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ANNUAL CONVENTION, ADYAR, 1934



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AT THE

59TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26th to 29th, 1934

BRETHREN,

General: The Theosophical Society and Adyar welcome you home for the Fifty-ninth Annual International Convention of our Society.

In the name and words of our late President, I invoke upon our Convention the blessings of Those who inspired our Founders to establish the Theosophical Society, to make Adyar its heart and home, and to cause the Light of Theosophy to shine in special brilliance upon the modern world.

MAY THOSE WHO ARE THE
EMBODIMENT OF LOVE
IMMORTAL

BLESS WITH THEIR PRO-
TECTION THE SOCIETY
ESTABLISHED TO DO THEIR
WILL ON EARTH.

MAY THEY EVER GUARD IT
BY THEIR POWER,

INSPIRE IT BY THEIR WIS-
DOM AND
ENERGIZE IT BY THEIR
ACTIVITY.

The past two years have been conspicuous for events of vital moment to our Movement—a veritable testing as to each individual member's firm and unchangeable standing upon the eternal rock of Theosophy, and no less as to his unswerving loyalty to the Society, no matter what storms may assail him whether they come within or from without.

Our Leaders: On September 20th, 1933, and March 1st, 1934, there passed away successively two great Theosophists, Annie Besant and Charles Webster Leadbeater, one a great President of our Society and the other a great teacher. Upon the Theosophical

Movement each has left an indelible and magnificent mark; and some among us may have wondered, as always there is wonder when the suns of great personalities temporarily set to the vision of human eyes, whether the world they illumined must not perforce sink awhile into dull lethargy. But these lesser suns themselves derive their light from a Sun which never sets, from the Light that ever shines, even in our darkness, and as to which there is neither variableness nor shadow of turning.

Theosophy: This Light is Theosophy, not the Theosophy of Blavatsky, nor the Theosophy of Olcott; nor the Theosophy of Besant, nor of Subba Row, nor of Sinnett, nor of Leadbeater; nor the Theosophy of any one of us. All these, great Theosophies though they may be, are yet but the lesser Theosophies which come and go impermanent. For they are reflections of that greater Theosophy which knows no persons, no books, no interpreters, no orthodoxies, but is eternal and universal, the heart and being of life and the immortality of the soul. Leaders will come and go. Teachers will shine forth and disappear. Interpretations will colour and fade away. But Theosophy will remain to hearten the generations of the future as it heartens us to-day; and its light will be as the need of the generations which shall come after us, as its light is tempered to the call of the present. Theosophy adjusts its light to the needs of the eyes upon which it shines.

Let no individual, whoever he may be, however exalted, proclaim or constitute himself the final

interpreter of Theosophy, the Eternal Science of Life, nor paint it, save for himself, in the colour-terms of his own personality. Theosophy is Life, and each of Life's constituent organisms must make its own individual contact with Theosophy, understanding Theosophy, studying Theosophy, experiencing Theosophy, expressing Theosophy, in its own unique and self-illuminating way.

Nor let him insist that by the acid test of belief in this, acceptance of that, or rejection of this or that, he is either true believer or heretic, is either within or beyond the pale of righteousness; and is, therefore, to be revered or despised accordingly.

The Theosophical Society: Similarly, let no individual, whoever he may be, however exalted, seek to sway the Theosophical Society to his own personal ends, be he ever so sure that these ends are within the evolutionary Law. The Theosophical Society is a solidarity of differences, and no individual difference shall, however true, without danger to the very existence of the Society, strive to usurp a throne on which solidarity alone may reign as King, surrounded by differences which must be patriots and not traitors.

Theosophy is the Jewel of Eternity, and no toy, still less slave, of Time or person. It is the perfectly appointed Laboratory of Life in which each one of us must be free to work, choosing his objective and his apparatus, making his own individual experiments, coming to his own conclusions. Scientists far greater than ourselves have compiled for our guidance, if we

choose to use them, textbooks in laboratory principles and procedure, the fruits of their own experience. But in the long run we must make our own experiments, pursue, perhaps, our own more tortuous pathways, and attain our own more slowly achieved results. The greater students say to us: Here is Life's workshop. Enter it and become a Master-Craftsman. Such and such are the paths we follow, and lead to such and such discoveries. Seek your own ways, make your own discoveries.

As for the Theosophical Society, it is, or should be, an outward and visible sign of the One and Indivisible Life; and its purpose is to draw within the One those innumerable diversities whereby we learn to realize the One's transcendent wealth and glory. Each individual member may well be a devotee of his own cherished and particular diversities. He may well be their fervent and even fiery champion. But he must also ever be an ambassador from them to that One which is their and his King. Let him worship in the pantheon of his idols, but no less must he worship at the shrine of their source. The Theosophical Society proclaims the Fatherhood of the One amidst the Brotherhood of the Many.

Au Revoir: Thus established in strength we are able to bid a brave au revoir to those whose splendid lives have seemed so indispensable both to the unfoldment of Theosophy and to the virility of the Theosophical Society.

They go before us to prepare the further way. We follow after them, and tread with confidence and joy the way on which their

light has shone. May those who follow after us be able to say of us, even though in far less emphatic language, that which we say with such full hearts of the earlier Fire-Pillars of our Movement.

Thus, on the firm foundations of the past we take up joyously our work in the present, and move forward to the future with eager anticipation.

Landmarks: In 1875 our Society was founded. In 1925 we celebrated our Golden Jubilee—and a remarkable event it was. Next year we shall celebrate our Diamond Jubilee. Sixty years of life! Perhaps in 1950 we shall be celebrating the 75th birthday of the Society. In 1975 we shall certainly be celebrating the Centenary Jubilee in a manner and with a setting which to-day will seem but a wild dream. Many whom I am addressing will probably be present in the physical bodies they are now wearing. Most of us will be present in subtler bodies, or in fresh suits of clothes. Full of the zest of life shall we be, as now are those round about us who are young in body. And it will then be their turn, as it is now ours, to look through the eyes of life's evening into the light of a new dawning, to rejoice in the softness of the setting sun and to wonder what fresh delights the approaching dawn shall disclose.

And let us remember that the Centenary of the Society will synchronize with a new impulse from the Elder Brethren, as is Their custom towards the last quarter of each century. I refer you to *The Key to Theosophy* for

H. P. B's pronouncement on the subject. I pray that when the Torch-Bearer comes towards the close of the 20th century, He may find the soil of the world well tilled by our Movement for the sowing of the seed He will bring from the great Granary of the Hierarchy.

140,000 Members: Since the foundation of the Society in 1875 over 140,000 persons have been admitted to membership, and 2,860 Branches chartered. Death has of course claimed many members. Resignation has also claimed a certain number. But despite death, despite resignation, despite the depression, despite that indecision which causes so many to drop the light they have for a light which, because it is new, seems more brilliant than any light they have known before, despite the inevitable ebb and flow of life and growth, we are still over 30,000 strong, with over 1,200 Branches, and with prospects of a steady increase throughout the world. May we soon have 140,000 members on our rolls. May those who have passed on rejoin in their new young bodies. May those who have resigned give us once more the happiness of their membership. May those who have dropped by reason of financial stress remember that we would infinitely rather have their membership than their money. Inability to pay dues must never entail loss of membership to the Society—it would not be fair to the Society.

The Chinese and Japanese Sections: But even 30,000 are but a handful when we think of the millions who are ready for

Theosophy, who can profit from Theosophy, and who could themselves become with us messengers of the Light. There is, it seems to me, urgent need for carefully organized propaganda in many lands so far without a place on our roll of Sections. I long to welcome the Chinese Section, and the Japanese Section. There would be far more mutual understanding between these two great countries, had each a Section of the Theosophical Society to be a bridge of brotherhood between the two. And no less eager am I to welcome again an Egyptian Section to give to the world the Theosophy of Egypt in her glory.

East and West: China, Japan, Egypt, Burma, the Indies—what a galaxy of Eastern greatness to stand, through the magic of Theosophy and of the Theosophical Society, shoulder to shoulder with a splendid West, both old and young, in the cause of universal brotherhood and therefore of universal peace.

New Sections Needed: In the East, Persia, Siam, Afghanistan, and shall I also add Tibet, remain without Sections. Haiti, Jamaica, Columbia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Abyssinia are similarly barren; while Albania, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Turkey and Russia are no less unfortunate. Russia, of course, prohibits both Theosophy and the Theosophical Society; so we have, under the fine guidance of Madame Kamensky, a Russian Section outside Russia. How long shall we have to wait before a Theosophical Society in Russia shall link Russia's mighty spirit to the

outer world? Our Society has an imperishable link with Russia through H. P. B., and the time must come when the weakened link shall become strong for ever.

Our Vice-President: I offer a most hearty welcome to our new Vice-President, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta, who has been unanimously elected to his high office. He is, as we all know, an Indian gentleman of the greatest distinction, and has served the Society in varied capacities for very many years. Surely the Theosophical Society has honoured him; but he no less honours the office of Vice-President. I am very thankful that I have him by my side to help me with his wisdom and judgment, and I know that India in special measure rejoices that so great an Indian stands shoulder to shoulder with his Western brother. I know, too, that both our President-Mother and Bishop Leadbeater also rejoice, for they knew him well and therefore respected and loved him. When his name was mentioned in connection with the office of Vice-President, both approved the proposal most emphatically. And I am speaking not of a "communication," but of an ordinary physical plane conversation.

I welcome no less heartily Mrs. Hirendra Nath Datta, to whom I am sure he must often be paying grateful tribute for all she has been to him for many years, whom we all respect, and, may I say, love, as a very noble Indian lady. She is part of his office, perhaps the heart of it.

Mr. and Mrs. Warrington: Last year we had Mr. and Mrs.

Warrington with us, the one to direct our proceedings, the other to be the kindly friend to all—and I do not know which function was more important. We are thankful to the late Vice-President and Acting President, or President *pro-tem.*, for the great services he rendered to the Society in a time of not a little stress, steering us wisely to the beginning of our new way. We are thankful to Mrs. Warrington for the warmth she gave to Adyar.

And we are very happy that residence in India and the ministration of two able and generous Indian physicians have given to Mr. Warrington a health he has not enjoyed for many years. He and his wife will be a strong link between East and West, and between our Headquarters and the American Section, as they take up residence once more in their Californian home at Krotona, Ojai.

Mr. Wood: I should like to make mention of the services rendered to the Society by Mr. Wood. In certain quarters it has been assumed that Mr. Wood and I are enemies in the most inimical sense of the word. On the contrary, we are good friends, as a couple of letters which have passed between us will show when I publish them in *The Theosophist*, with Mr. Wood's permission.

The Adyar Library: The Adyar Library has been continuing its valuable work during the past year. To be a little statistical, there are at present 18,004 manuscripts in the Library, many of them priceless and unreplaceable. Other works in the Eastern Section

number 4,010, including books on a variety of Oriental subjects such as literature, grammar, medicine, astrology, religions, arts, philosophies, mythology and folklore in Sanskrit and Indian vernaculars, which are necessary for consultation by students of Indology. 1,830 manuscripts and other works have been added to the Library during the year under report.

The Western Section numbers 29,964, including books on Theosophy and Occultism, Religions, Philosophies, Literature and Languages, History and Biography, Arts and Sciences.

Books of special interest in the Eastern Section are practically complete collections of Sanskrit books in the various series, old editions both Indian and European, and a complete set of Tibetan Kanjur and Tanjur.

Books of special interest in the Western Section are books on the various Religions, on Theosophy, Occultism, Mysticism and Spiritualism, on History and Art.

The staff of the Library includes the Director, the Joint Director, the Curators of the Eastern and Western Sections, the Library Assistant, 3 Pandits and 7 other workers.

I shall be very much obliged if members of the Society will note the following needs :

1. From the various Sections specially for the Library a copy of each of their publications, journals, etc, and works on Theosophical subjects. Also important publications, though not strictly Theosophical, by eminent persons within their jurisdictions.

2. From India, manuscripts. The President of the Vellore Lodge recently secured a large number of important

manuscripts for the Library, and we shall be very grateful if other Lodges will try to do the same.

We are considering the publication of an Adyar Library Bulletin dealing with the work and needs of the Library.

The Library has been fortunate to receive a donation of Rs. 5,000 from generous friends who insist on remaining anonymous.

The Adyar Library was formally opened by the President-Founder on December 28th, 1886, forty-eight years ago, and I am glad to be able to commemorate this event by establishing an annual Adyar Library Lecture, to be delivered on the Library's birthday. In 1936 the Library will be celebrating its jubilee, and we must make that the occasion for some special celebration.

I think I ought to mention here that sooner or later our Library will need an independent structure of its own, and I am hoping in due course to have plans prepared of a noble building, equipped in the most up-to-date manner. When the plans are ready they may be so alluring that they will plead their own cause far more convincingly than could I.

Young Theosophists: I very specially welcome the signs of increasing activity among the younger members of our Society. In India we have the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists, the head of which is Shrimati Rukmini. Its strength is considerable, and it publishes an excellent little magazine called *The Young Theosophist*. Unfortunately, a few months ago the Federation suffered a very great loss in the passing

of its General Secretary, Jal Minocher Homji, a young man after my own heart by reason of his enthusiastic devotion to the cause of Theosophy and in particular to his Federation. He was in no small measure the life and soul of Indian Young Theosophists, and while we are happy that he passed onwards with so fine a life to his credit, yet it will be by no means easy to fill his place. He is succeeded by Mr. Umesh K. Benegal, whom we are very happy to see here, and who may count on such support as I am able to give.

I welcome the Federation to our International Convention, and trust that its deliberations may result in a great all-India campaign to draw Indian youth more closely into contact with Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. No greater service could Indian Young Theosophists render to their Motherland. Then we have the American Federation of Young Theosophists, whose chairman, Mr. Felix Layton, we are very happy to have among us. This young Federation of the New World is full of life and vigour, is even threatening to build its own headquarters at Olcott, the Headquarters of the American Section itself, and publishes an excellent journal—*The Young Theosophist*.

In America the plan is that all who are members of the Society and under thirty years of age are eligible for membership of the Young Theosophists in America, and there are no dues whatever. The Objects are

1. To bring Theosophy to the Youth of America,

2. To live Theosophy and develop Leadership,

3. To be good Citizens.

Rukmini appears to be the President of these Young Theosophists as she is also President of the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists, and of the Young Theosophists in Huizen, Holland, as also, I have just heard, in Jugoslavija too. I am happy about the Young Theosophists in America, for they are a very live group of young people; and I am more than glad that turned towards them is the exceedingly sympathetic ear of Mr. Sidney Cook, our General Secretary in America, or President as he is called.

In England there is a particularly fine group of Young Theosophists whom I had the pleasure of meeting when last in London. The General Secretary of the English Section speaks most highly of them.

There must, of course, be other Federations and duly organized groups. I shall be very happy to hear from them, for when my turn comes to lay down the office of President I hope I may pass on to my successor—first a happy Society, second a Society learned in Theosophy, both as Law and as Action, third a Society in which youth outnumbers age.

Residence at Adyar: I receive so many enquiries regarding residence at Adyar that I think it is desirable to make quite clear the conditions which must be observed.

First, save exceptionally, the applicant must be a member of the Society in good standing, and must have a recommendation from his General Secretary, or from

some other responsible officer in case he does not belong to a Section.

Second, he must clearly understand that permission is granted for the period of one year at the most, and that he must apply for an extension in good time if he wishes to continue residence.

Third, he must be in good health.

Fourth, he must signify his willingness to abide by the provisions of Rule 27 of the Rules and Regulations of the Society.

Fifth, he should have available the funds for his return home.

Sixth, he should come to Adyar in order to fit himself for more effective service in the Theosophical Movement, and should be assiduous in study, in helping the work at Adyar, and in promoting in all possible ways a brotherly spirit in the Adyar family.

Residence at Adyar is a very great privilege, and there is no prescriptive right to reside at Adyar, even though a member may have lived here for many years. Furthermore, it is most desirable that members who come from abroad should, if they are permitted to continue to reside at Adyar for a considerable period, make a point of going home from time to time. Uninterrupted residence at Adyar is in general good neither for the individual concerned nor for Adyar.

Visitors to Convention: I may be allowed to welcome very specially the General Secretaries from England, Burma, India, Scotland, Ceylon, Spain and New Zealand. I only wish it were possible for every General Secretary to make

an annual pilgrimage to Adyar. Our Headquarters would profit immensely, and I think the General Secretary and his Section too.

With special pleasure I welcome our beloved colleague Miss Poutz, old and highly valued friend both of Dr. Besant and Bishop Leadbeater. Miss Poutz is an example to us all of undivided devotion to Theosophy and to the Theosophical Society. In her I salute the Old Guard of the Theosophical Society, which dies but never falters in its allegiance to the Masters' Cause. May the coming generation in its turn provide the future with an Old Guard no less faithful to Truth and to Truth's messengers.

I offer a very hearty welcome, too, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hotchener, both of them old friends of Dr. Besant. Mr. Hotchener had the privilege of being Private Secretary for some time to Bishop Leadbeater, and travelled with him throughout the United States of America. Mrs. Hotchener, as we all know, was with the Colonel during the last period of his life, and has most interesting and valuable remembrances of that time as well as of much work with our late President. She generously built what used to be called Russak House, now an integral part of Headquarters, where your present President and Rukmini are most comfortably dwelling.

I welcome, too, the Right Rev. D. M. Tweedie from Australia, an old friend and colleague of Bishop Leadbeater; many other friends who have come from afar

to be with us; and Mr. C. R. Menon, President of our Singapore Lodge.

The Advance Guard: The ranks of the main army of the Theosophical Movement have been still further thinned in order to gain recruits for that Advance Guard in the ranks of which stand the old who have become young once more. Charles Blech, for 25 years General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in France, has passed onwards into a new youth. It is impossible to exaggerate the services rendered to Theosophy in France by Charles, Zelma and Aimée Blech. Two of them have already gone before us. One remains, in addition to a very devoted sister, Madame Zelma—the very heart of the Theosophical Society in France. J. P. Allan, for long General Secretary of our Society in Scotland, has similarly passed onwards. He, too, has given splendid service; and fortunately his wife remains to carry on. Mr. C. E. Nelson, a fine worker in South Africa, Mr. C. S. Swaminatha Mudaliar of Madras, and Colonel Green of Rangoon, have also gone before us.

There has also lately passed away one of our oldest members in the Republic of Nicaragua, Brother Isidro de J. Olivares. He was a very devoted member, and did his utmost to disseminate Theosophy in Managua, the capital of the Republic.

During Mr. Jinarājadāsa's visit in 1929, he organized the tour in the Republic. His departure is a very serious loss to the small band in Nicaragua who are struggling against very difficult circumstances

to proclaim the message of Theosophy. Among these difficulties is the constant opposition of the Catholic clergy.

We all regret the fatal accident to Dr. van der Leeuw, one of the most brilliant members of our Society. He has substantially added to Theosophical literature in works universally recognized as of outstanding merit.

I mention elsewhere our young brother Jal Minocher Homji.

May Light perpetual shine upon them all.

Tours: Mr. Jinarājadāsa, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson, Miss Glen-Walker, and Rukmini and I, have done a considerable amount of touring during the past year. Mr. Jinarājadāsa has toured Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Italy, Holland, England, The United States, Brazil, Costa Rica, Columbia, Panama and Cuba, and everywhere has been received with the utmost enthusiasm and gratitude. As the language of the country, so the language of his lectures—Spanish, Italian, French, English, and Portuguese too. His principal talks have been on "Life! More Life!" and "Theosophy and Art". And his latest engagement was to preside over the Convention of the Ceylon Section.

His energy, despite indifferent health, is remarkable; but we are hoping—he is so precious to us all—that he will now remain at Adyar for some time to benefit from that Peace of Adyar which indeed passes the understanding of all save those who have contacted it.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodson have done splendid work in South Africa,

and I have been inundated with letters asking me to arrange for them a return visit at no distant date. In addition to valuable Theosophical work, they have been instrumental in establishing a South African Youth Movement, independently, of course, of the Theosophical Society; and I hear that this movement is spreading rapidly. Mr. and Mrs. Hodson are at present in England fulfilling a number of engagements, but we have arranged for them to be in South Africa again in the middle of 1935 and to stay there until December, when they will pay another visit to India. They are splendid workers, full of devotion to Theosophy and the Society, and are very much loved wherever they go.

Miss Glen-Walker has been doing some excellent work in Europe, not in the way of public lecturing but rather in the nature of quiet visits to the Lodges. I have been receiving many letters expressing great appreciation of her help, and I hope she may be able to continue her work no less useful than the more public activity which falls to the lot of some of us.

Mr. Edwin Bolt has for some years been doing useful work in Scandinavia, and members there write appreciatively of the Summer Schools which he holds.

In America Dr. Roest, Miss Henkel and Mr. and Mrs. Kunz have carried our flag far and wide.

Rukmini and I were present at the Convention of the Theosophical Society in America, where we were so happy to meet many old friends. We then went

to Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Huizen, London, Leeds, Nottingham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Paris again, and Genoa, before returning home. We had the pleasure of meeting a number of General Secretaries of European Sections in Amsterdam, including the officials of the European Federation. In Genoa there was arranged for us a little conference of Italian workers from various parts of Italy, and we had the happiness of renewing acquaintance with the new General Secretary and his charming wife. I think our work in Italy will make rapid progress, as it can so substantially aid in Italy's renaissance.

The Mayor Habit: We have for many years been proud of the Mayor of Karachi, Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji, a very able and devoted member of our Society, and those who were present will have a vivid recollection of an exceedingly fine address delivered by him when he was last at Adyar. He is no longer Mayor of Karachi, and in some ways we are by no means sorry, for we are hoping . . . but that is another story. We have now to congratulate Miss Gilliatt, a member of the Wimbledon Lodge, London, on her election as Mayor of Fulham, one of the most important divisions of London. Miss Gilliatt has for long been working in many good causes, and it is very happy news that Fulham should have chosen a Theosophist to be its first citizen. We congratulate Miss Gilliatt, but we also congratulate the Theosophical Society. May there be many more Theosophist Mayors. Theosophists make good public

officials, because their hearts are always in their work, and their spirit of brotherhood makes them fair and just to all.

Headquarters Staff: I have been particularly fortunate in the colleagues who share with me the responsibilities of the administration both of the Society and of Adyar. On assuming office I found, with great regret, that urgent business affairs would prevent Mr. Henry Frei from continuing as Recording Secretary. The Society has for many years profited from Mr. Frei's keen business capacity and clarity of judgment, and we are all immensely grateful to him for his valuable help. I am hoping that in course of time he may return to Adyar to strengthen the efficiency of our work.

I have most fortunately been able to persuade Dr. Srinivasa Murti to take Mr. Frei's place, and he has filled it with conspicuous success. In addition, during my absence in the United States and Europe, he has been my Deputy for Adyar, and has won golden opinions from all who constitute our community. He was a very trusted colleague of Dr. Besant, and I am honoured to have his wise and efficient counsel and unstinted co-operation in our heavy administrative duties.

Mr. Hamerster, formerly of the Dutch East Indies Civil Service, kindly consented to continue in the office of Treasurer, and I can assure you he keeps an eagle eye on every item of expenditure.

I have to state, however, with very great regret that Mr. Hamerster will be unable to continue as Treasurer for more than a few months. He has many duties in

Europe, both family and business, which cannot indefinitely be neglected; and his stay at Adyar during the last two years has been an act of sacrifice. I shall, therefore, shortly be compelled to accept his resignation of the office of Treasurer, and we shall for the time being lose two dear friends in Mrs. Hamerster and himself. I have their promise that they will try to return as soon as possible; and in the meantime Mr. Hamerster will continue his contributions to *The Theosophist*, which have been so widely appreciated.

In his place I have been more than fortunate in being able to induce Captain E. M. Sellon to become our Treasurer. Captain Sellon has for many years been Treasurer of the New York Theosophical Federation, is a member of Lloyds, and a director of many companies; and I know well that in his care our finances will be safe. He has become a resident of Adyar, and has taken the western Guest House for his permanent dwelling. Already he is hard at work initiating himself, with Mr. Hamerster's assistance, into our financial affairs, and will be quite ready to take over charge in due course.

But, thankful as I am for his expert help, I am no less thankful for the fact that Mrs. Sellon, the live wire of the New York Theosophical Federation, will also join our staff of workers. Mrs. Sellon will help us in innumerable ways, and specially in the department of propaganda, in which she has had such varied experience both in America and in

Europe. May I add that I am not sorry for the New York Theosophical Federation, since however much Sellons may come and go Sellons seem to go on for ever. Captain and Mrs. Sellon's son John, a chip of a block not so very old after all, is now Treasurer of the Federation, while his very charming wife is Secretary.

Mr. Ranga Reddy, one of our senior residents and old friend of Dr. Besant, and Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar, have been appointed honorary Consulting Engineers to Headquarters, and have watched over a difficult work with great tact and care.

Dr. Rama Kamath, retired Civil Surgeon, has become honorary Medical Officer to Adyar, and looks after the Adyar Dispensary and Baby Welcome.

Professor Kunhan Raja has found it impossible to continue as Hon. Director of the Adyar Library, but remains Curator of the Eastern Section. In his place I had intended to appoint Dr. Srinivasa Murti and Mr. Hamerster as Joint Directors, but the ever vigilant Recording Secretary discovered that on account of Bishop Leadbeater's passing and Mr. Frei's resignation of the office of Recording Secretary, there would not be the three non-Indian members of the General Council resident in India as required under Rule 1 of our Rules and Regulations. Mr. Hamerster and I are but two, look at us how you will; and since Mr. Frei may be regarded as an Adyar resident, he self-sacrificingly agreed to become Director of the Library *pro tem.*, as by so doing he became, under

Rule 1, a member of the General Council and the third of the necessary trio. So Dr. Srinivasa Murti is Joint Director and Mr. Hamerster Curator of the Western Section of the Library. Professor Kunhan Raja has given to the Library much of his time and what has been more valuable still his great learning; and I am thankful to know that he still remains on the Library staff.

Mr. and Mrs. Shah: Each of these devoted workers is not a little responsible for the smooth working of our Adyar machinery. Mr. Shah has been with us for a decade and more, has been in charge of the Laundry and Dairy and of all our furniture, with which he plays as in a game of chess, moving chairs and tables and other pieces as one might move pawns and knights and bishops and kings and queens. Everybody expects him to have instantly ready at any time any piece of furniture which happens to be wanted, and to furnish bungalows from attic to basement at a moment's notice. Well, he has a great power of satisfying us, and that is saying much. I might just mention that Mr. Shah is one of those people who take an impossible place and turn it into the cosiest dwelling imaginable. He then proceeds to live in it, since no one thought the place could possibly be habitable. Soon, however, Nemesis overtakes him, for the moment he has finished transforming it, covetous and envious eyes are cast upon it, and he is wheedled out of it—to find another hole and cause it to become the desire of every Adyar exquisite.

Mrs. Shah is specially responsible for Headquarters, and works hard without one knowing that she exists at all.

Non-official Helpers: Some of our residents who are not actually adorned with any special designation render, nevertheless, very valuable help. Miss Neff has done very fine work in connection with Theosophical history, arranging our archives, and giving help wherever needed. She is a walking encyclopædia as to dates and events. Then we have the very efficient help of Miss Kemp, who works specially for Mr. Jinarājādāsa, but can sometimes be induced to make a little time in a very busy life to come to the rescue of the President in some pressing secretarial emergency.

As for Mr. N. Sri Ram, for many years Private Secretary to Dr. Besant, words entirely fail me to express Adyar's indebtedness to his whole-hearted and meticulously efficient service. His wise outlook, careful deliberation in judgment, wide and generous understanding, perfect equableness of temper, and outstanding capacity in almost every department of our work, make him the friend of every one, and the trusted adviser of those upon whose shoulders lies the weight of many responsibilities. I do not know what Adyar would be without him.

Three Veteran Workers: I have elsewhere mentioned Mr. B. Ranga Reddy and Mr. A. K. Sitarama Shastri in their various special capacities, but, together with Rao Saheb G. Subbiah Chetty, they form a very special group of

particular interest to our Society. Rao Saheb G. Subbiah Chetty himself is one of our few surviving links with H. P. B., and was most helpful to her and to the Colonel in the earlier days of struggle and difficulty. He has a fund of stories of absorbing interest dealing with the Masters and H. P. B. and the Colonel and the founding of our Headquarters here at Adyar. But these three brethren had a special link with our late President, were indeed pillars of self-sacrificing support to her in all her work, and had the unique honour of sitting down together with her every morning about 6 for coffee. They were and are her very faithful friends, and as in this life so for all lives to come they will be her trusted helpers in all her work.

Assistant Workers: I should like to pay a little tribute to those members of our subordinate staff, clerks and other workers, who, by their assiduity and familiarity with the work of their respective departments, are able to do so much to facilitate the duties of their chiefs. Sometimes, too much credit goes to the head and too little to the body. I know that in our various offices there are many workers who have remained for years at their posts, while their superior officers have been coming and going impermanent. I feel sure these workers are not a little responsible for the continuity and order of the business aspect of our duties.

The General Workers: I feel very specially for these workers of ours upon whom so much of the successful existence both of

Adyar generally and of ourselves in particular depends. It is almost heart-rending when, under the stress of financial stringency, we are compelled to dispense with the services of men and women who so largely depend upon us for livelihood. We do what we can by means of generous gratuities to recognize their years of work. But pensions are entirely beyond our means save for a very few. When I think of the life teeming in the villages around Adyar, of the anxiety of the villagers as to the stability of their work, and then know that I must reduce the number of our workers here and there and so add to unemployment, I almost feel as if I am a traitor to our Cause and a worker of ill among my fellows. And when the sad petitions come, I feel as if I must reinstate each and every one and let the finances take care of themselves. But money, or the lack of it, is inexorable. I must needs inflict the injury and set in motion the wheel of suffering.

The pang is the same when dismissals have to take place by reason of a worker's inefficiency. We cannot tolerate more than a certain amount of inefficiency, and when the limit is overstepped, and there is no prospect of improvement, the worker must go. It is his hard lesson no less than our sad duty.

I long for the time when the villages round about us, and in no small measure dependent upon us, may feel with us the inflowing tide of prosperity, so that the blessing of Adyar may be entirely unmixed as, I regret, it is not just now.

The Adyar Gardens: The important but very difficult post of Garden Superintendent is filled in an honorary capacity by Mr. Vedantam, a member of much experience in agricultural and allied work. He was appointed by Mr. Warrington, and I have requested him to be good enough to continue until the end of 1935 at all events, despite the fact that his job is one in which, to use the English phrase, kicks are more prolific than halfpence. What with the need for severe retrenchment, with the responsibility for keeping Adyar reasonably quiet and free from beggars, with the urgent duty of thwarting thefts, to say nothing of the difficult work of acting as an intermediary between the Gurkha watchmen, who so efficiently perform their duties, and the villagers who naturally are restive under unaccustomed restraint: what with all these, the work of the Garden Superintendent is perhaps more onerous than any other office—for myself I would certainly rather be President—and I wish to express in this public manner my appreciation of Mr. Vedantam's services and those of Mr. V. S. Visvanathan, his assistant, and to assure them of my continued trust in what is an almost thankless job.

The problem of the cultivation of our Estate with its 264 acres is distinctly difficult of solution. Adyar cannot be self-supporting, but we want it to be as productive as possible. How to achieve this is not easily to be decided even by experts. We have two divisions in our gardens—the ornamental, which must needs be largely unproductive,

and the gardens in which cocoanuts, casuarinas, mangoes, etc., are grown for profit, including a small vegetable garden. What we have to do is to budget a very careful expenditure, possibly covering a number of years, and to hope that the outlay may be justified in returns for which we must needs wait. Our Superintendent is submitting such a budget to the General Council, and we can only hope, if it is approved, that it will draw a prize and not a blank. But every estate-owner knows to his cost that in these days there are more blanks than prizes, and that even the best laid plans "gang aft agley". For myself, I doubt if Adyar is susceptible to intensive gardening on a productive scale. And, on the other hand, Adyar must be beautiful even at a cost. Well, we shall see.

While speaking of the Estate, you may be interested to know that at present Adyar, apart from its 264 acres, comprises 95 residents, 45 workers including subordinate administrative officers, 229 servants and general staff, and 15 heads of departments. A large family, but on the whole a happy one.

You will notice that I have enumerated a number of residents of Adyar, but among these I have not included some whose residence is even more gracious than that of those belonging to our own kingdom. Our bird friends are for the most part wonderful in their colours and in their delicate grace. Our trees and flowers add their very special beauty to Adyar. Some charming members of the animal kingdom awaken in us a very special expression of the spirit of

brotherhood. Our groves have an ascetic and peaceful splendour all their own. Our gorgeous sunrises over the sea remind us of Life's Promise and Magnificence. Our radiant sunsets over the river speak in their rich colour-music of Life's Safety and Peace. And over us all broods the Peace of Shamballah and of Those who chose and dedicated this sacred place to Their high purposes.

Finance: At this point I may appropriately deal with finance. Our financial situation is on the whole sound, though in order to meet unavoidable deficits we are from time to time compelled to draw on resources which should form part of our capital fund, the interest of which alone should be used for current expenditure. On the other hand, there is much to be said, even from a purely business point of view, for living from hand to mouth. This was our late President's policy; and it cannot be denied that she left the Society in a position far stronger than it was when she assumed office.

I consider we have two definite channels through which expenditure should flow: first, through the channel which makes Adyar a dignified and a beautiful Headquarters, worthy of the Society which it represents in the outer world; second, through the channel which irrigates the world Theosophically, as, for example, propaganda, the work of the Theosophical Publishing House and the Vasanta Press, the provision of lecturers, etc.

As regards the first channel, we have to provide for the performance of their duties by the

various officers of the Society, for the general maintenance of our large estate, including gardens, electric light and power, water supply, the upkeep of roads and buildings, and innumerable other paraphernalia of estate management. Specially our Engineering and Garden departments have to be run with the utmost efficiency, for upon them more depends than upon any other department concerned exclusively with the Estate itself; though we must not forget that upon the departments in charge of residence hardly less responsibility devolves.

As regards the second channel, Adyar must in very special degree support the Theosophical Movement before the world, stimulating in all possible ways the spread of Theosophy, acting as a Clearing House for successful work in all parts of the world, and in particular helping to irrigate the more desert places which Theosophy has so far left untouched. Adyar must not interfere with the work either of Lodges or of Sections; but it can and should help. And I hope that some day there may be resident at Adyar expert men and women of every nation and of all faiths—a world in miniature at the service of the larger world without. If we achieve a Besant University, or at least a Besant College, we shall have in staff and students fine material upon which Adyar will be able to draw to no small extent for its international activities.

Of course, so far as regards the Estate, expenditure must be kept down to its lowest possible limit

compatible with satisfactory results. And in this connection we are inaugurating a revised plan, under which those departments which may be described as business undertakings shall operate as such, making their own budgets based upon the needs of their customer the Theosophical Society, on a definite programme of income and expenditure for the coming year. Incidentally, their customer is also their banker, and provides them with the necessary funds to carry on their businesses, but the attitude to be emphasized by each business department is that it must balance its own budget of expenditure and income, and be held responsible for doing so—the budget, of course, having been previously passed by the General Council or Executive Committee.

Members will readily understand, from a perusal of the Treasurer's report, that the expense of maintaining Adyar is only to some extent met by income from capital funds and by dues from the Sections; it has always largely depended on personal donations and legacies as well as on the Adyar Day collections, for which the Headquarters is so grateful to those who take trouble to organize the collections and to those who, often from slender resources, remember the needs of their world-centre.

It is right that Adyar should so depend, and that its existence, its beauty, its order, its prosperity, should be evidence of the determination of every member that the Home of the Society shall be in every way worthy of the Movement—far better such sacrifice

than that ease and comfort from unlimited funds should gradually undermine that spirit upon the existence of which every true Cause depends for its life and power.

May I express the hope that when members are remembering in their wills the Society they love they will leave two legacies—one to their Section, and one to Adyar? And I hope there is not a single will in existence, so far as our members are concerned, in which the Theosophical Society is not gratefully remembered, even if only in very small measure. Let us all help to make the Society safe for the future, in reverent homage to the Peace our membership has given us in the present.

The Vasanta Press: The Vasanta Press was finally closed a few months ago, so as to terminate its work under the proprietorship of Dr. Besant, and was reopened immediately under the proprietorship of the Society, to which body it was left under the will of the late President. Retrenchment has been necessary here too, but the Press will have, as heretofore, the benefit of the wise and efficient direction of Mr. A. K. Sitarama Shastri, trusted colleague of Dr. Besant for very many years, assisted by his very competent helper, Mr. C. Subbarayudu.

The Theosophical Publishing House: The Headquarters House, under the careful direction of Mr. M. Subramania Iyer, one of our most efficient and devoted members of long standing, has much to its credit, as the detailed report shows. Outstanding publications are Mr. Jinarājādāsa's

Life! More Life! comprising his recent lectures in the Americas and in Europe, a revised edition of his *The Nature of Mysticism* and *Did Madame Blavatsky Forge the Mahatma Letters?* He has also brought out a new book—*Abul Fazl and Akbar*—a brief monograph summarizing from the original sources the incidents which led to Akbar founding with the help of Abul Fazl his "Universal Faith". As Abul Fazl's two great works, *Ain-i-Akbari* and *Akbar Nama*, which narrate the incidents in Akbar's life and administration, are difficult to procure, Mr. Jinarājādāsa's extensive quotations from them will be found particularly valuable. It is stated by some Theosophists that Abul Fazl was an earlier incarnation of Madame H. P. Blavatsky: undoubtedly there are many similarities of temperament and work in the two historic personalities, and a comparison of them is interesting.

Dr. Ganganath Jha has issued a revised translation of his immensely valuable *Yoga Darshan*, and I very specially welcome Dr. Bhagavan Das's *Ancient versus Modern Scientific Socialism, or Theosophy and Capitalism, Fascism and Communism*. He has thus fulfilled a promise to Dr. Besant to think anew, in modern terms and in the light of modern needs, the ancient and eternal laws. A number of booklets have also been issued, including 12 numbers of the *Adyar Pamphlets*. Our little intimate journal *The Adyar News* has also reincarnated, and seems to be doing well. The new format of *The Theosophist* is widely approved, and it is to be

noted that 50 per cent more reading matter is now available for the same price.

I am very happy to express my grateful thanks to my colleague in the editorial department, Mrs. Dinshaw, helper of successive editors, and so reliable and efficient that *The Theosophist* seems to run itself. And may I in this connection ask my fellow-members throughout the world to help our international journal soon to achieve the 10,000 mark in circulation? We have about 2,000 subscribers so far, and we are exploring every avenue whereby the journal may be made increasingly attractive. I ask each and every member to be good enough to constitute himself or herself an agent for *The Theosophist* to increase its circulation. Already, Mrs. Sellon, a very competent friend with a great record of good work in America and England, is working hard to help, and every delegate here will receive a leaflet drawn up by her. I want a Mrs. Sellon in every Branch, which means nearly 3,000 Mrs. Sellons throughout the world.

Other Publishing Houses: The American House has *Studies in the Secret Doctrine* to its credit, an admirable contribution to Blavatskyiana by Mrs. Josephine Ransom, who can always be relied upon to produce scholarly work of great value to students. During the recent Convention, the American House had a particularly attractive display of Theosophical literature, and its manager is to be heartily congratulated.

The London House is now owned by Mr. Digby Besant, and

is situate at 68 Great Russell St., London, W. C. 2. Throughout my tour in England, I heard nothing but praise for the way in which the London House makes every effort to help Lodges and organizers of meetings to make a good display of our literature, its terms of sale or return being extraordinarily reasonable. Its new publications are *The Bridge of the Gods* by Edith Pinchin, and *Druidic Teachings* by D. Jeffrey Williams. The English Section has published Mr. Jinarājadāsa's *The Work of the Christ in the World of To-day*, *Theosophy Briefly Outlined* by E. V. Hayes, and Mr. Polak's B. B. C. Broadcast talk on "Theosophy". We have in contemplation arrangements whereby there may be a very close co-operation between the Adyar, London, American and, I hope, all other Houses, so that the interests of the Society as a whole may be the better served.

The Canadian Publishing House—The Adyar Press—has been rendering excellent service to our cause in reprinting a number of Indian classics and other works of permanent value.

The Dutch Publishing House also reports activity, but the Greek House has not been able to undertake any publications during the year under report.

A large number of books and pamphlets have been published in Spain, and it is obvious that in Spain interest in Theosophy is steadily on the increase.

Italy's Publishing House, "Nirvana," has published various Italian translations, including Dr. van der Leeuw's *Conquest of*

Illusion and Mr. Jinarājādāsa's *Flowers and Gardens*.

The Dutch East Indies House has published a cheaper edition of *A Study in Consciousness*, and Malay translations of Bishop Leadbeater's *A Textbook of Theosophy* and Dr. Besant's *In the Outer Court* are in preparation.

Mexico has been printing thousands of leaflets, including my own letters on assuming the office of President and *The Essence of Krishnamurti's Teachings*.

I shall be glad to receive reports from other Publishing Houses, and hope that copies of all publications are sent regularly to the Adyar Library.

The Engineering Department: Mr. Zuurman, who has for so many years given devoted service to Adyar, writes that "everybody does his bit, and on the whole I believe we are a happy lot". So far so good. But he adds that attached to his work is a "Wish Department," where they are not so happy, because while wishes may be many their fulfilments are unfortunately few. He mentions two: Rs. 10,000 finally to complete the repairs to Leadbeater Chambers, and a Broadcasting Station. The former wish is more easy to satisfy than the latter, though a friend has given us Rs. 5,000 for the purpose of making experimental wireless activities with the permission of the authorities.

The Bhojanasala: The Bhojanasala, or Indian "Leadbeater Chambers," has continued its most valuable work under the efficient care of Mr. C. Subbaramayya. It provides excellent accommodation and good meals for those

living in Indian style. And there is a small fund of about Rs. 9,000, called the "Dharmasala Fund," the interest on which is used to give free food to Sanyasins, Bhikhus, and to certain members of our Society during their stay at Conventions.

We are very fortunate in the Chittamur family. Mr. Subbarayudu works splendidly in the Press, Mr. Subbaramayya in the Bhojanasala; and there is an encouraging rumour as to a third brother who may join the rest of the family in their service of Adyar. All owe their training to the late C. Ramayya who worked for many years in the service of the Theosophical Society.

Leadbeater Chambers: Madame D'Amato reports that more than half the building has now been repaired, and other improvements have been effected, including the purchase of a frigidaire. Leadbeater Chambers is more than full for the Convention, and she hopes that there will be more residents during the coming year. Madame D'Amato has for ten years served Adyar with great efficiency and sacrifice as head of Leadbeater Chambers. Her task, too, is not a little thankless. And we are all grateful to her for her devoted and very able loyalty.

The Laundry and Dairy: About 1910 Dr. Besant established a Dairy, Laundry and Bakery for the convenience of residents at Adyar. Information is lacking regarding the demise of the Bakery; but the Laundry and Dairy are still flourishing. I have handed over both to the Society, in my capacity as residuary legatee of

Dr. Besant's estate, since it now seems possible to run them without loss, though not necessarily with profit. The Dairy has become part of the Garden Department, while the Laundry remains under the efficient management of Mr. Shah. I challenge any laundry to produce better work than that of the Adyar Laundry, either as regards general washing, or specially delicate work, or even dry cleaning and dyeing.

The Adyar Players : The Adyar Players is a movement, established by Dr. Besant, which I hope to be able substantially to encourage during my term of office. Already they have some fine work to their credit, both at Adyar and in the Museum Theatre in Madras. A very valued friend of the Society, Mrs. Stead, left a legacy to Adyar of Rs. 10,000 towards the erection of a theatre ; and we are hoping to begin work on this as soon as possible. Adyar urgently needs a theatre for the expression of the fine talent already available and for the talent which I hope will in due course be attracted.

The Sirius Recreation Club : After a number of devastating vicissitudes this Club is once more entering on a new lease of life, thanks to the generosity of Captain and Mrs. Sellon who have very kindly taken charge of it. We stand in urgent need at Adyar of a social life together. We live in separate houses. We work in different departments. When work is over there is nowhere for us to meet our fellow-residents save at a meeting ! The Sirius Recreation Club will endeavour to provide games and other amusements for

us all, and already two tennis courts are in working order, with a little pavilion now rising as a Club house. Captain and Mrs. Sellon will be very valuable assets to Adyar in many ways, but in no way more important than in helping Adyar to be a happy family home for all.

The Adyar Lodge : The Adyar Lodge has been holding regular meetings and doing useful work. Recently, youth has invaded the gatherings, to the benefit, I am sure, of both young and less young.

The Adyar Youth Lodge : This Lodge numbers 44 members on its rolls, and has appropriately the name "Vasanta". Study classes, social gatherings and excursions have formed part of the activities of the Lodge, and plays matches with local clubs in Volley Ball, Football and Hockey. The Secretary writes : "Theosophy should be . . . a living 'Life' and not merely a matter of study or of cold vivisection as a scientist might dissect a frog." And he perceives the importance of making the Federation a source of strength to the Indian Section. I sincerely hope the Vasanta Youth Lodge will play an increasingly useful part in the life and work of Adyar.

The Adyar Child Welfare Centre : Although not an official activity of the Theosophical Society, this Centre largely ministers to the well-being of the many employees of our Estate. It was started in 1927 by Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram, member of the Executive Committee of the Society, under whose able care it has been ever since. A trained

midwife is in charge, who also attends to the maternity cases. Undernourished and very poor babies are given either milk or some other strengthening food.

During the last year there were 23,943 attendances of little children, the average daily attendance being 82. 96 maternity cases were attended during the year, and the nurse visited 1,023 families in their homes. The District Board gives Rs. 35 per month, and the annual expenditure is nearly Rs. 1,000. Rs. 45 per month has, therefore, to be met by casual donations.

Dr. Besant was deeply interested in this Child Welfare Centre, and gave nearly Rs. 13 or £1 per month.

The Adyar Dispensary: Dr. T. P. Sundaram has been in charge of the Dispensary during the past year. 2,224 patients have been treated, including students and teachers of the Besant Memorial School and Olcott Harijan Free School. The income is met from a grant of Rs. 500 from the Society, donations from various Co-Masonic bodies, miscellaneous collections, and sales of medicines. The Dispensary is most valuable, and Adyar is grateful to Drs. Kamath and Srinivasa Murti for their general supervision, and to Dr. Sundaram for the efficient way in which he discharges his duties.

Legal Advisers: The Society has always been fortunate in its legal advisers. Till his passing, our revered elder brother, Sir S. Subramania Iyer, was honorary Legal Adviser to the Society. Later, Mr. Justice V. Ramesam acted in this capacity. At present,

we have no officially appointed Legal Adviser, but the following are consulted as occasion demands: Mr. K. S. Chandrasekara Iyer, late Chief Justice of the High Court of Mysore, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta, Solicitor, Calcutta, and Vice-President of the Society, Messrs. A. Rangaswami Iyer and M. Subbaraya Iyer, Advocates, Madura and Madras respectively, and Mr. K. T. Shamanna, Solicitor, Madras.

Publicity Officer: An addition to the Headquarters staff is my old friend Mr. J. L. Davidge, an Australian journalist of wide experience, a staunch Theosophist, and the able editor for some years of *The Advance Australia News Service*, an agency to no small extent responsible for the theosophizing of Australia. I have appointed him Publicity Officer here, sub-editor of *The Theosophist*, helper in the T. P. H., and general literary handyman. His power of work is already being felt, and next year I expect we shall see much progress in our publicity department. Who knows? He will very likely persuade us to start an Adyar News Service as an enlarged edition of the News Service he managed so well in Australia.

Propaganda Officer: In my Seven Year Plan I have stressed the urgent need for intensive propaganda throughout the world, and I am very glad to be able to announce that Mrs. Sellon, who has had so varied and successful an experience in this work for many years, has kindly consented to become our Propaganda Officer. She will study here at Headquarters various ways and means whereby

our propaganda may become more effective, will be in constant touch with General Secretaries exchanging propaganda ideas and plans, and will herself be constantly travelling in order to come into personal touch with workers in as many parts of the world as possible. I request members interested in propaganda, specially those who are engaged in it, and Section officers throughout the world, to write to Mrs. Sellon giving their own experiences, making practical suggestions, and asking her for such help as they think she may be able to give. To have her office in running order will take a little time. But I am sure we shall find the co-ordination she will bring about most useful.

Her work will, of course, be quite distinct from that of the Publicity Officer, whose business it will be to give *news*.

Auditor: Since 1923 Mr. G. Narasimham, F.A.A., F.R.S.A., Registered Accountant, Madras, has been our official Auditor.

Busts of Our Leaders: The bust of Dr. Besant we ordered some months ago from Mr. Choudhuri, the eminent Bengali artist and Principal of the Government School of Arts in Madras, has proved an entire success—indeed a very fine likeness, and I have sent to every General Secretary a photograph of the bust, in case either his Section or any Lodge or other organization desires to order a replica in bronze at a comparatively small cost. We must also have a bust of Bishop Leadbeater. I do not think our late President would thus care to be immortalized unless her loved colleague were

similarly honoured; and his own services to Theosophy and the Theosophical Society have been no less outstanding in their own department than hers. £200 will purchase such a bust, and I hope the amount will soon be forthcoming. I am anxious, too, that near the first Trilithon, facing the entrance to our Estate, there shall be a really fine statue of Dr. Besant in some attitude characteristic of emphasizing some vital point to a large audience—arm outstretched and finger pointing in commanding gesture. But nearly £1,000 will be needed for this, and we are not yet out of the dark woods of the depression. Still, all things come to those who know how to wait; and I have done much effective waiting in my time.

Besant Memorial School: Two other memorials to our President-Mother take forms specially near and dear to her. First, the Besant Memorial School, for the time being situate in Besant Gardens, leased from the Society, and with a present roll of about 70 students and 12 teachers, the latter sacrificially accepting a mere subsistence allowance. I hope some day that this School may live on its own land and in its own beautifully Indian buildings; and I hope, too, that some day it may develop into a College and into a University. But these are dreams. In the meantime the small school as we have it. Please help it all you can. To have this School at Adyar was our Mother's dying wish. I am very happy that a young member of brilliant academic qualifications, Mr. K. Sankara Menon, M.A., has accepted the

headmastership at a salary which is a mere pittance compared with that which he could command in the outer world. Under his guidance, and the motherly care of Mrs. Nilakanta Sastri, the children are well and happy, and love their school.

Besant Scout Camp: Second, the Besant Scout Camp. The Theosophical Society has permitted a Rover Troop of Scouts, all of them, or at least the great majority, members of the Society, to establish a permanent and well-equipped Camp near Olcott Gardens on land which is not at present needed for any special purpose. A substantial sum has been collected by the Scouts, and we shall soon have a Camp to which from time to time Scout troops can be invited for rest, recreation and Scout life generally. This is our little memorial to the Honorary Scout Commissioner for All-India, member of the Order of the Silver Wolf. I am very much obliged to Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhpathi, Rover-Leader of the Vyasa Rovers, and to Mr. M. Krishnan, Assistant Rover-Leader, for their care of the Camp and for organizing no less than ten regular camps (of over 210 campers in all) from August to November. The Camp is also grateful to Mr. A. W. Hutton for presenting a considerable amount of equipment.

Olcott Harijan Free School: Just as we have now a Besant Memorial School, so must we not forget that we have a memorial to the President-Founder no less appropriate to his own work, the Olcott Harijan Free School, the

only one left out of the original five inaugurated in his memory. The other four have been taken over by the local authorities and are doing very well. The schools used to be called Panchama schools; but the word now used is Harijan, which means God's people, and is a far better designation than Panchama, which conveys a definite sense of inferiority. Our school has 400 pupils, including 100 girls, and has been noted by the District Educational Officer as being in "its usual efficient condition". Special attention is paid to the physical well-being of the students, and scouting forms part of the regular activities. The urgent needs are more accommodation, a compound wall, an adequate water supply, repairs to old buildings, and donations to meet the annual deficit. Mr. M. Krishnan, son of our late very valued colleague, Pandit Mahadeva Sastri, Director of the Adyar Library, is a most competent headmaster, supported by a very devoted staff. Mr. Krishnan was a pupil of mine at the National University in the Teachers' Training Department, and acquitted himself admirably.

Musaeus Buddhist Girls' College, Colombo: Mr. Peter de Abrew's report shows 500 pupils on the rolls, and the College now consists of the English College, preparing students for the London Matriculation and Cambridge Senior examinations; the Sinhalese Training College for Women Teachers; a Practising School for the latter; and hostels. The buildings have "large and airy rooms and are furnished with up-to-date School and

College equipment". During the year a new building was added and named The Schwarz Memorial Hall, in memory of Mr. A. Schwarz, a generous friend of the College. The College was founded forty years ago and steadily built up by two Theosophists, Mrs. Musaeus Higgins, who was the Principal till her passing recently, and Mr. Peter de Abrew, who has been all along its manager and organizer and generous supporter. Thus Ceylon owes its excellent Women's College to these fine workers in the field of Theosophical education.

Two Shrines: I hope I need hardly say that, as in the case of the cremation place of Colonel Olcott, so are we reverently tending the beautiful spot chosen for the cremation of the body of our late President, a photograph of which place appeared on the cover of the August *Theosophist*. I hope that to these two sacred places Theosophists will for many a century to come make fruitful pilgrimage.

I may add that we are at present keeping Dr. Besant's rooms unoccupied, and exactly as she used them. Innumerable friends are eager to pay reverence to the place where SHE lived and worked, and to see the rooms kept just as she used to have them—furniture, pictures, stationery, ornaments, and all.

Blavatsky Memorial Museum of Arts: I think we have given far too little notice to the Blavatsky Memorial Museum of Arts, inaugurated by that great artist Nicholas Roerich, who presented to the Museum the picture "The Messenger," dedicated to H. P. B.,

and which at last is visible for all to see. This Museum is entirely distinct from the archives of the Society, which contain objects intimately concerned with the history of the Society and with its leaders. We have now allotted a suitable home for this Museum, and we shall be very thankful to receive art treasures of all kinds. Speaking here, Roerich said:

In this "Home of Light" let me present this picture of "The Messenger," dedicated to Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, as the nucleus of a future Blavatsky Museum, whose motto shall be "Beauty is the Garment of Truth".

Such shall be the motto of our Museum, and we shall be grateful both for beautiful things and for funds to ensure the necessary upkeep and care of the objects presented. I am very thankful to Mrs. Adair for having looked after with loving care such objects as we have already received, and I hope she will graciously continue her supervision of a department of Adyar so essential to its existence as a Flaming Centre.

Our Older Workers: I feel I ought to make reference to a matter which gravely preoccupied our late President, especially during the last few years of her life. Many of our workers, whether directly serving the Society itself or engaged in activities closely related, have given or are still giving the whole of their time on small subsistence allowances—the movements themselves being poor and the allowance such that saving is out of the question. As time passes an old age looms larger and larger upon their horizons as possibly not only barren of comfort

but even of the bare necessities of life. At Adyar itself our subordinate staff can look forward at least to a substantial gratuity on the conclusion of their service. But workers in more responsible positions must needs wonder whether, after a service of, say, twenty years and more, their subsistence allowance will continue, supposing they are unable to work, whether it will be reduced to a level at which it becomes almost impossible to live, or whether the position will be that since they can no longer work the Society can no longer pay. And there are many members working in what we have been in the habit of miscalling subsidiary activities, who have no formal claim on the Society, yet who have been working for years and years in posts to which, perhaps, they were appointed by Dr. Besant in response to a demand for staunch Theosophists. These subsidiary activities, so-called, live from hand to mouth; and though we may well say that they ought to provide for the old age of their faithful workers, the cold fact remains that they cannot so provide. It is difficult enough for them to exist at all.

Furthermore, many of our workers at Headquarters live on so small a subsistence allowance that they are never able to go home for a holiday, especially if they happen to be Europeans, Americans or Australians. Yet an occasional holiday in home surroundings is almost a necessity for efficient work, at all events every five years or so. Here is another problem which needs early consideration. And to restate the other two: What are we to say to our own workers

when they are no longer able to work, and have not been able to save for themselves because they have been saving for us? What are we to say to those who have been working for our late President in movements to which in fact she appointed them, and for which she brought them over to India, or established them elsewhere?

For years we have been working on a deficit, or rather meeting our deficits out of legacies and other special and uncertain sources of income, which some of our financial experts think should have been paid into the Society's Capital Account. We are now doing all we can to make the average expenditure approximate more nearly to our real income. Must we, therefore, cast off our workers when we have got out of them all we could? Or must we somehow, possibly by a special appeal for funds to be devoted to this specific purpose alone, at least meet the urgent cases of those who have given the best of their lives to our Movement without thought of the morrow? Some of such workers are even now being provided with subsistence allowances. But there are others; and unless we make entirely different arrangements as to the way in which we pay our workers as time passes, we shall periodically need to pension those older brethren who have deserved so well of us all.

I should like to see a Fund established, to be associated with the name of our late President, out of which such payments may be made from time to time under the direction of the Executive Committee of the Society. During

the last few years hardly a day passed when Dr. Besant did not talk to us about the need to provide for our older workers, and many schemes passed through her mind.

I wonder if Sections of the Society are faced by a similar problem. In any case, it is necessarily more acute at the International Headquarters; and something has to be done.

Work in Madras: The three Theosophical Lodges in Madras, Mylapore, Triplicane and Egmore, are doing good work. Combined Lodge conferences are held in different centres of Madras, preceded by social gatherings and ending in public lectures. One of the Lodges has a night school for poor people and a free reading room and library. My election as President was the occasion for the organization of a public reception by these Lodges at the Gokhale Hall, built by Dr. Besant, and it was a great success. But the work has suffered a great loss by the passing of Mr. C. S. Swaminatha Mudaliar, who was President of the combined group of Lodges and vigorously promoted the cause of Theosophy in the city.

Madras is distinctly interesting Theosophically, and only the other day I was lecturing in a hall about which one member of the audience told me that it was to this hall that on one occasion the two Founders were taken in procession in connection with a lecture on Theosophy delivered by Colonel Olcott. The streets of Madras have been the witnesses of many comings and goings of our older leaders, and I hope we shall have

some space allotted to the Theosophical Society and Madras in the Guide Book to Adyar which Miss Neff is kindly preparing.

The Theosophical Order of Service: The passing of our late President seems to be likely to make me Head of the Theosophical Order of Service, since the President of the Society has some *ex officio* relation to the Order. I consider the Theosophical Order of Service to be the natural adjunct, for Theosophy Applied, to the Society itself; for, as Dr. Besant herself said in the course of her last appearance at the International Convention of the Society in 1931, "only as you live Theosophy can you spread Theosophy". Living Theosophy means, first, understanding and practising Theosophy, its science, its laws, and second, focussing such understanding and practice upon life and its innumerable problems in every department. In our Lodges we must learn to understand and live Theosophy. In the Theosophical Order of Service we have a channel whereby the application of such understanding and life may become effective without in any way compromising the Society's neutrality.

Where the outer world is already at work applying the spirit of Theosophy, however unconsciously, to life's problems, we should give our help rather than duplicate an existing organization. I think our groups in the Order should ally themselves to work already being done, rather than have their own independent activities. Only where the outer world is not yet active should groups of the Order work on their own account, or where the

work is not done as seems essential from a Theosophical point of view.

In a certain measure in the Lodge, but still more in groups of the Order, the world's problems and needs should be studied in the light of Theosophical knowledge, and the fruits of the study applied either directly where unavoidable, or indirectly where already a channel for such application exists even though not Theosophical in name.

I hope that the Theosophical Order of Service may become, during my tenure of office, a world-wide laboratory for the examination of world problems and conditions in the light of Theosophy, and for applying as expedient such results as may emerge.

I think we need no elaborate organization for our Order, but rather intensive work as lightly organized as possible. I commend to members of the Society the very excellent organ of the Order, *Service*, a veritable call to work and a guide to the way to work. Mr. Robert Spurrier edits *Service*, and that is ample guarantee as to the value of the journal.

The Round Table: The passing of Bishop Leadbeater having left a vacancy in the office of Senior Knight, the International Council has appointed me to the post, an honour as great in its way as the honour of being the Society's President. I have for very many years been keenly interested in the Order of the Round Table, as an admirable organization for young people in whom dwells the spirit of chivalry and service. I think the time has now come, however, for a widening of the Order's

activities, and I have sent to the leading members a tentative scheme to this end. The scheme is still under consideration, so I cannot make any statement at present. But if some re-organization takes place more or less on the lines I have suggested, the usefulness and appeal of the Order will be very definitely increased. I think we need a non-ceremonial division, to lead, where congenial to the member, to a ceremonial branch on the lines at present in usage. And I think, too, that we must take care to give a national character to the Round Table in each individual country, so that its appeal may be more intimate than at present. I hope that by the time next year's Presidential Address is due, I may be able to tell you of the decisions reached. The Round Table is, in my view, indispensable to the work of the Society; and I shall do all I can to give it strength.

The Seven Year Plan: I may be allowed to mention a tentative Seven Year Plan, to cover my term of office, for the development of our work. It has now been published, together with my address on "My Work as President of the Theosophical Society," and a pamphlet published by our American House—"The Spirit of Youth". The Plan has been circulated among a number of Theosophical workers, and interesting comments have been received, some of which will be found in the booklet.

The Plan is of course quite tentative, and its constituent elements will be tried or scrapped as may seem best. I shall, of course,

take the advice of the Executive Committee before setting any of the cog-wheels of the Plan in motion.

Neutrality: I often wonder what this word really means as regards the Theosophical Society. In the earliest days, as witness Colonel Olcott's 1875 *Inaugural Address*, atheism, ecclesiastical despotism, Spiritualism, Christianity, "rebellion against the existing laws or government," association with communists, drunkards, debauchees, teachers of irreverence to parents or of immorality to husbands or wives—all are anathema.

In 1881 we find that any member who is convicted of an offence against the Penal Code of his country shall be expelled from the Society. In the same year there are alliances between the Society and Hindu Sabhas, the Arya Samaj, etc. In 1900 the President-Founder enumerates the activities of the Society in the revival of Buddhism and Hinduism, in education, etc.

There is no neutrality in these earlier years, but already in 1891 Colonel Olcott writes: "I deplore our intolerance"; and adds that if there had been less of it the Society might have had a thousand well-wishers where there was then only one.

In 1901, extending still further his declaration of 1892 that there must be no attempt "to create an H.P.B. school, sect or cult, or to take her utterances as in the least degree above criticism," the Colonel writes:

"The one weak point and danger which threatens us is the tendency in certain quarters to the growth of unreasoning hero-

worship and concomitant dogmatism. I reiterate my protest against the attempt to impose upon members or outsiders the idea that there is in our Society such a thing as orthodoxy or an inspired book or teacher. I call upon my colleagues in all countries to keep in mind the spirit of our Constitution and the letter of our Rules, and to unite together to oppose and put down everything among us which savours of narrowness or sectarianism; the Society can only flourish on a foundation of absolute liberty of thought and speech, within, of course, the limits of good taste."

In later years there has been a considerable amount of feeling that various kinds of orthodoxies and cults were being set up within the Society, thus denying the neutrality of the Society in fact if not in theory. The Society has been identified in the mind of the public, perhaps even in the minds of some of its most active and valuable members, both with a number of so-called, and I think miscalled, subsidiary activities, as well as with the activities of prominent members of the Society promulgating, as was their undoubted right and duty, certain teachings, opinions and objectives.

A sense of infringement resulted. But indeed, this was to be expected, for when positive personalities join such a Society as ours they tend to become more positive still; and then it happens sometimes that the personality seems to overshadow the Society.

Under the eternal Law of Readjustment, however, which orders

movements no less than persons, the time must come every now and then for the Society to readjust itself to its original purposes.

Such a time has come, I believe, to-day. And I desire to emphasize the supreme importance of our readjustment to those fundamental principles, any disregard of which must needs weaken the power of our Society to achieve the purposes for which it was given by the Masters to the world.

We stand for Brotherhood. We must live Brotherhood to the best of our understanding and to the best of our power. We must practise it without reserve and in a spirit of helping those around us on their own way and not on to ours. Brotherhood may have many meanings, but one of them specially concerning us is to know how to travel helpfully with others on their own roads, and not to demand that they shall transfer themselves on to our roads, because we believe ours lead somewhere and theirs nowhere.

As our very name implies, we stand for Theosophy. What is Theosophy? Can a book contain it? Can a person utter it? Can an artist paint it? Can a musician sing it? Can a creed embrace it? Can a philosophy describe it?

In some small measure, yes. In pale reflection, yes. But no book has been written which can do more than hint at its splendours. No person has been born who can do more than reveal a fragment of its glory. No artist has ever lived who can do more than suggest an outline of its beauty. No musician, however inspired, can sing Theosophy as Theosophy is

ever singing in Nature and in the hearts of living things. No creed, however exalted, can do more than feebly reflect just one colour of its Rainbow. No philosophy, however marvellous, can do more than probe the surface of its illimitable depths.

In our own literature, through the voices of some of our great Theosophists, the veil of our ignorance has been slightly lifted. We are thankful. We are emboldened to take the veil in our own hands and learn to lift it further.

But I say that no book, no person, can do more, is intended to do more, than stir us to know that which it is the Law we must know for ourselves. There is a time for us to see as through a book or a person, *but darkly*. There comes the time when we must see face to face, and when of intermediaries there shall, for the time being, be none.

Our Society, our Sections, our Lodges, lose sight, as it seems to me, of their Dedication—unwritten though it be—if they identify Theosophy with any book or with any person. Let books and persons inspire and help. But let Theosophy be free, and let the approach to Theosophy be free no less. No orthodoxy. No inquisition. No prison. No one single road alone.

No less do they lose sight of their great Dedication if they identify Theosophy with some specific garb which to them is Theosophy's perfect fit. It is easy for the impetuous enthusiast, for the ardent seeker of solutions who thinks he has suddenly discovered

one, for the restless mind which ever perceives the most beautiful in the most new, to identify Theosophy with that upon which he has become intent. He feels that further search is at an end at last. He wonders why others are so blind to that which is so clear. And in sincerest recklessness he does all in his power to commit Theosophy and the Theosophical Society without reserve to that which to him is ultimate and final. That others may not see as he has seen, that others may be cold to that to which he is all afire, is of little moment. He has *seen*, and the vision is all-comprehensive and unchallengeable.

Against such dogmatism, such fanaticism, such *intransigence*, on the part of an individual, or of a group of individuals working in their own private capacity, I have nothing to say. On the contrary, we need such devotion on the part of individuals and groups to causes they deem sacred.

Our Society would not have the strength it has were it not for such enthusiasts, even though they may well cause uneasiness. I am sure that we gain from enthusiasm, even though impulsive, even though in fact misdirected, more, far more, than we lose; and the gain is all the greater in proportion to the simplicity, the honesty, the directness of the individual or group.

Individuality is priceless in its value to Universality; and the more towering the individuality the richer becomes the Universality. To fight ardently and selflessly for some specific cause is in no small measure to help to

enthroned the all-embracing Truth. Fanaticism is by no means necessarily the natural foe to Freedom.

We need not, I think, fear the undermining of the Society's neutrality by such devotees, especially if we ourselves are ever careful to exalt it.

But Lodges, Sections, the Society, must be freely, hospitably, and above all undenominationally, open to all who accept our three Objects, interpret these as they may. And let it not be thought that such is a counsel to colourlessness, to the withholding of an urgently needed lead to our membership in matters of supreme moment, to the avoidance of any definite policy and of pursuing it ardently.

It is in fact a counsel to guard the sanctity of the Well so that those who come to it may draw such water as they individually need for the fields in which they work.

There will be no real colourlessness, no real avoidance of momentous issues, no real lack of leadership, if our Lodges consider themselves dedicated to the study of Theosophy through the medium of such literature and teaching as may be most congenial. Let every member have the opportunity to study for himself the Science of Life as unveiled in our great classics—and I leave the definition of the word "classics" to those who choose to define it.

For the moment a member of our Society becomes really afire with Theosophy pure and unadulterated, his whole personality, his whole soul, will be alight with purpose

and the spirit of the crusader, and it will not be long before leadership is his. But he must be free to study in his own way, to garner therefrom his own fruits, and to apply these colourfully, alone or in congenial comradeship, in the service of the world.

When a Lodge goes beyond the limits of study, there is a danger of exclusive concentration on some specific application; thus, to the eyes of the onlooker, and what is worse, to the eyes of the potential enquirer, so colouring the Well that there would appear to be therein only a certain quality of water, possibly by no means to his own personal taste.

For what purpose does the Theosophical Order of Service exist if not to give members the opportunity they need to fulfil their study in action, without causing the Well to seem unapproachable save to persons holding certain opinions?

This Order of Service is a movement in which individual members and groups of members are encouraged to put their Theosophy into practice. It does not itself, or should not, enter into any affiliation as such with any outside movement. But it does, or should, provide scope for men and women of action to give to the world their respective Keys of Theosophy to the world's innumerable problems, encouraging each to fashion his own key according to his individual understanding of the nature of the lock. So many members, so many keys. *Quot homines tot sententiae.*

If we seek the Key to Theosophy in our Lodges and in our Sections,

we shall discover the Key of Theosophy to the prison doors of the world: even though the Key of Theosophy will be unique to each individual member, as is no less the Key to Theosophy. Therefore, I doubt the wisdom of our Society as such committing itself to an endorsement of any specific policy in any department of life, however obviously humanitarian such policy may be, or to an affiliation with any movement however broad and undogmatic. And I doubt the wisdom of such action on the part of a Lodge or Section.

Our Society, our Sections, our Lodges, are, as it seems to me, consecrated to the preservation of a benevolent and undenominational neutrality which, far from being colourless or rendering our movement infructuous, achieves the reverse by making it possible for innumerable differences to be pooled in the melting-pot of constructive solidarity, to the strengthening and refining of each for the wiser service of the world. In the melting-pot made available through Lodge, Section and Society the metal of knowledge is heated by each individual member to the highest point of Truth. Through the machinery of the Theosophical Order of Service it is made serviceable for work in the outer world.

I hope that my term of office as President will synchronize with the exaltation, in every Lodge throughout the Society, of Theosophy as such, that is to say of our great Science as individual members may be able to understand it, with due recognition of

the light shed by H. P. Blavatsky and those who followed after her to carry the torch through the years to come.

Only as we ardently cherish Theosophy ourselves can we hope to apply it to the service of the world. Surely if Theosophy is to be a living, a practical, a constructive force in our lives, it must be alive in our hearts, our minds, our wills. We must know Theosophy if we are to be Theosophists. I deplore the laying down in any dogmatic manner of a Theosophic Creed. I pray we may never descend to one, to the declaration that as is the Creed so must each member be. But I do say that every Theosophist should have *his* creed, lightly held, though ardently: clear, definite, comprehensive, active; but non-violent, non-aggressive, and above all without a tinge of sense of superiority—"I am a truer Theosophist than those of my fellow-members who hold other creeds." Creeds change, and we change with them.

We see round about us how the teachings of great Teachers are ever in danger of becoming crystallized and hardened, narrow and dogmatic. May such danger never encompass us.

Let us be really free, happy in our freedom, happy in the freedom of others. Theosophy is the Science of Freedom, for it is the Science of Truth. And only in freedom can we hope to know and live the Science unto the mastery of Life.

The less we have of official policies the better. The less we are concerned with rules and regulations the better. The less

we run in any grooves the better. And it is just because I feel this so strongly that I have ventured to put before you the above views.

For I am quite clear in my own mind that we are introducing the thin end of a most dangerous wedge, if we regard with indifference a Lodge or Section, or our Society as a whole, associating itself by resolution or in any other way with some particular mode of thought or activity, in no matter what department of human life. I am of opinion that when a Lodge or Section, or the Society, thus associates itself, it sets up in fact a subtle penalization of members who are not in sympathy with such association, and a no less subtle bias in the direction of its pronouncement. And from this to the establishment of an orthodoxy is no long step.

It may be that the letter of our rules and regulations is not infringed by such action, and that our various bodies are within the letter of the law if they thus act; though even the letter is certainly infringed if admission to membership of the Society be refused to an individual because of his or her opinions, be these what they may, provided there be the necessary sympathy with our Objects. But I cannot help feeling that the *spirit* of our rules and regulations is infringed, and this matters far more than the infringement of the letter.

The freer we are in all the constituent groups of our organism, the truer is it possible for each individual member to be to himself. It is individuality that makes the world go round, even though it

is universality which completes and fulfils the circle.

The Future: May I say that I look forward with very great confidence to the future, less on account of our fine traditions of teaching and service, and certainly not because of the fact that I happen to be President, but because of the growing need of the world, and of its increasing consciousness of that need, both for Theosophy as the Science of Life and for Theosophy as the true basis of a happy social organism.

I am well aware of the many admirable schemes for reform in every department of human life. But I do not hesitate to say that however sound such schemes may be, each needs Theosophy for its more effective application. And I hope that even the stoutest protagonist of some great solution for one of the world's problems will realize, if he be a Theosophist, that it is his privilege and duty to apply to the perfecting of such solution those mighty Truths the very ignorance and neglect of which has brought about the existence of the problems themselves.

A fine scheme of reconstruction without Theosophy may well give temporary relief. But only with Theosophy will it bring about lasting peace and enduring prosperity. At each Theosophist's disposal is the wherewithal to make the best plans, the best schemes, the best structures, *better*; and however much enthusiasm he may have for any plan or scheme or structure, he will, if he be wise, have even more enthusiasm for

Theosophy, for in Theosophy alone lies the understanding of the forces which make and mar our happiness. In the light of Theosophy the roots of life are disclosed: in all other light little more than the surface soil.

For these reasons two great planks constituted, and do now constitute, my Presidential platform. One is Theosophy, Theosophy as straight, as impersonal, as all-embracing, as beautiful, as inspiring, as we can draw it from the eternal Well of Life. The other, Solidarity, collective Solidarity amidst the wealth of individual differences which make the splendid separate pieces of a glorious picture.

We Theosophists are a—I do not say “the”—corps of guides to the eternal Well of Life. And we are able to describe something of the magic power of its waters, of their power to heal all without distinction of race or faith or class or creed, and perhaps to help to lead the thirsty to its precincts.

The honour of the corps is twofold:

First, that each of us shall help the would-be drawer of water to use his own vessels, to irrigate his desert in his own way, and to produce his own crops;

Second, that we shall permit no orthodoxies or castes to gather round the Well, allowing approach to some, refusing approach to others, or demanding that the waters drawn from the Well shall be used to produce one special crop alone.

The eternal Well of Life is a Free Well. Let each drawer of

water rejoice in the splendid verdures of his own area, and learn to rejoice no less in those verdures in which others rejoice as he rejoices in his. Let the world be green, even though of innumerable different shades.

I am profoundly convinced that the basis of all future development of our Society is composed of these two planks. I am no less convinced that the basis of a world at peace and prosperous is composed of these two planks, for together they mean a Brotherhood that is wise and understanding, a brotherhood that begins in the individual's brotherliness towards himself, and only ends with his brotherliness towards the whole world; perhaps not even there.

Let me add here, as the result of world-wide experience of innumerable people of all sorts and conditions of opinion, of conviction, of certainty, that it soon becomes easy to gauge the actual worth of an alleged truth by noticing the manner in which it is held and expressed. One knows at once that there is something the matter with the conception of a truth when its possessor is hard about it, domineering with it, superior with it, and perhaps even contemptuous with it.

We must beware of the temptation, into which so many earnest and devoted people fall, of making the acceptance of certain particular teachings which alone, to them, are genuine, and of certain particular authority which alone, to them, is sacrosanct, a crucial test as to an individual's possession of Truth. In most religions there is an orthodoxy and a heterodoxy.

There are those within, and those beyond, the pale. There are those who will be saved, and those who will be doomed. God forbid that our Society should so far forget its supreme Objective as to descend to these levels of inquisitorial self-satisfaction.

God forbid that any of us should insist that there is only one Theosophy, the Theosophy of *The Secret Doctrine*, or any other, and only one Prophet, H. P. Blavatsky, or any other; and that he is no true member of our Society who is not prepared to subscribe to such declaration. Nor should any interpretation of Theosophy, or any so-called authority, be erected by any one of us into an acid test of orthodoxy.

Remember that as some are with respect to Blavatsky others will be with respect to Besant, or to Leadbeater, or to any other prominent member of the Society whose presentation of Theosophy happens to appeal in special measure. We all agree that Blavatsky was the *fons et origo* of the descent of Theosophy in its modern garb into the outer world. We owe to her both gratitude and respect, more I think, as Dr. Besant and Bishop Leadbeater have so often insisted, than to any other teacher we have so far had. Her own special works on Theosophy are imperishable, and ever worthy of the most careful study. But to demand that her works alone shall be studied, that she alone shall be honoured, or that the works of any other teacher shall alone be studied, and his or her person alone revered, would be to constitute our Society into a

sect as narrow and as intolerant as are innumerable sects throughout the world—disruptive of brotherhood, and breeding-grounds for the pride and hatred which throw humanity into war and desolateness.

Is not acceptance of our three Objects enough for honest membership? Is not the endeavour to live and to profess brotherhood enough to ask from members of the Theosophical Society and from Theosophists? Or are we going to insist that certain forms and certain personalities shall be worshipped, to the definite exclusion of all other forms and all other personalities?

Brotherhood, kindliness, understanding, graciousness, cordiality—these are the essence and heart of all Theosophy. Does it really matter much whether I accept A's or B's or C's exposition of the laws of Nature? Is not my own, perhaps, even more important—to me? Does it not matter infinitely more what I *am* than what I *know*? Is the Theosophical Society going to stand or fall by what its members believe or by the extent to which the healing power of brotherhood shines through their lives?

Virtue matters more than belief. Goodwill matters more than conviction. And Truth is truer in practised gentleness than in the most exalted teaching or profoundest wisdom. Nothing, however true, is free from the dross of falsehood, if it be uncharitable, if it exclusively arrogates to itself the monopoly of all truth, if it denies in its expression the eternal and all-inclusive comradeship of life.

On the two planks I have indicated above—Theosophy straight, Theosophy impersonal, Theosophy free to the understanding and interpretation of all, however much books and persons may illumine it: Solidarity inclusive of all differences, of all roads, of all interpretations and understandings, leaving none out, not even those from whom we differ most profoundly—on these I take my stand as President, and I hope that with me will stand the great majority of our membership.

Then indeed will the Flaming Centre of Adyar extend in fiery rings to a far-flung circumference, and thus begin to set the world afire with Brotherhood and Truth.

NEWS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

America reports "the development among the membership of a higher standard of accomplishment, a recognition of the need for doing good work, through which character and quality can be built into the activities of the Theosophical Society. We are developing in our Lodges a reali-

zation of the need for cultural qualities and their initial introduction through beauty and order, furnishings and environment, through work well done in whatever field the Lodge has capacity to enter, through well-conducted meetings and well-organized classes." The Greater America Plan seems to

be entirely fulfilling the expectations of its originators, thanks to the devotion of Dr. Roest and Miss Henkel. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Fritz Kunz are doing fine public work in various parts of the great American continent.

I am thankful to learn that "reinstatements to membership last year have been exceeded only three times in the past 21 years . . . the number removed from the rolls is the smallest since 1917 . . . the resignations are the lowest for several years. . . 468 new members joined during the year," and there is a net gain in membership over losses. It appears that the American Section took great interest in the election of a new President and returned the largest vote in its history, over 75 per cent of the members recording their votes.

Congratulations to Mr. Sidney Cook and his 4,263 fellow-members on this fine report.

I am sure Mr. Cook will not mind if I take this opportunity of congratulating the New York Theosophical Federation on their periodical Bulletin, even though it is not part of the Report. What I like about it is that it is alive, sparkling and enthusiastic. I feel an urge to become a member of the Federation simply on the strength of reading the Bulletin. A Society the members of which can produce such a news-sheet *must* be worth joining, whatever its Objects.

England reports the admission of no less than 267 new members, an admirable record, even though this figure is more than balanced by lapsed membership and resigna-

tions. The result is that the General Secretary is able to say: "Before long we hope to report clear gain." The Annual Convention was carried out with enthusiasm. Special mention is made of a Symposium entitled "A Theosophical Day—A. D. 2000," given by some of the younger members of the Society. From all reports this was a most entertaining function. The public lectures taking place at the Wigmore Hall draw crowded audiences. The Section owes much to the extensive and successful lecturing untiringly carried on by Captain Ransom.

The new freehold premises of the English Section at 12 Gloucester Place, London, are admirable in every way, and when the Annie Besant Memorial Hall is built on an adjacent site the English Headquarters will be worthy of the Empire's capital city.

India sends a very encouraging report. "We are on the upward curve again as will be seen from the figures quoted elsewhere." And when we examine these figures we find that there is steady improvement since the peak year of loss—1931—when nearly 900 members were dropped for various reasons, mainly lapse of interest. In 1933 about 450 were dropped. But in 1934 the number was only about 290. And new admissions were 212. The total membership is roughly 4,000. The Tamil area has the largest number of members with 609. Next Gujerat and Kathiawar with 424. Next the Karnataka Federation with 359, followed closely by the United Provinces with 305, Andhra (Circars) with 282, Bombay with

264, and Andhra (Central Districts) with 256. Bengal, Orissa and Assam have 244 members. Sindh and Baluchistan do very well with 220. Behar has 161, in spite of the terrible upheaval of the earthquake. Maharashtra has 150, and Central India and Rajputana have 149. Kerala has 155 members, and finally we have the North-West Frontier Provinces with 82. 297 members are unattached. So far so good.

But I feel very strongly that there must during the next year or two be an intensive campaign for Theosophy from north to south and from east to west. India ought to be satisfied with not less than 10,000 members—my friend Mr. Manjeri Rama Aiyar insists that the number should be 20,000. I sincerely hope that the Indian Section Convention will endeavour to plan such a campaign, enlisting the services of its ablest and most inspiring members to take part in a carefully organized scheme to cover the whole of the country. A Propaganda Fund should be started for this purpose, and all other expenditure reduced to a reasonable minimum, so that as much money may be available as possible for the work of increasing the membership. Let it not be thought that I am interfering with a Section's autonomy in making this appeal. I am making it because I know how vital it is to the whole Society that India shall be Theosophically strong, and India must not forget that she has the inestimable privilege of being host to the International Headquarters—the channel through which so much of the power of the Hierarchy

flows into the outer world. And the Headquarters of the Section itself is in holy Kashi—a place sacred to the whole of India, and by no means mainly to Hindus.

For the sake of India's own future, for the sake of the great part she has to play in the new age and in the new world, for the sake of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society, I pray our Indian brethren to rise to noble heights of endeavour and sacrifice to make Theosophy and the Theosophical Society more than ever a living force in Aryavarta. The Indian report writes of a memorial to our President-Mother. No memorial more acceptable to her than her beloved India strong in Theosophy, and with a powerful Section representing all classes, creeds and shades of opinion, to do the Will of the Rishis in the land of the birth of so many of Them. I should like to see a Besant Memorial Lecturing and Propaganda Fund established—perhaps this name is a little heavy—to provide the necessary financial support for lecturers who will lecture on Theosophy, and for general propaganda work. We might even call our Fund the Vasanta Fund, and make the above its objects.

Australia is in the happy position of being free from all debt, but has dropped 184 members as a result, apparently, of the tightening up of their registers on the part of the Lodges, to quote the General Secretary's words. But 105 new members were admitted as against 64 resignations and 25 deaths. "The 39th Annual Convention," says the General Secretary, "was

a markedly harmonious one"; and the interesting plan has been adopted of electing a sufficient number of members in Melbourne to ensure, with the presence of the General Secretary, a quorum similar to the quorum in Sydney. One or two of the greater cities in Australia have felt, not without reason, that Sydney has enjoyed too great and too continuous a concentration of Theosophical activity and administration. Certainly Melbourne is no less a stronghold of Theosophy than Sydney, has admirable premises most centrally situated, and has a band of very competent and devoted workers. But such is the case no less as regards Brisbane and Perth and Adelaide. Australia has been very well served Theosophically by her members.

Sweden: The General Secretary reports an increase in membership for the year, as well as the establishment of several new study centres in various parts of the country. This is even more important, it seems to me, than the increase in membership, welcome, of course, though it is. Study—and of course I mean the study of Theosophy and its relation to the outer world—is just what is needed to-day to give our Society new strength for the work it may have to do in the near future. Mr. Bolt's work is gratefully appreciated. He has lectured in twelve towns, and held Sweden's fourth Summer School. Sweden finds Summer Schools of great value, especially as affording an opportunity for isolated members "in our sparsely populated country to come together and learn to work harmoniously". The eco-

nomic depression is still felt, but "the general interest in our public activities seems to be steadily increasing".

New Zealand reports an awakening of interest in Theosophy, partly as the result of a recent visit by Mr. Krishnamurti, and partly because of the widespread sense of the time being that of a new age. I am glad to read that "some Lodges have brought many public men of note and learning into touch with the Theosophical Society by asking them to address our members to their mutual advantage". The Vasanta Garden School, one of the great chain of Theosophical Schools which stretches throughout the world, is growing steadily, and now teaches up to the matriculation standard. The General Secretary writes that the particular need of New Zealand is for prominent lecturers from abroad. I can assure such that their welcome will be very generous and their audiences very appreciative.

Holland reports steady progress, a very happy and harmonious Convention, and a number of practical decisions regarding more intensive activity as regards Press and publicity. A Whitsuntide Camp is reported to have been particularly successful this year.

Our good colleague, Mr. J. Krui-sheer, has been re-elected General Secretary.

France notes with deep regret the passing of its General Secretary, Monsieur Charles Blech, successor to our old friend Dr. Pascal, whom I well remember. He is most worthily replaced by Monsieur Marcault, one of the ablest

members of our Society and my very dear friend. Mr. Jinarāja-dāsa's tour through various parts of France is noted with deep appreciation. 236 new members were admitted during the year as against 177 last year.

Italy reports the continued illness of Donna Luisa Gamberini Cavallini, General Secretary, a fine worker full of devotion. In her place Avvocato Tullio Castellani of Genoa was unanimously elected, and I venture to congratulate our Italian brethren on their choice. All kinds of plans for future development are stirring in the brains of our Italian brethren, and I shall be very happy to hear about them as they begin to mature.

Germany has had many internal preoccupations, but the General Secretary reports that the recent Convention passed off well, that he was unanimously re-elected to his office for a further term of three years, and that membership of the Society is definitely increasing. So far as I am able to gather, the German Government is by no means hostile to our Movement, but naturally desires to be assured that it is in no sense opposed to German aspirations and ideals as expressed through the present Government. Standing for brotherhood and goodwill, the German Section must surely be an asset to Germany and to Germany's growth.

Hungary, as a result of the depression, reports a decrease in membership, and not a little financial stress. On the other hand, excellent propaganda work has been done; and there is increasing attendance at the regular meetings.

Publishing activities have had to be suspended for lack of funds, and the journal has also ceased owing to the decision of the Government not to allow magazines issued by non-official organizations. Financial help for publishing Hungarian Theosophical works is urgently needed.

Finland is largely occupied in putting its Theosophical house in order. Its success may be gauged by the fact that while last year there were 304 members, there are now 385. Hearty congratulations to our Finnish brethren on so fine a result.

Russia—unfortunately outside Russia for the time being—reports its eleventh year of work outside Russia, with 169 members and 12 Lodges. With Madame Kamensky as General Secretary and Miss Helmboldt as her stalwart assistant and colleague, the success of this Section goes without saying. They are two fine soldiers, and have round them devoted helpers.

South Africa reports a considerable increase in membership, and I am delighted to read: "This is most encouraging, the more so because many of our new members are young." Glowing reports of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Hodson indicate that these two good Theosophists are in no small degree responsible for the increased activity in South Africa. Miss Murchie has retired from the office of General Secretary after many years of devoted service, and in her place, as in some other offices, new officials have been elected, all of them young. May they all follow in the footsteps of those stalwarts who have preceded them.

The passing of Mr. C. E. Nelson, a fine Theosophist, is noted.

Scotland reports good and encouraging work, and the General Secretary writes that he has visited nearly all the Lodges in Scotland, "thus strengthening their bond with Headquarters in a way that had not always been possible during the last few years". Not all General Secretaries are able to do this, but such contact is vital to the well-being of the Section. Without it, Headquarters tends to become too aloof, and Lodges too indifferent to Headquarters, quite naturally. A Headquarters must be the servant of the Lodges, and the Lodges must co-operate with their Headquarters.

Switzerland opens its report with the words: "We are in very good condition, increasing slowly but steadily." No resignations, and an increase of 25 members. Evidently the clear Swiss air helps our members to see clearly the value of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. Congratulations to Madame Rollier, the General Secretary, and to all Swiss brethren. We at Headquarters are not, however, as surprised as might be expected, for in Mr. Schwarz we have had a constant example of a fine loyalty and devotion united to a sturdy independence. And if anyone was ardently Swiss it was he. I remember the horror he displayed when a guest inadvertently sat on a cushion on which was embroidered the Swiss national flag.

Belgium reports specially the visit of Mr. Jinarājadāsa to various cities, and the "profound impression" he made upon all, and the

fine work of Mademoiselle Serge Brisy, one of Belgium's most prominent workers in all good causes, is appreciated with much pride. Mademoiselle Brisy is one of our very outstanding Theosophists, decorated by the King of the Belgians for her social work, a speaker of great power, and a very valuable link between our work and Islam, in which faith she is deeply interested. I have already referred elsewhere to "Uranus", the Belgian Section's dignified journal. We paid a short visit to Brussels when we were last in Europe, and were received with the greatest kindness by a large number of brethren. We certainly hope to visit Brussels—I with my indifferent French, which Monsieur Polak, the General Secretary, is good enough to approve—and to make further acquaintance with the Theosophical advance-guard of a great people.

The Dutch East Indies notes the continued havoc in membership wrought by the industrial depression, very acute in Java and Sumatra. There is a considerable loss of membership, but interest in Theosophy is steadily on the increase, especially as a result of the establishment of a movement to spread Theosophy among the Javanese. About 900 regularly attend the gatherings of this movement. There are 45 schools under the direction of the Section, an excellent activity which should have enthusiastic support from every member. The visit of Mr. and Mrs. Hodson was, of course, a great success; and they are in urgent demand again.

Burma states that the year under report has been one of great activity in many directions, even though there has been a certain loss of membership on account of the financial depression. There are 111 Buddhist monk members of the Section, none, of course, paying dues. The passing of Lt.-Colonel Green, for very many years a most active President of the Rangoon Lodge, is noted with deep regret.

Austria. The political disturbances have of course affected the Theosophical situation, and public propaganda has become increasingly difficult. A new departure is in inviting interested people to join a study class before actually admitting them to membership, so that they may know something of the movement which they are thinking of joining. Austrian Lodges seem to specialize in subjects according to the interests of their members. For example, there is the "Art" Lodge, the "Lotus" Lodge catering specially for the public and having study lectures on Theosophy, the "Alcyone" Lodge dealing largely with the relation of Theosophy to Psychology, Philosophy, Religion, Politics, etc. The Lodge "Bruderschaft" is composed of mainly poor and unemployed members who study specially the karma of the poor and unfortunate, a most interesting work. They have dreamed for many years of establishing a Theosophical Community for farmers.

Norway reports an increasing interest in Theosophy, and the election of a new General Secretary in the person of Mr. Erling

Havrevold, whom I had the pleasure of meeting with his wife in Holland. Both are young and full of energy and enthusiasm.

Denmark, reporting a satisfactory year's work, stresses the importance of Lodge executives ascertaining by means of a vote the lines of Theosophical interest most acceptable to members, so that these may find a prominent place in Lodge syllabuses. Denmark's excellent journal *Theosophia* continues to be issued regularly, and special gratitude is expressed towards the "grand old man" of the Danish Section, Mr. Lexow, 88 years of age, who still does most of the translation work. I am sure we all send him our heartiest greetings and congratulations on his splendid service—an example to old and young alike.

Ireland reports a considerable increase of interest, largely on account of the Summer School. The General Secretary writes: "I think it is impossible to estimate the value and the importance of such a School; and to a country such as Ireland, divided unfortunately as it is against itself, and against England so far as the 26 counties in the South are concerned; the fact of 52 people from these two countries spending two weeks together in complete harmony, and thorough healthy enjoyment, is of supreme and far-reaching importance." Ireland needs all our understanding and all our help, and I am very thankful that the land of our late President's physical body is slowly but surely coming under the synthesizing influence of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society.

Mexico reports an increase in membership, and the Headquarters of the Section is a rendezvous for all kinds of movements working for brotherhood. And I am specially happy to read: "All the year round Theosophy has unceasingly been explained, in questions and answers," by the General Secretary, Dr. Ernesto Escalona and other brethren. I notice that the Lodge in Yucatan is working regularly. Congratulations to Mexico on the vigour of our work in the care of our Mexican members.

Canada reports a small increase in membership, to a certain extent the result, I am glad to note, of improving business. The Adyar Press is doing good work in the production of reprints of various Indian classics, and a number of other most useful publications, on which I heartily congratulate the Canadian Section. The Toronto Lodge found broadcasting to be a very valuable means of propaganda, as it has been with the Theosophical Broadcasting Station in Australia. The report adds: "We are strongly convinced that the promulgation of *The Secret Doctrine* and nothing else—nothing 'just as good,' or assumed to be equally valuable—is the only work that the Theosophical Society can profitably undertake in this era. Loyalty to this aim, which means devotion to principles rather than to personalities, can alone bring that vitality to our organization which will impart the unity and strength of somatic life."

Argentina reports an increase of interest in Theosophy and a

general period of peace, marred only by the prevailing depression.

Chile: Work for Theosophy is continuing steadily, and a Branch which had to close down some time ago has now re-opened, with the prospect of another somnolent Branch following in its footsteps. The membership is 4 less than last year, but a number of new members will more than wipe out the loss.

Brazil reports the holding in Rio de Janeiro of the 4th South America Theosophical Congress under the chairmanship of Mr. Jinarājādāsa, and evidently his stay of three months has been of very great benefit to the whole of the continent. 104 new members were admitted to the Society during the year under report, and there are no less than 496 members on the rolls. I wonder how soon we shall be hearing of the formation of a Pan-American Federation of Theosophical Societies.

Bulgaria sends a short report of an encouraging nature, and notes the successful continuance of the Sectional journal *Theosophical News*.

Iceland reports the effective work of Mr. Bolt and a harmonious Convention. 206 members for so small a country is worthy of *mention très honorable*.

Spain urges the "centralization in Spain" of all important translations so far as the Spanish language is concerned, and goes on to refer to the memorable year which has just passed in the Barcelona Congress for the European Federation, and the visit of Mr. Jinarājādāsa. The Congress was

successful not merely on account of the addresses, but no less because of the artistic festivals held in connection with the Congress, and the support of the authorities. Mr. Jinarājadāsa, lecturing in Spanish, evoked great enthusiasm. He lectured also at the Barcelona University, and visited Huelva, Seville, Granada, Madrid, Bilbao, Tarrasa and Sabadell. A most satisfactory increase in membership is also reported. 20,000 pamphlets have been distributed and 6,000 booklets. Our brother Lorenzana is another of our many live wires, and under his guidance the Spanish Section is sure to grow rapidly.

Portugal is struggling gallantly in the midst of its financial indebtedness, and is steadily reducing its liabilities. Mr. Jinarājadāsa's visit is described as "precious". An interesting item reads thus: "Two of our Lodges took a walk together in the country and had there a fraternal breakfast."

Wales is active under its dynamic General Secretary, Peter Freeman, and reports the construction of the Annie Besant Memorial Hall, a fine building recently opened by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff. The General Secretary writes: "The world stands in dire need of the knowledge and teachings of which we are the custodians. Let us rise to our privileges and responsibilities, and be eager to carry on the high traditions of the Society to still greater heights of achievement."

Poland reports that the Presidential election had a consolidating influence upon the Section! This is an argument for those who

desire that the election shall take place more frequently. Two new Lodges have been founded, and the recent Annual Convention was a very great success. A Summer School, too, was very much appreciated. Altogether, Poland is very much alive Theosophically, and I congratulate our Polish brethren on doing such fine work amidst so many difficulties, financial and otherwise.

Porto Rico reports renewed enthusiasm.

Roumania is hard at work on propaganda, and reports weekly public lectures and social gatherings in this connection. The visit of Miss Glen-Walker is gratefully noted.

Jugoslaviya: The General Secretary refers, of course, to the tragedy of the assassination of King Alexander, and touchingly sets forth his devotion to his country and his eagerness in every way to promote her well-being. There is a net gain of 28 members, in no small measure due to the work of Miss Glen-Walker; and it is interesting to note that among the 28 were 12 peasants. The Annual Convention was the most enthusiastic ever held in Jugoslaviya. The Peace meeting held at Wigmore Hall, London, under the auspices of the Theosophical Society in England, had useful repercussions in Jugoslaviya, and its spirit was much appreciated by the public. Jugoslaviya, and her devoted General Secretary, Mlle. Jelisava Vavra, is a strong pillar of the Temple of Theosophy, and I hope I may have the happiness of meeting again the fine brethren there who so nobly support the

Theosophical cause before the world.

Ceylon reports a number of visiting lecturers, including Mr. Krishnamurti, whose visit members of the Theosophical Society were largely responsible for financing. Admissions to membership are on the increase.

Greece notes a new impulse in Theosophical life, one of the results of which is that the Greek journal *Theosophikon Deltion* will

be published monthly instead of quarterly. Greece is doing well, and we congratulate her on her courage and enthusiasm.

Central America is no less faced with the economic depression and has suffered accordingly in membership, and the temporary suspension of *Virya*. Mr. Jinarājadāsa's visit, writes the General Secretary, "has left behind a perfect path of light to stimulate our own spiritual renovation".

NON-SECTIONALIZED LODGES

The Selangor Theosophical Lodge reports steady work, including fortnightly public lectures and weekly study classes.

The Singapore Lodge notices the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Warrington, and reminds travelling Theosophists that Singapore is an important and unique centre for the Society's activities, "as ours is a cosmopolitan population, where the intelligentsia of all nations mingle together in business and with much friendliness . . . we request our leaders to place Singapore on their maps when next they start their itineraries".

Manuk Lodge, Hongkong, is to be congratulated on an increase of 10 members, and on good work in many directions. The Library is evidently valuable, and the Press has been helpful.

The Shanghai Lodge reports on the value of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Hodson, and notes that a prevailing typhoon was by no means a match for Mr. Hodson's drawing powers when he gave a public lecture on "Clairvoyant Study of Life after Death".

The International Theosophical Centre at Geneva reports a wealth of admirable lectures, and much activity. The weak spot is, of course, the budget, and friends of international work are asked to give what help they can to a Centre which is able to exercise so valuable an influence by its proximity to the League of Nations headquarters. I consider this Centre of very great importance and that it should be strengthened in all possible ways.

The Miroku Lodge, Tokyo, Japan, reports the holding of regular meetings, and urges members and others interested in Theosophy to notify the Hon. Sec., 13 Mikawadaimachi, Tokyo, of the time of their arrival, so that Lodge members may have the pleasure of meeting them. I strongly support this request, for the Miroku Lodge is the only outpost we have in Japan, and our Society is waiting for a Japanese Section. In any case, I am sure the Secretary will be glad to hear from friends in various parts of the world who are interested in Theosophy in Japan; and any help

they can give will be much appreciated, especially in respect of magazines and literature, since the Lodge has already a small Library.

The Canadian Federation, a body distinct from the Canadian Section, reports that the Lodges "have more than held their own during the last twelve months, and in recent months many new members have been added to the rolls". Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kunz did "splendid work" during a recent visit, and "new life and energy" is stirring.

The All-India Federation of Young Theosophists, despite the passing of its General Secretary, sends a splendid report. Four new Lodges have been formed, and two more are in process of establishment. No Lodges have been dissolved, and as against 38 members resigned and dropped there are 84 new admissions. There are at present 405 members in the Federation. I am thankful to read that the Lodges "at Adyar and Bhavnagar are again showing signs of resplendent life, after a dormant state for two years". Bhavnagar should certainly not have been dormant, and still less the Youth Lodge at Headquarters. What has been the matter with the Lodge or with Headquarters? Social gatherings have quite rightly been the best attended functions, for it is even more important to be happy together than to study together. Social service has occupied a very prominent place in the work of most Lodges, and I am specially glad that the Round Table is being supported enthusiastically by many Lodges. The official organ *The*

Young Theosophist continues to prosper, and is even beginning "to stand on its own legs". I am sure that our younger members of this Federation are quite capable of making *The Young Theosophist* a really fine journal; and I ask for it the generous support of the older members.

I regret that the Indian Section found itself compelled to reduce its grant to the Federation. I am sure that there could be no more profitable investment of the Section's money than in helping to draw Young India nearer to Theosophy. And I hope most sincerely that for the coming year, despite the evident need for retrenchment in the Indian Section's budget, the grant to the Young Theosophists may be restored to its last year's level. The Federation has shown its power to do its work exceedingly well, and deserves substantial encouragement.

The Young Theosophists in America: Mr. Layton, the Chairman of these Young Theosophists, sends me a report both optimistic and full of good work done. From 8 members in 1932, there are now over 100 members, and a most excellent magazine, *The Young Theosophist*, on which no money is lost! Now they plan a Youth Headquarters at Wheaton, hoping to gain the permission of the Theosophic authorities there. I suppose it will be a \$1,000,000 affair, like all such affairs in America, where the language is to no small extent noughts with figures before them. Social gatherings, debates, camp-fires, games contests—all form part of the activities of these young people, and they had swimming

and other contests, including a baseball game in which the contestants were Youth vs. Experience. I wonder which won, presumably Experience since the result is not given in the report. The Young Theosophists make good profits at Convention times from the sale of refreshments, which go towards the hoped-for Youth Headquarters.

SUPPLEMENT

SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL DETAILS

I give below an abstract prepared for me by the Recording Secretary:

The number of National Societies, Federations of Lodges and Non-Sectionalised Lodges remained the same as during the last year, viz., 46, 3 and 8 respectively.

The number of Charters granted to Lodges since the foundation of the Society to the end of 1933 was 2,860. In 1934, 29 new Charters were issued as against 17 in 1933 raising the total to 2,889.

As regards membership, the figures given in the following statements are only provisional as

I have given other particulars in my Presidential Address, and it is abundantly clear that the Young Theosophists in America are already proving a most valuable asset to our work in that land. I have the pleasure to know many of them personally. I believe in them. And I wish them all happiness and dynamic energy.

reports have yet to be received from four National Societies, viz., Uruguay, Central South Africa, Peru and Philippine Islands, two Federations, viz., Egypt and Paraguay, and one Non-Sectionalised Lodge, viz., Barbados. In these cases, the figures of the previous reports have been entered tentatively and necessary corrections will have to be made later on when reports are received. Subject to such corrections, the total number of members this year is 29,745 which shows that the net loss this year is 1,071 as against 2,580 during the previous year.

STATEMENT I.

| No. | Natural Occurrence | No. of Locality | Inorganic Minerals | | | Organic | |
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| | | | Native Elements | Mineral Fossils | Trace Fossils | Plant Fossils | Animal Fossils |
| 1 | Alumina | 107 | 404 | 243 | 2 | 113 | 21 |
| 2 | Alumina | 111 | 213 | 17 | 15 | 104 | 20 |
| 3 | Alumina | 224 | 213 | 22 | 3 | 104 | 20 |
| 4 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 5 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 6 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 7 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 8 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 9 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 10 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 11 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 12 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 13 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 14 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 15 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 16 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
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| 18 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 19 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 20 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
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| 22 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 23 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 24 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 25 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 26 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 27 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 28 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 29 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 30 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 31 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 32 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 33 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 34 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 35 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 36 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 37 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 38 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 39 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 40 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 41 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 42 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 43 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 44 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 45 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 46 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 47 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 48 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 49 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 50 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 51 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 52 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 53 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 54 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 55 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 56 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 57 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 58 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 59 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 60 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 61 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 62 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 63 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 64 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 65 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 66 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 67 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 68 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 69 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 70 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 71 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 72 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 73 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 74 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 75 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 76 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 77 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 78 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 79 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 80 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 81 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 82 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 83 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 84 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 85 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 86 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 87 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 88 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 89 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 90 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 91 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 92 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 93 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 94 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 95 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 96 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 97 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 98 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 99 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |
| 100 | Alumina | 107 | 103 | 1 | 3 | 113 | 21 |

STATEMENT I

| No. | National Societies | No. of Lodges | Incoming Members | | | Total | Outgoing | |
|-----|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| | | | Admission | Re-admission | By Transfer | | Resignation | Death |
| 1 | U. S. of America ... | 161 | 468 | 243 | 2 | 713 | 91 | 51 |
| 2 | England ... | 131 | 213 | 37 | 17 | 267 | 154 | 38 |
| 3 | India ... | 262 | 212 | 55 | 7 | 274 | 58 | 69 |
| 4 | Australia ... | 28 | 105 | 7 | 3 | 115 | 64 | 25 |
| 5 | Sweden ... | 35 | 39 | 2 | — | 41 | 25 | 5 |
| 6 | New Zealand ... | 19 | 33 | 6 | Nil | 39 | 40 | 13 |
| 7 | Netherlands ... | 46 | 125 | 3 | 8 | 136 | 141 | 20 |
| 8 | France ... | 66 | — | — | — | 236 | 77 | 33 |
| 9 | Italy ... | 15 | 34 | 6 | — | 40 | 16 | 5 |
| 10 | Germany ... | 35 | 128 | — | — | 128 | 207 | 4 |
| 11 | Cuba ... | 23 | 74 | 2 | Nil | 76 | 3 | 5 |
| 12 | Hungary ... | 13 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 28 | 3 |
| 13 | Finland ... | 18 | — | — | — | 81 | — | — |
| 14 | Russia ... | 11 | 7 | — | 1 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| 15 | Czechoslovakia* ... | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 16 | South Africa ... | 8 | 68 | 1 | 2 | 71 | 7 | 1 |
| 17 | Scotland ... | 27 | 18 | 4 | — | 22 | 28 | 8 |
| 18 | Switzerland ... | 13 | 25 | — | — | 25 | Nil | 4 |
| 19 | Belgium ... | 12 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 20 | Netherlands-Indies ... | 25 | 110 | — | 15 | 125 | 38 | 10 |
| 21 | Burma ... | 10 | 10 | — | — | 10 | — | 3 |
| 22 | Austria ... | 9 | 20 | 7 | 3 | 30 | 7 | 5 |
| 23 | Norway ... | 10 | — | — | — | 33 | 2 | 4 |
| 24 | Egypt (See below) | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Denmark ... | 10 | 48 | 9 | — | 57 | — | 6 |
| 26 | Ireland ... | 8 | 2 | 6 | Nil | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| 27 | Mexico ... | 19 | 35 | 26 | — | 61 | — | 3 |
| 28 | Canada ... | 16 | 28 | 32 | 2 | 62 | — | 6 |
| 29 | Argentina ... | 17 | 46 | — | — | 46 | 4 | 1 |
| 30 | Chile ... | 8 | — | — | — | 27 | — | — |
| 31 | Brazil ... | 17 | 104 | 20 | — | 124 | 132 | 3 |
| 32 | Bulgaria ... | 7 | 4 | — | — | 4 | — | — |
| 33 | Iceland ... | 6 | 3 | — | — | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| 34 | Spain ... | 23 | 60 | 33 | 1 | 94 | 3 | 5 |
| 35 | Portugal ... | 8 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 17 | 19 | 2 |
| 36 | Wales ... | 19 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 22 | 12 | 5 |
| 37 | Poland ... | 8 | 10 | 3 | — | 13 | 12 | 2 |
| 38 | Uruguay* ... | 5 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 39 | Porto Rico ... | 7 | 5 | — | — | 5 | — | — |
| 40 | Roumania ... | 8 | 16 | — | — | 16 | 9 | 1 |
| 41 | Jugoslavia ... | 13 | 39 | 3 | — | 42 | 4 | — |
| 42 | Ceylon ... | 2 | 10 | Nil | Nil | 10 | 3 | — |
| 43 | Greece ... | 8 | 30 | — | — | 30 | 3 | — |
| 44 | Central America ... | 12 | 17 | 7 | — | 24 | — | 4 |
| 45 | Central S. Africa* ... | 8 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 46 | Paraguay (See below) | | | | | | | |
| 47 | Peru ... | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 48 | Philippine Islands* ... | 7 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Canadian Federation ... | 7 | 21 | — | — | 21 | — | — |
| | Egypt* ... | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Paraguay* ... | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Barbados Lodge* ... | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Nairobi Lodge ... | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Shanghai Lodge } ... | 2 | 16 | 1 | 2 | 19 | — | — |
| | Manuk Lodge } | | | | | | | |
| | Singapore Lodge ... | 1 | 3 | — | — | 3 | — | — |
| | H. P. B. Lodge ... | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| | Selangor Lodge ... | 1 | — | — | — | Nil | 3 | — |
| | Miroku ... | 1 | — | — | — | Nil | 1 | — |
| | Fellows-at-Large ... | — | 4 | — | 1 | 5 | — | — |
| | Total ... | 1,239 | 2,228 | 522 | 70 | 3,197 | 1,202 | 349 |

* No report, Last Year's figures.

STATEMENT I

| Removal from rolls | Transfer to other Sections | Total | Present total | Net gain or loss in 1933 | Net gain or loss in 1934 | Remarks |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 758 | 88 | 988 | 4,263 | -692 | -281 | Discrepancy 6 |
| 219 | 17 | 428 | 3,492 | -205 | -161 | |
| 237 | Nil | 364 | 3,988 | -212 | -90 | |
| 210 | — | 299 | 1,265 | -44 | -168 | .. 16 |
| 1 | — | 31 | 618 | -35 | +10 | |
| 54 | 2 | 109 | 860 | +7 | -70 | |
| 23 | 11 | 195 | 2,101 | -133 | -59 | |
| 241 | 2 | 353 | 2,733 | -128 | -117 | |
| 40 | 3 | 64 | 380 | -56 | -24 | |
| 14 | — | 225 | 403 | No report | -97 | |
| 59 | Nil | 67 | 426 | .. | +9 | |
| 1 | 13 | 45 | 284 | -35 | -31 | |
| — | — | — | 385 | -315 | +81 | |
| 2 | 1 | 8 | 169 | -6 | Nil | |
| — | — | — | 80 | No report | — | |
| — | 1 | 9 | 175 | .. | -34 | |
| — | 2 | 38 | 443 | -44 | -45 | .. 29 |
| not settled | 4 | 8 | 230 | +6 | +10 | .. 7 |
| — | — | — | 371 | No report | -7 | |
| 310 | 26 | 384 | 1,184 | -303 | -259 | |
| 46 | 1 | 50 | 240 | +8 | -40 | |
| 56 | 7 | 75 | 422 | -27 | -45 | |
| 2 | — | 8 | 221 | +4 | +25 | |
| 68 | — | 74 | 396 | -8 | -17 | |
| 2 | Nil | 5 | 92 | -7 | +3 | |
| 17 | — | 20 | 290 | +5 | +41 | |
| — | 3 | 9 | 340 | -25 | +8 | .. 45 |
| 49 | — | 54 | 297 | -105 | -8 | |
| — | — | 31 | 105 | -38 | -4 | |
| — | — | 135 | 496 | No report | -11 | |
| — | — | — | 124 | +5 | +4 | |
| 18 | — | 26 | 206 | +36 | -23 | |
| 4 | — | 12 | 521 | Nil | +82 | |
| Nil | Nil | 21 | 168 | +5 | -4 | |
| 21 | 4 | 42 | 308 | +3 | -20 | |
| 5 | — | 19 | 96 | -31 | -6 | |
| — | — | — | 74 | -18 | — | |
| 12 | — | 12 | 80 | Nil | -7 | |
| — | — | 10 | 177 | -7 | +6 | |
| 10 | — | 14 | 227 | +9 | +28 | |
| Nil | 1 | 4 | 110 | -23 | +6 | |
| 10 | — | 13 | 135 | +1 | +17 | |
| — | — | 4 | 129 | -72 | +20 | |
| — | — | — | 187 | +4 | — | |
| — | — | — | 25 | — | — | |
| — | — | — | 112 | — | — | |
| — | — | — | 139 | -46 | +8 | |
| — | — | — | 39 | — | — | |
| — | — | — | 11 | -61 | — | |
| — | — | — | 9 | — | — | |
| — | — | — | 10 | — | -3 | |
| — | 7 | 7 | 54 | — | +12 | |
| 4 | — | 4 | 11 | Nil | -1 | |
| 1 | — | 1 | 11 | — | -1 | |
| Nil | 1 | 4 | 8 | +1 | -4 | |
| — | — | 1 | 7 | — | -1 | |
| — | 7 | 7 | 18 | +2 | -2 | |
| 2,494 | 201 | 4,277 | 29,745 | -2,580 | -1,270 | |

STATEMENT II

Loss last year but gain this year

| | | 1932-33 | 1933-34 |
|---------------------|------|---------|---------|
| Sweden | .... | - 35 | + 10 |
| Finland | .... | -315 | + 81 |
| Ireland | .... | - 7 | + 3 |
| Canada | .... | - 25 | + 8 |
| Roumania | .... | - 7 | + 6 |
| Ceylon | .... | - 23 | + 6 |
| Central America | .... | - 72 | + 20 |
| Canadian Federation | .... | - 46 | + 8 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | -530 | +142 |

STATEMENT III

Gain greater this year than last year

| | | 1932-33 | 1933-34 |
|-------------|------|---------|---------|
| Switzerland | .... | + 6 | + 10 |
| Norway | .... | + 4 | + 25 |
| Mexico | .... | + 5 | + 41 |
| Jugoslavia | .... | + 9 | + 28 |
| Greece | .... | + 1 | + 17 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | + 25 | +121 |

STATEMENT IV

Gain last year but loss this year

| | | 1932-33 | 1933-34 |
|------------------|------|---------|---------|
| New Zealand | .... | + 7 | - 70 |
| Burma | .... | + 8 | - 40 |
| Iceland | .... | + 36 | - 23 |
| Portugal | .... | + 5 | - 4 |
| Wales | .... | + 3 | - 20 |
| Selangor Lodge | .... | + 1 | - 4 |
| Fellows-at-Large | .... | + 2 | - 2 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | + 62 | -163 |

STATEMENT V

Loss greater this year than last year

| | | 1932-33 | 1933-34 |
|-----------|------|---------|---------|
| Australia | .... | — 44 | — 168 |
| Scotland | .... | — 44 | — 45 |
| Austria | .... | — 27 | — 45 |
| Denmark | .... | — 8 | — 17 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | — 123 | — 275 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |

STATEMENT VI

Loss lesser this year than last year

| | | 1932-33 | 1933-34 |
|-------------------|------|---------|---------|
| America | .... | — 692 | — 281 |
| England | .... | — 205 | — 161 |
| India | .... | — 212 | — 90 |
| Netherlands | .... | — 133 | — 59 |
| France | .... | — 128 | — 117 |
| Italy | .... | — 56 | — 24 |
| Hungary | .... | — 35 | — 31 |
| Neth. East Indies | .... | — 303 | — 259 |
| Argentina | .... | — 105 | — 8 |
| Chile | .... | — 38 | — 4 |
| Poland | .... | — 31 | — 6 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | | — 1,938 | — 1,040 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |

Statement II shows that 7 Sections and one Federation that sustained a loss of 530 during 1932-33 have gained 142 during this year. Statement III shows that 5 Sections that had a net gain of 25 members last year have added 121 to their registers. Statement IV shows that 5 Sections and 1 Lodge that had a gain of 62 last year

lost 163 this year. From Statements V and VI it will be seen that in 4 Sections the loss has risen from 123 to 275 while some of our largest Sections that had lost nearly 1,938 members in 1932-33 have lost only 1,040 this year. It will thus be seen that the tendency towards loss in membership is distinctly on the wane.

STATEMENT V

Loss greater this year than last year

| 1933-34 | 1932-33 | | |
|---------|---------|------|-----------|
| —108 | —44 | .... | Australia |
| —45 | —44 | .... | Scotland |
| —45 | —27 | .... | Austria |
| —17 | —8 | .... | Denmark |
| —275 | —123 | | |

STATEMENT VI

Loss lesser this year than last year

| 1933-34 | 1932-33 | | |
|---------|---------|------|------------------|
| —281 | —802 | .... | America |
| —161 | —202 | .... | England |
| —90 | —212 | .... | India |
| —30 | —132 | .... | Netherlands |
| —117 | —128 | .... | France |
| —24 | —56 | .... | Ireland |
| —31 | —32 | | Hungary |
| —250 | —303 | | North East India |
| —8 | —102 | | Argentina |
| —4 | —38 | | Chile |
| —6 | —31 | | Poland |
| —1,040 | —1,038 | | |

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT

To the President of the U. S. Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

During the year ended June 30, 1914, the Department of the Treasury has been engaged in the execution of the various duties assigned to it by the President and the Congress. The Department has been successful in carrying out its duties and in maintaining the financial stability of the United States. The Department has also been successful in carrying out its duties in the various branches of the Department, including the Bureau of the Mint, the Bureau of the Customs, the Bureau of the Internal Revenue, and the Bureau of the Public Debt.

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| Item | 1913 | 1914 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Receipts from the Mint | 17,331 | 17,331 |
| Receipts from the Customs | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| Receipts from the Internal Revenue | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Receipts from the Public Debt | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Disbursements | 11,000 | 11,000 |
| Balance | 1,000 | 1,000 |

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT

To the President, the T.S.

Change of rule generally is accompanied by a change in administration and management, and this ordinarily affects the financial situation disadvantageously, because of new measures and regulations being inaugurated, which, however they may work out advantageously in the long run, in their initial stage generally mean an increase of expenditure. During the last year the Theosophical Society went through two of these changes, the first being the interregnum of the Vice-President, Mr. Warrington, after the passing of Dr. Besant very near to the commencement of the financial year, and the second beginning with the election on

June 20th, of Dr. Arundale as the Third President of the Theosophical Society. Yet, the finances have stood the changes well, on the whole. What in them is not favourable, is not attributable at any rate to these changes, but to those causes of general depression, material as well as spiritual, which have been at work in the world these latter years.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Our statement of accounts for the financial year ending 31st October, 1934, compares favourably with our budget, as shown by the following figures :

| | | <i>Budget</i> | <i>Actual Figures</i> |
|------------------------|---------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Surplus from 1932-1933 | Rs. | 17,513 | Rs. 17,513 |
| Income | " | 65,787 | " 87,542 |
| | Total | Rs. 83,300 | " 1,05,055 |
| Expenditure | " | 83,300 | " 81,396 |
| | Balance | Nil | " 23,659 |

While our Income has exceeded anticipations, which was chiefly due to some heavy legacies falling to our good fate, our expenditure has been below budget provision, and we have thus been in the fortunate position to transfer a credit balance of Rs. 23,659 (£1,774) to the next Year's Budget.

INCOME

Looking over the various items of Income we find that, excepting the *Legacies*, the *Rent and Interest Account* takes the foremost place with Rs. 25,511 (£1,913), which is Rs. 2,338 (£175) less than last year. This is partly due to there having

been a smaller number of visitors at Headquarters than in the preceding year, partly to the fact that the charges for *Light and Water* which formerly were in some cases included in the rent, have this year been charged separately.

Gardens: This department has perhaps undergone the greatest change of all in its management, which has been put into new hands, that have also been put into charge of the Dairy,

formerly managed separately. The total income, excluding the Dairy, has been Rs. 9,773-7-0 (£733) as against Rs. 9,822-3-3 (£737) last year. The total outlay was Rs. 17,317-1-5 (£1,319) as against Rs. 16,155-11-9 (£1,212).

The following details of Income may be of interest, especially to show how they have exceedingly diminished compared with last year's figures, as a consequence of reduced market-prices.

| | | | Last Year | | | | This Year | | |
|---------------------|------|-----|-----------|----|---|-----|-----------|----|----|
| Cocoanuts | .... | Rs. | 2,337 | 8 | 9 | Rs. | 1,482 | 0 | 11 |
| Bananas and Papayas | | " | 258 | 13 | 9 | " | 116 | 14 | 5 |
| Sapotas | .... | " | 4,305 | 12 | 9 | " | 2,517 | 13 | 10 |
| Pineapples | .... | " | 149 | 13 | 9 | " | 65 | 14 | 10 |
| Limes | .... | " | 77 | 0 | 9 | " | 121 | 10 | 1 |
| Firewood | .... | " | 957 | 15 | 0 | " | 1,094 | 0 | 11 |
| Oranges | .... | " | 398 | 13 | 9 | " | 139 | 13 | 0 |
| Plants | .... | " | 86 | 8 | 0 | " | 777 | 5 | 4 |
| Mangoes | .... | " | 473 | 8 | 0 | " | 372 | 15 | 0 |
| Sundries | .... | " | 776 | 4 | 9 | " | 1,096 | 9 | 5 |
| | | Rs. | 9,822 | 3 | 3 | Rs. | 7,785 | 1 | 9 |

That the total income nevertheless is nearly equal to last year's is because of part of the wages for watch and ward and for some gardeners are restituted to this department by other departments, which formerly was not done. The whole of the expenses for watch and ward being put to the Gardens account is also the reason why their total expenses exceed those of last year's.

Fees and Dues: Under this heading we have received Rs. 13,339 (£1,000), that is Rs 3,339 (£250) above the budget amount. This is due to more sections having been

able to pay their full dues this year, as will be apparent when the following list of Sections which are still in arrears, is compared with the list given in last year's report. There are still about 16 Sections (against 24 last year) whose dues for 1934, and of some of them even for former years also, have not yet been fully received. Of these some have written that their dues are being kept in reserve, because they are not allowed to send money out of their country at present.

Donations and Legacies: These have been as follows:

| | | | | |
|-----|--------|----|----|--------------------------------|
| Rs. | 16,851 | 10 | 0 | Mac Douall Bequest |
| " | 34 | 8 | 0 | Susan Daintry Legacy |
| " | 15,000 | 0 | 0 | Albert Schwarz Legacy |
| " | 1,687 | 2 | 0 | Charles Blech's Estate |
| " | 1,193 | 12 | 6 | Mrs. Binns' Legacy |
| " | 1,293 | 6 | 0 | Robert Kelsey Walton Estate. |
| " | 2,600 | 12 | 0 | Adyar Day Collection, U. S. A. |
| " | 1,431 | 2 | 2 | " " " other countries |
| " | 509 | 12 | 2 | Sundry Donations |
| Rs. | 40,602 | 0 | 10 | |

From the Adyar Day Collections Rs. 1,200 has been allotted to the Propaganda Fund. Rs. 1,000 to Adyar Headquarters, Rs. 1,100 to the Adyar Library and Rs. 500-12-0 to the Olcott Panchama Free School.

The help of our American friends has again been of the greatest value, especially to the Adyar Library and the Olcott Panchama Free School. It is however regrettable that the Donations for Adyar Day have diminished considerably during the last few years. A favourable exception is shown by France, which with its contribution of Rs. 543 to the Adyar Day this year stands at the head of the other countries. I would specially appeal to our Brethren all over the world to try to increase the amount of the Adyar Day as well as the other donations for the coming years. From the General Account we may see that they play an all important part in covering the deficit of the Headquarters' budget.

DISBURSEMENTS

The expenditure this year has amounted to Rs. 81,396 (£6,082),

which is well within the budget. This is due principally to the *Lighting and Water*, apparently as a consequence of some of the charges for light and water not being any longer included in the rent, as was the case formerly, but being now charged separately and because of some economy in the use of electric current.

Construction and Repairs: The repairs to Leadbeater Chambers have amounted to Rs. 17,239. This covers only two-thirds of the building. For the remaining third another Rs. 9,000 will probably be required during the coming year.

The ordinary repairs and improvements include the following principal items.

| | | |
|-----|-------|---------------------------------|
| Rs. | 1,535 | Guest House |
| " | 1,574 | T. P. H. Building (Upstairs) |
| " | 652 | Roads |
| " | 517 | Compound Walls |
| " | 460 | Wood Bungalow |

Gulistan: Our Cottage at Ootacamund has this year again undergone all sorts of small repairs and improvements, but the payment of a gratuity of Rs. 385 to the old retired gardener has been

the reason that the budget amount has been exceeded by Rs. 74-14-2.

Pensions and Gratuities: The budget figure for Rs. 2,000 has been exceeded by Rs. 1,752 because of dismissed watchmen, and gardeners, and new pensions allotted.

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 4% Bonds 1934/37 amounting to Rs. 9,400 were redeemed this year. On the other hand we have added to the investments Rs. 10,100 of 3½% Indian Government Paper 1947/1950.

The Electrical and Engineering Department this year has worked with a small loss of Rs. 260, which has been transferred from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

As regards the *Pensions and Gratuities* Fund, we have again added Rs. 800 to it, which makes the balance of the fund Rs. 7,868-3-0.

NEW DEPARTMENTS

Special mention must be made of the Vasanta Press, the Theosophical Publishing House, the Laundry and the Dairy, the management of which has been taken over by the Theosophical Society, beginning from the 1st. of November, 1934, and the accounts of which therefore do not yet appear in this year's, but will be incorporated in next year's report.

ADYAR LIBRARY

Our Library Account closes with a credit balance of Rs. 213-0-2, as shown by the following:

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|--------|
| Income | Rs. 11,282 6 5 | (£846) |
| Expenditure „ | 11,069 6 3 | (£830) |

Balance Rs. 213 0 2 (£ 16)

The Endowment Fund has received a donation of Rs. 5,000.

OUTLOOK FOR 1934-1935

As in the preceding year, so also in the coming year, it has not been possible to balance our budgets, neither for the Headquarters, nor for the Adyar Library, without again appealing for large donations, as follows:

| | | |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|
| T.S. Headquarters | Rs. 7,541 | (£566) |
| Adyar Library | „ 1,087 | (£ 82) |

Total Rs. 8,628 (£648)

May I therefore again express the hope that in the coming year, more even than in last year, for we cannot count every year on such large legacies as have been our good fortune this year,—may we then hope that our friends and well-wishers all over the world will do their best to send us the necessary support to help to make our Headquarters a useful centre, worthy of the function of the Theosophical Society in the world.

In the opening paragraph of this report I have spoken of causes of depression, material and spiritual, which have been at work

in the world these latter years. I am confident that under the enthusiastic rule of our present Third President we will overcome and transmute them into forces of progress that will also benefit the finances of the Theosophical Society.

Adyar, Madras
31st October, 1934

A. J. HAMERSTER,
Hon. Treasurer, T. S.

T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | Rs. | A. P. |
|---|-----|-----|----------------|----------|-------|
| To Contribution to Adyar Library | ... | ... | ... | 5,000 | 0 0 |
| " " " Dispensary | ... | ... | ... | 500 | 0 0 |
| " " " Pensions and Gratuities Fund | ... | ... | ... | 800 | 0 0 |
| " Office Salaries | ... | ... | ... | 4,007 | 0 0 |
| " Pensions and Gratuities | ... | ... | ... | 2,952 | 10 0 |
| " Servants' Wages | ... | ... | ... | 5,288 | 7 0 |
| " Printing and Stationery | ... | ... | ... | 750 | 11 6 |
| " " 500 Copies of the Annual Report | .. | ... | ... | 1,106 | 13 0 |
| " Gardens | ... | ... | ... | 17,517 | 1 5 |
| " Construction and Repairs : | | | | | |
| Ordinary | ... | ... | Rs. 9,654 15 6 | | |
| Leadbeater Chambers | ... | ... | " 17,239 0 0 | | |
| | | | | 26,893 | 15 6 |
| " Telegrams and Postages | ... | ... | ... | 1,097 | 1 10 |
| " Lighting and Watering Expenses | ... | ... | ... | 6,308 | 15 9 |
| " Taxes | ... | ... | ... | 460 | 10 5 |
| " Furniture Account | ... | ... | ... | 540 | 12 0 |
| " Establishment Charges | ... | ... | ... | 1,947 | 9 9 |
| " Publishing | ... | ... | ... | 1,396 | 5 6 |
| " Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund | ... | ... | ... | 1,074 | 14 2 |
| " Museum and Archives | ... | ... | ... | 64 | 0 0 |
| " Golden Book of the T. S. (Depreciation) | ... | ... | ... | 292 | 8 0 |
| " Miscellaneous Account | ... | ... | ... | 3,397 | 1 1 |
| | | | | 81,396 | 8 11 |
| " Balance to New Account : | | | | | |
| Surplus carried forward to 1934-35 | ... | ... | ... | 23,658 | 11 11 |
| | | | | 1,05,055 | 4 10 |

ADYAR

31st October, 1934

A. J. HAMERSTER,

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1934

| INCOME | | | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|-----|-----|-----|----------|----|----|
| By Rent and Interest ... | ... | ... | ... | 25,511 | 12 | 8 |
| " Legacies ... | ... | ... | ... | 36,060 | 6 | 6 |
| " Donations ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,740 | 14 | 4 |
| " Gardens ... | ... | ... | ... | 10,138 | 3 | 9 |
| " Profit on Conversion of Indian Government Paper ... | ... | ... | ... | 751 | 8 | 0 |
| " Fees and Dues : | | | | Rs. | A. | P. |
| U. S. America ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,275 | 6 | 4 |
| Canada ... | ... | ... | ... | 233 | 12 | 0 |
| England ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,316 | 15 | 11 |
| Scotland ... | ... | ... | ... | 267 | 8 | 11 |
| Wales ... | ... | ... | ... | 132 | 8 | 4 |
| Burma ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| Ireland ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 | 12 | 0 |
| India ... | ... | ... | ... | 917 | 9 | 0 |
| Ceylon ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 0 | 0 |
| Australia ... | ... | ... | ... | 391 | 7 | 9 |
| New Zealand ... | ... | ... | ... | 304 | 0 | 0 |
| South Africa ... | ... | ... | ... | 82 | 10 | 0 |
| Central South Africa ... | ... | ... | ... | 162 | 15 | 0 |
| Netherlands-India ... | ... | ... | ... | 630 | 0 | 0 |
| Holland ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,785 | 11 | 6 |
| France ... | ... | ... | ... | 806 | 4 | 0 |
| Germany ... | ... | ... | ... | 57 | 0 | 0 |
| Italy ... | ... | ... | ... | 99 | 8 | 9 |
| Norway ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 | 8 | 4 |
| Denmark ... | ... | ... | ... | 82 | 15 | 6 |
| Iceland ... | ... | ... | ... | 104 | 8 | 0 |
| Finland ... | ... | ... | ... | 66 | 1 | 0 |
| Austria ... | ... | ... | ... | 71 | 11 | 10 |
| Czechoslovakia ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 6 | 0 |
| Switzerland ... | ... | ... | ... | 187 | 12 | 3 |
| Yugoslavia ... | ... | ... | ... | 44 | 2 | 0 |
| Hungary ... | ... | ... | ... | 264 | 13 | 4 |
| Spain ... | ... | ... | ... | 155 | 10 | 0 |
| Portugal ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 6 | 0 |
| Russia (outside Russia) ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 | 14 | 0 |
| Roumania ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | 13 | 5 |
| Greece ... | ... | ... | ... | 20 | 7 | 0 |
| Egypt ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 | 11 | 3 |
| Cuba ... | ... | ... | ... | 29 | 15 | 10 |
| Paraguay ... | ... | ... | ... | 51 | 4 | 0 |
| Brazil ... | ... | ... | ... | 148 | 15 | 4 |
| Central America ... | ... | ... | ... | 160 | 7 | 3 |
| Argentina ... | ... | ... | ... | 251 | 5 | 0 |
| Porto Rico ... | ... | ... | ... | 28 | 11 | 0 |
| Chile ... | ... | ... | ... | 132 | 6 | 9 |
| Canadian Federation ... | ... | ... | ... | 111 | 15 | 2 |
| Unattached to National Societies ... | ... | ... | ... | 720 | 4 | 5 |
| " Balance (Surplus) from 1932-33 ... | | | | 13,339 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | | 17,513 | 5 | 10 |
| | | | | 1,05,055 | 4 | 10 |

Audited and found correct.

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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 | ... | ... | 1,08,471 | 6 | 1 | | | |
| Surplus to New Account | ... | ... | 213 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| | | | | | | 1,83,684 | 6 | 3 |
| „ Adyar Library Building Fund | | | 58,096 | 13 | 9 | | | |
| <i>Less : Cost of Steel Racks for Main Room and other sundry repairs for Vani Vihar and Library Assistant's Quarters</i> | ... | ... | 3,448 | 8 | 6 | 54,648 | 5 | 3 |
| „ Subba Row Medal Fund | ... | ... | | | | 1,918 | 3 | 2 |
| „ Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund | | | 13,916 | 4 | 7 | | | |
| <i>Less : Altering the Blavatsky Bungalow Hall into a Theatre</i> | ... | ... | 1,922 | 9 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | 11,993 | 11 | 7 |
| „ World University Fund | ... | ... | | | | 1,423 | 5 | 2 |
| „ Electrical Department Reserve Account | | | 10,867 | 8 | 0 | | | |
| <i>Less : Loss on Electrical and Engineering Department</i> | ... | ... | 260 | 4 | 7 | | | |
| „ Pensions and Gratuities Fund | ... | ... | | | | 10,607 | 3 | 5 |
| | | | | | | 7,868 | 3 | 0 |
| „ Gardens Reserve Fund | ... | ... | | | | 5,449 | 2 | 5 |
| „ Presidents' Fund | ... | ... | | | | 910 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Propaganda Fund | ... | ... | | | | 242 | 13 | 3 |
| „ Adyar Short Wave Broad-Casting Fund | ... | ... | | | | 5,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Adyar Night Schools Fund | ... | ... | | | | 2,436 | 2 | 10 |
| „ Besant and Leadbeater Memorial Fund | ... | ... | | | | 630 | 0 | 8 |
| „ Besant 99 Years Fund | ... | ... | | | | 517 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Sundry Creditors | ... | ... | | | | 10,130 | 7 | 6 |
| „ Income and Disbursement Account | ... | ... | | | | 23,658 | 11 | 11 |
| | | | | | | 9,49,107 | 5 | 1 |

ADYAR

A. J. HAMERSTER,

31st October, 1934

Hon. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31ST OCTOBER, 1934

| PROPERTY AND ASSETS | | | | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|--|-----|-----------------|-----|----------------|----------|----|----|
| By Adyar Library Books and MSS. ... | | | | | 75,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Government Pronotes : | | | | | | | |
| Rs. 83,400 | 4% | Bonds 1960/70 | ... | ... | 80,160 | 9 | 3 |
| „ 45,900 | 5½% | „ 1938/40 @ par | ... | ... | 45,900 | 0 | 0 |
| „ 20,000 | 6½% | „ 1935 @ par | ... | ... | 20,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ 10,000 | 3½% | „ 1947/50 @ 98½ | ... | ... | 9,948 | 8 | 0 |
| „ 1,000 | „ | „ 1865 @ 51 | ... | ... | 510 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Consols : | | | | | | | |
| £ 12,000, 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 ... | | | | | 4,10,748 | 7 | 6 |
| „ Ananda College, Colombo ... | | | | | 34,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ "Gulistan" (Olcott Cottage), Ootacamund ... | | | | | 15,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Movable Property, Adyar ... | | | | | 15,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Electric Installation, Adyar ... | | | | | 30,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Electrical and Engineering Department Account : | | | | | | | |
| Outstanding Bills | ... | ... | Rs. | 4,226-3-0 | | | |
| Advance Account | ... | ... | „ | 780-0-2 | | | |
| Stock Account | ... | ... | „ | 13,000-0-0 | 18,006 | 3 | 2 |
| „ Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society ... | | | | | 432 | 15 | 11 |
| „ Midland Bank, London | | | | £ 179-14-2 @ ½ | 2,396 | 1 | 9 |
| „ Chartered Bank, Madras, Fixed Deposit ... | | | | | 20,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ " " " Current Account ... | | | | | 4,299 | 15 | 7 |
| „ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Account ... | | | | | 11,755 | 9 | 0 |
| „ Cash in hand ... | | | | | 7, 63 | 10 | 5 |
| „ Sundry Debtors ... | | | | | 20,891 | 5 | 5 |
| | | | | | 9,89,107 | 5 | 1 |

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T. S. IN AMERICA

To the President, the T. S.

My last report for the American Section was written in a spirit of confidence as to future progress of the work, based somewhat upon the enthusiasm of the Convention of 1933 and other more intangible but equally certain evidences of understanding and eager response everywhere throughout the Section.

This year it is possible to sound a more triumphant note, for one great purpose in the plan of our work shows signs of genuine progress. It is the development among the membership of a higher standard of accomplishment, a recognition of the need for doing good work, through which character and quality can be built into the activities of the Theosophical Society. We are developing in our Lodges a realization of the need for cultural qualities and their initial introduction through beauty and order in furnishings and environment, through work well done in whatever field the Lodge has capacity to enter, through well conducted meetings and well organized classes. Through the achievement of these conditions we expect to receive and to *retain* in membership the intelligent searcher for truth for whom the æsthetic values of life also have attraction.

Theosophists, through their knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom can be shining examples of poise and happiness, and a Theosophical Lodge should present to its members and to its public an outstanding example of beauty and a peaceful and cultural atmosphere, which makes it different from every other place where people congregate, and from which they acquire a deep sense that Theosophy and Theosophists are creative of something not to be found elsewhere.

It is to such an end that our present work is directed, in the belief that upon such a foundation we shall again be

prepared to undertake more aggressive work of gaining new members and holding them permanently when they have joined us. Public work therefore is not being urged upon our Lodges which are unprepared to present Theosophy in a dignified manner and to offer a worthy Theosophical welcome to new members. This type of work, necessarily slow in its achievement, is building a permanent foundation upon which stable membership growth may be expected in the not too distant future. Much more has to be done, but there is justification for encouragement in the response, evidence of rightness in the method.

The adoption of this program results in some measure from the analysis given in the supplementary report of a year ago and is carried on under the ægis of the Greater America Plan. In my annual report to the Section I stated: "It is even more important so to conduct our activities that we shall avoid loss of members, than that we shall work exclusively to obtain new ones. From a membership standpoint, to save 500 members from dropping out is to accomplish more than to add 500 new ones, of whom our experience indicates a large proportion would soon be lost." Hence our program of activities is designed "to keep the members that we have by the development of the work within the Society, in the Lodges themselves, that interest may be maintained and that each member may feel growth taking place in his own life. It is certain that if we can carry on interest-sustaining work and develop a well trained leadership in our Lodges so as to produce this result among our present members, it will inevitably be reflected in a natural gravitation of new members toward such Theosophically expressive groups."

The work of the Greater America Plan is under the immediate direction

of Dr. Pieter K. Roest, and Miss Anita Henkel is his assistant. Travelling throughout the Section, with periodical intervals at Headquarters, these fine servers are gradually instilling these ideals into the Lodges.

A particularly effective loose-leaf handbook for Lodge guidance has been produced and presented to the Lodges. A continual service of new data serves to maintain contact between the Lodges and Headquarters, and provides a medium by which new ideas and improved procedures may be distributed and put into operation. The Lodges are finding this of great value and a copy has been filed at Adyar and at the Headquarters of many of the Sections.

In the meantime, public work is being effectively carried on by the larger Centres, and our National Lecturers Mr. L. W. Rogers and Mr. Fritz Kunz are principally responsible for its success. Dr. Roest has now also been appointed as a National Lecturer.

America has been passing through a period of great economic uncertainty. The adjustment period of the depression still remains. Reforms of the social system are not readily welcomed, and full courage and conviction that changes can be progressive without being destructive of essential values are not yet established in the country or in the Section. But there is unmistakable evidence of progress.

In the Society the following facts speak for themselves: The number of reinstatements to membership last year has been exceeded only three times in the past twenty-one years. Members are coming back. The number removed from the rolls is the smallest since 1917. The resignations are the lowest for several years; 468 new members joined during the year. Income from dues dropped below that of the previous year by only \$300, after recession for the past eight years in much more substantial figures.

"A critical analysis, combined with a knowledge of the conditions prevailing in the Lodges, seems to make it certain that we have carried through the worst that we shall have to experience" and that advancement is ahead.

The loss in membership in the year was only 281, of which 88 represented transfers to the formation of a new Section, leaving less than 200 as the actual reduction in membership—the smallest reduction since the drop in membership commenced in 1928. The membership at the close of the year was 4,263.

The Theosophical Press published during the year a second edition of *Mount Everest* by Dr. Arundale; brought out *Studies in The Secret Doctrine* by Mrs. Josephine Ransom, and a number of booklets, including a reprinting of *Art and the Emotions* by Mr. Jinarajadasa and a new pamphlet by Dr. Arundale, *The Spirit of Youth*.

The financial position of the Section continues sound. Funds provided for the Greater America Plan made it possible for nearly every Lodge of the Section to be visited by a direct representative of Headquarters during the year.

The Section took very great interest in the election of a new President and returned the largest vote in its history, over 75% of the members recording their votes, and giving a majority of 2,528 for the election of Dr. Arundale.

The Section was honoured by the presence of the new President and Mrs. Arundale, whose first official visit was attendance at its Convention in August. That Convention had a still larger attendance than in the previous year, and exhibited still greater enthusiasm. Conventions held on the Headquarters estate at Olcott are becoming increasingly popular and increasingly useful.

The program was devoted largely to a discovery of the basic trends in American life in the fields of art,

education, politics, religion, science and economics, to reveal the place of the Theosophical Society in co-operative contribution to soundly directed idealism.

But despite all the evidences of encouragement represented by the degree of activity, the membership statistics, the Convention enthusiasm, we give first recognition to the fine spirit prevailing throughout the Section. It is this that tells of the possibility of future achievement. The Section's inspiration is in a vision of a Society composed of members who carry an influence wherever they go—recognized

as staunch idealists, respected for their support of what is right and true, for their stalwart maintenance of worthy endeavour on behalf of brotherhood everywhere—that through such membership America may grow more rapidly to wield the influence of an ideal nation among the nations of the world.

On behalf of the American Section I present to you, our President, our pledge of loyal support and allegiance as you lead our Society onward.

SIDNEY A. COOK,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ENGLAND

To the President, the T. S.

It is very satisfactory to be able to report that in England the renewed interest in Theosophy, as reported last year, shows every sign of increasing. This Section continues on its way harmoniously and progressively. Both old and new methods of propaganda are being tried, and we find that literature and lecturing are the most popular.

Membership Report from 1-10-33 to 30-9-34. At the 30th September, 1934, the total number of members was 3,492, of whom 566 were unattached. The number of Lodges was 131, and there were 38 Centres. 267 new members were admitted in the past year; 219 lapsed; 154 resigned; 17 transferred; and 38 died. Loss over gain, 161. It will be seen from a reference to the previous two or three years' figures that losses are less with each year and the gain greater, so that before long we hope to report clear gain.

Convention.—Our Convention was well-attended and very happy, everything being carried out with care and enthusiasm. There were several special

features in our programme. The first was a discussion on the Motion:

"That this Convention of the Theosophical Society in England reaffirms that the only true basis of justice and peace among the peoples of the world is a Brotherhood without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour".

Dr. Haden Guest opened the discussion with a very fine speech pointing out that the time had come in the history of the world when the concept of Brotherhood must become the operative factor in the social and political life of mankind. Others supported the Motion, and it was carried with acclamation. The Executive Committee and National Council were recommended to arrange a meeting later on in co-operation with sympathetic organisations to deal with this vital question of practical Brotherhood. This was duly done, and on October 1st at the Wigmore Hall, where an audience of about 600 assembled, addresses were given by representatives from each of the following organisations: The Society of Friends, The New Thought Alliance, The New Britain Movement,

The League of Nations Union, The National Peace Council, and The Theosophical Society—in the person of Dr. G. S. Arundale, with Brig.-Gen. F. P. Crozier in the Chair. The following Motion was put by Sir Albion Banerji:

“This Meeting affirms that the only true basis of justice and peace among the peoples of the world is a recognition and practical application of brotherhood without racial, religious, class, or other distinctions” and was carried with acclamation. It has been forwarded to the various governmental heads of the nations throughout the world.

The second important feature of the Convention was the fine quality of the speeches given by Mrs. Gardner in The Blavatsky Lecture on *Indications of a New Culture* and by those who took part in the discussion on “A Philosophic Survey of Man”. The third important feature was the very delightful symposium called “A Theosophical Day—2000 A. D.” given by some of the young people, who presented a vivid and most interesting imaginary glimpse of the Society in the future.

A Motion, all standing, was passed to put on record our “deep and lasting appreciation of the great and world-wide services rendered to the cause of Theosophy by our great President, Dr. Annie Besant, and her colleague, Bishop C. W. Leadbeater.”

Headquarters.—We have secured very fine new freehold premises at 12, Gloucester Place, W. 1. They are centrally situated and commodious. Members have expressed their cordial appreciation of the added comfort and convenience which they give. We are about to build the Annie Besant Memorial Hall on part of the same ground and desire to have it as simple

and as beautiful as possible. It is intended to accommodate 450 people, and we expect it will be ready by next Convention in June, when we hope the President will be here to open it. The cost will be about £6,000. Photographs of the Headquarters have been forwarded to Adyar. They were presented to Dr. Arundale when he dedicated our permanent home to the services of those Great Ones who are ahead of us, to the service of those who are travelling with us on our way, and to the service of those who follow after us in every kingdom of nature. Visitors to Headquarters have from October 1st, 1933, to September 30th, 1934, numbered 1,600, and this figure does not include the many who visited the Library, etc.

Dr. Arundale's Visit.—Dr. and Mrs. Arundale arrived in England on October 1st and the same day Dr. Arundale dedicated our new Headquarters, gave the memorial address on Dr. Besant, and in the evening took part in the Peace and Brotherhood Meeting at the Wigmore Hall, as noted elsewhere. On October 3rd he gave a splendid address to a large and representative gathering of members, in which he outlined his policy. On October 6th he presided over the Executive Committee and National Council and later on met all executive officers of the English Section. On the 7th he gave a public lecture to a large audience on *Life: Challenged and Interpreted by Theosophy*. On October 10th a Question and Answer Meeting was held for members only, and on the 13th Mrs. Arundale conducted a meeting for young people. The President met the General Secretaries of the British Isles on the 14th and in the evening gave his second public lecture to an equally large audience on *Theosophy the Key to True Social Organisation*. He travelled next day to Nottingham where he met members in the afternoon and addressed a large public meeting in the evening.

At Leeds next day the same programme was repeated with equally great success. At all these meetings the President outlined his views with that keenness, enthusiasm and tolerance for the ideas of others which are his special characteristics.

Mr. Jinarajadasa's Visit.—Mr. Jinarajadasa was with us from October 18th to 29th. During that time he kindly gave two most attractive lectures at the Wigmore Hall (which we have taken for the season on Sunday evenings) to large audiences, who delight in the beautiful way his themes are presented. The first was entitled *Life! More Life!* and the Second *Theosophy and Art*. He also addressed the Research Centre on *Science and the Logos*.

Library.—The most notable event of the year has been the removal of the Library into our new premises. With the three beautiful rooms now at our disposal we have really adequate space, and it has been possible to arrange the books in such a manner that they are attractively displayed and readily accessible. The room containing the Reference Library is reserved for silent study, and is appreciated by an increasing number of people. Possibly out of these there may presently arise a few really serious students of the more abstruse volumes contained in this section of the Library. As regards the Lending Department, the steady growth of borrowers by post mentioned in last year's report has been well maintained. To the statistician it may be of interest to note that whereas only about 25% of our books are "Theosophical" (in a somewhat strict interpretation of the term), the extent to which these are used is nearly 40% of the total issues on loan. The "old" literature still maintains its attraction; the astrological section also continues to be popular. Special attention has been given to the improvement of our Art section, to which several good books have been

added. The magazine table has also been transferred to the Library, to which it rightly belongs. Upon it are to be found *The Theosophist* and the T. S. sectional magazines, together with a number of other periodicals of general Theosophical interest.

A series of four "Library Talks" about books of modern interest and importance has been arranged for the autumn and winter. The two first will deal with "Psychology" and "Modernist Views of Christianity". By the careful issue of invitations to these it is hoped that a new circle of potential readers will be introduced to the Library. The wisdom of including modern books on a wide variety of subjects has been amply demonstrated, and a continuance of this policy promises to enable us to provide for a considerable variety of interest, and to enlarge our field of Theosophical propaganda through literature.

Finance.—We are again able to report that the payment of members' subscriptions is very satisfactory, the figures showing a slight increase over those for the preceding year. Members have also generously contributed to the income of the Section in the form of donations, both for general purposes and for the Annie Besant Memorial Hall, the amount received to date for the latter being £1,054. As the Hall will cost £6,000, further donations will be required. Otherwise the Section will have to draw upon its Capital Fund to provide the balance. It should be stated that this Capital Fund, which also provided the money for the purchase of our new Headquarters, was built up from a donation received several years ago from a generous member. Members' subscriptions and donations have been used to finance Theosophical activities throughout the Section.

Publicity.—In the earlier part of the year we had had the benefit of an increased activity in the Lodges

throughout the Section, due in no small measure to more Headquarters' Lecturers. Captain Ransom, Mr. Hawliczek, Mr. Hayes and Mr. Jackman visited the various Federations and all reported obvious signs of greater interest and larger audiences. It has been found necessary to reduce the number of lecturers for the autumn, but Captain Ransom and Mr. Hayes are continuing the good work. We are also having the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, commencing in October, until May next.

The work at our new Headquarters has opened out very satisfactorily and the experiment of regular Sunday evening lectures at the Wigmore Hall, inaugurated by Dr. Arundale and Mr. Jinarajadasa, show promise of being a great success and should prove to be a very valuable part of our work in London. The regular members' and students' meetings at Headquarters have been appreciated by both old and new members and should tend to consolidate our work in London and the Section as a whole. During the year we have published three pamphlets, in addition to the *Year Book* which acts as a Directory of all the Lodges and Centres in the Section. Of the three pamphlets about 10,000 copies have

been sold, which indicates that there is a market for our message if we can present it in terms suitable to the present needs.

We again acknowledge the very large amount of steady and devoted work done by Lodge and Federation officials and voluntary lecturers throughout the Section, recognising as we do that it is only because of their devotion and self-sacrifice, persistently maintained, that the work can go on.

New pamphlets published in 1934: *Year Book*; *Theosophy Briefly Outlined*, by E. V. Hayes; *The Work of the Christ in the World To-day*, by C. Jinarajadasa, M. A.; *Theosophy*, the B. B. C. Broadcast pamphlet. Magazine—*News and Notes*.

Conclusion.—Everything points to a distinct renewal of interest in Theosophy, and this is manifest in the reference to it in newspapers, often in the form of criticism or attack. It but remains to pursue our way steadfastly, seeking the Truth and manifesting to the best of our ability with singleness of purpose and confidence that the Society can and does assist humanity in its progress.

JOSEPHINE RANSOM,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN INDIA

To the President, the T. S.

The chief events of the year are the passing away of Bishop C. W. Leadbeater and the election of a new President of the Society. In losing Bishop Leadbeater we have lost one who have direct expert knowledge of the higher planes. His place is not possible to fill at present. We welcome our new President, Dr. Arundale, and assure him of the Section's allegiance, loyalty, and co-operation. The Society is now apparently entering on a new

phase of its life and the resulting disturbance has manifested itself in the unsettled condition of its members' minds.

In the election of a new President the Indian Section has expressed its mind very clearly. It did not want to break away from the old traditions and directions. Though both sides claimed to follow the old traditions and directions, probably the Indian Theosophical mind felt more secure in the candidate it elected. Yet there

seems to be an unexpressed faint desire for some kind of change. What that change should be it is difficult to say. Suspicion and scepticism seem to have crept into some minds. But if the members can be helped to do independent thinking for themselves and live a higher life, and not always to depend upon external authority, that will be one distinct gain. All possibilities of mistakes should be minimised as much as possible.

General Outlook.—We are now settling down and there are distinct signs that we are on the upward curve again as will be seen from the figures quoted elsewhere. The reports received also support this view. The Joint General Secretary for the Eastern Division sees distinct signs of improvement in Bengal and Behar. Mr. Mehta for the West speaks of the revival in his Division. Mr. Ranganatham says, "All but one of the reports of our Federation Secretaries strike an optimistic note as regards the present condition of our movement in their respective areas and confidently anticipate a steady expansion of the Society and increased useful work".

Still it must be observed that the outside world will judge us only by our life of spirituality, self-sacrifice, and service. It seems in the early days of the Society members paid more attention to these things and therefore created a better impression on the outside world than they do now. Study of the Theosophical teachings also seems to be neglected and unless a member has studied Theosophy well he is apt to lose his interest after a while and then fall away. It also seems very desirable that there should always be some few members in the Society who have developed faculties to prove to themselves and others the correctness of Theosophical teachings so far as they can verify them.

The report of the Eastern Division mentions the difficulty of maintaining the advance made in the past in Orissa. This province has been given all help possible for many years past without any permanent gain. It has only three big towns where there were or are Lodges, and these are not subject to the peculiar conditions of the province. The Lodges in the villages were never strong and never grasped Theosophy properly. It also suggests the supply of the Bengali magazine in lieu of *Theosophy in India* to those who understand Bengali. This means that every Bengali reading member should have "*Brahma Vidya*" in lieu of the Sectional magazine. The scopes of the two magazines are different, and the usefulness of the suggestion is doubtful. He also speaks of "a feeling of isolation from the Section overtaking the *Muffassil* Lodges". The needs according to him are (i) close touch of the Lodges with the Section for inspiration and guidance to cope with the influences of environment and for the revival of interest in spiritual values and (ii) well organised propaganda through lectures and pamphlets. He concludes with the remarks that "the *will to live* and the *will to think* must be subordinated to the *will to be...* Action in harmony with what is coming" is needed. These remarks might well have been made more definite and detailed.

The Joint General Secretary for the Western Division speaks of the study classes system in the Gujarat and Kathiawar Federation and of its three wholtime workers whose activities make it one of the foremost and strongest Federations of the Indian Section. They work with a very praiseworthy devotion and harmony. He suggests the need of the practice of brotherhood. One is very pleased to note the names of several lady workers in the South India Division who are specially mentioned with other

names for excellent work. I agree fully with the Joint General Secretary's remarks that, nothing should be done to impair the sense of unity we now have as members of a single organisation for India. I agree that the Divisions and Federations should have plenty of freedom for initiative and action, but this may be easily arranged without not only weakening the centre but by strengthening it still further".

Membership.—The number of active members in the Section is 3,988 against 4,078 last year, new admissions rose from 209 to 212, and those resigned, dropped, or passed away, fell from 497 to 364, the total incoming members being 274 against 364 outgoing. Revivals have remained stationary at 55. These figures would indicate that we have turned round the corner and next year we should be able to show a net increase in our members. Even apart from these figures I have reason to believe that things are now settling down.

The Youth Federation has suffered by the very untimely death of its very active and useful General Secretary Mr. Minocher Zal Homji, new admissions therefore fell from 129 to 89 and revivals from 55 to 6. The number resigned, dropped, or passed away, rose from 2 to 27. The net strength has, however, risen from 336 to 404.

I will compare the resignations and dropping by inactivity for the past 6 years as below :—

| | RESIGNATIONS | INACTIVITY |
|------|--------------|------------|
| 1928 | 52 | 296 |
| 1929 | 75 | 277 |
| 1930 | 58 | 621 |
| 1931 | 116 | 768 |
| 1932 | 59 | 544 |
| 1933 | 32 | 424 |
| 1934 | 58 | 237 |

Those dropped out as inactive are the smallest in these seven years in this year.

Lodges and Centres.—The number of active Lodges at the end of the year was 262 against 261 in the

preceding year and 276 of the year before; new Lodges formed rose from 2 to 4 and revivals from 8 to 10. Lodges dissolved decreased from 25 to 13. One Lodge was amalgamated with another. The Centres rose from 19 to 23. Tamil Federation has the largest number of Lodges, 51. Andhra (Circars) comes next with 29. Bombay, and Sindh and Baluchistan, come last with 7 Lodges only.

Propaganda is mainly carried on by the tours of the Joint General and Federation Secretaries, Lodge organisers and such other lecturers as are found. The General Secretary has not been able to do any appreciable touring. The propaganda done in each division has already been described. The proposal to have a Board of Lecturers did not materialise owing to want of Funds and the extra need created by earthquake damage to the Headquarters building. The Behar Federation has an able lecturer in Mr. Jagat Narayan, B. Sc., whom it sends out regularly. We are assured that he will carry out this work next year also. Bengal has an Honorary and very popular lecturer in Bro. Kulada Prasad, B.A., who has visited several Lodges with Rai Sahib Nriyalal Mukerjee. He is well known throughout Bengal as a great exponent of the philosophy of Shrimad Bhagwat a subject very popular in Bengal. Prof. Kulkarni visited and lectured at many places in Maharashtra and Central India. Messrs. H. K. Mehta and V. G. Bhat are incessantly touring. In the South Bro. Ranganatham visited 7 places; Bro. A. Rangaswamy Iyer, 19 places; and Bro. Rama Kamath, 13 places. Bro. Karunakara Nair has been appointed Temple lecturer by the Travancore Government; Bro. N. P. Subrahmania Iyer of Karnataka visited 8 Lodges and Bro. A. Venkatesiah his Hony. Lodge organiser toured for 126 days. The Assistant Secretary of Andhra Central Districts was out for 220 days,

In other places also there has been ample touring.

It is a potent fact that unless one has something useful and interesting to tell one's audience one cannot be listened to with interest. Therefore every Theosophical lecturer should qualify himself for his work. He must know something of the contemporary thought and science and should be able to put things rationally, supporting them by outside facts and not by mere authority. He should also have some acquaintance with the Yoga and the Vedanta Philosophy, the Puranas, the minor Upanishad, and other related books like the Advance Text Book of Hinduism. It is unnecessary to say that his Theosophical knowledge should be deep including that of the Secret Doctrine. Unless a lecturer possesses these qualifications he is not likely to impress his audience much. Could we not insist on some such qualifications in every Lodge organiser that we engage. Working knowledge of the above books could be easily secured in about six months' study. No lecture should ordinarily be delivered without proper well arranged notes unless the Lecturer has had long practice and is sure of putting all his facts in proper order and with proper fluency. An intelligent educated audience wishes to learn something from its lecturer who should be well qualified to give it something new and that in a suitable manner.

The Indian Bookshop.—In 1926 the President Dr. Besant kindly transferred to the Indian Section her bookshop at Benares with a stock which was eventually valued at Rs. 21,032. Many of the old Theosophical pamphlets were becoming dead stock and in 1930 the stock was reduced to Rs. 13,452 after writing off Rs. 8,430 under the authority of the then General Secretary.

The stock on 30th September, 1934 was worth Rs. 13,226. The year's

profit after paying the staff and other charges including the above mentioned Rs. 240 comes to Re. 1-10-4. Two items of expenditure Rs. 146-1-0 and Rs. 155 really belong to previous years' accounts.

Finance.—The Budget for the year had estimated a minus balance of Rs. 620 but by economising in various respects and withholding some expenditure the year closes with a plus balance of Rs. 438-15-4. This is so far satisfactory. But we have yet to meet the deficit of the previous balance sheet Rs. 2518-7-2 which means we have spent this amount out of the capital Reserve Fund. This fund should be clearly shown as a Reserve which it really is and which cannot be encroached upon without the special sanction of the Section Council.

The necessary reappropriation on account of excess expenditure under various heads has been sanctioned by the Executive Committee and the excess expenditure was incurred with their permission. It was urgent and unavoidable as I explain them in the new Budget. I will not notice them here.

Headquarters.—In the last year's report it was stated that valuation of the Headquarters property was made and two figures were arrived at by two independent authorities, *viz.*, Rs. 2,26,564 and Rs. 1,57,000. In our accounts the Benares property stands at Rs. 1,49,799. In inflating the value we have to remember that house-tax and water-tax are levied on the annual value of buildings which is 5% of the sum of the estimated present cost of erecting the buildings and the estimated value of the land appertenant thereto. As values are falling the present value will be less than our book value. Consequently I depreciate any hasty change to inflate our figures merely for our satisfaction.

Self-owned Lodge Buildings are increasing in every Federation. Every report speaks of them. This is good.

General.—The council is reminded that in the last year's report the General Secretary had suggested the adoption of some scheme to perpetuate the memory of Dr. Besant; whether the present times are suitable for this step is of course a point for consideration.

Members are intensely interested in Krishnaji's teachings but some organised method to make these easier for them is necessary. One method is that those who have understood these teachings clearly should write systematically, month after month, small articles in *Theosophy in India*. This might be attempted in the coming year.

We are in a critical time which is certainly testing us. Much will depend upon the work of the members themselves. They will have to prove that they are alert, balanced, and watchful, to guide the movement along its proper lines, also that they are keenly interested in leading a higher spiritual life of service and self-sacrifice.

As regards the work of the General Secretary there should be a provision in the Rules to appoint two or more

Assistant Secretaries instead of one only (*vide* rule 15). If the General Secretary has to be out for some time he should have two assistants, one for office and editing the journal and the other for looking after the estate.

In closing I would express my deep obligation to my Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Baijnath Bhargava and another member, Mr. Madhoprasad, who have rendered me ungrudging assistance in repairing the buildings. Mr. Bhargava also helped in the management of office during my absence from Headquarters. Theirs was a true service of love without any wish for reward. Mr. R. L. Dar, Dy. Magistrate assisted in scrutinising the votes for which we are grateful to him. The Section has often to request for help from the staff and students of the T. N. Boys' High School and Girls' School and College and our grateful thanks are due to them for their ungrudging help.

PANDA BAIJNATH,

General Secretary.

25-11-1934

T. S. IN AUSTRALIA

To the President, the T. S.

I have the honour to submit the report of the work of the Australian Section for the year ending September 30th, 1934. The year has been a quiet though fruitful one, having been mostly occupied in stabilising existing conditions, and in liquidating outstanding debts from the past. These, I am happy to report, are now all settled, leaving the Australian Section able to face the coming year free of debt. This was achieved by strict economy, and by the cutting down of the Headquarters Staff and appurtenances.

Theosophical Broadcasting Station.—In January of this year the Rev. Harold

Morton, who for so many years had led the Australian Section, and who was very beloved by many members, retired from the General Secretaryship in order to take a post offered him on the Staff of the Theosophical Broadcasting Station, 2GB. He is now the head of the Theosophical Propaganda Department of the Station, and has organised a highly successful Psychology Club, already numbering some 800 members, many of them residing in other States. The members have regular lessons containing tests, and are entitled to the use of the Blavatsky Lodge Library as well. Experience has taught that the direct appeal of

Theosophy is less effective than the indirect approach. In the 2GB Psychology Club the listening public are allowed to discover Theosophy for themselves as the result of their wider reading in the Blavatsky Library, which has been expanded by modern books purchased by 2GB. Hundreds of people come in and read its literature. On one representative day 140 people came in to change books, and 30 book parcels were dispatched to the country. Already 34 of the Club members have joined the Theosophical Society. You will readily appreciate the splendid work done here, which may prove the beginning of an entirely new and modern way of carrying on our great work; for Psychology, the Science of the Soul, is very much to the fore in men's minds to-day, and is surely an important part of the Ancient Wisdom.

In addition to the work of the Psychology Club, a direct Theosophical Broadcast takes place every Sunday night, the hour being generally occupied with three short talks along the lines of the Three Objects of the Society respectively.

I mention these facts since they are of deep Theosophic interest to us all, although the Australian Section, as such, has nothing whatever to do with the running of the Broadcasting Station or its jurisdiction.

Statistics.—There are 28 Lodges on the Roll, one new one, the 2GB Radio Lodge, having been formed in January of this year. There are 1,326 members, the register showing a net loss of 184 members for the current year. The following indicates how these figures are comprised :

| <i>Incoming Members</i> | | <i>Outgoing Members</i> | |
|-------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| New | 105 | Resignations | 64 |
| Re-admission | 7 | Dead | 25 |
| Transfers | 3 | Lapsed | 210 |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> | |
| Total | 115 | Total | 299 |
| <hr/> | | <hr/> | |

The number of lapsed seems large, but I think it is mostly due to the more vigorous tightening up of their registers on the part of the Lodges.

Convention.—The thirty-ninth Annual Convention was a markedly harmonious one, and was held in the Queens Hall, Melbourne, 23 delegates being present. An important change was the election of sufficient members of the Executive Committee resident in Melbourne to ensure, with the presence of the General Secretary, a quorum similar to the quorum in Sydney. It was felt that the Sydney and Melbourne Lodges being equally large and important, it would be an added strength to divide power and responsibility between them. The discussions at Convention centered round the subject of whether Theosophy held a universal appeal, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that it most certainly had. Stress was laid by many speakers upon the necessity for the Society keeping abreast with modern research and methods.

Lectures.—We have this year had no visiting lecturer from abroad with the exception of yourself and Mrs. Arundale, for a short time. As I have now become General Secretary and so have been largely tied to office work, I have not personally been able to do much lecturing recently, but I hope next year, as I now have efficient help in the Office, to make a special tour of the small out-lying Lodges with the hope that I may be able to revive their strength and interest.

Publications.—For lack of funds the *Australian Theosophist* had ceased to exist. With the help of special donations for the purpose, we have been able to start, in September of this year, a monthly magazine once more. As a famous production, such as the old *Australian Theosophist* once was, cannot hope to be repeated, it was judged better to start a little paper of a smaller and more local

character, which would serve the purpose of binding all the members together, and bringing to those who cannot afford to subscribe to *The Theosophist* inspiration from the reprint of good articles, and also news both of national and international spheres of Theosophic work.

Work with the Young.—At all the larger Lodges live groups of children and young people exist. The Arundale Club of Sydney has attained quite imposing dimensions, whilst in Perth the Lodge made the experiment of putting the youthful members in charge of the Lodge as officers with marked success.

The Passing of Bishop Leadbeater.—During this past year Australia had the signal honour of being the resting-place of the Right Reverend Bishop Leadbeater during his last days upon earth. His passing took place at Perth, a few weeks after his landing there,

and his body was transported to Sydney for cremation. It was surely fitting that our great leader and greatest of teachers, should leave the body, in which he had done such unexampled service to his Master and our Work, in the land he had made his home for so many years; and which, we know, was always very dear to his heart. Australia will never forget him, and for many years yet those he trained and taught here will be with us to work as only he could teach them how. I cannot, dearly-loved and honoured President, more fitly close this report than by quoting again the last words he spoke in life, which to those of us who knew him will ever remain a battle cry to eternal endeavour: "If you do not see me again in this body, carry on".

5-10-1934

CLARA M. CODD,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SWEDEN

To the President, the T. S.

I have the honour to submit this Annual Report of the Swedish Section for the year ending October 31st, 1934.

Membership.—The number of members on Oct. 31st, 1933 was 608. During the current year 41 new members have been admitted, 25 members have resigned, 5 have died, 1 has been crossed off the rolls. This leaves a total membership of 618. A gain for the year of 10 members. The number of Lodges is the same as before, viz. 35, but several study Centres have been started in places where as yet no Lodges exist.

Lodge Activities.—Our Lodges are carrying on their work as usual with public lectures, Lodge meetings and study courses. Our public lectures have attracted larger audiences than

earlier, and the study courses have in many cases led to applications for membership. During the year Mr. Bolt has held very well attended public lectures in twelve Swedish towns.

Convention was held in Stockholm at Whitsuntide, attended by 74 members, 12 of whom were delegates.

In August our fourth Summer School was held under the leadership of Mr. E. C. Bolt. This has proved to be the most effective form of Theosophical Work in this country and has greatly added to the inner strengths and unity of our Section, as it affords an opportunity for isolated members in our sparsely populated country to come together and learn to work harmoniously.

Publications.—No books have been published this year, though from time

to time type-written lectures and translations have been distributed to members. Our monthly magazine is in many places a good way of reaching the public, as it is distributed to every free library and to some colleges. We have subscribers to our magazine who are not members of the T. S.

Though we still feel the results of the economic depression we have tried to carry on the work to the best of

our ability, and the general interest in our public activities seems to be steadily increasing.

In the name of the Swedish Section I send to you and Mrs. Arundale our affectionate loyalty and our cordial greetings to all members assembled at Convention.

31-10-1934

ELMA BERG,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

To the President, the T. S.

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, 1934.

Membership.—New members 33, rejoined 6, resigned 40, died 13, lapsed 54, and transferred to other Sections 2. This leaves a total membership of 860, a loss for the year of 70 members, no doubt mainly owing to the general financial depression. We have still 19 Lodges, as in former years.

Annual Convention.—The 38th Annual Convention was held in Wellington on the 27th December, 1933. It was attended by 16 delegates and over 50 visiting members. Mr. T. G. Queree, President of the local Lodge, was elected to the Chair, and before beginning the business of Convention, he asked the delegates and members present to stand in silence as a tribute of love and gratitude to our late revered President, Dr. Annie Besant.

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.

Publications.—*Theosophy in New Zealand* continues to be issued quar-

terly, and is free to all members, non-members paying 2/6 per annum.

A revised and more attractive edition of the propaganda pamphlet *Information for Enquirers* was published and sent to the Lodges for free distribution.

Library.—The Section Library contains 1,340 volumes, 32 new books having been recently added. There has been a slight increase in the number of subscribers, and a few of these have joined the Society. The Librarian and her assistants are in daily attendance, and are kept very busy, both town and country subscribers showing greater interest than in previous years.

Lodge Activities.—As one might expect at this time of new awakening, much experimental work is going on. The lecture record makes interesting reading. Some Lodges have brought many public men of note and learning into touch with the T. S. by asking them to address our members to their mutual advantage.

Vasanta Garden School.—This Theosophical school has made steady progress during the past few years, due to the ardent enthusiasm and devotion of its teachers, and also to the growing recognition of the public. The experiment of introducing a Secondary Department has proved a success and has surpassed all anticipation. Children

are taken from four years of age to the matriculation standard. The attendance is now 48, an increase of 12 for the year.

The Passing of Bishop Leadbeater on the 1st of March brought forth a few interesting and appreciative notices in the newspapers, and there was quite a demand for his picture which appeared in *Theosophy in New Zealand*. A business man in the country wrote asking for a copy of the magazine containing it, and stating that he knew Bishop Leadbeater in the seventies as his Sunday-school teacher. He writes: "He was an exceedingly kind-hearted man, and even to-day, after sixty years, I retain most pleasant memories of many happy times he gave to two or three of us boys, when he took us for long rambles in the country. He was always bright and cheerful, and being a good speaker, would entertain us with many a good tale as we strolled along".

The Presidential Election which ended so happily for us all, was of great educational value to the Society. The two nominations brought conflicting views to the notice of the members with the result that they had to think

and consider well what foundation they had for their personal opinions, and for the decision they were called upon to make. 656 of our members voted in this election, and of this number, Dr. Arundale received 483 votes and Prof. Wood, 173.

Mr. Krishnamurti's visit to New Zealand, although not an official activity of the Society, was undoubtedly the outstanding event of the year. Members came to see him from all parts of the Dominion, and in many cases at the cost of great personal sacrifice. The meetings were held in the grounds of the Vasanta Garden School, and on two occasions the Town Hall in Auckland, which holds 3,500 people, was filled to overflowing. Although this visit did not result in any increase of membership, the attention of the public was drawn to Theosophy and to the work of the Theosophical Society as never before.

In conclusion, I send you on behalf of the members in New Zealand our most loyal and affectionate greetings.

W. CRAWFORD,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN NETHERLANDS

To the President, the T. S.

In presenting my report this time I may begin observing that the year under report has proved a little better in regard to numbers than it had been the case for several years before; yet the decrease in numbers is not quite to an end, although several circumstances seem to predict that the following year might be expected to make an end to this downfall in numbers. Last year it was reported 216 resignations but this year it is 141. Moreover, a growing interest and activity can be noticed everywhere in

the country and in due time this is bound to express itself in the result of an increasing number of admissions. At present the figures are: new admissions 125, re-admissions 3, transfer from other Sections 8, giving a total of 136 incoming against 141 resignations, 20 died, 23 removed and 11 transferred to other Sections, which results in a decrease of 59, the total number of membership on October 1st 1934 amounting to 2,101.

Two new Lodges were formed—Delfzyl and Breda—and one dissolved (Dharma Lodge, Amsterdam), so that

the number of Lodges in this Section now amounts to 46.

The Society suffered another great loss in the passing over of our great Teacher C. W. Leadbeater, making it very difficult to bear as this deplorable and quite unexpected event happened so shortly after our great President had left us. The Society, now bereft of its Leader and of its Teacher (C. W. L. strongly declined to be called a Leader; "I am a teacher, not a leader", he very often said, always pointing to "your Great President" as the Leader), has to depend upon all its members to do their utmost to fill up the gap and to carry on till better times and more favourable circumstances will enable the new leader and the new teacher to guide us to still greater victories.

We are happy to put on record a visit of our beloved C. Jinarajadasa, who did us the favour of being with us for some weeks. He delivered some highly appreciated lectures; a public lecture in Amsterdam on "The Future of Brotherhood" and the same lecture also in Utrecht; a lecture for members only on "A New Conception of Theosophy" and also a Radio-lecture from Radio Hilversum on "The New Conception of the Child". Time and all the items of this last lecture were passed on to all the General Secretaries in Europe, in order to secure the greatest possible publicity. We received news from different countries that the lecture has been very well received and was highly appreciated.

Our yearly Convention at the end of the season is always held in Amsterdam, this time June 16th; it has been a very happy and harmonious meeting and some very practical decisions have been made, *i.e.*, the intensive organisation of all press and publicity activities to be brought into one well equipped central office. Other Conventions took place, one at Utrecht on November 19th and another one at Arnhem on

April 22nd. The Whitsuntide Camp was again a success, the number of participants increasing year by year. With success we tried a new experiment there, by inviting some prominent wellknown speakers (non-members T.S.) not only to deliver a lecture, but also to come and live with us during the four days of the Camp. These speakers spoke on the general subject: "Life and Form" and were two philosophers of some fame, one well-known religious speaker and the other one an experimentator on practical education along quite new lines of his own. A general synthesis was given by Dr. A. E. Thierens and the General Secretary in his closing lecture added several items on the subject from a more strictly Theosophical point of view, showing at the same time that unity in diversity prevailed in all discussions of those days. It has been a very happy and fruitful time.

Naturally the most important event of the year has been the Presidential election which awakened our individual Theosophical consciousness much more fully than is generally the case in more common regularly unruffled times. There has been some controversy here—not too much, I dare say—but as soon as the voting was done (or rather already some time before) feelings were smoothing down and no ruffles remained any longer. This indeed is as it should be and nearly everyone of those who voted for Prof. Wood, with very few exceptions indeed, expressed and promised a loyal co-operation with the new President who was elected with such a considerable majority. This gives us confidence for the new period the Society is entering in, for the result of this election has been that the greater majority of the membership—alas not all of them—has been aroused to feel the responsibility of the vote and consequently

has gained by the experience, no matter how the vote has been casted. Members are more conscious, more awake, more active, more enthusiastic, have more trust in the movement and

in themselves now; the movement has been stimulated to more life.

17-10-1934

J. KRUISHEER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN FRANCE

To the President, the T. S.

For the Theosophical Society in France, as for the mother Society as a whole, the year ending on October 31st has been one of trial. We too have lost our chief and leader in the person of Mr. Charles Blech who, for over thirty years, gave his life to the service of the Section, first as Assistant Secretary to Dr. Th. Pascal, then, for 25 years, as General Secretary. Of his leadership, and of the generosity of himself and his family, eloquent testimonies remain: our splendid Headquarters in Square Rapp, a skilfully organized sectional administration, an enterprising publishing house and—may this be the most lasting—our gratitude and love. All our leaders, and many brothers from all lands, have known the warm hospitality afforded by the Blech family in their lovely home in Avenue Montaigne, a more intimate, but not less important seat of Theosophical work in Paris than Headquarters themselves. The traditions of the family are still alive and active in Charles' beloved sister, Mme. Zelma Blech, and in another sister. May they be long with us!

Mr. Blech had for some years desired that Prof. Marcault should succeed him. The Annual Convention, on April 7th, unanimously ratified his wish. The new General-Secretary records here his gratefulness for the affection shown him by his brothers, and for the continued help of Mr. Blech's most trustworthy co-workers, Mlle. Frey and Mr. Point.

Our Section was fortunate in receiving, during the last week of Mr. Blech's life, a most welcome and greatly needed help in a three weeks' tour of Mr. Jinarajadasa in the provinces. Our Brother travelled up and down the country, speaking in his excellent French to the Lodges and their public. The revival of interest and activity derived from his presence constitutes, I feel sure, a strong basis for the coming work.

Mention is here due to the unsparing devotion shown by all workers during the prolonged illness of our late General-Secretary, particularly by our Parisian lecturers, who visited provincial Lodges in their spare time, in every way helping the Section to pass through this difficult time.

Thanks are also due to our brothers from abroad: Dr. Kamensky, Mlle. Serge Brisy, Mr. Gaston Polak, for their much appreciated lecturing tours.

The new era now before us has had its start with the recent and welcome visits of the President and Mrs. Arundale, and of Mr. Jinarajadasa. With this encouragement and with this access of force, we are assured of a fruitful future, in which we hope to give effective co-operation, in our country, to the President's plan for Theosophical work throughout the world.

Much enthusiasm has been aroused by Dr. Arundale among our members. May he find as much encouragement in the devotion which he has won from us as we have in his vast vision and

in his generous and broad minded vision.

Membership.—The total membership at the 31st October, 1934 is 2,733. Admitted during the year 236 (against 177 last year), lost 353 (against 305 in

1933) viz: lapsed 241—resigned 77—died 33—transferred 2. Nett loss 117. Number of active Lodges: 66.

31-10-1934

J. E. MARCAULT,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ITALY

To the President, the T. S.

The illness which for a long time troubled the General Secretary, Donna Luisa Gamberini Cavallini, had been getting worse during the last year, so that the secretary's work became too heavy for her. Therefore she had to resign her post to the great regret of the Italian members.

The Annual Congress held at Trieste from 29th June to 1st July has, therefore, been occupied especially with the election of the new General Secretary. This gave occasion to a profound examination of the conditions of the Section (which suffers from general and special difficulties) and of the means and ways to give it a new impulse. After a vivid and serene discussion, there has been elected as General Secretary, Avvocato Tullio Castellani of Genoa, who, with the special approval of the Congress has asked Signor Roberto Hack (who had renounced his candidature of General Secretary) to continue the functions of Vice-Secretary, which he already had fulfilled for the previous six years.

The votes of the Lodges represented were 19, of which 13 gave their vote for the elected General Secretary and 6 for the other candidate Ing. G. Cerri di Torino.

The programme of the new General Secretary is directed particularly to a complete reorganisation of the Section in order to create the basis for a larger activity which permits the Section to give a vigorous contribution to the renewal of the Italian Nation

that makes itself visible everywhere under the present fascistic government. A proof that the enthusiasm is still most vivid in many of our members, was given by a splendid answer to a call from the new General Secretary for special contributions needed for the new and larger work. This reorganisation carries with it also a severe correction of the sectional registers. According to the directions given by our new President, Dr. Arundale, all members who have not paid their subscriptions for several years will be informed that in case the payment of the quota should be too heavy for them, this might be reduced or cancelled. Members who do not respond to this invitation shall be cancelled from the register. This measure will bring for next year an apparent diminution in membership.

Donna Luisa Gamberini Cavallini has also left the editorship of the Review *Loto*, which will be directed in future by Signor R. Hack with a new and increased programme, but as an independent paper. The Sectional paper will instead be the *Bollettino della Società Teosofica Italiana* edited by the General Secretary Gnosi, the oldest of the Italian reviews, continuing its valuable work.

The Publishing House "Nirvana" has published the Italian translation of *Conquest of Illusion* by Mr. Van der Leeuw, and the Publishing House "Alaya" that of Mr. Jinarajadasa's *Flowers and Gardens* of which a

great quantity has been distributed to members and outsiders.

The Order of Service as an organisation has had little activity ; it has held, however, its Congress immediately after that of the Section, discussing specially

about the Douglas System as means to help the resolution of the world crisis.

TULLIO CASTELLANI,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN GERMANY

To the President, the T. S.

The last year has been full of troubles in our Section, especially provoked by a young member who had the ambition to become General Secretary of our Section. He wrote to all our members that he was appointed as General Secretary by the Secret police of the Government. Was it true or not ? That was in this month our anxious question. As the result of our careful researches for a long time we got the surety that this young man troubled our Section without any reason. Because he insisted on his 'position' till the last moment I must exclude him, I am sorry from our Section and also one of his friends, associated with him. Then I must dissolve the Lodge Parsifal at Berlin which stand under the influence of these two.

This short history is very interesting because Mr. Dorfel (the name of this young man) is a member of the 'Theosophical Society' of Mr. Vollrath at Leipzig. When I became General Secretary in 1928 I visited Mr. Vollrath hoping to enter into a nice harmony with him and giving two lectures in his rooms. Afterwards I sent some of our members in order to assist at the meetings held in the Headquarters of Mr. Vollrath to harmonise the different Theosophical groups in Germany. All these efforts—I am so sorry—have been in vain. The result is that Mr. Vollrath repeat since our new era in politics all his old 'attacks' against 'Adyar' and our German Section. I sent him a letter in reply.

He did not print it, but continued his old method in his magazine. Let him do it if it is his line of working. We do our work knowing that no work, done by men or women is perfect on earth, knowing also that there is no possibility for us to co-operate in the outer world with the Society of Vollrath (Leipzig) who was excluded by Adyar many years ago and who does not—of course—forget this fact. We know also that he has not any right to take the name and Symbol of Adyar. But let him do it. The future shall show—perhaps still more as the present—where is the living reality of ancient wisdom. We wish him sincerely the best success as possible but we are going our own way in harmony with Adyar and his strong tradition, also in harmony with the wonderful spirit of our own German nation.

On Witesunday we held our annual Section-meeting at Erfurt which was very important. All that I undertook in the last difficult year as General Secretary was recognized by the convention and I was appointed unanimously the third time as General Secretary for three years. I lost my position as a Professor of Philosophy in the last year at the University of Bonn by the new Government, though protested over and over again. In any case I am very very happy to work for our great ideals which are the true source of the health of every nation. In my lecture, held at the Erfurt-convention, I

developed how can be harmonized Theosophy and National socialism.

After all these storms we hope confidently to have in the future better times for our Section which was at every time, since the beginning, in a more difficult situation as the most other Sections. Therefore I beg all our friends to send us always very good thoughts in order to help us spiritually. We are happy to report that since our convention at Erfurt

the number of our members became a good deal greater.

Last but not least we send our loving greetings to our dear President, Dr. Arundale, who was living as a young boy in our country at Wiesbaden—hoping that he may visit us as soon as possible—and we greet all our brethren at Adyar.

JOHANNES M. VERWEYEN,

30-10-1934

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CUBA

To the President, the T. S.

I have great pleasure in submitting to you the following report of our Section, covering the period from November 1st, 1933 to 31st October, 1934.

During the year there has been of constant perturbations in our nation also deeply affected socially, politically and economically; these being the reasons why our activities do not appear as they ought to be according to the efforts exerted. Nevertheless we have ceaselessly worked, and the labours are continued with enthusiasm and unflinching constancy.

Last year we had 19 Lodges and 417 members. Thereafter no Lodges have been dissolved, and four new organized, these are: "Liberacion" in the town of Jiguani, "Djwal Kul" in the city of Nuevitas, "Jose Julian Marti" in the city of Holguin, and "Arundale" in the city of Sancti-Spiritus. Therefore we have at present 23 Lodges.

During the year we have added 76 members (74 by new admission and 2 by readmission); we have lost 67 of which 5 were by death, 3 by resignation, and 59 for not paying their dues. We have now 426 members, and expect that shortly 2 or 3 new Lodges will be organized, with a

substantial addition to our membership.

According to your suggestion, we had already created a Propaganda Committee, which has been favourably working within our strait economical possibilities, but from which we expect highly growing success as centre of our diffusion.

Through pecuniary difficulties, the publication of our *Revista Teosofica Cubana* could not be continued under the direct management of our Directive Council, but from the beginning of this year was resumed, thanks to the fraternal devotion of our member Mr. Antonio A. Duany, President of the "Loto Blanco" Lodge at Santiago de Cuba, who took charge of its edition, managed by his daughter Miss Maria Graziella Duany, with splendid gratifying success of fine selection of its content, extent and regularity. And I feel it is my pleasing duty to express here our warm gratitude to our fellow brother Mr. Duany.

Our 30th Annual Convention approved new Rules avoiding hindrances and opening better opportunities to the expansion of our Section, and we expect that the more perfection of these rules will not bring often in the future the need of modifying them.

But what brought us a splendid impulse to the work of our Society in this country, exoterically and esoterically, has been the visit of our Mr. Jinarajadasa, who has remained with us for 15 days visiting many of our Lodges throughout this island, pronouncing greatly suggestive conferences, which not only have exalted the devotion of our members, but also the public spirit. He has left a highly valuable impression in the collective soul of Cuba.

And it is on this spiritual influence, on what we chiefly base and expect

a strong and splendid advance of Theosophy in our country.

Please accept, our venerable President, in the name of our Section, and on my behalf, our high respect and loyalty. And a lovely greeting to all our brethren congregated in your Annual Convention. And hoping that we shall be able to co-operate in our mutual work for the benefit of mankind, under the inspiration of our Ideals, and under the guidance of the Masters, believe me.

SALVADOR SIBECAS,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN HUNGARY

To the President, the T. S.

I have the honour to send you the following Report of the Hungarian Section T. S. covering the year October 1st, 1933 to September 30th, 1934.

Hungary is still very poor in general, and the members of the T. S. there in particular. We are doing all we can to increase the income of the Society; in fact, this year again there is a little growth in incoming dues—but nevertheless almost half of our members has arrears which they are unable to pay. The consequence is that we cannot pay our debts, and the greater part of our income goes to the Bank as interest.

Membership is still decreasing—as I said, chiefly owing to the financial depression. We have 14 new members on our rolls (10 last year), the number of lapsed members amounts to 29, (42 last year), 13 were transferred to other Sections, and 3 died. On October 1st of last year our membership was 315; now it is 284.

Meetings.—General meetings for members were held at Headquarters every Thursday from October 1st to end of May. The average number of attendance at those meetings shows a decrease of 1, being 30 against 31 last

year, but this is due to the fact that last year a lecturer from abroad brought a large attendance on one occasion, which increased the average. In addition to the ordinary members' meetings, there was a Meditation-course during June, conducted by the General Secretary, which was very well attended, really surpassing our expectations (between 30 and 40 each time), and greatly appreciated. The features of the general meetings were: lectures (14), Questions and Answers (6), Discussion (6), and 2 Social Meetings.

Propaganda lectures were held at Headquarters every Sunday from 1st of November to end of April. They show an average attendance of 58 against 47 last year. A new feature was introduced: well-known Scientists were invited to speak on their subjects for 30 minutes, after which a Theosophical lecturer spoke on the same subject from the Theosophical point of view. We had 5 such lectures: on Astrology, Homoeopathy, Psychoanalysis, Graphology and The Scientific Basis of Witchcraft. These lectures were very well attended and attracted many people who otherwise never would have dreamt of coming into the

Theosophical Society. By these lectures they came into contact with Theosophy, and the seed is sown for the future.

During the summer holidays members met once or twice a week in the garden of Headquarters, and discussed different Theosophical subjects.

We are sorry to say that we had no visitors from abroad this year, but several prominent Theosophists promised to visit us next year, and we are eagerly looking forward to the fulfilment of those promises—above all to that of our beloved President!

Our *Publishing Activity* had to be suspended owing to lack of funds. But a great work was done by our Librarian: she made 5 typewritten copies for the library, of the translation of *The Wonder Child* by C. Jinarajadasa and *The Etheric Body* by A. E. Powell, and had them bound in beautiful big volumes, a great asset to our library. *The Astral Body* and *The Mental Body* by A. E. Powell are also being translated and made accessible to our members in the same way.

The appearance of our little magazine, *Tho Theosophical News and Notes*; had to be stopped, owing to the prohibition of the Government who try to suppress all the small magazines of different organizations. We are trying to reach our members now through

printed circular letters, issued about once a month and with the same contents as the forbidden magazine. In fact, only the outer form is changed.

Lodges.—The number of Lodges has not changed during the past year. Some of the Lodges tried to work more intensely, but their work is much hampered by the fact that there are so very few Theosophical works translated into Hungarian, and most of the members do not know enough of other languages for study.

Looking back on our activities of last year, I cannot help feeling that in spite of all the difficulties still existing, and in face of many new ones even, we have begun to ascend the upward line. There is more trust, more enthusiasm, more spirit of undertaking among the members, and although in Hungary just like in other countries, the real workers are but a handful, those devoted and trustworthy ones are helping the Society and the country towards a better future.

In the name of the T. S. in Hungary, I am sending you, dear President, the expression of our love, loyalty and readiness to further your work, the Masters' work, to the best of our ability, whenever it is needed.

FLORA DE SELEVER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN FINLAND

To the President, the T. S.

The Government of the Finnish Theosophical Society has done all in its power to invigorate the Theosophical work in our reorganized Society after the relaxation of the work caused by the unconquerable economical difficulties of the old Society. The Charter of the new Society was issued on November 11th by the President *pro-tem.*, Mr. A. P. Warrington, and on

the 18th of November the Finnish authorities accepted the Society. The Government has strived to reorganize the Theosophical work in Finland and to make all members participate in active work so far it has been possible. The principle that the membership of the Theosophical Society must mean something not only from the point of view of the invisible world but also from that of the visible human life,

has been leading the Government in its work. The Government has appealed to all members and they have readily responded to this appeal promising articles, treatises and translations of foreign material. This material for study has been duplicated and forwarded by the Government to the Lodges and to the unattached members once a month.

Only eight numbers of our periodical *Teosofi* were published last year because of the bankruptcy of the Finnish Society. This year it has been issued monthly. The editor of the periodical is now Willie Angervo D. M. The aim of the periodical has been to follow all the present spiritual currents of thought that are interesting for Theosophists and to keep members in touch with the Headquarters and the Theosophical movement translating and reporting articles in foreign Theosophical periodicals. The number of subscribers has been 650.

The Lodges have been more active than ever before studying and discussing various subjects of Theosophical and general human interest. Besides the ordinary Lodge meetings the Lodges have arranged in co-operation with each other public propaganda gatherings and lectures. The Government arranged on 23-9-33 a meeting in commemoration of Dr. Besant's death, a Founders' Day celebration on 17-11-33 in appreciation of Dr. Besant and her work, a memorial gathering on 7-3-34 on account of Bishop Leadbeater's passing away, and a meeting on the Day of the White Lotus the 8th of May. The annual meeting of the Finnish Society took place during the Easter Holidays. The meetings with the lectures and discussions were very inspiring and successful. The occasion where the Charters of all the 18 Lodges were solemnly

handed over was exceedingly impressing.

The Summer School for the Theosophists was held in July at our former summerhome "Merila" on the seashore, which is now larger than before. The course lasted one week and the great number of members attending, and the lectures and discussions made this week a complete success. The following subjects were discussed: Ceremonies, The Influence of Music, The Modern Psychism, The Practice of Theosophy, The Occult View on Love and Marriage, The Search of Happiness.

This Autumn we have started in Helsinki the work among children. Many boys and girls have joined this children's circle and they have been partaking in the work with growing enthusiasm. Worth mentioning is also a lady's club active in Helsinki and formed by some of the ladies of the Lodges. They have collected not insignificant amounts by selling things made by themselves at their bazaars for Theosophical purposes.

The number of active members in our Society, which was reported to be only 304 last year, amounted already towards the end of the year 1933 to 375 because many former members joined the new reorganised Society after the report was sent. 10 really new members have joined the Society the total membership now being 385; 51 of these are unattached members. The number of Lodges is 18, of which 1 is Russian, 2 Swedish and 15 Finnish speaking.

We are optimistic about the future of the Theosophical work in Finland and in the world and want to do our part in promoting our common cause.

ARMAS RANKKA,

General Secretary.

THE RUSSIAN T. S. OUTSIDE RUSSIA

To the President, the T. S.

We send our hearty and loving greetings to our dear President and we express to him our feelings of deep confidence of our entire loyalty.

Our previous year has ended with our Annual Convention in Paris, and it was a Jubilee Convention, as we have now 11 years of systematic work abroad. This Jubilee, which was a great success, proved to be a new start in our movement, bringing new strength and new inspiration, the more so as we got a loving message from our Chief and Mother, and as Dr. G. S. Arundale, our honorary President, also sent us an inspiring message.

Delegates from London, Paris, Bruxelles, Belgrade, Geneva and Prague (11 from afar; 22 in all) (35-40 at general meetings).

Statistics.—Our "Russian T.S. outside Russia" has now 169 members; 2 have passed away; 8 new members have entered this year. We have 12 Lodges of which 11 are active and several Centres.

Work S. T.—The Lodge in Prague has weakened and members are working more individually. It is now more a Centre than a Lodge. The Lodge "Alkonost", in Paris, has quite a number of different groups, who make excellent work. The group of "Art" and the "Order of Service of Russia" are especially active groups, open to all friends and enquirers. Twice monthly there are lectures and discussions on Theosophical subjects. There are also groups working on comparative study of religion, philosophy and social problems. The Lodge "Giordano Bruno", in Geneva has met regularly, working on Russian legends and traditions in the light of Theosophy. The great Russian ideals of love, wisdom and peace come out very strikingly during such a study, showing the face of the "real Russia". The members of

"Giordano Bruno" are the chief workers of the Russian T. S. Council and of the staff of our magazines.

In all Lodges, there are regular public lectures on Theosophical subjects and earnest Lodge-work. Some of our Centres are also making excellent work and 2 of them will soon be Lodges. We have Centres in America, in China, in the Philippines and even in Australia. This means a great correspondence.

Propaganda.—The General Secretary has attended the Barcelona Congress and has lectured in Paris (in Russian and French) and in Geneva. Miss C. Helmboldt, Vice-President, and Mrs. E. Solovsky, Secretary, have both lectured in Paris at the time of the Convention and several times in Geneva.

Publishing activities.—The little magazine *Vestnik* is coming out presently only 4 times annually. It gives the most important features of our movement. The October number was entirely consecrated to the blessed memory of our great President Annie Besant. Our *Bulletin*, which gives special information, concerning the "R.T.S. outside Russia", the work of Lodges, the minutes of the Convention, etc., has been issued 3 times. We have not been able to publish a new book this year.

Finances.—The financial question is a very acute one and this accounts for our magazine being issued only 4 times annually. The dues are coming in very slowly and irregularly. Out of our 169 members only 80 have paid their dues. Yet we have sent our contribution to Adyar and our quota to the Federation of European Sections, but it was very difficult.

Other activities.—Our Order of Service is chiefly helping the local Sections. We have some Art groups, Healing groups, Meditation groups for

peace and a very active Needle-group, which teaches to transform old dresses into new ones and tries to find paid work (Paris). It has helped several hundreds of refugees and has organised a summer Russian camp for poor children during holidays.

International work.—All our Lodges are co-operating, in one form or another, with the local National Societies and some Russian members are at the head of diverse departments. (The Round Table in France, the International Theosophical Centre in Geneva, The Interconfessional Union in Geneva, the World-Peace Union, the group of the Theosophical World University in Geneva, The prison Work in Geneva.) The "Slavonic Brotherhood" meets once yearly. It may be interesting

to note also that the General-Secretary has a chair in the University and gives there 3 courses: A comparative study of Religion, a course on Vedism and the Bhagavad-Gita, and a course on the Philosophy of the Beautiful.

Summing up.—The departure of our beloved Chief and President, Dr. Annie Besant and of our great Brother Bishop Leadbeater, had been a heavy blow to this Section, but we have resolved to show our gratitude to them by trying to live up to the ideals they expressed so splendidly through work and life. We send our hearty greetings to all brethren gathered at the Annual Convention in India.

ANNA KAMENSKY,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

To the President, the T. S.

In presenting my report for the year 1933-1934, I would say at the outset that there are no more reduction in the number of our members.

Statistics: The total membership in October, 1934, is 80—as in the last year. They are organized in 7 Lodges.

Activities: Our fundamental work in this year was only the lectures for the members in our Lodges. We had

the pleasure of hearing much appreciated visitor's public lecture by Dr. Ctibor Bezdek from Prague.

Hoping that our next report will contain better news of the T. S. in Czechoslovakia.

With best greetings from us all to you and all fellows.

15-12-34

JOSEF SKUTA,

General Secretary

T. S. IN SOUTH AFRICA

To the President, the T. S.

The Lodges in the Section report a general renewed activity owing chiefly to the result of the tour of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson from June to August this year. His tour has proved to us the real need of good lecturers from overseas—lecturers who are prepared to remain in our Section a considerable period, and to visit not only the larger

towns but also the smaller ones. Our greatest handicap is the distance between the towns. To give an instance: Pietermaritzburg, the nearest town to Durban, is 76 miles away by railroad. Our fastest train covers that distance in 3 hours. This is due to the hilly nature of the country.

The membership has increased considerably during this year. This is

most encouraging, the more so because many of our new members are young.

The Annual Convention was held in Durban last July. The attendance was very small, although it was hoped that the change of time (previous Conventions were held at Easter) would have enabled members from other parts of the Section to attend. Miss Murchie after many years of devoted service as General-Secretary retired, along with Miss Scheffer as Acting General Treasurer and Registrar, Miss E. May as Assistant Secretary. In their places were elected Mrs. Membrey, General-

Secretary, Miss Henley, Assistant Secretary, Mr. Willoughby as General-Treasurer, and Mr. Moyes as General Registrar. It is interesting to note that these new officials are members of the Durban Youth Movement.

During the year an old and distinguished member of our Section Mr. C. E. Nelson, was called to higher Service. So, too, from our land was the former General Secretary for Holland, Dr. Van der Leeuw.

LILY, M. MEMBREY,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SCOTLAND

To the President, the T. S.

I have very much pleasure in submitting to you this Annual Report of the Scottish Section.

At the end of the year 1932-33 there were 488 members on the active list. During the year ending 30th April, 1934, 18 new members have joined the Society, 4 have rejoined after sending in their resignations some years ago, 3 have been transferred from the suspended to the active list, 2 have been transferred to the English National Section, 8 have died, 28 have resigned, and 32 have been placed on the suspended list, leaving a total active membership of 443. The number of Lodges is now 27, and there are 3 Centres.

The votes recorded in Scotland at the Presidential Election were 281 in number, representing 62% of the members entitled to vote and were cast 165 for Dr. G. S. Arundale, and 116 for Mr. Ernest Wood.

In December we had the great privilege of a visit from Mr. Jinarajadasa to Headquarters, and he gave two addresses to members and friends. We were glad to welcome on this occasion members from other parts of Scotland.

Good and encouraging reports have been received from Lodges all over the country. I visited nearly all the Lodges during the Autumn, thus strengthening their bond with Headquarters in a way that had not always been possible during the last few years. Public lectures, study meetings and discussions continue to be held by Lodges in all the three Districts. This year, again, the public lectures have been given chiefly by our own members, the only visiting lecturers being Mrs. Hilda Powell, from London, whose tour was greatly appreciated, and Miss Davie from Liverpool.

The Fourteenth Northern District Conference was held this year at Perth on Saturday, February, 24th. I presided over a very enthusiastic gathering and many members present contributed to the discussion, which was on the subject "Our Duty to the Theosophical Society".

Under the Presidency of Mrs. Margaret Jackson, our twenty-fourth Annual Convention was held on June 2nd/3rd at Headquarters. Although a little less in numbers than last year, the gathering was a particularly happy one. We were very glad to welcome

Mrs. Jackson again, and we are greatly indebted to her for her address to members and her public lecture, as also for her answers to a wide range of questions. In all these ways a directness was given to our deliberations which should help us all to accept more fully our individual part and responsibility in the work of our Society.

During the year I have represented the Scottish Section at the Annual Conventions of the English and Welsh Sections, held at London and Colwyn Bay respectively, and also at the Congress of the European Federation which was held at Barcelona at Easter, under the Presidency of Mr. Jinarajadasa.

The year under report must ever be a memorable one in the annals of our Society as having witnessed the

passing of its two great leaders—Dr. Annie Besant and Bishop Leadbeater, under whose guidance and instruction the Theosophical Society has won a position of importance in the world. To them is due an immeasurable debt of gratitude which can be but reduced by the Fellows of the Society by their continued and increased zeal in the Society's work and service. I venture to say on behalf of my fellow-members of this Section that such will be our aim and purpose, and on their behalf also, I tender to you, our new President, the assurance of our loyal support and our sincere affection for you, in the cause of which you are the chosen leader.

GHR. GALE,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SWITZERLAND

To the President, the T. S.

We are in very good conditions—increasing slowly but steadily. No demission, one transferred, and a net augmentation of 25 members. The new feature of this year has been the creation of a Lodge "En Avant" consisting of young people: in fact no member is accepted except those who are less than thirty. In Geneva, the cradle of this very active and enthusiastic Lodge is very assured of the success of its young President Mr. G. Tripet.

Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit to us has been a good stimulant and now we hope that our new President, Dr. Arundale will soon bring in our small country the benefit of his inspiring presence.

We try to keep our Section on the rhythm of a movement adjusting ourselves inwardly to the spiritual facts taught in Theosophy. The bond of trust among us is very strong, we

are so full of mutual understanding and brotherhood that the voting for our new President went on peacefully and smoothly. Many of us did not know the two candidates, although their books are read with interest, so we chose to the best of our judgement. The members who voted for Mr. Ernest Wood are quite decided and willing to work loyally with our new President, Dr. Arundale.

Our difficulties are, as in the past, the great number of spiritual groups settling in our biggest towns and recruiting people who are attracted towards the ideal of brotherhood and who like new presentations of the Truth; the other difficulty is the high level of intellectual and spiritual culture belonging to the average inhabitants of our country who enjoy first rate lectures coming from very competent and attractive people. It is

often quite a problem to rise a really numerous audience although the speakers are well known.

Then the economic pressure is another drawback—but it is a general

drawback, not belonging specially to Switzerland.

28-7-34

LOUISA ROLLIER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BELGIUM

To the President, the T. S.

I think the best way in which I can give you an idea of the activities of our Section, will be to give you a résumé of the report which I presented to the Annual Meeting in June last :

"The past year has been marked by the departure of our venerated Dr. Annie Besant, who passed away on September 20th, 1933, at the dawn of her eighty-sixth year. All that was said at the special meeting in October last, and in the meeting of the Lotus, could only convey a faint sketch of such a magnificent career. We know that she has only left us partially, that what we have lost is nought but the frail physical envelope, but nevertheless this loss appears to us just as irreparable. I thought that we could not do better than to open this General Meeting with a united thought of love and filial respect for the dear and great one who has left us.

A little later, the 1st March, he, who was for many years the companion of our dear President, both in her trials and researches, the venerable Bishop Leadbeater, also left us. He passed away a few days after his 87th birthday. As you know, he was born on February 17th, 1847. Bishop Leadbeater, it can justly be said, was considered the greatest clairvoyant and occultist of our era. There also, the loss we have sustained, is very great, and our regret is only mitigated by the conviction that this great being will at a not too far distant time, again take up the good fight on this plane.

Death has also knocked at other doors amongst the ranks of the Theosophical Society. In France, recently died Mr. Charles Blech who, for more than 25 years, was General Secretary of the T. S. in France, and who, during this long period, was the indomitable Captain of the Theosophical ship. In America, Mr. Wardall, world Chief of the Theosophical Society Order of Service, also passed away.

The number of our members is less than last year, which number was the same as that of the previous year. Instead of 378 members, we now have but 371.

During the year four Flemish and nineteen French diplomas were granted.

Our activities, as in former years, have, above all, consisted of Conferences. As an innovation, we have commenced a course of Theosophy, to which one Saturday per month is given. This course is based on Mr. Jinarajadasa's book the *Occult Evolution of Humanity*. I thank the members who have been good enough to assume this task with me.

Among the lecturers from foreign countries who have visited us this year, I must mention above all, our Indian Brother, of whom I have just spoken, Mr. Jinarajadasa. During a tour in Europe, before going to the Theosophical Congress at Barcelona, which he was presiding, he stayed several days in Belgium, during which he gave two lectures at Brussels, one at Liège, one at Gand and one at Antwerp. Everywhere, his message was listened to with great enthusiasm

and made a profound impression in the hearts of those who had the privilege of being present. At the present time, he continues indefatigably, his lecturing tour in South America. We are certain that where he passes, his coming will be felt as a veritable benediction.

The Theosophical Congress at Barcelona, which took place at Easter, was also a great success, above all thanks to him. I don't need to speak here of this Congress, since Madame André was able to give us, a few weeks later, a very fine lecture on this subject.

The next European Theosophical Congress will take place at Amsterdam during the summer of 1935.

We also had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Marg. Mertens several times, and again yesterday, when she spoke to us of the Gift of Venus to the Earth. Mrs. Mertens is resident in England since several years, but for all that she is a Belgian and certainly would not be pleased if I considered her a foreign lecturer.

Through circumstances beyond control, we were unable to have the pleasure of hearing our sister Madame Kamensky, this year, although she has always come to us in former years.

On the other hand, M. Ludovic Réhault, who spoke on Krishnamurti, at the Palais des Beaux Arts, as well as at Antwerp, lectured to us at the T. S.

As in former years, we lent our platform several times to the Order of Service.

Several Brussels members spoke in the provinces, and particularly at Antwerp and Liège. The Branch reports read this morning contain this information.

Serge Brisy, as always, untiring, undertook a long lecturing tour in France, Switzerland, Algeria, and Tunis. I was able to speak at Strasbourg, Lyon, Paris, Geneva and Lausanne.

The library has functioned regularly as in past years, thanks to the devotion of Madame Julia Jacobs.

The bookstall, run by Madame Polak, with the aid of several helpers, and, in particular of Miss Van Hulle and Madame Ver. Jacobs, has been able, through sales, to help spread Theosophical teaching.

For the same financial reasons as for the preceding year, we were unable to print the Theosophical bulletin. Fortunately, several members of the Central Branch, and especially Miss Van den Houten, partially filled this regrettable lack, by publishing from time to time, translations from *The Theosophist* of interesting articles:

Our spiritual balance sheet is not too bad: the Theosophical activities have taken the same smooth course as the preceding year, although perhaps not altogether on the same lines. Our Saturday meetings have been regularly attended by non-Theosophists. Materially, however, our position is not brilliant. Here as well as elsewhere, the spiritual suffers through the material. I don't want to encroach on your Treasurer's report, but he will certainly point out to you, and you will easily see for yourselves from the balance sheet, that of the Fcs. 20,000, odd, charges and overhead, which weigh down our budget, only Fcs. 6,000 counterbalance in subscriptions. The rest represents revenue from rentals. We may, however, lose this source of revenue shortly. The second floor has been empty for several months already, and the lease of the ground floor will expire on December 31, 1934.

This year, through the generosity of certain members, who have abandoned all or part of their loan to us, and thanks, also, to a legacy from a Belgian member who died in the Congo, to our late President, we were able to amortise a fairly considerable sum, i.e., Fcs. 35,000. It would be a great pity if we were compelled by adverse circumstances to interrupt the policy of amortisations, which we have followed for some years.

I close this report with the hope that this outline will stimulate a better spirit of collaboration than ever amongst our members, and a growing generosity, in order that we may steer our barque through the rocks of 1935, in order that the T. S. may continue to develop its noble mission of spreading around us the consoling and liberating teachings of Theosophy.

Although this event really comes within the scope of our next year's report, we cannot pass over in silence, the visit which our new President, and his charming wife, Rukmini, made us in Brussels during September last.

The two lectures which he gave during his all too short stay in Brussels, on the "Magic of the Secret Doctrine" and "The Social Application of Theosophy," were attended by large public audiences, and produced a profound impression. These two lectures were given in almost faultless French.

Now that he has once consented to stop over in Belgium, we hope we will always have the pleasure of Dr. Arundale's visits whenever he passes through on his future travels.

5-12-34

GASTON POLAK,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

To the President, the T. S.

I have great pleasure in submitting to you the following Annual Report of our Indonesian Section T. S., for the year ending 30th September, 1934:

Statistics: At the end of last year there were 1,443 members on the active list. During the year ending September, 1934, 110 new members have joined the Society, 15 have been transferred from other Sections; 38 have resigned, 10 have died, 26 have been transferred to other Sections and 310 have been removed from the rolls, leaving a total active membership of 1,184. The number of Lodges is now 25, and there are 12 Centres.

General Remarks.—Our Section did suffer, as acutely as the year before, from the financial and industrial depression. I must say to my regret, that this trouble has rather increased and the number of unemployed Indians and Europeans has reached a shocking height. This year has witnessed several explosions of distress, which necessitated even the intervention of military force. The authorities try to conceal this state of affairs, as much as they can, but it is too obvious not to be

seen. It is hopeless, to see the authorities struggle to reconstruct and rebuild a system of economics, which has proved itself to be a complete failure. But as the great capitalists and industrialists still keep the power in hand and keep themselves backed by armed force, we cannot hope that things will improve without great trouble and pain to many of us. The people in some parts of Java had even to face famine, which disaster has not occurred here for a great number of years, as Java is such a very rich and fertile country.

However, this chaos in society has stimulated the people to look elsewhere for a solution of the problem and I venture to say, that this is one of the reasons for a very marked increase of the interest in philosophical, spiritual and Theosophical matters.

Propaganda.—Of course, we took advantage of this phenomenon and intensified the propaganda for Theosophical ideals. It was a very happy circumstance, that Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and his charming wife, Mrs. Jane Hodson, came just at the beginning of this period, to pay a visit to Java.

You have, of course, read his articles in *The Theosophist*, born from that visit, but perhaps they did not tell you how we exploited them, the time they were here? The public was very responsive to his lectures and every night he had to address crowded and eagerly listening audiences. Several times we were compelled to ask our members to leave the hall, to give accommodation to the public. Especially this was the case at Bandoeng where brother and sister Hodson stayed for a week. It made them as enthusiastic as their audience and he gave many more lectures, than originally planned.

The result has been, that Mrs. and Mr. Hodson decided to return to Java in 1936 and tighten the bonds of friendship. We expect them to come in 1936.

After they had left us, we continued a thorough propaganda-activity in several Lodges. At Bandoeng for instance we have crowded public lectures every week and we keep three public classes, attended by over 60 persons. In Batavia we experienced the same enthusiasm and just a month ago, at a tour of myself in the eastern part of Java, I could see, that crowded and overfilled halls were not only confined to the West.

This is all very splendid, we only regret, that not sufficient workers appear in this field, where the harvest becomes ripe for gathering in. We hope to train young members, to become efficient lecturers.

Magazines Published.—Our periodical publications are still the same:

(1) *De Pionier*, being the Dutch Sectional monthly; (2) *Persatoean Hidoep* (The One LIFE), the Malay idem; (3) *Theosofie in Ned.-Indië*, being the Official Bulletin, published in two languages, viz., Dutch and Malay; (4) *Koemandang Theosofie* (The Light of Theosophy), published in the Javanese language by the Lodge at Solo; (5) *The Mahabharata*, which is a translation of the great epic in Javanese,

with explanations and comments. The translation has completed the Udyoga Parva; (6) *Correspondence Letter*, a newly started bi-monthly, intended especially for the personal contact between myself and the Presidents of Lodges and Centres and the members of the Sectional Council—Forty-five persons in total. Several members however are interested also in this letter and they subscribed to it, so the number of subscribers is about 250.

Books Issued.—We had a reprint of Mrs. Besant's *A Study in Consciousness*", in a very cheap edition, costing only 75 cents. We are issuing a translation in Malay of Mr. Leadbeater's: *A Primer of Theosophy* and Mrs. Besant's: *In the Outer Court*. Both books are given gratuitously to our native members, to provide them with materials for their study.

Theosophical Events.—The outstanding event has been the visit of Mrs. and Mr. Hodson. At the passing over of Bishop. C. W. Leadbeater, who was a personal friend of many of us, had visited Java several times and expressed his love for this country at several occasions, we held public memorial meetings all over Java, which meetings were well attended and drew the attention of the press.

We were visited by the Bhikku Narada Thera from Ceylon, who lectured about Buddhism. We helped financially and offered him our lodge-buildings and organisation for his lectures. He appreciated it very much, was quite eloquent in his praise for all the good Theosophy has done to spread the beautiful teachings of the Lord BUDDHA and was an inspiration for his audience. A great many Javanese and Chinese took Pancha Sila. The Bhikku promised to return and continue the work he has started here.

It looks like, as if every one, who comes to Java is delighted to experience the eager response the Javanese public gives at the call of the Spirit. This

is the reason why everybody is desirous to come back again.

Christmas-time was dedicated to the second gathering of the Lodge and Centre Presidents. We had very interesting discussions concerning a co-ordination of our activities; we discussed the America-plan of brother Piet Roest, we argued about education in our schools, about influencing the spirit of economic and political situation and were all in a very happy mood. This experiment proved to be quite successful and will be repeated every year.

The National Convention.—The Convention was held at Buitenzorg, in the large and beautiful buildings of the Agricultural School, the Director of which is a member of the Society. The school is situated in the vicinity of the city and has a beautiful park and shadowy woods, which invited walking and meditating in the open. Convention was attended by over 200 members, who appreciated the lectures, the informal meetings, the camp-fire and attended in a large number the successful and harmonious business-meetings.

The Pemitran Tjahja.—This newly started movement is going on very well. Two new Centres have been established, so we have now 14, and about 900 men assist regularly the fortnightly meetings. This is an entire native movement and it is very cleverly done by five Javanese propagandists. Once we experienced a very disagreeable conflict with some orthodox and fanatical Mohammedans, who opposed our action and tried to frighten the people away from the meetings. At the same time they caused a great noise to be made, every time when a gathering of Theosophists took place. After complaining to the local authorities and with the enlisting of one of the high Javanese officials who is a T. S. member, we conquered the trouble and the result was a bigger success.

The Immediate Future.—After the result of the election of our new President became known, we all understood, that a "new dispensation" was coming on. I am very happy to say, that all members joined eagerly and wholeheartedly. We shall discuss the problem in our next President's-convention (3, 4 and 5 Nov.), but we have already taken several steps to improve the Theosophical life here.

One thing is always a hindrance, that is, that I, as the Sectional President, am not free to travel as I would like to do. I am doing the best I can, but my profane duty keeps me very busy, so I can seldom visit the other Lodges. But I try to make the best of it and so do others and what more can be asked?

An interesting problem for the future was born from the idea, if it should not be desirable to establish a Federation of Malay-speaking T. S. Sections. The idea grew in the brain of Mr. Regan of the Philippine Section, my colleague, Mr. Zapata, General Secretary of that Section and we had some correspondence to find if there was not a possibility to make bonds of friendship and understanding between the countries around the Southern Chinese Sea: the Philippine Isles, Malakka, Siam, Sarawak, Br. North-Borneo, French Indo-China and the Netherlands Indies. We are discussing the difficulties and the possibilities of the plan. Time will show if there is something in it.

Education. This is going on very hopefully. The number of schools, directed by the T. S., has again increased by 3, so there are 45 schools now and the general spirit is quite good. The interest of our members remains very small however, which is rather a pity, for there is very much still to be done and we are not able to do it, without the assistance of our brothers.

Finances.—This is always a disagreeable point! But we keep on struggling. We started a banking-department to centralise all the financial business of Lodges, schools and kindred societies. We first intended to call it the *Central Theosophical Bank*, but afterwards, for business-reasons, we decided to leave out the word "Theosophical". The capital invested is 100,000, guilders. The Bank has already begun its activities and has helped some members and Lodges out of otherwise hopeless situations.

Only 5 members had sufficient confidence to interest themselves financially, others are looking on and . . . criticise. We hope that they will soon appreciate our good intentions

and all the trouble we have taken and perhaps then they will join us!

In closing this, perhaps a long report, allow me to express on behalf of our Section, our firm intention to remain faithful and true and loyal to the cause of the Masters, in the service of mankind and under the banner of our Society. And let me voice the most cordial and fraternal greetings to you, our President and to Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, adding our very best and sincere wishes for success in the work you will do in the name of the original Founders of our beloved Society.

A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,

General Secretary.

15-10-1934

T. S. IN BURMA

To the President, the T. S.

Introductory.—I have great pleasure to place before you the report of the Theosophical Society in Burma, for the year ending 30th September, 1934, and to state that in spite of the prevailing conditions, there has been a very vigorous effort to spread the message of Theosophy in the country, and the year has been one of activity in several directions.

Our New President.—I take this opportunity on behalf of the members to congratulate very heartily our new President, Dr. G. S. Arundale, on his election to the office of the President of the Theosophical Society. We welcome him as our Leader, and send him our loving greetings, and assure him co-operation in all his work for the service and upliftment of humanity. We also offer our warmest welcome to his wife and colleague, Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, and wish both Dr. and Mrs. Arundale the blessings of the Great Masters in their new and onerous duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Warrington.—We also record our great appreciation and thanks from our hearts to Mr. and Mrs. Warrington who have so finely borne the Flag of Theosophy during the period Mr. Warrington acted as the President of the Society. Their deep devotion to the movement, have endeared them to one and all, and the Theosophical Society will not forget them. During their stay at Adyar they have made their own contribution to the administration and organisation of the Theosophical Society at Adyar.

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.—We also send our loving greetings to our beloved leader, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, for the great services he is rendering to the Society in America in spite of his health and difficulties.

The late Rt. Rev. Bishop C. W. Leadbeater.—We had to record the passing of Dr. Annie Besant in the last report, and this year we have to record the passing on to the other side her lifelong colleague, and our beloved leader, Bishop Leadbeater, on 1st of

March, 1934. Coming so soon after the passing of our President-Mother, Bishop Leadbeater's passing means a great loss and blow to the Society. There is no Theosophist in the world who will not for ever cherish in his mind affection and gratitude for this great leader for the noble services he has rendered and for the invaluable help he has given to aspirants who have sought great realities in preference to the prizes of the world. He is one of those personages who from time to time cause the light of hidden Truth to shine amidst the almost impenetrable darkness of human blindness, generally to their own relentless persecution and intolerant rejection on the part of those who have neither the ears to hear nor the eyes to see. We record his great selfless services to the cause of the Theosophical Society and to the humanity at large.

Late Lt.-Col. G. E. T. Green.—We regret to record the passing on of our respected friend and brother, Lt.-Col. G. E. T. Green, who was for many years a very active President of the Rangoon Theosophical Society. He passed on 21st of February, 1934 at his residence at the age of 72. He was not only an earnest student of Theosophy, but was a practical Theosophist. After retiring from Government service as Deputy Commissioner, he was for some years in Rangoon working for the Society, and then went to live at Kalaw. His well-stocked library was filled with the works of H. P. Blavatsky, Annie Besant, and C. W. Leadbeater. He had a very great admiration for all the leaders of the T. S., and was specially interested in Bishop Leadbeater's works and contributions. He did a good deal to revive Buddhism, and presided at the Theosophical Convention held in Mandalay in 1919, when over 400 Bhikkus patiently heard his exposition of Theosophy, when he said that when "*Thathana* declined, Theosophy came into being". We

record his great services to the Theosophical Society in Burma.

Other Losses.—We have to record the loss the Section sustained in the passing of our friends, U Po Mya of Thayetmyo, and U Ba of Rangoon during the year. U Po Mya was a very sincere member, and lived Theosophy in his life. He contributed his time for educational and social reform in his town. U Ba made very valuable contributions in Burmese for the revival of Buddhism and for Theosophy. Mr. T. R. Sundram, for some years, Secretary of the Rangoon Lodge, and a very enthusiastic worker also passed away after a few months' illness. We send our loving thoughts to these workers, and wish them a speedy return for a greater share of work for the cause of Theosophy.

Mrs. M. Fraser.—Mrs. M. Fraser, a very energetic and devoted worker left Burma for good, and returned back to England after the sudden passing of her husband here. We record her great services to the Theosophical Society and to the Schools connected with the Society.

Membership.—We had 169 active members and 111 Honorary Bhikku members on 1st of October, 1933. Out of the 169 members, 46 names were transferred to suspense list for failure to pay annual dues, 3 died, 1 transferred, thus leaving the active membership to 119. To this is added ten admissions during the year, making up the active membership to 129 on 30th September, 1934.

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

Activities.—On account of its position, Rangoon Lodge continued to be very active during the year. There were regular study classes. Mr. D. A. Anklesaria conducted the Wednesday Classes on "*Advanced Theosophy*",

and the subjects for study were: (1) Ancient Wisdom and (2) Secret Doctrine. Sunday mornings were devoted for some months for the study of Krishnaji's Teachings by Mr. N. A. Naganathan, and Gita and Sanatana Dharma Classes by Mr. B. R. Rao, and discourses on "Saints and Sages" series by Mr. D. A. Anklesaria. Public lectures were delivered in addition to the above on very interesting subjects by Mr. D. A. Anklesaria, Mr. B. R. Rao, Pandit Pakkiriswamy Pillay, and some of the subjects dealt with were: Wisdom of the Upanishads, Man and His Bodies, Karma, Reincarnation, Saints and Sages, and so on. Besides these, lectures were delivered by Bhikku Doraje Prajnananda on "The Stars," Mr. A. K. Pillay on "Krishnaji's Teachings," Mr. Ramalinga Iyer on "Atman and Eternal Bliss," and Kabiswar Sundaram on "Eternal Bliss". Mr. Shantilal Mehta delivered four devotional musical concerts on "Saints of Humanity". Besides these, the Lodge premises were used by other religious and social associations almost every day.

The Youth Lodge, Rangoon, carried on its regular meetings, and they had a vigorous programme for the year. Among those who took keen interest were Mr. C. R. N. Swami, Mr. P. V. Radhakrishnan, Mr. N. Anantan, and Mr. Keshavalal Mehta. These young men also took active part in social work connected with the Theosophical Society, such as Humanitarian League, Night School work, and in the general propaganda.

Mandalay Lodge held regular meetings every week, and U Kyaw Hla, Mr. K. M. Dorabjee, Mr. T. K. K. Pani deserve the thanks of the Section for keeping on the activities of the Lodge, and other allied activities connected with the Theosophical Society.

Mr. T. R. Govindraj, and Mr. B. N. Roy Choudhry kept up the activities of the Maymyo Lodge, and activities

connected with the Lodge, *viz.*, the M. E. T. School, which has now been raised to a Middle School.

U Hla Maung of Pyinmana continued his good work at Pyinmana, and U San Mya at Taungdwingyi. In addition to general propaganda, they have taken active interest in their local civic, educational, Humanitarian, and social life. We congratulate them for the success which they have achieved in the various directions.

Mrs. Wales continued her good propaganda work among the ladies in the town.

Library and Reading Room.—Rangoon and Maymyo reading rooms continued to attract readers; both these libraries however require much improvement, and local members are requested to bring these libraries up-to-date. Mandalay Library and Reading Room did not attract much reading public in spite of efforts of the members to keep it up. The Section and Mandalay Lodge again subscribed for copies of *The Theosophist* to be placed in some important public libraries in the province which has been a very useful contribution of Theosophy in the province.

Our Members.—Our members take a great deal of interest in all activities which promote brotherhood, such as in the Burma Humanitarian League, Scout Movement, Night School work, and in educational, and social activities. Among them may be mentioned, Mr. D. A. Anklesaria, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Mr. K. M. Dorabjee of Mandalay, U San Mya of Taungdwingyi, U Hla Maung of Pyinmana, and our late U Po Mya of Thayetmyo. Mr. S. T. Arasu, Mr. T. R. Muthuswamy Pillay and Mr. P. Venkataraman, associated themselves and took keen interest in local religious, social, and educational activities.

B. E. T. Schools.—The 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 further expanded

during the year. There has been a further increase in the strength of both these schools, on account of their usefulness and character, and the present strength is 550 in the Boys' High School, and 250 in the Girls' Middle School. These schools are worked under the ideals inaugurated by our late President, Dr. Annie Besant, and education is imparted in the spirit of Theosophy. The Boys' School is helped by public subscriptions, while the Girls' School by contributions from T. S. members. These schools have now been well organised, and have made a name in the province. Mr. K. R. Chari, N. A. Naganathan, and Rai Sahib Nebraj Talwar, for the Boys' High School, Mr. N. A. Naganathan, and Mr. T. R. Muthuswamy Pillay, for the Girls' School, and Mr. P. Venkatraman, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, and Mr. P. V. Radhakrishnan, for the Night School, have greatly contributed to the credit of the Theosophical Society in the field of education.

Burma Humanitarian League.—U San Hla, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, and Mr. Keshavlal Mehta spared no pains to push on the Humanitarian work in the province, and we congratulate them for the wonderful results achieved especially in the stopping of sacrifices in and around Rangoon.

Women's Movement.—Mrs. Naganathan, as Secretary of the Women's Indian Association, helped to reorganise the association, and to promote the social interests of women in Rangoon by holding regular meetings, socials, music, and arranging a Grand Variety Entertainment in aid of Bihar Earthquake Relief Fund.

Propaganda.—Section continued the usual propaganda work, and copies of *At the Feet of the Master* in Burmese, *Noble-Eightfold Path*, and other leaflets were sent over to enquirers and to schools.

Sectional Magazine.—*The Message of Theosophy* was issued quarterly

during the year by the help of our members, but more encouragement is required to make this magazine more useful and attractive.

Finance.—There is nothing satisfactory to report under this head, as collection has always been very difficult partly due to indifference of members, and partly due to the present conditions. No improvement or expansion of T. S. work is possible without the aid of funds, and members are requested to contribute their best for the cause.

Section Land.—The land at Thingangyun remains in the same position. At present we cannot improve it or dispose of the same.

Visitors.—Mr. and Mrs. Warrington visited Rangoon on their way to America at the end of September. They were given a warm welcome by the members and friends. Mr. Warrington delivered an address on the first day on "The Work of the Theosophical Society," and on the second day answered questions placed before him on interesting subjects. They also visited the B.E.T. Schools when they were entertained by the children. He was very much impressed with the City of Rangoon, and the vitality of the T. S. work, and appreciated all the arrangements made, the entertainment, reception, and the gracious address of welcome given, and observed that where there is life, there must be results. This visit has added another chapter to our work in Burma.

Our Annual Convention.—Our last Annual Meeting was held on the 11th of December, 1933, presided over by Mr. D. A. Anklesaria. A special Easter Convention was held during the Easter Week in March last for three days when there were three public lectures delivered. Mr. B. Ramachandra Rao spoke on the 1st day on the "Study of Philosophy". Pandit Pakkiriswamy Pillay addressed on the 2nd day on "The Teachings of Mr. Krishna-murti," and the last lecture was

delivered by Mr. A. K. Pillay, Barrister-at-Law, on "Krishnamurti, the Master Smith". These lectures were all interesting, and attracted a good number of friends.

Celebration.—The White Lotus Day, Founders' Day, Adyar Day and Bishop Leadbeater's Birthday were celebrated by the Lodges. A special Memorial Meeting was held at Olcott Lodge when resolutions were passed recording the great services rendered to the Theosophical Society, and to the cause of Theosophy by the late Bishop Leadbeater.

Adyar Convention.—Mr. J. C. Bilimoria, Mr. D. A. Anklesaria, Mr. P. K. Annan, and Mr. N. A. Naganathan, represented Burma at the last International Convention held at Adyar in December, 1933.

Conclusion.—The year under report has been one of activity, and we hope the ensuing year will be of greater

service, and of more life, as we look forward to the visit of our new President, Dr. G. S. Arundale, Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, and our beloved Krishnaji.

The needs of the world are great, and the Theosophical Society in Burma require more men and more money to carry on its work and spread its message of peace and joy to humanity, and it is our hope that more of our members will come forward to take up the great cause.

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

21-10-1934

N. A. NAGANATHAN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN AUSTRIA

To the President, the T. S.

It is an inner necessity for the whole Austrian Section including myself as General Secretary, to begin our report this year with an expression of loyalty to you and the assurance that we are most happy about the outcome of the Presidential election of the T. S. Concerning your "Message to the Members of the T. S." we can say that we understand very well the large view you take of leading the T. S. in a new direction and we feel quite enthusiastic about doing our best to follow your suggestions for spreading Theosophy in our country. As regards the figures of the Austrian Section they are as follows:

Statistics.—The current number of members on our rolls on the 30th of September was 1,571. The number of

active Lodges 9. I am sorry to state that this year only 20 persons have joined the T. S. compared to 40 in the last year. The loss of members (45) is due above all to the necessary removal from the rolls of many members from whom one did not hear anything for many years as also to the serious political situation our country has been in. In the days of the first revolt in February last a great depression took hold of the population, so that for some months all activities ceased, partly too in compliance with the exigencies of martial law. Again in July a similar situation ensued. In consequence of the dogmatic Roman-Catholic course pursued by the leading political circles of Austria it is not at all expedient to make any public propaganda until political excitement

has died down. So only the half of last year has joined our ranks. So, meanwhile, propaganda goes on chiefly from mouth to mouth only; yet on the whole we are very glad that we still exist as a Society.

Activities.—In order to avoid getting sensationally inclined people as members who usually drop out again soon after their admission, after having satisfied their curiosity, we decided for the future to invite all people interested to visit as guests one of the Study Classes in the course of which lectures are given by our librarian, Ing. Theo Körner (in the resuscitated Lodge "Vajra") and by myself (in Lodge "Gnosis"—Vienna).

The activities of our Lodges were manifold. In the Lodge "Alcyone" nine lecturers (Mrs. Mary Auner, Dr. Rudolph Biach, Bishop John Cordes, Mr. Max Eder, Dr. Oskar Hugl, Mr. Karl Riedel, Mr. M. Schefranek, Mrs. Helene Schleifer, Mr. Fritz Schleifer), gave lectures on interesting subjects of Theosophy compared with Psychology, Philosophy, Art, Religions, Investigations, the different political situations of the world in general and especially in our country. Two lantern-slide lectures were delivered by Miss Elly Kastinger about her travels in India and Spain. The "Art-Lodge" led by Miss Elly Kastinger held a commemoration-meeting for Dr. Annie Besant and arranged a series of lectures on Sundays in the "Theosophenheim" in Hütteldorf by Dr. Biach and several evenings with musical performances and recitations. The external Lodge "Lotus" (leader: Mr. Rolf Jessold) specialised in study lectures on Theosophy and L. C. C. ceremonials for its members and introduced guests. As the leader of the Vienna Lodge "Gnosis" I lectured on Psycho-Astrology and on Ancient Gnostical Symbolism. In the Lodge "Bruderschaft" led by Mr. Steinherr outside Vienna; 25—30 very poor and mostly unemployed country-

people met and studied theosophically the reasons of their Karma. For several years they have been longing for the realization of their dream to build a Theosophical community of farmers.

In Dr. Oskar Hugl, an Austrian returned from Hamburg, we have got an excellent Theosophical investigator and student of H. P. B.'s Secret Doctrine. At Headquarters he drew a comparison between the statements of H. P. B.'s Cosmogony and the remarkable hypothesis (World-Ice-Theory) of a well known Austrian Scientist, Ing. Hans Hörbiger. Dr. Hugl presented some passages of Ing. Hörbiger's statements which are in full agreement with certain passages of the Secret Doctrine. The leader of the Lodge "Pax" Mrs. Elsa Lorsy Stephani tried to start a Youth-Lodge. She wanted to help the young people interested in an "undogmatical way" to find their bearings. But at the end of the year she had to abandon her idea. So the Lodge "Pax" went to sleep again.

In the "Order of Service" Mrs. Helene Schleifer and Miss Lilly Jaffe did practical work helping poor women, girls and children, arranging social gatherings in which they tried to propagate a brotherly spirit through contact with non-Theosophical people. Mrs. Mary Auner's work of musical education in the schools, continues in spite of the change of Government, as it is approved on all sides. With the help of a great many musicians she is busy introducing her system for creating understanding and appreciation of good music amongst children into hundreds of schools in Vienna. Mr. Karl Riedel the Acting Secretary of many years standing earns the gratitude of the whole Section and many members of the T. S. in other countries, thanks to the translation into German of the most important passages of *The Theosophist*, so that we have

in Austria, in spite of all difficulties, at least a good German periodical.

In closing my report I beg to renew on behalf of the Austrian Section the

expressions of loyalty and love to our most revered President.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN NORWAY

To the President, the T. S.

Our little Society has been strongly influenced in the past year also by the great events in the great Theosophical world.

First of all the painful loss of our beloved President and her great colleague Bishop C. W. Leadbeater. Even if we are all glad to know that they are now left free to work under untrammelled and better conditions than before, still it is great and painful loss to us all, and we will miss them all through our life.

Then we had the Presidential election, and I may assure you that the whole Norwegian Section will gather round the new President with the same joy and devotion as in the case of our mother—never to be forgotten—Dr. Annie Besant.

From our own work I am glad to be able to tell you, that in Oslo a new Lodge has been founded—Theosophia-Lodge—with 20 quite new members, and a few older members. Since then several new members have joined the Lodge, so the number is now in all 221. The members in this Lodge are all glad to work; they are enthusiastic and thankful, and we hope they will retain

that key-note through the years to come. This Lodge is the result of a series of lectures given by Mr. E. M. Iversen. The work in the Lodges in our country has been quite good, and the resignations have been very few.

Also this year we have had a Summer School at Hundorp, Gudbrandsdalen with Mr. E. C. Bolt as leader. This school has been called our best up to this year. Mr. Bolt has also been on a lecture tour from Bergen to Oslo—with Mrs. Dagny Zadig as a most efficient translator. This trip was very successful. Both these undertakings have been organized by Mr. Erling Havrevold. Upon the whole we may say that the year has been rather good, and the interest in Theosophy is rather growing than stagnating. At the convention Mr. Erling Havrevold was elected as our new General Secretary.

The whole Norwegian Section sends herewith its fraternal and heartfelt greetings to the new President and the whole working Centre in Adyar with sincere thanks for all good work.

2-10-1934 JULIUS MICHELSEN,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN DENMARK

To the President, the T. S.

It is very difficult to give in a few words a reliable presentation of the Theosophical work in Denmark. The enclosed list shows that some Lodges

are more active than others, still to possess many members is no criterion of quality although there may be a certain connection between the two things.

It seems to me that there is a growing tendency in some of the Lodges to approach "the Buddhic Life-Web" of our Society, a growing feeling that the many ramifications of our work are often but atomic without an inner core of that life-web, which is alone able to carry the LIFE . . . the rhythm of brotherhood . . . into the world. In some, but not in all, places people seem to be somewhat weary of the politics of the Theosophical Society and its various Subsidiary Activities; but wherever there is an attempt to synthesise the members individual "Subsidiary Activities" . . . the problems raised by their homes, their children, their labour . . . I find a growing interest and enthusiasm for Theosophy and the many aspects of the Theosophical view on life.

Having been President of a Lodge during 14 years, I have been convinced that the thing which more than anything else induces the Public to come to a Theosophical meeting and secures the members' interest in the work of the Society is the *lecture-subjects*; it is of the greatest importance to know which one of the Theosophical viewpoints . . . Science, Philosophy, Religion, Occultism, Occult arts, etc. . . . may interest both the public and our members, because it is the subject and title that create the interest. When people arrive, then the Chairman has to see that the subjects at issue are dealt with in a *synthetic* way. Whether the meeting is conducted as a lecture—or a discussion-meeting (to be arranged according to special desires which are not the same everywhere) it is constantly the points of resemblance and not of divergence that must be stressed. The audience must leave the meeting in greater unity of mind. The result of the meeting must be an elimination of the divergencies which might have been present at the commencement of the meeting.

The *synthetic reaction* to life's problems that will grow out of this method is likely to produce that "nucleus of Universal Brotherhood" . . . that rhythm of the Inner Life . . . which is our aim to produce. We can hardly expect the Theosophical Society to grow and thrive, unless the foundation of work is synthesis, the rhythm of Brotherhood. Therefore I believe, that the tendency to acquire an individual readjustment, by and by will produce more satisfactory results in the outer world: Even if the number of our members in the Danish Section in proportion to the number of the inhabitants of Denmark is one of the highest in our Society, it goes without saying that not all the members registered are really active. A Lodge must, in order to be really effective, have an average of 40% of its members present regularly at the meetings, and 70% ought to come now and then. Also at least 20% ought to take part in the regular work. This last point is often neglected, and the result is that instead of a vital Lodge we get a partly dormant congregation. If a Lodge does not show the above percentage its method of procedure is ineffective, and the Board ought to probe the members through voting as to their interests and see what other branches of Theosophy would give better results. Change of subjects and of procedure at meetings will certainly create a new interest, but *it is necessary* that the Board are firm in their maintenance of the synthetic spirit during the meetings.

The Convention of the Danish Section took place at Aarhus. About 50 delegates and members representing nine of our eleven Lodges were present at the delegates' meeting. In spite of divergent points of view in many respects the Convention was remarkable for its perfect harmony. It was attended by the General Secretary of the Swedish Section, Mrs. Elma Berg,

and she was greeted as the beginning of a new Era in the Theosophical co-operative work in Scandinavia. At the members meeting in the evening, Mr. Edwin C. Bolt from Cambridge spoke to an audience of about 100 persons, both members and people taking interest in Theosophy. In Nakskov, Mr. Otto Viking has again this year held a successful Summer-School.

No new books have been printed this year, but our beautiful and valuable Periodical *Theosophia* was issued regularly as usual during the 9 months of the year. The Editor of this Magazine regards it as her duty and chief object to give translations of books and lectures by our best Theosophical writers. The great work involved in translating is still mostly done by the "grand old man" of our Section, Mr. Lexow, who is 88 years and a glorious example to others of faithfulness to our great ideas; truly, as Mr. Bolt once said, "one of God's own gentlemen." The Magazine is ably conducted by Mrs. Valborg Andersen, President of the Olcott Lodge.

The Section is under great obligations to Mr. Edwin C. Bolt for his self-sacrificing labour in the service of Theosophy here in Denmark. Through him a flood of international life of which we have long felt the want, has entered our Section. Our small country is situated in an out-of-the-way corner of the world, and is only rarely visited by leading people in the Society, and thus misses the inspiring help which our brothers in bigger countries are more often enjoying. Mr. Bolt, however, is so free-born and wise a teacher, and is to such an extent filled with the spirit of true brotherhood that he is an excellent representative of Theosophy in its purest and most pristine form.

I want to conclude by saying that the Danish Section sends you its warmest wishes for your work in the service of Theosophy and of our old and magnificent Society. We have been filled with intense pleasure by reading in the October number of *The Theosophist* about your correspondence with Professor Wood.

CH. BONDE JENSEN,
Vice-General Secretary.

T. S. IN IRELAND

To the President, the T. S.

The situation of the Theosophical Society in Ireland remains very much the same as last year; except that there is to a considerable extent a re-awakening of enthusiasm, due I think partly to the splendid enthusiasm of our new President, and largely to the effect of the wonderful *Summer School* held for the first time in Ireland this year. I think it is impossible to estimate the value and the importance of such a School; and to a country, such as Ireland, divided as it unfortunately is against itself, and against England so far as

the twenty-six counties in the south are concerned; the fact of fifty-two people from those two countries spending two weeks together in complete harmony, and thorough, healthy, enjoyment is of the most supreme and far-reaching importance. We look forward to other Summer Schools in Ireland; so forging still stronger links.

It is difficult to keep a really accurate numerical account of the members in Ireland; there seem to be always some who lapse from time to time—go into a kind of pralaya, and then return again into incarnation—and some who

resign for various reasons, and then come back again; they are all, of course, most heartily welcome, and a little indecision, and changing of mind, is not at all to be wondered at in this unsettled and troubled country. All the time we have a band of faithful members—faithful through many adversities; and we know that we are keeping going a nucleus of great things by and by; and we are grateful to have this opportunity.

It has always been our custom to have the Annual Convention alternately in Dublin and Belfast; and this year, in February, it was held in Belfast; and Captain Sydney Ransom came over from England, at our invitation, and acted as Chairman. There were not any other Delegates at the Convention. The visit of Dr. Arundale to these countries is now ended for this year; but we look forward to having him back again next year.

At a meeting in London of the General Secretaries of England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, we had an opportunity of discussing with the

President our difficulties and problems in connection with the Sections; and this was a great help to me in dealing with a rather difficult and delicate question which has arisen in Ireland—at present in Dublin.

Dr. Arundale stressed again and again the importance of studying in our Lodges "Theosophy"; and said that although it embraces different Philosophies and Sciences, in the Society itself the study of pure Theosophy should be the matter of most supreme importance. It seems to me that this is a point which needs to be stressed now that Theosophy is no longer a new teaching; although, of course, it was not new fifty-nine years ago, but it was then given in a new presentation, and it was our good karma to come in touch with it, no doubt not for the first time; and we should try to realize and accept the responsibility which accordingly is ours.

October, 1934

J. M. NICHOLS,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN MEXICO

To the President, the T. S.

We are glad to report a perceptible improvement, during this year, in the growth and work of the Mexican Section of our Society. In spite of the general illness of the world, and its repercussion in the economic conditions of this land, a revival of the flame of enthusiasm for Theosophy may be observed among us. The number of our active members has accrued; no Lodge has been disbanded, on the contrary, three new were formed, as well as four demi-Lodges or Centres for the study of Theosophy at places where a Lodge never existed. A broad publicity of Krishnaji's ideas is now being made by news-papers on the

occasion of his imminent visit to Mexico; and a betterment of the national spirit of demotic co-operation and brotherhood is beginning to sprout as a result of the influence one of our most progressive members, Mr. Rafael Mallén, has been able to convey upon the ideology of the new Ruler of this country.

Strength.—We have enlisted 35 new members and re-admitted 26, against 20 dropped or died. This leaves the total of our active membership at 290. The number of our Chartered Lodges amount to 19. In addition there are 13 Study-centres (five of them very enthusiastic) headed by one or more of our active members, with a joint

monthly attendance of about 140 people.

Headquarters.—Situated at the first or central quarter of the city, our two-storey building is a *rendezvous* for daily spiritual activities. Fifteen Masonic, One Co-Masonic and Four Theosophical Lodges, as well as the E.S. and several other kindred groups, meet here. The income from the House just balance all monthly disbursements, among which we account \$300 to be paid as part or instalment to the value of our T. S. home.

Study and Teaching.—All round the year, Theosophy has unceasingly been explained in questions and answers to non-members at the City of Mexico, by the General Secretary, and at Puebla, by Dr. Ernesto Escalona. "Mercurio", a metropolitan Lodge maintained a record of weekly public talks. Eleven monthly public lectures were delivered at Pachuca, Hgo., under the auspices of "Fiat-Lux" Lodge, by members going from Mexico City; as well as four at Orizaba, Ver., where the "Emancipacion Y Progreso" Lodge is fairly well developing its work. At Monterrey, Zacatecas, Tampico, Veracruz, Villahermosa and Yucatan, the local Lodges have all maintained the regularity in their meetings and public talks.

Krishnaji's peculiar exposition of Theosophy is also weekly discussed at several Lodges by members and visitors. It is now six years that a Sunday-noon public meeting for the sole purpose of discussing Krishnamurti's ideas, is taking place at Headquarters with unflinching interest.

Publicity.—Our monthly *Boletin Oficial* is being freely distributed to 600 readers, including active and inactive members, Libraries, continental and foreign Lodges, etc. Furthermore, in our small Press we have printed for free distribution the following leaflets:

1000 *La Sucesión Presidencial de la S. T.*, 1000 *Mensaje Presidencial del Dr. Arundale*, 1000 *Los Propósitos de la S. T.* (G. S. A.'s letter to the general public), 40,000 *De las enseñanzas de Krishnamurti* and shall publish many more leaflets containing some of Krishnaji's answers in Auckland and Ojai, 1934, in order to prepare the national mind for his visit. He will arrive in Mexico City by airplane on the 2nd of February, 1935.

Annual Convention.—The Fifteenth Annual Convention of this Section was held at the City of Mexico, from the 11th, to the 19th of November, 1933. 14 Lodges were represented by Delegates, and our General Secretary was re-elected to serve as such for a sixth period of one year. Several public lectures were then delivered.

World Peace.—At Villahermosa, (Tabasco), the traditional propaganda for the 2 minutes silence of the 11th of November was successfully carried out by the local Lodge.

The decease of our most revered teacher Bishop Leadbeater afforded us the occasion for a joint homage. Almost all the Lodges of the country, the same day at a given time, created a great stream of sympathy and gratitude towards him. In his name we shall always try to "carry-on".

The Presidential Election.—In strict neutrality conducted by the General Secretary, lay opened the inner feeling of this Section when 85% of its members elected Dr. George S. Arundale as the new President of the Theosophical Society. May he always find the strength and inspiration needed for such a hard task!

ADOLFO DE LA PENA GIL,

General Secretary.

25-10-1934

T. S. IN CANADA

To the President, the T. S.

Your accession to office demands our hearty recognition and congratulations on such a unique opportunity to serve the race of mankind, and to be the channel of those forces which have been poured out upon the world in more or less purity in the last two generations. We can do little more than sympathize with you and help by our work as we see best to do it, while not forgetting what the Messenger told us in her life-stirring book, *The Key to Theosophy*, that the future of the Society "will depend almost entirely upon the degree of selflessness, earnestness, devotion, and last but not least, on the amount of knowledge and wisdom possessed by those on whom it will fall to carry on the work and to direct the Society after the death of its Founder." The last word, it may be noted, is in the singular number, which should quell many disputes. There was but one Founder and she had no successor.

In Canada we have read your several circular letters with interest, and when you speak of taking up the cause of "straight Theosophy," with hope and approbation; but in the last when you couple H. P. B. with two later writers and speak of the vagaries of all three, we cannot but wonder what you mean. However, all depends upon deeds and not words, and we will await patiently the outcome of your efforts. We are strongly convinced that the promulgation of *The Secret Doctrine* and nothing else—nothing "just as good," or assumed to be equally valuable, is the only work that the Theosophical Society can profitably undertake in this era. Loyalty to this aim, which means devotion to principles rather than to personalities, can alone bring that vitality to our organization which will impart the unity and strength of somatic life. That one-fourth of the

membership voting indicated by their votes that these ideas called for official sanction is sufficient warrant to place them on record once more, for such unity of life is necessary when our records show such large lapses in the membership and such varying excuses made to explain them. We have no desire to find fault, but the condition must be considered, and as it had been anticipated, there is good reason why these anticipations should not be disregarded. Our membership is not sufficiently engaged or a fuller vote would have been recorded in the election returns. In this respect we are no better than the outside world in its politics, when fifty per cent. is as much as may be expected from the voters enlisted.

Brotherhood must be whole-hearted, whole-souled, instinct with the sense of solidarity, and this sense we still lack. We are also too sectarian in our reach, and this has been shown by the reception that proposals of fraternization with "other sheep, not of this fold," have received at the hands of professing and representative Theosophists. We have had two fraternization Conventions, one at Niagara Falls, Ontario, and one at Rochester, New York State, with what may be considered astonishing success, in spite of official frowns, and restricted publicity. Those who fear that the robust individualism of Theosophy would be lost sight of in the mingling of Theosophists of different jurisdictions, surely have lost the view of what Theosophy has produced in the way of Leaders. Is it to be feared that other views might transcend the familiar conceptions? At any rate the Third Fraternization Convention has been set for August next in Toronto, and all and sundry are invited to attend, whatever their affiliations, as long as they profess Brotherhood under

the aegis of the Blavatsky propaganda. In any case, this broader policy has had no deterrent influence on our work, as our membership shows a slight increase for the first time in a number of years. The profession of Brotherhood without the practice is unconvincing to the public, and if we really desire success we must consistently practise the policy we profess.

Our annual report for the year ending June 30, shows 340 members as against 332 the previous year. The difference is due chiefly to the fewer members who became inactive owing to non-payment of dues, 45 this year, and 62 in the previous one. With improving circumstances in business we may expect this favourable retention of membership to continue, and there must be many inactive from earlier years who may be inclined to rejoin as their circumstances improve.

We have been fortunate this year in the discovery of two new lecturers, both well-equipped with the kind of scholarship which makes good Theosophists, and with open minds and eager intellects. Alvin B. Kuhn, Ph. D. of Columbia University, we have already had with us. Mr. G. Rupert Lesch is a sterling acquisition from Buffalo, and his address at the Rochester Convention marked him as a valuable worker in the Cause. Other speakers at Rochester were J. Emory Clapp, Boston; I. H. Lewis, New York; Dr. B. V. Mukerji, Calcutta; F. A. Belcher, Robert Marks, Toronto; Cecil Williams, Hamilton, Ontario; L. T. Schaub, Cleveland, Ohio. The members of the Wheaton Society held aloof and so failed to make the impression they might have done on the Rochester public. The next Convention will be held in Toronto about the end of August or beginning of September to coincide with the great Annual Canadian National Exhibition which is attended by nearly two millions every year, special railway

rates being provided. If you, sir, could attend on this occasion, it would be a rare opportunity to demonstrate the noble principle of Brotherhood, with a magnanimity which is often sadly lacking.

Our chief means of appealing to the public is by the printed page, and the year has produced some excellent additions to the Theosophical Library. The Adyar Press has continued to supply reprints of Indian classics, among which may be mentioned *Yoga-Sara-Sangraha*, *The Gheranda Samhita*, *The Yoga Darshana*, *The Bhamati Catussutri*; also the Fifth Volume of Col. Olcott's *Old Diary Leaves*, and Mrs. Besant's *Our Elder Brethren*. From other hands we have our scholarly Finnish brother's *H. P. B., the Sphinx of the XIX Century*, four dramatic sketches of her life, and *The Sermon on the Mount*, by the same author. *An Attractive Study of Krishnamurti*, by Carlo Suarés, comes from Paris, though printed in English. Roger Bastide's *The Mystical Life*, is translated from the French, but fails to indicate familiarity with the Sages of India. *Blackfoot Trails* by E. A. Corbett, is a Canadian book with some interesting hints regarding Red Indian occult tradition. Still more notable is the Second Volume of the *Complete Works of Madame Blavatsky*, a work that impresses one more and more with the versatility and learning of the Founder of the T. S. Mrs. Alice A. Bailey has issued *A Treatise on White Magic* which is intended to elaborate certain aspects of The Secret Doctrine. A most scholarly and thoroughly instructive book is Dr. G. de Purucker's *Fundamentals of The Esoteric Philosophy*, a valuable handbook to the Secret Doctrine.

Unfortunately, our members get the sectarian habit of refusing to read any books not printed by the authority they recognize. This is as bad as anything reputed of any of the Churches.

It would be well for members to read the Magazines of the other Theosophical Societies, The Theosophical Quarterly; *The Point Loma Theosophical Path*, and *Lucifer*; the *U. L. T. Theosophy*; *Buddhism* in England; *The Aryan Path*, from Bombay; and of course, *The Theosophist*. We have carried on *The Canadian Theosophist*, now approaching the close of its Fifteenth annual volume, on the same comprehensive plan of "Casting no one out of one's heart," and recognizing that we are all involved in the Karma of the Movement whether we like it or not. The Blavatsky Association, an exclusive body, has done good work in propaganda pamphlets, and Mr. Kingsland has published *The Art of Life* a capital guide to Theosophical living. Nor should we forget George Bernard Shaw's great book of the Prefaces to his Plays, recently issued in a collected edition in one volume. Here is the intellectual meat which many Theosophists stand badly in need of, which will strengthen them in the knowledge of the problems of humanity at the present time.

We require all the propaganda means at our disposal and a trial by the Toronto Lodge last winter of broadcasting proved that it is one of real importance. It was carried on for three months on Sunday evenings, and one result was a largely increased attendance at the Sunday evening meetings, which were announced after the 15-minute broadcast address was

given. This plan is being repeated this year and may be extended for a longer term.

We have, sir, read your various letters written on your assumption of office, and we observe your plans with hopeful sympathy. You ask for advice and suggestions, and we feel diffident about offering much, but it does seem that the danger of over-centralization has been already demonstrated. The strength of the Movement must always lie greatly in the local Lodges. Without members to be organized and led there is little for Leaders to do. You propose a tour of the Canadian Lodges. We simply could not finance it, but if you are touring the United States it would be possible to come up to Victoria and Vancouver from Seattle, and perhaps visit Banff and Calgary on the way East. Then, from St. Paul or Minnesota it would not be difficult to reach Winnipeg. And again, from Buffalo or Niagara, Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal naturally carry one along and back to the territory of Northern New York and New England. Canada naturally rejoices over the idea of a campaign for "Straight Theosophy," but it must be "straight" and not one cluttered up with the speculations and dilutions of the last thirty years. "Even ignorance is better than Head-learning with no Soul-wisdom to illuminate and guide it."

ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ARGENTINA

To the President, the T. S.

The second year of administration of the present Council, contrarily the first, has not presented neither difficulties nor important changes. The National Convention of 1933, in sanctioning the new regulations, heeding the opinions

of all tendencies, finished the resistances and mistrusts, which disturbed our labour. The only difficulties endured in this period were produced by both general and particular situation of the members, as economical as of other kind.

The passing of the venerated President, Annie Besant, caused many sincere manifestations in her honour in the Lodges; and a special number of *Kuntur* was dedicated to her. The same was done remembering our other loved leader Bishop Leadbeater.

The election of new President was made without discordances, respectfully for both the candidates and their adherents; and gave the triumph for Dr. Arundale, as you know.

The Argentine concurrence to the 4th South American Theosophical Congress, which took place at Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) from 16th to 21st June, and which was presided by Mr. Jinarajadasa, might not be so numerous as that of the last year at Santiago of Chile. Our National Society was worthily represented by Dr. Charles A. Stoppel.

I contributed to the work of the Congress with a proposition about a plan of methodical study for Lodges, and several suggestions patronized by the S. A. T. Federation President.

The official review *Kuntur*, coasted till now nearly totally by our Section, is newly the organ of the Argentine Society. The bad economical conditions of the S. A. T. F. did not permit it to support an organ of its own.

The number of members is 297 as against 305 in last year. 2 new Branches (Annie Besant and Fraternidad) were formed and 4 Lodges were dissolved; and we have now 17 Lodges.

There is a loss of 8 members. Really, that loss being caused by the economical difficulties, we should not consider it as definite; on the contrary, the study and the spreading of Theosophy are every day more evident. The Argentine Theosophical Library, for instance, has begun to publish and spread free a small review, *Evolución*.

Enclosed, I remit the documents which prove the aforesaid.

20-7-34

H. FOLQUER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CHILE

To the President, the T. S.

Our first word will be to manifest our joy and our congratulations for your election as President of the Theosophical Society; and also to express our conviction that your enthusiasm, your dinamism and efficiency will assure a great succes in your new labours, giving also to these far away Sections the necessary stimulation. We wish also to express our heartfelt feelings of gratitude towards our late Mother President Dr. Annie Besant.

Actual Conditions.—Slowly, but surely we are entering a new period of renewal and greater activities. Our first object is always to maintain, in Santiago, Valparaiso and other important towns of the country Lodges

and Centres which by their private meetings, lectures and libraries promote the study and spread this knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom and form nucleus of Brotherhood, to encourage building of character and the practice of high Ideals of Service and Altruism. We are still far away of reaching satisfactory results; but we have confidence that in the near future our movement will receive from its friends much more important co-operation than that which till now they have given.

Lodges.—Last year we had 10 Lodges; but we mentioned in our Report that two of these had to regulate their situation. One of these has not yet accomplished it and the other one is in a state of sleep. Moreover, the

Lodge "Armonia" whose members wish to keep their liberty of action has also been declared in sleep. This reduces the number of Lodges to eight, remaining one which must regulate its situation. We must mention, with joy, that after the 30th June, the Lodge "Krishnamurti" of Tocopilla has renewed its activities and Lodge "Talca" is trying to do the same.

Active Members.—Our books register 105 members, 4 less than last year. The number of new members amounts to 27 and those who drop 31. We have several candidates waiting for admission.

Annual Convention.—In the appointed date, September 1933, was held in Santiago the Annual Convention.

4th Congress of the South American Theosophical Federation.—By references given by Mr. Ismael Valdes A. our delegate to the Assembly, we have known the fraternal reception

given by our Brazilian brothers; of the splendid possibilities offered by that great country for the spreading of our Ideals, and the brilliancy given to that meeting by the presence of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa. We regret that the economical difficulties and the obstacles which the government control exchanges offers, owing to the crisis, made it impossible to send more than one delegate. We are doing our best to co-operate in the best possible way for the betterment of international relationship, chiefly between the South American Nations.

Before putting an end to this we express our wish and hope to see you in the near future in Chile if you decide to visit South America, inviting you heartily to do so.

ARMANDO HAMEL,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BRAZIL

To the President, the T.S.

I lay hands on the first available opportunity to report on the most important events, in this National Section of the Theosophical Society, during the social year of 1933-34.

In the name of our Section and in mine personally, I feel the utmost pleasure in reiterating our already forwarded congratulations for your election and taking the charge of the Presidential office you have so ably fulfilled since 21st June, 1934.

Two facts of the greatest importance to the progress of our activities took place, as a real blessing brought upon our Section as well as on the whole Theosophical movement: first the most welcomed visit of our dear Brother C. Jinarajadasa who, to our gratification, was able to remain with us for three months, in unceasing and edifying activity; second, the opening, in

this city, of the 4th South-American Theosophical Congress, presided by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, which was a highly constructive competition.

We had besides the pleasure of seeing the publication of the first Portuguese version of Mr. Jinarajadasa's valuable work *Fundamentals of Theosophy*, five volumes of which are forwarded to the Adyar Library.

We are systematically continuing the oral classes of Theosophy, at the seat of our Section and keep on the press propaganda through short insertions in the newspapers.

I think our social life is getting into normal shape, through struggling against difficulties and the admission of new members is noticeable.

Statistics.—No new Lodge was opened. Among the dormant Lodges none came back into activity. The number of active Lodges is 17. 104

new members were admitted during the year. The effective number of members in the Brazilian Section is 496 according to the list. The "Renascença" Lodge issues a monthly publication called *Dharma*. Our official publication *O Theosophista* is issued every alternate month, but it shall be issued monthly next year. Here are, in alphabetical order, the Lodges in activity with their actual Presidents' names and their respective addresses.

Library.—The Library is always well attended and is under the management of Mrs. Maria José Felício dos Santos.

Special Instruction.—I started the bi-monthly remittance to the Lodges of instructive courses accompanied by some suggestions.

The General Council.—(The sovereign body) of our Section has met regularly. The Executive Committee has fulfilled its end efficiently and is actually constituted thus: **President:**

Prof. Caio Lustosa Lemos, **Vice-President:** Dr. Leonidas Vargas Dantas, **1st Secretary:** Dr. Deocleciano dos Santos, **2nd Secretary:** Mrs. Maria de Azevedo Macedo, **1st Treasurer:** Mr. Floriano Lopes, **2nd Treasurer:** Mr. Ruy Chalmers, **Manager:** Mr. Jayme de Oliveira.

Budget.—Through the kindness of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa we remitted the amount corresponding to the last two years. Under separate registered cover we send a draft corresponding to the ending social year.

Conclusion.—The situation is progressing and we have reasons to think that shortly the Theosophical movement in Brazil will be much more intense especially when we realize the wise suggestions you offered. Sincerely wishing the complete realization of your ideals towards the greatness of the Theosophical Society.

CAIO LUSTOSA LEMOS,

1-10-1934

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BULGARIA

To the President, the T. S.

The activity of the Theosophical Society in Bulgaria during the past year, as it was the year before, has been concentrated in the separate Lodges, each one following a definite plan of work.

Thus, besides the other work, every meeting of the Lodge "OLCOTT" has started by reading and discussing one verse from *The Voice of the Silence*, which verse has been the subject of meditation at the meeting and during the coming week.

In the Lodge "Apostol" they have thoroughly studied the books: *A Short Outline of Theosophy*, by Jinarajadasa and *Creative Fire*, by Van der Leeuw. The meetings have been attended by members of other

Lodges and by outside people also.

The work of the Lodge "Rakotzi" has consisted in studying the philosophy of India. One of the members of this Lodge has shown a greater activity by giving a series of lectures for the members on the different methods of Yoga as well as a short account on Buddhism. The same member has given public lectures on the following subjects:

1. Esoterism in the Gospels.
2. The Threefold Nature of Christ.
3. Interpretation of Christ's Proverbs.
4. Absolute, God and Satan according to the "Secret Doctrine".
5. Man, History, Science and Occultism.

The President of the Lodge has read and explained each chapter of the book

Karma Yoga, by Swami Vivekananda.

Friday is the day of the week on which general meetings of all the Lodges are held when different news and informations of the work of the T. S. in all parts of the World are given. Questions in connection with Life in general are also discussed. Outside people are often allowed to attend these meetings when general subjects are being treated.

Our magazine *Theosophical News* has gone through its first year's existence with a number dedicated to our beloved late President Annie Besant.

The Annual Congress of our Society took place on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

of November. The following lectures were delivered: 1. The World and Its Revival. 2. Consciousness and Absolute. 3. The Only Truth through the Ages. 4. The Success of the Nation Depends on its Spiritual Organisation.

On account of the big World's crisis we are unable to develop a wider activity, but we do hope that for our Theosophical movement much better days will come. We beg to tender the fraternal greetings and best wishes from all Bulgarian Theosophists.

IVAN GROSEFF,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ICELAND

To the President, the T. S.

I have the honour to submit to you a report of the membership and activities of the Icelandic Section for the year beginning October, 1933 and ending September, 1934.

This year we have on our lists 206 names. Of these only 175 pay their dues, which leaves 31 so-called inactive members. New members 3, Died 2, Resigned 6, Dropped 18.

There are now six active Lodges in the country. Most of them have held their regular fortnightly meetings during the period Oct.-May. There have been lectures on varied subjects, discussions, music and meditation. Now and then there have been social gatherings. The Founders day, Christmas, Adyar day and Lotus day are remembered in a special way.

Our *Summer School*, led by Mr. E. C. Bolt, was again a great success this year. It was attended by 58 people—20 of them being non-members. Great harmony and power were prevalent at the gathering—and so enthusiastically was the work supported by

those attending, that in one afternoon we collected the necessary funds for the support of the proposed Summer School of 1935. A little group met once a month during the winter, called the Summer School group, for keeping alive the spirit of the Summer School.

We had a harmonious Convention, with a discussion on the subject: *What is the relationship between the Masters and the T. S.?*—Three public lectures were delivered by Mr. E. C. Bolt in connection with Convention, which closed with a social gathering in honour of our Brother, who is doing such an effective work among us.

Our propaganda this year consisted of seven public lectures in our Head-quarter's Hall—four of them being a series on *Life after Death* and *Reincarnation*. There has also been a discussion in the papers between our members, on this same subject, which began with a member's attack on the idea of reincarnation. We have delivered four lectures over the Radio this year.

Our magazine *Gangleri* has been issued twice during the year, as usual.

One of the numbers was a festival number in honour of our great Mother and late President.

We extend to you, dear President, our most cordial good wishes. May the

power of our Great Leaders support you in your important and honourable duties.

KRISTIN MATTHIASSEN,

10-9-1934

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SPAIN

To the President, the T. S.

I beg to submit the Report of the Spanish Section for the year ending October 31st, 1934.

Although I have said so before, I wish to state in this Report all the satisfaction of our Section with the result of the Presidential election, and with the statements and plans of the new President for the greatness of the Society. Our Section is ready to co-operate with every enthusiasm in these projects, being certain that under your guidance the Theosophical Society will increase its greatness and its influence in the world. As you already know, by the statement I made in the name of our National Society in the meeting of General Secretaries held in Amsterdam on the 21st September last, our Section is especially disposed to collaborate in making the Spanish edition of *The Theosophist* for Spain and all the countries that read Spanish, should such an edition be financially possible, as well as the Spanish editions of the handbooks, pamphlets, books, *Adyar News*, and whichever documents need translating into the Spanish language. The centralization in Spain of all those translations would be, to our belief, a great boon for every Ibero-American country.

This year has been a memorable one for our Section, on account of the celebration in Spain of the XIIth Congress of the European Federation, and the visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa to several cities where he delivered remarkable lectures in Spanish.

The Congress in Barcelona was a great success, as everybody knows, not only owing to the excellence of the lectures given by Mr. Jinarajadasa and other distinguished lecturers who dealt with the interesting themes of the Congress, but also on account of the artistic festivals of Spanish music and dancing, and for the official support lent to the Congress by the local authorities. Surely in no other country has the Theosophical Society met with so much assistance as in Spain for celebrating a Congress.

Mr. Jinarajadasa's lectures created great enthusiasm and inspiration among the members and the general public. Besides those given at the Congress, he delivered a lecture in Barcelona University. He also visited the cities of Huelva, Seville, Granada, Madrid, and Bilbao, lecturing in all of them. He visited as well the cities of Tarrasa and Sabadell. In the first named, he visited the Golden Chain and Round Table groups, and in the latter he inaugurated the new building of *Fides* Lodge.

Most interesting lectures were likewise given in Barcelona after the Congress by Mlle. Serge Brisy and Dr. Verweyen, the latter also lecturing in Headquarters in Madrid.

The interest of our members in the Congress was great, as nearly half of them inscribed themselves.

Our Section has deeply regretted the loss of Bishop Leadbeater and hopes that both he and Dr. Besant will soon return on the physical plane

to continue illuminating the world with their example and their teachings.

Our Section now numbers 521 members, as against 439 last year. The number of Lodges is 23, the same as last year.

During the year, the Lodges have maintained their normal work, except this month of October, the political disturbances bringing about a temporary suspension of work. A brief summary of the principal activities of the Lodges is as follows :

Ananda Lodge. As in former years, its President, Señor Barroso, has given a course of lectures at Headquarters in Madrid. *Arjuna* Lodge. This Lodge has kept up its important propaganda work, distributing leaflets and pamphlets and giving weekly lectures in its premises. *Bhakti* Lodge. Continues its work of educating children and young people, with the groups of the Golden Chain and the Round Table. The members had the joy of receiving Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit in April, and the children sang and danced for him. *Bilbao* Lodge. This Lodge is doing a very active work, both study and instruction, and in favour of Peace. It has published in booklet form the lecture given by Mr. Jinarajadasa in Bilbao *The Future of the Fraternity*. It also publishes a monthly bulletin. *Fides* Lodge. The splendid building erected by this Lodge for its quarters and as a Sanatorium for aged or convalescent Theosophists was inaugurated by Mr. Jinarajadasa, who was much impressed by this form of service, new—he said—in the Lodges of the Theosophical Society. *Hesperia* Lodge. Has continued its usual courses of study and propaganda by means of literature, lectures, and a public library. It also publishes a monthly bulletin. *Madrid* Lodge. Has maintained its regular activity. The President, Señor Garrido, has translated for members *The Theosophist* and several books. The devotional group has held 20 meetings

devoted to the development of devotion as a way of improvement in service. Each member presides in turn, and develops a devotional theme of interest. Senor Trevino has given 9 public lectures at Headquarters, mostly on Yoga. The Lodge has published several interesting papers in booklet form. *Montoliu* Lodge. Carries out an important propaganda work with public lectures in its quarters. *Pitagoras* Lodge. Has intensified its pacifist work, has held courses of lectures and has created a vegetarian-naturist group which bids fair to become successful. *Sophia* Lodge. This new Lodge has been very busy in its propaganda work and, among others, has broadcast two lectures. It has also contributed to the opening of two schools. *Valencia* Lodge. Has given an extra course of weekly lectures by several members, notably the President, Senor Rigal. The group of Practical Idealists has an orchestra of 18 musicians. *Dharma* Lodge, of Cadiz, has resumed activity, while *Africa* and *Blavatsky* Lodges have become inactive.

The members of the three Madrid Lodges have held several joint meetings, and "Founders Day", "Adyar Day" and "White Lotus Day" have been celebrated at Headquarters. The Lodges not mentioned have done their usual work or have enjoyed little activity.

The different Propaganda Departments have distributed some 20,000 pamphlets and about 6,000 booklets. The silence of November 11th was kept, the same as in former years.

We have greatly enlarged our Monthly Bulletin, the aim being to gradually make a good magazine out of it, which might eventually become the translation of *The Theosophist*.

Our Convention was held in Barcelona during the Theosophical Congress. A good number of Spanish members attended, and we were favoured with the presence of several representatives from other Sections.

The Spanish Section heartily wishes the success of the first Convention to be held at Adyar presided by you, and hopes that the help and goodwill of all the Sections may give you strength

to lead the Society along the paths of prosperity and glory.

31-10-34

L. G. LORENZANA,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN PORTUGAL

To the President, the T. S.

One year more is past and I come again to hand you the report of our work since July, 1933 till August, 1934.

Financial Situation.—Our financial situation is a little better though it is not yet satisfactory. Our monthly income is approximately sufficient for our expenses. Our landlady, who is very good indeed, again reduced the rent of our house by 50 escudos. So, we paid, four years ago, 500 esc. per month and we pay now 350 esc. Again this year, we did not pay our dues to the European Federation, but we were happy to be able of raising amongst our members the necessary funds for the expenses of the stay of Mr. Jinarajadasa in our country. Owing to the devotion of a Sister, we also paid 10 % to our creditors. These are three of our devoted members and they do not take any interest for the sum we owe them. They never speak about it; nevertheless, we endeavour to clear our debt by degrees.

I need to explain that it was absolutely unavoidable for us to run into debt: Formerly, during the beginning of its existence, our Section had no premises. The Lodges met in the General Secretary's house and the Council rented a room, once a week, to give a public lecture. The books and records of the Section were deposited in the General Secretary's house. But in course of time, this situation became intolerable both for the members and for the General Secretary. So, we had to take a house. Five years ago, our

Directing Council rented a convenient house, and, for the furnitures, five members of the Society (two of whom are now already reimbursed) lent to the Society the necessary funds. This debt, which amounted to about 8,000 esc. is now reduced to about 3,700 esc.

Bulletin Osiris and printed matter.—Our Bulletin founded to establish a link between our members and to give to them informations about the movement of the Society, continued to be printed every three months at the expense of some devoted members, who were more numerous than last year. We published a better number to commemorate the passing of our venerable last President, Mrs. Besant. One of our last General Secretaries, Mr. Salvador Marques printed at his own expense the six leaves included.

Directing Council.—The Directing Council was re-elected for three years, except one member who had resigned and was substituted by another.

Lecturers.—Every Friday, we had interesting public lectures in our house, about Philosophy, Art, the Modern woman, Co-masonry, the Movement OO-Meto, Moral, etc. . . . and Theosophy, of course. We had some musical sessions and the four precious lectures of Mr. Jinarajadasa. One of our young Brothers delivered two lectures in Porto and two in Ponte de Lima, where we have Lodges.

Solemn Days.—We celebrated on 27th of October, 1933 the Day of Mrs. Besant with speeches, poetry, music and distribution of Photos of our last venerable President with thoughts

picked up from her works. We had also a feast with music, poetry and dance to do homage to Mr. Jinarajadasa; besides we had as every year, the artistic celebration of the White Lotus Day in which we had a special and affectionate remembrance to our last venerable Brother, C. W. Leadbeater, the Adyar Day and the Day of the closing of the Theosophical Year, in July. Members of two of our Lodges took a walk together in the country and there had a fraternal breakfast.

Lodges.—We added this year to the already existing seven Lodges a new Lodge named *Jinarajadasa*. The eight Lodges are working regularly. The General Secretary with Mr. Jinarajadasa visited the two Lodges existing in the country. These received also the visit of another member of the Directing Council, Mr. Delio Nobre Santos who gave there very appreciated lectures.

Visits of Brothers.—We had the great happiness to have in our country during a week our dear and venerable Brother, Mr. Jinarajadasa. A Brother of the Brazilian Section, a Naval Officer, Lieutenant Amaury Osorio, paid us a call and took part at a fraternal breakfast in the country organised by two Lodges; he seemed very pleased amongst us.

Theosophical Order of Service.—The activities of the Theosophical Order of Service continued their work, which are: A League for protection of children; A League for protection of animals; A League for help of the poor; The representative of the World Peace Union observed the silence at 11 a. m., on November 11th. The representative of Arts and Crafts is working out about laws for protection of Artists and Copyright.

Messages.—Not being able to send representatives to the Congress of the European Federation in Barcelona nor to the Congress of South America, we sent them affectionate Messages.

Movements of Members.—The movement of members is shown in the map enclosed and also the addresses of the Presidents of Lodges. I sent you also the application forms of this year. They are 17.

The number of members who attended our General Convention of April 14th was 20. It was very diminished perhaps because all the matter was known and privately decided with the agreement of all the members.

With every good wishes and cordial greetings,

JEANNE SYLVIE LEFEVRE,

General Secretary.

11-9-34

T. S. IN WALES

To the President, the T. S.

I have the honour to present to you a few extracts from our Annual Report for 1933-34, as follows:

Twelfth Annual Convention.—Our Twelfth Annual Convention was held at Colwyn Bay, North Wales, during the week-end of October 14th-16th, Mrs. Josephine Ransom, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England, presiding. The number of

members registering was 63, and many others came as visitors from England. Scotland was represented by its General Secretary, Mr. Chris. Gale, Ireland by Miss Pilkington, and South Africa by Mrs. West. Greetings were received from Holland, Cuba, Jugoslavia, Austria, Hungary, the Scandinavian Sections, Mr. Edwin Bolt, the Golden Chain (Scotland), and were given personally by the representatives of

the British Isles and many individual members.

Cables of loving greetings were sent to Mr. A. P. Warrington (Acting-President, T. S.), Bishop C. W. Leadbeater, and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.

Mrs. Ransom gave two inspiring public lectures on "Occultism in East and West" and "The Power of the Unseen in Modern Life", and a talk to members on "The Value of the Mysteries". Her sympathetic interest in our work, her understanding of the problems before the world, and her great kindness shown to all members, all helped to make the Convention an outstanding success. Bishop F. W. Pigott, M. A. gave an address to Members on "The Religion of Life", which was greatly appreciated.

A Sun Ceremonial entitled "The Seven Rays" was performed by a group of members and friends from Colwyn Bay, who were most heartily congratulated on its great success and the excellence of its production. It was conceived, written, and produced by Miss Griffith, who was also mainly responsible for making the Convention so enjoyable and a harmonious one for all. Her painstaking care and thoughtfulness in every detail of the work ensure the success of any gathering held under the hospitable roof of Plas Bendith.

At the Annual Business Meeting the reports of the General Secretary and the National Treasurer for the year 1932-33 were 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 re-elected Auditor.

Membership Report:

Membership, July 1st, 1933 ... 328
Members joined during the year
15, Rejoined 3, Transferred

from other National Societies

4, Total increase ... 22

350

Transferred to other National

Societies 4, Passed Over 5,

Suspended 21, Resigned 12,

Total decrease ... 42

Membership, June 30th, 1934 ... 308

National Library.—There are now approximately 2,100 books in the Lending and Reference Libraries belonging or loaned to the Society. The Library continues to grow in both size and usefulness. 709 books were borrowed during the year and there are 6 Book-boxes out on loan. Subscriptions and fees amounted to £7-3-1½. 47 books were purchased during the year.

The Library has received gifts of 51 books during the twelve months, and we record our grateful thanks to the donors. Gifts of books are always welcome, and are needed both for the National Library and for Lodge Libraries.

Annie Besant Memorial Hall.—It was decided to erect this Hall to the memory of our late President, and it has now been completed. It will be officially opened on the occasion of our thirteenth Annual Convention on Monday, October 8th, by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Alderman A. E. Gough, J. P.), and dedicated to the service of Humanity by our new President (Dr. Arundale) immediately afterwards.

The building consists of two floors, each approximately 30 feet square. It is hoped to arrange a satisfactory letting of the lower one to present tenants or to any allied activities of the Society, the top floor being let as a Lecture Hall and Lodge Room. It has been equipped with a small service buffet, and connects with the main building so that Members and friends

will have ready access either direct from the road or from the other part of the premises. It has been built by Messrs. Wm. Symonds and Sons, Ltd., at a total contract price of approximately £1,000, including central heating, electric lighting, and other necessary items, under the direction of Mr. Lennox Robertson, F.R.I.B.A. (Architect). Cardiff Lodge is kindly undertaking the furnishing of the main Hall.

As a result of the various lettings, it is anticipated that there will be a small margin after paying mortgage interest, upkeep and other charges, so that the Society will also derive a small financial benefit from the investment.

About £50 has already been received towards the cost, but it is hoped that we shall receive still further donations, both to effect a reduction in the original loan received, and to cover other initial costs in connection with the matter.

Founders' Centenary Fund.—Our appreciation and grateful thanks are recorded to the 70 generous Members who collectively subscribed £50 last year, which enabled us to take advantage of an offer of another £50, and so pay off the first £100 from the mortgage on our Headquarters. Continuing thus, we shall gradually clear

the whole of our debt, and so set free a substantial income for the more effective spreading of Theosophy throughout Wales.

Finance.—Our accounts show that there has been a drop in the subscriptions from members, and the total received is now only about £100. Were it not for the substantial profit made in the letting of part of our Headquarters, a very considerable curtailment of our activities would have to be made. This is not very satisfactory, and should not be regarded as desirable. Our Headquarters should be available entirely for Theosophical activities, and our expenses met by the sacrifice and generosity of members and friends.

The Future.—With the election of our new President, whom we cordially welcome, we anticipate a revival of enthusiastic activity in the Society. The world stands in dire need of the knowledge and teachings of which we are the custodians. Let us rise to our privileges and responsibilities, and be eager to carry on the high traditions of the Society to still greater heights of achievement.

31-10-34

PETER FREEMAN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN POLAND

To the President, the T. S.

The Presidential election was the chief interest this year and especially of our National Society. They have not provoked controversies nor difficulties as the great majority of our members had full confidence in Dr. Arundale and one of the characteristic feature of the Polish nature is loyalty and trust to the leader.

Our National Council has decided not to translate and publish all the controversial papers received from abroad, but all of them were made available in

the Headquarters for members who would wish to read them. Most of them were dealing with matters unknown to the majority of our members, in a rather vague and confusing manner, and having no possibility of testing their accuracy nor gather first hand informations which could help to form an independent judgment; and we found that the result of spreading them could be only negative.

Apart from this our financial situation being difficult, the workers in the Headquarters being very few we were

unable to undertake any additional official electoral business. The result of the elections was rather satisfactory as only a small percentage of members has not voted.

On the whole the elections have had a consolidating influence upon our Section. The National Council got into touch with every member, and its discussions with one of the provincial Lodges which was since several years in a critical and opposed attitude have greatly helped in the common understanding.

Very interesting results were obtained by an enquiry sent to all members as to the purpose of work and the immediate goal of our National T. S. and its place in the country's life. Many valuable answers were received and a fresh life has been felt.

We had a good peace-week work and an interesting and valuable psychological group work lead by Wanda Dynowska with the intent of helping most advanced workers in finding and formulating their own lived Theosophy. The Secret Doctrine Lodge studies were for the time being suspended. One of the country Lodges namely in Baranowicze was dissolved because several members have left the place. Two new Lodges were founded in Warsaw: the Unity Lodge and the Action Lodge.

Our Annual Convention was the strongest moment of the year, the result of the inquiry was read and discussed and Wanda Dynowska has given in a splendid lecture a synthesis of the last 7 years of life and work of our T. S. and a foresight of the future. We all felt we are at the beginning of a new era of life, and now we fill it still stronger.

Our propaganda work consisted only in public lectures in our Headquarters, given by Mrs. Wrzesniewska, Wanda Dynowska and several younger members, beginners in lecturing. The lectures were more interesting and

attracted more people than during the last few years, but have not increased the number of members.

The library of our Headquarters was reorganised according to a new system, by one of the very devoted and capable workers, Mrs. Konczewska, who came to live in the small room in the Headquarters giving all her loving care and effort to maintain it always in beauty and harmony.

We had also a very successful Summer School in the country, where a group of members about 40, from all parts of Poland lived, worked and studied together with the lead of Wanda Dynowska gaining deeper insight into the new aspects of Theosophy. A considerable group of social and educational workers, the most valuable "class" in Poland, was present at the Summer School and assisting regularly at meditations and a special course of lectures, has come into touch with Theosophical truth.

We had a visit last November of Bishop and Mrs. Bonjer who visited Warsaw, Cracow, Katowice and Zakopane the mountains in their own car. Mrs. Bonjer's lectures and the free and cordial contact of both with our members were highly appreciated and increased much enthusiasm and gratitude among our members.

During Christmas Miss Pascalina Mallet came to visit Poland not so much for purely Theosophical activities as for gaining direct and true knowledge of Poland's life and soul. She visited many educational institutions, took part in winter sports and kind of camps, lived and loved with us, and the deep ties between Poland and France were certainly strengthened by her visit being one small step more toward international brotherhood and understanding.

STEFANJA SIEWIERSKA,

11-11-1934

General Secretary.

T. S. IN PORTO RICO

To the President, the T. S.

The year just ended has been a test to the Theosophists, giving us an opportunity to see if our Theosophy had a solid foundation on the first Object of the Society.

The Annual Convention of the Section had a fair representation of the Lodges and was harmonious and full of enthusiasm. The present General Secretary was reelected for a term of another 3 years.

We are slowly getting out of the stupor brought by the financial crisis—5 new members joined during the

year; 12 had to be dropped for non-payment of dues so that in fact we had a loss of 7 members.

The renewed enthusiasm of our members augurs well for the immediate future of our Section. We may not gain any new members but our present membership will become more active, truer Theosophists, and we all fervently hope that a new page is being written in the T. S.

2-10-1934

A. J. PLARD,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ROUMANIA

To the President, the T. S.

The Roumanian Section of the Theosophical Society has gone through another year of sincere effort to spread Theosophy. The year began with a course of introductory lectures in Theosophy, given by two members of one of the Bucharest Lodges. Although well attended, these lectures have not brought the expected number of new members. The weekly public lectures as well as the social parties have gathered regularly together members and friends of the T. S. The two groups of study have been attended by students eager to get more knowledge. "Unirea Lodge" from Timisoara reports successful study classes with young people between 19-24 years of age, most of them not members. Among Lodges outside Bucharest, "Unirea" (Timisoara) and "Straduinta" (Arad) have worked beautifully, inner work among members, and outer work on social ground. Also the other Lodges have worked in a smaller degree.

Our monthly publication, *Buletinul Teosofie*, was transformed into a larger magazine, *Revista Teosofica*, with a wider circulation, which has permitted us to reach towns where there are

no Theosophical Lodges. The rather high expenses of this publication are not entirely covered by subscribers and its issue would be impossible if some understanding and generous friends would not support it.

The chief event of interest during the year was the visit of Miss Glen Walker. The Lodges of Timisoara, Arad and Bucharest had the privilege of having her as a guest and many are the members who have benefited of her private talks and good suggestion. Miss Glen Walker paid a short visit to Brasov as well and we owe to her the "Leadbeater Lodge" which was formed in that town. For several years there had been sufficient people interested in Theosophy to build a new Lodge in Brasov, but somehow it had been impossible before. We are, therefore, very grateful to Miss Glen Walker for having kindled the fire and there is good hope that it will burn high.

On behalf of the Roumanian Section, I send you loyal and most heartfelt greetings.

25-9-34

EUGENIA VASILESCU,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN JUGOSLAVIJA

To the President, the T. S.

To submit to you, our revered President, the Report of the T. S. in Jugoslaviya this year is a great privilege for me, because of so many particular tests and events and extraordinary experiences of the realisation of the very dawning of a new era.

May I be allowed to begin this one year period of our work ending November 30th, 1934, not omitting for December 1st which is the birthday date of our new President, Dr. George S. Arundale. I would like to use this very special opportunity to convey to our beloved President, our dearly "fraternal Fellow-Co-worker", the third President of the Theosophical Society, the expression of our loyal devotion reciprocating his radiating enthusiasm which "spiritualized all our activities and introduces reverence into every aspect of our life from the physical plane upwards". There is a humble birthday-gift we dare to offer him this year, but it is the only treasure we consider as the most precious one, a living donation—that is our youth itself.

At Novoseljani near Bjelovar, the neighbour-town of Zagreb, some young boys, our members, celebrated the inauguration of their Lodge, called "Arundale," the first one in the T. S. in Jugoslaviya. Aiming the very ideals of our chief they lovingly remembered and desiring to co-work with him most loyally.

History.—December 1st is our country's State-red-day, the Unity-day, the seventeenth birthday of Jugoslaviya. Yugoslav Theosophical Society gladly welcomed for this National Festival at our Headquarters, Prof. Vjekoslav Stefanini, one of our old members, who recently came. He very successfully addressed the gathering having as subject of his talk the item: "Dr. Arundale and the Unity". The uni-

versality of our President's personality and mind brought the speaker to emphasise the very possibility of realisation of his slogan: *Together, Though Differently*. Jugoslaviya got quite spontaneously a great field of exemplifying it in the frankly sincere mourning and cryingly weeping of all people without exception at every occasion of commemorating the loss of the Great Soul of the late King ALEXANDER of Jugoslaviya, who was linked through the King-Founder with Yugoslav T. S. So, the history of Jugoslaviya as well as of the Yugoslav T. S. is indissolubly linked with the King-Founder and Creator of Jugoslaviya. The Armistice Day (11th Nov.) has found almost all members and many other friends to remember at the commemoration under the auspices of the Lodge "Sava" all those hero-souls who in devotion died for stabilisation of peace; and the speakers: Our National Vice-President, dipl. ing, Bozidar Prikrlj, being in the chair, as well as Dr. Zdenko Vernic, "Avala" Press-Bureau Officer and myself with the whole audience could not help to commemorate also the Great Warrior for Peace, our beloved King—the Knight.

On November 21st our T. S. Section was offering once more to the public an opportunity of special-meeting of commemoration to recall to the human mind the tragedy of martyrdom of "The Legendary Ruler," who sacrificed His man-life to secure Peace of Balkan, of Europe, of the whole world, as, our honorary member, Mr. Milan Marjanovic, the Press-Bureau chief, beautifully treated in his delivered lecture with much pleasure enclosing a German translation by our beloved sister, Miss Lora Koucovsky reminding us all to keep the vow, the King's last desire: "TO GUARD JUGOSLAVIJA", which seems to be the standpoint of all true Politicians as it

can be understood from the recently said words of Sir John Simon: "A strong, united and prosperous Jugoslavia is a necessity of Europe." "South Slav Herald", I am quoting out, added: He did not exaggerate.

The very surprising event put into the annals of our National Society is the journey of the General Secretary to Holland and Germany to meet the President at Amsterdam. It is hardly possible to discern as it was a great happiness to have attended the General Secretaries Meeting with the President Dr. G. S. Arundale, at T. S. Headquarters of Amsterdam, and to learn his Policy of Brotherhood and Straight Theosophy, or to experience the true realisation of what it means to live Theosophy as I was shown through the radiating Spirit of St. Michael's Centre in Holland channalized by the Lady President, Shrimati Mrs. Rukmini Arundale.

During the General Secretary's absence the members of the Yugoslav Section celebrated the Commemoration of Dr. Annie Besant on the 1st Anniversary Day as well as on her birthday on October 1st under the auspices of the T. O. S. in Jugoslavia and leadership of Mrs. Milena Sisic. As a remembrance of gratitude for ever the issue of *Teozofija* in its seventh year was dedicated as Anniversary Issue to the late President, our beloved Mother Annie Besant. During the year the Lodge "Krishnaji" edited their magazine *Zarki Resnice*, i.e., The Rays of Truth in a vernacular idiom.

Our link and close contact with the International-Headquarters at Adyar became intimately closer after two cables which reached us this year from Adyar bringing news of more light—more life, or "Life, more Life" as the Presiding chief of the Barcelona Congress, Dr. C. Jinarajadasa, purposely stressed in his lecture on March 21st. The first of them was bringing the message of passing of Bishop C. W.

Leadbeater into more shining regions. May the divine Wisdom into which he has most brotherly initiated us be leading us for ever! The next one was expected very patiently because being the "Messenger" of Adyar heralding the longingly desired results of the Presidential Election which has quite satisfactorily found us all around Dr. George Arundale the world dignified successor, the President Son of our "Only One", our President Mother.

There was one more among all those events in close connection with the work of the heart of our Section. Our dearly beloved Friend and Brother C. Jinarajadasa on his tour touching the whole of the globe came very near to Jugoslavia where there was greatly felt the powerfully strong influence of his pure, fine, sun-radiating presence.

Statistics.—During the last twelve months from December, 1933 to December, 1934 we have put on our roll 39 new, plus 3 newly joined members; 2 have been transferred into the list of the honorary members, 4 resigned and 8 have been dropped. The net gain is 28, which is double the total number of last year. This we owe to our guests, mostly to Miss Jean Glen-Walker, and we have now altogether 227 members.

During the term of this, my reporting, one of our Lodges, Surya, was suspended and two new ones founded, and five new places have added more than one member.

The Yugoslav T. S. is composed at present of 13 Lodges, 11 Centres and 3 Groups, where lectures and meetings have been satisfactorily delivered double than last year.

The library consists of 700 volumes, and the number of those who borrowed reached about half that number.

Activities.—The paragraphs of the History and the statistics already show the increase of activity in our Section during the past term. It is the result of the efforts of all members united

into nucleus of Brotherhood and Goodwill in our country known under the name "Pobratimstvo" which means a kind of National uniqueness of the closely related Brothers and Sisters. But the greatest impulse for the success of this year is due to our guests.

Mrs. Ethel Whyte on the way from Adyar through Palestine arrived at Zagreb on March 9th and stayed for five days, helping us in various activities, particularly in Round Table, where she addressed our Group talking on Adyar and Round Table-work in India and describing the tomb of the Knight-founder, her husband Mr. Robert A. Whyte, showing us the picture of it.

On May 8th, the Lotus-Day celebrating the H. P. B. Anniversary, we had the opportunity, as never before, to welcome in our midst five guests: Miss Edith Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Willem Burger, Mrs. Emma Hawliczek and Miss Jean Glen-Walker, and enjoyed their presence and the addresses.

Miss Edith Abbott spent in our country more than a year and we most gratefully remembered her who has helped us as our friend and guide in various lines of work particularly in meditation offering it in the aspect of the world mother, in holding study classes, supporting our library, and in ceremonial work attending church.

Very dear to us Mr. and Mrs. Burger, being interested in our country life, deeply impressed us through their lectures, talks and conduct. Mr. Burger, the officer with the Telegraph in Amsterdam is the Representative of Jugoslavija at St. Michael Centre in Holland. We experienced his influence through his lecture on "Politics in connection with the divine aspects" and the articles he wrote about our country. He greatly obliged Jugoslavija with a beautifully conceived letter of condolence which our Press appreciated very much. During their stay, from April 29th to May 11th, we have been glad

to meet two guests more. Mrs. Emma Hawliczek who came to us for a fortnight supplied us with many copies of various items mostly chapters from G. S. Arundale's Mount Everest.

Our old friend Miss Jean Glen-Walker wished to be with us for the last Wessak, on Lotus-Day this year. She was with us for the third time and during the celebration on the same day addressed the public very impressively and delivered several other lectures, mostly on Adyar and our Leaders, on Light of Theosophy and the meditation. She visited five places where she inspired members, and the new ones also joined very enthusiastically. That was in the village Rakov Potok, some miles far from Zagreb where twelve peasant people from three different places became T. S. members; kindly look at the enclosed pictures. During the three months she was with us delivered lectures to seven Lodges—two of them the Lodge "Sava" working for Peace and the Lodge "Christ" (which she herself founded three years ago) spreading Theosophy through Bible. By her inspiring initiative two more Lodges "Rukmini" and "Arundale" have been established consisting of our Youth, and inaugurated by themselves aiming the Ideals of our two Great Leaders, Dr. and Mrs. Arundale. May those, who are the embodiment of Love Immortal . . . guard them by Their Power, inspire them with Their Wisdom and energize them with Their Activity. That unique strength instinctively deepened the work of all other Lodges, led by their respective Heads, to higher and subtler line of fine work they unitedly dedicated themselves to and are eagerly fulfilling it very devotedly.

Our Annual Convention of 1933 lasted from December 14th to December 20th, being the tenth Anniversary of our National Society. It was the best from many standpoints the Section has held for a decennium. It was held at the Society's Headquarters, the attendance

being 40 members and delegates, but on the morning of the Fourth Congress it was increased to more than 100 including the public. "No more enthusiastic Convention has been held in the Yugoslav Theosophical Society; no greater Harmony has prevailed; none has been more constructive and creatively powerful"; because the late King Alexander the I and the Queen Marija came to reside for a month staying very near to J. T. S. Headquarters and Miss Edith Abbott addressed the Convention lecturing on the Theosophical Society and the King, emphasizing that Theosophists know how to send thoughts of power and goodwill and how to realize through it much good and help. She also stressed the personality of the King as a quite different personage of all other people. At his consecration much power is poured upon Him. He can do very much with it, if His people understand Him and surround Him with thoughts of love and goodwill. In the afternoon of the same day the following Resolution was passed with: "Through the conception and realisation of one life all activity of man is directed in the way to conduct to each other feeling the oneness of life which has to result the unity of all governmental united bodies into one unique body of United Governments of the World."

One of our biggest newspapers has reported about our Anniversary gathering very friendly and during the whole term we had a very ready support concerning our regular announcements as well as other articles particularly in connection with the Bishop C. W. Leadbeater's passing, and the Presidential Election and Dr. Arundale's messages.

The culminating world-stressing message sent to the Embassies and

Legations of the various Governments carried with acclamation at the special meeting organized by the Theosophical Society in England as the resolution proposed by Sir Albion Banerji-Briggen. F. P. Crozier, in the Chair—reached also Jugoslaviya and before receiving it effectively we noticed some change indicating a gentleness as reflecting "the Recognition and Practical Application of Brotherhood . . . without" any distinction. So, was the visualized description of the Natural Living Group already seven months ago being one Sunday in the Easter Season on the summit of the Holy Mountain, North-Western part of Jugoslaviya.

Profoundly grateful to our divinely wise President for having so successfully inspired that important meeting at the Wigmore-Hall in London and to all who helped to make those special meetings in Holland last September possible for me to assist them, particularly to all my brethren who enabled me to visit Amsterdam and Huizen by their great sacrifice, I will at any opportunity try to be worthy of this, their generosity and kindness, and be ever at their service.

May this epochal Convention, the fifty-ninth in the history of our Society and the first one with our new President presiding it over, bring to all brethren and to the whole world the benefit of the blissful atmosphere of Adyar!

The feeling of having you all in our hearts may go to greet all our dear members and friends gathered at Adyar and bring to the T. S. Council our most loving thoughts for the achievement of the Victory of Brotherhood.

JELISAVA VAVRA,
General Secretary.

5-12-1934

T. S. IN CEYLON

To the President, the T. S.

I have pleasure in presenting this Report for the year 1933-34. We began the year with a greatly appreciated visit from Mrs. Arundale and yourself last November. The Youth Lodge put into action the advice of Mrs. Rukmini Arundale in staging the play "The King and Queen" of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.

Your visit was soon followed by that of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson. He gave us a Movie Show of his travels and also a Public Lecture on "Love, Marriage and Parenthood." In addition, he gave a talk to members as to how the activities of the Section may be increased.

Dr. Humphrey from S. Africa was another welcome visitor, who gave us a Public Lecture. We had besides these, public lectures by Mr. T. V. Gopalasamy Aiyer from Madras, Swami Asangananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Dr. K. Motwani from N. India, and Mr. H. A. Muller from Germany. The last mentioned visitor gave an illuminating address on "The Message of Madame Blavatsky".

We celebrated Olcott day when lectures were delivered by Dr. G. P. Malalesekere, Lecturer, University College, and Mr. Mettananda, Principal, Ananda College. That same day the Olcott Lodge was formed with Mrs. C. L. Motwani, Principal, Visaka Vidyalaya, as its President. This Lodge is in full swing now.

We cannot fail to mention the great loss sustained by the passing of C. W. L. A Public meeting was held to his memory, the chief speaker being Mr. P. W. Robinson. We were surprised

at the news of the unexpected death of Dr. Van der Leeuw, whose separation will be felt by all the Sections.

We must mention the visit of Krishnaji to Ceylon in February this year. The members of our Section helped to make his stay as pleasant and useful as possible. He delivered 3 Public Lectures at the Town Hall, each of which was attended to overflowing. Though these lectures were not delivered under our auspices, yet it was the F. T. S. who contributed almost all the necessary moneys for his invitation to Ceylon. He also led a few discussion groups to which earnest seekers of Truth only were admitted. The remarkable response of the Public to his various lectures and talks shew the great interest the people of this Island have for matters spiritual.

Our membership is still poor though the new admissions are a few times more than last year's. The Library is being used as before; only some six volumes have been added to it, all being donations from Mr. N. K. Choksy.

I regret I am unable to insert an account of the proceedings of our Convention. It is fixed this time for the arrival of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa which is to be on December 1st, so that we could have the privilege of some addresses from him.

We wish you, Sir, all success in your arduous work, but we would also remind you of your promised visit to us next year. We earnestly hope that you could find the time for it.

T. NALLAINATHAN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN GREECE

To the President, the T. S.

I have much pleasure in sending you our annual report for 1934.

Besides the Statistics that you find enclosed, I want to mention only that a special effort has been made to give

a new impulse to our movement, which already had its first good results. Among others, we have decided to publish monthly our magazine, *Theosophicon Deltion* which was published quarterly till now, trying to make it as attractive as possible. We hope that the good results of this new effort will become more visible during this new period.

The Theosophical Publishing House of Athens has not published any new book.

I beg to convey to you the affection and greetings of our Members and remain.

PARIS HADJIPETRO,

Joint General Secretary.

12-11-1934

T. S. IN CENTRAL AMERICA

To the President, the T. S.

I have the honour of presenting to you the following Report of the Theosophical Society in Central America and Colombia, for the year 1933-34.

I must, beforehand, take this opportunity to excuse myself for having failed to remit my 1932-33 Report in full. It was my mistake, indeed, for I thought that with the Statistical data that I sent you in accordance with your blanks sent to us, I had fulfilled my duty of reporting. As you may see, it was not my negligence, but my misunderstanding of details which caused my fault.

Our number of active members has decreased considerably during this term, due, mainly to the effects of the terrific depression that has swept these countries most intensely, as part of the world crisis. If we analyse the case carefully, we may easily notice how most members have been compelled to turn their eyes and devote all their activities to the direct struggle for material life, in order to fulfil their obligations, attend their own personal needs and of their families. In most cases their efforts, though sincere, have not been enough to allow them the opportunity of paying their fees to the Society. The actual decrease, therefore, in our Theosophical ranks, is, then, more virtual than real, if we realize that many valuable elements

that lend their considerable co-operation to their respective Lodges appear as passive members.

We hope, however, that these trials by which the world has been afflicted with, as a test, will be over soon, and normal conditions will reappear.

If we add the great difficulties resulting from the co-active Laws of Control, to diminish the evasion of gold except for the purchase of goods recognized as indispensable for the life of the people, one will understand why this Secretary has been compelled to diminish all expenditures even to the limit of perfect sacrifice, as is the case of suspending temporarily, we hope, the issue of our publication *Virya*.

I must report another obstacle evident in our works. I refer to the number of persons, and among them, unhappily, some members of the T. S., that indulge in black magic practices and divulcation. Some for purposes of profit, others to develop artificially their latent powers, and some to acquire the lustre and prestige that gives them, particularly among plain and careless people, anything that has a touch of supernatural nature. It is clear that their activities fructify in discord within the Lodge, because, generally, two parties are born: that of those that follow them and that of their adversaries. Serious problems have arisen thereof, between this

Secretary and two Lodges of this Section. We have adopted the practice to submit same to the Council Board and follow their decisions.

In spite of all difficulties, that as a natural consequence of the economic crisis, have come to us, it is most encouraging to notice that each Lodge, we find a nucleus of brethren most active, and whose efforts and labours increase in direct relation with the number of obstacles they have to conquer in their path. I feel that we must not worry at all as to a most brilliant future of our T. S., while we may count with such a group of devoted and valiant servers.

This General Secretary has found, first of all, its duty, to give enthusiasm and encourage these brethren, so that they may realize the immense privilege that is bestowed upon them in their efforts to hold up and alive the flame of Life of their Lodges.

I have noticed a greater intensity and continuity of relations existing between this Secretary and our Lodges, which undoubtedly reveals an increased comprehension on both sides of our duties. The high percentage of our votes for the election of President of the T. S. confirms my statement.

Indeed this seems to be a most propitious time for the renovation of forces, but this does not occur without pain and uncertainty in the path. Let us firmly hope that those Lodges that survive so many tests will form the bed of the river of new spiritual

currents, through which will flow the splendour and life of the Wisdom of the Founders of our T. S.

We need not state how much we have felt the physical absence of those two big columns of the T. S., Mrs. Besant and Bishop Leadbeater, to whom we all owe so much. Their life consecration to the Service of Humanity, will continue protecting and inspiring it for the greater welfare of the Society at large.

We have perfect confidence in Dr. Arundale, and wish most cordially that our humble co-operation may partly decrease the immense responsibility of his.

As a most prominent event of the year I must mention Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit to Costa Rica with a stay of two weeks. His message of love and wisdom brought to us, is most valuable for this Section, and has left behind a perfect path of light to stimulate our own spiritual renovation. It is a pity that actual economic depression is an obstacle to more frequent visits like this.

The statistical activity of the Lodges is the following :

Lodges.—Total number of active Lodge 12.

Members.—New admission 17, Re-admission 7, and total incoming 24, outgoing by death 4, leaving a total number of 129—attached to Lodges 127 and unattached 2.

ESTHER DE MEZERVILLE,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN URUGUAY (*Report not received*)

T. S. IN CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA (*Report not received*)

T. S. IN PARAGUAY (*Report not received*)

T. S. IN PERU (*Report not received*)

T. S. IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS (*Report not received*)

UNSECTIONALIZED LODGES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

THE "UNSECTIONALIZED" LODGE

CANADIAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

To the President, the T. S.

The Canadian Federation wish to congratulate Dr. Arundale upon his election to the Presidency and to assure him of their wholehearted support.

We are glad to report the Lodges have more than held their own during the last twelve months and in recent months many new members have been added to the rolls.

This year, an effort was again made to build up the Lodge libraries; in so vast a land as Canada where the population is relatively small we find a good library is one of the best means for the spread of Theosophy.

Splendid work was accomplished by Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kunz who made a tour in September through the Western Lodges as far as Winnipeg, and spoke to large crowds in each city. There seems to be new life and energy stirring the Lodges to greater activity which augurs well for the winters work.

Statistics.—We have 7 active Lodges with a total number of 139 members.

A. J. HARRISON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

3615 Knight Road,
Vancouver, B.C., Canada.
7-11-1934

MIROKU LODGE, TOKYO, JAPAN

To the President, the T. S.

During the absence of the Hon. Secretary on a visit to Australia there was no opportunity to hold the usual monthly meetings, but these have now been resumed.

It is specially requested that members of the Theosophical Society or those interested in Theosophy who intend to visit Tokyo would kindly notify the Hon. Secretary of their visit in order that local members may have the pleasure of meeting them and of assisting them in any possible way. Notice in *advance* and also the name

of the ship by which the traveller is coming would enable us to get in touch, through the mails, with the travellers.

There is a small library in connection with this Lodge, and visitors are encouraged to make use of it for home study.

(Miss) E. M. CASEY,
Hon. Secretary.

13 Mikawadaimachi,
Azaku-ku, Tokyo, Japan.
30-10-1934

SHANGHAI LODGE, SHANGHAI, CHINA

To the President, the T. S.

The Shanghai Lodge has been carrying on its activities steadily during the past year. Regular weekly meetings have been held, alternating generally with meetings open to the public, all of which were fairly well attended.

The principal event of the twelve months period was a visit to Shanghai

by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, from September 1 to 4, 1933. Mr. Hodson, on September 2, delivered a free public lecture in the Royal Asiatic Society's hall on "Clairvoyant Study of Life after Death". Attracted by the reputation of the lecturer the public attended in good numbers in spite of the typhoon which was then in force.

Subsequently Mr. Hodson gave generously of his time and attention to the members of the Lodge, leaving them better informed and somewhat keener and more useful than he found them.

The library and book sales departments have been managed with efficiency and zeal by our Librarian, who has as usual devoted much of his time and energy to this important branch of our work.

As an offshoot of the Lodge's activities a healing group was started, and has held regular weekly sessions from April 27, 1934, following the

example of a previous successful effort in this line under the leadership of a member who had since left Shanghai.

During the year seven of our members have left Shanghai and have dropped out of our ranks, and two new members have joined, reducing our membership by five.

N. BUIJS,

Hon. Secretary.

P. O. Box 1705,

Shanghai.

4-10-1934

MANUK LODGE, HONG KONG, CHINA

To the President, the T. S.

The Manuk Lodge, Hong Kong, now has a total membership of 36. Fifteen new members have joined the Lodge during the past year, and two have been admitted from Europe (as temporary members), but seven have left for England, so that in the aggregate the membership shows an increase of ten. Honorary membership of the Lodge has also been accepted by Dr. K. L. Reichelt, and by Mr. B. W. Paul, late President of the Lodge, now returned to England.

At the Annual General Meeting, in June, Mr. John Russell, Presidential Agent for China, accepted also the Presidency of the Lodge for the ensuing year.

A study class has been held weekly throughout the year, and (except for three months in the summer) weekly public lectures have also been given. We are dependent for the most part on members of the Lodge for lectures, but we have also to thank some outside friends for help in this respect. In addition, a meditation class has recently been started by a group of enthusiastic members.

We have to thank the Librarians for very fine work done on the reorganization of the Library, which has been re-catalogued, and has been considerably used. Acquisitions have been a complete set of the books written by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, made possible by his generous treatment over the profits of sales of his books during his visit here in 1933.

We have been fortunate in having a good deal of press publicity, and by means of reports of our weekly lectures in the local papers Theosophical ideas are spread among a much wider public than those who actually attend our meetings.

The increase in our membership, as well as the interest shown in our meetings and lectures, during the past year is encouraging, and we hope that similar progress will be continuous, in every part of the Society as well as in our own tiny corner.

(Mrs.) O. M. PARKINSON,

Hon. Secretary.

P. O. Box 632,

Hong Kong.

October, 1934

SINGAPORE LODGE

To the President, the T. S.

It is with great pleasure that we present the following report of the work of our little Lodge for the year ending October, 1934.

The Lodge has carried on once more with success its usual programme of holding weekly public meetings for lectures or for answering questions, and study classes for members every Sunday. A series of lectures on Theosophy were delivered by some of our leading students and lectures were also arranged and delivered by non-Theosophists on interesting subjects. In this connection we must say that Swami Bhaswarananda, the President of the Ramakrishna Mission here has been a great help to us. A series of lectures on Astrology was delivered by Mr. C. A. Hare, an old member of our Society. The study class has finished with *First Steps on the Path*, by G. Hodson and *Light of Asia*, by Sir Edwin Arnold, and is now engaged with *Man, Whence, How and Whither* and *in the Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas A. Kempis. This class also afforded opportunity for training student lecturers.

The year began with 12 members on the roll out of which 4 ceased to be members for non-payment of dues; however, we had three new admissions, and so we have to register a net loss of one.

The Lodge has as usual its library at the disposal of those of the public, who wish to read our books on a monthly subscription. At present we have 4 such library members.

The year under review should be considered a successful one for our Lodge because the response to its

weekly meetings has been much more encouraging than the previous years.

Pandit Viswabandhu Shastri, M. A., M. O. L., of Lahore who was a visitor to the local Arya Samaj last month also addressed our Lodge on "Self-Culture"; and we have been very fortunate this year in getting two of our beloved leaders, Mr. & Mrs. A. P. Warrington, who were on their way to Java, to stop here for a few days. Mr. Warrington addressed the members of our Lodge, and also conducted a "Questions and Answers" Meeting, where a good number of our friends were present. A tea-party was also held in their honour.

We wish to appeal to all members of the Theosophical Society, who may be passing through Singapore to give us a look up when in Port, and we wish also to impress our beloved leaders that Singapore is an important and unique centre for the Society's activities, as ours is a cosmopolitan population, where the intelligentsia of all nations on earth mingle together in business and with much friendliness; so, as far as possible and convenient, we would request our leaders to place Singapore within their maps, when next they start their itineraries.

With our best love and wishes for success for our President and Mrs. Rukmini Arundale and all the others of the administrative faculty of our Society.

HENG SENG CHIANG,

Hon. Secretary.

c/o Overseas Chinese
Banking Corporation Ltd.,
Singapore.
11-10-1934

NAIROBI LODGE

To the President, the T.S.

Ever since 1930, the meetings are being held at my house; at present every Monday afternoon from 5.30 to 6.30. Our President, Bro. R. O. Preston, resigned from the Society in February, 1934; and since then the following are the office-bearers.

Bro. Kahan Chand Kapoor, *President and Librarian*; Bro. C. J. Patel, *Hon. Secretary*; Bro. M. T. Dhanani, *Treasurer*.

The total number of members at present is 10. Thanks for the copy of *Adyar News* which we are receiving regularly.

KAHAN CHAND KAPOOR,

President.

P. O. Box 613,

Nairobi,

Kenya Colony.

20-12-1934

SELANGOR LODGE, KUALA LUMPUR

To the President, the T.S.

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

2. During the period under review no new members were enrolled. Three members resigned and one transferred to another Lodge. The number of effective members remaining on the roll is eight.

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

4. Weekly Classes have been held regularly on every Friday, which are open to all who wished to attend the same.

5. Fortnightly public lectures were delivered to which all interested persons

were invited to attend. These lectures have been very popular and have aroused keen interest among members of the public who have attended in large numbers.

6. Mr. A. H. Flowerdew continued his Presidentship during the period and the activities of the Lodge are still being carried on in the Offices of the President.

S. ARUMUGAM,

Hon. Secretary.

c/o Oriental Life Insurance

Building, Java Street,

Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S.

24-10-1934

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

In presenting the Forty-eighth Annual Report of the Adyar Library let me first convey to you the loyal greetings of the members of the Library Staff on your election as President of the Theosophical Society.

Administration.—In the month of June this year, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja expressed a desire that he may be relieved of the administrative responsibility of the Library. Accordingly his resignation as Director of the Library was accepted. Mr. Henri Frei who was till that time the Recording Secretary of the Theosophical Society, was for the time being appointed as Director in the place of Dr. C. Kunhan Raja and I was appointed as Joint Director. Dr. C. Kunhan Raja is now working in the Library as Curator for the Eastern Section, with Mr. A. J. Hamerster as Curator for the Western Section.

Staff.—There is no change in the staff of the Library. Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier who is the Library Assistant, is engaged as Museum Assistant and general Helper to visitors which is a temporary post, paid from a special Fund placed at the disposal of the President. Mr. S. Ramachandran who was appointed to this temporary post, is now working in the Library Office, looking after the correspondence and working on the classification and arrangement of books.

Conference.—As noticed in the last Report, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja who was at that time the Director, attended the seventh Session of the All India Oriental Conference held at Baroda. If the Library is represented at such conferences of learned bodies, the Library can thereby be brought into closer touch with the learned world, and its range of usefulness widened.

Finance.—Financial position with abstract of the Adyar Library account

appears in the Treasurer's Report at pages 60 and 66.

Publication.—The first volume of the ten Major Upanishads with the commentary of *Upanishadbrahmayogin* is ready and it will be bound and made available for sale soon. This volume contains eight out of the ten Major Upanishads and the remaining two will follow. This will complete the Upanishads series.

Accommodation.—During the year, the whole ground floor of the Headquarters buildings was handed over to the Library. The offices of the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary were transferred to the upstairs of the T. P. H. Buildings. New Steel racks were erected in the Eastern wing of the Main Library and all the books that were stored in the ground floor of the Vani Vihar and in the Dispensary Building, were brought over to the Main Library.

Rules.—Rules concerning the loan of books were revised and a set of new rules published. All registers and files in the Library are also being revised.

Classification and Arrangement of books.—Miss Gertrude Watkin of H. P. B. Lodge, Auckland, was kind enough to offer her services to the Library. She has already classified the books in the European Languages under proper headings and she is preparing a list of all the books. On account of the frequent shifting of books from place to place during the last few years, the shelf register cards have become useless and new ones have to be prepared. Miss Watkin is now engaged in preparing a correct register of all the books in the Library, and placing them on the shelves according to the subjects, checking the original registers with the actual stock in the Library and then in bringing the Card-Index thoroughly revised and up-to-date,

I desire to take this opportunity to place on record the extremely valuable and devoted services rendered by Miss Watkin and to tender to her my grateful thanks for all that she has already done and for what she has offered to do during the coming year. "To work is to worship", is a saying she has been exemplifying here all along. To work for the Library is at present her way of offering worship to the T.S.

As for the valuable services which Dr. C. Kunhan Raja continues to render to the Library, it would be vain for me to find adequate expression; furthermore, I know he shrinks from praise however richly deserved; all the same, I trust he will allow me at least to place on record my grateful appreciation of his continued and efficient services to the Library.

Convention Lecture.—For the Convention of the Theosophical Society to be held in December of 1934, it has been decided to include a Lecture called the Adyar Library Lecture, the first of its kind, in the programme, and Dr. C. Kunhan Raja has been invited to deliver the first Lecture, which invitation he has kindly accepted.

Thanksgiving.—This year also, as in previous years, many Government Institutions and individuals have presented books to the Library; to all these, I beg to tender our thanks.

Details regarding the Library are given below:

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Adyar

Hon. Director.

Stock.—The stock of the Adyar Library has increased by 1,805 books and pamphlets both Eastern and Western, and by 125 Manuscripts, forming a total of 35,974 books and pamphlets, and 18,004 manuscripts both paper and palm leaf. Some of these as usual were purchased and some donated by welwishers. Mention must be made of the present of 100 books and pamphlets presented by Sjt. Misra, the Dewan of Athmalik State, Orissa, and the help rendered by Mr. C. Narasayyar, President of the Vellore T.S. Lodge, in acquiring a considerable number of manuscripts, old and valuable, for the Library.

Reading Room.—This year the duration of the working hours of the Library was extended by half an hour, from 7.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Various standards of magazines, monthlies, quarterlies, and annuals are either being subscribed for, or presented by members and by the publishers. *The Hindu* was being presented by Mr. A. J. Hamerster. *The Theosophist* is being continued to be presented by the T.P.H.; and exchanges and books received for review are kindly sent by *The Theosophist* Office to the Reading Room. One more addition to the Theosophical monthlies, is the *Adyar News* which is also being presented to the Library.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF USE OF LIBRARY

| Details | 1932 | 1933 | 1934 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Consultants at the Reading Room | 1,242 | 1,910 | 2,653 |
| Manuscripts alone | | | 228 |
| Books and Manuscripts lent from the Main and Reading Rooms | 1,348 | 1,899 | 1,520 |
| Visitors to the Library | 1,584 | 1,262 | 3,482 |

Use of the Library.—Thus the Library is growing on a very rapid scale in its importance. (Vide Comp. Statt.) Special mention must be made of the fact that this year special provisions were made for giving facilities for scholars and advanced students for study and research work. A separate room has now been set apart for such purposes. As usual the Library maintained during the year the same cordial relationship of literary co-operation with the several learned societies, such as the Universities of Annamalaiagar, Andhradesa, Calcutta, Madras, Mysore, Lucknow, and the Punjab; the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, the Santiniketan of Bolpur, the Trivandrum Oriental Library and the Tanjore Palace Library. Good use of the Reference Section is made both by the Residents and Staff of Adyar, as well as learned scholars.

Books of Special Interest in the Eastern Section.—

Tamil: 1. Krishnaji's Teachings: A copy of this book, a translation by Mr. T. M. Manickam Pillai, presented by the Translator and Publisher.

2. Tiruvarutpa: a work of verses in two volumes of Sri Ramalingaswami an occultist Tamil saint of the nineteenth century bought by the Library.

Sanskrit: 1. Rgvedanukramani of Madhavabhata presented by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja.

2. Amsubhodhini Sastra of Maharsi Bharadwaja purporting to suggest to the scientists of the present day many new discoveries.

3. Princess of Wales Saraswati Bhavana Text and Studies.

4. Gaekwad's Oriental Series.

5. Trivandrum Oriental Series, of which there are two works of musical compositions, on Kuchelopakhyanam, Ajamilopakhyanam and Sangitakrtis by H. H. Savasti Tirunal Sri Rama Varma.

6. Abhinayadarpanam, a work on Indian Dance.

7. Mahabhashyapradipadyota (with grammar), 8. Manasara (architecture), 9. Mahabharata with Nilakanta's commentary and 10. Vishnudharmottara-puranam were added by purchase. The last mentioned one is noteworthy, as it can be called a compendium or outline of the Indian Fine Arts besides containing a variety of other puranic topics.

Oriya: A hundred in all, books and pamphlets in Oriya Language were presented by Srijut Misra, Dewan of Athmalik State, Orissa of which Bisnugarvapurana, Brhannardiya Purana, and Saraswata Ramayana are noteworthy additions.

Chinese: The supplement volumes of Chinese Tripitaka.

Tibetan and Japanese: Valuable collection of Kanjur and Tanjur block prints is a rarity in Oriental Libraries and valuable collections of Japanese Literature add to the wealth of oriental collection.

Books of Special Interest in the Western Section.—

Reference: Sumeris chen Lexicon Concordance et Indices de la Tradition Musulmane, Times Encyclopaedia and Gazeteer, Encyclopaedia of Social Sciences and the supplementary volume of Murray's Dictionary.

Theosophy: My Guest.—H. P. B. by Francisca Arundale—complete works of H. P. B. a Barker Edition.

Krishnamurti—by Carlos Soares.

Treatise on White Magic—by Alice Bailey.

Mount Everest—by Dr. Arundale.

Encyclopaedic Outline of Masonic, Hermetic, Cannanistic, and Rosicrucian Symbolism and Philosophies.

Philosophy and Religion: A practically complete set of Keyserling's works in German.

East and West in Religion: by Sir S. Radhakrishnan.

History: Social and Political Life in the Vijayanagar Empire.

Mecca in the latter part of the 19th Century.

University of Nalanda.

Records of Fort St. George.

Art : Manasara (Hindu Architecture) ;
Bronzes of Nalanda, Hindu and
Javanese Art.

Epigraphy : South Indian Inscriptions and Archæology.

Mohon Jo Daro-Excavations by Sir John Marshall.

The Classified List of New Transcripts, Palm Leaf and Paper Manuscripts added in 1933-34.

THE LIST OF MANUSCRIPTS TRANSCRIBED IN 1934

| | | | | |
|-----|------------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | Upasargavrtthi | Devanagari | Complete | Jaina |
| 2. | Panchastikaya | " | " | " |
| 3. | Panchastikavyakhyā | " | " | " |
| 4. | Prameyaratnamala | " | Incomplete | " |
| 5. | Nyayakumudachandrodaya | " | Complete | " |
| 6. | Sambhavyagrhyasutra | " | " | Grhya |
| 7. | Sambhavyagrhyasutrakarika | " | " | " |
| 8. | Nyayaparijata | " | Incomplete | Nyaya |
| 9. | Jivaprarupanavyakhyā | " | " | Jaina |
| 10. | Medhadakshinamurtisahasra- nama | " | Complete | Stotra |
| 11. | Sutraprakasa | " | Incomplete | Vyakarana |
| 12. | Bhamatibhavadipika | " | " | Advaita |
| 13. | Aswalayanagrhyasutravyakhyā | " | Complete | Grhya |
| 14. | Unadikosa | " | " | Vyakarana |
| 15. | Parameswarasamhita | " | Incomplete | Pancharatra |
| 16. | Sambhavyagryasutravrtthi | " | Complete | Grhya |
| 17. | Nyayakusumanjali | " | Incomplete | Nyaya |
| 18. | Jnanabhagavatam | Grantha | Complete | Purana |

THE LIST OF PALM-LEAF MANUSCRIPTS PURCHASED IN 1934

| | | | | |
|-----|---|--------|------------|-------------|
| 1. | Kalamrta with Vyakhyā | Andhra | Incomplete | Jyotisha |
| 2. | Svarupashattrimsattatvasutra- panchasika | " | Complete | Advaita |
| 3. | Virupakshapanchasika | " | " | Stotra |
| 4. | Parapanchasika | " | " | " |
| 5. | Hattayogapradipika | " | Incomplete | Yoga |
| 6. | Siddhasiddhantapaddhati | " | Complete | Advaita |
| 7. | Nrsimhashtottara | " | " | Stotra |
| 8. | Rajayogamrta | " | " | Yoga |
| 9. | Nrsimhottaratapinivyakhyā | " | Incomplete | Upanishat |
| 10. | Sarvarthachintamani | " | " | Jyotisha |
| 11. | Jnanapradipika | " | Complete | " |
| 12. | Ududasapradipika | " | " | " |
| 13. | Jataka slokas | " | Incomplete | " |
| 14. | Nakshatreshthi | " | Complete | Prayoga |
| 15. | Navagrahaprayoga | " | " | " |
| 16. | Uttarachampu | " | " | Champakavya |
| 17. | Shatpanchasikavyakhyā | " | " | Jyotisha |
| 18. | Samasa nidhi | " | " | Vyakarana |

| | | | | |
|-----|------------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| 19. | Brahmakundamahatmya | Andhra | Complete | Mahatmya |
| 20. | Bharadvajasamhita | " | Incomplete | Pancharatra |
| 21. | Syamalambastotra | " | Complete | Stotra |
| 22. | Ramashtottara | " | " | " |
| 23. | Mahimnastotravyakhya | " | " | " |
| 24. | Naishadha | " | Incomplete | Kavya |
| 25. | Nrsimhamantra | " | Complete | Mantra |
| 26. | Chatu slokas | " | Incomplete | Kavya |
| 27. | Sabarabhashya | Kerala | Complete | Mimamsa |
| 28. | Slokavartikavyakhya | " | Incomplete | " |
| 29. | Sarirakamimamsabhashya | " | " | Advaita |
| 30. | Slokavartika | " | " | Mimamsa |
| 31. | Naishkarmyasiddhi | " | " | Advaita |
| 32. | Navaratnamalastotra | Andhra | Complete | Stotra |
| 33. | Devimahatmya | Bangali | " | Mahatmya |

VELLORE COLLECTION

| | | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|---------------|------------|-----------|
| 34. | Panchatantra | Tamil | Incomplete | Niti |
| 35. | Arunachalamahatmya | Grantha | " | Mahatmya |
| 36. | Valmikiramayana | " | Complete | Itihasa. |
| 37. | Naishadha | " | Incomplete | Kavya |
| 38. | Vaidyapurvakhandha | " | Complete | Vaidyaka |
| 39. | Ramatarakamantra | Andhra | Incomplete | Mantra |
| 40. | Ramashadaksharamantra | Grantha | " | " |
| 41. | Kalahastisthalamahatmya | " | Complete | Mahatmya |
| 42. | Rasasuddhyadiyoga | Grantha-Tamil | Incomplete | Vaidyaka |
| 43. | Vasishtharamayana | Grantha | Complete | Itihasa |
| 44. | Amasomavaravratkalpa | Andhra | " | Prayoga |
| 45. | Vaidyagrantha | Grantha | Incomplete | Vaidyaka |
| 46. | Salagramalakshana | " | Complete | Purana |
| 47. | Vaidyanighantu | " | Incomplete | Vaidyaka |
| 48. | Dhanvantaridhyanadi | Andhra | " | " |
| 49. | Ramastavaraja | " | " | Stotra |
| 50. | Taittiriyaabrahmana | Grantha | " | Veda |
| 51. | Taittiriyaabrahmana | " | " | " |
| 52. | Raghuvamsavyakya | Andhra | " | Kavya |
| 53. | Bheshajakalpa | Grantha | Complete | Vaidyaka |
| 54. | Dravyasuddhirasasuddhyadi | " | Incomplete | " |
| 55. | Rasaprakarana | " | " | " |
| 56. | Skandapurana | Andhra | " | Purana |
| 57. | Saranighantu | " | Complete | Vaidyaka |
| 58. | Bharata Anusasanaparva | Grantha | " | Itihasa |
| 59. | Adityakavachadi | " | Incomplete | Mantra |
| 60. | Syamaladandaka | " | " | Stotra |
| 61. | Akasabhairavakalpa | " | " | Mantra |
| 62. | Ashtangahrdayanidanasthana | " | " | Vaidyaka |
| 63. | Raghuvamsa | " | " | Kavya |
| 64. | Dhatupatha | " | " | Vyakarana |
| 65. | Asvamedhaprasna | " | " | Veda |
| 66. | Chatu slokas | " | " | Kavya |

| | | | | |
|-------|----------------------------|---|------------|----------|
| 67. | Vaidyagrantha | Grantha | Incomplete | Vaidyaka |
| 68. | Amatarpana | " | Complete | Prayoga |
| 69. | Trichakalpa | " | " | " |
| 70. | Sandhyavandana | " | " | " |
| 71. | Brahmayajna | " | " | " |
| 72. | Adityahrdayastotra | " | " | Stotra |
| 73. | Sandhyavandana | " | " | Prayoga |
| 74. | Vaidyagrantha | Tamil | " | Vaidyaka |
| 75. | Sariragarbhavakraniya | Grantha | Incomplete | " |
| 76. | Tyagarajashtaka | " | Complete | Stotra |
| 77. | Sivakavacha | " | " | " |
| 78. | Dakshinamurtyashtaka | " | " | " |
| 79. | Ramachurnika | " | " | " |
| 80. | Indrakshistotra | " | " | " |
| 81. | Vedapangastava | " | " | " |
| 82. | Minakshinavaratnamalika | " | " | " |
| 83. | Ardhanarisvarashtaka | " | " | " |
| 84. | Kashaya-churna-matra-yogas | Grantha-Tamil | Incomplete | Vaidyaka |
| 85. | Triphalarasayanadiyoga | Grantha | " | " |
| 86. | Ayurveda | " | Complete | " |
| 87. | Lalitasahasranamavali | Andhra | " | Stotra |
| 88. | Vishnusahasranamavali | " | " | " |
| 89. | Vighneswaradistotras | Grantha | " | " |
| 90. | Vishnusahasranamavali | " | " | " |
| 91. | Lalitasahasranamavali | " | " | " |
| 92. | Devyashtottara | " | " | " |
| 93. | Sivasahasranamavali | " | " | " |
| 94. | Sivashtottarasatanamavali | " | " | " |
| 95. | Ramashtottarasatanamavali | " | " | " |
| 96. | Navagraharchana | " | " | " |
| 97. | Rudratrisati | " | " | " |
| 98. | Jatakas | Tamil | Incomplete | Jyotisha |
| 99. | Sriharsadvirupakosa | Grantha | " | Nighantu |
| 100. | Vishnubhujanga | " | Complete | Stotra |
| 101. | Vata-pitta-jvara-kashayas | Grantha-Tamil | Incomplete | Vaidyaka |
| 102. | Bheshajakalpa | Grantha | Complete | " |
| 103. | Aushadhakalpanaprakara | " | Incomplete | " |
| 104. | Vilvadilehyayogas | " | Complete | " |
| 105. | Swayamagniyoga | " | " | " |
| 106. | Vatanidana | " | " | " |
| 107. | Jatakas | Grantha-Tamil | Incomplete | Jyotisha |
| 1934— | Transcripts : 18 | Palm-leaf manuscripts, paper manuscripts and Transcripts: | | |
| " | Palm-leaf : 107 | till 1932—17,795 | | |
| | | 1933 84 | | |
| | Total 125 | 1934 125 | | |
| | | Total 18,004 | | |

The Museum of Records.—This consists chiefly of the presentations of mementos made to the Leaders of the Theosophical Society and sent to the Library to be kept in safe custody. It contains silver trowels and caskets; ivories; oil-paintings of the Leaders; interesting documents connected with the early days of the Theosophical Society and the establishment of its Headquarters at Adyar; scrap-books; photographs and the books of Colonel H. S. Olcott and Madame H. P. Blavatsky containing their autograph signatures—all breathing something of their presence and keeping their memory

green in our minds. These are in Mr. C. Jinarajadasa's charge. Besides these, the Adyar Library has some curios of general interest mentioned in the *Old Diary Leaves* by Colonel H. S. Olcott, some models of platonic solids prepared by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa and several rare finds of antiquarian interest. I have not very much to report about it at this stage, since the whole thing is to be restored to order under instructions from Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.

29-1-35

B. S. RAMASUBBIER,

(In Charge).

THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR

To the Revered President and the Board of Managers.

I have the honour to submit the following brief report of the Olcott Panchama Free Schools for the year 1934.

Up till now our schools used to be called Panchama Schools. But at its last meeting, the Board of Managers decided to substitute the word "Panchama" with the word "Harijan", meaning God's People, a much better and finer name.

Out of the original five Olcott Panchama Free Schools there is now only one left with us, the Olcott Free School at Adyar. There are now over 400 pupils in it—300 boys and over a hundred girls, with 12 teachers two of whom are lady-teachers who are looking after the activities of our girls-section. The branch section at Damodarapuram was removed at the beginning of the present school year to the main-school premises, necessary accommodation being provided for it by the construction of an extra class-room. Our thanks in this respect are due to Mrs. Hilda Wood who had very kindly lent her buildings and equipment for

the use of our branch class while at Damodarapuram. The work during the period under report has gone on fairly satisfactorily. The school has been noted by the District Educational Officer as being in "its usual efficient condition". The teachers interviewed the parents and guardians of the pupils and tried to enthuse them to take a little more interest in the life of their children. The teachers are trying their best to carry on their work in a spirit of service and love.

Besides the 3 R's and the allied subjects special care is given to the physical well-being of the children by giving particular attention to their daily baths, cleanliness of body, hair and clothing, by providing the necessary medical aid to their ailments, and by the provision of mid-day lunch to the hungry and needy children, on an average of 90 to 100 per day.

Training in their character-building is given through scouting and cubbing, (girl-guiding also being started recently), regular games, sports, daily individual and common prayers, weekly bhajanas, pujas on festival occasions, taking part in active service as volunteers during

Conventions, Meetings, Feeding the poor and such like. Since the beginning of this year an "Olcott Club" has been organised for the boys and team-games like Hockey and Hand-Ball are regularly played.

Attempts have been made to make the instruction given here really purposeful by giving training in several simple and cheap handicrafts with the hope that such training may stand them in good stead in their later life. An "Olcott Students' Union" was also started about three months ago to improve the intellectual side of the pupils.

It may be interesting to note here a few extracts from the remarks left by the Inspecting-Officer after his inspection of the school for over three days, from 26th to 30th of April, 1934. "This is a school mainly intended for the Depressed Classes in and around Adyar and is continuing to do satisfactory work year after year. Strength has increased this year also by over 40 pupils. Physical training and Games are paid very good attention. Medical Inspection has been conducted by the management even without Government grants and results are reported to be good. Promotions appear to be made with care on good principles. Handwork is generally compulsory for the boys and girls. A variety of useful occupations that do not involve much cost are learnt. Spinning, weaving of mat, tape, and cloth, palm-leaf work, stitching, sewing, hammocking, net-bag work, belt-making are regularly taught outside school-hours and practised.

"Physical training is given special attention. The school acquitted itself very well in Inter-School sports. There is an active and efficient scout troop with two cubpacks numbering in all over 70 pupils not only exhibiting their activities in various parts in Madras, but doing real service to the public at various large gatherings. Volley-Ball and Hand-Ball are played besides

regular games and drill. Mid-day tiffin is given to the poor children at a cost of over Rs. 250 per annum and occasional feasts are also given to the children.

"Training in character is given through individual and common prayers, weekly bhajanas and talks, and pujas on festive occasions. Good discipline is maintained as usual. The Head-Master and the Staff are actuated with a spirit of service and love and are trying their best to make the institution a typical one. A casual look into the accounts of this institution discloses an annual deficit of about Rs. 2,500. The institution richly deserves encouragement at the hands of the rich and the willing great men."

The school celebrated also with great enthusiasm and joy the days of its revered guardians, the great humanitarian Col. Olcott, magnanimous Mr. Schwarz, and our Ever-Beloved Amma. Our President unveiled on the 3rd of July a beautiful photograph of Mr. Schwarz in our school-hall, now named "Schwarz Hall" in loving gratitude to that noble benefactor of our schools for many years.

I cannot do better than to close this—my report—with an extract from the remarks left by the Minister for Education, Government of Madras, who kindly visited our school on the 22nd of December and spent over an hour and half in inspecting the various activities of our children. "I was very pleased to visit this school to-day. It is almost a model institution which can be followed as an example by Schools of similar type. In spite of its excellent work it is not prosperous financially and its accommodation is inadequate. The Head-Master and the Staff under him are most devotedly working for the school, and the record of their educational work is indeed most creditable.

"Founded by the late Colonel Olcott, the school, though not officially

under the management of the Theosophical Society, has depended largely on general donations from its members. With the continuance of similar generosity from them, which the school richly deserves, it is bound to prosper. I wish the school all success."

Before concluding, I would like to take this opportunity to mention here a few of very urgent needs of our school.

1. More accommodation.
2. A Compound wall to safeguard the school-property.
3. Proper and adequate water-supply.
4. Construction of urinals and latrines.
5. Reconstruction of old buildings.
6. In addition to the expenditure on the above items, donations

to the extent of Rs. 2,500 to meet the annual deficit.

In conclusion, I offer here my loving homage to our President, and my grateful thanks to Dr. Srinivasa Murti for the help he has given me in the proper working of the school.

M. KRISHNAN,

Correspondent.

Report accepted and approved.

The Board places on record its grateful appreciation of the services rendered by the Correspondent and the Secretary-Treasurer.

31-12-1934

G. S. ARUNDALE,

Chairman.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT OF FOR THE YEAR ENDING

| DISBURSEMENTS | | | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| To Teachers' Salaries | ... | ... | ... | 5,633 | 1 | 0 |
| „ Superintendent's Allowance | ... | ... | ... | 180 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Servants' Wages | ... | ... | ... | 143 | 11 | 0 |
| „ Books and Supplies | ... | ... | ... | 368 | 6 | 3 |
| „ Rents and Taxes | ... | ... | ... | 45 | 12 | 10 |
| „ Construction and Repairs | ... | ... | ... | 162 | 2 | 9 |
| „ Travelling and Conveyance Expenses | ... | ... | ... | 176 | 9 | 0 |
| „ Discount, Collection and Exchange | ... | ... | ... | 4 | 11 | 10 |
| „ Teachers' Provident Fund | ... | ... | ... | 75 | 4 | 0 |
| „ Expenses of Pupils in Higher Schools | ... | ... | ... | 120 | 12 | 0 |
| „ Food Expenses | ... | ... | ... | 223 | 8 | 6 |
| „ Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | 174 | 4 | 0 |
| „ Auditor's Fee per 1933-34 | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | 7,358 | 8 | 2 |
| „ Transfer to Panchama Education Fund—Mr. Schwarz' Legacy | ... | ... | ... | 10,000 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Balance (Surplus) Transferred to Income and Disbursement Reserve account | ... | ... | ... | 538 | 12 | 11 |
| | | | | 17,897 | 0 | 1 |

ADYAR

31st March, 1934

ERNEST WOOD,

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA

| CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|-----------------|--------|----|----|
| | Rs. A. P. | | | |
| To Panchama Education Fund | ... 36,145 11 4 | | | |
| Plus: Mr. Schwarz' Legacy | ... 10,000 0 0 | 46,145 | 11 | 4 |
| „ Income and Disbursement Reserve Account | | | | |
| Balance as per last year's Account | ... 163 13 1 | | | |
| Plus: Surplus for 1933-34; transferred | | | | |
| from Income and Disbursement Account... | 538 12 11 | 702 | 10 | 0 |
| | | 46,848 | 5 | 4 |

31st March, 1934

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR, PER 31st MARCH, 1934

| PROPERTY AND ASSETS | | | | | Rs. | A. | P. |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|----|----|
| By Immovable Property | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,200 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Movable | „ | ... | ... | ... | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| „ 3½ % Govt. Pronotes for Rs. 30,200 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 18,120 | 0 | 0 |
| „ 5 % „ „ (1944-55) for Rs. 10,000 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10,062 | 8 | 0 |
| „ 6½ % Bombay Development (Loan Rs. 2,500) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,500 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, (in Current Account) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12,966 | 10 | 1 |
| „ Cash in hand | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,198 | 10 | 3 |
| „ Sundry Debtors and Creditors | ... | ... | ... | ... | 300 | 9 | 0 |
| | | | | | 46,848 | 5 | 4 |

Audited and found correct.

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

Registered Accountant.

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR, MADRAS, INDIA

To the President, the T. S.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

In 1934 nine books and ten booklets were published.

(1) *Our Elder Brethren*: The Great Ones in the World's Service, edited by Annie Besant. This is now made available to the public. (2) Mr. Jinarajadasa has contributed *Life! More Life!* comprising his recent lectures in Europe and America in which a new aspect of Theosophy is presented. (3) *The Nature of Mysticism*, by C. Jinarajadasa, a revised edition with a foreward due to Krishnaji's message. (4) *Did Madame Blavatsky Forge the Mahatma Letters?* a new booklet by Mr. Jinarajadasa. The value of this addition to our knowledge of the early days of our movement is enhanced by the photographic reproduction of the letters of six of the Mahatmas. (5) *Yoga Darshana*, comprising the Sutras of Patanjali with the Bhashya of Vyasa, translated with notes and thoroughly revised by Dr. Ganganath Jha; this has become a standard work along with (6) *The Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*, by Prof. Dvivedi, which has been thoroughly revised and edited with an additional glossary by Pandit S. Subramania Sastri. (7) Dr. Bhagavan Das has partly fulfilled his promise to Dr. Besant to think anew *Manu* by producing an up-to-date contribution to the solution of present day problems with the bold title of *Ancient versus Modern Scientific Socialism or Theosophy and Capitalism, Fascism and Communism*. (8) *Abul Fazl and Akbar* by C. Jinarajadasa (Illustrated) is a brief monograph summarising from the original sources the incidents which led to Akbar founding, with the help of his Chief Minister and friend Abul Fazl, his "Universal Faith". (9) *A Guide to Adyar*, compiled by Miss

Mary K. Neff and others is an historical description of the development of the estate under the two Presidents, Col. Olcott and Dr. Besant, illustrated and with a map of the present estate.

Ten booklets of importance issued during the year were (1) *Krishnamurti's Message*, by C. Jinarajadasa; (2) *Life as Ceremonial*, by Mrs. Mabel Besant Scott; (3) *Communalism and its Cure by Theosophy or Spiritual Health the only Sure Basis of Material Wealth*, by Dr. Bhagavan Das; (4) *An Introduction to the Mantra Sastra*, by S. E. Gopalacharlu, a Convention Lecture by a former Treasurer of the T. S.; (5) *Annie Besant and the Changing World*, by Dr. Bhagavan Das, with a portrait of the author; (6) *The Noble Eight-Fold Path*, by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater. This was published in response to an insistent demand for a cheap and authoritative exposition on this subject; (7) *Mainsprings of Life*, three lectures delivered at the South Indian Conference by the learned Chief Judge K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer of Mysore. Dr. G. S. Arundale brought out, as special for the Convention, three more, viz., (8) *My work as President of the Theosophical Society*, (9) *A Seven Year Plan* and (10) *The Spirit of Youth*. In these, the author has indicated the lines of work for the seven years of his Presidentship.

Two leaflets for purposes of presentation were produced (1) *Guru-Stotra*, Text in Devanagari, Transliteration and Translation; (2) *The Law of Duty*, by Dr. Annie Besant.

The Vasanta Press has, as usual, co-operated with us heartily in producing better printed and nicely bound publications.

SALES DEPARTMENT

In spite of the general trade depression it is gratifying to note that the

Sales Department was, on the whole, able to turn out fairly good results. Our total Book Sales work up to nearly Rs. 40,000 in round figures. Calculated on the basis of Royalty only for the period under report, viz., Rs. 1,013, the T. P. H. must have sold more than Rs. 10,000 worth of our own publications. Further we do not pay Royalty on several of our publications, such as the Oriental Series, *Old Diary Leaves* and on Books of Dr. Bhagavan Das, Mr. Ernest Wood and others. We have purchased books to the value of Rs. 16,000, the selling price of which will be approximately Rs. 20,000, which is 50 per cent of the total Book Sales. The remaining 50 per cent of our Book Sales represent T. P. H. publications. There has thus been a steady and satisfactory increase in the sales of our own literature. We buy and supply to our customers standard works on Astrology, Scouting, Theosophy, Occultism, Religion, Philosophy and Oriental and General Literature, thus educating the public towards a higher and nobler ideal in life. Mr. C. Seshadri has been doing good work as the head of this Department for the last five years.

Our Branch Shop, in the Besant Memorial Buildings, Madras, has never been a losing concern and has been of much use to our customers in town. Mr. M. V. Gopalakrishna Aiyer has, by his knowledge of our literature as well as of general books, been able to make the Branch Shop more popular and useful in the City of Madras.

Finance.—During the period under review the T. P. H. sales amounted, in round figures to Rs. 45,540. As compared with the previous year, Book Sales were steady and there has been a decrease in the sales of Photographs, Incense and Packing Materials. We published books to the value of Rs. 11,174, and purchased books to the value of Rs. 16,816, or a total addition of Rs. 27,990 to our Book Stock.

Our Sales, as against this, approximate to Rs. 29,303, which is calculated on the total sales less a margin for the difference between the cost price and the selling price. Thus there has been no over-stocking during the period of report.

Our Trading and Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet show a loss of Rs. 7,180. This loss is due to depreciation of stock and property and the writing off of some stock as obsolete due to deterioration.

It must be stated that the T. P. H. had no subscribed Capital, the Capital it has is out of its own income made year after year.

MAGAZINE DEPARTMENT

(a) *The Theosophist.*—*The Theosophist* has been regularly and punctually published every month. From October onwards its format has been changed to suit modern ideas. Now we are actually giving our readers 50 per cent more reading matter without increasing its weight. As a result the cost of production has increased. Unless the circulation increases by 300 we may have to consider the desirability of enhancing the subscription rates to Rs. 10 for India, £1 to Europe, and \$5.00 to America from the next volume (October, 1935). There are 1,900 subscribers at present, and with a hope that the number of subscribers will increase we are printing 2,200 copies from October, 1934. If the number of subscribers does not increase sufficiently and if it is considered not desirable to increase the rate of subscription, then the only other alternative will be to reduce the number of pages by 16. We trust, however, that such a contingency will not arise and we are hopeful of an adequate response to our appeal for more subscribers. Surely America can help us in this matter, because, when *The Theosophist* was transferred to America in 1930 we had 600 subscribers and since its re-transfer to

Adyar in 1931 the number has just reached only 400.

(b) *The Adyar Pamphlets*.—Twelve numbers of the *Adyar Pamphlets* were issued regularly during the year. Among others the series included (1) *Doubt the Liberator*, a good resume of Krishnaji's teachings given in the Ommen Star Camp, 1928. A good picture of the Teacher was included as a frontispiece; (2) *The Third Object of the Theosophical Society*, by C. W. Leadbeater. This contains a frontispiece of the author and is a timely publication; (3) *Dr. Besant and India's Religious Revival*, by the Vice-President (Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta); (4) *Dr. Besant as a Comrade and a Leader*, by her colleague Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer; (5) *Dr. Besant: Warrior*, by the President (Dr. Arundale). The last three were from the Convention Lectures of 1933.

East and West and The Destinies of Nations, by Annie Besant and

Twelve Signs of the Zodiac, by T. Subba Row were re-printed during the year.

The publication of the *Adyar Pamphlets* have been a losing venture for the last two years. We have been securing for this series original contributions, and in size, form, illustrations and in general get-up it has improved immensely. It is not possible to continue to send the *Adyar Pamphlets* at the present rate of subscription. We have therefore decided to increase it to Rs. 3 for India, Burma and Ceylon, \$1.25 cents for America, and 5 shillings for Europe and other countries.

(c) *The Adyar News*.—We have added the *Adyar News* to our list of periodicals. The annual subscription is Rs. 2 or 3 shillings or 75 cents.

M. SUBRAMANIA IYER,

ADYAR

Manager.

17-11-34

THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

To the President, the T. S.

All over the world at the present moment it would appear the people are veering round to the truth, "The individual problem is the world problem." But the individual lacks in enthusiasm for team work. And the Theosophical Order of Service in India is no exception. But at the same time it cannot be denied that the spirit which prompted the inception of the Order will permeate in time to come in a larger sphere and among many Lodges of the Theosophical Society in the country, and that many more will work in the name of the Society as sympathisers. It is to be sincerely hoped that the call of our new President of the Theosophical Society, Dr. G. S. Arundale, that each Lodge should have a Theosophical Order of Service Group

will enthuse the members of the Society and that before long such groups will be formed in as many places as possible.

So far as India is concerned, there are very few *formal* members on the roll. The Order, however, has been very active in popularizing throughout the length and breadth of India the ideals of the following movements:

(1) Goodwill Day Movement. (2) Animal Welfare Day Movement. (3) Peace Day Movement. (4) International Correspondence League.

It can be said without any exaggeration that due to the publicity and propaganda work carried on steadily year after year, but with greater intensity during the year under report, May 18, October 4, and November 11, have begun to be looked upon

in India as red-letter days in the Human Calendar.

GOODWILL DAY—MAY 18

In connection with the propaganda work a number of pamphlets were issued:

(a) *Parables of Goodwill*; (b) *Children's World Peace Day*; (c) *World-Peace Through Gateway of Goodwill*; (d) *Goodwill Day Messages—India and the World*; and (e) *What of Tomorrow?*

Besides, articles were contributed to the press. The Day was celebrated in Bombay (where we have one of our most active groups,) Ahmedabad, Hyderabad (Sindh), Karachi, Kashmir State, and some places in the Punjab. The Directors of Public Instruction in the various Provinces were requested to circularize the schools in their jurisdiction in the matter of celebrating the Day. Only the Director of Public Instruction of Jammu and Kashmir responded to this request. The Directors of other Provinces regretted their inability to do so, though the Directors of Bengal and Burma circularized the heads of the schools in their respective territories to bring the ideals of the Goodwill Day to the notice of the students. In Karachi, as last year, the students of all the Primary Schools and of a few Secondary Schools, numbering about 16,000, took part in the celebrations, which were organized in form of half-an-hour "assemblies" in their respective schools.

ANIMAL WELFARE DAY—

OCTOBER 4

Besides the articles contributed to the press and two leaflets: *Killing for Food—a Crime* and *The Animal's Appeal*—which were published and distributed broadcast,—the significance of the Day was explained at public meetings, held in Hyderabad (Sindh), Karachi, Bombay and Kashmir State.

In the last named territory, scores of students participated in rendering service to the animals and in showing in a practical manner to all those who keep animals, as to how they should be treated.

PEACE DAY—NOVEMBER 11

In addition to articles contributed to the press the publicity work consisted of five pamphlets: *Peace and War*; *Parables of Peace*; *Disarmament*; *India and the World* and *World Peace and International Police* which were published and distributed broadcast. It is due to the enthusiasm of some of our members that a branch of the League of Nations Union has been started in Karachi. The Union is quite active. The Day was celebrated in Karachi and Madras. In Karachi an Art Exhibition was also organized during the Peace Week.

HEALING GROUPS

We have two live centres: in Karachi and in Bombay.

"SERVICE"

The number of Indian subscribers to this quarterly of human affairs (Annual Subscription Rs. 3-14-0) is 16 though we receive from London 24 copies. The remaining 8 copies are used for propaganda purposes.

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE LEAGUE

During the year under report there has been a revival of interest in the League. The number of applications received was 30 and the links secured were as under:

8 from Canada, 1 from U. S. America and 1 from France.

That some of the members find their links useful is evident from their

testimonials, from which only two may be quoted here:

Says one correspondent, "I am very glad to inform you that the link you obtained for me has proved very interesting and educative."

Another correspondent writes: "Our acquaintance has ripened into friendship and we are trying to help each other in understanding our respective people. I am confident that a Society like your League can do much more in bringing about better understanding amongst different Nations than many hundreds of political organizations."

ORDER OF THE ROUND TABLE

The Order has been marking time, the youth of the country being for some time past attracted to other fields of activity.

It may be stated, however, that even if there are not many groups

of the Theosophical Order of Service, there are always to be met with some members of every Lodge who take part in the various public movements the aim of which is general harmony, health and happiness.

During the last few months a greater interest is being evinced by several members in the different parts of India and they are trying to form groups of Theosophical Order of Service members. We trust that during the coming year our country will be able to give a better account of itself. In the meantime, we rejoice in the thought that the Great Ones have given unceasing inspiration and strength to the workers. All gratitude, therefore, to Them, for we are but mere instruments in Their hands.

JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI,

The Chief Brother for India.

FORMATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS OF AMERICA

To the President, the T. S.

At a T. S. Convention in 1931 there were about 8 young people present. In 1932 there were about 12 young people present. At the 1932 Convention Rukmini arranged for a talk to be given by three young people on the subject of Youth and Theosophy or some similar title. In October of the same year, returning from California through Wheaton Rukmini suggested that we should have a youth Building beyond the grove in the future. This led to the sending round of circular letters to all Young Theosophists asking for ideas about the organisation of the Youth Movement and announcing Mr. Cook's promise of a private tent for the Young Theosophists to meet in. This resulted in the attendance of some 50 Young Theosophists in 1933 and the organisation of the Young

Theosophists of America. Meetings there were enthusiastic and inspiring under the leadership of Rukmini and we all determined that on our return we would do all in our power to start local groups of Young Theosophists and to fire them with enthusiasm also. We decided to mimeograph a little magazine and send it to our subscribers for the remarkably low cost of 50 cents per annum. Only Young Theosophists wrote in this magazine with the exception of one or two accounts of Youth work in other parts of the world which were sent us by older members and one or two excerpts from Dr. Arundale.

During the year we roused sufficient enthusiasm in ten cities of America to form local groups of Young Theosophists while in many places we brought other young people into Theosophy

without forming a youth group but where the young people, with renewed enthusiasm, entered the Lodges and did splendid work. In all our organisation we did all in our power to co-operate and take an interest in the 'wiser' (we preferred that name to older) Lodges. The Magazine and its contributors became increasingly interesting and we did not lose money on it. In February, 1934 we felt strong enough to start a campaign to raise money to build a Youth Headquarters at Olcott. Before Convention we collected over \$150 and at Convention in response to the opportunities of announcement which we took and the profit we made from the refreshment tent and other sales, we collected another \$250 to be used as we saw fit. The activities of local groups were very varied according to the local members. All had some sort of study class, all did something in the line of having a Ha! Ha! good time together sometimes (perhaps once a month) and these gatherings were the most successful and did much to promote a feeling of friendship among the members. Many groups periodically took the Lodge meetings. California, our money makers, made money for Glendale Lodge from socials and arranged a recital on the piano for a talented member of the Lodge who was in financial difficulties but was a good artist, they gave him about \$100 after the performance. The Michigan group arranged for the young people to extend the one day federation from one day to two for themselves and had a grand time on the beach on Saturday evening before the federation next morning. Round a camp-fire Pieter Roest talked about the purpose of living and read some beautiful truly American poems. The meeting was such a success that we resolved to repeat the

venture at the next federation (which I could not attend) and I am told that it was a wonderful success, the chief difference was that we invited all the older people who liked to play to come and play with us. We arranged swimming, a baseball game—Youth vs. Experience—and in the evening had music and discussion round the big camp-fire place. These are the outstanding activities as I remember them. The Chicago group is organised, as the American Congress, with a Senate, members of the T. S., who are eligible for office in the group and a house of Representatives who are interested in the T. S. All under thirty, who are members of the Theosophical Society in America are eligible for membership in the Young Theosophists of America. There are no dues and we do all in our power to help the older Theosophists in all ways. We feel, however, a greater ease of expression as an independent organisation and believe we can do more to bring Theosophy to the Youth of America in this way. Our objects are :

1. To bring Theosophy to the Youth of America ;
2. To live Theosophy and develop leadership ;
3. To be good Citizens.

Membership has increased to well over 100 in our first year of activity. We will be more active this year.

Rukmini Arundale, who is President of the Young Theosophists in Huizen, India, and other countries was elected President of the Young Theosophists of America. We hope that through her the Young Theosophists of the world will be bound together.

MISS ELLEN MCCONNELL,

Secretary.

"Olcott," Wheaton,
Illinois, U. S. A.

THE INTERNATIONAL THEOSOPHICAL CENTRE, GENEVA

To the President, the T. S.

I send you herewith my report of the International Theosophical Centre in Geneva (attached to the Federation of Theosophical Societies in Europe) for the period 1933-34.

The International Theosophical Centre in Geneva has had during this year 3 series of lectures: one—from 13th October to 15th December (10 lectures and 1 reception); a second one—from 19th January to 9th March (12 lectures); a third one—from 20th April to 18th May (4 lectures and 1 reception). In all 26 lectures and 2 receptions. 4 lecturers have come from afar: Mme. S. Brisy, Mme. M. Stienon, Mr. G. Polak (from Belgium); Mr. Jinarajadasa (from India); and a fifth (M. Monod-Herzen, from Paris) was to come but he had to cancel his lectures.

We heard also international lecturers living in Geneva (Dr. A. Kamensky, Mr. T. Virzi) and excellent local lecturers (Mme. Rollier, Prof. M. Abauzit, Prof. Choisy, Rev. A. Sassi) and Mrs. P. Morgan and Melle. M. Nobs, members of the Disarmament Committee founded by the Women's Associations in Geneva.

There were also 2 symposiums (before Christmas and Easter) and one collective manifestation of the Brotherhood of religions, organised by the representatives of different faiths (the Inter-confessional Union).

The Peace Congress of Bruxelles and the Theosophical Congress in Barcelona were duly reported and the Europe's future discussed at 2 meetings.

This year has been a very important one for us:

1. We have been recognised by the Swiss Section as a *European Centre*, independent of the Swiss Section.

2. On the proposal of Mr. Jinarajadasa, President of the Congress in Barcelona, the Council of the Federation of the Theosophical Societies in Europe passed unanimously a resolution of hearty appreciation of the activities of the International Theosophical Centre in Geneva.

Yet there is a weak point and this is our budget. We live on gifts and donations. This year we have received very little help and the season has closed with a deficit, but we hope that our friends and Sections will heartily support us and give us the possibility of developing a still larger activity in the direction of international friendship, mutual understanding and friendly co-operation.

A. KAMENSKY,

*President of the I. Th. Centre
in Geneva.*

2 rue Cherbuliez,

Geneva.

17-6-1934

T. S. GARDENS

To the President, the T. S.

I took charge of this Department practically at the commencement of the year under report. The management was not an easy problem for a new comer. The conditions that confronted me were two-fold—physical and environmental. The former could

be easily controlled but not the latter. The estate is surrounded by a few villages, and their residents of either sex and of all ages, look to the T. S. as a bank, to draw their various requirements from. There is a continuous trespass and the advent of the Gurkas has checked a little. In

the absence of neighbourly people, who can respect others property, nothing can be successfully achieved. The old proverb says, "When the fence itself begins to graze the crop, what can the grower do". This and other causes preclude the possibility of having intensive gardening.

Flower Gardens.—It is neither feasible nor profitable to have flower garden all over the estate. Few select-places will be beautified. All the rest will be kept clean and tidy. This will present a good landscape. Without spending much a better effect can be had.

Financial.—The year under review continued to be a bad year, and the prices of commodities further depreciated. The prospect of increasing the revenue is gloomy, and so the only alternative is to control and reduce the expenditure.

The details of revenue and expenditure are given below :

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| Total expenditure | Rs. 15,252 12 4 |
| „ Revenue | „ 8,027 15 9 |

Receipts (including outstanding at the end of October, 1934, but collected subsequently) Rs. 456 2 11

Expenditure „ 362 8 9

Balance „ 93 10 2

Stock of cans, purchased „ 134 12 9

Advance taken „ 228 6 11

Net Profit „ 200 0 0

Net Profit „ 28 6 11

The expenditure includes capital expenses which were not provided for in the budget. This amounts to Rs. 13,47-0-7. This amount was spent for laying lawn, buying a pair of animals, and for silt clearance of irrigation tanks.

The details under unproductive and productive gardens are also given.

(See Treasurer's Report)

Watch and Ward.—This department was created after I took charge and is the most difficult one to manage. To keep the place free from theft and trespass, the estate should be properly fenced. Live fencing is being planted around the estate.

Dairy.—This department was transferred to the Garden department in August, 1934, and it is now three months. The reduction in the price of milk has enabled more Residents to buy milk from the Dairy. As regards the financial aspect the accompanying statement speaks for itself.

S. VEDANTAM,
Garden Superintendent.

The expenditure includes capital expenses which were not provided for in the budget. This amount is Rs. 11,95-0-7. This amount was spent for laying down, buying a pair of animals and for the purchase of various tanks.

The details under reproductive and productive gardens are also given.

(See Treasurer's Report.)

Water and Wood.—The department was created after 1 year change and was created after 1 year change. It is the most difficult one to manage. To keep the place free from trees and to keep the estate should be properly treated. Live fencing is being planted around the estate.

Dairies.—This department was transferred to the Garden department in August, 1934, and it is now three months. The reduction in the price of milk has enabled more Rs. 10,000 to be paid from the Dairy. As regards the financial aspect the accompanying statement speaks for itself.

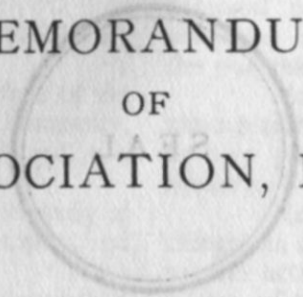
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THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
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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 Keightly, M. A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albermarle 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. Massó, 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

Witnesses to the signatures :

(Sd.) Wm. GLENNY KEAGEY ...

„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ...

„ PYARE LAL ...

„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ...

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.

(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT

„ W. A. ENGLISH

„ S. SUBRAMANIAM

„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE

„ UPENDRANATH BASU

„ ANNIE BESANT

„ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of the Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India. Of these seven members not less than three shall and not less than another three shall not be natives of India or Ceylon. If it should ever happen that this proportion cannot be maintained, the President shall have power to make up the due proportion by appointing one or more Additional Members whose term of office will last till the next Annual Meeting of the General Council at which Additional Members are elected.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the Director of the Adyar Library when a member of the Society

and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(c) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of the Theosophical Society and the General Secretaries of National Societies, 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 duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting, concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote.

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 Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting,

and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, 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 two 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 voter-members of his Section—that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of Annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section—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 four 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. (a) 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 nomination 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 dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said 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-Pre-

sident, 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 receipt and consideration of accounts and 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 36(a), 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, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and 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 1935

Ex-Officio

President: DR. G. S. ARUNDALE, Adyar, Madras.

Vice-President: MR. HIRENDRA NATH DATTA, 139, Cornwallis Street, Calcutta.

Recording Secretary: DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Adyar, Madras.

Treasurer: CAPTAIN E. M. SELLON, Adyar, Madras.

Director of the Adyar Library: DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, 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; 12 Gloucester Place, London, W. 1. Cables: "Theosoph Edge, London."

RAI BAHADUR PANDA BAIJNATH, T.S. in India; Benares City, U.P.
Cables: "Theosophy, Benares."

MISS CLARA CODD, T.S. in Australia; Adyar House, 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W. Cables: "Theosoph, Sydney."

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- PROF. JOHANNES M. VERWEYEN, T.S. in Germany ; K. Friedrich Strasse 20, Bonn, Germany.
- SEÑOR SALVADOR SIBECAS, T.S. in Cuba ; Apartado 365, Havana, Cuba.
- MISS FLORA SELEVER, T.S. in Hungary ; Berkenye-utca 3, Budapest III, Hungary.
- HERR A. RANKKA, T.S. in Finland ; Kansakoulukatu 8, Helsinki, Finland.
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- HERR JOSEF SKUTA, T.S. in Czechoslovakia ; Brafova 1732, Moravska, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia.
- MRS. L. M. MEMBREY, T.S. in South Africa ; 78 Nicolson Road, Durban, South Africa.
- MR. CHRISTOPHER GALE, T.S. in Scotland ; 28 Great King Street, Edinburgh, Scotland. Cables : "Theosophy, Edinburgh."
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- MONSIEUR GASTON POLAK, T.S. in Belgium ; 51 Rue du Commerce, Brussels, Belgium.
- MYNHEER A. J. H. van LEEUWEN, T.S. in Neth. East Indies ; Dago-weg 62, Bandoeng, Java.
- MR. N. A. NAGANATHAN, T.S. in Burma ; 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon, Burma.
- HERR FRITZ SCHLEIFER, T.S. in Austria ; Theresianumgasse 12, Vienna IV, Austria.
- HERR ERLING HAVREVOLD, T.S. in Norway ; Bakkegt, 2311, inng. Munkedamsven Oslo, Norway.
- HERR H. O. SVERRILD, T.S. in Denmark ; Dalgas Boulevard 27, Copenhagen F., Denmark.
- MISS J. M. NICHOLS, T.S. in Ireland ; 14 South Frederick Street, Dublin, Ireland.
- SEÑOR ADOLFO DE LA PENNA GIL, T.S. in Mexico ; 28A Calle Iturbide, Mexico, D. F.
- MR. ALBERT E.S. SMYTHE, T.S. in Canada ; 33 Forest Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
- DR. HONORIO FOLQUER, T.S. in Argentina ; 9 de Julio 82, Tucuman, Argentina.
- 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 GROSEFF, T.S. in Bulgaria ; Str. Tzar Simeon No. 98, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- FRU KRISTIN MATTHIASSEN, T.S. in Iceland ; Ingólfsstr. 22, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- SEÑOR L. GARCIA LORENZANA, T.S. in Spain ; Avenida de la Libertad, Huelva, Spain.

- MADAME J. S. LEFEVRE, T.S. in Portugal; Rua Passos Manuel, 20, Lisbon, Portugal.
- MR. PETER FREEMAN, T.S. in Wales; "Adyar", 10, Park Place, Cardiff, Wales. Cables: "Cardiff 471."
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- DR. T. NALLAINATHAN, T. S. in Ceylon; "Sornatan," Frankfort Place, Bambalapitya, Colombo, Ceylon.
- MONSIEUR CIMON PRINARIS, T. S. in Greece; Homer Street No. 20, Athens, Greece.
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- MISS E. M. TURNER, T. S. in Central South Africa; P. O. Box 47, Pretoria, Central South Africa.
- DR. ALEJANDRO BENAVENTE A., T. S. in Peru; Apartado 386, Arequipa, Peru.
- MR. ISMAEL S. ZAPATA, T. S. in Philippine Islands; P. O. Box 1992, Manila, Philippine Islands.

Additional Members

- MR. C. JINARAJADASA, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras (for 1933, 1934 and 1935).
- MR. A. RANGASWAMY AIYER, Santhai Pettai Street, Madura (for 1933, 1934 and 1935).
- MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR, Hospet, Bellary (for 1934, 1935 and 1936).
- DR. C. KUNHAN RAJA, The Theosophical Society, Adyar (for 1934, 1935 and 1936).
- KHAN BAHADUR N. D. KHANDALAVALA, Suny Ville, Carmichael Road, Bombay (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).
- MR. D. K. TELANG, Iswara Baugh, Mowbray's Road, Mylapore, Madras (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).
- MR. HUKUM CHAND KUMAR, Sevakunj, Rambaugh Road, Karachi (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).
- MR. A. P. WARRINGTON, Krotana, Ojai, California, U. S. A. (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).
- MR. H. FREI, c/o "Krone", Unter Stammheim, Switzerland (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

M. R. RY. DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA DHARMA PRAVINA K. S. CHANDRA-SEKHARA IYER, Chandra Vilasa, Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

MR. P. M. COCHIUS, Villa Prana, Leerdam, Holland (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

MR. J. D. L. ARATHOON, c/o Bank of Indore Ltd., Indore (for 1935).

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HEADQUARTERS

Executive Committee: (1) THE PRESIDENT, (2) THE VICE-PRESIDENT, (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY, (4) THE TREASURER, (5) MR. C. JINARAJADASA, (6) MRS. BHAGIRATHI SRI RAM, (7) MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR, (8) DR. C. RAMA KAMATH, (9) MRS. RUKMINI ARUNDALE and (10) MRS. D. R. DINSHAW.

Adyar Library: DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI.

**Officer in charge of T. S. Records
and of the Historical Museum:** } MR. C. JINARAJADASA

Publicity Department: MRS. E. M. SELLON.

Press Department: MR. J. L. DAVIDGE.

Garden Department: MR. S. VEDANTAM.

Engineering Department: MR. K. ZUURMAN.

Consulting Engineers: MR. B. RANGA REDDY AND MR. K. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.

Bhojanasala: MR. C. SUBBARAMAYYA.

Leadbeater Chambers: MADAME P. C. D'AMATO.

Medical and Sanitary Officer: DR. C. RAMA KAMATH.

The Theosophical Publishing House: MR. M. SUBRAMANIA IYER.

The Vasanta Press: MR. A. K. SITARAMA SHASTRI.

Inspector of Buildings: MR. C. V. SHAH.

Housekeeper of Headquarters: MRS. KRISHNABAI SHAH.

" " **Blavatsky Bungalow:** MRS. ZUURMAN.

" " **Olcott** " MRS. HAMERSTER.

Cables: " OLCOTT, Madras."

MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room,
Headquarters, Adyar, on December 25th, 1934, at 2 p.m.*

PRESENT :

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| Dr. G. S. Arundale | ... President, T.S., and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in America, in the Chair. |
| Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti | ... Recording Secretary. |
| Mr. A. J. Hamerster | ... Treasurer and Proxy for the General Secretaries, T.S. in Switzerland and Neth. East Indies. |
| Mrs. Josephine Ransom | ... General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Poland and Central South Africa. |
| Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath | ... General Secretary, Indian Section, T.S. |
| Rev. William Crawford | ... General Secretary, T.S. in New Zealand. |
| Mr. Christopher Gale | ... General Secretary, T.S. in Scotland. |
| „ N. A. Naganathan | ... General Secretary, T.S. in Burma. |
| Senor L. Garcia Lorenzana | ... General Secretary, T.S. in Spain and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Portugal. |
| Dr. T. Nallainathan | ... General Secretary, T.S. in Ceylon. |
| Mr. C. Jinarajadasa | ... Additional Member and Proxy for the Director, Adyar Library, and the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Italy, Porto Rico and Jugoslavia. |
| Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer | ... Additional Member. |
| „ Hirendra Nath Datta | ... Additional Member. |
| „ A. Ranganatha Mudaliar | ... Additional Member. |
| Dr. C. Kunhan Raja | ... Additional Member. |
| Mr. B. Wouters | ... Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Netherlands. |
| Mrs. Marie R. Hotchener | ... Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in France. |
| Miss Josephine B. Chambres | ... Proxy for the General Secretaries, T.S. in Hungary and Wales. |
| Mrs. A. L. Hamerster-Tydeman | ... Proxy for the General Secretary, Russian T.S. outside Russia. |
| Captain E. M. Sellon | ... Treasurer-designate (by invitation). |
| Rev. D. Morton Tweedie | ... Representative, T.S. in Australia (by invitation). |

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings of December 23rd, 28th and 30th, 1933, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, adopted and signed.

2. *Confirmation of the nomination of Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta as Vice-President.*—The voting in respect of the nomination of Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta as Vice-President of the Theosophical Society was as follows: 51 for, none against and 9 not voting. The nomination was therefore confirmed.

3. *Resolutions.*—On the motion of the President the following Resolutions were passed unanimously:

(i) "RESOLVED that the General Council places on record its deep sense of the loss sustained by the Theosophical Society on the passing of the Right Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, a great teacher of Theosophy, a scientific investigator of the highest attainments, faithful colleague of the late President, and revered alike by young and old. The Council prays he may soon return to continue a service to the world as precious as it is unique."

(ii) "RESOLVED that the General Council offers its grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Warrington for the valuable services they have rendered to the Theosophical Society for many years, and specially during the period of Mr. Warrington's tenure of office as Vice-President and during the interregnum."

4. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were explained by the Treasurer, and after some discussion, were adopted with slight modifications.

5. *What is Theosophy?*—The report of the Drafting Committee on "What is Theosophy" was read and after some discussion the following resolution was passed:

"RESOLVED that while the General Council does not desire to record any formal declaration with regard to "Theosophy," it nevertheless recommends the statement made in *The Theosophist* as a useful declaration of the ideals of Theosophy."

6. *Propositions Circulated in September, 1934.*—Votes on the Propositions circulated during the year were received with the following results:

| Proposition No. | No. of Rule Affected. | For | Against |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----|---------|
| I | 1 | 46 | 1 |
| | 2 (a) | 47 | Nil |
| | (b) | 28 | 19 |
| | (c) | 47 | Nil |
| | (d) | 47 | Nil |
| II | 3 | 42 | 4 |
| III | 5 | 43 | 2 |
| IV | 7 | 44 | 3 |
| V | 10 | 43 | 3 |
| VI | 11 (a) | 45 | 2 |
| | (b) | 47 | Nil |
| VII | 12 | 47 | Nil |
| VIII | 15 | 47 | Nil |
| IX | 49 | 42 | 3 |
| X | Resolution | 26 | 4 |

All the Propositions and the Resolution excepting Rule 2 (b) under Proposition I, having obtained the necessary majority were declared passed, and the respective Rules are accordingly changed as follows:

Rule No. 1 (Proposition I).—The General Council shall be the Governing Body of the Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India. Of these seven members not less than three shall and not less than another three shall not be natives of India or Ceylon. If it should ever happen that this proportion cannot be maintained, the President shall have power to make up the due proportion by appointing one or more Additional Members whose term of office will last till the next Annual Meeting of the General Council at which Additional Members are elected.

Rule No. 2 (a) (Proposition I).—The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the Director of the Adyar Library when a member of the Society and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

Rule No. 2 (b).—Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

Rule 2 (c).—The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

Rule 3 (Proposition II).—It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of the Theosophical Society and the General Secretaries of National Societies, 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.

Rule No. 5 (Proposition III).—At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person,

or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting, concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote.

Rule No. 7 (Proposition IV).—The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society, shall preside at all meetings of the Theosophical 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.

Rule No. 10 (Proposition V).—Six 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 two 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 voter-members of his Section—that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls who are not in arrears of Annual dues for more than one year at the close of the previous official year of the Section—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 four 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.

Rule No. 11 (a) (Proposition VI).—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 nomination 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 dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

Rule No. 11 (b).—Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination confirmed by the General Council.

Rule No. 12 (Proposition VII).—The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or

by proxy, at the said 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.

Rule No. 15 (Proposition VIII).—The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and 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. 49 (Proposition IX).—The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and 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.

Resolution (Proposition X).—That a Committee be appointed to consider the desirability of amending the present Rule relating to the election of President and to make recommendations, if any, in time for the Convention Meeting of 1935 in regard to the method of election—by Council or members—, issue of manifestos, publishing names of nominators and similar points.

7. Additional Members.—The voting in respect of the election of Additional Members was as follows :

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| Khan Bahadur N. D. Khandalavala | ... | ... | 40 votes for, | 1 against. |
| Mr. D. K. Telang | ... | ... | 30 " " | 13 " |
| Mr. Hukum Chand Kumar | ... | ... | 39 " " | 1 " |
| Mr. A. P. Warrington | ... | ... | 44 " " | 2 " |
| Mr. H. Frei | ... | ... | 43 " " | 1 " |

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| Dewan Bahadur Raja Dharma Pravina K. S. | | | | |
| Chandrasekhara Iyer | ... | ... | 43 | votes for 1 against. |
| Mr. P. M. Cochius | ... | ... | 37 | " " 2 " |
| Mr. Ernest Wood | ... | ... | 21 | " " 22 " |

All of them except Mr. Ernest Wood were, therefore, declared elected Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years (1935, 1936 and 1937).

8. *Subba Row Medal*.—It was Resolved to award the Subba Row Medal to Madame Pissareff for her book entitled "The Hidden Sense of Life".

9. *Dr. Besant's Rooms*.—It was Resolved that Dr. Besant's rooms shall continue to remain untenanted, the

President using his discretion in respect of care of the rooms.

10. *Pension for the Nieces of H. P. B.*—It was Resolved that a sum of £30 be donated for the year 1935 to this Fund.

11. *Budget for 1935*.—The T. S. Headquarters and Adyar Library Budgets for the year ending 31st October, 1935, which had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee were adopted, after examination and discussion of various items.

T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1935

| INCOME | | | Rs. | EXPENDITURE | | | Rs. |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|---------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| Rent | ... | ... | 16,500 | Adyar Library | ... | ... | 5,000 |
| Interest | ... | ... | 8,500 | Office Salaries | ... | ... | 4,500 |
| Fees and Dues | ... | ... | 10,000 | Servants' Wages | ... | ... | 5,500 |
| Garden Produce | ... | ... | 9,000 | Gardens | ... | ... | 17,500 |
| Surplus from 1934 | ... | ... | 23,659 | Printing and Stationery | ... | ... | 2,000 |
| Deficit to be made good by Donations | ... | ... | 7,541 | Telegrams and Postages | ... | ... | 1,000 |
| | | | | Lighting and Water | ... | ... | 6,500 |
| | | | | Taxes | ... | ... | 500 |
| | | | | Construction and Repairs: | | | |
| | | | | Ordinary | ... | ... | 11,000 |
| | | | | Leadbeater Chambers | ... | ... | 9,000 |
| | | | | Establishment | ... | ... | 2,000 |
| | | | | Olcott Cottage (Ooty) | ... | ... | 1,000 |
| | | | | Furniture | ... | ... | 500 |
| | | | | Pensions and Gratuities | ... | ... | 2,500 |
| | | | | Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 3,000 |
| | | | | Publishing | ... | ... | 1,500 |
| | | | | Headquarters' Propaganda | ... | ... | 1,500 |
| | | | | Museum and Archives | ... | ... | 200 |
| | | | | Dispensary | ... | ... | 500 |
| | | | 75,200 | | | | 75,200 |

ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1935

| INCOME | | | Rs. | EXPENDITURE | | | Rs. |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|---------------------------------|-----|-----|--------|
| T.S. Contribution | ... | ... | 5,000 | Salaries and Pensions | ... | ... | 5,725 |
| "Adyar Day" Contribution | ... | ... | 1,000 | Books, Journals and Manuscripts | ... | ... | 2,000 |
| Interest | ... | ... | 3,800 | Copying | ... | ... | 600 |
| Sales | ... | ... | 250 | Fire Insurance | ... | ... | 300 |
| Rent | ... | ... | 1,000 | Nellore Sanskrit School | ... | ... | 240 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 150 | Contingencies | ... | ... | 735 |
| Surplus from 1934 | ... | ... | 213 | Bookbinding and Stationery | ... | ... | 1,400 |
| Deficit to be made good by Donations | ... | ... | 1,087 | Publication | ... | ... | 1,500 |
| | | | 12,500 | | | | 12,500 |

12. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1935.*—The following were elected members of the Executive Committee for the year 1935:

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar, Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram, Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, Mrs. D. R. Dinshaw and Dr. C. Rama Kamath.

13. *Appointment of Auditor for 1935.*—It was Resolved that Mr. G. Narasimham, F. A. A., F. R. S. A., Registered Accountant, be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1935, at the usual remuneration.

14. *President's Travelling Fund.*—The following Resolutions were passed:

(i) Resolved that the allocation by the Executive Committee of the sum of Rs. 2,000 towards Mr. Warrington's travelling expenses be duly ratified.

(ii) Resolved that, as proposed by the Executive Committee of the Federation of the European National Societies, the General Council do authorise a grant of £500 to this Fund for the year 1935.

At 3.30 p.m., the Meeting was adjourned to December 30th, 1934, at 2 p.m.

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on December 30th, 1934, at 2 p.m.

PRESENT:

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| Dr. G. S. Arundale | ... President, T.S., and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in America, in the Chair. |
| Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta | ... Vice-President. |
| Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi | ... Recording Secretary. |
| Mr. A. J. Hamerster | ... Treasurer and Proxy for the General Secretaries, T.S. in Switzerland and Neth. East Indies. |
| Mrs. Josephine Ransom | ... General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Poland and Central South Africa. |
| Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath | ... General Secretary, Indian Section, T.S. |
| Rev. William Crawford | ... General Secretary, T.S. in New Zealand. |
| Mr. Christopher Gale | ... General Secretary, T.S. in Scotland. |
| Mr. N. A. Naganathan | ... General Secretary, T.S. in Burma. |
| Senor L. Garcia Lorenzana | ... General Secretary, T.S. in Spain and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Portugal. |
| Dr. T. Nallainathan | ... General Secretary, T. S. in Ceylon. |
| Mr. C. Jinarajadasa | ... Additional Member and Proxy for the Director, Adyar Library, and the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Italy, Porto Rico and Jugoslavia. |

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| Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer | ... | <i>Additional Member.</i> | |
| Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar | ... | <i>Additional Member.</i> | |
| Dr. C. Kunhan Raja | ... | <i>Additional Member.</i> | |
| Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer | ... | <i>Additional Member.</i> | |
| Mr. B. Wouters | ... | <i>Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Netherlands.</i> | |
| Mrs. Marie R. Hotchener | ... | <i>Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in France.</i> | |
| Miss Josephine B. Chambres | ... | <i>Proxy for the General Secretary, Russian T.S. outside Russia.</i> | |
| Captain E. M. Sellon | ... | <i>Treasurer-designate.</i> | |
| Rev. D. Morton Tweedie | ... | <i>Representative, T.S. in Australia.</i> | } <i>By invitation.</i> |
| Mr. H. Hotchener | ... | <i>Representative, T.S. in America.</i> | |

15. *T. S. in Germany.*—The President reported on the present situation of the Theosophical Society in Germany.

16. *Transfer of Membership from one Section to another without changing seat of residence.*—After considering the representations of the General Secretaries of the T. S. in America and the T. S. in Canada and the remarks of the Recording Secretary summarising the points for and against the proposed transfer, it was decided that the Rules of the Society do not authorise such a course.

17. *A Second Section in Canada.*—The Recording Secretary brought to the notice of the Council the receipt of an application for a Charter to a second National Society in Canada in place of the existing Federation. After some discussion it was decided that the matter be referred to the General Secretary of the T.S. in Canada for opinion with special reference to provision of Rule 35.

18. *World Congress.*—The recommendation of the International Council for the next World-Congress proposing that the next World Congress of the Theosophical Society be held in Geneva in 1936 was approved.

19. The President reported having received the following motion from the Kew Lodge of the T.S. in Australia, for the opinion of the Council.

"Kew Lodge moves, in view of the need for Theosophy in the future

to fulfill all the best modern schools of thought, that steps should be taken by the Society to possess in every Lodge a number of capable, knowledgeable lecturers with a technique and culture which will establish a recognised standard among the public and that the Society proceed at once to establish such recognised standard of lecturership in the ways enumerated thereunder."

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20. *Proposed change in the First Object.*—The Recording Secretary placed before the Council a proposal to change the First Object of the Theosophical Society which had been sent up for being placed before the General Council. After some discussion, it was decided that there was no need for the change.

21. *Standardization of Membership and Diploma Forms.*—The following were appointed to form a sub-committee to consider the question fully and report their decision at the next meeting:

The Vice-President, The Recording Secretary, Senor L. G. Lorenzana, Mr. Jinarajadasa.

22. *What is the condition of Membership?*—This question also was referred to the same sub-committee that was appointed to report on the standardization of membership and diploma forms, for their report.

23. *Proposed Spanish edition of "The Golden Book".*—Mr. Jinarajadasa read a request from a Spanish member, Mr. C. C. Saavedra, for financial help to proceed with the publication of "The Golden Book" of the Theosophical Society which he had translated into Spanish. It was Resolved that Mr. Saavedra be requested to send to the Recording Secretary a detailed estimate regarding the financial assistance he would require.

24. *Provision for superannuated and disabled workers of the Theosophical Society.*—The President brought before the Council the question of provision for superannuated and disabled workers of the Theosophical Society. After some discussion it was Resolved that the General Council, while realising the need for such provision, felt that the only course that could be taken at present would be for the President to establish a "Benevolent Fund" for T.S. workers to which contributions may be invited.

25. *Revival of lapsed Membership.*—The Recording Secretary brought to the notice of the Council certain cases where members seem to go out of

the Society not for lack of interest or zeal but because the burden of arrears of dues is too much for them. It was Resolved that the Council recommend to all who have power to remit dues, in whole or in part, to examine the need, if any, for the more extended use of their power to remit dues; it was also decided that, with a view to clear doubts, the term "members in good standing" or "Voting members" be stated to include not only those whose dues have been duly paid but also those whose dues have been remitted wholly or in part.

26. *Objects of the Phoenix and Judge Lodges of the T. S. in England.*—At the instance of the General Secretary, T. S. in England, the Recording Secretary placed before the Council the question whether the Objects of the Judge and the Phoenix Lodges in the English Section were in order. After some discussion, the General Secretary said she did not desire any ruling in the matter; and so the matter was considered dropped.

At 3.30 p.m., the Meeting was adjourned to January 2nd, 1935, at 2 p.m.

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on January 2nd, 1935, at 2 p.m.

PRESENT :

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| Dr. G. S. Arundale | ... President, T.S., and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in America, in the Chair. |
| Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta | ... Vice-President. |
| Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti | ... Recording Secretary. |
| Mr. A. J. Hamerster | ... Treasurer and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Switzerland and Neth. East Indies. |
| Mrs. Josephine Ransom | ... General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Poland and Central South Africa. |

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| Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath | ... | <i>General Secretary, Indian Section, T.S.</i> |
| Rev. William Crawford | ... | <i>General Secretary, T.S. in New Zealand.</i> |
| Mr. Christopher Gale | ... | <i>General Secretary, T.S. in Scotland.</i> |
| Senor L. Garcia Lorenzana | ... | <i>General Secretary, T.S. in Spain and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Portugal.</i> |
| Mr. C. Jinarajadasa | ... | <i>Additional Member and Proxy for the Director, Adyar Library and the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Italy, Porto Rico and Jugoslavia.</i> |
| Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer | ... | <i>Additional Member.</i> |
| Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar | ... | <i>Additional Member.</i> |
| Dr. C. Kunhan Raja | ... | <i>Additional Member.</i> |
| Mr. D. K. Telang | ... | <i>Additional Member.</i> |
| Mrs. Marie R. Hotchener | ... | <i>Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in France.</i> |
| Miss Josephine B. Chambres | ... | <i>Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Hungary and Wales.</i> |
| Mrs. A. L. Hamerster-Tydemann | ... | <i>Proxy for the General Secretary of the Russian T.S. outside Russia.</i> |
| Captain E. M. Sellon | ... | <i>Treasurer-designate (by invitation).</i> |
| Rev. D. Morton-Tweedie | ... | <i>Representative, T.S. in Australia (by invitation).</i> |

27. *Douglas Credit and similar Schemes.*—The General Secretary, T.S. in England, referred to the Council the question of Lodges associating themselves as such with outside Schemes for economic, political and other purposes and asked for a ruling. After some discussion and on the motion of Mr. Jinarajadasa, the following Resolution was unanimously approved.

“RESOLVED that the General Council warmly recommends members, *individually*, to inquire into the various schemes of Reconstruction, whether in economic, industrial, educational, social or other spheres, propounded by reformers, so as to be in touch with all methods which are likely to advance the cause of Brotherhood.

The Council, however, is of opinion that no *Lodge* of the Society should identify itself with any particular scheme of Reconstruction, as such action on its part is likely to hamper the usefulness of the Lodge as a

body of inquirers into every aspect of Truth, willing to welcome into its midst men and women of all schools of thought who are bent on promoting Brotherhood.”

28. *Propaganda in Spanish speaking countries.*—The General Secretary, T. S. in Spain, read a statement regarding the relation of the Theosophical Society to Spanish-speaking countries and the need for a Spanish edition of *The Theosophist*. In this connection he submitted the following proposals to the Council.

i. The General Council will see with pleasure that the President issues an appeal to all the Spanish-speaking Sections, in order to make a common effort in an endeavour to publish a Spanish edition of *The Theosophist*.

ii. In case the publication of a Spanish edition of *The Theosophist* should necessitate the financial support

of Adyar Headquarters and of the International Propaganda Fund, the General Council charges the Executive Committee to ascertain the possible amount of such financial support.

iii. The General Council will see with pleasure that Adyar Headquarters should help in the publication of pamphlets, books, magazines, etc., not only in English and Oriental tongues, but also in the most widely read European languages.

iv. A committee shall be immediately appointed to discuss the advisability of controlling the translations and editions of Theosophical literature and the Committee shall submit its report to the General Council before the termination of the sitting of the Adyar Convention.

After some discussion and on the motion of the President, it was Resolved:

i. That the General Council receives with great pleasure the statement and proposals made by the General Secretary for Spain as an indication of the eagerness of Spanish-speaking members to further the cause of Theosophy in their Sections.

ii. That the General Secretary, T. S. in Spain, be requested to go carefully into the ways and means of publishing a Spanish edition of *The Theosophist* and to report as soon as possible to the President.

iii. That the General Council, while recognising the importance of controlling the

translations of Theosophical literature, regrets that at present there are no means available for making such control effective.

29. *The use of Esperanto as the official language of the Society.*—The General Secretary for T.S. in Spain read a letter on behalf of the General Secretary, T.S. in Portugal, urging the importance of using Esperanto as the official language of the Theosophical Society. After some discussion, it was Resolved that no action could be taken at present in the matter.

30. *Publishing of the Special Life of H. P. B., by her sister.*—Mr. Jinarajadasa proposed the publication of a booklet on the life of Madame Blavatsky written by her sister. He pointed out that while the manuscript had appeared in "Lucifer" it was not easily accessible and there were certain omissions. After some discussion it was Resolved that the Society defray the cost of publication and that the proceeds of the sale be given to H.P.B. Nieces Fund.

31. *Standardization of Membership and Diploma Forms and the Condition of Membership.*—The sub-committee submitted the following report:

MEMBERSHIP FORM

- i. The *Seal* of the Society to appear, the *motto* in the language of the country.
- ii. The *Objects* should be stated on the top of the form and not at the bottom.
- iii. That no phrase should appear questioning if the applicant has joined before, been rejected or resigned.
- iv. No statement saying that the *First Object* is the only one binding on a member, or any words that the member promises to practise the *Objects*. Nothing

but the Objects of the Society and the simple words of application should appear on this page. Since by the rules of the General Council no sponsors are required, the words relating to them should be dropped.

v. The committee approves using the phrase regarding accepting the Rules of the Society.

vi. The Vice-President suggests the following form: "Having considered the Three Objects of the Theosophical Society, and being in sympathy therewith, I hereby apply for admission as a Fellow thereof, and agree to abide by its rules."

vii. All details regarding fees and membership to Lodge or unattached, etc., should not appear on the application form, but either on a separate detachable slip, or in some separate statement. This is advisable because all such information is for the member to retain; the original application form has to be sent to Adyar to be filed.

viii. On the separate statement with General Information, the Committee recommends the publication of the phrase which now appears in several application forms, that no interference with religious beliefs is permitted. The Committee recommends changing this phrase to "No interference with individual opinions or beliefs is permitted in the Society but everyone is expected to show towards his fellow-members the same tolerance in this respect as he claims for himself."

ix. It is necessary for purposes of record at Adyar that after the application has been passed by the General Secretary and when sending it to Adyar, the Secretary should state at the bottom the number of the Diploma. This number could be for each year since it is impossible now to give the number from the beginning. The suggestion is to say "Year . . . ; Number"

DIPLOMA FORM

What should appear on the diplomas are :

1. Seal—with motto in the language of the country.
2. The Theosophical Society.
3. And Universal Brotherhood.
4. Founded at New York, November 17, 1875.
5. Headquarters, Adyar, Madras, India.

(These should appear on the *upper part* of the diploma.)

6. In the body of the diploma should appear the words as now existent, mentioning the month and the year of the Society when granting the diploma :

"Admits.....to the
number of its Fellows, In testimony whereof it has issued

to h.....the present Diploma in the.....month of
its.....year."

General Secretary

.....Section

Diploma No.....

The Committee recommends omitting the words as to the date of registering and delivering of the diploma, which are minor matters for office entry.

The Committee leaves to the General Secretaries whether the President's signature should be printed or be placed by a rubber stamp afterwards. The General Secretary should sign personally and not print his signature.

The Committee recommends that complete freedom be given to the General Secretaries regarding the nature of the diploma, whether it be plain, or decorated by art designs, provided there appear the six authorised phrases.

After some discussion the report of the sub-committee was approved.

32. *New Propositions.*—The Vice-President moved the following :

1. To add the following as Rule 2 (b).

The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, such members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the members of the General Council at least 3 months before the Annual Meeting.

2. To add the following to Rule 5.

No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer, Additional Member, proposed the following additions :

President

1. That the following be added to Rule 5.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

2. To add the following as Rule 50.

The General Council may frame bye-laws, not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bye-laws as it may deem expedient.

After some discussion these Propositions were approved for circulation.

33. *Committee in respect of amendment of Rule 10.*—The following members were appointed, with power to co-opt, to consider the desirability of amending the present Rule 10 relating to the election of President and to make recommendations, if any, in time for the Convention Meeting of 1935 in regard to the method of election—by Council or Members—, issue of manifestos, publishing names of nominators and similar points.

The President, The Vice-President, The Recording Secretary and the Treasurer, with power to co-opt.

34. *Financial support to publish books on Theosophical subjects in German language.*—After some discussion the matter was referred to the European Federation.

35. *Geneva International Theosophical Centre.*—The President read the substance of an application from Dr. Kamensky requesting for contribution from Headquarters to help the Centre in its work. It was decided to refer the matter to the Executive Committee for disposal,

36. *New Resolutions.*—The President moved the following Resolutions which were unanimously approved :

1. RESOLVED that the General Council urges upon the members of the Theosophical Society the importance of Theosophical propaganda among the young, and of giving them all possible encouragement for self-expression when they become members of the Society.

2. RESOLVED that the General Council, aware of the grave menace of War, calls upon members of the Theosophical Society throughout the world to do all in their power to minimise the danger, especially by promoting active goodwill where

there is a tendency to racial, national, religious and other antagonisms.

3. RESOLVED that the General Council while considering that the *Diamond Jubilee Convention* should be held at Adyar, recommends the desirability of holding a Theosophical Conference in the north of India at some suitable time to meet the convenience of the many members who are unable to make the journey to Adyar ; and further recommends that whenever the International Convention is held at Adyar, a Conference be held in Northern India at some suitable time.

The Meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

there is a tendency to racial, national, religious and other antagonisms.

3. Resolved that the General Council while considering that the Diamond Jubilee Commemoration should be held in Adyar, recommends the desirability of holding a Theosophical Conference in the north of India at some suitable time to meet the convenience of the many members who are unable to make the journey to Adyar and further recommends that whenever the International Convention is held at Adyar, a Theosophical Conference be held in the north of India at some suitable time.

The Meeting closed at 5.30 pm.

The New Resolutions.—The President moved the following Resolutions which were unanimously agreed to:

1. Resolved that the General Council urge upon the members of the Theosophical Society the importance of Theosophical propaganda among the young, and of giving them all possible encouragement for self-expression when they become members of the Society.

2. Resolved that the General Council urge of the members of the Theosophical Society throughout the world to do all in their power to minimise the danger, especially by paying attention to the following points:

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