S. has distributed food and clothes to over 40 children for Christmas and arranged a visit and concert

at the hospital for blind people. Through the intervention of one of the members the place was provided with a radio-apparatus. Some members are working individually in the movement for the protection of Young Women. The Animal Well-Fare Group has worked efficiently with the Society for Protection of Animals, introducing in this latter many innovations and spreading the idea of vegetarianism. A group of meditation has met regularly during the "Peace-week". The Healing Group meets every week. The Arts and Crafts department provided the musical programme of our meetings as well as an exemplified lecture on Parsifal, which has been a real artistic treat. The Bucarest Section continues to help the anti-alcoholic movement and lends its Headquarters for the meeting of the Order of Good Templars.

Our General Secretary, who is obliged to live in Geneva, has been able to spend a longer time with us this year. Mr. Smyslor, from Chisinan, payed us a short visit and gave two lectures.

The *Buletinul Teosofie*, a Theosophical publication, appears in better condition than last year and has begun to reach larger circles.

The "Unirea" Lodge in Temisoara has held weekly gatherings for members and monthly public lectures. The public lectures have proved to be so successful that they were increased to two lectures per month. The President and the Vice-President of this Lodge have been invited to give public lectures in the neighbouring town Arad. The T. O. S. has organised a group of meditation for peace and one for Healing which have worked regularly. Members have worked individually in several humanitarian and educational movements in town and written articles for the local papers.

The "Vasanta" Lodge in Chisinan continues its successful work. Studies on philosophy, doctrine, ethics, art, literature have been carried on and some of these groups for studies have been attended regularly by many outsiders. Every two weeks public lectures have been delivered. Members and friends of the T. S. have gathered at friendly tea-parties discussing some interesting topic or listening to the music that the Arts and Crafts department of the T. O. S. never fails to provide. The social group has organised a summer school for poor children and was able to distribute food and clothing to 65 children. The Peace Group has helped actively to organize the "Week of Peace" in that town. A Healing Group meets regularly.

The President of the "Transilvania" Lodge in Turda, an industrial region of the country, is speaking very often for large assemblies of workmen and his talks are always welcomed.

In Cluj, the members of the "Egalitatea" Lodge are studying earnestly but on account of economic depression have not been able to secure a hall for public lectures more than 3 times this year.

NATHALIE OPRESCU,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN JUGOSLAVIJA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I am very pleased to submit to you the Annual Report of our Section covering the period of December, 1932, to November, 1933. I vividly remember Dr. Annie Besant, our Great Mother-President, to whom our most heartfelt gratitude and loyal devotion may be everlastingly surrendered for her magnificent and noble life wonderfully exemplifying the realisation of Theosophy. The eternal Peace may always abide with her to whom we all are trying to listen with our "other ears" to contact the sense of eternity, which is the sense of being, the sense of her Greatness, of Majesty of our Manu.

History.—On September 20th some minutes before we began our regular public meeting, held by the Lodge "Istina" (Truth), our sister Mrs. Milena de Sisic brought us the message she had received by telephone, that our beloved President had left the physical plane for the subtler regions. Quite spontaneously all those gathered there joined most willingly in the commemoration, the subject of which was: Dr. Annie Besant. After the lecture had been delivered which had been advertised for the meeting, *viz.*, "Theosophy in Every-day Life" Miss Edith Abbott closed the celebration with the deeply touching speech on her meeting with the President.

The telegram which we received the next day from the Vice-President and the tribute from him and from Mr. C. Jinarajadasa—

who sent us five photographs of Dr. Annie Besant and two more which she herself presented to him—as well as the answer to our cable to Adyar, will be our most precious souvenir and gift to our archives.

It was a favourable karma for us of being privileged to have with us on this great occasion the Right Reverend John Cordes. He came to stay from September 8th to September 28th, 1933, and living at the very famous Castle Ozalj near Karlovac in the neighbourhood of the Town he spent every week-end at Zagreb where he delivered a public lecture. He reviewed her occult life fascinatingly. On March 25th, 1933, our Recording Secretary, Mrs. Valerija Mayerhoffer left her physical vehicle, after having been for ten years a sincerely loving "Posestrima," which means a kind of National uniqueness, or a closely related Sister.

Having learned from the article by Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa in *The Theosophist* of February, 1933 about the Theosophical Jubilee of Bishop C. W. Leadbeater we most joyously celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his joining the Theosophical Society. We also remembered the same date in 1923 when the small group of T. S. members enthusiastically decided to establish the Yugoslav Theosophical Society. So we began our tenth anniversary season lecturing on the great tribute which the Bishop left to the world: "to learn the mighty ancient wisdom of the ages and then order the life according to that wisdom . . . reach the All-Perfected Wisdom."

Statistics.—During the term of this Report 15 new members have joined the Section till the end of August and 12 more up to date; plus 2 who were transferred from the Austrian Section; 3 have resigned, 1 has passed away and 12 have been dropped. The net gain is 13, and the total number of members is now 199.

The number of Lodges remained as last year, but we have 3 new Centres. The Yugoslav T. S. Section is now composed of 12 Lodges, 6 Centres and 3 Groups. 600 lectures were delivered during the year in the various Lodges.

Activities.—Our Recording Secretary, Mr. I. Medja, dedicated himself to the work of reviving old Centres and pouring new life into the new ones. All our Lodges under their respective heads have been working hard, particularly in delivering lectures, in meditation, and some particular line of study and propaganda work.

We have had most friendly support from our biggest newspapers and magazines who published several articles on Dr. Besant's work in various departments of helping humanity.

The "Week of Commemoration" lasted from September 28th to October 4th. Our Theosophical Order of Service arranged an "Animal Day"; while the Vegetarians' Society held a Symposium, as well as talks and readings by seven people.

The culmination was reached on October 1st, when the members of the T. S. Tourist Group met on the top of the very famous hill Kalnik. The same group arranged a trip to Castle Ozalj near Karlovac, where Miss Edith Abbott was studying the archives in connection with the origin and the work of the Mother of M. Rakoczy. The fourth issue of our Sectional Organ *Teozofija*, which is twice as large as last year, is entirely dedicated to Peace, and contains also Reports from the World Peace Union Representative, Dr. Anna Kamensky of Geneva.

On the "Slavs' Day," following the "Great Silence," there was a splendid lecture by one of our members and this was followed by some songs exquisitely sung by a member of the opera at Zagreb, Mrs. Lucija Learoness Ozegovic.

Bishop John Cordes visited our Section four times this year lecturing regularly and taking Sunday meetings to study the Bible in the Light of Theosophy. Mr. Karl Riedel, another visitor from Vienna, delivered lectures on the Coming New Race.

Our Annual Convention was held from December 1st to December 5th. It is the ninth since the foundation of the Yugoslav Section. On the principal day there was a lecture on "H.P.B. and Theosophy" by a founding member of our Section. More than a hundred people were present. In the afternoon we unanimously passed a Resolution that "the Theosophical Society in Jugoslavija stands for the basic principle of Brotherhood . . . to be realised in every day life".

During the holiday-months there have been held two summer schools, the first one only for members. Both lasted three weeks. The second summer school treated: "What is Psychology?", "The Psychology of Questioning" and "The Problem of the Financial Economy".

May from highest "heights," "Otkuol vida nema," i.e., from where there is no seeing, as one of our poets says, go our loving

thoughts, greeting the T. S. Council and all our dear members gathered for the Fifty-eighth Annual Convention assembled at Adyar.

JELISAVA VAVRA,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN CEYLON

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have great pleasure in submitting to you the following report of our Section. It had been doing the usual routine of work, viz., lectures and study classes. Individual members do more work outside the Society, some in the State Council and others in still other spheres. Since the financial position last year was not encouraging, we held a variety entertainment. It was successful from the point of view of the training of the members in dramas, but the financial gain was not very much.

Our constitution was modified at a special general meeting held on July 23rd, 1933, whereby the working of the Section was facilitated. An unwieldy 'Council' of 21 is reduced to an 'executive-committee' of 11. The General Secretary and Treasurer, elected every year, are the Trustees for that period.

Among the public lectures must be mentioned the one by Mr. L. W. Rogers. It was well attended in spite of the inclement weather.

The birthday celebrations of Col. Olcott and Madame Blavatsky were celebrated on August 2nd and 12th respectively. The attendance was very good and the speakers were Dr. W. A. de Silva, Dr. G. P. Malalesekere, Rev. F. Kingsbury, Dr. T. Nallainathan and Dr. S. A. Wickremesinghe.

Some of the distinguished visitors during the last year were Mr. and Mrs. Lippincott, Miss E. Constance Rischbieth, Miss Gowlland, Mr. Schwarz, Dr. and Mrs. Schwarz, Mr. H. Frei, Mr. Motwani and Mr. L. W. Rogers.

The Seventh Annual Convention was held on the 4th and 5th November. On the first day, after the business meeting, Mr. N. K. Choksy delivered a public lecture on "An Outline of Theosophy". It was very interesting and instructive. The next day was spent on

the Simondale Estate, Wervala, which is situated some 10 miles from our Headquarters. Memorial lectures on our late most respected and beloved President were delivered in the morning and afternoon; the evening was spent in sports and boating on the river near by. A variety entertainment followed and brought the proceedings to a close. A large number of members and their friends took part. Special mention must be made of Miss B. Boteju for all the arrangements she made for this Convention. She has worked hard during the last 3 years as Assistant General Secretary. Our Library has been enriched by the addition of a few books. There had been an increasing number of readers.

Our best wishes go through you to the Society at this very critical period for a continuance of the great and noble work that has been done by it.

30-11-1933

T. NALLAINATHAN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN GREECE

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I cannot say that the Theosophical movement in our country has made any progress this year, but I am glad to be able to report that there has been no retrogression either.

Our Lodges in Athens have been active holding their regular meetings. Several public lectures have been arranged and they were well attended. Except the Lodge "Pythagoras" of Piraeus, which has not been able to do any work this year, our other Lodges in the other towns have made all possible effort to continue their work. The movement of members, etc., you will see on the enclosed statistics.

No new book has been published, but we have continued to publish our quarterly sectional magazine *Theosophikon Thelltion*.

With the hope of a better report for the coming year and all our good wishes,

7-10-1933

PARIS HADJIPETRO,

Joint General Secretary.

T. S. IN CENTRAL AMERICA

(Report not received)

T. S. IN CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

No. of Lodges : 8.

No. of Members : 187.

Property owned : Pretoria Lodge.

Magazine : None (we hope to establish one in 1934).

Chief Hindrance to the Society's Work.—The very peculiar racial problems in this country, and the low average of culture.*Summary.*—The Section is maintaining itself at much the same level. We have greatly missed Capt. Sidney Ransom, who left us early in the year. We look forward happily to a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Hodson in 1934. Members of the Section are prominent in many of the Social Service groups in the country but we have few leisured members. The great truths of Theosophy are more and more permeating the outside community and winning acceptance from those who will—probably—never take the step of joining the Society.

November, 1933

E. M. TURNER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN PARAGUAY

(Report not received)

T. S. IN PERU

(Report not received)

T. S. IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

It is a great honour for me to render the first Annual Report that will come from the newly created Philippine Section of the Theosophical Society, and as we were only given our charter in the month of August, 1933, the report that I shall be rendering to you for the last twelve months ended October 31, 1933, to make it complete, necessarily will have to cover activities from November 1, 1932, activities undertaken while we were still under the American Section of the Theosophical Society. I shall begin, therefore, by describing the events, the most outstanding ones, that have taken place since then and which culminated in the establishment of our independent Philippine Section up to the time of writing, November 5, 1933.

The first Theosophical Lodge organized in the Philippines is the Manila Lodge No. 1, my own Lodge. According to our charter, the Manila Lodge was officially inaugurated on May 19, 1925. The President-Founder was the then Lieutenant of the United States Air Corps, now Captain Devereux M. Myers. The chartered members were ten, and they belonged to seven different nationalities: Americans, Jews, Germans, English, East Indians, Russians, and Filipinos. That is how Theosophy began in this Archipelago.

The second Lodge that came into being is the Cebu Lodge on the Island of Cebu composed of professionals, doctors in medicine and attorneys-at-law, and at the time of the transfer from the American to the Philippine Section, was presided over by Atty. Jose Ma. Espina.

The third Lodge to be established in the Islands is the Lotus Lodge at No. 1422 Rizal Avenue, Manila, and at the time of its organization, 90% of its members were spiritualists who, attracted by the similarity of the Theosophical ideals to the teachings imparted by Spiritualism, came to flock and take refuge under the banner of Theosophy. They still have a small temple in a suburb of Manila where they meet every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock for their weekly service. Bro. Manuel Pecson, ex-President of the Lotus Lodge, is their Pastor and Leader and the head of their congregation. At the time of the transfer of the Lotus Lodge from the American to the Philippine Section, Brother Pecson was its

presiding officer and as such, a charter member of the Philippine Section.

The fourth Lodge is the Jose Rizal Lodge which, at the time of the transfer of the Philippine Lodges to the Philippine Section, was headed by brother Rosendo Reinoso. As on October 31, 1932, the Lodges "Manila," "Cebu," "Lotus," and "Rizal" were already functioning, I presume that these four Lodges were already included in the Report of the National Secretary for the Theosophical Society in the United States of America. The Lotus Lodge and the Rizal Lodge are daughter Lodges of the Manila Lodge. The activities, therefore, that could properly be considered as coming under the scope of the report that I am rendering for the last twelve months ended October 31, 1933, commences with the formation of the fifth Lodge of the T. S. in the P. I.

The fifth Lodge, "Soliman Lodge," came into being when six Manila Lodge members were transferred to the new Lodge, and who, with four new members that they were able to acquire in the process of organization, composed the ten chartered members of the Soliman Lodge, the charter of which is dated December, 28, 1932. It is the fifth in the order of P. I. Lodges established, but the third as daughter Lodge of the Manila Lodge. Mr. Domingo C. Argente was the President that signed the petition for the National Charter of the Philippines.

On February 19, 1933, in response to a cable request from brethren at Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, which is about two hundred and seventy-five kilometers from Manila, several dignitaries of the Manila Lodge went to Muñoz, Nueva Ecija, to form the Muñoz Lodge composed entirely of former members of Manila Lodge. Dr. Domingo A. Enrile, ex-member of Manila Lodge, was elected President of the sixth Lodge of the T. S. in the Philippines and the fourth among the daughter Lodges of the Manila Lodge. Dr. Enrile is a signer of the petition for national charter on behalf of Muñoz Lodge.

On March 18, 1933, that is, scarcely a month later, three members of the Manila Lodge decided to strike out for themselves and form a new Lodge to complete the number seven and thus give the Philippines the privilege to start a Section of their own. They were successful in prevailing upon six others to form the seventh Lodge, the "Filipinas Lodge" the seventh in the order of P. I.

Lodges and the fifth daughter of Manila Lodge. Brother Mariano Sayo was elected President and as such, he is one of the signers of the petition for the establishment of an independent Section for the Philippines.

Once the necessary number of Lodges were functioning in the Philippines, the brethren asked me to call a general meeting of all the members of the T. S. for the purpose of determining whether it would not be advisable to form an independent section or grand Lodge for the Islands. April 9th, 1933, was the date fixed for the general meeting and on the appointed date, with the attendance of fifty-two members and delegates of the seven P. I. Lodges, the general meeting was declared to be a preliminary Convention for the purpose of organizing a Philippine Section of the Theosophical Society, and the undersigned was appointed Chairman and President of the Committee and charged with the duty of drafting a constitution and of obtaining an independent charter for the Philippines.

On October 31st, the membership in the different Lodges was as follows:

Manila Lodge	...	...	...	...	35
Cebu Lodge	...	...	...	...	11
Lotus Lodge	15
Jose Rizal Lodge	7
Soliman Lodge	14
Muñoz Lodge	13
Filipinas Lodge	17

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Had there been no resignations from the Lotus Lodge on account of personal differences, which resulted in wholesale resignations of eleven members, the Philippine Section at the present time would at least have one hundred and twenty-three members. The real increase in membership, therefore, from April 9th to October 31st is twenty-six.

Sometime this month, two weeks from now at the latest, the eighth Lodge of the T. S. in the Philippines, the "Ilao Lodge" will be inaugurated under the leadership of Bro. Fortunato Manuel,

also an ex-member of the Manila Lodge. We expect to found one more before the end of the year.

The work of organization in the Philippine Section is still in a chaotic condition because we are just beginning to create the different departments through which we propose to carry out the sundry activities of our Section. To tell you the truth, we are still minus regular headquarters, minus office personnel, minus stationery and minus the most necessary equipments to start functioning as a real independent unit of the Theosophical Society.

Last September 3, the first regular Convention under the Philippine Section has taken place for the purpose of electing provisional officers, whose term of duty will expire on December 31, of this year. The following were elected :

National President : Ismael S. Zapata, Manila Lodge.

Vice-President : Mrs. Micaela S. Brillo, Lotus Lodge.

National Secretary : Severino L. Santy, Manila Lodge.

National Treasurer : Calixto A. Bernardo, Jose Rizal.

Grand Lecturer and Campaigner : Domingo C. Argente, Soliman Lodge.

As soon as the first regular election, which will take place on December 24, 1933, is through, I shall be pleased to advise you of its results and of the newly elected officers that are supposed to guide and lead the Philippine Section for three years from January 1, 1934 up to March, 1937.

Allow me to inform you that while in other countries the depression had set in about four years ago, in the Philippines, the real pinch was not felt until about the middle of 1932, a condition that was accentuated this year through wholesale dismissals of commercial houses' employees and the reduction of personnel in the Government service. While no actual famine is reported because we produce enough to take care of our own needs here, still the greatly diminished value of our exports, specially of our staple products such as tobacco, copra, abaca, embroideries, sugar and other causes have so upset our finances that the members are more concerned now about looking for jobs and adjusting themselves to the new conditions than about paying their Lodge dues.

It is a pity that this should occur precisely at the psychological time when the Theosophical Section of the Philippines is being organized as an independent unit. There is, however, a good omen

for the Section: we are getting our independence when there is a gold mining boom in several parts of the Islands, especially Baguio. Had it not been for these gold discoveries and the consequent fever heat of speculation gripping the peoples' mind, drawing out from their tightly locked coffers a steady stream of hoarded money into circulation, the Philippine crisis might have been very acute. But this seeming benediction has also its dangers; the attention of our people is distracted from Theosophical thoughts to this gold rush that has settled on the Philippines; it could not fail to inject infectious bacilli of covetousness in the hearts of men; I can see in their eyes wistfulness and longing when they hear about huge fortunes made overnight.

Enclosed you will find a syllabus or schedule of lectures given by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson in Manila. Mr. Hodson is the first international T.S. figure that has come to the Philippines to help us broadcast the Theosophical ideals in this country. It is true that once Mr. Manuck of Shanghai and Bishop Irving S. Cooper of the United States had preceded Mr. Hodson in his visit of these Islands; but at the time of Mr. Manuck and Mr. Cooper's coming there were but two Lodges in the Philippines, the "Manila," and "Cebu" Lodges, the "Manila Lodge" having at that time only about seven members, and the Cebu Lodge entirely dormant. So their arrival at Manila was unnoticed. On the other hand, when Mr. and Mrs. Hodson came to these shores fresh interest in Theosophical subjects was at fever heat on account of the establishment of a new Section of the Theosophical Society in the Philippines.

The lectures drew fair attendance, on the worst night there were about 100 people and on the best about 250. In our Convention of September 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson were elected honorary members of the Philippine Section.

We hope that they come back as they promised, and we wish that other lecturers should stop at Manila on their way to or back from Adyar.

Apart from the present seven Lodges, we have the circle of Young Theosophists, composed of university students of both sexes. They are doing a good preliminary work in preparing new members for admission into the Theosophical Lodges.

The book of Mr. Krishnamurti *At the Feet of the Master* has been translated into the Tagalog language, the most widely

known dialect in the Philippines. It is now in the hands of the printers and will be ready for distribution before the end of this month.

As for the proposed activities of the new Section we enclose herewith two copies of proposals I submitted to the National Consistory, composed of all the Presidents of the seven Lodges and some of the provisions as outlined therein have now been incorporated as a part of the activities of the different Lodges.

Before finishing this report, I wish to commit into black and white our keen appreciation of the generous help and unstinted co-operation received from the spouses George and Elinoore Regan, who, although they do not belong to the Philippine Section, have been always with us in all our trials and tribulations.

13-11-1933

ISMAEL S. ZAPATA,

General Secretary.

UNSECTIONALIZED
LODGES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

CANADIAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

In Canada, apart from the Canadian Section, there are a number of Lodges which in the year 1925 joined together in what is known as the Canadian Federation, and attached themselves direct to the Headquarters at Adyar. The control of the organization is in the hands of a council composed of one member from each Lodge, and a Secretary-Treasurer.

The Federation, like all other organizations, has suffered from the effects of the depression and some of the smaller Lodges have passed out of existence, but it still maintains active Lodges in Hamilton, Winnipeg, Calgary, Chilliwack, Vancouver, North Vancouver and Victoria. The most powerful of these is Hermes Lodge, Vancouver, which has a membership of over 75. Furthermore, as Vancouver is the great Pacific port of Canada, Hermes Lodge contacts most of the T. S. members who pass through the city. For this reason the Lodge is well known throughout the T. S. world.

Although unable to support a flow of international or Canadian lecturers the Federation endeavours to maintain good Theosophical Libraries among the Lodges. These are very well patronised, and in this manner an ever-widening circle of people is able to contact Theosophical literature and teaching. Some of the Lodges provide weekly public lectures, particularly Hermes Lodge, where a public lecture is given each Sunday during nine months of the year.

The Federation feels a personal loss in the recent passing of our gallant President, but recognizes the great work she performed in the world and the lasting example she left for all members of the Society.

A. J. HARRISON,

Secretary of the Federation.

FEDERATION OF LODGES IN EGYPT

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

During the two years ended 31st October, 1933, our Federation has had nothing more of importance to report than, unfortunately, a slow dwindling of our already reduced activities. Various reasons account for this: The severe economical crisis through which Egypt is passing, the aloofness of Moslem mentality to Theosophical ideas and, one must confess it, the, generally speaking, supremacy of materialism here, in the average turn of mind; one must add to this the somewhat confused ideas about recent movements in the Theosophical circles and those akin.

There are only two Lodges in existence in Egypt and they may even be considered as dormant. Active members do not exceed a dozen; we meet once a week for study or for causeries; from time to time a lecture is given. We have a good library and we have, occasionally, the pleasure of the visit of some foreign Theosophists.

This seems to be a period of transition and confusion of thought. The latter largely owing to the many various directions to which Theosophical activities have been directed. We of course do not despair and are holding on to better times.

J. H. PEREZ,

Presidential Agent.

MIROKU LODGE, TOKYO, JAPAN

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I have to express my hearty condolence for the passing of the late Dr. Annie Besant, P.T.S.

The Miroku Lodge, Tokyo, has been in the condition of suspension since this summer, when Miss E. Casey, the Honorary Secretary, had gone to Australia and also several Japanese members had moved into country from Tokyo; so I have not been able to make a proper annual report in due time. However, I have to remit you the sum of thirty-five shillings for the annual dues of 7 members who have still connection with this Lodge.

The present members of Miroku Lodge are eight altogether and the foregoing remittance belongs to these seven except Miss E. Casey.

25-11-1933

B. KON,

President.

SHANGHAI LODGE

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

No notable developments have taken place during the year ended June 30th, 1933. Our Lodge meetings have been fairly well attended as also our fortnightly open meetings to which the public is admitted.

Early in 1933 we were favoured by a visit from Prof. O. D. Wanamaker, who spoke on January 12th on "Some Essentials of Anthroposophy," and on February 9th on "The Mystery of Golgotha".

The library and book sales department has been managed with efficiency and zeal by our librarian who as usual has devoted much of his time and energy to this branch of our activities, awakening interest in Theosophy in many non-members of the public.

During the year three members left Shanghai and three new members have joined us so we have maintained our membership during the year.

P. O. Box 1705,
Shanghai.
28-9-1933

N. BUIJS,
Hon. Secretary.

HONG KONG LODGE

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

Enclosed please find application forms seven in number, from above Lodge, together with Bank draft for Eight Pound, fifteen shilling sterling (£ 8-15-0) being amount for entrance fees and annual dues of the Lodge. I have filled in the Diplomas and handed them over to the President. The work of the Manuk Lodge has been very successful during the year, our lectures and study class proving of great help and interest to many who have become associated with our work. Conditions here are not conducive to a large direct membership. But our published work reaches many who are seeking information. We had a very successful series of

lectures from Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, and we are pleased that they have become Hon. members of our Lodge. We look forward for their return to Hong Kong with great pleasure. At our Annual Meeting there was a change in Office-Bearers; Mrs. May who for a number of years filled the position of Secretary and Treasurer felt that the time had come when younger members should be given a chance to show their ability in the work of the Lodge; Mrs. May therefore intimated her intention not to seek re-election. Thanks was expressed to Mrs. May for all her services. Mrs. Olive M. Parkinson was elected Secretary and I have great hopes that her work will be of wonderful service to our work in China. Mr. B. W. Paul was again elected President although we will be losing his services in the early part of 1934. Nevertheless he has been a Tower of Strength to us during his sojourn here. Mr. W. Felshaw was elected Vice-President; he is a wonderful worker and gives a large part of his busy time to our Society. Mr. D. Paul, son of the President, fills the position of Treasurer and as he is a young man it is good to see him take over this duty. The Chinese Section is dormant; but I have hopes that in the near future we may again have a strong Chinese Lodge. I trust all is well at Headquarters and that the position of President may be filled by the right person without any trouble.

P. O. Box 632,
7 Duddell Street,
Hong Kong
13-12-1933.

JOHN RUSSELL,
Pres. Agent in China.

SINGAPORE LODGE

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The Singapore Lodge Theosophical Society has been carrying on its work steadily for the past year with its regular programme of weekly public meetings for lectures or for answering questions on Thursdays, and study classes for members every Sunday.

Several very interesting lectures were given by some of the older members. There was greater response from the public during the

year under review and Theosophy is after all beginning to appeal to the minds of many of the intelligentsia in this town. The study classes concluded *A Study in Consciousness*, by A. B., *In the Hour of Meditation*, by A Pupil, *Commentaries on the Bhagavad-Gita*, by Swami Subba Rao, *Thought-Power*, by A. B., and are now engaged with *The Light of Asia*, by Edwin Arnold and *First Steps in the Path*, by Geoffrey Hodson. The Lodge was fortunate in receiving a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson who arrived here in November last from Java while on their way to Adyar. Mr. and Mrs. Hodson stayed here for a week and Mr. Hodson delivered three public lectures in Singapore and one in Johore, while Mrs. Hodson spoke to a ladies' gathering in this Town. This visit has helped the work here considerably in that it has brought quite a good number of enquirers.

The year began with 12 members on the roll. One member resigned and one died and two new admissions were made, thus bringing the total to 12 again.

The Library did very good work and a few new books were added. Members of the public are allowed to make use of our Library for a nominal fee every month, and we have at present six Library members.

During the year our Lodge celebrated Bishop C. W. Leadbeater's birthday, H. P. B.'s Death anniversary, and Dr. Besant's birthday.

It is very encouraging to see the steady progress the Lodge has made and I can safely say that the T. S. has a very hopeful future in our city.

I take this opportunity once again of appealing to all members of the Theosophical Society who may be passing through Singapore to call at the Lodge when in port. I shall be very happy to meet fellow-Theosophists on board if they will inform me of the date of their arrival in Singapore.

With best wishes and cordial greetings to our Acting President and the Members assembled for the Convention.

c/o No. 193,
Orchard Road,
Singapore.
12-12-1933

T. PAKIRY,
Hon. Secretary.

SELANGOR LODGE, KUALA LUMPUR

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

This Lodge was established under a Charter dated the 24th June, 1929, with 11 members.

During the year under review five new members were enrolled. One member resigned, two members left this Lodge to be attached to Singapore Lodge and the number of effective members remaining on the roll is twelve.

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

Regular Study Classes are being held every Friday which are opened to members and visitors.

In addition to the weekly Study Classes fortnightly lectures are delivered by the members on Theosophical subjects, which non-members are invited to attend. These lectures are very much appreciated by the members and visitors and the attendance at such meetings have been very gratifying.

Three public lectures were delivered under auspices of the Lodge. The Lodge library though small was made good use of by the members and visitors and arrangements were made to purchase more new books.

The President Mr. Hughes went on transfer to Singapore and Mr. A. H. Flowerdew was elected in his place. The activities are being carried on in the offices of the President, in the Oriental Life Insurance Buildings, Java Street, Kuala Lumpur.

The members have taken very keen interest in the activities of the Lodge and the progress which the Lodge has made has been very satisfactory.

Oriental Life Insurance Building,

S. ARUMUGAM,

Java Street,

Hon. Secretary.

Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S.

14-10-1933

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

In presenting this the Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Adyar Library, let me first pay homage to the sacred memory of our late beloved President, Dr. Annie Besant, who passed away on the 20th of September this year. I may be pardoned for striking a personal note on this occasion. I owe the late President a deep debt of gratitude for helping me to come to this position. When I came into personal touch with her in Europe in the summer of 1921, she spoke in appreciation of the step that I had taken in choosing the field of ancient Indian Religion and Philosophy for my special study and she assured me of her help whenever I stood in need of it. When I returned to India in 1924 she told me that she could not offer me a good position where I could continue my studies with advantage. Eighteen months later, early in 1926, the position of the Director of the Library became vacant and the late President allowed me to come to the Library and work here. At that time I was in great difficulties financially, and what distressed me most was that I could not settle down somewhere and prosecute my studies properly. This gracious act of the late President solved both the problems. That was the first time when I got a safe footing somewhere, and ever after that I had the great privilege of staying at Adyar, using the resources of the Library freely and prosecuting my studies without any worry. In paying homage to her sacred memory, I associate the members of the Library staff with me.

On the 24th of December, 1932, Dr. Mark Collins passed away after an operation. He was working in the Library for nearly two years at that time. He was connected with the Central Hindu College at Benares in the early years of this century. He was a great scholar and a respectable gentleman, dignified and non-interfering in his life. At the time of his passing away, he was engaged in studying the new discoveries in the Indus Valley; since I was daily associated with him, I may with confidence assert that the results of his original studies formed a substantial contribution to researches in that unexplored field. The Library will ever remember with pride the period of his stay in the Library, though it was short.

When I was confirmed in the University as head of the Sanskrit Department, I had to give up my position as Director of the Library in September, 1930. For two years Mr. Jinarājādāsa was in charge of the Library as Director. But I was allowed all privileges in the Library for my literary activities which I had enjoyed as Director. In administrative matters too, my opinions were always treated with consideration. Late in 1932, the University allowed me to take charge of the Library as Director and I have been doing the work from the beginning of 1933.

During the summer of this year, Mr. V. N. Subrahmanyam, the son of the Library Assistant Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier, was doing some honorary work in the Library and as a nominee of this Library he was admitted to the Diploma course in Librarianship conducted by the Madras University; he came out at the end of the course with credit. Mr. Ramasubbier was sent as a delegate of the Library to the meeting of the All-India Library Association held in Calcutta in September of this year, and later the Director was enrolled as a life member of the Association. The Library has, with the permission of the President of the Theosophical Society, allowed the All-India Public Library Conference to hold its session in the Library during the Christmas week, also an exhibition. The Director of the Library is deputed as a delegate to represent the Library at the next session of the All-India Orientalists Conference to be held at Baroda during the Christmas week. These new activities, it is hoped, will bring the Library to the notice of other Libraries and associations of scholars more than before, and thus further the cause for which it was started.

During the year, a volume containing seventy-one Minor Upanishads was published by the Library. These Upanishads are outside of the well-known one hundred and eight Upanishads, and nearly all of them were unpublished till now. The Library has taken up the Publication of the ten Major Upanishads with the commentary of Upanishadbrahmayogin, and one volume will be out during the next year. All the ten will be published in two volumes.

There was no change in the staff. All the members of the staff are doing work satisfactorily.

The accommodation of books has been always giving me much anxiety. The fact that the books are kept in three separate buildings

make their safe custody a difficult problem. Much inconvenience is also felt in the matter of making use of the books.

In October of this year, I made some suggestions to the President regarding better provision being made for the administration of the Library. One of the suggestions was that through some arrangement the entire ground floor of the Headquarters buildings may be made available for the Library. The President has promised favourable consideration, and his decision is awaited.

Another suggestion was that in the main block of the Library steel shelves may be erected reaching right up to the ceiling, with gangways for reaching up to the top shelves. This suggestion was accepted and the necessary funds have been sanctioned. The work of erecting the shelves will be taken up immediately after the Convention in December.

The activities of the Library had been till now in the direction of constituting the Library, namely collection of books and manuscripts and keeping them on the shelves. There is another very important activity and that is to arrange the books and prepare the catalogue on an up to date and scientific scheme. This requires additional staff though temporarily, and consequently more money.

Being a Library attached to the Headquarters of the Theosophical Society, the Library must have some unique features. It must essentially be a Library suited for Theosophical activity. Special attention must be paid to the collection of books bearing on religions and philosophies and all those subjects which can legitimately be called Theosophical. It must provide the fullest scope for Theosophical students to do their Theosophical studies. In the matter of the collection of Theosophical books, it must be complete. It must also be able to provide fullest information on all points to inquirers who want to understand the Theosophical movement and Theosophical Leaders, besides the Theosophical Teaching. Such a scheme cannot be undertaken without the co-operation of the various National Societies, since the Theosophical Movement has spread in all parts of the world and the Theosophical literature is distributed in nearly all the languages of the world. Further, the activities of Theosophists have found their way to all branches of life. For these reasons, to make the Library Theosophically full and complete, it is necessary to secure the co-operation of the various National Societies. As soon as the immediate problem of accommodating the

books is solved, it shall be my endeavour to turn my attention to this big aspect of the Library and to make the Library truly and really Theosophical.

If the Library is to be an integral part of the Theosophical movement, it is essential that Theosophical students should make proper use of the resources of the Library. To understand Theosophical Teachings correctly, it is necessary to study the old religions and find out what is original and essential in those religions, and to separate it from later accretions, from the non-essentials which are often opposed to the original and pure religion. Such a study of religions with a historical sense and a critical outlook will be a great help to students of Theosophy for understanding Theosophy as the essence of all religions, as the Truth of truths. This is also a matter in which the National Societies must take a keen interest. That the Library is one of the most important factors in the plan of the Masters in starting and guiding the Theosophical Society is confirmed by our revered Bishop Leadbeater when he, with his supernatural clairvoyant visions, has made the prophecy in the closing portion of *Man: Whence, How and Whither* that the Library will survive after centuries when perhaps many of the visible aspects of the present day Theosophical movement may have perished. I take this opportunity of appealing to the President for his help and guidance in the matter of making the Library an efficient and effective channel for the carrying out of the commands of the Masters.

The finances of the Library have been and are giving me very anxious concern. The only really stable income for the Library is the interest out of the endowment fund, which comes to only about four thousand rupees per year. The Adyar Day fund was a source of substantial income annually for some time; but during the recent years that source is showing signs of drying up. The Theosophical Society has been contributing liberally for the maintenance of the Library. Even then there is the deficit to be made good. From the reports of the past years it will be seen that twelve thousand rupees a year is the minimum required for the upkeep of the Library. In this connection it must be pointed out that the Library is able to keep at this level of expenditure since there is as Director an honorary worker. I have made a suggestion in one of my previous reports that the Theosophical Society may,

instead of contributing an annual amount, set apart a portion of its permanent funds for the upkeep of the Library, so that the Library can depend on a steady income, out of its own endowment funds, of twelve thousand rupees per year. Another two lakhs of rupees added to its permanent fund will satisfy this requirement. Whatever may be the particular steps that the President may be pleased to make I have to report that it is very necessary that the whole financial position of the Library must be carefully gone into. It is also necessary to scrutinise the items of expenditure with a view to see if the liability on any of the items could be reduced. I appeal to the President to seriously consider this aspect of the Library administration.

As in previous years many Governments, institutions and individuals have also this year presented books to the Library. The University of Madras has this year consented to present its publications to the Library in exchange for our publications. Our thanks are due to all these Governments, institutions and individuals.

Details regarding the working of the Library are contained in the following report of the Assistant.

C. KUNHAN RAJA,

Hon. Director.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT

A New Era of Change.—Let me first thank the Director and the Adyar Library Committee for having deputed me to represent the Adyar Library at the All-India Libraries Conference held at Calcutta from the 12th to the 14th of September, 1933, as it was an eye-opener for me regarding the need for change in many aspects of my work, and I am confident that the Director is ready to effect the needed changes towards speed and efficiency in our Library methods, and the defects, I am cognisant of, in our Library do not in the least dishearten me, as I notice that his initiative with the prompt help of our President *pro tem.*, has already begun to bear fruit under right auspices. The Library Movement is making its way in India and it is well that the Adyar Library has become a member of the Indian Library Association.

Stock.—Experience has shown that the stock of the Library being kept in three distant places too difficult for ready access and effective supervision is no use, and I am glad that steel-shelves with gangways in the middle to reach the top-shelves have been ordered. It is only after the concentration of all our stock on the work-spot that the classification can be proceeded with steadiness day by day, several subjects to be taken one after the other, group by group. The divided location of our stock hampers very much the facilities of the consultants at the Main Library and the use naturally gets restricted. Often, visitors to our Library awake themselves to surprise that the collection here is not solely confined to Occultism and Theosophy, but also comprises of many other subjects of humanistic interest. A detailed classified list of the stock is given as Appendix A. Some old worm-eaten French and Spanish books were weeded out by Mr. Jinarājādāsa. A lot of 200 useful vernacular books was given to Mrs. Wood for her Village Library Service.

Lending.—1,899 books were lent during the last year and 469 are still due from the borrowers. Free lending, as the old Indian proverb says, does not conduce on the part of the borrowers to a sense of responsibility to return the books in due time. Lending on a deposit system based on the practice of other Libraries in India and the improved method of charging and discharging, will automatically set right the difficulty, so that the time and resources of a limited staff may be economised to the best advantage of the Library. Steps are taken to recover the books that are due.

Cataloguing.—The usual card-cataloguing for 1933 has been temporarily put in abeyance in view of the re-modelling of the card-cabinets and also in view of a more intense and scientific classification scheme that is taken in hand by me for our Library. The general and Shelf Registers have been kept up-to-date for the new accessions. All the title-cards of the Main Room stock (Western Section) have been given their new call-numbers. The author cards are now being altered their new call-numbers. A ready cataloguing is possible only when a minute scientific classification is done as soon as books are received at the Library. The classification in turn is facilitated very much by ready availability of space in the shelves.

Classification.—The system of classification now in practice serves our purpose very well for the Reading Room, which was

planned to contain a representative and synoptical collection of modern lore to be studied with Theosophy as the synthesising wisdom for the facility of the Theosophical students; but I soon found that it did not quite provide for a more specialised classification. I had to adopt it for the Main Room introducing my own changes where necessary. Although a Library such as ours cannot be frequently changing its system, which is waste of effort, I have ventured to adopt a scientific system which provides for exhaustive classification and elasticity in arrangement under proper sequence of subjects. The Colon Scheme of classification successfully worked out in the Madras University Library for the past 10 years was studied by me on the approval of Mr. C. Jinarajadāsa. Mrs. Harper Moll has prepared a bibliographical list of the works of Dr. Besant, which will all be brought together under her name in the shelving of her books. As our late President is of a no mean historical character, more literature about her is sure to gather, and it is proposed to allot separate space for a complete set of her works with room for expansion.

Additions to the Western Section.—992 books and 310 pamphlets were added during the year by purchase as well as by the presentations of donors. Books purchased were 192. Books received by presentation were 800. A fine collection of books that belonged to the late Mr. A. Schwarz, who was for many years the Treasurer of the Adyar Library, has been received through Mr. H. Frei the Executor of his Will and our present Recording Secretary. Similarly a complete set of *New India Weekly* that was edited by Dr. Annie Besant came into the possession of the Library through Mr. Sri Ram.

Additions to the Eastern Section.—70 books were added during the year, of which 43 were bought and 27 were presentations. The manuscripts in palmleaf and the paper transcripts added number 84, a list of which is given as Appendix B. The Art Book of 'Rāgas and Rāginis' for which Rs. 160 were subscribed year before the last has not yet been published. Three volumes of *Rāgakalpadruma*, an encyclopædia of Indian music, is worth mentioning amongst the additions to this section.

Reading Room.—The Reading Room of the Adyar Library gets a free copy of the *Christian Science Monitor*, an American Daily of considerable interest. The Right Reverend C. W. Leadbeater presents his copy of *The London Times Educational Supplement*, Dr. C.

Kunhan Raja continuing to send his copy of *The Hindu* to fill up the gap of a local newspaper. The subscriptions to the standard monthlies, weeklies and quarterlies devoted to History, Oriental Research, Art and Archæology as well as to Science, Religion and Theosophy have been continued. Our President *pro tem.*, Mr. Warrington sends some interesting magazines such as *Scientific American* and *Literary Digest*. 170 copies of journals including the various Sectional Magazines of the Theosophical Society are kept in the Reading Room. The Theosophist Office presents a good number of its exchange journals to the Reading Room.

Book Binding.—300 books and 210 pamphlets were bound during the year with legal buckram full binding and quarter binding respectively.

Use of the Library.—The Library maintained during the year the same cordial relationship of literary co-operation with the several learned societies as during the previous years. Mr. Hamerster, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja and his orientalist friends, Mr. T. R. Chintamani, M.A., Prof. Ernest Wood and the workers in the Theosophist Office and the Theosophical Publishing House made good use of the Library. Besides, the Nellore Sanskrit Paṭhasālā borrows occasionally MSS. for its use and return. Persons like His Holiness the Yatirāja Svāmi of Melkote Mutt and the Pandāra Sannidhi of Dharmapuram Ādhinam are friends of the Library and persons of that class of learning do occasionally turn up to the Library for consultation. Śrīmatī Rukmiṇī Devi while at Adyar used to consult some of the most original works of Indian Art and Music and has a knack of quickly putting to use, what requirements she picks up from them, before the public eye by her unique art offerings. Mr. C. Jinarājadasa used to call me up very frequently to pick out books for him. He is another of the best users of our Library. Brother W. Hanumanta Rao collated all passages relating to the topic of 'Heavenly Man,' when Mr. C. Jinarājadasa was conducting his classes on 'Hidden Side of Things' to facilitate a comparative study of the topic from the writings of H. P. B., A. B., and C. W. L. His lectures on Akbar suggested a rare method of study, which was illuminative to Theosophical students and some original sources on the subject were bought for the Library at his suggestion and for his immediate use. He took a great deal of interest in

silently stimulating and directing people to cultural studies. I had an occasion to study a particular subject, *viz.*, 'Aura in the light of Hindu Scriptures'. He set two or three people to think simultaneously on the subject. Brothers A. Rangasvāmi Aiyer, Panda Baijnāth, A. K. Sitarama Śāstri and myself, and we collaborated by correspondence and the result was an article for *The Theosophist*. And that endeavour has suggested to us several other topics of study. Many startling coincidences of Hindu thought with C. W. L.'s vivid descriptions were come across, and I hope to do similar study as time enables me to do it. Several of the friends of Islamic Cultural Society of which the Adyar Library is a life-member, particularly Dr. Hamid Ali, is using the Library for such study as would benefit the adherents of Islam to a wider outlook and cultural co-operation. The Library being given an experienced and wise direction, is growing in usefulness every year. The consultants at the Reading Room numbered 1,910. The visitors to the Library numbered 1,262.

Exchange.—The Annual Report of last year as well as the publication of Seventy-One Un-Published Upaniṣads edited by the Pandits under the Director's supervision were exchanged to those persons and institutions that are on our exchange-list.

A Suggestion.—The Library Assistant and the Pandits may be requested to plan for a course of weekly classes for the benefit of the subordinate staff for acquainting themselves in several little ways of efficiency and self-training in a cultural resort like our Library, as it will encourage and enable them to find a greater happiness and enthusiasm in their work.

List of Donors.—The late Mr. A. Schwarz 652, The late Dr. Annie Besant 193, Theosophical Publishing House 49, Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa 31, Mrs. A. E. Adair 17, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja 11, Mr. M. Krishnan 8, The Oriental Institute, Baroda, 6, Academy of Philosophy and Religion 4, The Government Oriental Library, Mysore, 2, Tamil Theosophical Publication Society 2, Āgamānusandhāna Samiti 2, Mr. K. G. Sivasvāmi, Servindia Rural Centre 2, R. W. Deobhanker 2, Miss Willson 2, University of Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station 2, H. H. The Pandara Sannidhi of Dharmapuram Ādhinam 1, Mr. N. Rāmanātha Śāstri 1, Mr. K. R. Jussawalla 1, Mr. Kuppasvami 1. Mr. L. D. Burling 1, Mrs. Hilda Frampton, Les Edition, Square Rapp, Paris, 1, K. R.

Cama Oriental Research Institute 1, Madura Lodge of the Theosophical Society 1, Mr. P. S. Jivanna Rao 1, The Right Reverend Bishop C. W. Leadbeater 1, Dr. Cousins 1.

APPENDIX A

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Animal Husbandry	34	Bengali	57
Dairy Farming	24	Bhagavad-Gita : Translations	
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Gardening	50	Bible Criticism	66
General	46	Bible Studies	32
Irrigation	9	Bibliography	499
Plant Diseases	26	Biography (Miscellaneous)	70
Soils, Fertilizers and		Biography (Indian)	84
Manures	78	Biography (Alphabetical)	56
Alchemy	12	Biology	21
Amusements	34	Bose's Researches	14
Anatomy	11	Botany and Horticultural	
Animal Life	69	Gardening	20
Anthropology	58	Brahmo Samaj	41
Anti-Vaccination	66	Buddhism	55
Anti-Vivisection	62	Buddhism, Studies in	142
Archæology (Misc.)	42	Foreign Languages	43
Archæology (Indian)	88	Buddhism (Translation)	65
Architecture (Eastern)	34	Bulgarian and Russian	41
Architecture (Indian)	16		
Art (Ceramics). See Ceramics.		Canarese	76
Art (General Eastern)	47	Carricature. See Drawing.	
Art (General Western)	31	Carving	3
Art (Indian)	16	Celtic and Druidical Religion	9
Art (Western)	36	Ceramics	3
Art (Painting Eastern)	19	Chemistry	66
Arts and Crafts (General)	56	Cheiromancy	14
Arya Samaj	3,15	Chile	7
Assyrian and Babylonian	3	Chinese	3,022
Astrology	111	Chinese Tripitaka	95
Astrology (Indian)	31	Christian Doctrine	161
Astronomy	55	Christianity	42
Astronomy (Indian)	7	Christian Mysticism	77
Atharva Veda. See Vedas.		Christian Propaganda	
Autographed Books		Christian Sermons	43
H. P. B.	239	Christian Theology	33
H. S. O.	102	Christian Writings, Early	55
C. W. L.	196	Chronology	14
	537		

Church History	70	History (Miscellaneous)	234
Classics	321	History (Indian)	188
Colour Printing	7	History (Countries arranged alphabetically)	185
Comparative Religion	69	Home Rule for India	184
Craniology	49	Human Life	28
Criminology	15	Humanitarianism	38
Dancing	21	Hungarian, Norwegian and Iceland	12
Danish	19	Hygiene	76
Dietetics (Cookery)	45	Hypnotism	31
Dietetics (General)	33	Iconography	10
Dietetics (Vegetarian)	103	India, Burma and Ceylon	38
Drawing	21	India—Education	76
Dutch	143	India—Govt. Reports	27
Dutch East Indian	44	Indian Languages. See Linguistics.	
Economics	54	Indian National Congress	31
Economics (Indian)	76	Indian Renaissance	40
Education	167	India : Social	133
Egypt and Assyrian	51	India : Political	
Electricity	2	International Relations— Peace	227
Engraving and Etching	5	International Relations— War	105
Entomology	8	Islam	20
Epigraphy	72	Islamic Studies	89
Etching. See Engraving.		Islamic Texts	29
Ethics	35	Islamic Translations	39
Ethnology	77 × 101	Italian	146
Ethnology (Indian)	66	Itihasas	37
Eugenics	7	Itihasa Studies	20
Evolution	26	Jainism—Studies in	37
Feminism	73	Jainism—Translation	14
Fiction		Japanese	8 + 4
Finnish	52	Javanese	
Freemasonry	38	Jesus, Life of	34
Freethought	44	Judaism	65
French	234	Law	43
Geography	91	Library Science	133
Geology	18	Linguistics	79
German	710	Grammar	105
Graphology	8	Dictionaries	129
Greek Religion and Litera- ture. See Classics.		Handbooks	309
Guzerathi	262	Literature (Miscellaneous Poetry)	78 + 363
Hebrew Religion	8	Literature (Lives, Works, Criticism)	165
Heraldry	6		
Heredity	18		
Hindi	124		
Hinduism	159		

Literature (Prose Miscellaneous)	95	Mythology	98
Literature (Prose Drama)	38+31	Mythology (Indian)	61
Literature :		New Thought	332
China, Japan and Korea	276	Numismatics	18
Literature (Prose)	80+48	Occultism. See Theosophy.	
Literature (Sanskrit in English Translation)	73	Oriental Literature	160
Literature (Travel). See Travel.		Ornament and Jewelry	4
Literature (Vernacular)	42	Ornithology	3
Lives of Saints	60	Painting (Western)	69
Logic	34	Paleography	14
Magazines, Bound Volumes of	4,036	Pali Text Society Journals	
Magic, Talisman, Divination	69	Pali Text Society Texts	
Magnetism, Organic	30	Pali Text Society Translation	
Mahrathi	36	Palmistry	6
Malayalam		Philology	
Manuscripts Palm leaf	9,073	Philosophy (Buddhist)	2
Canarese MSS.	16	Philosophy (Christian)	5
Javanese	2	Philosophy (Confucian)	17
Malayalam		Philosophy (Ethics). See Ethics.	
Pali	58	Philosophy (European)	68
Sanskrit MSS. 3819:		Philosophy (Greek)	39
Books	2329	Philosophy (Hindu)	87
Siamese Copper-plate	1	Philosophy (Indian)	
Lacquer	16 leaves	Philosophy (Logic). See Logic.	
Lacquer	16 leaves	Philosophy (Miscellaneous)	286
Lacquer	12 leaves	Phrenology	8
Tamil Books 394: MSS.	12	Physical Culture	32
Telugu MSS.	15	Physics	94
M—1—Tibetan: Kanjin and Tanjin	327	Physiognomy. See Craniology.	
1—Undicipher	243	Physiology	10
Mathematics	55	Plant Life	21
Mechanics	30	Plant Life (India)	12
Medicine	51, 181	Polish	41
Metal Work	5	Political Science	112
Meteorology	6	Political Speeches of Indians	118
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Morals	39	Politics in Modern India	36
Music	24	Psychic Research	81
Music (Eastern)	49	Psycho Therapy	74
Music (Western)	23	Puranas	26
Mysticism (Freemasonry)		Puranik Studies	10
Mysticism (Miscellaneous)	92	Ramakrishna Movement	64
Mysticism (Personal)	96	Reference Works	449
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Religion (Bahá'ism). See Bahá'ism.		Swedish	46
Religion (Buddhism). See Buddhism.		Telugu	
Religion (Celtic and Druidical)		Temperance	100
Religion (Christianity)	60	Textiles	9
Religion (Egypt)	21	Theosophy Art	14
Religion (General)	72	Arundale, G. S.	39
Religion (Greek)	8	Besant, A.	60
Religion (Hindu and Vedic)	79	Blavatsky	77
Religion (Islam)	23	Education	43
Religion (Jain)	11	Jinarajadasa, C.	64
Religion (Roman)	2	Krishnamurti	72
Religion (Scandinavian)	1	Leadbeater, C. W.	92
Religion (Shinto)	1	Miscellaneous	409 + 35
Religion (Sikhism)	9	Occultism	46
Religion (Teutonic)	1	Olcott, H. S.	49
Religion (Welsh)	1	Reports	66 + 102
Religion (Zoroastrianism)	34	Sinnett, A. P.	47
Science (Miscellaneous)	72	Subsidiary Activities	15
Scouting	6	Yoga	42
Sculpture and Modelling	17	Tibetan	
Siamese Tripitaka	44 × 40	Travel Himalayas	30
Sikhism	11	Travel	122
Smṛtis	40	Upanisads	123
Socialism		Vedas	65
Social Hygiene	41	Vedic General	60
Social Reconstruction	57	Rig Veda	49
Sociology and Political Science	198	Yajur Veda	15
Spanish	120	Sama Veda	4
Spanish American	154	Atharva Veda	8
Uruguay	30	Veterinary Science	
Spiritualism	348	Zoology	10
		Zoroastrianism	67
		Zoroastrian Studies	115

APPENDIX B

Abbreviations : (A) = Andhra script ; (G) = Grantha script ; (K) = Kerala script ; (T) = Transcript in Dēvanagari ; c. = Complete ;
inc. = incomplete.

Advaitam : Ajñanadhvānta caṇḍabhāskaraḥ by Amareśvaraḥ (Ā)
complete, 1,632.

Alankāraḥ : Alankārasangrahaḥ by Amṛtānanda Yōgi (Ā) c. 1,026.
Āgamaḥ : Uttarakāmikāgamaḥ (T) c. 588, Kāmikāgamaḥ (T) inc. 3,178. Gaurimaṇṭapa-pūjā-vidhiḥ (Kalōttarāgamāntargata) (T) c. 2,149, Vighnēsvaramaṇṭapa pūjavidhiḥ (T) c. 145, Sivalinga pratiṣṭhā by Aghōrasivācāryaḥ (Kriyākramadyotikāntargata) (T) c. 1,400, Subrahmaṇyapraṭiṣṭhā vidhiḥ (Kriyākramadyotikāntargata) by Aghorasivācāryaḥ (T) c. 1,379.

Itihāsaḥ : Rāmāyaṇa by Vālmīkiḥ (G) inc. 19,920, Rāmāyaṇavyākhyā Āranya Kiṣkindhākāṇḍas by Amṛtakaṭakaḥ inc. 2,592.

Upaniṣat : Chāṇḍōgyam (G) c. 1,360, Tripurātapinī (Ā) c. 200, Tripurōpaniṣat (Ā) c. 20, Dēvyupaniṣat (Ā) c. 40, Bhāvana (A) c. 20.

Kāvyaṃ : Uṣāharaṇa 3-9 Sargas by Trivikrama Paṇḍitaḥ (G) inc. 992, Uṣāharaṇa vyākhyā by Sumatīndrayatiḥ (G) inc. 4,416, Kādambarī by Baṇabhaṭṭaḥ (Ā) inc. 2,240, another (G) inc. 2,961, another (G) 3,288, Kṛṣṇakarnāmṛtam 2 and 3 Satakas by Lilāsukaḥ (G) c. 468, Kṛṣṇakarnāmṛtavvyākhyā 2 and 3 Satakas (G) inc. 1,728, Kṛṣṇadūtam (G) c. 396, Nṛgamokṣaḥ by Nārāyaṇakaviḥ (G) c. 204, Prahlādevijayaḥ inc. 2,604, Matsyāvatāraḥ (G) c. 2,25, Yudhiṣṭhira vijayavyākhyā (1 and 2 chapters) by Chokkanātha (Balavyutpattikāriṇī) (K) 1,898, Rājasūyacampū by Nārāyaṇa kaviḥ (G) c. 588, Vāsavadattavyākhyānā vartinīkhaṇḍa (G) c. 96, Sukasandēsah (K) c. 390, Subhadraharāṇam (G) inc. 1,026.

Gṛhyam : Kauṣītaki Gṛhyaprayōgaḥ (K) c. 2,128, Kauṣītaki Gṛhyavyākhyā by Bhavatrāta (K) c. 2,842, Vāmanakārikā (G) c. 1,656, Vāmanakārikā (G) inc. 416.

Jainam : Pramāṇapramōyakaḥ by Narēndrasēnaḥ (T) c. 546.

Jainamīmāṃsā : Āptamīmāṃsālankṛtiḥ by Samantabhadradēvaḥ (T) c. 588, Āptamīmāṃsāvṛttiḥ by Bhattāraka Akalankadēvaḥ (T) c. 1,505.

Tantra : Yāmalāṣṭakatantram (T) inc. 4,380.

Dharmasāstram : Āśaucadīpikā by Aghora Sivācāryaḥ (T) c. 896, Bhāradvāja Piṭṛmēdha Sūtram (G) inc. 128, Sudhivilocanam by Venkatesaḥ inc. 4,488.

Nānāviśayāḥ : Prāsādacandrikā (Ā) inc. 2,016.

Nāṭakam : Mālavikāgnimitra Vyākhyā by Kāṭayavēmaḥ (Ā) inc. 513, Ratnāvalī by Sri Harṣaḥ (G) inc. 720, Śakuntalavyākhyā (Kumārāgirirājīyam) by Kāṭayavēmaḥ c. 1,112.

Prayōgaḥ : Dahanāḍipaddhatiḥ (Ā) inc. 720, Śaṇmāsaprāyas-cittavidhiḥ (G) inc. 120, Balātripurasundaripūjavidhānam (G) c. 450

Mīmāṃsā : Karpūravarttika I Adhyāyaḥ (Sastradīpikāvyākhyā) by Rājacūḍamaṇi Dikṣitaḥ 2,212, Bhāṭṭasangrahaḥ by Rāghavendra Yatiḥ (G) inc. 4,269, Mayūkhamālika by Sōmanātha Yajvā (Sāstradīpikā vyākhyā) (G) 1,152.

Yōgaḥ : Vivēkamārtandah by Viśvarūpadēvaḥ (K) 536.

Vēdah : Ēkagnikāṇḍavyākhyā by Haradattaḥ (G) c. 1,320, Ēkagnikāṇḍah (G) c. 412, Kauṣitaki Brāhmaṇavyākhyā (Sadartha-vimarsinī by Udayaḥ) (K) c. 20,640, Kauṣitaki Brāhmaṇam (K) 380, Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa Bhāṣyam by Bhāṭṭabhāskarahaḥ (G) c. 864, Devatādhyāyaḥ (G) c. 168, Samhitōpaniṣat (G) c. 372, Sāmabrahmaṇam (G) c. 528.

Vēdabhāṣyam : Pāraskaramantrabhāṣyam by Murārimisraḥ (T) inc. 1,533, Sāmavēdabhāṣyam (G) inc. 2,310.

Vēdalakṣaṇam : Taittirīyapratīśākhyaṁ (G) inc. Kṛtatribhāṣya-ratnavyākhyā Samhitāsāsanavyākhyānam 540, Samhitakīlāṅghya-vyākhyānam 450, Samhitāningyavyākhyānam c. 1,710, Chalākṣarādī-sāmālakṣaṇam (Stōbhapaḍaviṣayamālā) inc. 1,566, Vēdalakṣaṇam (K) inc. 2,390.

Vaidyam : Ānandakāṇḍah (T) c. 7,007, Vaidyagranthah (K) inc. 2,794.

Vyākaraṇam : Uṇādisūtravṛttiḥ by Sivadāsacakravartī (T) c. 855, Pīṭṣūtravṛtti (T) 200, Vākyapadīyavyākhyā Vṛṣabhadēvīyam (T) Vākyapadīya vyākhyā (Prakīrṇaprakāśah) (T) inc. 1,066.

Sakunam : Utpātasatakam (K) c. 144.

Saiva Vēdantam : Mahārthamañjari (Ā) inc. 2,000.

Srauta Prayōgaḥ : Agniṣṭomaprayōgaḥ (G) c. 1,604, Kāṭhaka-cayanādiprayōgaḥ (G) inc. 578, Drāhyāyāṇasrautāsūtram (G) inc. 2,400, Drāhyāyāṇa Srautasūtravyākhyā inc. 1,566, Srautaprayōgaḥ (G) inc. 1,044, Bōdhāyanadarsapūrṇamāsa prayōgakramadīpikā by Ranganātha (G) c. 1,710.

Saṅgītam : Svaramēlakalānidhiḥ by Rāmāmātyāḥ (A) inc. 126.

B. S. RAMASUBBIER,

Library Assistant.

THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

To the President, pro tem., of the Theosophical Society, and the Board of Managers.

I have the honour to submit the following report of the Olcott Panchama Free Schools for the year ending 15th December, 1933.

Before beginning my report proper, I, on behalf of the teachers and children of our schools, would with great sorrow like to place on record here the immense loss we have sustained by the passing away of Miss C. Kofel, who was for a long time Superintendent of our schools, of Mr. A. Schwarz who was a dear "father" to us, and of our beloved and revered Mother and glorious President, Dr. Annie Besant, and express our deep gratitude for all they have done for us. May we deserve their blessings!

Due to financial difficulties, the H.P.B. Memorial School at Kodambakam, which was considered to be one of the best elementary schools of this Presidency, was given away by our Management as gift to the Labour Department of the Madras Government on the 19th of June. Now that there is only one institution, the Olcott School at Adyar, left under our management, the Board desires to make it a complete Higher Elementary School and concentrate on perpetuating it. The Seventh Standard was opened at the beginning of this school year, and the highest class, the Eighth Standard, has to be opened next year. To meet the large demand for admission and also owing to lack of adequate accommodation, a branch section of this school was opened at Damodarapuram in May last to relieve at least a little of the congestion, and it has now 36 pupils on its rolls. Our thanks in this respect are mainly due to Mrs. Hilda Wood for having very kindly given for this section the use of her Adult Night School buildings and also for the help which she is rendering in more ways than one.

The work during the year has gone on steadily as before. The daily attendance has been fairly satisfactory. The irregular children are persuaded to attend more regularly by frequent visits of the teachers to their homes and talks with their parents and guardians. The teachers are trying their best to carry on the work in a spirit of service and love.

All possible attention is given to the physical well-being of the children. The children who do not bathe either at their homes or at

the Adyar Baby Welcome are as far as possible compelled to bathe in the school. Our grateful thanks in this connection are due to the Adyar Baby Welcome and also to Doctors P. C. Patel, Suryanarayana Rao, T. P. Sundaram, and Mr. N. C. Kevat, for their very kind services in conducting the medical inspection and giving the necessary advice and treatment to our pupils. In the Inspection book may be found the remarks that "the medical inspection has been conducted though no government grant has been given. The general health of the children continues to be good". The midday lunch is given daily to 80 to 90 pupils at a cost of Re. 1-2 per diem and continues to remain a necessity. The children are taught to gain control over their bodies through drill, games, various physical practices like pyramids, Kummi, Kolattam, etc.

Instruction in three R's and other allied subjects has gone on steadily as in former years. Dr. S. Dakshina Murti, D.P.H., of the Madras Health Department, who is specially deputed to work up the Rural Co-ordinating and Reconstruction Scheme of the Rockefeller Institute at Trivellore, near Madras, visited our school often and wrote in the visitor's book "I found that above all things there is a smile on the face of every student which shows the interest taken by the teaching staff in the work of every pupil. Curriculum is ideal and every detail is studied to render education really more useful."

Handcraft is made compulsory both for boys and girls of the highest four classes. Subjects like spinning, weaving of cloth, mats, cottape, leafwork, fancy-bag work, stitching, hammock and network are regularly taught and several other crafts like belt making, etc., are encouraged as hobbies. In this and all other phases of school life, Scouting has helped us a lot. We have now in our school an efficient scout troop and two cubpacks—about 70 in all—a really useful and cheery lot.

Attempts are made to help the children in their character-building through their daily common and individual prayers, weekly bhajanas and talks, pujas on festival occasions, through the stories of the lives of great men, through drama, music, through scouting and active service. After his annual inspection, the Government Inspection Officer made the following remarks, "Good discipline is maintained. Pupils are trained to be self-reliant and to come to school neat and clean. The weekly bhajana tends to ennoble

the character of the pupils. The Management is running this useful institution for the depressed classes against great odds."

Mr. T. G. Rutherford, I.C.S., C.I.E., Collector of Chingleput-Madras, after his visit on the 20th of September, wrote in the visitor's book that "visited the school in connection with an application for grant from the Labour Department. It is much in advance of the average elementary school and everything is done to make the pupils enjoy school. The arrangements for baths for pupils and medical treatment for minor ailments is an excellent idea. Manual training is well advanced. Scout work is good. Generally the school shows an earnest attempt to cope with the problems of elementary education under somewhat adverse conditions. It is a credit to the teachers".

During the T.S. Convention of 1932, our boys and teachers put up once again, as in the previous year, a very well disciplined and cheerful service as Volunteers which was very much appreciated. Our boys helped at the Madras District T.S. Conference held at Egmore and also at poor-feeding, etc.

The children had their annual sports as usual in February in honour of their Founder's day.

During May, the boys and girls of both the Olcott and the H.P.B. schools gave very successful physical culture demonstrations on the 19th and 20th, and handcraft exhibition and demonstration on the 21st and 22nd instant at Triplicane under the auspices of Gandhiji's Fast Propaganda Committee. There was an average daily attendance of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 thousand persons who enjoyed and appreciated all the items. Again on the 29th instant and under the same auspices, a big variety show was arranged at the Triplicane Beach where most of the items were contributed by our children. There was an audience of more than 3,000 persons and everyone present was struck by the very efficient and cheerful way our children behaved.

On the 11th of October our school celebrated our beloved Amma's Day. In the morning we had a procession to the cremation place where we had a solemn meeting and bhajana. Later in the day the children had a good feed—thanks to a generous lady donor.

On the 11th of December, Mrs. and Mr. A. R. Rangachar of Adyar gave a special treat to all our children on the occasion of their child's birthday which was enjoyed thoroughly.

Besides these the boys had several scout rallies, camps and campfires, which have tended to foster in them the spirit of camaraderie and service.

Much support, financial and otherwise, is necessary to carry on all these activities efficiently and to the very good advantage of our children. To repeat the words of Mr. H. Frei, the Recording Secretary of the T.S., who visited our school recently and spent some time there "I have come away with a feeling that this school really deserves a much better support from the general public than it gets at present. It is doing excellent work, but for want of money some necessary improvements have to be postponed for the present".

I cannot do better than to close this—my report—with an extract from the remarks left by Mr. D. S. Reddi, the Deputy Director of Public Instruction in charge of Elementary Education, "I was greatly impressed by the fact that in spite of several difficulties the staff has been maintaining the school tradition of efficiency. The variety of manual training occupations struck me, in particular, as the most interesting and progressive feature and it is a matter for congratulation that these occupations have been included in the school curricula—almost entirely free of cost. All the pupils look clean and neat and the results of inspection are reported to be very satisfactory. The Scouts gave a remarkably good display."

"What the School now needs is more accommodation, greater equipment, if possible one more lady assistant and an adequate playground." And may I add, adequate water supply, constructing a compound wall, and immediate attention to the repairs of several portions of our school buildings which demand an urgent looking into.

In concluding, I offer here my grateful thanks to Sri Perammal, who is looking after the weaving section with her usual zeal, and to Mr. Ernest Wood for the kind and ready help he has given me throughout. Once again I offer here our sincere and loving gratitude to the memory of our ever-beloved Amma and Mr. Schwarz.

NUMBER OF PUPILS ON ROLLS ON 15TH DECEMBER, 1933

IN OLCOTT FREE SCHOOL, ADYAR

CLASS	Boys	Girls	Total
I Standard	63	38	101
II "	50	25	75
III "	50	12	62
IV "	53	14	67
V "	35	1	36
VI "	21	...	21
VII "	14	...	14
Total	286	90	
Grand Total	376		376

O. P. F. SCHOOLS

M. KRISHNAN,

*Adyar**Superintendent.*

17th December, 1933.

In approving and forwarding this report of the Superintendent of the O.P.F.S., the Board of Managers wish to place on record their sense of grateful appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the Superintendent, Mr. M. Krishnan, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Wood.

17-12-1933

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Vice-Chairman.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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ADYAR

31st March, 1933

ERNEST WOOD,

Hon. Ag. Secretary-Treasurer.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		Rs.	A.	P.
To Panchama Education Fund		36,145	11	4
„ Food Fund :	Rs. A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1932	28 0 6			
Donations received in 1932-33	651 0 0			
	679 0 6			
Less : Expenses in 1932-33	647 10 0	31	6	6
„ Reserve Account :				
Balance as per last year's Balance-Sheet	3,572 12 11			
Less : Deficit for 1932-33; transferred to				
Income and Disbursement Account	3,408 15 10	163	13	1
		36,340	14	11

ADYAR

31st March, 1933

ERNEST WOOD,

Hon. Ag. Secretary-Treasurer.

FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR, PER 31ST MARCH, 1933

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Immovable Property Account	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
„ Movable	„	„	...	500	0	0
„ 3½ % Govt. Promotes for Rs. 30,200	...	...	...	18,120	0	0
„ 5 % „ „ (1945-55) for Rs. 10,000	...	...	...	10,062	8	0
„ 6½ % Bombay Development (Loan Rs. 2,500)	...	...	...	2,500	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Account	...	...	...	1,283	0	10
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	2,675	6	1
				36,340	14	11

Audited and found correct.

(Sd.) G. NARASIMHAM, R.A.,

Registered Accountant.

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

During the year under report several important books were reprinted. Two of them have long been out of print and there was a constant demand and enquiry for them. They are (1) *Nature's Finer Forces and Their Influence upon Human Life and Destiny* by Rama Prasad, and (2) *The Idyll of the White Lotus*—an Occult Novel by Mabel Collins. There has been rather an unusual demand for the book (3) *Vegetarian Menus*, by Clara Louise Bemister so that we had to bring out another edition of it. An Indian edition of (4) *Key to Theosophy* was brought out. It is a reprint of the original second edition with Glossary published by H. P. Blavatsky herself in 1889. The Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater has revised and enlarged his manual (5) *The Astral Plane* and it was published as the first Indian edition. Dr. Bhagavan Das' booklet on (6) *Ancient Solutions of Modern Problems* was an addition to the list of books published in English. A copy of it was sent to every member of the Economic Conference and to statesmen in Europe and America.

Under the T. P. H. Oriental Series we have brought out six valuable books and they are: (7) *Yoga Sara Sangraha* or the Philosophy of Yoga Sastra being one of the rare treatises by Vijnana Bhikshu the greatest authority on the Sankya and Yoga Sastras with Text in Devanagari and English translation by Dr. Ganganath Jha, second and revised edition. (8) *Manameyodaya*—A Primer on Mimamsa by Narayana Bhatta. Text in Devanagari and English translation with introduction and notes by Prof. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.), and Prof. S. Suryanarayana Sastri, M.A., B.Sc., (Oxon.). (9) *Uttara Gita* or the Initiation of Arjuna in Yoga and Jnana. Text in Devanagari and English translation with notes by B. K. Laheri. (10) *Gheranda Samhita*: A Treatise on Hatha Yoga, Text in Devanagari and English translation by Sris Chandra Vasu. (11) *Brahmasutrashya* of Sri Sankaracharya with *Bhamati* of Vacaspati Misra for the *Catussutri*: Text in Devanagari, English translation with introduction and notes by Prof. S. S. Suryanarayana Sastri and Prof. C. Kunhan Raja. (12) *Hatha-Yoga Pradipika* of Svatiarama Svamin with the commentary of Brahmananda: Text

in Devanagari and translation with notes by Yogi Srinivasa Iyengar, B.A.

We have also published eight booklets on important subjects. (13) *The Convention of the Indian Constitution*, by C. Jinarājādāsa, (14) *Our Relation to Children*, by the Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, (15) *Notes on the Gospel According to John*, by H. P. Blavatsky, (16) *The Occult Teachings of the Christ According to the Secret Doctrine*, by Josephine Ransom, (17) *Ancient Ideals in Modern Masonry*, by the Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, (18) *The Book of Tao*, with Notes by the Editor (A. W. Watts), (19) *Doubt, the Liberator*, by Serge Brisy, translated from the French by Margaret Sastri with Krishnaji's portrait, and (20) *What Theosophists Believe*, by C. Jinarājādāsa.

Finance.—The sales in the Publishing House has steadily decreased from (in round figures) Rs. 41,061 in 1930-31 and Rs. 38,106 in 1931-32 to Rs. 36,611 in 1932-33. The expenditure correspondingly also decreased from Rs. 13,508 in 1930-31 and Rs. 11,101 in 1931-32 to Rs. 9,711 in 1932-33. During 1932-33 the T. P. H. purchased stock to the value of Rs. 26,516 while the sales amounted to Rs. 36,611. After deducting the initial outlay on the books, etc., sold during the year the gross profits would approximately come to Rs. 9,153. As against this approximate income there had been an actual expenditure of Rs. 9,711 or a net loss of about Rs. 558. But a strict valuation of the stock on hand resulting in a depreciation to the extent of Rs. 7,653 and the writing off (1) of a sum of Rs. 1,081 as bad debts and (2) Rs. 1,928 as obsolete stock, have increased the total depreciation by Rs. 10,682. One satisfactory feature of the three years' financial condition has been that in our balance sheet the assets and the liabilities under sundry debtors and creditors have been steadily watched and brought under control. A very large amount of the liability has been to the Vasanta Press.

The valuation of the present stock of books, etc., amounted to Rs. 71,276 while the buildings and furniture estimated at Rs. 25,658; the total asset being Rs. 96,934. As the years pass the stock gets deteriorated and every care has been taken during the last four years to print just the number that could be sold within five or seven years.

THE THEOSOPHIST

The Theosophist was regularly published. 1,750 copies are being printed at present. There has been rather a heavy demand for October and November issues so that all the 1,750 copies have already been sold out. But the number of subscribers has, however, reached only 1,600 on 1st December, 1933. From January, 1934 issue we propose printing 2,000 copies with a hope that the number of subscribers will increase during the course of next year. In response to the appeal of Mr. A. P. Warrington it is gratifying to note that there has been an increase of 31 new subscribers, so far, besides donations of £15 and Rs. 375 to cover the deficit. Of late the number of blocks printed in *The Theosophist* has been increased and the cost of production has consequently been heavy.

The income under *Theosophist* Subscriptions amounted in 1932-33 to Rs. 19,007-12-1 as against an expenditure of Rs. 19,567-5-0 for the same period. Similarly in the previous year subscriptions came to Rs. 13,781-15-9 only as against an expenditure of Rs. 14,987-15-4. During the last two years and a half since January, 1931, there has been a total loss of Rs. 2,044-4-11. But donations to the extent of Rs. 1,700 and a sum of Rs. 307-4-0 realized under "advertisement" reduced the loss to Rs. 37-0-11.

When *The Theosophist* was transferred to America in 1930 a list of nearly 2,200 subscribers and a sum of about Rs. 8,000 as unexpired portion of the subscriptions accompanied it. But when it came back in 1931, it had to start life afresh all over again as the American magazine also continued to be published under a changed name, *The World Theosophy*. The number of Subscribers in America which was over 600 in 1929 did not reach beyond 230 during the last two years.

THE ADYAR PAMPHLETS

Twelve numbers have regularly been issued. This series contains very valuable Theosophical teachings and is published cheaply so as to enable every one to be benefited. *Eastern Magic and Western Spiritualism*, by Col. H. S. Olcott, *An Introduction to the Yoga Aphorisms of Patanjali*, by Geo. C. Williams, and *A World in Distress and the Remedy as Seen by the Theosophist*;

Convention Lectures by (1) A. Ranganada Mudaliar, B.A., B.L., M.L.C., (2) L. W. Rogers, (3) C. Jinarajadasa, and (4) Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater are some of the very valuable contributions published in this series during the year. 180 numbers in fifteen volumes have already been issued.

M. SUBRAMANIA IYER,

Manager.

VILLAGE WORK NEAR ADYAR

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The year for the village work has been a most momentous one. It has seen the beginning and completion of the "Civic Square" in Damodarapuram. The young men of the village have erected under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, their school building which is about 60 feet long and about 24 feet wide, with bricks and a thatch roof. They have also dug a well 20 feet deep which provides water all the year round, (the only one in the village) and has a hand pump attached with which a small tank is filled with water and from which water flows by a pipe to five taps, under which the children are able to take their baths freely. A small model temple was also erected. This temple has a pillar inscription which dedicates it to all good deities and states that any person may worship within its walls and that no animal sacrifices will be performed for it. The new image of Parvati, was made at a ridiculously low cost by a famous Madras sculptor, Mr. M. Nagappa, and he also gave the statue of a lion for the front of the temple. A new precedent was created when four Brahmin priests were obtained to dedicate the temple, as the village is an out-caste one and no brahmin priests would come near it. These were brought from town by the kind help of Mr. Gandhi's organization "The Servants of the Untouchables Society". The same organization also fed the whole village (550 people) on the dedication day. This year also was opened the day school for small children, of which there are 40 on the rolls. They are taught an adaptation of the Montessori method the materials of which Mrs. Wood and Mr. P. S. Krishnaswami Iyer have made for the school. This school is a great success, all who have seen it, from

the Collector downwards, being most impressed. A new road has been opened up from the "Civic Square" to the main village road, making an avenue of 6 palmtrees on each side. This was opened by Mahatma Gandhi when on his visit to Madras. The Adult Night School continues with 48 men on its rolls, all of whom work during the day, and all of whom helped in creating the above improvements in the evening after the day's work was over. The materials for the erection of these buildings have been paid for out of voluntary contributions, and would never have been paid for without the help of American friends.

A village 15 miles away from Adyar has been visited and a Night School opened. A petition for a well in this village of 750 people, was handed over to the Collector. Another village a few minutes walk from Adyar who have been asked to vacate their huts at a moment's notice have been helped in drawing up a petition to the Collector and that has duly been brought to his attention. Another village where a village money lender was wrongly claiming the land on which some huts were situated has also been brought to the notice of the authorities.

A Drama of the life of Arjuna was performed at Damodara-puram, at which all the surrounding villagers came, the audience amounting to at least a thousand, and the drama lasting from 6 in the evening to 6 in the morning, quite a usual length of time!

A villager whose baby was lost, it having been taken from the maternity hospital by unknown persons, was helped and the matter brought before the Chief Commissioner of Police.

HILDA WOOD

CHILD-WELFARE CENTRE, ADYAR

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

The popularity of the Child-welfare Centre at Adyar has been steadily increasing since its establishment in April, 1927. The Centre is situated under a shady beautiful banyan tree and all the poor children who need help and care from the villages adjoining the Theosophical Estate assemble every morning between 6 a.m.

and 10.30 or 11, and are attended to by a trained nurse. They receive hot and cold baths, treatment for various ailments and ragi conjee and milk if undernourished. The daily average attendance of children has been 87 during the year and our expenses come to Rs. 80 a month. The Government gives a grant of Rs. 35 a month and the rest is to be met by donations. The nurse who is also a trained mid-wife visits the villages daily and gives advice and help to expectant mothers and conducts the labour when the time comes. The villagers know now the advantages of having a trained mid-wife and very often the call comes for her from distant villages.

The Centre has sustained a very great loss by the passing away of Dr. Annie Besant who took a keen interest in its work and helped it with a monthly donation.

S. BHAGIRATHI,

Hon. Superintendent.

T. S. DISPENSARY

To the President, pro tem., Theosophical Society.

I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Adyar Theosophical Society Dispensary from November 1st, 1932 to October 31st, 1933. The daily average of patients was 17. As no register was maintained till October 1st, 1933, when I took charge, I am unable to say anything about the nature of the cases that were coming in. The services of the dispensary are still availed of by the pupils of the Olcott School, the Maternity and Child Welfare Centre at Adyar and the neighbouring villagers in case of emergencies.

From the 1st of October, 1933, the necessity for maintaining an outpatients Register was keenly felt and one showing No., name, occupation, caste, age, sex and diagnosis of patients is being maintained. This is bound to improve the working of the Dispensary as it will give a very good idea of the nature of the cases coming in.

Attempts are being made to run the dispensary on an economical line consistent with efficiency.

T. S. DISPENSARY FOR NOVEMBER, 1933

<i>Expenses</i>				Rs.	A.	P.
Drugs ...	...	...	...	28	5	0
Power House ...	...	...	...	2	4	0
Compounder ...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Sundries ...	...	...	...	2	15	0
Total ...				53	8	0

Contribution box ... Rs. 24-6-0

Register No. 326

Total cases 482

Daily average 16

<i>Receipts as Donations and Bills</i>				Rs.	A.	P.
November, 1932 to March, 1933	...	...	...	314	1	3
April and May, 1933	...	...	...	34	14	0
June and July, 1933	...	...	...	26	1	6
August, 1933	...	...	...	25	1	0
September, 1933	...	...	...	16	3	6
October, 1933	...	...	...	13	1	6
Total				429	6	9

<i>Expenditure</i>				Rs.	A.	P.
1932	November	...	...	82	7	3
"	December	...	...	55	8	9
"	December—Water Sink	...	...	54	8	0
1933	January	...	...	58	8	6
"	February	...	...	74	4	3
"	March	...	...	33	13	0
"	April	...	...	31	7	0
"	May	...	...	45	9	3
"	June	...	...	47	11	0
"	July	...	...	36	3	6
"	August	...	...	23	9	9
"	September	...	...	30	7	0
"	October	...	...	58	4	9
Total				632	6	0

Daily Average of Patients per Month

1932	November	...	...	...	24
"	December	...	...	...	23
1933	January	...	...	...	15
"	February	16
"	March	18
"	April	10
"	May	16
"	June	19
"	July	16
"	August	18
"	September	14
"	October	12
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Daily average ... 17
 Daily attendance } ... Max. 45
 of patients } ... Min. 6

T. P. SUNDRAM,

Hon. Med. Officer, T. S. Dispensary.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council, entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific, and Charitable Societies, 1860", that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION, ETC.



(Sd) A. FERISSAWAN MOONARAJAN,
Secretary of Joint Stock Companies.

Dated 2nd April 1905.

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(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,

Station, Madras,

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Dated 3rd April 1905.

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
an Act for the Registration of Literary,
Scientific and Charitable Societies,*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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 purposes 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 follow :—

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-officio

President-Founder :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President :—A. P. Sinnett, London, Eng., Author.

Recording-Secretary :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U. P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle Street, London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N. S. W.

Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N. Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Massô, acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tumucherla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel 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 this 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 this 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, this . . . day of March, 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

	(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
(Sd.) Wm. GLENNY KEAGEY ...	{ „ W. A. ENGLISH
	{ „ S. SUBRAMANIAM
„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ...	{ „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
	{ „ UPENDRANATH BASU
„ PYARE LAL ...	„ ANNIE BESANT
„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ...	„ N. D. KHANDALVALA

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, Recording Secretary, the General Secretary of each of its component National Societies and the Director of the Adyar Library, when he is a member of the Society, *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. Nine months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or whenever the office becomes vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, who have consented to accept nomination for the office, may be sent in to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within three months of the date of the call for nominations. At the expiry of this period the Recording Secretary shall communicate the nominations to the General Secretaries, and to the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary shall take the votes of the

individual members of his National Society who were on the rolls at the time of forwarding his last annual report to the President of the Society, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. At the expiry of six months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the votes shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

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. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President, in case the President is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise.

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 not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. At least three of the members shall and three shall not be Indians. Vacancies caused by death or resignation may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the audit of accounts or the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President 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 President and Vice-President, 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. (a) The funds of the Society 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.

(b) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise: save

that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(c) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (b).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

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, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

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.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person, regardless of sex, age, race, creed, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but no person under the age of majority shall be admitted without the consent of parent or guardian. Every application for membership must be made on an authorized form and signed by the applicant.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the 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 in good standing 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, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

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 may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must 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 at Adyar on or before the first day of October of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st October.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36a, or the dissolution or winding up of any National Society, or the withdrawal from the Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge, where it shall have withdrawn from the Theosophical Society under Rule 36(b), 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 June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in 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 may be held out of India, 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 those members who vote 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.

GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1934

Ex-Officio

President : MR. A. P. WARRINGTON (pro tem.), Adyar, Madras.

Vice-President : RT. REV. G. S. ARUNDALE (pro tem.), Adyar, Madras.

Recording Secretary : MR. H. FREI, Adyar, Madras.

Treasurer : MR. A. J. HAMERSTER, Adyar, Madras.

Director of the Adyar Library : DR. C. KUNHAN RAJA, Adyar, Madras.

General Secretaries

MR. SIDNEY A. COOK, T.S. in U.S. of America ; Wheaton, Illinois, U.S.A. Cables : "Theosoph, Wheaton."

MRS. JOSEPHINE RANSOM, T.S. in England ; 45-46, Lancaster Gate, London, W. 2, England. Cables : "Theosoph, London."

RAI BAHADUR PANDA BAIJNATH, T.S. in India ; Benares City, U.P. Cables : "Theosophy, Benares."

MISS CLARA M. CODD, T.S. in Australia ; Adyar House, 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W. Cables : "Theosoph, Sydney."

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MISS FLORA SELEVER, T.S. in Hungary ; Berkenye-utca 3, Budapest III, Hungary.

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- HERR JOSEF SKUTA, T.S. in Czechoslovakia ; Kuncicky 290, Mor., Ostrava, Czechoslovakia.
- MISS M. L. MURCHIE, T.S. in South Africa ; 146 Loop Street, Maritzburg, Natal, South Africa. Cables : "Theosoph, Maritzburg."
- MR. CHRISTOPHER GALE, T.S. in Scotland ; 28 Great King Street, Edinburgh, Scotland. Cables : "Theosophy, Edinburgh."
- MADAME LOUISA ROLLIER, T.S. in Switzerland ; 15 Rue St. Jean, Geneva, Switzerland.
- MONSIEUR GASTON POLAK, T.S. in Belgium ; 51 Rue du Commerce, Brussels, Belgium.
- MYNHEER A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN, T.S. in Netherlands East Indies ; Olcott-Park No. 18, Bandoeng, Java.
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- SEÑOR ARMANDO HAMEL, T.S. in Chile ; Casilla 3603, Santiago, Chile.
- DR. CAIO LUSTOSA LEMOS, T.S. in Brazil ; Rua 13 de Maio, 33/35 4th Floor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- MONSIEUR IVAN GROSEV, T.S. in Bulgaria, Drin, 3, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- FRU KRISTIN MATTHIASSEN, T.S. in Iceland ; Ingolfsstr. 22, Reykjavik, Iceland.

- DON L. GARCIA LORENZANA, T.S. in Spain; Avenida de la Libertad, Conquero, Huelva, Spain.
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- MR. PETER FREEMAN, T.S. in Wales; 3 Rectory Road, Penarth, Wales. Cables: "Cardiff 471."
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- SEÑOR ALVARO A. ARAUJO, T.S. in Uruguay; Casilla Correo 595, Montevideo, Uruguay.
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- MR. D. K. TELANG, ADYAR, MADRAS [for 1932-1934].
- THE RT. REV. G. S. ARUNDALE, Adyar, Madras [for 1932-1934].
- MR. HUKUM CHAND KUMAR, Sevakunj, Rambaugh Road, Karachi [for 1932-1934].

MR. C. JINARAJADASA, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras [for 1933, 1934 and 1935].

MR. A. RANGASWAMY AIYER, Santhai Pettai Street, Madura [for 1933, 1934 and 1935].

MR. HIRENDRA NATH DATTA, 139 Cornwallis Street, Calcutta [for 1934, 1935 and 1936].

THE RT. REV. C. W. LEADBEATER, Theosophical Society, Adyar [for 1934, 1935 and 1936].

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HEADQUARTERS

Executive Committee: THE PRESIDENT (pro tem.), THE VICE-PRESIDENT (pro tem.), THE RECORDING SECRETARY, THE TREASURER, MR. C. JINARAJADASA, DR. G. SRINIVASAMURTI, MRS. BHAGIRATHI SRI RAM, RT. REV. C. W. LEADBEATER, MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR and MISS HEATHER KELLETT.

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Garden Department: MR. S. VEDANTAM.

Engineering Department: MR. K. ZUURMAN.

Bhojanasala: MR. C. SUBBARAMAYYA.

Leadbeater Chambers: MADAME P. C. D'AMATO.

Theosophical Publishing House: MR. M. SUBRAMANIA IYER.

Vasanta Press: MR. A. K. SITARAMA SHASTRI.

Cables: "OLCOTT, Madras."

MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room,
Headquarters, Adyar, on December 23rd, 1933, at 4 p.m.*

PRESENT :

Mr. A. P. Warrington	... President pro tem, in the Chair.
„ H. Frei	... Recording Secretary.
„ A. J. Hamerster	... Treasurer.
Mrs. Josephine Ransom	... General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden and Scotland.
Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater	... Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Australia.
„ „ G. S. Arundale	... Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in U.S. of America, Hungary and Russia.
Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyar	... Additional Member.
„ Ernest Wood	... Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Canada, Bulgaria, Roumania and Greece.
Miss J. B. Chambres	... Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Wales.
Dr. W. A. Humphrey	... Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in South Africa.
„ G. Srinivasamurti	... Proxy for Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings of December 23rd, 28th, 29th and 30th, 1932, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, adopted and signed.

2. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were explained by the Treasurer and, after some discussion, were adopted.

3. *What is Theosophy?* A draft statement, which has been passed by the Federation of National Societies in Europe, was tabled and it was decided that copies of this be handed to all members of the Council and that the matter be taken up at the next meeting.

4. *Additional Members.*—It was reported that the result of the election of Additional Members was as follows:

Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater	41 votes for, 2 against
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	43 „ for, nil against
„ A. Ranganatha Mudaliar	40 „ for, 2 against
Dr. C. Kunhan Raja	38 „ for, 4 against.

All of them were, therefore, declared elected Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years (1934, 1935, and 1936).

5. *Propositions circulated July 20th, 1933.*—Votes on the Propositions circulated during the year were received, with the following results:

Proposition No.	I.	For, 28	Against, 23
„	Amendment 1	„ 24	„ 8
„	II.	„ 43	„ 8
„	III.	„ 6	„ 31
„	IV.	„ 40	„ 10
„	V.	„ 47	„ 6
„	VI.	„ 14	„ 33
„	Amendment 1	„ 15	„ 13
„	„	2 „ 16	„ 13
„	„	3 „ 11	„ 15
„	VII.	„ 48	„ 3
„	VIII.	„ 31	„ 19
„	IX.	„ 18	„ 33
„	X.	„ 21	„ 26
„	Amendment 1	„ 15	„ 0
„	XI.	„ 6	„ 41
„	XII.	„ 36	„ 16
„	XIII. (i)	„ 17	„ 29
„	(ii)	„ 20	„ 23

Proposition No. XIV.	For, 23	Against, 21
„ XV.	„ 34	„ 17
„ XVI.	„ 32	„ 18
„ XVII.	„ 46	„ 3
„ XVIII.	„ 24	„ 3
„ Amendment 1	„ 18	„ 15

(Votes have not been received from the General Secretaries for Italy, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, Argentina and Peru.)

Propositions Nos. II, IV, V, VII, XVII and XVIII as well as the amendment to Proposition XVIII, having obtained the necessary majority were, therefore, declared passed, and the respective Rules are accordingly changed as follows :

Rule No. 1 (Proposition II).—The General Council, which shall be the Governing Body of the Theosophical Society, shall consist of its President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, the General Secretary of each of its component National Societies and the Director of the Adyar Library, when he is a member of the Society, *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.

Rule No. 11 (Proposition IV).—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. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President, in case the President is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise.

Rule No. 15 (Proposition V).—The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the audit of accounts or the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President 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.

Rule No. 17 (Proposition V).—The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, 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.

Rule No. 22 (a) (Proposition VII).—All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Rule No. 22 (b).—All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Resolution (Proposition XVII).—Resolved that the General Council, under Rule 21 (b), specially authorises the President to dispose of, by exchange with the Government or other public authority or otherwise, such lands of the Besant Gardens and Damodar Gardens (being outlying portions of the Society's Adyar Estate) as may, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, be found necessary for the straightening and widening of the existing public road between the said two properties.

Resolution (Proposition XVIII).—Resolved that whenever amendments are offered to the Rules and Regulations of the Society directly affecting the management of the Adyar Estate, the Executive Committee appointed by the General Council be authorised to submit its views upon them.

6. *Geneva International Centre.*—Bishop Arundale having reported that the Swiss Section had officially recognized the Geneva International Centre as such under the Federation of the Theosophical Society in Europe and apparently there being now no further desire for direct attachment to Adyar Headquarters as originally proposed, it was decided that nothing remained to be done.

7. *Pension for the Nieces of H.P.B.*—Mr. Hamerster mentioned that the Committee appointed to look into the matter had not yet sent a report. He also read extracts from a recent letter

received from Mr. E. Duboc of Paris according to which both these ladies are ill and in great need of some further help. It was proposed and seconded that our Society make a donation for the coming year of £ 30. This was passed unanimously. It was also decided that the Recording Secretary shall write a circular letter to all the General Secretaries inviting contributions to this Fund. It was further decided that the Recording Secretary approach all other Theosophical Movements in different parts of the world with a view to getting them interested in this Fund. All contributions to be sent direct to Mr. Digby Besant.

At 5.20 p.m., the Meeting was adjourned to December 28th at 9.30 a.m.

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on December 28th, 1933, at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Mr. A. P. Warrington	... President pro tem, in the Chair.
„ H. Frei	... Recording Secretary.
„ A. J. Hamerster	... Treasurer.
Mrs. Josephine Ransom	... General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of T. S. in Sweden and Scotland.
Mr. N. A. Naganathan	... General Secretary, T. S. in Burma.
Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater	... Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Australia.
„ „ G. S. Arundale	... Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of U. S. of America, Hungary, Russia, Spain and Jugoslavia.
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	... Additional Member.

Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyar	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>
„ A. Ranganatha Mudaliar	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>
„ Ernest Wood	...	<i>Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Canada, Bulgaria, Roumania and Grècece.</i>
Dr. W. A. Humphrey	...	<i>Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in South Africa.</i>
Miss J. B. Chambres	...	<i>Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Wales.</i>
Dr. G. Srinivasamurti	...	<i>Proxy for Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa.</i>

8. *Dr. Besant.*—The following resolution for presentation to the Convention was passed unanimously.

“This international Convention of the Theosophical Society, meeting under the shadow of the passing of Dr. Annie Besant, places on record its heartfelt gratitude to her for the priceless services she has rendered to the Society both during the earlier years of her ordinary membership, and still more during her splendid Presidentship of twenty-six years. This Convention is assured that in thus recording its own gratitude it is no less echoing the deep sentiments of thousands of members throughout the world, who feel they owe their beloved President an imperishable debt for the light she shed upon the pathways of their lives.

“This Convention prays that the Society may, in the new dispensation now opening before it, remain true to the spirit of H. P. Blavatsky, H. S. Olcott and Annie Besant, and so continue to be worthy of the blessing and guidance of Those whose gift it is to the world of today.”

At this stage Mr. Warrington asked Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta to occupy the chair.

9. *Vice-President pro tem.*—After a certain amount of discussion Mr. Warrington's nomination of Bishop Arundale as Vice-President *pro tem*, was confirmed, with 18 votes for, 4 against and 2 not voting.

At this stage Mr. Warrington retired from the meeting.

10. *Budget for 1934.*—The T. S. Headquarters and Adyar Library Budgets for the year ending 31st October, 1934, which had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee, were

unanimously adopted, after examination and discussion of various items.

T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1934

INCOME	Rs.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.
Rent and Interest ...	27,000	Adyar Library Account ...	5,000
Fees and Dues ...	10,000	Office Salaries ...	4,500
Garden Produce ...	9,000	Servants' Wages ...	5,000
Surplus from 1933 ...	17,513	Gardens { Productive ...	8,500
Deficit to be made good by donations ...	19,787	{ Unproductive ...	7,500
		Printing and Stationery ...	2,000
		Telegrams and Postages ...	1,000
		Lighting and Water ...	9,000
		Taxes ...	500
		Construction and Repairs :	
		Ordinary ...	9,000
		Leadbeater Chambers ...	18,000
		Establishment ...	3,000
		Olcott Cottage (Ooty) ...	1,000
		Furniture ...	1,000
		Pensions and Gratuities ...	2,000
		Miscellaneous ...	4,000
		Publishing (Including Contribution to T. P. H.) ...	1,500
		Museum and Archives ...	300
		Dispensary ...	500
	83,300		
			83,300

ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1934

INCOME	Rs.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.
T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	Salaries and Pensions ...	6,000
"Adyar Day" Contribution ...	600	Books and Journals ...	2,600
Interest ...	4,100	MSS. and Copying ...	500
Sales ...	250	Fire Insurance ...	330
Rent ...	400	Nellore Sanskrit School ...	240
Miscellaneous ...	200	Contingencies ...	500
Deficit to be made good by donations ...	2,100	Bookbinding and Stationery ...	980
		Publication ...	1,500
	12,650		
			12,650

At this stage the Vice-President *pro tem*, Bishop G. S. Arundale, occupied the chair.

11. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1934.*—The following were elected members of the Executive Committee for the year 1934 :

Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram, Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar and Miss Heather Kellett.

12. *Appointment of Auditor for 1934*—It was unanimously resolved that Mr. G. Narasimham, F.A.A., F.R.S.A., Registered Accountant, be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1934, at the usual remuneration.

13. *What is Theosophy?*—The President *pro tem* submitted an amended draft-statement and the matter was adjourned to the next meeting to give members a chance to study the statement.

14. *Nomination of Additional Members.*—It was proposed that the following members who retire next year by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, be re-nominated as Additional Members of the General Council for another term of three years :

Khan Bahadur N. D. Khandalavala, Mr. D. K. Telang, Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, Mr. Hukum Chand Kumar.

15. *Subba Row Medal.*—A letter was tabled from Dr. Kamensky in which she suggested that the Subba Row Medal be presented to Madame Elena Pissareff for her book "The Hidden Sense of Life". As this book, written in Russian, was unknown to all the members present, it was decided that the General Secretary for England be asked to appoint three Russian members to study the book in the original and then report to the Secretary of this Council whether in their opinion it comes up to the standard laid down for this medal.

16. *Dr. Besant's Rooms.*—After reading a letter dated 30th November, 1933, from Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa it was proposed and carried unanimously "That this Council accepts the suggestion made by the President *pro tem* that in deference to the wish expressed in Dr. Besant's last Will, and as a mark of respect to her memory, her rooms be kept intact and unoccupied for one year from the date of her death".

17. *The Theosophical Publishing House.*—An application from the Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House for a special donation of Rs. 500 towards extra expenses incurred in connection with the Besant number of *The Theosophist* was read, and after some discussion the request was granted.

18. *New Propositions*.—The Recording Secretary reported that he had so far received three Propositions on Rules and they were approved for circulation after arranging them in order.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11.20 a.m., for December 30th, 1933, at 9.30 a.m.

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on December 30th, 1933, at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT :

Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale	...	Vice-President pro tem, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of T.S. in U. S. of America, Hungary, Russia, Spain and Jugoslavia in the Chair.
Mr. H. Frei	...	Recording Secretary.
„ A. J. Hamerster	...	Treasurer.
Mrs. Josephine Ransom	...	General Secretary, T. S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of T.S. in Sweden and Scotland.
Mr. N. A. Naganathan	...	General Secretary, T.S. in Burma.
„ Hirendra Nath Datta	...	Additional Member.
„ A. Rangaswami Aiyar	...	Additional Member.
Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater	...	Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Australia.
Mr. Ernest Wood	...	Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Canada, Bulgaria, Roumania and Greece.
Miss J. B. Chambres	...	Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Wales.

Dr. W. A. Humphrey ... *Proxy for the General Secretary,
T.S. in South Africa.*

Mr. Geoffrey Hodson ... *Proxy for the General Secretary,
T.S. in Philippine Islands.*

Dr. G. Srinivasamurti ... *Proxy for Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa.*

19. *What is Theosophy?* After a lengthy discussion on the various points raised in the two statements before the Council it was decided to appoint a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta, Mrs. Josephine Ransom, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and Mr. H. Frei to study the whole question and submit the result direct to the President *pro tem*.

20. *Presidential Election.*—Mrs. Josephine Ransom, General Secretary, T. S. in England, asked for a ruling on the following points :

(1) Should a National Society distribute manifestos on behalf of any candidate and, if they declined to do that, should they place their register of members at the disposal of the candidate or his agent, so as to enable them to obtain the information necessary to enable them to make the distribution themselves?

(2) Does the General Council endorse the interpretation of the Recording Secretary of Rule 10 of the Rules and Regulations as expressed in his letter dated 20th December, 1933, addressed to the General Secretaries?

Regarding point No. 1 it was decided that the General Council is of opinion that the National Societies should offer all reasonable facilities for candidates to reach members, but has no power or desire to interfere, as each National Society is autonomous.

Regarding point No. 2 the General Council confirms that the interpretation of Rule 10 of the Rules and Regulations as given by the Recording Secretary in the letter mentioned is correct.

The Meeting was closed at 10.30 a.m.

