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# ANNUAL CONVENTION, ADYAR, 1935







# THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

OF THE

## 60TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Adyar, December 26th to 29th, 1935*

BRETHREN :

I am very happy to greet you all who are here present, privileged to participate at Adyar in the Diamond Jubilee International Convention of our Theosophical Society, and I greet no less happily all other members of our great Theosophical family scattered throughout the world, members or not of the Movement to which we have the honour to belong.

I invoke upon us all the Blessings of Those who, sixty years ago, restored Theosophy to the modern world, and, in The Theosophical Society, have established a free nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Life.

I invoke upon us all the Blessings of our Society's noble Founders—H. P. Blavatsky and H. S. Olcott, of the great second President of The Society, Annie Besant, of her splendid colleague, C. W. Leadbeater, and of all other stalwart pioneers who have helped to lay the foundations of the Theosophical Movement among the structures of the new world. With fine courage they fulfilled to death the trust reposed in them, and have now gone before us to prepare the further way both of

Theosophy and of The Theosophical Society.

May I say that I hope the day is not far distant when those movements which have become detached from the parent stem will once again become part of one Theosophical Society, indivisible as to its all-inclusive Brotherhood, but diverse as to the many modes of understanding and interpretation of Theosophy which individual members and groups of members may conceive to be most truly expressive of the spirit of our Science and of the universality of our Brotherhood?

In the meantime, let us go our different ways towards the one Goal in a spirit of increasing friendship.

Let the Life of Theosophy grow from more to more in each one of us, so that there may be again, as once before, one Theosophical Society, but vaster.

I also hope that the essential meaning of membership of The Theosophical Society will become increasingly truly and highly valued by all who have been privileged to receive it. Essentially, as it

seems to me, membership of our Society means the recognition of the fact of Universal Brotherhood, and the free giving and receiving of sincere friendship, at least within our Society, so that our membership is in truth a comradeship of sincere friends. Opinions, beliefs, convictions, even on so-called vital matters, are of far less moment than such friendship, for friendship is the flower of all beliefs, of all opinions, of all convictions. Friendship matters more, and bridges of friendship must ever span the widest chasms of difference. Theosophy as Life must ever remain dormant in us all, however learned we may be in its forms, until friendship reigns unchallengeable in our hearts, supreme above all differences, however fundamental. Theosophy is the Science of Friendship, and a Theosophist is one who is learning to become a true friend to all.

Why do members sometimes resign their membership? It is a mystery to me, for even though some of us may fail in friendship, or may seek or seem to colour The Society with our own conceptions as to its work or with our own individual expressions of Theosophy, yet above us all, above even the greatest of us, towers The Theosophical Society with its lofty impersonal Objects, with its mighty Call to Universal Friendship and to Perfect Freedom.

The Society as such bends before no authority, nor does it bow before authorities. The Society as such exalts no special philosophy or interpretation of Life, nor any individual teacher. The Society as

such stands, through its First Object, for Friendship; through its Second Object, for Wise Friendship; through its Third Object, for Widening Friendship.

In homage to Freedom The Society leaves each member free to proclaim for himself his own authority and his own authorities, his own interpretation of brotherhood, his own philosophy. In homage to Friendship The Society calls upon each member to respect the freedoms of his fellow-members as he cherishes his own.

The Society holds all individuals, all races, all nations, all faiths, within a Friendship which naught can break, not even an act which flouts that friendship. Somewhere in the world there must be the outward and visible sign of the real and indivisible brotherhood. Where The Theosophical Society is, where its Sections are, where its Branches are, there should be that somewhere—that somewhere the existence of which shall ever facilitate the world's return to the Light of Peace after its all too frequent excursions into the dark regions of war.

Ardent members of The Society sometimes urge us to condemn this nation or that, to condemn this national or religious policy or that. We are asked to condemn Italy for entering into conflict with Abyssinia, to condemn Germany for action against Jews, to condemn Russia for religious intolerance and persecution. Appraisal, praise, condemnation, action: these are for the individual. For The Society, for its constituent organisms, a Call to Brotherhood, and the

maintenance of a body into which all differences may be brought, but outside which all enmity is left; and within which mutual understanding is exalted amidst the treading of divergent ways.

The Society has no concern with racial, national, religious, or individual conceptions of racial, national, religious, or individual duty. It stands for a Universal Brotherhood including all these; and to enter upon a policy of intervention in the affairs of races, faiths, nations or individuals would be to stultify the universality of its Brotherhood and to involve it in endless, unseemly, impertinent and disruptive controversies.

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The Society has no judgments to pass on any, nor does it pursue any discriminative policy, whether against persons or principles. It stands for Friendship, for the pursuit of Truth, for Freedom. These must it guard against all narrowing and infringement. And in so doing it opens its doors to all who sympathize with its Objects, no matter how they sympathize, no matter how they live.

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But to the majority of us is the privilege, the very great privilege, of drawing into ever closer contact the Eternal Science of Theosophy and the Truth-starved outer world. For while, as I have said, The Society exalts neither any special philosophy or interpretation of Life, nor any special teacher, none the less it must never be forgotten that its founders declared its existence to be due to the Masters of the Wisdom, and its work, in part at least, to be the

spreading of those eternal Truths which They released again when The Society was born. No member is under any obligation whatever to study, still less to accept, the teachings of Theosophy. Yet ever must there be those within its ranks who receive Theosophy gladly, who strive to live in accordance with its Truths, who offer it to the world for study and examination, and who use it in the world's spiritual and material service. No member is under any obligation whatever to acknowledge the existence of Those whom we call Masters. Yet ever must there be those within The Society who believe in the existence of Superhuman Men, and some who know Them face to face.

And to all who have the honour of membership of a Society which stands above all else for Universal Brotherhood is the supreme duty of helping both by precept, and still more by example, to make mutual goodwill a living reality in this world of clashing differences.

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I am thankful to perceive everywhere forces ardently working to this great end. The world is rich in men and women of goodwill who give their all in the cause of Freedom and of Friendship, of Justice and of Comradeship. Yet ignorance, with its inevitable confusions and resulting antagonisms, still prevails to cause widespread distress, misery and violence.

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In the field of religion blind pride often sways to a spirit of superiority and contempt—seeds of the will to war.

In the field of education co-operation and character often yield

precedence to a spirit of competition and superiority—seeds of the will to war.

In the field of culture beautiful simplicity often yields precedence to ugliness and to the craving for crude sensationalism at any cost—seeds of the will to war.

In the field of politics self-sacrificing intentness on the wellbeing of the community as a whole is often subordinated to a desire for personal and party power and to aggressive nationalism—seeds of the will to war.

In the International field mutual appreciation and forbearance often recede before mutual suspicion, distrust, fear and hatred—seeds of the will to war.

In the field of relationship between the human and the sub-human kingdoms of nature, especially the animal kingdom, tenderness and protection often recede before selfishness and cruelty—seeds of the will to war.

What wonder then that war breaks out in one of its aspects somewhere when war prevails almost everywhere. The war spirit still dominates the world, despite the splendid efforts of many great movements and many great-hearted souls.

Theosophy is surely the supreme antidote to ignorance, to confusion, to antagonism, to war, and The Theosophical Society should be the potent and increasingly irresistible means for the dissemination of the antidote, both in its aspect of Truth as Wisdom and of Truth as Service. And the conflict between Italy and Abyssinia, possibly but the early rumblings of a world-wide storm of devastation, should

be a compelling Call to Theosophists throughout the world to study Theosophy with increasing assiduity, so that they may fulfil their membership of The Theosophical Society with increasing ardour and wisdom, powerfully sending forth those forces of true Freedom and of true Peace which alone shall at last defeat for ever the forces of selfish Pride and ruthless Hatred.

This Call, therefore, demands response in two great Campaigns of Response—the Campaign to restore to Theosophy its rightful kingship in our lives, and the Campaign to apply Theosophy towards the solution of the many problems which enshroud the world in darkness and frustration. During recent years Theosophy has suffered not a little dethronement, and I fear there are many members of our Society who do not realize that the Science of Theosophy is potent to exercise a unique influence in starving to death all seeds of war, and in dissipating the confusion and ignorance so disastrously affecting the lives of individuals, of communities, of faiths, of nations, of races, indeed of the whole world.

There are doubtless many excellent schemes and movements designed to promote universal Peace and Prosperity. But I do not hesitate to say that each will be illumined to far greater effectiveness, if the Light of Theosophy be shed upon it by those who are well versed in the Science.

When I hear of members of our Society ardently promoting some such scheme or movement I wonder to myself how far they



have subjected it to the acid testing of the great principles of Theosophy. For what was Theosophy restored to the world in 1875 if not to help to make the lives of all, not only human lives, happier, more prosperous, more peaceful. To each scheme or movement students of Theosophy should contribute the wisdom of their Science. So do they justify the trust reposed in them, the gifts placed in their hands for the service of the world, by the Masters of the Wisdom.

In the life of every member of our Society Theosophy, however he may understand it, must come first, and its study and practice be a constant and ever-increasing delight. To be an ardent Theosophist is a greater service to render to the world than to be a votary of any scheme or movement, however well conceived. There are very many to fill the latter, and undoubtedly valuable, rôle. How few there are even comparatively ready to be ardent Theosophists and devoted members of The Theosophical Society.

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Brethren, we now stand at the beginning of the great Way we are called upon to tread in order to bring Theosophy and The Theosophical Society in triumph to the celebration of the Centenary of their release for the service of the outer world.

1875 marks the first epoch of our activities. 1907 marks the second epoch. We are now in the beginning of the third adjustment to the needs of an ever-changing world, and upon us, I am thankful to say, rest the Bless-

ings of Those who have watched over Theosophy and The Theosophical Society through each epoch, and who will watch over all succeeding epochs so long as there are members living in the outer world intent upon Brotherhood and Truth.

What are our Watchwords for the next few years? First, as set forth in the First Object of The Society, SOLIDARITY. A veritable wealth of nobly pursued differences and freedoms within an unbreakable circle of sincere and appreciative Friendship.

With Solidarity we shall achieve all things. Without Solidarity we shall achieve nothing. Much of our work is to show to the world how differences, if wisely and graciously pursued, can make rich Friendship rather than bitter antagonism. During my eighteen months of holding the Presidential office I have come across many differences within our ranks. But I have come across none for which our Society should not be the richer, provided each is held chivalrously towards the differences of others, and in no spirit either of proud superiority or of aggressiveness.

Second, as set forth in the Second Object of The Society, WISDOM. Without Wisdom, no effective Solidarity. The Wisdom we need is to be found in the study of Theosophy, the very Science of Life itself. Herein lies the first great Campaign of Response to the urgent needs of the world. Fulfilling the First Object of The Society, we must learn to become knowers of the Wisdom of Theosophy.

Third, as set forth in the Third Object of The Society, ASPIRATION. Aspiration to know more, to dare more, to do more, to be more, to become more—such is the very heart of living and of growing. We must learn to venture forth into the unknown to cause it to become known.

Fourth, as the fruition of Solidarity, of Wisdom, and of Aspiration, ACTIVITY. We can never be effective knowers of Truth, or seekers of Truth, save as we are active in sharing Truth. We must sow our Truth in every field of life. Freely and wonderfully have we received. Freely, eagerly, wisely, must we give. Herein lies the second great Campaign of Response to the urgent needs of the world, a Campaign already at work through The Theosophical Order of Service.

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In the forefront of such Activity I do not hesitate to lay the very greatest stress on bringing the Youth of the world into touch with Theosophy and with that spirit of informed service which Theosophy enables its students to render.

The Theosophical Society cannot hope to be enduringly strong unless and until in all parts of the world there are young Theosophists—by which of course I mean young and ardent members of The Theosophical Society—eagerly studying Theosophy, eagerly sharing Theosophy, eagerly helping to build the new world with Theosophy.

Everywhere I go I salute with respect and admiration those older members who have kept the Flag of Theosophy flying through countless difficult years. Where would

Theosophy and The Theosophical Society be today without them, without the inconspicuous member who neither falters in his allegiance nor grudges of his meagre substance?

But everywhere I look anxiously for young Theosophists, sometimes in groups of their own, but ever in happy comradeship with those who today are their elders but who tomorrow will be young in years and who themselves will then demand that understanding and co-operation which the young are asking from them now.

I am always delighted to hear of the growth of the Young Theosophists Movement, working in close association with, surely within, and generously appreciated by the Sections of The Society responsible for their respective national or other areas; and with a number of national and international Federations already in existence I hope that 1936 will mark the coming into being of a World Federation of Young Theosophists, a golden Chain of Freedom and of Friendship which no machinations of discord shall ever break. So shall war and distress disappear for ever from this world of ours, and happy peace enfold nation and nation, faith and faith, race and race.

But I adjure all younger members of our Society ever to remember both Those to whom we all owe this great Society and no less the mighty and eternal Science of Truth which They restored to the world as a priceless gift on the occasion of its new birth. Only as a majority of our Young Theosophists recognize the Masters of

the Wisdom, live and work in the spirit of Theosophy, and shine with steadfast loyalty to The Society, will they be worthy to receive the heritage their elders have faithfully cherished and served.

I hope that all discrimination as to value of membership on account of the relative amount of dues paid will cease without delay. I was shocked to hear the other day that a number of young members of The Society were not allowed to vote in the recent Presidential election on account of their paying smaller sums by way of dues than older members. For my own part I look for the time when admission dues will be abolished, so that all who choose may enter freely, be their financial resources what they may. The time must surely come when The Society will be able safely to rely on the eager offerings of its membership.

Personally I feel, too, that in connection with the Activity aspect of our work most Lodges or Branches and most Sections throughout The Society might find it possible, without in any way compromising The Society's essential neutrality, to declare their solicitous cognizance of fields of human life in which brotherhood is less, and in which all friends of brotherhood should be at work to make it more. I do not think we are at liberty in any collective capacity to sponsor specific supposed cures, though I can conceive of an individual Lodge studying a supposed cure in the light of Theosophy, and of its members utilizing the Theosophical Order of Service for active promotion of the cure. But I think

it is time for us to make our collective brotherhood somewhat more definite and practical, and in the November issue of THE THEOSOPHIST you will read how I should propose to implement this in particular so far as regards the Indian Section and Indian Lodges, and also generally as regards our Society as a whole.

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I have little doubt that The Theosophical Society as a whole would gain much strength were it to be able to make a great Declaration of Brotherhood along the general lines suggested above. I consider it would be possible for the General Council to make such a Declaration without for a moment committing itself to any details of application. In such and such fields brotherhood is less and its antitheses are more. In such fields let friends of brotherhood be active, that brotherhood may reign in undisputed sway.

As part of the Activity in which at least individual members might profitably engage I would stress Good Citizenship. And I would define Good Citizenship as the citizenship which effectively harmonizes a love for the Motherland with respect and appreciation for the lands which are Mother to other members of the human family, as the citizenship which stands for Right as against Might, for equal Justice and due Opportunity to all, for refinement and beauty as against vulgarity and ugliness, for right education, right occupation, right leisure, right security, for all: in a word, as the citizenship which stands for ordered Freedom and universal



Friendship. Such citizenship, inspired and energized by Theosophy, would be a priceless assent to every land, and a most powerful insurance against war and all that breeds war. Let me say, however, that I am not in the least unmindful of the dangers lurking in the suggestions I have made. Under no circumstances can we afford to imperil the paramountcy of Theosophy or the open door to membership of The Theosophical Society. Theosophy is the eternal and universal Science of Life. It must never be exclusively identified with any faith, with any teaching, with any movement, with any person. It is beyond and above them all. The Theosophical Society is a nucleus of the *Universal Brotherhood*, and its welcome must ever be to all.

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If our supreme homage be to these two essential facts, then, may-be, we might at least be able to agree upon certain general principles as of vital import in certain fields of human life in which brotherhood is patently more dishonoured in the breach than honoured in the observance. But the agreement would need to be *nemine contradicente*, a reinforcement of principles endorsed by all who are for goodwill.

If, however, the dangers would seem to loom too large, then let us continue as we are, waiting until another generation of members, more strongly rooted in Theosophy

and in the universality of The Theosophical Society, is able to achieve that for which today we are not yet ready.

In any case, every individual member of our Society should in some way apply in the active service of others the Theosophy he knows for himself. A Theosophist is one who studies Theosophy and applies the fruits of his study for the betterment of his surroundings. As we reap Theosophy, so must we sow Theosophy.

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Finally, while I am the last to claim any special occult powers or relationship with our Elder Brethren, yet should I be failing in my duty were I not, on the occasion of this Diamond Jubilee Year, to declare that as heretofore Those who gave birth to The Theosophical Society still watch over it with tenderness and solicitude for its welfare, and that the Way between us and Them lies open for those to tread who so do choose. So do I bear testimony to the fact that the First Section of The Society continues in closest contact with the other two.

Greatly, therefore, are we fortified. May we on our part grow in eagerness and strength to testify for Theosophy and for The Theosophical Society before the world. So, in 1975, shall we be among the cloud of witnesses rejoicing with full hearts that a century of noble service has been triumphantly achieved.

## NEWS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

The progress of The Theosophical Society is indicated in the

following digests of reports from General Secretaries.

*America (Central)* reports a large increase in membership. The increased activity reflecting the activity at Adyar since the beginning of Dr. Arundale's presidency has made the work of the General Secretary very heavy, and more full-time workers at Headquarters are necessary.

*America (United States of)* reports a substantial increase in membership for the first time in eight years, and a continued increase both of new members and of old members asking for reinstatement. This improvement is in part due to improving economic conditions, but more to the steady work done over several years by Headquarters in inspiring hope and courage in the members, and in uniting them more closely with each other and with the Section as a whole.

*Argentina* sends an interim letter of good wishes, and a brief report of activities in the existing Lodges, and hopes of forming four new ones shortly.

*Australia* is in the peculiar position of announcing a total membership in advance of last year's and at the same time a net loss of 46. The chart, however, shows the membership curve ascending in accordance with the figures printed in last year's report, and the optimism thus implied seems justified by the rest of the account of their doings—satisfactory finances, a Section Journal, and a splendid Youth Movement.

*Austria.* All the Austrian Lodges but one are in Vienna, and carry on their activities jointly. They report a small decrease in membership, but form "a body of very

good friends for whom Brotherhood is not only a name but a living reality."

*Belgium.* The report is mainly concerned with the activities in Brussels, but the General Secretary reports that the outlying branches are also doing good work. The financial situation is improving, through the efforts of a few members, and the Secretary hopes for more general support in the coming year.

*Bulgaria* is collecting funds for a Section Headquarters, and thanks to a large donation from a member, hopes to be able to have one shortly. Activities in the Lodges are proceeding satisfactorily.

*Burma* recounts the history of the Section since its foundation in 1885 and reports the satisfactory working of five out of its ten Lodges. The increase in membership is 25. The Rangoon Lodge reports a good list of activities, but is closely rivalled by the Youth Lodge. Three schools are supported by the Section and worked by the members.

*Canada* has added five members and arrived at the sixteenth year of the publication of its Section journal. Canada is a vast country, and communication between Lodges is difficult, so a tour like Mr. Belcher's which included not only Lodges but isolated members must have been of great value.

*Ceylon* regrets the loss of Mrs. A. E. Preston, who has been an active worker for many years. The Section has helped in various social and charitable works.

*Chile.* The General Secretary, just returned from a tour in America and Europe, finds the situation satisfactory, the number of members and sympathizers increased, and the public showing greater interest in Theosophical teachings.

*Denmark* collected funds during the year to buy "a fine new building" in Copenhagen for its Headquarters, and held a splendid Convention there in September. Vitality and interest in the work are increasing throughout the Section.

*Dutch East Indies* reports an increased membership, and the establishment of a Bank by means of which several Lodges which were threatened with loss of their buildings have been made safe for a period of five years. The Section has organized a somewhat novel system of lectures, from prepared synopses, delivered in 25 places on the same day, and the experiment has been very successful. Five magazines are published, and two books, *You* and *The Astral Plane*, have been translated and published in Dutch, and *The Outer Court* and *The Astral Plane* in Malay.

*England* reports a successful Convention with discussions on such practical subjects as "Theosophy in London," "The Message of Theosophy to the Modern World" and "The Theosophical Society, Present, Past and Future." The membership has increased, and the finances are in a satisfactory condition. Besant Hall will be ready for use in the New Year. The Library shows considerable increase of non-

F.T.S. subscribers. The National Central Library, which supplies books to libraries all over the world, specially mentions the T.S. Library as having rendered particularly valuable service. Especial interest was aroused by the lectures of Mr. Jinarajadasa.

*Finland.* With a larger membership, Lodges are active in study and propaganda and social work. Dr. Arundale's *Mount Everest* has been translated. An interesting feature of the work is the distribution of a monthly study-letter to every Lodge and every unattached member. The Section has regained its Libraries, one of them containing over 2,000 volumes, which were confiscated in the late political troubles, and now every Lodge possesses its own Library.

*France.* Although both membership and finance show a decrease, the General Secretary sees everywhere signs of renewed interest in the provincial Lodges which he visited with the idea of linking them more closely with the Headquarters in Paris. This is one of the few centres reporting an active Round Table Movement.

*Germany* reports the formation of a new Headquarters at Hannover, and work going on "in a quiet steady way." The monthly journal has been restarted, and the Section looks forward "with determination and confidence."

*Greece* has a considerable increase in membership, but has not sufficient workers to keep the organization and office work efficient and regular. The publishing of the Journal continues, and one book, *The Astral Plane*, has

been issued by the Theosophical Publishing House at Athens.

*Holland* has derived great inspiration from the meeting at Amsterdam of the International Convention. The Brotherhood Federation, the Theosophical Order of Service, the Library and the Publicity Department all report satisfactory progress.

*Hungary* is threatened with the loss of its Headquarters, which would seriously cripple the work of the Section. In every other way the past year has been prosperous, the apparent decrease in membership being due to a rigid enforcement of the rule about lapsed members. A successful Convention was held this year, social meetings increased in interest, propaganda lectures were well attended, also some lectures given by eminent scientists on their special subjects. The Section has also actively tried to carry out the suggestions of the *Seven Year Plan* and the *Straight Theosophy Campaign*.

*Iceland* has a very large membership for so small a country. It reports a Summer School attended by 50 people and nine Radio talks on Theosophical subjects. The Headquarters Hall has been repaired. The General Secretary says: "We have financial troubles in our Society, and the Spirit of the Age seems to be against us, but we are going on with our work, and I hope we shall be successful in changing the Spirit of the Age."

*India.* The General Secretary appeals for more members who will study their religions in the light of Theosophy and live more spiritual lives. The membership

is practically stationary. The autonomous Federations are variously successful, and on the whole the North seems to be more benefited by autonomy than the South. Several Federations report that schools are being carried on either by the Lodge as a whole or by the efforts of individual members, but there is no mention of any other social activity.

*Ireland* has 88 members, most of whom are active. The Section held a successful Summer School, attended by several people who had never been in Ireland before. The immediate need of the Section is a visiting lecturer able to interest the University students in Theosophy.

*Italy* reports 329 members, all active, and voluntary contributions to the fund for reorganizing the Section amounting to 70 per cent of the total membership fees. A quarterly journal suited for circulation "in the outer world," and new issues of books by two publishing houses, indicate useful propaganda activity. Mr. Jinarajadasa's lectures were well attended, and reports of them have been widely circulated.

*Mexico* has been celebrating the Diamond Jubilee year by very active propaganda for the Straight Theosophy Campaign. All the nineteen Lodges have held regular weekly study classes. Twenty-four public lectures have been delivered in Mexico City, and a special course of three Jubilee lectures in November, the lecturers also visiting some of the outlying Lodges, and bringing them into closer fellowship with the central organization.



*New Zealand* continues active propaganda in spite of a slight decrease in membership. The Vasanta School continues to work successfully.

*Norway.* The Sectional Council is working "to weld the Section into a strong and unified body, trying to bring the idea of oneness and solidarity clearly before each individual member." It has distributed translations of *The Seven Year Plan* and *The Spirit of Youth* to every member, and also the twelve Straight Theosophy Leaflets. An International Summer School and a rapidly rising Youth Movement are also lively features of the report.

*Porto Rico.* The General Secretary hopes that the turning point in the crisis is passed and that the Section will move forward with new vigour. They have sent out a series of fourteen Radio talks and planned an extensive campaign for the last three months of 1935.

*Portugal.* The Lisbon Lodge holds weekly meetings and issues a journal and several other Theosophical publications.

*Rumania.* The Rumanian Lodges in both the capital and the Provinces report activities and study hardly equalled by any other Section. The report should be carefully studied by Sections who find it difficult to set their members to work. The General Secretary writes: "The Convention has been the most inspiring and constructive in the history of the Section."

*Russia.* The Russian Lodges outside Russia number eleven and Centres five, in 16 different countries. All these Lodges and

Centres are working diligently, often under great difficulties. At Convention the President's Seven Year Plan was unanimously accepted. Members are looking forward to an even more successful Convention at Geneva in July 1936.

*Scotland.* In spite of a somewhat decreased membership, the Section is showing "new promise in the fresh-flowing life in the Society." The General Secretary reports a very successful Convention, at which a symposium by representatives of various Youth Organizations—"The Movement I represent and its importance to the Youth of Today"—was a most interesting feature.

*South Africa* (Central) held a Joint Convention with the parent Section in Durban, and the result was a Federation between the two Sections, and a Joint Section journal. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson paid a return visit, and the larger Lodges have been carrying on vigorous propaganda, which includes keeping in touch through the post with isolated members. The membership has increased by 36 in spite of racial and religious difficulties, and the greater obstacle of distance.

*Spain* reports a normal year and a successful Convention.

*Sweden.* Lectures held in connection with the Straight Theosophy Campaign were well attended, and the General Secretary hopes this will lead to increased membership next year. The Summer School was much appreciated, and various lecturers from overseas have been welcomed.

*Switzerland* has shown a continuous rise in membership for

three years. The Lodges have contributed to send their General Secretary to Adyar for Convention, an example which it is hoped other Sections will follow. Following up the suggestions made by the President for work during the year, the Section is devoting special attention to the Lodges in the

German speaking cantons, issuing special publications for the purpose. The Society is well on its way to a greater development.

*Wales* has opened the new Annie Besant Memorial Hall, and made good progress in reducing the mortgage on it.

## 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-Sectionalized Lodges are 45, 4 and 8 respectively.

The number of Charters granted to Lodges since the foundation of the Society to the end of 1934 was 2,889. In 1935, 37 new Charters were issued as against 29 in 1934 raising the total to 2,926.

As regards membership, the figures given in the following

statements are only provisional as reports have yet to be received from 2 National Societies, 2 Federations of Lodges and 2 Non-Sectionalized Lodges. In these cases, the figures of the previous year have been entered tentatively and necessary corrections will have to be made later on if and when they arrive. Subject to such corrections, the total number of members this year is 30,317 which shows that the net gain this year is 572 as against a loss of 1,091 during the previous year.

## 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	538	358	—	896	105	58
2	England ...	126	270	31	12	313	114	51
3	India ...	256	265	68	3	336	32	40
4	Australia ...	26	150	10	1	161	38	14
5	Sweden ...	35	15	1	—	16	19	4
6	New Zealand ...	19	26	9	3	38	19	17
7	Netherlands ...	44	121	10	19	150	148	26
8	France ...	70	206	—	—	206	71	39
9	Italy ...	18	36	6	1	43	34	5
10	Germany ...	19	20	—	—	20	23	—
11	Cuba ...	25	80	3	—	83	2	4
12	Hungary ...	11	10	1	—	11	4	3
13	Finland ...	20	74	—	—	74	—	4
14	Russia ...	12	14	—	—	14	2	2
15	Czechoslovakia ...	7	4	—	—	4	—	—
16	South Africa ...	8	64	—	3	67	1	—
17	Scotland ...	27	16	4	Nil	20	11	7
18	Switzerland ...	12	34	—	—	34	2	—
19	Belgium ...	12	42	—	—	42	—	—
20	Netherlands-Indies ...	26	116	1	2	119	43	12
21	Burma ...	10	25	—	—	25	—	—
22	Austria ...	9	37	1	—	38	7	2
23	Norway ...	10	29	—	—	29	5	5
24	Egypt (See below)							
25	Denmark ...	11	31	27	—	58	1	4
26	Ireland ...	8	—	—	3	3	6	1
27	Mexico ...	19	28	—	—	28	2	6
28	Canada ...	17	28	7	6	41	Nil	5
29	Argentina ...	18	72	19	1	92	7	1
30	Chile ...	8	44	14	—	58	—	—
31	Brazil* ...	20	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Bulgaria ...	7	1	—	—	1	4	1
33	Iceland ...	6	4	—	—	4	5	2
34	Spain ...	24	24	22	1	47	1	5
35	Portugal ...	8	18	—	—	18	15	3
36	Wales ...	19	10	1	3	14	4	2
37	Poland ...	7	12	—	—	12	2	1
38	Uruguay ...	5	—	—	—	—	4	—
39	Porto Rico ...	7	5	14	—	19	—	—
40	Roumania ...	8	18	—	—	18	6	1
41	Jugoslavia ...	14	38	1	—	39	4	1
42	Ceylon ...	3	12	1	—	13	2	1
43	Greece ...	8	14	31	—	45	—	2
44	Central America ...	14	59	4	—	63	—	2
45	Central S. Africa ...	5	45	1	2	48	3	2
46	Paraguay (See below)							
47	Peru (See below)							
48	Philippine Islands* ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Canadian Federation ...	8	23	—	—	23	—	—
	Egypt* ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Paraguay* ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Peru ...	1	9	—	—	9	—	—
	Barbados Lodge* ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Nairobi Lodge* ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Shanghai Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Manuk Lodge ...	1	1	—	—	1	3	—
	Singapore Lodge ...	1	3	—	—	3	—	—
	H. P. B. Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Selangor Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Miroku ...	1	2	—	—	2	—	1
	Fellows-at-Large ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total ...	1,226	2,693	645	60	3,398	749	334

\* No report. Last year's figures,

70% 55%



## STATEMENT I

Members		Total	Present total	Net gain or loss in 1934	Net gain or loss in 1935	Remarks
Removal from rolls	Transfer to other Sections					
573	3	739	4,420	-281	+157	
116	4	285	3,520	-161	+28	
254	3	329	3,995	-90	+7	
154	3	209	1,277*	-168	-49	
Nil	Nil	23	611	+10	-7	
35	4	75	823	-70	-37	
12	8	194	2,057	-59	-44	
148	2	260	2,679	-117	-54	
55	—	94	329	-24	-51	
—	—	23	346	—	—	
36	1	43	466	—	+40	
37	1	45	250	-31	-34	
7	—	11	448	+81	+63	
—	—	4	179	Nil	+10	
—	—	—	84	—	+4	
25	1	27	215	—	+40	
23	5	46	417	-45	-26	
—	—	2	262	+10	+32	
32	—	32	381	-7	+10	
—	8	63	1,240	-259	+56	
—	—	Nil	265	-40	+25	
42	2	53	407	-45	-15	
1	—	11	231**	+25	+18	
9	—	14	440	-17	+44	
—	4	11	88	+3	-4	
24	—	32	286	+41	-4	
28	3	36	345	+8	+5	
56	—	64	324†	-8	+28	
15	—	15	148	—	+43	
—	—	—	496	—	—	
—	—	5	120	+4	-4	
6	—	13	195	-23	-11	
46	—	52	510	+82	-11	
23	—	41	145	-4	-23	
20	3	29	293	-20	-15	
1	—	4	204‡	—	+8	
—	—	4	70	—	-4	
5	—	5	94	-7	+14	
—	—	7	188	+6	+11	
3	—	8	263	—	+31	
—	—	3	120	+6	+10	
8	—	10	170	+17	+35	
—	—	2	223	+20	+94	
5	2	12	223	—	+36	
—	—	—	112	—	—	
—	—	—	162	+8	+23	
—	—	—	39	—	—	
—	—	—	11	—	—	
—	—	—	27	—	—	
—	—	—	9	—	—	
—	—	—	10	—	—	
—	—	—	18	—	—	
9	4	16	21	—	-15	
2	—	2	13	-1	+1	
—	—	—	11	—	—	
—	—	—	8	—	—	
—	—	1	7	-1	Nil	
—	—	—	22	—	—	
1,810	61	2,954	30,317			

\* No. in 1934 was 1,326. \*\* No. in 1934 was 213. † No. in 1934 was 296. ‡ No. in 1934 was 196

## STATEMENT II

*Loss last year but gain this year*

		1933-34	1934-35
America	....	-281	+157
England	....	-161	+28
India	....	-90	+7
Belgium	....	-7	+10
Neth. East Indies	....	-259	+56
Burma	....	-40	+25
Denmark	....	-17	+44
Argentina	....	-8	+28
Porto Rico	....	-7	+14
Singapur Lodge	....	-1	+1
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		-871	+370

## STATEMENT III

*Gain greater this year than last year*

		1933-34	1934-35
Switzerland	....	+10	+32
Rumania	....	+6	+11
Ceylon	....	+6	+10
Greece	....	+17	+35
Central America	....	+20	+94
Canadian Federation	....	+8	+23
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		+67	+205

## STATEMENT IV

*Gain last year but loss this year*

		1933-34	1934-35
Sweden	....	+10	-7
Ireland	....	+3	-4
Mexico	....	+41	-4
Bulgaria	....	+4	-4
Spain	....	+82	-11
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		+140	-30

## STATEMENT V

*Loss greater this year than last year*

		1933-34	1934-35
Italy	....	-24	- 51
Hungary	....	-31	- 34
Portugal	....	- 4	- 23
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		-59	-108
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## STATEMENT VI

*Loss lesser this year than last year*

		1933-34	1934-35
Australia	....	-168	- 49
New Zealand	....	- 70	- 37
Netherlands	....	- 59	- 44
France	....	-117	- 54
Scotland	....	- 45	- 26
Austria	....	- 45	- 15
Iceland	....	- 23	- 11
Wales	....	- 20	- 15
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		-547	-251
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Statement II shows that 9 Sections and an Unsectionalized Lodge that sustained a loss of 871 during 1933-34 have gained 370 during this year. Statement III shows that 5 Sections and a Federation that had a net gain of 67 members last year have added 205 to their register. Statement IV shows that 5 Sections that had a gain of 140 last year lost only 30 this year. From Statements V and VI it will be seen that in 3 Sections the loss has risen from 59 to 108 while some of our largest Sections that had lost nearly 547 members in 1933-34 have lost only 251 this year. In the Summary of Statistical Details of

last year, it was stated that "It will thus be seen that the tendency towards loss in membership is distinctly on the wane". This anticipation is not only fulfilled but for the first time in recent years there has been an actual gain in membership as may be seen from the following table :

Year	Total Number	Loss or Gain
1929	43,625	-1,473
1930	39,311	-4,314
1931	36,115	-3,196
1932	33,267	-2,848
1933	30,836	-2,431
1934	29,745	-1,091
1935	30,317	+ 572



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT





## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

*To the President, the T.S.*

The past year being the first full year under the new regime, has been characterized by great activity in all departments. The fact that our President Dr. Arundale was able to remain at Adyar for nearly the whole year gave opportunity to reorganise in many directions, and a further result has been the re-conditioning of a number of our Headquarters buildings so that everything may be in first class order for the Diamond Jubilee Convention.

Expenditures in various details have been above normal in consequence, but owing to donations carried forward from the previous

year and to some profitable changes in our investments we have been able to stand the strain and show a small surplus at the end of the year.

It will however be evident to those who read this report that the future presents a financial problem for the solution of which we must continue to rely upon the generous support of our members.

### GENERAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Our statement of accounts for the financial year ending 31st October, 1935, may be summarized as follows :

		<i>Budget</i>		<i>Actual</i>
Surplus for 1934	....	Rs. 23,659	....	Rs. 23,659
Income	....	" 44,000	....	" 72,722
Budgeted deficit to be made				
good by donations	....	" 16,161		
Donations received	...			" 6,081
	Total	Rs. 83,820	....	" 1,02,462
Expenditure		" 83,820	....	" 98,651
	Balance	Nil		" 3,811

### INCOME

Receipts from Rent and Interest for this year amount to Rs. 23,824

being less by Rs. 1,687 than last year.

In this year's statement the figures for rent and interest are



shown separately and disclose the fact that our income from rents has slightly increased and that the reduction is due to the reduced interest. This was caused by the redemption of Rs. 20,000 of 6½% Indian Govt. Loan falling due for payment and to certain other causes of a book-keeping nature relating to income-tax refunds.

	1934	1935
Rents ....	Rs. 17,063	Rs. 17,245
Interest ....	„ 8,427	„ 6,578
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	Rs. 25,510	Rs. 23,823
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#### GARDENS

Income from Gardens is Rs. 9,620 as compared with last year Rs. 10,138.

Owing to marketing conditions there has been a falling off in receipts from sale of sapotas, which have in years past been our chief item in sale of fruits.

#### Receipts from sale of Sapotas :

1933	....	Rs. 4,305
1934	....	„ 2,517
1935	....	„ 1,487

To compensate for this we are increasing our plantation of casuarina trees and cocoanuts from which we hope to receive a more reliable yield in future years.

The outlay in ornamental gardens for the year was Rs. 7,460 comparing with last year Rs. 7,877.

#### FEES AND DUES

Under this heading we have received Rs. 13,318 as compared with last year Rs. 13,339.

We fully realize that many countries have great difficulties in sending their dues by reason of generally depressed conditions and restrictions against sending money abroad.

There are now only five countries which are seriously delayed in their payments, the position in this respect being considerably better than last year.

#### DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Donations and Legacies have been as follows :

Rs. 1,889 0 0	Balance Daintry Legacy
„ 3,260 0 0	Adyar Day Collections, U.S.A.
„ 2,178 0 0	„ „ other countries
„ 354 6 8	Sundry Donations
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Rs. 7,681 6 8	

Following the appeal made by the Treasurer in last year's report I am glad to mention that the Adyar Day contributions both from

America and other countries show a substantial increase. These have been divided as usual between Headquarters, Adyar Library and

Olcott Harijan School on whose behalf we record our grateful appreciation.

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Expenditure has this year amounted to Rs. 98,651 against a budget estimate of Rs. 83,820. The excess is mainly due to special repairs to buildings and to increased cost of work in the reconstruction of Leadbeater Chambers, which work I am happy to say is now at last completed.

Special items are as follows :

Olcott Gardens ....	Rs. 5,826
Damodar Gardens ..	3,139
Leadbeater Chambers ..	2,386
(excess over budget estimate)	
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	Rs. 11,351
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The foregoing figures point to the fact that buildings which had been standing in need of repairs for some time had reached the point when the work had to be done. I am glad to say that these unusually heavy charges have placed our properties in good condition and we hope during the immediate future to be free from special expenditure of this kind.

At the same time we must realize that the upkeep of the Adyar Estate will always be a fairly heavy item of expense which under present conditions cannot be met from the dues received from the Sections. In order to make this clear to our members I quote two figures extracted from our annual accounts for the past ten years.

Cost of upkeep of the Adyar Estate, <i>i.e.</i> , repairs and maintenance of buildings, roads and non-productive gardens for 10 years 1926 to 1935 inclusive	....	Rs. 3,01,776
Dues received from Sections for the same period	....	„ 1,63,012
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Deficiency over ten years	....	„ 1,38,764
Average deficiency per annum	....	„ 13,876

It would appear to be essential that this primary expenditure which is unavoidable in its nature should be taken care of by endowment or other constant source of income, so that donations, legacies and other fluctuating sources of income may be devoted entirely to world wide Theosophical work emanating from Adyar, such as books, magazines, lecturing tours, etc. Expenditure for this purpose is to a great extent capable of adjust-

ment according to the means at disposal.

This is the problem before us, the provision of an increase above our regular income from Dues of approximately £ 1,000 a year—not a large sum for a Society such as ours—to be applied specifically to the maintenance of Adyar.

#### NEW DEPARTMENTS

The question of including the accounts of Vasanta Press and the

Theosophical Publishing House in the Annual Report of the Treasurer is under consideration pending a decision as to separate incorporation of those two departments.

### RESERVES

Our investments are shown in the balance sheet on the same basis as last year, *viz.*, at cost, and are in all cases below present market prices. During the year Rs. 20,000 of 6½% Indian Govt. Paper was redeemed and proceeds re-invested at 3½%.

With the approval of our bankers, certain other changes were made in our securities with a view to reinvestment in longer dated issues, and into other issues free from income-tax, in order to increase the net yield. For the latter purpose 4% Consols purchased for £2,492-12-0 and 3½% Conversion Stock purchased for £2,491-16-2 were sold and proceeds reinvested in 3½% tax free War Loan. Investment profit resulting from these changes was placed in our income account for the year.

*Adyar, Madras*

20th December, 1935

### OUTLOOK FOR 1935-36

Our budgets for the T. S. Headquarters and the Adyar Library for 1936 anticipate the following deficits:

T. S. Headquarters...	Rs. 15,139
Adyar Library ... ..	351

The details of our budget figures show that this deficit is arrived at after taking into account a surplus carried over of Rs. 3,811.

The estimate for Construction and Repairs has been reduced to Rs. 10,000 as compared with expenditure this year of Rs. 31,286. This means that there must be no special work of any kind outside the routine upkeep necessary to maintain our properties in good condition. With strict economy on the one hand and on the other hand with the increasing forces radiating from Adyar under the inspiration and energy of our President I feel confident the support of our membership will be forthcoming to the required extent to enable us to meet the deficit and to balance our financial statement for the coming year.

E. M. SELLON,

*Hon. Treasurer, T. S.*



## T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

1934	DISBURSEMENTS			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
5,000	To Contribution to Adyar Library ...	...	...	5,000	0	0			
500	" " " Dispensary ...	...	...	500	0	0			
800	" " " Pensions Fund ...	...	...	800	0	0			
...	" " " Press and Publicity ...	...	...	1,500	0	0	7,800	0	0
4,007	" Office Salaries ...	...	...	...	...	...	4,545	2	11
2,953	" Pensions and Gratuities ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,339	8	8
5,288	" Servants' Wages ...	...	...	...	...	...	4,641	9	0
750	" Printing and Stationery ...	...	...	1,664	1	0			
1,107	" " Presidential Address and General Report ...	...	...	976	14	6	2,640	15	6
17,517	" Garden Expenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	18,939	12	0
	" Construction and Repairs :								
9,655	Ordinary ...	...	...	10,933	14	10			
17,239	Leadbeater Chambers ...	...	...	11,386	0	0			
...	Olcott Gardens ...	...	...	5,826	6	0			
...	Damodar Gardens ...	...	...	3,139	13	6	31,286	2	4
1,097	" Telegrams and Postages ...	...	...	...	...	...	1,734	14	0
6,309	" Lighting and Water Expenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	5,825	11	7
461	" Taxes ...	...	...	...	...	...	424	9	0
541	" Furniture ...	...	...	...	...	...	229	2	0
1,947	" Establishment Charges ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,011	5	6
1,396	" Publications to General Secretaries ...	...	...	...	...	...	1,219	13	5
1,075	" Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund ...	...	...	...	...	...	307	3	4
64	" Museum and Archives ...	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
3,690	" Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	6,085	3	0
...	" Grant to Mr. Warrington for travelling ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,000	0	0
...	" " " President's Travelling Fund, £ 500 ...	...	...	...	...	...	6,620	11	0
23,659	" Balance Surplus to New Account						98,651	11	3
1,05,055							3,811	1	1
							1,02,462	12	4

ADYAR

31st October, 1935

E. M. SELLON,

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.



## FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1935

INCOME						Rs.	A.	P.	1934
By Rent	...	...	...	...	...	17,245	10	4	17,083
" Interest	...	...	...	...	...	6,578	10	5	8,427
" Legacies	...	...	...	...	...	1,889	0	0	36,061
" Donations	...	...	...	...	...	4,192	6	10	1,741
" Gardens	...	...	...	...	...	9,620	3	2	10,138
" Investment Profit	...	...	...	...	...	25,960	0	8	752
" Fees and Dues :						Rs.	A.	P.	
U. S. America	..	...	...	...	...	2,173	2	7	
Canada	...	...	...	...	...	230	0	0	
England	...	...	...	...	...	1,941	7	1	
Scotland	..	...	...	...	...	131	10	10	
Wales	...	...	...	...	...	137	0	0	
Burma	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	
Belgium	...	...	...	...	...	66	1	5	
India	...	...	...	...	...	1,622	10	0	
Ceylon	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0	
Australia	...	...	...	...	...	963	11	0	
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	...	280	14	4	
South Africa	...	...	...	...	...	106	14	0	
Central South Africa	...	...	...	...	...	78	3	0	
Netherlands-India	...	...	...	...	...	566	3	4	
Holland	...	...	...	...	...	1,513	8	0	
France	..	...	...	...	...	739	4	0	
Sweden	...	...	...	...	...	241	10	0	
Italy	...	...	...	...	...	256	6	3	
Norway	...	...	...	...	...	26	0	0	
Denmark	...	...	...	...	...	111	5	6	
Iceland	...	...	...	...	...	99	14	8	
Finland	...	...	...	...	...	79	5	0	
Austria	...	...	...	...	...	78	14	7	
Czechoslovakia	...	...	...	...	...	9	12	0	
Switzerland	...	...	...	...	...	132	8	0	
Spain	...	...	...	...	...	191	8	0	
Portugal	...	...	...	...	...	49	2	9	
Russia (outside Russia)	...	...	...	...	...	30	5	5	
Greece	...	...	...	...	...	29	10	2	
Cuba	...	...	...	...	...	351	12	1	
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	...	26	6	11	
Central America	..	...	...	...	...	34	8	0	
Argentina	...	...	...	...	...	153	6	0	
Porto Rico	...	...	...	...	...	34	5	0	
Chile	...	...	...	...	...	26	7	0	
Canadian Federation	...	...	...	...	...	82	6	0	
Unattached to National Societies	...	...	...	...	...	671	14	1	
" Surplus from 1933-34						13,318	1	0	13,339
						23,658	11	11	17,514
						1,02,462	12	4	1,05,055

Audited and found correct.

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

Registered Accountant,

## BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<b>To General Fund (Capital)</b>	...	...				6,67,988	14	8
„ <b>Adyar Library Fund :</b>								
Value of Books and MSS.	...	...	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,07,728	14	1			
Surplus to New Account	...	...	244	5	11			
						1,82,973	4	0
„ <b>Adyar Library Building Fund</b>			56,520	13	3			
<i>Less : Cost of Steel Racks and alterations to galleries</i>	...	...	1,458	11	0			
						55,062	2	3
„ <b>Subba Row Medal Fund</b>	...	...				1,839	4	2
„ <b>Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund</b>	...	...				12,283	9	1
„ <b>World University Fund</b>	...	...				1,466	6	2
„ <b>Pensions and Gratuities Fund</b>	...	...				8,943	9	0
„ <b>Adyar Short Wave Broad-Casting Fund</b>	...	...				5,000	0	0
„ <b>Adyar Night Schools Fund</b>	...	...				2,429	0	2
„ <b>Besant and Leadbeater Memorial Fund</b>	...	...				2,636	15	10
„ <b>Besant 99 Years Fund</b>	...	...				535	12	0
„ <b>Electrical Department Reserve</b>	...	...				14,534	11	11
„ <b>Gardens Reserve</b>	...	...				2,188	11	9
„ <b>Sundry Creditors</b>	...	...				27,926	15	11
„ <b>Income and Disbursement Account</b>	...	...				3,811	1	1
						9,89,600	0	0

ADYAR

31st October, 1935

E. M. SELLON,

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31ST OCTOBER, 1935

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Adyar Library Books and MSS.				75,000	0	0
„ Government Pronotes at cost :						
Rs. 83,400	4%	Bonds	1960/70	Rs. 80,160-9-3		
„ 44,100	3½%	„	1947/50	44,639-2-0		
„ 32,000	5%	„	1940/43	„ 34,940-0-0		
„ 1,000	3½%	„	1865	„ 510-0-0		
				1,60,249	11	3
„ Sterling Securities at cost				£ 14,379-0-11 @ 1/6	1,91,720	10 0
„ Rs. 1000, 4% Madras Municipal Debentures 1900/50				...	1,056	9 0
„ Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society ...				...	483	12 11
„ Immovable Property at Adyar				...	4,10,748	7 6
„ Movable Property, Adyar				...	15,000	0 0
„ Electric Installation, Adyar				...	30,000	0 0
„ Electrical and Engineering Department :						
Outstanding Bills	...	...	Rs. 2,545 14 9			
Work in Progress	...	...	„ 9,962 6 6			
Stock	...	...	„ 10,000 0 0			
				22,508	5	3
„ Ananda College, Colombo				...	34,000	0 0
„ "Gulistan" (Olcott Cottage), Ootacamund				...	15,000	0 0
„ Midland Bank, London				£ 284-10-1 @ 1/6	3,793	6 3
„ Chartered Bank, Madras, Fixed Deposit				...	1,500	0 0
„ " " " Current Account				...	232	11 3
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Account				...	4,281	7 2
„ Thomas Cook				...	1,291	13 3
„ Cash in hand				...	4,866	11 0
„ Sundry Debtors				...	17,885	7 2
					9,89,620	0 0

Audited and found correct.

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

Registered Accountant,

## INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT OF THE ADYAR

DISBURSEMENTS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Salaries and Pensions	...	...	...	5,433	9	6			
„ Purchase of Books and Manuscripts	...	...	...	1,804	10	8			
„ Copying Charges	...	...	...	206	10	9			
„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	270	15	6			
„ Bookbinding	...	...	...	990	2	0			
„ Printing and Stationery	...	..	...	722	11	6			
„ Postages	...	...	...	51	3	0			
„ Electric Current, etc.	...	...	...	371	2	0			
„ Furnishing and Repairs, etc.	...	...	...	285	15	6			
„ Contingencies	...	...	...	43	11	3			
„ Contribution to Nellore Sanskrit School	...	...	...	240	0	0			
„ Printing Upanishads	...	..	...	1,274	12	0	11,695	7	8
“ Balance Surplus to New Account	...	...	...				244	5	11
							11,939	13	7

ADYAR

31st October, 1935

E. M. SELLON,

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.





## T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1936

INCOME			Rs.	EXPENDITURE			Rs.
Rent	...	...	17,000	Adyar Library	...	...	5,000
Interest	...	...	6,500	Office Salaries	...	...	5,000
Fees and Dues	...	...	13,000	Servants' Wages	...	...	4,500
Garden Produce	...	...	10,000	Gardens	...	...	18,000
Surplus from 1935	...	...	3,811	Printing and Stationery	...	...	2,000
Deficit to be made good by Donations	...	...	15,139	Telegrams and Postages	...	...	1,750
				Lighting and Water	...	...	6,000
				Taxes	...	...	500
				Construction and Repairs	...	...	10,000
				Establishment	...	...	2,000
				Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund	...	...	500
				Furniture	...	...	500
				Pensions and Gratuities	...	...	3,000
				Miscellaneous	...	...	3,000
				Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	1,500
				Press and Publicity	...	...	1,500
				Museum and Archives	...	...	200
				Dispensary	...	...	500
			65,450				65,450

## ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1936

INCOME			Rs.	EXPENDITURE			Rs.
T. S. Contribution	..	...	5,000	Salaries and Pensions	...	...	5,840
"Adyar Day" Contribution	...	...	1,000	Books, Journals, Manuscripts and Copying	...	...	1,650
Interest	...	...	3,200	Fire Insurance	...	...	300
Sales	...	...	300	Electric Current, Repairs, Etc.	...	...	600
Rent	...	...	1,000	Contingencies	...	...	150
Surplus from 1935	...	...	244	Bookbinding	...	...	700
Deficit to be made good by Donations	...	...	356	Printing and Stationery	...	...	700
			11,100	Publications	...	...	1,200
							11,100

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL  
SECRETARIES OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETIES



## T. S. IN AMERICA

### *To the President, the T. S.*

The renewing interest that prompted the note of confidence in the report of last year has been more fully demonstrated during the year under report, for it has been a period of accomplishment and even of numerical progress.

We opened the year with a membership of 4,263. We close it for the first time in eight years with an increase and a total of 4,420. But more significant even than this increase in membership is the fact that the number of new members is steadily growing, and now for two consecutive years there has been an increase in the number of new members, as against six previous years of steady reduction; 538 new members joined us during the year. But there are facts still more significant than these. During the year 358 members reinstated—by far the largest return of former members in the history of The Society. Only 105 members resigned—the smallest number of resignations, with two exceptions, since 1928. But here we come to a still more outstanding feature, namely, that the number transferred to inactivity at the end of the year was only 575—the smallest in eighteen years.

These changes can be explained on but one basis—a very real enhancement of the morale of our Society, an end toward which our administrative plans and policy have been directed. It has taken time to change from the discouragement and fear for our future, by which our membership was so seriously affected, to the courage and certainty that has brought these most gratifying membership results. But it has been done by consistently following a policy that by its fundamental soundness must inevitably bring such results, namely, that of working with all our members, intimately in touch with all the Lodges and their problems, a frequent contact of helpfulness from the

Center to the Lodge, from Headquarters to the Section. This essential tying of each Lodge to Headquarters has been made possible only through field contacts and a real Headquarters service.

There have been many other changes, all indicating this renewal of the spirit in The Theosophical Society, and also changes that are definitely the result of improving economic conditions, as for instance, the much prompter payment of dues. Much has yet to be accomplished in this direction, however, for the year found our country still deeply in the depression, and has even now not emerged as fully as some others.

Public work throughout the Section in those large centers able adequately to support a public programme has been carried on with Mr. L. W. Rogers, Mr. Fritz Kunz and Dr. Pieter K. Roest as our principal lecturers. Others in the field have addressed smaller groups in many smaller cities, and consistently the field work has been carried on through visits to Lodges, addresses to members, and co-operation and encouragement in developing the work which the Lodge and its officers are able to carry on in the form of classes, small public meetings, study groups, etc. All of this is designed to bring about gradually improving standards of Theosophical activity within the Lodges and greater interest in their work.

We are convinced that this kind of work will produce a stability of our membership, that our growth, though less spectacular, will be more consistent and more enduring, and that we shall cease to suffer from the high peaks and deep valleys in membership fluctuation. We shall be building securely, permanently. This work involves the building of the Lodge not in membership alone but in all those subtle qualities by which members learn to work together, develop their knowledge of

the Ancient Wisdom, and through a dignified service no matter how small, gradually attract an increasing interest on the part of their local public. This, I believe is the way to hold new members, and the holding of new members is now recognized as a problem even greater than that of first obtaining them.

From 1917 to 1927 we carried on a great drive for members, and from 1,200 to 1,900 joined per year, but within seven years of joining, we had lost an average of 70% of each year's new membership. Thus of the 1,927 new members of the year 1917, we lost over 1,300 in the next seven years, leaving only 600. Of the 1,200 who joined in 1924, nearly 900 fell out of the ranks, leaving us but 300, and of 1,800 new members in 1927, almost 1,400 were rapidly lost to us and the net gain was only 400. It is this condition, disclosed by an exhaustive analysis, which presented a problem to the present administration, for it surely is our responsibility to build our membership with permanence and stability, that it may more effectively carry on its essential work. While it is to be admitted that these many members who have passed rapidly through our ranks have had a contact with the Ancient Wisdom, it still has failed to make of them the Theosophists that it is the function of The Society to produce, and too often our members have left us unimpressed with the depth, completeness and beauty of our teaching—even without respect or friendliness. It is these facts that in part provide the background for our present administrative policy.

In the course of the year the first of a new series of Correspondence Courses has been prepared in loose-leaf form, to be offered at \$1.00. It is hoped that these Courses, which are being written especially for the new members and the inquiring public, will be widely utilized by our Lodges, and that they will result

in the sale of many of our books, some of which are offered in connection with the Courses at special prices as an inducement to the student to prepare himself for study.

Direct contact with our members has been maintained through our national magazine, *The American Theosophist*, and through occasional letters from the National President to the whole membership.

Many Lodges have undertaken to pursue the course of activities covered by the Straight Theosophy Campaign initiated by the President, Dr. Arundale, and Headquarters has co-operated in the preparation and dissemination of material helpful to the participation of the smaller Lodges.

The Annual Convention in August proved to be one of the most inspiring and the best attended for many years, and the Summer School had a record attendance. We were fortunate and happy in the presence of Mr. Jinarajadasa, who spent four months in the Section since the fiscal year closed on June 30, and who created everywhere not only a warm affection for himself on the part of our members, to whom he brought the message of beauty and its place in our work as an aid to developing intuitive faculties, but also a deeper interest and joy in the work of The Society.

Among the events of the Convention was the announcement of the munificent gift of Mrs. Shillard-Smith, and the promise of the gradual development, on property acquired for the purpose and adjoining the Headquarters estate, of a cultural activity which shall include the Besant Memorial Hall, with a seating capacity of 1,000, and the Wetherill Memorial Museum, to contain a permanent and a changing exhibition of art and also an art school. This project is conceived with the idea of drawing closer to The Theosophical Society those interested in that aspect of the Divine Life which is represented



as Beauty, and at the same time to give to Theosophists opportunity for expression of the Beautiful as well as the Good and the True, as a means of sending forth Theosophical inspiration to the world.

This project when completed will add much to the prestige of The Theosophical Society. It should draw into closer relationship cultured souls standing high in the art world, and at the same time form a closer link with the community in which Headquarters is located, for it is intended that the project shall be made available and shall share its beauty and its Theosophical inspiration in the multitudinous ways in which it can further Theosophy and the cultural interests of mankind.

It is good to be able to render a report indicating measurable progress and new activities in this Diamond Jubilee year. The Diamond Jubilee will be celebrated in most of our Lodges, and particularly at Headquarters, where it is hoped that a considerable number of members will meet for the closing week-end of the year, coinciding closely with the Convention activities at our International Centre, Adyar.

The National President was recently fortunate in some two weeks of relief from other activities, and accompanied by the National Secretary, a tour was

made by airplane to distant parts of the country hitherto not visited. In the course of some 10,000 miles of flying, Florida, the Pacific Coast and eastern points were included in an itinerary into which were crowded many meetings with Lodges, several with federations, and some hundreds of friendly contacts with individual members. Throughout it all the spirit of unity and friendliness in the Section was abundantly manifest, affording much encouragement to the National Officers themselves.

Our Library has continued to grow, and the circulation of books from the lending department is increasing; our Press sales are growing; the monthly lectures and teas at Headquarters continue their interest; and throughout the Section and in all activities there is a spirit of deepening interest and renewed life. We feel that the progress we have been planning for is definitely on the way, and that we are therefore nearer to the realization of our ideal of a Society pledged to promote brotherhood within, and therefore by example without, its own organization.

We present to you, Mr. President, our greetings and affectionate good wishes.

SIDNEY A. COOK,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN ENGLAND

### *To the President, the T. S.*

That interest in Theosophy is still increasing is shown in our Membership Report, in the much larger audiences which attend lectures, in the improved sales of literature, the demand for free leaflets, the keener Lodge life everywhere, and the eagerness with which the work is carried out.

*Membership Report from 1-10-34 to 30-9-35.*—At the 30th September, 1935

the total number of members was 3,520, of whom 610 were unattached. The number of Lodges was 126, and there were 37 Centres. 313 new members were admitted in the past year; 116 lapsed; 114 resigned; 4 transferred, and 51 died. Gain of 28.

*Convention.*—Our Annual Convention showed a large attendance and deepened interest in the lectures and discussions. A longer period of time

was given to the Convention, which opened on Saturday, June 6th, at Headquarters under the auspices of the Blavatsky Lodge. The Discussion was on *Theosophy in London, Its Special Problems*, and led to the expression of some valuable ideas. On Friday, June 7th, some of the officers of the Section gave their views on the problems of Propaganda, Literature, Old and Weak Lodges, Press Work, Lectures, and Lodge Organization. On Saturday, June 8th, the subject was *The Message of Theosophy to the Modern World*. Excellent speeches were made, full of interest and suggestions. Reports of some of the longer speeches on this and other subjects have been sent to the President for possible inclusion in *The Theosophist*, and some of the shorter, abbreviated, are appearing in our own *News and Notes*. The Blavatsky Lecture was given by Capt. Sidney Ransom on *The Ethics of the Secret Doctrine*. This has been published as a pamphlet. In the evening a group of young people, some of whom are members of The Society, gave an excellent dramatic presentation of *Karma*, a play by Algernon Blackwood. On Sunday the General Secretary gave a public lecture under the title suggested by the President on *The Eternal Truths of Theosophy*. On Monday, the 10th June, the Discussion for the day was on *The Theosophical Society—Past, Present and Future*. Some of the younger members took part most ably in this, giving their views clearly and concisely. A very happy *Conversazione* in the evening closed the Convention.

*Headquarters.*—Our new premises continue to be a source of joy and convenience to members. We have had during the past year, 2,270 visitors to afternoon tea.

*Besant Hall.*—This is the name which the National Council has decided to give to the Memorial Hall. It is under construction now and will be ready for use in the New Year.

*Mr. Jinarajadasa's Visit.*—We welcomed Mr. Jinarajadasa to England on October 18th. He addressed a large audience at Wigmore Hall on Sunday, October 20th, on *The Conquest of Spirit and Matter*, and on the 21st addressed an invitation meeting held by Herakles Lodge, his title being *Our World Within and Our World Without*. Both meetings were a great success.

*Mr. Geoffrey Hodson.*—From October, 1934 to May, 1935, Mr. Hodson toured the country and addressed large and enthusiastic meetings everywhere.

*Capt. Sidney Ransom.*—During the year Capt. Ransom visited many Lodges and addressed many large audiences. He is now touring in the United States of America, but returns to continue his work in England in the autumn of 1936.

*Other Lecturers.*—We have also had the fine and competent service in the lecturing field of Miss Charlotte Woods, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, Mr. I. A. Hawliczek, and Mr. A. Jackman, as well as others. We welcome to this work other members, some of whom are: Mr. F. M. Lee, Mrs. Roma Gibbs and Mrs. Scarnell Lean, and are pleased to have Mrs. Dorothy Grenside helping us once more. To these and to many more we are indebted for the "aliveness" of our public platform. Miss Clara Codd's return is eagerly looked forward to, and arrangements for her tours are already well in hand.

*The President.*—We look forward with deep pleasure to the visit of the President and Mrs. Arundale next year and hope he will be with us at Whitsun to preside over our Convention and to dedicate the new Besant Hall, in which it will be held.

*Finance.*—The improvement in the figures for the membership has been reflected in the amounts received from members in subscriptions and

donations, both of which are greater than for the preceding year. In addition, we have received this year £423 for the Besant Hall, which brings up the total donations received to date to £1,477. Through the purchase of our new Headquarters we have been able to effect a considerable reduction in our annual expenditure.

*Publicity.*—The year has been marked by a definite increase of activity throughout the Section. A steady enthusiasm has been apparent, and is maintained. The Lodges joined enthusiastically in making the Diamond Jubilee Campaign a success in the autumn. Voluntary lecturers also responded well to an appeal for their co-operation, with the result that we have ten touring lecturers to help us, as well as the General Secretary, and, on occasion, some of the members of the Headquarters staff. Our thanks are due to all who have so ably helped in this work. At the request of Dr. Arundale, Diamond Jubilee Badges were made by a firm in England, of which 200 were sent direct to Adyar. Between our Whitsun Convention and the summer holidays nearly 800 were disposed of in England, and in September about 500 were sold, chiefly to other Sections.

Mr. Arthur Jackman, who had been our Publicity Secretary for over a year, accepted a post with the World Congress of Faiths, and Mr. D. Jeffrey Williams has taken his place in this important position demanding much time, thought and management.

We published in June *The Science of Life*, a pamphlet by Dr. Arundale. A new set of six Free Leaflets was printed during the latter part of the year, and these are proving useful in propaganda work. Also, a set of five Penny Booklets has been reprinted, and the *Year Book*, which is a directory of all the Lodges and Centres in the Section. The journal, *News and*

*Notes*, is issued monthly and proves of service to all the members.

*The Diamond Jubilee.*—About 42 members from England will attend the Diamond Jubilee at Adyar.

*Library.*—The Library has continued its policy of manifesting a catholic taste in the selection of new books, and it has been able to meet all the reasonable demands of its users in this respect. We have to record with satisfaction, first, the steady increase in the number of subscribers (*i.e.*, non-F.T.S.) who avail themselves of the Library's facilities, and, secondly, a growing tendency among the Lodges to borrow books from Headquarters, either as a temporary addition to their own lending libraries, or occasionally asking for several copies of the standard works for use in study classes. In its annual report the National Central Library, which supplies books on demand to all the public libraries in England, made special mention of our Library (among a few others) as having rendered particularly valuable service. The books belonging to the former London Centre of the Theosophical World University have been presented to Headquarters. Many of them have now been incorporated in either the Reference or Lending departments, where they are available to students of the Theosophical Research Centre and others in the usual way. An attractive leaflet has been produced giving particulars of the Library and its services; it seems to be a useful form of publicity. A Book Plate has also been designed and printed.

*Workers.*—We offer as before our very cordial thanks to the fine staff at Headquarters, and all those voluntary workers throughout the country who so devotedly serve The Theosophical Society in one way or another. They are indeed a strength and an inspiration.

*Conclusion.*—There is no doubt of the influence that The Society can be in each and every country to point the way to a fairer future because of the

clear ideals it holds and strives to live.

JOSEPHINE RANSOM,  
General Secretary.

## T. S. IN INDIA

### *To the President, the T. S.*

The chief event of the year is the enthusiastic efforts of the President of The Society to put new life into the movement and it is quite true that that will depend upon the deep study of Theosophy and its use in interpreting the religions and in solving the problems of the people in its light. There seems to be a tendency among the newer members to be satisfied with a very limited study of Theosophy while in the earlier years of The Society the members studied with avidity all the available literature of Theosophy. They also were very often deep students of their own religions and with the help of Theosophy were able to give the inner meanings of their own religious beliefs. In India this need is keenly felt. We need experts in Hinduism who will study their Puranas, their rituals and worships, their social customs and laws in the light of Theosophy and put the results of their study before the people to help them. So also for Mahomedanism. It is only the educated Hindu or Muslim and not the narrow Brahman or Mulla who can help Hinduism and Mohamedanism at this juncture by raising these to a higher level. The higher spiritual life is also necessary.

*General Outlook.*—Last year I had remarked that we were on the upward curve again. The figures for this year continue to support that view, but the progress is slow. Last year the adult admissions and revivals numbered 267 against 333 this year. The Youth Federation figures similarly are 95 against 105. The adult loss last year

was 366 against 329 this year. The Youth Federation has however lost 126 this year against 27 last year and its strength has fallen from 404 to 383. It is possible that this 126 includes people who had actually become inactive in the years before. But it is clear that Youth Lodges need much nursing and guidance at the hands of the adult Lodges, also that the Youth Lodges should be places of serious work and high effort. The youth are in the training to take up the responsibilities of the adults and their preparation should consist in deep study of Theosophy and their own religious literature and earnest efforts to live a higher type of life, in short, to be an example to the world. It is true that many Youth Lodges are keeping this ideal before them but it is well to reiterate it.

It appears that the Youth Federation finds difficulty in keeping in touch with its members. Many are soon lost sight of after their admission. Many come in but do not pay their small annual due after the first year.

*Constitution.*—The following changes in the constitution were made at the last Convention:

(a) A second para to Article II, Rule 20, was added:

"The Council will also from time to time enquire into the working of the Autonomous Federations and may revoke, cancel, modify or restrict the grant in such ways as it deems fit."

(b) To Regulation 21 at the end the following was added "made within 30 days of the order complained against."



(c) The Council limited all autonomies previously granted to the future five years, January 1st, 1935 to December 31st, 1939.

(d) The Council granted autonomy to the Bengal Federation from January 1st, 1935 to December 31st, 1939, and to the districts of Coimbatore *cum* Nilgiris, Salem, North Arcot, Trichinopoly *cum* Pudukotta for five years ending with Sept. 30th, 1940 on payment of Rs. 65 to the credit of the remaining Tamil Federation.

An important point of policy needs consideration, whether a paid official of a Federation should be allowed to represent it on the Section Council. His vote will always tend to be biased where his Federation finances are concerned and if there are several such officials on the Council a difficulty may arise at any time.

**Membership.**—The number of active adult members at the end of the year was 3,995 against 3,988 in the year preceding. The Youth Federation similarly had 383 against 404.

I compare the losses in the past six years below :

	Resignations	By Inactivity
1929	75	277
1930	58	621
1931	116	768
1932	59	544
1933	32	424
1934	58	237
1935	32	257

The total figure for 1935 is less than the total for any year before.

**Lodges and Centres.**—The number of active Lodges at the end of the year was 256 against 262 in the year preceding. The Centres fell from 23 to 21. New Lodges formed and revived remained constant at 4 and 10 respectively, but Lodges dissolved increased from 15 to 20. Similarly 6 Centres were dissolved against only one in the year before.

**The Youth Federation.**—The membership decreased from 404 to 383. *The Young Theosophist* has come out regularly. The Section contribution was raised to Rs. 300 but the latter itself is in a difficult situation just now.

The Secretary thinks that "the world is in need of an adult generation that will come down from its opium dens of abortive thought and set a better example in all walks of life." He thinks "we cannot expect to have Theosophical young people until we have Theosophical adults." Whether this has been written after deep thought and with a sense of responsibility may be doubted. It is the controversy of the seed or the plant coming first. After all the youth of today is the adult of tomorrow.

The real difficulty of the Youth Federation is its organization. Can an All-India organization be run from a mere central office without travelling lecturers and organizers? Have its members undertaken the serious study of Theosophy and the putting forward of solid unselfish results? The world judges us all, adults and young alike, from what we are and what we do.

I am grateful to the Joint General Secretaries for the work they have done in looking after their charges. It is hoped they will move among the Lodges to a greater extent where necessary.

**The Propaganda** has been detailed under each federation. People have need for and a desire to listen to Theosophy if it is properly put to them by qualified lecturers. In order to impress an educated audience the lecturer should himself be a master of his subject and also know what the religions and modern thought have to say on the subject. Consequently lecturers must themselves be deep students of their subjects. Then the lecture must be well prepared and properly arranged with proper notes. Immediately before the lecture there



must be quiet thinking on it. Every little adverse fact diminishes the efficiency of the lecturer. Lastly one must know how to advertise and how to secure a good attendance.

It is hoped that we shall be able to get Mrs. Ransom to do propaganda work for us for some time.

The Board of Lecturers scheme has not been carried out for want of funds and suitable lecturers.

*Our Public Service.*—All Lodges engage themselves in some kind of service to the public. The T.S. Order of Service should receive greater support. Theosophy must result in public and social service. Each Lodge might have a member specially responsible for this part of its activity.

It will not be possible to indicate here all the services rendered. But we might name the most important. The T. N. Girls' School and College, and the T. N. Boys' High School at Benares are ably conducted and are doing very useful work. The self sacrificing labours of Mr. and Mrs. Sanjiva Rao ably assisted by their staff like Messrs. Rama Rao, Damodar Prasad, M. G. Kanitkar, Dr. Phansalkar and others are responsible for them. In Gorakhpur Mr. Ayodhyadas is running a Girls' Middle School. The Madanapalle College, Kurabalakota Rishi Valley School, Kumbakonam Saraswati Girls' School, Adyar Besant Memorial School, Olcott Harijan Free School at Adyar, Coimbatore Girls' School, Alleppey S. D. Vidyashala, Trivandrum Sanscrita School, Savitri Girls' School at Ajmer, the Mirzapur and the Muzaffarpur Night Schools, the Allahabad Krishnashram School, the Indraprastha Girls' College are some of the results of the activities of our members. In all these schools the ideals of "Education as Service" and of building up a high character marked by plain living and high thinking must be prominently kept in view. Other services are free medicines and free

dispensaries and other social services. Many members take part in other organizations for helping the public. Municipalities and District Boards need the help of Theosophists to raise their work to a higher level of efficiency and disinterested public service.

*The Indian Bookshop.*—Detailed information was given last year. The business during this year is compared below :

	1933-34	1934-35	Decrease
Books imported	Rs. 26,069	Rs. 21,306	Rs. 4,762
Sales	Rs. 32,624	Rs. 25,608	Rs. 7,015

The Manager was absent on 3 months' leave and the business suffered as we had no competent man to take his place. The Manager says that the chief income of the shop is from the importation and sale of general books. When their import is restricted the income falls. This is his explanation of the fall. But there is a danger, the books may not sell and a dead stock may accumulate. So the policy adopted was to confine the import of general books to the orders given or to the books that are sure to sell. Some people think that our business is to sell Theosophical books and not general books and that we should confine our business to the latter only. But the policy adopted was to meet extraordinary business condition. The Council should decide what policy should be followed and should take into account the experience of the T. P. H., Adyar, in coming to a conclusion. I quite agree with the Manager in thinking that Theosophical books are not in demand now. The purchasers are very few. He got 12 copies of an important new book for the North Indian Theosophical Conference and could sell hardly half a dozen copies. In that week of the Conference half the sales were of general books.

The Manager complains of the absence of an understudy to take his place in his temporary absences.

He complains of the absence of efficient accountant and clerk. If the council decides to sell general books this point will have to be attended to and profits are not certain. Some members of the Council wanted to have a budget for the bookshop. There can be no budget for a trading concern except for the staff, rent and ordinary contingencies. The staff consists of a manager on Rs. 100. The accountant's allowance in my predecessor's time was Rs. 20 p.m. and the clerk's pay was Rs. 37 p.m. These have not been exceeded. The peon gets Rs. 14 p.m. and the house rent is fixed at Rs. 30 p.m. The year's working resulted in a loss of Rs. 73-9-3. The shop has to pay a pension of Rs. 240 a year to an old clerk under the terms of its transfer. At the end of the year the Shop is worth Rs. 23,386 as against Rs. 23,459, in the year before.

*Finance.*—The Budget for the year had estimated a deficit of Rs. 710. As the feeling in certain Autonomous Federations against the proposal of raising the section contribution from Rs. 1-8 per member to a higher figure was strong the Council subscribed among themselves a sum of Rs. 412 to meet this deficit. Other subscriptions were called but the total collected towards the deficit amounted to Rs. 532 only. Much economy was practised and the salaries of some of the staff were also reduced. The year closes with a credit balance of Rs. 337-15-6. But the old deficit of Rs. 2,518-7-2 of 1932-33 has to be remembered. It has been reduced by the last year's surplus balance of Rs. 438-15-4 to Rs. 2,079-7-10. It will be further reduced to 1,741-8-4 by this year's small closing balance. But the members have to remember that in order to make both ends meet the Section has to be starved in various directions and this must tell upon its growth. The Autonomous Federations pay nothing for the Section Headquarters, the

Rs. 1-8 they pay being not even sufficient for their Adyar share and for the magazine. The Capital Reserve Fund should not be touched and should be reserved for unforeseen emergencies.

*Theosophy in India.*—This has been managed very economically and we spent about Rs. 1,333 on its printing and postage. We do not take into account, the clerical labour, labels, covers and despatching. We brought out only 9 numbers and sent it only to those whose arrears were not overdue for more than six months. The magazine published useful matter and was appreciated generally.

*Headquarters.*—We have not been able to provide anything for depreciation though I drew attention to it in my last year's report. The residential quarters are very weak buildings. They will need rebuilding sooner or later. The furniture has to be written down to about 3,500 as pointed out last year and the Council should authorize this being done.

About '40 of an acre land of the Section is leased out to the Theosophical National Girls' School and College on an annual rent of Rs. 300. With regard to this the Council last year appointed a Committee to report and its report will be separately submitted for the orders of the Council. That matter must be regularised without any delay.

All round on four sides we are surrounded by buildings and people are stealthily trying to create easements. I closed some holes. But we must raise our compound walls all round to prevent such possible easements. But some of these outside houses are three storeys high. Money is needed for this. We may also have to undertake some litigation occasionally.

*Self-owned Lodge Buildings.*—The Jhansi Lodge has not repaid the loan of Rs. 300 made to it to settle a complication about its Lodge building.

I will again draw attention to my remarks of last year. Sometimes a Lodge breaks up, all members leave the place and there is nobody to take care of a Lodge building. Sometimes the Lodge building is grabbed by the last remaining member of the Lodge. Sometimes members think that because they have nominally made the General Secretary the owner of the building, the Indian Section should contribute to the repairs of the building. No encumbered Lodge building should be transferred to the Indian Section and the latter can undertake or defend no litigation or spend money on a building. The Gorakhpur Lodge building belongs to the Indian Section and is managed by the local Lodge on its behalf. It was presented by Dr. Besant who got the original building from the late Miss Forster. The present one was erected in its lieu.

*General.*—Last year I remarked that there should be some organized method to put the teachings of Krishnaji before our members. I got no contributions last year but I hope in the coming year members will remember my request.

In closing I would express my deep obligation to my Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Baijnath Bhargava, who had sole charge of the building and repair work which he was able to perform very satisfactorily through the ungrudging and ever available free services of the Retired Executive Engineer, Mr. Shyamlal, the worthy son of a worthy father, the late Rai Sahib Ishwari Prasad who also rendered similar services. My grateful thanks are due to Mr. Shyamlal. Mr. Nandkishore Lal, Retired Deputy Magistrate, has taken up his residence at the Headquarters and has assisted me in office work and in attending to the litigation in connection with the Nafardas Roy estate. Babu Damodar Prasad's services are often requisitioned and he looks after the gardens and the electric installations. I am obliged to the School Staff for their kind help at the Conference. In my office Messrs. Ram Dour Lal and V. N. Sharma are competent and useful hands.

17-11-1935

PANDA BAIJNATH,

*General Secretary.*

## 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, 1935.

The year has been a satisfactory one for this Section, inasmuch as we have achieved a very good balancing of our income and expenditure, and in spite of still extremely straightened means, have not only managed to start a National magazine once more, but also to bring to our shores an International Lecturer of repute.

*Mr. Jinarajadasa's Visit.*—The happiest event I have to report is the visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa to our Section. He

stayed a week at each of the great coast towns on his way to Sydney, whence he had come at the request of the President to help in the settlement of difficulties which had arisen between the Section and The Theosophical Broadcasting Station 2GB. As he had to spend most time in Sydney, he was only able to spare Brisbane a day or two, before embarking for New Zealand and America. As always, his presence proved a great benediction and inspiration, and he has promised to return to Australia for at least six months in the New Year.

*Miss Mary Neff's Visit.*—We have also had with us for the greater part of

the year, and I hope for the whole of the next one too, Miss Mary Neff. Her visit was made possible by the generosity of friends, as for the moment the Section's funds were totally inadequate to meet such an expense. She has given from one to three month's courses of lectures in all the greater cities, and everywhere her work is spoken of with the greatest appreciation and warm regard. We hope to have a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Hodson in the spring of the coming year, and I have no doubt that Australia will greatly enjoy their visit.

*The National Magazine.*—The private subscriptions which enabled us last year to initiate once again a National Magazine have been generously continued. The little paper was named "News and Notes of The Theosophical Society in Australia," and I believe has been generally appreciated. At first it was issued monthly in roneoed form, and sent in bulk for distribution to the Lodges. This proving unsatisfactory, it was decided to issue it bi-monthly, enlarged and properly printed, and posted direct to every member from Headquarters. I have received letters of commendation from different parts of the world for our effort, in one or two cases accompanied with requests to be registered as regular subscribers. We cannot afford much, and it is quite a small affair, but I have striven to incorporate in it each time thoughts and ideas worth making our own, either from minds of past leaders or present thinkers, Theosophical or otherwise.

*Convention.*—The Annual Convention was held this time in Sydney, and was noted for the presence of Mr. Jinarajadasa who was unanimously voted to the Chair. The business session was almost wholly occupied with a grave and temperate discussion of the differences existing between the Section and Station 2GB.

An outstanding feature of Convention was the remarkably beautiful dramatic and scenic representation, done by Miss Marjorie Degen and the young people of Sydney, of George Russell's (A.E.) "The Avatars."

Mr. Jinarajadasa opened proceedings with an inspiring speech in which he likened the future Australia to the Athens of ancient Greece, and during a Garden Party at the Manor, gave a reading of some of his poems.

*The Youth Movement.*—One feature of our present work is the splendid young people we now seem to attract. In each of the larger Lodges here, there are such groups. They have been more or less co-ordinated by the issue of a little magazine edited by Mr. Bert Ferrie, named *Zest*. I believe it now has subscribers from beyond our shores. The Round Table also flourishes in one or two cities. In Brisbane the Round Table members, upon their own responsibility and cost, issued a leaflet upon the Abyssinian question which drew commendation from the Prime Minister of another State, and finally resulted in the formation of a large Youth Group in the local branch of the League of Nations Union.

*The Theosophical Broadcasting Station.*—Theosophical talks of fifteen minutes duration have been regularly given every Sunday over 2GB all the year round, as well as short talks bearing upon applied Theosophy during the week. A feature which has proved popular, is a conversation talk between Mrs. Osborne-Wilson, and Mrs. Arthur-Smith, each week, dealing mostly with questions affecting children from the standpoint of Theosophy.

*Radio Lodge.*—An interesting event this year was the re-formation of the first Radio Lodge in the world. It was largely formed from the Psychology classes which Mr. Harold Morton had been holding during the past year with great success. Most of the members



are new but enthusiastic, and they are trying the experiment of having no settled subscription but paying every due from collections taken each time. The Lodge has over 80 members on the roll.

*Statistics.*—There are 26 Lodges on the Roll, three having returned their Charters in this year, and one new one having been formed. There are 1,277 members, the register showing a net loss of 46. This is particularly gratifying, as owing to the passing of a new rule at Convention a large number of members who had remained perforce upon our rolls had to be reported to Adyar as lapsed. This was almost compensated for by the splendid number of new members, 150, who joined up this year.

*Conclusion.*—Altogether I think we have reason to congratulate ourselves upon the state of the Section. Members are coming in well and lapses are diminishing. We can look forward confidently to steady increases, both in the quality and in the results of our work.

It is clear that well qualified International Lecturers are of the very greatest help, though the teaching and training of the membership, once acquired, still remains our first problem.

With the assurance of our loyal and affectionate co-operation.

14-10-1935 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, 1935.

*Membership.*—During the current year 15 new members have been admitted, one old member re-admitted, 19 have resigned and 4 have died. This means a loss of 7 members, and the total membership is 611 as against 618 in the previous year. The number of active Lodges is the same as before, viz., 35.

*Lodge Activities.*—Lodge meetings and study courses have been going on as usual, and public lectures have been held whenever it has been possible. Study material has been prepared and sent from Headquarters to all Lodges who have wished to avail themselves of it.

*Convention* was held in Stockholm on July 11th and was immediately followed by our fifth *Summer School*, which was held at Viggbyholm on July 11-21. This Summer School, like the

previous ones, was led by Mr. E. C. Bolt, and was much appreciated by all who attended it.

*Publications.*—No books have been published during the past year, but some of the Campaign pamphlets we have received from Adyar, have been translated into Swedish and are distributed free at public lectures and study courses. Our monthly magazine is being published as usual.

Since the beginning of the Straight Theosophy Campaign a special effort has been made to make our propaganda work effective. Official reports of the Campaign have not yet come in, but we hear that in some places at least, our public lectures are better attended than they have been for a long time. We have therefore reason to hope that the decrease in our membership is only temporary.

During the spring of 1935, our Section was visited by Miss Glen-Walker, who gave several talks here and also by Dr. Kabraji of Poona, India. On the



last day of the year under report, we had the pleasure of receiving Mr. Jinarajadasa in Stockholm.

On behalf of the Swedish Section, I send to you and Mrs. Arundale

the loyal and hearty greetings of our members.

Stockholm,  
21-11-1935

ERIK CRONVALL,  
*Ag. General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

### *To the President, the T. S.*

I have the honour to submit to you a brief report of the activities of the New Zealand Section for the year ending 30th September, 1935.

*Membership.*—New members 26, rejoined 9, transferred from other Sections 3, resigned 19, died 17, lapsed 35, and transferred to other Sections 4. This leaves a total membership of 823, and 19 Lodges as formerly.

*Annual Convention.*—The 39th Annual Convention was held in Christchurch on the 27th December, 1934. It was attended by 24 delegates and many visiting members, and was entirely successful, being full of inspiration and power. The Chair was taken by Mr. T. E. Brown, President of the Christchurch Lodge, and in the course of business the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: The Rev. W. Crawford, General Secretary; Mrs W. J. Brooks, Assistant Secretary; Miss L. M. Stone, Treasurer, and Mrs A. W. Bond, Librarian. On this occasion, the General Secretary was absent on a visit to Adyar.

*Publications.*—It was decided by Convention that a quarterly News-Letter be issued by the Section to alternate with the quarterly official magazine, and that Mrs Crawford be appointed News-Letter Editor. Appreciation of this effort has been expressed by numerous correspondents who feel that a letter written over a personal signature brings them into closer touch with their fellow-members. *Theosophy in New Zealand* continues as a quarterly, and is sent free to members.

900 copies are printed, and in addition to the number given to members, 17 are sent in exchange to Editors, 45 to the Headquarters of other Sections, 54 to Public Libraries in New Zealand, and 36 to Subscribers.

*Vasanta Garden School.*—The School has again overcome its financial difficulties, and continues its useful work. Parents co-operate heartily with the teachers, and displays of work have proved most interesting, but the happiness of the children in their school life has been the best testimony to the success of this experiment in the New Education. The present attendance is 42.

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa. He travelled throughout the Dominion, and lectured in five of the principal Centres. Broadcast talks were also delivered, and in Dunedin a Civic Reception was accorded to him. He introduced the Ritual of the Mystic Star, and in Auckland a number of successful performances have already been given.

*Lodge Activities.*—There is unmistakable evidence that new life is pouring through the Society, and many of our Lodges are doing their best to carry out the Straight Theosophy Campaign according to the charts and schemes of work sent out from Adyar. Miss N. E. Ockenden spent nearly five months of her time visiting the Lodges throughout the Dominion. The Theosophical Order of Service has been re-organized by Mr. A. J. Mills, and is actively at work in the four chief

Centres. Lantern lectures illustrating Theosophical subjects have proved attractive, and the teaching has been presented in plays and symposiums. A lecture on Reincarnation by Mr. T. G. Queree has been translated into Braille for the use of inmates in Blind Institutes. The young people associated with the Society have also greatly helped in the work especially by their dramatic activities.

In conclusion, we trust that the Diamond Jubilee Convention at Adyar will prove to be a magnificent success in every way, and we send to you, and to Shrimati Rukmini, our most loyal and sincere affectionate greetings.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD,

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

#### *To the President, the T. S.*

Though we still have to report a slight decrease in the number of membership, yet the spirit of confidence in regard to the activity of this year as mentioned in my former report, has by no means proved out of place.

There is everywhere a renewed interest in our Message of Theosophy and we see ample signs of re-awakening and it surely must take its due time before those, who are newly interested, will add their names on our rolls.

We all agree, that it is not the quantity of membership which counts first, yet we may nevertheless hope, that increased exertion of the present moment may prove of such good quality, that it will show increasing number of membership also.

We registered 121 new admissions, 10 re-admissions, 19 transfers from other sections, making 150 incoming members. There were 148 resignations, 26 deaths, 12 removals and 8 transfers to other Sections, giving 194.

This makes a loss of 44 during this year which now ends with 2,057 members. Two Lodges were dissolved, so that the number of active Lodges at present amounts to 44.

This year there has been held at our Amsterdam Headquarters a very special meeting, called upon by Dr. G. S.

Arundale, soon after his election to the office of President of the T.S.

At this meeting of General Secretaries of the European Sections, twenty-two countries were represented, the President himself presiding. Among the many topics discussed, we then and there heard for the first time mentioned his wish to lay more stress on "Straight Theosophy".

We felt it a great honour to have our Headquarters selected for this unique international gathering.

This summer we also had the great privilege to have the International Congress of the Federation of The Theosophical Societies in Europe at our Amsterdam Headquarters. There were 550 delegates, coming from almost every country in Europe, as well as some guests from India and South-Africa. Besides these registered delegates there was also daily a considerable number of different guests.

There was one main subject for discussion, *viz.*, "How World-Peace can be established by the Practice of Brotherhood" subdivided in sub-titles in connection with the different aspects in Life, such as Religion, Politics, Social Organization, etc.

The true feeling of Brotherhood and friendship inspired all and every one present, giving a most happy time to all who had the privilege to attend.

For the first time we tried here the somewhat risky experiment of having a vegetarian restaurant for the visitors to the Congress under our own management and in our own premises, providing all meals-breakfast, lunch, dinner, tea—at a very really low price.

Daily 200 to 300 people took advantage thereof and the most valuable result moreover was, that the delegates remained together after the lectures, not obliged to spread abroad to have their meals elsewhere in town, and so could enjoy an unofficial and happy conversation together, so that many new ties of friendship could be made and old ones renewed.

This year all our usual different national Conventions have been dedicated to the preparation of this great international Congress, so that consequently the same subject with its sub-tiles was taken for discussions.

There was such a convention at the Hague where Mrs. W. Ros-Vrijman spoke on this subject of Brotherhood in connection with politics and Miss Selma Meyer in connection with the Peace-movements. Another convention took place at Groningen. Here also the same general subject was discussed, this time in connection with Education. Introductions were held by Miss W. van Wijngaarden and by Prof. D. van Hinloopen Labberton.

The usual annual convention of this Section was held during the European Congress, one day being reserved for it. Here the President's Questionnaire was discussed after a short talk on same by Mr. J. P. W. Schuurman. The President's message to the convention made a great impression and brought him into closer contact with all present.

A whole day of the Congress was also given to an International Youth Convention with the happy result, that a European Federation of Theosophical Youth was established.

During the whole Congress youth has been very active, gave us some

really beautiful and artistic plays, and thus assisted in the difficult and extensive organization of the Congress, helping wherever and when help was wanted.

A new feature to be mentioned is an exhibition, organized by the Brotherhood Federation. This Federation consists of a good number of organizations, all of them working in one way or other for the promotion of Brotherhood.

This exhibition was alternately held in different towns, Alkmaar and Leeuwarden having the first chance to try the experiment. The result has been that the organizers feel encouraged to try the same in the larger towns and so we will soon have such an exhibition at the Hague and also at Amsterdam.

The Theosophical Order of Service organized a gathering on the premises of Vasanta House at Naarden. A long list of annual reports was read, activities reported and discussed and those present felt more or less astonished seeing unexpectedly such an amount of good work having been done so unobtrusively.

At the end of the meeting the resignation of the Chief-Brother Prof. Dr. D. van Hinloopen Labberton was announced and the new incumbent Mr. F. F. Proctor appointed and installed.

The Section's Library at Amsterdam Headquarters now possesses over 13,000 books and has become a very important part of our equipment. Under the good and able care of our wellknown Librarian, Dr. J. W. Boissevain, it flourishes as a good instrument of propaganda and as an indispensable help for students of our philosophy. The reading-room is fairly well used.

Our Publicity Department has been very active under the able guidance of Miss H. Gantvoort. Very special attention has been given to Press organization and during Congress-days we had ample proof of its efficiency. At that time all the most important newspapers of

the country published unfailingly their daily reports of the proceedings of the Congress with photo's and other assessory news.

Large numbers have been distributed of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa's two lectures of last year (translated into Dutch). *The Future of Brotherhood* and *A New Conception of Theosophy* and also some other pamphlets were distributed in more or less greater quantities.

Taking into account the newly awakened enthusiasm and great activity

as the result of the "Straight Theosophy Campaign" we may safely conclude by pointing again to the distinctly renewed interest in Theosophy and it now remains to us to pursue our way steadfastly and bring our great Message everywhere, in confidence of its sublime beauty and to the great Messengers, who gave it anew to a suffering world now sixty years ago.

1-10-1935

J. KRUISHEER,  
*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN FRANCE

#### *To the President, the T.S.*

The year has been spent in making closer the links between the central organization in Paris and the Theosophical Centres in the Provinces. To this end, the General Secretary undertook quite a number of tours in which practically all the French Theosophical Lodges were visited, once or more.

These visits have led to the welcome conclusion that there is no lack of good will among the great majority of our provincial members, and that the old enthusiasm requires but a little rekindling to run into such fresh channels as the new Era requires.

Time has not allowed the General Secretary to visit the French territories of North Africa, where Theosophical work is carried on by several Lodges confronted with problems somewhat different from those which the Lodges in the Metropolis have to contend with.

The Membership return sent herewith shows that new admissions have totalled 206 as against 236 last year. But the losses, amounting to 260, are 76 units lower than during the preceding twelve months, so that the nett loss is only 54 as against 117 previously. The difference mainly bears on the item "Removal from the Rolls".

But as the rule followed in placing on the "dormant" list such members whose lack of interest has become evident, has not been altered—it could not possibly be more lenient—the improvement is a real one.

Four new Lodges have been chartered, two in Algeria and two in Indo-China.

Work at Headquarters has been carried on in much the same style as in the preceding years. Lectures have been given and classes held regularly to satisfy the needs and interests of members and enquirers.

The financial situation is characterized by a growing balance on the wrong side. This is partly caused by the fact that dues have been remitted to a larger number of members than usual. As the Sectional Magazine is still forwarded free of charge to such members, a positive burden is thrown on the Society's shoulders on that account.

The circulation of Theosophical literature as per data provided by our lending library and publishing concern, does not appear to be on the increase. It is sad to notice that the difficult times we are passing through, while forcibly directing people's minds towards the immediate problems of life, are apt to prevent them from paying



due attention to the very teachings capable of alleviating their anxiety.

The effort made in past years to attract young people to Theosophy through the Round Table Movement, has been continued with fairly good results. Thanks to the help of some of our juvenile members, this movement has carried on its activity in the customary channels, including the traditional Xmas tree for primary school children. A kind of nursery has also been organized on Sundays after-

noon, so that parents attending the Theosophical lectures can entrust their children to the care of Theosophists expert in the fine art of entertaining the young.

Our Section is looking forward to the Jubilee Convention as a manifestation of the Unity and Solidarity of the Society throughout the world, and sends greetings to all Sections there assembled.

31-10-1935

J. E. MARCAULT,  
General Secretary.

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## T. S. IN ITALY

### *To the President, the T. S.*

The social year 1934-35 has been particularly dedicated to the reorganization of the Section during which a complete revision of the list of members has been made after having cancelled the names of all those members who have not replied when requested to bring their membership fee up to date, nor asked to be exonerated from paying same when the offer was repeatedly made to them. Consequently, there are apparently 51 members less, nevertheless, the remaining 329 members are all active.

The spirit in which every Italian Theosophist has contributed to this reorganization has been tangibly demonstrated by the fact that, for this purpose, offerings have been made amounting to 4,552 Lire, that is to say, over 70% of the sum collected for membership fees. Thanks to these offers a duplicating machine has been bought by means of which there is now a wider distribution of circulars and diffusion of lectures and various other written matter. The two-monthly Bulletin, quite nicely printed, each number containing 70 pages, has also been published.

The magazine *Il Loto* has now come out again as a three-monthly

magazine with the under title of *Rivista di studi spirituali*, with the idea of its activity being more widely brought to the outer world. As a matter of fact, excellent collaborators are contributing to this magazine. The publication of the *Gnosi* has now been suspended. The Prometeo Publishing House has published an excellently printed new cheap edition of *At the Feet of the Master* which we intend diffusing most particularly amongst the general public.

The new Publishing House "Alaja" of Milan has issued a fine edition of the translation of a book by Powell entitled *The Etheric Body* and intends to bring out other books of a similar nature.

The work concerning public lectures had an excellent start with those held by Mr. Jinarajadasa in Milan, Trieste, Turin, Genoa and Florence which were attended by large audiences and left a most admirable impression. These lectures have been diffused in polygraphic editions. The work concerning public lectures has been continued especially by the Groups G. Cavallini, Florence—G. Bruno, Genoa—and Verita, Trieste. Other groups, particularly the A. Besant Group, Florence, have done active conference work among the



members and sympathizers, and meetings have been held where questions and answers were made.

Two new groups have been formed, viz: "The Sulli Rao Group" in Milan which has taken the name of one of the oldest and most active members of the Section and who passed away last March, and the H. P. B. Group, Florence.

The Yearly Congress was held in Milan on the initiative of the "G. B. Vico" Group. It was characterized by a study of the practical activities to take place during the following year of the Section. Most particular importance was given to the following arguments "The Theosophical Campaign 1935-36." A complete reformation of the Section Rules to be actuated in the following year. Reorganization of the Theosophical Order of Service, the temporary direction of which has been assumed by the General Secretary.

The General Secretary, along with two other members of the Section attended the European Federation Congress that was held in Amsterdam, a fact that has particularly helped to link up most fraternal connections with the members and representatives for other European Nations. These connections might have been followed up by an exchange of lecturers had not the turn which the international situation afterwards took,

caused this decision to be put off to some other date. The Section has been repeatedly visited by members of other Sections, especially by members coming from India, to whom a most cordial welcome was given.

We foresee that the work with reference to the Theosophical Campaign will be made quite difficult by the International situation which will demand great sacrifices from the Italian people in order that, by concentrating all their energies, they may worthily overcome this difficult and serious trial.

We do not think that any other limitations will arise outside those we must impose upon ourselves in consequence of the general situation.

Great help could be given us by other Theosophists of all parts of the world if they would only dispassionately keep to Dr. Arundale's message to the European Federation Congress.— "Every member of the Theosophical Society throughout Europe should be an unbreakable link of goodwill between his own country and all others, and against the muddy stream of suspicion, distrust, hatred and misunderstanding, he should direct the pure, and finally to be triumphant river of international comradeship."

TULLIO CASTELLANI,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN GERMANY

### *To the President, the T. S.*

The Annual Convention of the German National Society was held at the end of March 1935, at Erfurt. The National Council then elected is still in office. The seat of the National Society has been transferred from Erfurt to Hannover, where we are trying to build up a centre with every accommodation for conventions and

meetings. It was resolved to publish again a proper magazine for Germany, which appears monthly since May, in small size, but appreciated by its readers, under the heading *Theosophisches Leben*.

Owing to circumstances, of which the President is informed directly, we are not able to give the exact data required for the statistics form, especially

for the first half of the previous year. It seems that before the beginning of April there have resigned 34 members, and 13 groups are dissolved. Since May, one new group has been formed, three are dissolved, 19 are now in activity. Twenty members have been admitted, 23 have resigned, 346 are now known by address.

In the remaining groups the Theosophical work goes on in a quiet but steady way. Meetings with speeches

and interchange of ideas are hoped to bring together in an ever larger extent the Groups one with the other and with the council members. Culminating points of group life are the traditional memorial days of The Theosophical Society. Now we look forward to the Diamond Jubilee Day with determination and confidence.

EGENOLF V. ROEDER,  
*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, 1934 to September 30th, 1935.

This is probably the last Report we can send you from our Headquarters. The financial situation of our Society and of our members not having improved we shall be obliged to sell our Headquarters bought 5½ years ago partly with the generous gift of our late President Dr. Besant, and partly with gifts of members some of whom contributed making great sacrifices. The value of immovable properties having terribly decreased these latest years we shall probably get only a little more than half of the amount it was bought for, so that when the loan of the Bank will be paid, we shall have to reduce our work very considerably, without own premises and for some time probably without the possibility of giving public lectures at all.

*Membership.*—Apart from this sword of Damocles hanging over our heads, the past year may be called a prosperous one in every sense but the financial. It is for the first time since many years that the number of incoming members exceeded the number of outgoing. If we still have a decrease in membership it is due to the step we had to take in

removing from the rolls the names of 38 members who were in arrears with their dues for more than 3 years and who did not show any interest in the T. S., never came, never answered our letters, in many cases even their postal addresses were unknown. We have 11 new members on our rolls, (14 last year), the number of lapsed members amounts to 4 (29 last year), 3 died (3 last year), 1 transferred and 37 were removed from the rolls. On October 1st last year membership was 284, now it is 250.

*Convention.*—Our annual Convention took place on Oct. 28th, 1934. The weeks immediately preceding it great difficulties arose, which threatened our small Section with splitting and all the evils accompanying it. The last week just before Convention however, unexpectedly and like a miracle almost, everything settled down peacefully, and we had a beautiful, harmonious Convention with a record attendance of 77 (53 in 1933), at which I was unanimously re-elected as General Secretary for a term of 2 years. The previous difficulties proved to have been a real test for all of us, and once overcome, only served to link us more closely together. Our love, understanding and appreciation of each other have grown and are now furthering our work. For

ever since, our work is becoming more and more harmonious and joyful, and we are becoming more and more enthusiastic for the service of the Elder Brethren.

*Meetings.*—We had our usual general meetings for members at Headquarters, every Thursday from October 1st to end of May. The average attendance was 29. There were 31 meetings, of which 18 lectures, 6 Questions and Answers meetings, 4 Discussion meetings, 2 social meetings and Lotus Day festival. On Lotus Day we had a Rákóczi festival, thus taking part in the National commemoration of the death of Francis Rákóczi II in Rodosto, 200 years ago.

A new feature was introduced in the first meeting of every month. The General Secretary gave a short report of Theosophical News from all over the world, quite especially a summary of the Watch-Tower from *The Theosophist*. In this way the members, very few of whom are in touch with the Theosophical world not knowing languages, were being kept informed.

We have also improved the social meetings in so far that we arranged for some artistic or other performance for the amusement of those present, at each meeting. All these new features were greatly appreciated by the members.

Propaganda lectures were held at Headquarters every Sunday afternoon, from 1st of November to end of April. They show a great improvement in the average attendance, this being 69 against 58 last year. We continued having from time to time wellknown scientists speaking about their subjects which were afterwards elucidated from the Theosophical standpoint by one of our lecturers, as this experiment proved a great success. The lectures were about "The Man with Two Faces", "Subnormal, Abnormal and Supernormal Consciousness", "The Rôle of Spirit and Matter

in the Course of the Unfoldment of Humanity", and "Bodily Health and Spiritual Life". The lecturers all liked to come and speak in the T. S., they remarked how nice and inspiring it was to speak to a public which is so understanding and has such broad views. One of them, Professor at the University in Budapest and international authority, repeated his lecture given in the T. S., a few weeks later in a scientific Society at the University. In the course of that lecture he mentioned the T. S., and what interesting remarks and additions he got there, and in one of his diagrams he made use of suggestions made by our Theosophical lecturer.

During the summer holidays members met twice a week in the garden of Headquarters. Two members each time acted as hosts, and also looked after the spiritual side in so far that the conversation be kept at a Theosophical level.

We were fortunate to have three visitors from abroad during the last year. Professor van der Stok spent a few days with us during the Xmas days, and although he only spoke a few times to smaller circles, the help and inspiration he brought us is very considerable. All of us who were privileged to meet him are deeply thankful for his visit. Our other international visitors were the Austrian General Secretary and his dear wife who spent a week with us and gave 2 lectures for members and one public lecture, all greatly appreciated. Now we are looking forward to the long promised visit of our beloved President, in 1936!

*Publishing Activity.*—Our Publishing Activity suffered the same restrictions as last year. We could only issue circular letters to our members in irregular intervals so as not to give the impression of a magazine. Eight such circular letters were published during the year, taking the place and with the

contents of, our *Theosophical News and Notes*. But they fulfilled their aim of forming a link between the General Secretary and all members, keeping all in touch with Headquarters and our work.

Through the generosity of one of our members we were able to publish a Hungarian translation of Mr. Jinarajadasa's little book *What Theosophists Believe*, and this booklet fills a great gap in our Hungarian literature for enquirers and beginners.

Also we made a special effort for the Diamond Jubilee Year, in having the translations of all the Jubilee pamphlets received from Adyar, which were done by a few members during the summer holidays, duplicated as propaganda leaflets and distributed, each at the respective lecture, on Sundays.

*Lodges.*—The number of Lodges has diminished by two. One of them has been dormant for several years, and its work which consisted in correspondence with country members, is now being taken over by Headquarters by sending regular reports and summaries of the meetings taking place at Headquarters, to our members scattered all over the country where they have no Lodges, no Theosophical intercourse whatever, hardly even books as they mostly do not know languages, and the Theosophical literature in Hungarian is very limited.

The other dissolved Lodge whose activity has been that of a miniature

T. P. H., had to cease for lack of funds and consequent lack of work. Having no means for editing and publishing anything, their existence became illusory.

The remaining Lodges—(with the exception of one)—are now working with ever increasing energy. More meetings are held and on a higher level.

Besides all this, the Hungarian T. S. tried to carry out as many as possible of the suggestions of the President, for the Seven Year Plan and also the Straight Theosophy Campaign, realizing the great value of a united effort of all Theosophists throughout the world. May the Blessing of the Holy Ones find a suitable channel for spreading through us on all Humanity.

In closing my report I should like to express our heartfelt thanks to you, dear President, for your inspiring messages and suggestions which greatly helped us to do more work, better work, and do it more enthusiastically than ever. Please accept from me, in the name of the T. S. in Hungary, our deep love and loyalty, and our best wishes for a happy and fruitful Jubilee Convention. We shall do our best to celebrate it here and dedicate ourselves with all our heart and all our strength to the work of the Masters. May I ask you also to transmit our fraternal greetings to all assembled in Adyar for this great occasion.

FLORA DE SELEVER,  
*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN FINLAND

### *To the President, the T. S.*

The most prominent feature of the earlier part of the year 1934 was the *Presidential election*, in which the members of the Finnish Section partook very lively. Of the 376 members who had the right to vote 349 voted, and 300 ballots were cast for Dr. Arundale.

*The Number of Members* in our Section is growing regularly. In the last report the number of members was 385. 74 new members have joined the Society since then, 4 members have died and 7 have resigned, the total membership on October 31st, 1935, being 448, showing an increase of 63



members. We have also got two new Lodges, the number of Lodges being now 20.

The Lodges have been very active during this year, working in many different ways, studying Theosophical books and discussing the contents of them, or lecturing about different subjects with following discussions Theosophical entertainments with music and other items besides a Theosophical lecture arranged by different Lodges have been very favoured. All Theosophical memorial-days have also been celebrated. Such occasions have proved very suitable to bring people into contact with Theosophy and the members of the T. S. The members of the Lodges in Helsinki have had a man-choir and the ladies a handicraft club. The work among children has been successful in Helsinki and this autumn a youth-Lodge has unofficially begun its work. It is hoped that the Theosophical work among youth will increase during this Jubilee-year. This Autumn Dr. Arundale's book *Mount Everest* is published in Finnish translation and printed and it is distributed through Lodges and members.

The Government of Our Section has sent every month a *study-letter* to every Lodge and to every unattached member for distribution and discussion. Before Christmas the following essays were sent :

"The Masters and The Theosophical Society" by Fritz Kunz.

"The Inner Government of the World" by George S. Arundale.

"A Summary of the Presidential Declarations of Dr. Arundale, when he entered the presidential office.

"The Work of Christ in the World Today" by C. Jinarajadasa.

"Self-education and Power" by O. Hartcourt.

During the year 1935 the following study-letters have been sent :

"The Theosophical Society and the Path of Initiation" by Fritz Kunz.

"The Thought as Creative Power" (two Swedish translations).

"A Summary of Miss Glen-Walker's Speeches at the Summer School at Merila.

The members have been satisfied with these study-letters. Through them all members have been able to study the same subjects at the same time, which gives a feeling of unity.

Our Monthly "*Teosofi*", edited by Dr. W. Angervo and Miss Alli Aarni and myself is published regularly. It has contained original articles and translations from *The Theosophist* and other Theosophical magazines, and we are trying to inform our members of all Theosophical events and to lead them in the spirit of Adyar. During this year we have begun to translate and publish in the columns of *Teosofi* *The Secret Doctrine*, starting from that page it was laid down some 20 years ago. *The Secret Doctrine*, (II, Chapter XII)—We have also begun to send a summary of our monthly in English translation to every national T. S. as a brotherly link.

The Theosophical Libraries have been reorganized during this year. The Government have purchased back to the Society the so-called "Blavatsky-library", which was lost with the movables of our former Society. This library consists of more than 2,000 volumes, among them some very rare books. The Lodges have also purchased back their libraries from the liquidator of the estate of our former Society. The greatest Lodge-library is the "Theosofiska Biblioteket" in Helsinki too, which is older than The Theosophical Society in Finland, because it was founded in the year 1894 (worked as a Theosophical Lodge), and it has more than 2,700 volumes. The next one is in Turku the Theosophical Library, it having 1,487 volumes. Every Lodge in the country towns has its own library, greater or smaller.



*The Annual Convention* of the T. S. in Finland, with the traditional festivals and entertainments containing many Theosophical lectures, took place in Helsinki during the Easter holidays, 19th to 21st of April. On Good Friday evening a reception entertainment for members was arranged, at which occasion speeches and art items were performed. The official Annual Meeting took place the following day, the 20th of April. We celebrated this Annual Convention of ours with all its gatherings as our Diamond Jubilee Convention. The following cable was received from the President; "Brotherly greetings brethren Finland, hearty congratulations, progressive activity, everywhere Society responding new life impetus".—In return the following cable was sent to the President by the Finnish Annual Convention: "Forward with Arundale in Adyar spirit".—The most prominent occasion during this Convention was a Matinee on Sunday with good programme, among others music by a string-quartet, two lectures, and as a worthy close-up of the festival, the mystery play "Kaukomieli" on Kalevala motive, written by Willie Angervo and played by Mrs. Elbe Nissinen

and Mr. Jussi Snellman, well known artists.

*The Finnish Theosophical Summer-School* at Merila July 1st to 7th was a very happy and inspiring time for the partakers. It was Miss Glen-Walker, whom we have to thank for that. We had meetings three times a day, the most of them out of doors. Every morning Miss Glen-Walker held a meeting to tune the members to sound a special ray of all the seven rays and to devote herself through that ray to Adyar and to our leader Dr. Arundale. At day meetings Miss Glen-Walker delivered a lecture or answered questions. In the evening there was a third occasion, where our Finnish members delivered lectures on special subjects such as "The Spirituality and Freedom in Wagner's Music", "Dangers Always Threatening Theosophists", "Elemental Kingdom", "Major-man and Minor-man", "Yoga and Western Psychology". Happy and merry were the beautiful summer days we had Miss Glen-Walker staying with us.

Our best wishes to all members of The Theosophical Society.

ARMAS RANKKA,  
General Secretary.

## THE RUSSIAN T. S. OUTSIDE RUSSIA

### *To the President, the T. S.*

The "Russian T. S. outside Russia" sends to the President a message of love, of enthusiasm and of loyalty.

*Statistics.*—The "Russian T. S. outside Russia" has worked earnestly. During the year 2 members have left, 2 have passed away and 14 have entered. The gain is 10. We are 171 members.

*Lodges and Centres.*—We have a new Lodge in Rumania, the H. P. B. Lodge. Thus, we have 13 Lodges in all (in London, Paris, Bruxelles, Berlin, Reval (2), Belgrade, Geneva, Harbine, Shanghai, Tientsin, Prague).

The Prague Lodge meets very seldom and works more individually. We have also Russian Centres in France, in Poland, in Lithuania, in America on the Philippine Islands. Our members are spread on the whole world and we receive letters from Africa, Australia, Palestine, South America.

*Activity of Lodges.*—I. The Lodge "Giordano Bruno", in Geneva (President Miss C. Helmboldt) is meeting weekly, studying the Theosophical literature and the Russian history, poetry and traditions in the light of

Theosophy; Geneva is the Russian Headquarters and the T. S. members are working very much as members of the Council and members of the staff (*Vestnik*).

II. The Lodge "Alkonost", in Paris [President per interim (C. de Suzor having been ill) Mrs. A. de Syrtlanoff] met 3 times monthly. There have been public lectures, Lodge-meetings for study and open meetings for enquirers. The visit of the General Secretary in April was an event and her public lecture (The Problem of Suffering) a success.

III. The Lodge "Unity", in London (President Mrs. A. Koenig) met twice monthly for study and discussion. The Lodge has organized a "Russian Evening" (songs, reading, dancing) and sent the benefice to Russian Headquarters.

IV. The Lodge "The Fiery-bird", in Berlin (President Mrs. S. Erfurt) met weekly. There were 15 meetings of the Lodge and 12 meetings with guests and enquirers. There were 2 study-groups, one studying the Secret Doctrine; the other—the Science of Yoga.

V. The Lodge "Kitej", in Reval (President Mr. P. Raggis), met twice monthly. There were 8 Lodge meetings and 4 meetings with guests.

VI. The Lodge "H. P. B.", near Reval (President Miss Vidik), met regularly to study the Secret Doctrine. Once in a month the members joined the meeting of "Kitej" in Reval.

VII. The Lodge "Yaroslav-the-Wise", in Belgrade (President Mrs. M. Yahoutov), met weekly, studying Straight Theosophy. There were 23 Lodge meetings and 20 with guests and enquirers. The members of the Lodge have chosen each a special subject to study, so as to be competent in one field at least. There is also a very active group of the Order of Service.

VIII. The Lodge "White Lotus", in Brussels (President Mr. K. Ouspensky)

met twice monthly studying the Secret Doctrine and trying to throw the light of Theosophy on different problems. The book of Mrs. Pissareff: *The Hidden Sense of Life* was a great help for lecture and discussion.

IX. The Lodge "Russian", in Harbine, China (President Mr. V. Akinoff) met weekly for study and discussion. The Lodge studied various spiritual movements in the light of Theosophy.

X. The Lodge "Helena Blavatsky", in Shanghai, China (President Mrs. O. Vitovsky) met twice weekly for study and discussion. All meetings were open to enquirers.

XI. The Lodge "Russian", in Tientsin, China (President Mrs. A. Sokol) met regularly for study and discussion, but owing to difficult political conditions, there were no open meetings.

XII. The new Lodge "H. P. B.", in Hotin, Rumania (President Mrs. A. Essigman), is meeting regularly. It studies Straight Theosophy and the President's questionnaire. This Lodge is very interested in the question of a Theosophical community.

XIII. In Prague, the Lodge (President Miss M. Hovanetz), has suffered a great loss in the passing away of C. Sophia Tolstoi, a devoted member, who worked with Christian groups and who tried to show the light of Theosophy to the Russian Church's members.

The Lodge met only on solemn occasions, such as the 1st October, the 17th November, the Adyar-Day and the Lotus-Day; the members work more individually.

*Activity of Centres.*—There is a Russian Centre in Poland, working earnestly, meeting weekly and making a comparative study of religions and spiritual movements. There is also a healing group. We have also information as to Russian groups of T. S. members who meet for study and

discussion in New York, Alexandria, in Palestine, and on the Philippine Islands.

*Other Activities.*—Several of our Lodges have members working for the Order of Service. There is also a special Order of Service of Russia; members study Russian traditions, Russian philosophy and literature in the light of Theosophy.

There are Russian healing groups and groups interested in Arts and Crafts.

*Publishing "Vestnik".*—The "R. T. S. outside Russia" issues a little magazine, but it cannot appear regularly for want of funds. Our recent Number is the "Diamond Jubilee Number."

From time to time a Bulletin is issued, giving Theosophical news to members.

We have not been able to publish a new book this year, although we have some new translations, one being Dr. Arundale's *Mount Everest*, by the author of *The Hidden Sense of Life*, Mme. Pissareff, who received this year the Subba Rao Medal.

*Propaganda.*—The General Secretary, Dr. A. Kamensky, has attended the European Congress in Amsterdam and the Congress of the Order of Service where they spoke of Peace and Citizenship. She has been invited to preside over the French Convention in April and gave in Paris two public lectures, one in French, the other in Russian.

Two public lectures were also given by her in Brussels. In Geneva she gave 3 public lectures. In Locarno two. She attended also the Peace-

Congress in Locarno and spoke of a chair of Peace.

*Finances.*—The financial question is an acute one and we have great difficulties. Many members cannot pay their dues and many pay them partially. The number of subscribers to the magazine is very poor and we stand before the necessity of suspending it entirely unless we are helped to continue it.

*Summing Up.*—Last year, our Annual Convention was held in Paris. This year it was held in Brussels. There were delegates from London, Berlin and Geneva. We had a delightful message to the Convention from the P. T. S. and many good wishes from our Lodges and Centres.

There was a public lecture in Russian (The problem of Suffering) and 11 meetings for T.S. members out of which 2 were receptions. The "Monada" Community gave a warm hospitality to the Russian delegates and our meetings were held in the beautiful hall of "Monada".

The Russian Diamond Convention was a great success. The President's plan was accepted unanimously and important problems in the light of Theosophy were discussed. It was resolved to meet next year in Geneva, a week before the Theosophical World's Congress. So the year closed happily and harmoniously. We send our hearty enthusiastic greetings to the Diamond Jubilee in Adyar and we will be with you heart and soul.

DR. A. KAMENSKY,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

*To the President, the T. S.*

This report has little to tell about the small Section, T. S. in Czechoslovakia. It shows that we exist here,

live by own spiritual life, and we are cherishing hopes for the future.

Our chief idea here is to keep the Peace in Central Europe. In "The

Small Entente", *i.e.*, in the brotherhood between Jugoslavians, Roumanians and Czechoslovakians in their practical co-operation, we see the guarantee of the Peace in Central Europe. We believe that other nations will follow our good example.

In our Lodges many lectures were given for the members, about Theosophy; also two excursions into the Nature, with the lectures.

*Statistics.*—The total membership in October 1935 was 84; *i.e.*, 4 members

more than last year. They are organized in 7 Lodges.

However, we are here only a small group; we keep the Fire burning, which can be spread as the message of Brotherhood and Peace in Central Europe.

In conclusion, I send you on behalf of the members in Czechoslovakia to the Diamond Jubilee Convention, our loyal and affectionate greetings.

10-12-1935

JOSEF SKUTA,  
*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN SCOTLAND

#### *To the President, the T. S.*

It is with very great pleasure that I submit to you this twenty-fifth Annual Report of the Scottish Section.

On 1st May, 1934, there were 443 members on the active list. During the year ending 30th April, 1935, 16 new members joined The Society, 1 rejoined and 3 were restored from the suspended list. 5 were transferred to England, 7 have died, 11 have resigned, as against 28 last year, and 23 have been placed on the suspended list, as against 32 last year, leaving a total active membership of 417.

The number of Lodges is 27, and there are 5 Centres.

The outstanding event of the year was the very welcome visit which you and Mrs. Arundale paid to Edinburgh and Glasgow in October, giving a splendid impetus to the work to be carried out during the rest of the year.

Public lectures, study meetings and discussions were held by Lodges throughout the Section, but apart from these regular activities, successful lecture tours were arranged for Captain Sidney Ransom and Mrs. Lavender. The Publicity Department distributed nearly 6,000 copies of the B.B.C. Talk pamphlet with the help of members,

and some newspaper work has been done which it is hoped to develop further. During November an intensive week of Propaganda work was carried through, the speaker being Mrs. Josephine Ransom, who gave a most interesting and brilliant series of lectures, finishing with a Questions and Answers Meeting at Headquarters on the Saturday evening. Arising from these meetings a small study group was formed of interested enquirers. A Moribund Lodge has been revived at Falkirk which is now keenly active with some of its original members and five new ones added. There is every reason to hope that the numbers will continue to increase. A new Centre has been formed at Banchory, which is now carrying on by itself with help from the Parent Lodge at Aberdeen, and it is felt that before long a Lodge may be started here.

The Fifteenth Northern District Conference was held this year at Dundee on Saturday, 23rd March, when I gave a short description of my visit to Adyar, speaking particularly of the significance of our International Headquarters and all it stands for. The subject for discussion was "Is there an orthodox Theosophy?", several



members contributing interesting points of view.

Our Silver Jubilee Convention was held from 14th to 18th June. It was a very happy time and I think it may be said of the annual gathering that it gave ample evidence of vigorous life and of strong determination to carry on The Society's work no less earnestly and with no less efficiency than it has been during these 25 years that have passed. We were happy to have Mrs. Josephine Ransom with us again in the capacity of Convention President and to have the benefit of her long and wide experience of The Society's work in many parts of the world. Convention was attended by considerably more members this year than last, and we were particularly happy to welcome and receive greetings from Mr. Mitra and Mr. Bhawe as representatives of the Indian Section. The outstanding feature of our programme was the lecture by Mrs. Ransom on "The Eternal Truths of Theosophy" in which she unfolded in masterly fashion the ancient, yet ever modern, teaching which is the Science of Life. Making a definite link with our International Headquarters at Adyar, an interesting exhibition of lantern slides was given by Capt. Ransom. The final meeting took the form of a symposium by representatives of various Youth organizations on "The Movement I Represent—its Importance to the Youth of To-day," which proved of great interest and was a marked success.

I represented the Scottish Section at the Annual Convention of the English Section at Whitsuntide, and I attended

the 59th International Convention at Adyar at Christmas time. I have visited several of the Lodges for the purpose of speaking about Adyar and of the great work that is carried on there.

I feel that in the record of the year just closed there are signs that a transition has been made from one era to another in the history of The Theosophical Society—a change, it may be, to a new presentation of Theosophy and the adoption of new methods. Of the continuous and growing need for Theosophy in the world around us there is no doubt, and to supply that need is our purpose and our glorious privilege. In Theosophy we have that which is able to solve the difficulties of life and resolve the differences between men and nations. As there is new promise in the fresh flowing life within our Society, so may there be a new spirit of sacrifice and service—the willingness to spend and be spent for the cause of Theosophy which is dear to us.

The whole Scottish Section joins with me in sending affectionate greetings and good wishes to you and to all our brethren assembled on the memorable and auspicious occasion of the Diamond Jubilee Convention of The Theosophical Society. May the Elder Brothers, Whose Society this is, find us ever ready to the work and able to be used by Them in Their work for the world.

CHRISTOPHER GALE,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN SWITZERLAND

*To the President, the T. S.*

The most important event which occurred in our Section was the election of the new General Secretary on

the 7th October, 1934. As our rules did not allow the re-election of our so devoted General Secretary, Mrs. L. Rollier, who had been at the rudder of



the Theosophical movement in Switzerland for 6 years, the undersigned was appointed unanimously by the National Board for a period of three years entering upon his functions on the 1st of January, 1936.

May I, as the new General Secretary be permitted to address here a few words of sincere gratitude to Mrs. Rollier for the work she has done for our Section.

Two Lodges which never met any more have been temporarily put to sleep; the number of active Lodges is therefore 11.

The total membership continues however to increase and has actually gone up from 230 to 262; in previous years membership was decreasing but ever since 1931 new members have been joining, two in 1931, 6 in 1932, 10 in 1933, 25 in 1934 and 32 this year.

There are several indications that next year will show a still greater increase. Generally speaking the Lodges are very active and certainly very much more so after the inspiration they received from Adyar.

The Swiss Section has benefited once again this year through the visit of several lecturers, Miss Serge Brisy, Mr. Cochiu, Mr. Freeman, Miss Cecile Bayer, which the International Theosophical Centre invited to come over. We here express our sincere gratitude to the Centre for its assistance.

During this year several efforts have been made, especially at Geneva, to develop the artistic side and one or two representations took place.

A point which should be specially mentioned is the decision of the National Board to send out an appeal to the members of our Section to enable the General Secretary to go to Adyar for the Diamond Jubilee Convention. This was asking a great deal as we are small in numbers, but the necessary effort was made so that the General Secretary will come to Adyar in December 1935. He hopes that the

members who made this sacrifice will never have to regret it as this journey must be a source of inspiration and strength for the new General Secretary, and through him for the Section.

The Swiss Section decided to immediately follow up the suggestions made by Adyar. On February 17th our departed leaders have been festively remembered. In Geneva the different Lodges have on several occasions met together in a social gathering, thus greatly helping in the strengthening of the ties.

Until recently the German part of Switzerland had been, from a Theosophical point of view, rather neglected. From now onwards this part of our Country will receive special attention and to this purpose the Sectional publications will be more extensively published also in the German language.

Our Sectional Magazine has also undergone some alterations and Mr. Sassi, President of the Lodge "Antares" was appointed to take charge of the Editorial work.

A very great effort is being made towards the realization of the "Straight Theosophy Plan", details of which will be mentioned in the next report.

The difficulties mentioned in the previous report (the large number of spiritual societies, lectures given by outstanding persons of great intellectual power) continue, but the undersigned is very definitely of opinion that the Theosophical spirit is making headway and that The Society is well on its way towards a greater development.

Propaganda is being made by the aid of books, pamphlets and leaflets distributed in the house-holds and during lectures, etc. We are not lacking in ideas and in earnest endeavour but we do not have enough time and money at our disposal; there are, as a matter of fact, only very few of us who are able to give themselves entirely to Theosophical work.

The special note which the new General Secretary has been sounding this year is one of enthusiasm and he has been hammering on the value of this quality on many occasions, making it his special motto.

In concluding this report we wish to convey to you, dear President, our most devoted and fraternal greetings.

G. TRIPET,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN BELGIUM

### *To the President, the T. S.*

This is a year of Jubilees or preparations for Jubilees.

The Theosophical Society will shortly celebrate, at Adyar, its 60th anniversary. Next year our small Belgian Section will celebrate its 25th anniversary, and will do well to start at once to prepare itself for this solemn event. Our "Perseverance" Branch, celebrates its 25th anniversary on June 27th.

If last year was a year of sorrow and mourning, since we were saddened by the departure of our President and of several of our leaders, I hope that the present year will mark the beginning of a new era, which promises to be full of activity, under the direction of our new President, Dr. Arundale.

The activities of our Belgian Section have been conducted along practically on the same lines and at about the same rhythm as in the previous years, but I have noticed a greater vitality.

Our membership is at the present time :

...	381
New members	... 42
Deaths, resignations, radiations, etc.	... 32

thus showing an increase of 10 members as against the preceding year.

Our activities have principally consisted of lectures, preceded by musical programmes, due to the kindness of Madame Chapellier and Mdle B. Deseck.

We have had the pleasure of receiving several members from foreign parts, above all our President and Mrs. Arundale, who were here in September

last, *i.e.*, after our last General Meeting. In January, 1935, Professor Marcault, General Secretary for France, gave a public lecture as well as a lecture for members, and also spoke in Ghent. In December 1934, Mdle Dijkgraaf spoke in French at Brussels, and in Dutch in Antwerp and Ghent. Lastly, we will again have the pleasure of seeing Prof. Marcault here shortly, and Madame Kamensky will also pay us a visit.

Our general meetings on the first Wednesday of the month, continue to be well attended by our members.

We have been unable to publish the Belgian Theosophical Bulletin owing to lack of funds, but Messrs. Chapellier and Lemesre have courageously undertaken the creation of a periodical on Theosophical lines, although not exclusively reserved to this purpose, and entitled "Uranus". Special space is reserved in this for Theosophical matters and information generally.

The lending library fulfils its mission, thanks to Madame Jacobs. The book-stall run by Madame Polak, with the aid of Mdle Van Hulle, brings in a sum which although modest, is a welcome contribution towards our budget.

The ceremony of the White Lotus was celebrated with an even greater solemnity than usual. Monsieur Wage-mans, the eminent violinist, kindly consented to play for us, and with Mdle Deseck accompanying, a lengthy and beautiful musical programme was jointly contributed.

The artistic side has not been neglected, and the young members, under

the management of Mdle Serge Brisy, have made fine efforts. This is a promising field, which we think should be encouraged.

The concert given under the auspices of Arts and Crafts by Mesdames Deseck and Claes, was very successful, and we sincerely hope that we may have many more of such.

The lectures given by talented speakers, under the auspices of the Order of Service, under the direction of Madame Staedsbaeder, have drawn good attendances from among those interested in the Order and in Theosophy generally.

I am glad to report that, apart from a few lapses, which I hope are only temporary, the different branches, and especially those outside Brussels, have shown earnest and intensive work.

Our financial situation is slightly improved. Thanks to gifts and generous sessions, we have been able to amortize approximately Frs. 18,000 of our mortgage debts. Here, unfortunately, there is still a lot to be done, and it is disappointing to state that with a budget of Frs. 40,850, only Frs. 7,000 represent subscriptions. We have been able, these last years, to make both ends

meet and to continue our policy of amortizations, solely through the sacrifices made by a very small number of our members. It would be more in the spirit of real Fraternity, if all our members assured by a concerted effort, the success of our financial policy.

As you are no doubt aware, my friends, it is the custom in India to open the annual meetings by the following invocation, written by Dr. Besant :

May They who are the incarnation of Immortal Love, bless and protect The Society founded for the accomplishment of Their Will on Earth. May They at all times safeguard it by Their Power, inspire it by Their Wisdom and vivify it by Their Activity.

In taking part in this Invocation for The Theosophical Society as a whole, may we be permitted to ask Them to incline Their regards especially towards Belgium and towards our beloved Section, small, but nevertheless active, so that there may be opened to it a new era of increased activity and more powerful spiritual radiance.

GASTON POLAK,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

*To the President, the T. S.*

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report of the Netherlands-Indian Section of the T. S., for the year ending September 30th, 1935.

*Statistics.*—At the end of the last year there were 1,184 members on the active list. During the year ending September 30th, 1935, 116 new members have joined The Society, 1 has been readmitted and 2 have been transferred from other Sections; 43 have resigned, 12 have died and 8 have been transferred to other Sections, leaving a

total active membership of 1,240. There are now 26 Lodges and 9 Centres. The membership of these latter vary from 4 to 21.

*General Remarks.*—The general condition of our Section seems to be stabilized now. For the first time within the last 7 years, we recorded a gain in membership, though it is still a comparatively small one of only 4½%. The financial chaos in this country still remains and seriously affects great numbers of people. This is the reason why, though our membership is slightly increasing, the financial situation of

our Section and its several Lodges, is not improved.

Several Lodges, owning Lodge-buildings, were threatened by an execution and public auction of their property, and could only be saved by the help of the *Algemeene Centrale Bank*, an institution, which was established this year by the Section, with the assistance of some devoted members. We consolidated the situation for a period of 5 years and now try to do our best in order to pay, what must be paid, not to be threatened by an execution again. The dark clouds have not yet disappeared however and we must keep guard, that no catastrophe will come to us.

The general devotion and steadfastness of our members is satisfying, though the old enthusiasm has not yet reappeared. We hope, that the Straight-Theosophy-Campaign, which will be carried through in all Lodges and Centres, will stimulate the inner fire and zeal of our members again.

*Propaganda.*—During 8 months of this year we have organized a systematic campaign of public lectures, which we arranged beforehand and assisted by synopses and lists of books for reference, composed by our ablest speakers. We hope to continue this practice throughout this year and the next year too, for it seems that regular public meetings, held at 25 places in Java at the same date, are far more successful than incidental ones.

The propaganda for our ideals in the circles of the common country-men, also can book several successes. The work is progressing slowly but steadily and about 1,000 members have joined the *Pemitran Tjahja* (Brothers of the Light), which movement has the character of an outer court for the Society itself.

We now look forward to the visit of our sister and brother Hodson, who promised to be with us in March 1936.

*Magazines Published.*—These are the same as the years before, namely: (1) *De Pionier*, the Dutch Sectional magazine; (2) *Persatoean Hidoep* (the One Life), the Malay idem; (3) *Theosophie in Ned.-Indie*, the Official monthly Bulletin; (4) *Koemandang Theosofie* (the Light of Theosophy), the Javanese periodical magazine; (5) *The Correspondence Letter*, the presidential bi-monthly for Lodge and Centre-officials and interested members.

*Books Issued.*—The Theosophical Book-Department turned out a translation of *The Astral Plane*, by C. W. Leadbeater and now undertakes a Dutch translation of Dr. Arundale's new book: *You*. The books *A Primer of Theosophy*, by C. W. L. and *The Outer Court*, by Dr. A. Besant were translated in Malay and we now proceed with a Malay translation of *The Astral Plane* of C. W. L.

*Theosophical Events.*—In November we had the third gathering of Presidents of Lodges and Centres, which was very well attended and took us 3 days. We discussed the general situation, the finances, the propaganda for 1935, the improvement of mutual interchange of lecturers, the establishing of a Sectional library, and so on. It proved again to be very successful and efficient. The library started with donations of Lodges and private members and has some 500 books to begin with, which looks a fair beginning.

*The National Convention.*—As usual in our Section, the Convention was held at Easter-time at Malang (Eastern part of Java) and was attended by some 150 members. This part of Java has a comparatively small membership, so the Congresses, if held here, are always somewhat less populated. The meetings however were well attended and we all were in the best possible mood and very happy. Three members-lectures and one public lecture were held, besides the usual business-meetings, where the Section's problems were discussed.



*Education.*—Under the auspices of the Theosophical World University this part of the work is steadily going forward. Several new schools were started, also one for Commerce and Industries at Bandoeng. The general condition of our schools is reasonably good, but we are still looking forward to some increased interest from our own members.

*Other Activities.*—Several of our members take a good deal of interest in other movements with an idealistic purpose, such as the Scout-movement, Women's-leagues, Peace-movement, Art-circles, a. s. o. and spread there the Theosophical ideas and ideals.

The Order of Service also tried to come to new life again, the Chief Brother for the Netherlands-Indies doing his best to organize and stimulate the activities, but there is as yet only very small response.

*The Future.*—With the visit of our brothers Hodson in view and perhaps even the visit of our distinguished brother Jinarajadasa, who announced

his eventual coming to Java and will be most eagerly welcomed (perhaps with our Annual Convention in April 1936, which we will perhaps hold at the Boroboedoer) and at the top of it all, perhaps a visit of our President himself in 1937, we can only say that the future of our Section is, by all means, a very bright and happy one. Coming events cast their shadow forward, we feel, that these shadows of coming visits will prove to be quite beneficial for our Society in this country.

*Greetings.*—On behalf of the Netherlands-Indian Section allow me, in ending this report, to send you our fraternal and whole-hearted greetings of love and devotion and we all hope, that the Great Ones behind our beloved Society will bless you and our Society with all power, wisdom and dignity to fulfil the task we have to carry out in the world in Their Name.

A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,

1-10-1935

General Secretary.

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## T. S. IN BURMA

*To the President, the T. S.*

*Introductory.*—I take very great pleasure in placing before you the Report of The Theosophical Society in Burma, for the year ending 30th September, 1935, and to state that vigorous efforts were continued to be made to spread the Message of Theosophy in this country, and the year has been one of activity in several directions.

*Diamond Jubilee of the T. S.*—As this is the Diamond Jubilee of The Theosophical Society, it is well to glance very rapidly backwards and see how Theosophy took root in Burma. It was our President-Founder accompanied by Mr. C. W. Leadbeater who first brought Theosophy into Burma.

They came in 1885 at the invitation of King Theebaw. The late King Theebaw having heard of the work of The Theosophical Society in Ceylon for the cause of Buddhism invited Col. Olcott, who sailed with Mr. Leadbeater in 1885. On 24th January 1885, Col. Olcott had an interview with the then *Thathanabaing*, and delivered his first lecture on the 27th January, 1885 at the Shwedagon Pagoda in Rangoon. Three Lodges were then organized by Col. Olcott. They became dormant until 1897. In 1899, Colonel Olcott accompanied by Mrs. Annie Besant, and Prince Jinawaravansa, Prince-Priest of Siam, visited Burma. During this visit, they went to Moulmein, where they organized a Society for the



revival of Buddhism through the efforts of Mr. W. A. Pereira. The Sasana Dara Society which was then formed is still doing good work. It was in this connection and to revive Buddhism that *Buddhist Catechism* was written by Col. Olcott. This book has gone a number of editions, and is used as a text book in many Buddhist Schools in the Province. A Burmese translation of the same of the first edition of 1,000 copies were immediately sold out, and a second thousand is printed owing to a very good demand for the same. The Society has done a good deal for the revival of Buddhism in the early years of its existence, and we have amongst us many Bhikku members. The seeds of Theosophy then sown have been blessed by the Great Ones. During this visit, Mrs. Besant also gave several lectures in Rangoon. In the same year, Mr. Taw Sein Ko, a very earnest and sincere worker, a great archæologist, revived a Buddhist Lodge in Rangoon. In 1901, a Lodge was formed in Mandalay. In 1904, a Lodge was chartered at Meiktila where Mr. D. C. Chandra worked a great deal to spread the Message of Theosophy. In 1905, Maymyo Lodge was founded, and this has continued to work till today. In 1901, Mr. P. D. Khan of Colombo came to Burma, and delivered lectures which brought in a number of Parsee members. Olcott Lodge was registered as the Rangoon Theosophical Society, and soon secured its own building. It has been and is the principle Lodge in the province, thanks to the labours of Mr. M. Subramania Iyer, who worked and sacrificed for Theosophy for many years in the province till 1917. We record his great services to this Section. In this, he was ably assisted by Messrs. Teare, Rhode, Arunachallam, Bilimoria, Nebraj Talwar, Muniswamy, Dr. Manickam Pillay, Verhage, Arasu, Muthuswamy Pillay, P. Venkataraman, U Thein

Maung and Mrs. K. Hamilton. Amongst our recent workers were Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Leonard, Mr. T. R. Govindaraj, U San Mya, U Hla Maung, U Saw Hla Pru, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, and Mr. N. Anantan of "The Youth Lodge", Mr. D. A. Anklesaria. Mr. B. R. Rao, and Mr. K. R. Chari. We also gratefully remember our other workers, whose names are not mentioned. Captain W. C. Stuart, Mr. N. G. Cholmeley, I.C.S., Mr. B. Cowasjee, and Col. Green did good service as successive Presidents of Olcott Lodge. Among upcountry workers were Mr. J. N. Basu, Dr. M. Rajagopal, Mr. T. M. S. Achari, Mr. Sheo Pershad, Mr. K. M. Dorabjee, Mr. Kothandapani, and U Kyaw Hla.

In 1911, Mrs. Annie Besant, Mr. Leadbeater, Mr. Krishnamurti, Mr. Nityananda, Miss F. Arundale, Mr. Charles Blech, Mr. Van Hook and party visited Burma, and had a tour throughout the country. In 1914, Mr. Leadbeater was with us for over three months visiting all the Lodges. In 1935, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa and party visited Burma. Mr. Jinarajadasa had an extensive tour throughout the province. All these visits helped us to consolidate our work, and to spread the Message of Theosophy. In 1922, Mr. and Mrs. Cousins were with us on a lecturing tour. In 1924, Mr. Trilokekar came and delivered lectures in Rangoon and in upcountry. Once again in 1926, after the Jubilee Convention, Mr. and Mrs. Jinarajadasa visited Burma. His lectures especially in Rangoon attracted the largest audience for any public lectures of the kind. These visits gladdened and encouraged our members. In 1932, Mr. L. W. Rogers visited Burma, and in 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Warrington stayed with us for a couple of days. All this had the effect of making our link with Adyar stronger and stronger. We are now looking forward to the visit of our present Chief, Dr. G. S. Arundale, and

Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, perhaps next year. We record with love and gratitude on this occasion great services rendered to The Theosophical Society by all our leaders, and our member-workers in Burma.

*Membership.*—We had 119 active members and 111 Honorary Bhikku members on 1st October, 1934. There were 25 admissions during the year, resulting in present active membership of 144 members, besides the Honorary Bhikku members. After the Section was formed, 589 Diplomas had been issued, and 658 members passed through our register. Several have passed on to peace, while others left this country or resigned their membership.

*Lodges.*—No new Lodges were registered during the year, the number of chartered Lodges remained therefore at ten. The most active Lodges, however, were Rangoon, Maymyo, Youth Lodge, Rangoon, and Mandalay.

*Activities.*—On account of its position, Rangoon Lodge continued to be very active during the year. There were regular study classes on Wednesdays, the subject being "Secret Doctrine" by Mr. D. A. Anklesaria. On Sunday mornings, Mr. N. A. Naganathan, took up "The First Principles of Theosophy". Classes by Pandit Pakkiriswamy Pillay in Tamil on "Upanishads" were continued. We celebrated "Adyar Day", Dr. Besant's birthday, White Lotus Day, and our members delivered lectures during the year on Religion outside the Society. Mr. Shantilal held his musical concerts almost every Sunday. The Lodge premises in Rangoon were used by The Indian Philosophical Association, and The Burma Humanitarian League.

The Youth Lodge, Rangoon had a very lively programme during the year, and their work this year has been efficiently organized by their Leader, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, who is one of our promising workers in the province.

They had regular meetings, socials, and entertainments. Mr. K. R. Chari takes up the Youth Lodge Classes for study. Besides the members, there are a number of associates, and the entire work in this connection is an example for the older members. The good work in Rangoon is now taken up by Maymyo youths, and already useful work has been done by them. Mr. Govindaraj and U Hla Gyi deserve credit for success in this direction.

U Hla Maung continued to do good work in Pyinmana. U San Mya, and U Hla Maung were with us for some time. In Mandalay, Mr. Kothandapani kept up the activities, and our thanks are due to Mr. Dorabjee, U Kyaw Hla, Mr. Pani, and Mr. Comoro. In Maymyo, Mr. Govindaraj has been able to rebuild the Lodge during the year, assisted by our friends, and we record his services to The Society in this connection. We have now two buildings in Maymyo, and the new Building is named "Besant Memorial Hall."

*Library and Reading Room.*—Rangoon and Maymyo Reading rooms continued to do good work.

*Our Members.*—Our members take a very great deal of interest in all activities which promote brotherhood, such as Burma Humanitarian League, Scout Movement, Night School Work, and in Educational and Social activities. Among them may be specially mentioned, Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Mr. D. A. Anklesaria, Mr. K. M. Dorabjee, U Hla Maung, U San Mya, Mr. P. Venkataraman, Mr. S. T. Arasu, Mr. T. R. Muthuswamy Pillay, and Rai Sahib Nebraj Talwar. U Kyaw Hla has always been a keen worker for the revival of Buddhism in Mandalay.

*The B. E. T. Schools.*—The Boys' High School, the Girls' Middle School, and the Night School, worked by T. S. members, have again expanded during the year. The total strength in the Boys' School is now over 500, in the Girls' School, it is over 350, and in the Night

School, we have a strength of 90. It has added a great strain to our few workers, but the work this year has been more efficiently organized. These Schools are worked under our educational ideals, and though much more requires to be done, our work has greatly contributed to the credit of The Theosophical Society in the field of education. Mr. K. R. Chari and Rai Sahib Nebraj Talwar for the Boys' High School, and Mr. T. R. Muthuswamy Pillay and Mr. S. T. Arasu, for the Girls' School, and Mr. C. R. N. Swamy for the Night School, deserve special mention.

*Burma Humanitarian League.*—U San Hla, and Mr. C. R. N. Swamy spared no pains to make the work again a success in the province. The report of the League will show the progress of the work in the province.

*Propaganda.*—Section used to carry on the usual propaganda, and leaflets were distributed at the meetings.

*"The Message of Theosophy."*—The Message has been regularly issued during the year, and has been much appreciated by the members, but we want funds to keep up the Message, and to do more useful work.

*Finance.*—There is nothing satisfactory to report under this head, as collections are always irregular from our members. No progress can be made without sufficient funds, and members are requested to contribute their best for the cause which is so dear to their heart.

*Section Land.*—The land at Thingangyun purchased for the building of Headquarters remains in the same position. The work must still expand, and members must come forward in order to widen our activities.

*Visitors.*—We had no visitors during the year. The previous year closing found Mr. and Mrs. Warrington, who were much impressed with the work in

Burma, even though there was much room for expansion. Their visits added new life to our members.

*23rd Annual Convention.*—Along with the Annual Convention held in October 1934, we also arranged a Theosophy Week beginning from 21st October to 4th November, 1934, in order to bring more prominently "Theosophy" before the public. The meetings were successful, and attracted a good audience. The following were the subject of public lectures :

1. Buddhism in the Light of Theosophy.
2. Education in the Light of Theosophy.
3. Theosophy and Present Day Problems.
4. Essential Features of Ancient Indian Thought.
5. Mysticism in Many Lands.
6. Wisdom of the Upanishads.
7. The Scout Movement and International Brotherhood.
8. Teachings of Krishnaji.

Besides, we had socials, musical evenings, and entertainment by school girls and boys, and a special dinner.

*Adyar Convention.*—Mr. D. A. Anklesaria, Mr. Radakrishnan, and Mr. N. A. Naganathan, represented Burma at the International Convention.

*Conclusion.*—The year under report was one of activity and service, but the workers have always been a few. We want more men and money to carry on this great work, and it is our hope that our members will again come forward to take up the cause. Brothers, we have to realize that the work we are doing is small, but even there there is much room for improvement and efficiency. There is work ahead for every one of us if only we can see. We are offered the inestimable privilege of working with the trusted servants of the Masters, and let us be awake, and do our work of spreading Theosophy in Burma more than ever.

On this occasion we send our loving greetings to our President,

Dr. G. S. Arundale, Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, and assure them our co-operation in the service of humanity. May the Peace and

Blessings of the Great Ones rest on The Theosophical Society.

11-10-1935 N. A. NAGANATHAN,  
General Secretary.

## T. S. IN AUSTRIA

*To the President, the T.S.*

I have the honour to submit to you the Report of the Austrian Section of the T. S. for the year 1934-1935.

*Statistics.*—Though we have admitted 37 new members in our Section, nevertheless the number of our membership decreased again. It seems that now quite new types of people are becoming members, while former types often are changing their spiritual attitude by the different increasing influence of national and religious tendencies outside our movement.

So according to our regulations we had to drop 41 members who were dormant for more than three years.

*Activities.*—As to the fact that outside of Vienna only in Graz exists yet one active Lodge, it is clear, that nearly the whole life of our Section takes place in Vienna. Therefore it happened that every Vienna-Lodge is doing a special work and that many members of the Section are members or hearers of several Lodges.

The meetings of the Lodge "Alcyone" took place every Monday; different speakers lectured about scientific, social, religious and philosophical themes in the light of Theosophy.

Every Tuesday, our Librarian Ing. Theodor Korner (leader of the Vajra-Lodge) spoke for progressed students of Theosophy.

In the Vienna-Lodge "Gnosis" I delivered every Wednesday "Introduction-Lectures" about Theosophy as a course for beginners and guests. Every Friday the Lodge "Lotos" (Leader: Mr. Rolf Jessold-Karg) met, occupy-

ing studies of L. C. C.—themes and Theosophy.

Miss Elly Kastinger led the Art-Lodge; there she demonstrated in some lectures interesting views about the Old Mysteries of Greece.

The second Austrian Lodge "Gnosis" at Graz had to be cancelled, because its leader, Mrs. Paula Low, left Graz and Austria for an uncertain period. Its members found admission in the Lodge "Blavatsky" (Leader: Mr. William Ronney) in Graz.

I am very happy to tell you that in winter 1934-1935 two new Lodges have been established. The first of them is called Lodge "Paraclet" (Leader: Mrs. Paula Kemperling). Its members are studying in free co-operation distinct standard books of Theosophy. The chief gain of the work has to be, to give every member of this circle opportunities to express his own ideas and findings by speaking about special themes, taken from Theosophical books, chosen by the Lodge for common study. Another gain is to work, that members become more absorbed in *living* Theosophy.

The other Lodge, called "Alaya" (Leader: Mr. Hans Gobel) has the intention to cultivate really strong friendship between all the members of the T. S., arranging "discussion-evenings", social gatherings and little trips; and so the members of this Lodge aspire to acquire new interested parties of people at large in Theosophy or to influence dropped members of the Section to come back to the Society.



It is difficult to find out how many members are in every one of the Lodges because the whole Section is a well formed body of very good friends for whom Brotherhood is not only a word but a living reality.

*Propaganda.*—Because of the political situation in which our country is, it is not expedient for the time to make propaganda by public lectures. We do it from "hand to hand" and "mouth to mouth". This year we reproduced two pamphlets for our members: *Die Zukunft der Theosophischen Gesellschaft*, a translation of a talk with Dr. Arundale" and *Mitgliedschaft! Warum? Wie? Wann?* (also a translation). The booklet *Theosophie als Weltanschauung*, composed by myself, could be printed. It has to be a short pamphlet for interested people in Theosophy within the Lodge "Gnosis".

Our monthly magazine *Theosophische Nachrichten* brought extracts from *The Theosophist* and other English journals of the T.S. translated and published by Mr. Karl Riedel, our Secretary.

*Finances.*—Thanks to financial help of the E. S. and some noble-minded contributors we could make a new arrangement of the lighting in the lecture-room of our Headquarters.

As the result of the increasing poverty of the Austrian people and the diminution of our member-fees, it has been necessary that the free entrance to our intern meetings had to be suspended and that little gifts of every hearer had to be collected. Because of that arrangements and the offerings of some members it was possible to balance our T. S. household again and to publish my information-booklet, mentioned above.

At the end of my report I take the freedom to express the hopes of the Austrian Section and myself, that you, our beloved President, with Mrs. Rukmini may visit us as soon as possible to help our country and Europe in their spiritual needs.

21-10-1935 FRITZ SCHLEIFER,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN NORWAY

### *To the President, the T. S.*

1935 has been a busy year in this Section, and we strongly feel the new influx of power and inspiration radiating from Headquarters and the new President.

The Sectional Council has seen it as its first duty to weld the Section into a strong and unified body, trying to bring the idea of oneness and solidarity clearly before each individual member. In spite of very meagre means we have published our Sectional journal bi-monthly. Each number has 4-6 pages of extracts from Watch-Tower notes from *The Theosophist*, and we have tried to keep the members well posted as to

events and new schemes of work issued from Adyar and various Sections.

Our Norway Theosophical Publishing House has printed translations of the President's *Seven Year Plan* and *The Spirit of Youth*, which publications have been distributed free to every member and subscriber to our journal. In connection with the Straight Theosophy Campaign we have published the Campaign Chart and also the 12 propaganda leaflets in handy size.

During the year our Section has had several very valuable visits by distinguished workers from other Sections. In April Miss Jean Glen-Walker thus visited the three main towns on the



Western coast, Bergen, Haugesund and Stavanger, and also Oslo and Trondhjem. Everywhere she worked most enthusiastically amongst the members, also giving public lectures in several towns. She upheld the idea of solidarity and loyalty in all Theosophical activities very strongly, rekindled enthusiasm and eagerness in so many, and did on the whole a very fine piece of work. Dr. Kabraji from Poona, India, has also visited us, meeting members in Bergen and Oslo. In Oslo he gave a lecture, describing the immense value of Theosophy and T.S. in India, and also giving a vivid picture of Adyar during Convention. Dr. Kabraji is a very fine type of the international T.S. worker, uniting in him the best of East and West. The Section's old friend, Mr. Edwin Bolt, has visited us this year again. In Haugesund he had a 8 days' stay, giving public lectures and speaking to groups of members and interested. Quite recently the Section has been blessed with a short visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa to Oslo. He gave two lectures to members besides his E.S. work. It was indeed a great happiness to renew our acquaintance with the much loved Ex-Vice-President of The Society, who for so many years has been one of the great pillars of our T.S.

In August we had our Summer School at Hundorp in Gudbrandsdal, the 4th Gathering of this kind in succession. The School was very well attended, 65-70 guests, and had quite an international character, with members from England, Scotland, Australia, Sweden, Denmark and Iceland besides our own. Mr. Bolt lectured and held study classes every day, and several services in the L. C. C. were performed, also an Angel Service were held at the close of each day. A special report of the Summer School, written by Miss Clara Sheldon of Leeds has been sent to the President before, so I shall not repeat here. The School was a great

success, and everybody who partook in it felt enriched. The Section feels greatly indebted to Mr. Bolt for his yearlong work within the country's borders.

During the year my wife and I have visited Trondhjem, Stavanger, Haugesund and Bergen, having contacted most of the local members in these towns. Members' meetings, public lectures and meetings with interested non-members have been held. For several years there has practically not been any visits from Headquarters to the local Lodges, so this tour was rather timely and seems to have been of good effect.

A promising feature in the work is the many young people who have drawn nearer to the Society. In Oslo there is already a Youth group going, of which about 10 are already members. In Stavanger we had the pleasure to meet about 25 young people and talking with them for nearly 4 hours. A study group of about 15 is already going in Stavanger, and I am expecting good results from it. Also in Trondhjem several young people have joined the Society, and they are already beginning to take part in the work.

The various Lodges have responded enthusiastically to the Campaign Call, and are trying as best they can to fall in with the big Rhythm. In Oslo the two local Lodges are working together with the Section Staff to realize the Campaign.

The membership shows a net gain from last year of 18, having grown from 213 to 231. A special list is enclosed.

Several of the older Lodges are still very inactive, but an attempt to rouse them has been done, and more will be done in the coming year.

The Section's finances are rather bad, but we shall manage to keep not only afloat, but going strong, of that I am convinced.

The big event of 1936, overshadowing everything else will be the visit

of the President and Mrs. Arundale. Members from all over the country will plan to visit Oslo during this big event, and a great stimulus will no doubt be the result.

The Section sends warm greetings to the President and promises loyal

co-operation in the big and glorious world work of the Society.

7-11-1935 ERLING HAVREVOLD,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN DENMARK

### *To the President, the T.S.*

The past year has been a rather eventful one for the T.S. in Denmark.

Our General Secretary for many years, Mr. H. O. Sverrild, decided on account of illness and many personal sorrows to resign, and I was elected as his successor.

We have good reason for thanking Mr. Sverrild for the conscientious work he has done for the Danish Section according to the viewpoints he has about the objects of the T.S.

During the year it has been possible through an excellent co-operation to gather several existing funds so as to buy a fine big building in Copenhagen for the use of the work. One of the old pillars of the Section, Mr. Marius Andersen, left the physical world just as this matter was being put in order to a great extent through his endeavours. The said building is worth about 10,000 Kroners of which the T.S. has inserted about 2,500 Kroners. To begin with only one flat is going to be used by the T.S.

The initiation of this new T. S. Home took place at the Annual Convention on September 8. The Convention was very harmonious, and more delegates from the Lodges assembled at the meetings than ever before. The Convention was attended by the Acting General Secretary of the T. S. in Sweden, Mr. Eric Cronvall and several other Swedish members. It was very encouraging to receive greetings from the President, the General Secretary

of the T.S. in Norway, Mr. Havrevold, and several Scandinavian Lodges.

During the Winter also the Aarhus Lodge has fixed up a new very fine Lodge-room.

The vitality and interest for the work is, as far as I can see, increasing all over the Section. While the work of the last General Secretary has been mostly to try to create more life in the Section, I feel it as if new strong forces are playing through the Lodges and members so that my work looks like only a regulation of the already existing forces.

The number of members is beginning to rise. In my last report I told you of 396 members, while this year on October 1st we have 440 members. Furthermore a new Lodge has been formed by a young and very active man, Mr. C. E. Nielsen in Odense. This Lodge is the first on the island Fyen, where the T.S. until now has not been represented, although now and then lectures have been given by f. Eks. Mr. Lexow.

A good deal of connection has taken place between members from different Lodges. We hope the coming years will remove the last reminiscences of the artificial walls between especially Copenhagen and other parts of the country which have been a hindrance for many years here in Denmark for doing much good work. We suppose they must be removed first in the T.S. before the Danish national life can get rid of them.

In Nakskov Mr. and Mrs. Viking have as in many previous years had a Summer-school where about 30 members and interested non-members have gathered to try to tune in which Theosophy along T.S.—as well as other working-lines, f. Eks. the L.C.C. and like.

Near a little town, Mariager, in Jutland Mr. Th. Andersen who is President of the Aalborg-Mikrokosmos-Lodge has bought a fine small estate, where he has begun to gather people for the same "Centre-Work" as was done by Mr. Viking in Nakskov.

No new books have been printed, but our periodical *Theosophia* was issued regularly as usual during the 9 months of the year.

Two international guests have visited us during the year. It was a very great pleasure to meet Miss Glen-Walker—a new-old friend. She gave lectures in Nakskov, Aarhus and Copenhagen, and it was a great experience to speak with her about the most refined aspects of Theosophy.

And last but not least Mr. Edwin C. Bolt. It is quite impossible to measure the value of his work in Lodges and groups here in Denmark for the last 6 or 7 years. Through him we have met the atmosphere of "classic Theosophy". Furthermore he has brought to us plenty of details of the T.S. work throughout the world, so that people who were only more or less life-less "book-Persons" have become

real living entities. He has brought the Scandinavian members much more into personal contact to each other so that letters, telegrams, greetings are constantly flying from Lodge to Lodge all over Scandinavia—and from Scandinavia to England, Scotland, Finland, Iceland and other parts of the world.

He has made us look at Theosophy and the T.S. from a very high standpoint—and he has succeeded in "aristocrating" many of those members who are responsible for such influence.

We feel he is practising this freedom of thought which is constantly flowing through all real Theosophists and which our great Warrior-President has repeatedly asked us to maintain, if the Society shall live and flourish.

I hope that you and Mrs. Arundale, before I begin to write the next report, would have been able to visit Denmark, so that we may get the very necessary personal contact with our President. Until then we will try to tune in to you with the excellent gramophone record as medium and send you our very fraternal and good wishes for the new epoch which is initiated through the Diamond-Jubilee. We will to a very great extent gather all over the Section on December 26th at the exact moment when you open the Jubilee-Congress.

1-10-1935

CH. BONDE JENSEN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN IRELAND

### *To the President, the T.S.*

During the year 1935 there has not been added any new member in The Theosophical Society in Ireland.

Two members have been transferred from the American Section, and they

have joined Lodges in Belfast, Northern Ireland. We welcome these new members very warmly to our Section.

During the last few years a number of members have lapsed, and ceased to take any apparent interest in the work of the Lodges as the Society here; and

several who have been wavering have now resigned.

There still remain 88 members, most of whom are active. Several live in county places, far from their Lodges, where no interest is shown in the teachings of Theosophy and where the inhabitants are almost all members of the Roman Catholic Church who are forbidden to listen to such teachings, as to make any inquiries about them.

Again this year we had a Summer School—this time in the South of Ireland, in county Wicklow, which is called the "Garden of Ireland"; we could only get the Hotel for two weeks in September, which was rather late for some people, and we were specially sorry to miss a number of young people who were with us last year and made the School delightful; instead of them we had a good many who had not been in Ireland before, and we welcomed them very cordially and were very glad to make new links.

We are looking forward to a visit next year from the President, and we

are already discussing plans, to make the most of this opportunity. Immediately after the President's visit we hope to be able to ask some experienced Theosophical Lecturer to come and spend a short while in Ireland, to follow up in the new ground which we hope will be broken. In Dublin—in the two Universities there are hundreds of students, and it is imperative to get some young life into The Society here, if at all possible.

We are fortunate in having three members from Ireland going to the Jubilee Convention, and we will look eagerly forward to hear accounts of their experiences.

We share with all the World at present in almost insurmountable difficulties, but we also share the glad privilege of being members of The Theosophical Society.

J. M. NICHOLS,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN MEXICO

### *To the President, the T. S.*

This year, the Diamond Jubilee Year, has been marked in our Section by two uninterrupted external activities: the "Straight Theosophy" Campaign through series of public lectures, and the persistent preparation of the national mental ground for the reception of Krishnaji's message.

*Propaganda.*—The regular study work was carried out in every Lodge. Twenty-four weekly public lectures, all of them on Theosophical themes and intended to take Theosophy into the public mind, were delivered at the City of Mexico; and we are announcing the Jubilee lectures from the 10th to the 17th of November. Three of our lecturers, Dr. David R. Cervera, Prof.

Fernando Patron Correa and Mr. Fernando Bengoechea, visited Lodges at the interior, lecturing on Theosophy and strengthening the brotherhood ties.

Besides the Theosophical propaganda, we distributed mostly by mail to individuals and homes, mainly in cities where no T. S. Lodges exist, about 100,000 leaflets and Bulletins containing answers to questions made to Krishnaji, as well as some of his writings.

Our monthly Sectional Bulletin was regularly issued and distributed to 570 free receivers, our F. T. S. included.

*Visitors.*—Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Knudsen visited our Headquarters when coming to Mexico to attend the Lions



Convention, July 1935, and very kindly conveyed the Mexican Greetings to our Sister Section in the U. S. of America on the occasion of their Annual Convention.

Another most expected visit to Mexico was that of Mr. Krishnamurti who arrived in this country on the 11th of October, our General Secretary and a group of friends having welcomed him at the sea-port of Mazatlan, and accompanied by his two friends Mr. Rajagopal and Mr. Casselberry up to the City of Mexico, where he is still delivering public lectures. Our Government granted them a special permit to enter into the country without any of the legal restrictions, and the Governor of one of the Mexican States invited Krishnaji to lecture at the City of Tepic, on his way to or from Mexico City, which he refused to do.

As I happened to be the chief organizer of Krishnaji's coming to Mexico, allow me to refer briefly to his attitude towards this Section. In the first four meetings, specially intended to discuss "Theosophical problems" with F. T. S. only, we had no teaching at all except that against unity since we were taught that there is no possible alliance between Krishnaji and his friends and the T. S. and its leaders. Such problems were specially discussed at the third meeting which was limited to political attacks against our Society, our Leaders, our Section and even our General Secretary, labelling all of them as exploitation machines. Upon the alternative placed by Messrs. Rajagopal and Krishnamurti before the writer to leave either his work for the Society or his work for Krishnaji, since they considered both as incompatible, he, of course, decided to remain in the Society. Such words as exploiters and exploitation were tiringly repeated by Krishnaji under the influence, I think, of Mr. Rajagopal, an expert in exploitation matters, who had just before

intended to secure from us a donation extra of several hundred—dollars, besides trying to collect from the Section, as a whole, a personal Star-books debt of the writer.

We do not know whether in such an unexpected way might come to us some teachings we needed; however, as a matter of fact, almost all listeners, women especially, learned during those days to free their minds of certain cherished illusions about what would be the outer behaviour of high caste men like our two most esteemed Hindu guests. So, nobody paid attention to their unfortunate attacks; our local members remained undisturbed; the Section will, perhaps, grow stronger; and our guests continue receiving from T. S. members the best possible lodging, services and attentions of every kind. But we are feeling very disappointed at Mr. Rajagopal's attitude of cancelling without any reasonable explanation Krishnaji's promised visits to two cities, *i.e.*, Tampico and Guadalajara, which contributed \$500 each, leaving us, as organizers, the burden of refunding money already vested in the tour expenses.

On the other hand, Krishnaji's public work is proving most efficient for the present stage of transition in our country. He lectured during three Sundays at three different theatres fully packed up. Our long and persistent propaganda, as well as the opposition from the Catholic press, have been responsible for the avidity with which people is crowding the meetings and listening to his talks and his answers.

*Obituary.*—Among the four or five active members of this Section who passed away during the year, Mr. Daniel del Valle, former President of "Sirius" Lodge and well known artist-painter, will be long regretted. His art, his unmatched goodwill and earnestness, were a constant source of joy for us. He enriched our

Headquarters with eight oleo paintings of H.P.B., H.S.O., A.B., C.W.L., J.K., etc. So his remembrance will long persist among us.

*Statistics.*—Our active Lodges amount to 19, same as the last year, as one was formed at Chihuahua and one disbanded at Puebla. During the year, 28 new members were admitted and 32 members were lost by removal from the rolls, death or resignation. So the total number of our active members is at present 286 against 290 last year.

*Convention.*—Our last Convention was held at the City of Mexico on the 11th of November 1934, when the General Secretary was re-elected for a seventh period—this being the last one,

as he decided not to be a candidate for 1935. The next Convention will take place on the 17th of November 1935, after the Diamond Jubilee week. A gramophone record of our President's voice, just received from Adyar, will then be listened by all delegates.

May the Diamond Jubilee Convention at Adyar be the replica of the 1925 Jubilee Convention, as an exponent of the Strength, Love and Activity with which our Theosophical Society is fulfilling its role. For our President, all love and respect from the Mexican Section.

ADOLFO DE LA PENA GIL,

31-10-1935

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CANADA

### *To the President, the T. S.*

Our work in Canada has been distinguished for three years past by what has been called a Fraternization Movement, an endeavour to show as much Brotherhood for the members of other Theosophical Societies as we ordinarily do towards the members of Churches, scientific societies, and other similar bodies, which is usually as much as they will permit us to exhibit. We have had three of these Fraternization Conventions to which members of the Point Loma Society under Dr. G. de Purucker, members of the United Lodges of Theosophy, Los Angeles, and sundry other independent members have attended and with highly satisfactory results as far as those present were concerned. The great mass of Adyar Theosophists in the United States have abstained from these meetings, so that it appears we are not much better than our Church friends who are pleasant to the public, but cool towards the members of other Churches. We had a movement among the Churches of Canada started thirty

years ago which resulted ten years ago in the union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches into what is now the United Church of Canada, a powerful organization. At the time of the inauguration of the movement for union, in the course of newspaper work, I interviewed the head of the Roman Catholic Church in Montreal, a Monsignor, a man of great culture and scholarship, and a thorough gentleman. After some preliminaries I asked him what would be the attitude of his Church towards the other Churches. He drew himself up with dignity and replied: "There are no other Churches." I suppose that is the attitude of many members of The Theosophical Society. It appears to us in Canada that this is just the attitude to which Madame Blavatsky and the Masters are opposed. In the second volume of the *Complete Works of H. P. Blavatsky*, page 133, she has described an independent Christian thinker and concludes: "The author without belonging to our Society is yet a true-born Theosophist—a

God-seeker." Perhaps it would be replied that if H. P. B. were still living there would be no divided societies. But does that comment not answer itself? At any rate a Committee has been appointed to carry on the Fraternization Movement, Mr. Cecil Williams, formerly in the Welsh National Society, convenor, and perhaps in twenty years or so something may come of it.

It may be stated here, as I have reason to know, that the co-operation of the Adyar authorities in the production of the Complete edition of H. P. B.'s writings has created the deepest gratification among those responsible for this work. This is real brotherhood and fraternization in the best sense, and what has been done in this way can also be done in others.

In spite of the difficulties we have managed to maintain and very slightly increase our membership this year, from 340 to 345. Twenty-eight new members were balanced by as many becoming inactive through non-payment of dues, while five deaths were balanced by members admitted on demit. The only propaganda of a national character undertaken this year, apart from the Fraternization Convention, was the tour of Mr. Felix A. Belcher in the West, during which he visited all the Lodges and various isolated members in the Western Provinces. He particularly desired to bring before them his method of studying *The Secret Doctrine*, and succeeded in forming several classes to follow up his plan. As a result also many copies of *The Secret Doctrine* have been sold. This, we are agreed, is the backbone of Theosophical propaganda, for no class of readers studies it without finding satisfaction, and continuous interest in a book which in spite of its age is always up to date. There has been another outbreak from some who profess to think that we regard *The Secret Doctrine* as a Bible. It might be as well said of Newton's *Principia*, or of Euclid's

*Elements*. Such books merely enunciate eternal principles, to disagree with which marks the dissenter as an ignoramus.

Our membership continues to be affected by the hard times, which are still with us in spite of the newspaper reports of returning prosperity. The fact is that people have been drawing on their reserves, and now have nothing left, and there are as many people on relief and unemployed as ever. A recent change in Government in Canada has led many to hope for better conditions in business, but an article in the leading paper of Ontario, *The Toronto Globe*, suggesting that Russia should comply with the "Law of supply and demand," indicates that we are still a long way behind in our thinking. People have been living extravagantly, buying beyond their means, few families not on relief but are under mortgage embarrassments either for house or motor-car, and others are involved in instalment plan payments which leave them without cash for spending. The alleged necessity for amusement, sports, moving pictures, and other distractions, also absorbs large sums, so that the comparatively small amounts required to support Theosophical work comes last of all considerations when it should be first, at least with those who profess to be devoted to Theosophical interests.

We were much engaged in Canada with your announcement of a campaign for "Straight Theosophy," and it has been rather disappointing to find that we had an entirely different conception from yourself of what "Straight Theosophy" consisted. We have always identified Theosophy with the teachings and principles enunciated by Madame Blavatsky, in the *Mahatma Letters*, and in such books as *Light on the Path*, *Through the Gates of Gold*, *The Bhagavad Gita*, and a few other classics of that description. Your lists of books recommended are made up chiefly of books written since Madame Blavatsky's

death, some of which have interested our students through the contradictions they present to the original teachings when contrasted in parallel passages. We propose to renew printing these parallel passages for the benefit of those who have failed to detect these anomalies. A more recent list from Adyar was headed "Classic Theosophy," and we willingly endorse this list with the hope that we may not be regarded as considering ourselves as superior to our neighbours. Why not include all the old standard books in your list as well as the new ones?

It is greatly to be regretted that further attempts have been made to attempt a defence on Theosophical grounds of what is now called autoerotism, a camouflage which should deceive nobody. We have made a protest against this effort to defend the indefensible and trust that it will not need to be repeated.

Most of our troubles arise from the emphasis laid on personality and the creation of personages out of those who temporarily hold the stage for a little while. The anonymity of the Masters should teach our Theosophists a better code than that which has so frequently helped in our history to provoke dissension and division. One of the emphasized teachings of Jesus was his assertion that "if any man tried to save his soul, his psyche, that is, his personality, he would lose it, but that any man that would lose his soul for the sake of the Master Soul, the Christ, or Buddha, or Khrishna, he would have life eternal. Theosophists should note this passage.

Besides the lamented death of George W. Russell, known all over the world as the poet *Æ*, one of the greatest of the pupils of H. P. B., his friend and co-worker in Dublin, Daniel Nicol Dunlop, O. B. E., predeceased him on May 30. Mr. Dunlop in his later years joined the Anthroposophical Society, which he declared followed loyally Madame

Blavatsky's teachings. In Toronto we lost Joseph Hunt Stanford, a well-known Architect, Poet, Dickensian, and active worker in the Toronto Society of which he had been a former Vice-President. Another death of importance to Canadians was that of the great physicist, Sir John Cunningham McLennan, on October 9. He was Ontario-born, and had worked himself up from humble circumstances to a foremost place in the scientific world. He spoke for the Toronto Theosophical Society on several occasions, and was interested in *Secret Doctrine* suggestions on physics.

A strong movement has arisen in the United Church of Canada which resulted in the appointment of a committee whose report on Social conditions in the Dominion represents the most advanced views of any considerable body of citizens in Canada. The present economic system is recognized as having broken down, and a new approach to social organization is regarded as essential. It is also recognized that Russia and its policies present a challenge to Christian statesmanship. "The identification of wealth with the acquisition of possessions has led to an *un-spiritual view of property*," says this Statement of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service. "Unregulated competition for monetary gain, diverting effort in the quest for the common good to the enrichment of one at the expense of the other, is condemned." Russian Communism, in short, presents a challenge to the Christian Communities to do as well or better by their citizens than Russia is doing for that nation. Theosophy should have something to say about this, and should also seek means to give the Russian authorities a proper understanding of what Madame Blavatsky wanted to do. *The Key to Theosophy* sets this forth in the 11th and 12th chapters. The Russian authorities cannot be blamed for rejecting the later developments of The Theosophical



Society, embodying those elements of ecclesiastical rule to which the Russian Soviets, as well as Madame Blavatsky herself, are bitterly opposed.

In this connection it is peculiar to see an important Canadian newspaper like the *Toronto Globe*, commenting in a leading editorial article on the proposal to trade with Russia, and saying: "If there were any willingness to recognize the law of supply and demand the situation would be different." Some people have learned nothing from the Great War. The same paper gives a report of Sir Frederick Banting's complimentary remarks on the way that Russia has handled tuberculosis, and their superior hospital practice.

The Toronto Theosophical Society held a Jubilee celebration on November 18 under the direction of Mr. N. W. J. Haydon, formerly President of a Lodge in Boston, Mass. Over a hundred of the older members and former adherents of the Society met and spent an evening of reminiscence. Three of the Charter members of the Toronto Lodge still survive, Dr. Augusta Stowe-Gullen, Mr. Algernon Blackwood, the famous novelist, and the present General Secretary, who was unable to attend. Dr. Stowe-Gullen was the first lady to take a medical degree in Canada, her mother, Do. Stowe, also a charter member, having graduated in medicine in the United States, these two being pioneers in this respect in Canada. Fifteen of those present had been members prior to 1900. In Hamilton on November 12, the members assembled and the General Secretary gave an address on the origin and birth of The Society.

Our magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, has amazingly come to its sixteenth volume. We have all along expected each one to be the last, but its quality has raised up friends for its policy and they have supported it so far. We have printed enlarged issues in the four months August-November,

and gave large space to tributes to and articles upon George W. Russell, the great Irish poet-Theosophist and practical mystic; to the articles contributed to the Fraternization Convention, among which Dr. Mitchell's on "Theosophy and Mental Hygiene" may be mentioned as outstanding. Dr. Mitchell is a member of the Point Loma Society. We have continued our policy of publishing standard works of Theosophy in serial form, this year taking Thomas Taylor's Introduction to the Works of Plato, and Mabel Collins' *Through the Gates of Gold*. We may give a classic translation of the Bhagavad Gita next year if we survive.

The Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar and at London are to be congratulated on the excellent books they have been issuing, though a few also are not quite so good. I fear to name any favourites lest they be put down to the credit of our Canadian Press as was the case last year. Besides our Magazine, we have only issued three pamphlets—Mr. James Morgan Pryse's remarkable statement regarding H. P. B. as a reincarnation of Paracelsus; Capt. Bowen's very valuable article, "The Way Towards Discipleship," now included in his most instructive and striking volume, *The Sayings of the Ancient One*, a book which confirms the belief in the ubiquity, for those who quest, of the Ancient Wisdom; and a portion, complete in itself, of Thomas Taylor's Introduction to Plato, which has been entitled "The Vast Empire of Deity," a phrase in the essay itself. Other books of note that have come to us during the year are your own *You and Freedom and Friendship*, which, especially the first, marks a return to our earlier tradition; *Old Diary Leaves*, volume VI; Mr. Jinarajadasa's *Did Madame Blavatsky Forge the Mahatma Letters?*; the second volume of Mr. Kingsland's, *The Great Pyramid*; Dr. Alexander Iovine's, *A Fighting Parson*

and *The Lady of the Chimney Corner*, with its marvellous refrain, "Love is Enough"; the collection of letters issued by The United Lodge of Theosophy, *A Friendly Philosopher*, being the reflections and expositions of Theosophy by Robert Crosby, one of the first Theosophists in Boston Mas., who died in 1919, leaving this heritage of Blavatsky Theosophy for his survivors; the astonishing revelation of *A Guide to Glastonbury's Temple of the Stars*, which describes the earthworks in Somersetshire, England, laid down in 2700 B.C., or about the time usually accepted as the date of Abraham in Palestine, in which the signs of the Zodiac are portrayed with such affiliations of the traditions of the Holy Grail that, if established, orthodox religion must revise all its positions; *White Magic*, by Mrs. Alice A. Bailey,

a work well worth the study of anyone interested in the Ancient Wisdom; and *Concentration and Meditation*, an able and exhaustive work issued by the Buddhist Lodge of England. We are here tempted to mention Wilson MacDonald's great poem on the King's Jubilee, refused publication by all the Toronto papers, though said by their own critics to be the finest poetic tribute written in the Empire, which we printed in our May issue—*A Song of Empire*. No book about India and Occultism has had a wider circulation or attracted more attention than Paul Brunton's *A Search in Secret India*. There are important lessons in this book for all Theosophical Students.

ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN ARGENTINA

*To the President, the T.S.*

We have no important news to report.

Thinking that the list sent by ordinary post may not reach you in time, we have prepared the time table that we attach to this letter.

The Lodge "Paz" from Bolivia Republic did not send list, but she worked and wrote that the last General Secretary with the sanction of the Council permitted it to send only the list, and not the money, because the exchange of this country is very bad, as a result of the last war. But the list was not received, (after a time they will send money).

We have not stated the correct period in the list that we sent, but it seems to us that it may be: *1st July*,

*1934 to 30th June, 1935.*—The storm provoked by Mr. Krishnamurti's visit continues among few members. Dr. Folquer our last General Secretary continues the publication of *Kuntur* our review. We are preparing the publication of one Bulletin. Dr. Stoppel is the unique M.S.T. in Argentina, who would go to Diamond Jubilee but he does not know his final decision. We work for new Lodges in La Plata, Rafaela, Casilda, Parana, four cities of the Republic.

With our best wishes for all, our brethren in India, please receive our salutations.

9-10-1935 RAUL A. WYNGAARD,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CHILE

*To the President, the T.S.*

I have the pleasure to send you the account of the activities of The Theosophical Society in Chile during the period of July 1st, 1934 to June 30th, 1935.

*General Secretary.*—From the beginning of February till the end of August my place was occupied by the Vice-President, Mr. Francisco de B. Echeverria, because I have been out of the country, in U.S. and Europe.

*General Conditions.*—The situation is, more or less, the same that existed last year; however the number of members and sympathizers has grown and we have also noticed greater interest of the public for our teachings.

*Lodges and Centres.*—We have declared Lodge "Van Hook" of Concepción dormant and we feel sorry to state that one other Lodge must regulate its situation. Anyhow we still have seven of the old Lodges working and during the year Lodge "Krishnamurti" of Tocopilla, has renewed its activities and Lodge "Maitreya" was founded in Santiago; so that now we have 9 active Lodges. There are also two Centres working, one in Gorbea and the other in Valdivia.

*Active Members.*—We have 148 active members, that is 43 more than last year.

*Annual Convention.*—The 16th Annual Convention was celebrated in

Valparaiso, in February, according to our regulations.

*Library.*—The work of the Library, in Santiago, is one of our best activities, selling and lending books to the general public.

*Krishnamurti's Visit.*—This visit took place in September last, but the work for its preparation had been going on during the year.

We are sincerely pleased to state that, although Mr. Krishnamurti did not visit our Lodges in Santiago and Valparaiso and would not accept to deliver in them public or private lectures so as to keep free from any organized movement, they were the members or ex-members of The Theosophical Society that helped most to make this visit possible.

Our members also worked decidedly in the organization of the public and private lectures and in selling books.

Mr. Krishnamurti had the most affectionate and hospitable reception in Chile and his lectures received the greatest appreciation and attention of the public. The newspapers and the radio assisted also to make this visit a great success.

With best greetings to you and hoping to have soon the pleasure of seeing you in Chile we send with that purpose our most cordial and formal invitation.

ARMANDO HAMEL,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN BULGARIA

*To the President, the T. S.*

This year could be registered a specially intensified life in our general meetings, that were held every Friday under the chairmanship of the General Secretary. Sticking to the suggestions

received by the Headquarters, he was giving the members an outline of the Theosophical movement in the World, reading to them articles taken from the Theosophical periodicals and giving them the corresponding commentaries.

These meetings have been attended by members of all Lodges and by some sympathisers. The chief aim of these general conferences that were something like spiritual "Agapies", was to create a stronger union and harmony amongst the members, so that, as far as it was possible, a real brotherhood might be established without which Theosophy will be for us only a dead dogma.

The activities of the Lodges were this year quite varied and satisfactory. A group of the Lodge "Orpheus" took active part in the work of the other Lodges.

As regards publishing Theosophical literature nothing could be undertaken because of the economical crisis and the money shortage; for the same reason The Theosophical Society in Bulgaria had not yet got its own quarters, which has a negative reflexion on the activities of the same and offers an obstacle in the way of its propaganda. Last

year, however, a Committee was elected for the collection of funds in addition to those existing for this purpose and we hope that in the near future the Society will have its own home, thanks to the generous donation of Brother P. Moutafov who made a contribution of about £500, whose example will contaminate, we hope, other brothers as well. We feel it our duty to thank warmly the contributor who put the first steps on the ladder to the realization of our strong desire to have our own hearth.

From 124 members of last year—120 continue their membership, 4 have left the Society, one is dead and a new member has joined.

I beg to present to you, Dear Sir, the cordial fraternal greetings of all Bulgarian Theosophists.

1-11-1935

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 T. S. in Iceland for the year beginning from Oct. 1934 ending to Sept. 1935.

This year we have 195 members. Of these 169 have paid their dues. New members 4; Resigned 5; Dropped 6; Died 2.

Two Lodges have held no meetings. In the one case the cause was sickness of the President of the Lodge. Both of these Lodges I think will be revived.

Accordingly 4 Lodges have been active during this year. They all have held regular fortnightly meetings during the period Oct.-May. There have been lectures on several subjects, discussion, music and meditations.

We had a Summer School, led by Mr. E. C. Bolt. It was attended by

about 50 people, some of them not being members of our Society. The school was a great success.

The former General Secretary gave 6 Radio talks on Theosophical subjects. I myself gave 3 talks.

Last winter the General Secretary started a group, which had a course in bookbinding at Headquarters. This group has bound many of our journals and has done a great work.

Our Headquarters Hall had in many respects been severely touched by the tooth of Time, and so the Council of the Section decided to spend some money in repairing it, and now the Hall is like a new house, worthy of our great cause.

The Convention this year was held on 15th, 16th, 17th and 22nd of Sept. The first day of the Convention I had the honour to be elected General



Secretary of the T.S. in Iceland. On the 16th I gave a public lecture on the American philosopher and poet Emerson.

We have financial troubles in our Society and the spirit of the age seems to be against us, but we are going on with our work, and I hope we will be successful in changing the spirit of the age.

You have, dear President, all our good wishes. May you lead our Society to greater and greater honour and power under the banner of FREEDOM, EQUALITY and BROTHERHOOD.

10-10-1935 H. GRETAR FELLS,  
*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN SPAIN

#### *To the President, the T. S.*

I beg to send you the report for the year ending October 31st, 1935.

During the year, the life of the Section has been practically normal. Only a few Lodges experienced certain difficulties as a result of the political disturbances which took place in October 1934.

The General Secretary enjoyed the opportunity of attending the Diamond Jubilee Convention at Adyar, being the first Spanish member who had this privilege. Since then he has endeavoured to give the members a wider understanding of Adyar, being certain of how convenient it is that members should feel deeply attached to our great International Centre.

Our own Diamond Jubilee Convention was held in Madrid in July with great success. The public lectures, talks, symposiums, concert, etc., held in connection with it were appreciated by the respective audiences.

This month of October has seen the start of the Propaganda Campaign, which follows as closely as possible the lines suggested by the Propaganda Secretary at Adyar. Public lectures, under the headings mentioned in that plan, or nearly so, will be given in the cities of Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao. We have translated, and are about to publish, four of the Adyar Pamphlets. More of these will be

published if sufficient funds are available.

A new Lodge, "Murcia," has been started this year in the city of that name. The number of Lodges is now 24, as against 23 last year. The number of members is now 510 (521 last year).

The principal activities of the Lodges were as follows :

*Ananda Lodge.*—Its President, Senor Barroso, has given a course of weekly public lectures at Headquarters in Madrid.

*Arjuna Lodge.*—Has held meetings of a most varied nature : devotional, of study and commentaries, questions and answers, readings and lectures. The principal lecturers have been Senores Maynadé (President), De Via, Novella, and the sympathizers Martí Ibanez, Menendez and Francés. The Propaganda Department has issued a leaflet entitled *Do You Wish to Become Perfect?* original of Srta. Maynadé. Senores Climent, De Via and Torra have also delivered lectures at the Theosophical Club.

*Bilbao Lodge.*—In spite of difficulties from political sources, this Lodge has done excellent propaganda work and has published a monthly sheet.

*Hesperia Lodge.*—For the last two or three years, this Lodge has been trying the experiment of dividing its members in to three degrees, according

to their knowledge or abilities. The experiment does not seem to be very successful, as the members of an inferior degree hold back instead of feeling stimulated to study and pass on to the higher degree. This Lodge publishes its own Bulletin and supports a circulating Library that gives most excellent results. Dr. Alfonso has delivered a series of lectures, and Senora De Diego has given a course of Astrology.

*Madrid Lodge.*—This Lodge has been most active this year. It has held devotional meetings; has studied *The Secret Doctrine* under Senor Trevino's direction; has held meetings for members and sympathizers, in which the speakers have been Senores Garrido (President), Redondo and Trevino. The latter has given a highly interesting course on *Egyptology in the Light of Theosophy*. The former has made oral translations of *The Theosophist* for members. The three orators mentioned above have also delivered

lectures at Headquarters. The Lodge issues a monthly Bulletin.

*Valencia Lodge.*—This Lodge also suffered the effects of the political disturbances and was inactive until January this year. Since then a good number of public lectures have been given in its premises. The speakers have been Senores Sala (President), Herrmann, Pigmalion, Rigal and Ibarra.

The other Lodges not specially mentioned have carried on as usual.

Our magazine *Boletin De La Sociedad Teosofica Espanola* has come out regularly.

This year of the Diamond Jubilee of The Theosophical Society we hope the Adyar Convention will have an extraordinary success and will be a source of strength for all the National Societies. We trust a Spanish member will attend.

31-10-1935

L. G. LORENZANA,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN PORTUGAL

### *To the President, the T.S.*

I have the pleasure to send you the Annual Report of our Section, which is as follows:

*Publications.*—We published 1. Our Bulletin *Osiris*, (a number with the letters of President Arundale). 2. The Album Annie Besant and other leaflets (series Amadis and Education). 3. The leaflets for propaganda joined in a pretty little book. 4. The lecture of Mr. Jinarajadasa: *Noque crêem os Teosofos* (Translation into Portuguese of *What Theosophists Believe*).

*Lectures.*—We had lectures every Friday in our premises; once a month a course of compared philosophies; once a month public lessons about Theosophy; once a month a questions and answers meeting.

*Celebrations.*—We had six celebrations with music, poetry, songs, and talks, etc. They were:

The opening meeting.

The Adyar Day.

The White Lotus Feast.

The Maitreya Lodge feast offered to all the Brothers.

The Visconde de Figanière Lodge Feast.

The feast of sympathy to a former Gen. Sec. Mr. Salvador Marques, who is a great propagandist of Theosophy.

*Travels.*—The General Secretary went to Lagos (in the country), and gave a public lecture in the theatre and a talk to a little group of members who live there. This visit was at her own expenses.

*General Convention.*—Our General Convention took place on April 16th, in which our Statutes were revised.

*Death.*—On September 27th the founder of our National Section passed away to other planes of consciousness. Cor Oscar Garcão was the first Vice-General Secretary and later, the General Secretary of our Section.

By the same post, I send you the list of the Presidents of the Lodges,

the Form with Statistics, the application forms of this year and some copies of our publications of this year.

With best wishes for the Diamond Jubilee, kind regards and fraternal greetings, I am,

JEANNE SYLVIE LEFEVRE,

9-10-1935

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN WALES

*To the President, the T. S.*

For the inclusion in the Annual General Report, I have the honour to present to you a few extracts from our Annual Report, as follows :

*Thirteenth Annual Convention.*—Our Thirteenth Annual Convention was duly celebrated by a gathering of nearly 100 members from all parts of Wales and from other countries at Headquarters over the week-end of October 6th to 9th. We were more than fortunate in having our newly elected President, Dr. G. S. Arundale, M.A., LL.B., to preside. His sense of humour and keen enthusiasm captivated the hearts of all and inspired us to fresh effort.

At the Annual Business Meeting the reports and financial statements were duly adopted, and the thanks of the Society accorded to its officials. It was announced that Mr. Herbert H. Pratt, J. P., and Mr. Peter Freeman had been re-elected as National Treasurer and General Secretary respectively. Mr. D. Griffiths, P.A.S.I., was re-elected auditor, with the grateful thanks of the Society to him for his past work.

A discussion on the policy and programme of the President followed.

On Sunday, Mr. R. H. Spurrier, International Director of the Theosophical Order of Service, spoke to

members in the afternoon, and to a public gathering in the evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Arundale were present at a social evening on the Monday, when Capt. Sellon showed a cinematograph film of life at Adyar and Mrs. Sellon spoke on the work in America.

*The Opening of the Annie Besant Memorial Hall.*—The occasion of the presence of our President was also taken officially to open our new hall, which was duly performed by the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Alderman, A. E. Gough, J. P. In a gracious and far-seeing speech of good wishes for our future activities he spoke in high praise of Dr. Besant's world work and her devotion to great principles. Throughout her life she had stood for freedom and the search for truth, and he hoped that these motives would always inspire those who were carrying on her work.

Shrimati Rukmini Arundale spoke of Dr. Besant's work, particularly in India, and the great service she had rendered to the Motherland.

Dr. Arundale then dedicated the hall "to commemorate a long life of active service for the welfare of all that lives," and spoke of his 40 years' association with Dr. Besant and The Theosophical Society.

The General Secretary conveyed messages and greetings that he had received from many countries individual

members and friends. He stated that it was hoped that we would be able to obtain a bust of Dr. Besant to stand in the hall, in which would be inserted a few grains of her ashes that had been sent to him from India following the cremation.

#### *Membership Report.—*

Membership, July 1st, 1934 ...	308
Members joined during the year	10
Members rejoined during the year	1
Transferred from other National Societies ...	3
Total Increase	14
	322
Transferred to other National Societies ...	3
"Passed Over" ...	2
Suspended ...	20
Resigned ...	4
Total Decrease	29
Membership June 30th, 1935	293
Nett loss for the year ...	15

#### *Founders' Centenary Fund and Annie Besant Memorial Hall Fund.—*

We record our very grateful thanks to all Members and Friends who have contributed nearly £100 in all during the year to these two funds, thus lightening our financial burden considerably and enabling us to clear our mortgage more readily.

The provision of the new Hall will mean that we shall have an additional income of over £50 a year from letting, which will also help in this direction.

Our whole financial position is now in a much more satisfactory state, and with the continued generosity of Members will soon enable us to undertake greater schemes of publicity and organization than we have been able to do in the past for Lodges and Groups throughout Wales.

*Theosophical Enquiry Bureau.*—A Theosophical Enquiry Bureau has been started for the use of Members and Friends. There are six Departments as follows :

1. Library—Books—Magazines.
2. Study—Research—Meditation.
3. The Spiritual Life.
4. Health—Nature Cure—Diet—Relaxation, etc.
5. Psychological, etc.
6. Organization, etc.

*European and World Problems.*—A Committee has been formed in connection with the European T.S. Committee to consider European and World Problems. A "Charter of Human Rights" is under consideration.

*Our Diamond Jubilee Year (1875—1935).*—The past year has been one of changes and difficulties—all however, happily surmounted, and we look forward to the future with increasing zeal for greater service.

On November 17th the Society completes its 60th anniversary and thus celebrates its Diamond Jubilee.

Wales has decided to mark the occasion by carrying out as far as lies in our Power the "Straight Theosophy" Campaign inaugurated by the President of the Society, and many Lodges have already made provision accordingly.

On such an auspicious occasion we shall especially remember the primal, fundamental, purpose of our existence as a Society, and endeavour to foster and extend the ideal of Universal Brotherhood, giving to each and every one of our fellow-members and to all mankind the friendliness and goodwill that our existence demands.

October 1935 PETER FREEMAN,  
*General Secretary.*



## T. S. IN POLAND

*To the President, the T. S.*

The work of the T. S. in Poland during last year was in some ways rather a success. On the first gathering of our General Council we have decided to concentrate our efforts on the work with the public and with the active members of the Society, organizing, for the whole band of not very active members, only one Lodge under the skilful guidance of one of our past General Secretaries, Mme. Wrzesniewska. This decision saved much time and made it possible to our principal workers to pour their forces into more efficient forms of work.

The most important was the propaganda work, carried on by means of a Course of Self-Study and of so called "club-evenings". The first consisted in a series of lectures on the physical, emotional and mental vehicles of man, given by Miss Dynowska and by some specialists, invited by her. There were 20 lectures in this course, with an average amount of 35 persons present. The "club-evenings" were organized with the definite aim to dissipate the big amount of prejudices raised against the T. S. chiefly by retrograde parties of the Polish Society and by the Roman Catholic clergy. For these "club-evenings" we have invited lecturers from the ranks of the members and of non-members and chose subjects of general interest, on actual themes, or organized some small artistic performances. These evenings proved to be successful. The public was pleased by the general atmosphere of our Headquarters and interested with what we—the Theosophists—spoke on the subject of the evening. We thus gathered people in our rooms who would never come to the strictly Theosophical lectures.

The editorial work was started by a small editorial committee; money was gathered for the edition of a new book

chiefly by donation from its President. The work on *Thought-forms* of Dr. A. Besant and Bishop C. W. Leadbeater was chosen as the first book and the translation of it prepared during the summer months.

As to the work of members a new group was started to study physics and the problems of methodology in physics. It was guided by an young Assistant of chemistry a marvellous teacher, explaining the most abstruse subjects in a very clear manner. In this group an effort was also made to compare the occult investigations into the realms of nature with that of the new physics, what proved very interesting. The group was planned for a year, but in the spring it was decided to continue its work in the next year.

The Lodge "Action" did a valuable work in studying the problems of Nationalism, Patriotism and Internationalism in the light of Theosophy and the Polish social and political writers and poetry.

The work of both meditation groups—"the group of Healers" and the group of help to the best social and political workers, called "Amaranth Group" have carried on their work throughout the year. As to the work of the provincial Lodges—an intensification of Theosophical work was marked in Wilno and Lodz.

The culminating moment of the year were the days of May and June lived by our Society in a deepest unity with the life of Poland, raised to the unusual heights by the passing of her Chief and heroical Leader, the Marshal Pisudski. It was in that deepest unity of the whole nation that we discovered anew the real greatness of the Soul of Poland and once more dedicated our efforts to Her service. The Annual Convention was conveyed to that end, and the work of "Amaranth-Group" of meditation was carried on

during the summer months without interruption.

The Summer School was presided over by two young men—members of our General Council—and was attended by some 50 members and non-members

in a broadminded liberal spirit, and in an atmosphere of ease and freedom.

9-12-1935 STEFANJA SIEWIERSKA,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN PORTO RICO

*To the President, the T. S.*

The year just ended has, we hope, been the turning point in the crisis that has affected us profoundly. And let us hope that each one of us has greatly benefited through a deeper understanding, a clearer conception and a renewed vigour.

Our Annual Convention was held on Easter; we have begun this year to hold it at that time as being more conducive to better assistance instead of during the summer months when tropical hurricanes are always a menace.

Following the Presidential suggestions we planned a renewal of our active propaganda both through the

press and public conferences. As a preparation 14 talks on Theosophy were sent through one of our local radio stations.

We have adopted an extensive programme through October, November and December.

We have a few more active members, some old members paying their dues and 5 new members having joined during the year. So that now we have a total of 94 members, though, quite a number, 21 were exempted from paying their dues and 14 paid half dues only.

20-9-1935

A. J. PLARD,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN ROUMANIA

*To the President, the T. S.*

I have the pleasure to send you the Annual Report of our Section as follows:

There are 8 Lodges and 188 members.

The activity of the two Lodges of Bucharest, "Ananda" and "Activitatea," consisted this year of two groups of study. The "Ananda" Lodge has gathered its members in a group of study round the well known book of Dr. Besant, *A Study in Consciousness*, and the atmosphere of warm friendship of this group has been as valuable as the study itself. The "Activitatea" Lodge has taken for study *At the*

*Feet of the Master* and has brought together a number of new members and also of people from outside who have joined later on. The spirit of this group has been very different from the other. Animated discussions were accompanying the study, showing great interest and the evident desire of going deep into questions. Members of both Lodges have co-operated in the programme of public lectures held weekly at the Headquarters of the Society. Although the first two months of winter, the Headquarters have not been heated, on account of reparations of the heating-plant, people have attended regularly our meetings attesting thereby their

interest in Theosophy. Members of both Lodges have worked also for the monthly magazine *Revista Teosofica*, helping with translations, type-writing and money. Through their aid the magazine could appear this year also and spread Theosophy in every corner of the country. *The Revista Teosofica* is well appreciated and it is a pity that we cannot have more advertisement for it and thus spread it more.

The Lodges outside Bucharest which have worked more efficiently are: "Unirea" Lodge in Timisoara, "Vasanta" Lodge in Chisinau and "Staruinta" Lodge in Arad. The "Unirea" Lodge has had a beautiful activity this year also, although one of the principal workers, Mrs. Zinaida Toth, has been ill and could not animate, as she usually did, the work of the Lodge. Except the usual meetings for members and strangers and a group of study, they had as new events the publishing, in one of the local papers, of short articles on different Theosophical topics, and the forming of a group of young people who have recently joined the Lodge.

The "Vasanta" Lodge, in Chisinau reports a beautiful activity on the intellectual line. Four groups of studies have gathered regularly not only members but also non-members interested in the study. *The Mahatma Letters* and *Natural Theosophy* of E. Wood have been the books of study of the two groups; a third group has studied different systems of philosophy and a fourth one the history of Art.

The "Staruinta" Lodge in Arad, beside the usual meetings for members, has had a new group of study for people interested in Theosophy, and there are good signs of their joining the Lodge.

The other three Lodges have had a very reduced activity. The "Transilvania" Lodge from Turda, on account of its President who could not give much attention to the Lodge this

year on account of overwork and the "Egalitatea" Lodge in Cluj, on account of financial difficulties. But both of them report regular meetings of members. The "Leadbeater" in Brasov is the youngest of all as it was founded one year ago by Miss Jean Glen-Walker. Having only new members, they all relied chiefly on the President of the Lodge who did his best to give the first knowledge required, but, on account of ill health, he could not ensure a regular functioning of the Lodge.

On the whole this year has been a good one and was characterized by an increase of interest and the entrance in the Society of a number of people who promise to be of good help in the work.

The activity of this year has been closed with our Annual Convention which was held on the 10th of May in Bucharest. At the same time we commemorated the 10th Anniversary of our Society. The Presidents of Lodges and members from all over the country have attended the Convention even with the price of sacrifices. The profusion of flowers which has adorned the hall for the White Lotus Day, added to fresh ones, made a beautiful decoration. But still better was the atmosphere of unity and the enthusiasm which reigned throughout the 3 days of the Convention. A commemorative public meeting was held to commemorate the 10 years of existence of the Society and its founder, Fanny Seculici, well known in the Roumanian literature as Bucura Dumbrava, and was completed with a beautiful musical production, including Roumanian and Indian music as well as music of Debussy and Cyrill Scott.

The Straight Theosophy Campaign has been thoroughly discussed as well as the way to co-operate with it. It was decided that the pamphlets for propaganda should be translated and printed. It was also decided that a Theosophical book should be translated and printed.

According to the old members, this Convention has been the most inspiring of all our past Conventions and we hope that its constructive enthusiasm will last and inspire us throughout the coming year.

In the name of all the members of The Theosophical Society in Roumania,

I convey to you, dear President, greetings of love and loyalty on this Jubilee Year and assure you of our unflinching belief in the great future of our Society.

23-10-1935 EUGENIA VASILESCU,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN JUGOSLAVIJA

### *To the President, the T. S.*

In submitting you, our Great Leader, the Report of the T. S. in Jugoslavia for the period from December 1934 to December 1935, I am very happily charged, first of all to present you our most loyal allegiance and thankful gratitude for having especially privileged our T. S. Section respective our whole country by your wise decision to visit Jugoslavia too soon again, and in having "nemine cotradicente" consented also most friendly to let The European Federation of The Theosophical Societies hold their Congress at Zagreb in 1937.

"Hail! Hail! to Dr. Arundale" were the spontaneous and sincere exclamations of the throng having listened to the records of the profoundly inspiring President's Message broadcasted for the Diamond Jubilee Year of The Theosophical Society; "long, long may live our Chief, The President-Founder of the Diamond Jubilee of our beloved Society" were the deeply permeating expressions of the strong feeling of all those "fine Brethren" gathered very readily to assist most devotedly the National Congress and the Annual Convention to celebrate joyously at Zagreb too The Society's Sixtieth Anniversary on its Birthday November 17th.

Such harmonious rhythm permanently sounding the echo of the flaming thoughts of power and enthusiasm radiating "friendship and freedom"

from Adyar united us through the very success of the "Straight Theosophy" Campaign culminating further on December 1st, our "threefold Jubilee", as our biggest of the local News Papers *Novosti* respectfully announced.

This rather rare gift offered to us evoked our very desire in daring to surrender you our little gems, the youngest among us, our dear children.

Because "The Theosophical Society needs all that is best . . . and The Society shall have it", our hope, the children related to our members and their families, on June 20th with their speeches, lectures and dialogues, notably proved that they satisfactorily know Dr. Arundale's selfless kindness, Mrs. Arundale's holy loveliness and their uniqueness in brotherly friendliness; and that the next day, June 21st, the President's day of assuming his Presidency is becoming not only a great day in the history of The Theosophical Society, but soon the world over too on account of his most successfully achieving much of his "Seven Year Plan" already in this first one year. Theirs have been also the festivities on September 6th and December 1st not omitting May 18th the foundation of the "Golden Chain" in Jugoslavia.

On September 6th all our Youth vigorously participated in the rejoicings of the rare occasion of the twelfth birthday of H. M. King Peter the Second of Jugoslavia, the first one of his being the dignified successor



of the late King Alexander I. In their talks they very touchingly remembered the Boy—King's Anniversary, as he has the same age as our National Society itself, and in royal solemnity of atmosphere gladly emphasized the Silver Jubilee of the great Emperor of the British Empire, H. M. King George the Fifth and Queen Mary, having listened very attentively few months ago, May 6th, to the historically interesting explanations on particular God-Fatherhood Families' relations.

Yet, the threefold Jubilee date of this year, December 1st, linked us very sympathetically with the new and big organization which as the branch of the Children-Protection Union celebrated most successfully their first Congress at Beograd under the Honorary Presidentship of H. M. Queen-Mother who succeeded most graciously to unify all the Authorities, Movements and Societies as well as the single personages interested in the idea of protecting children, our youngest ones.

*Statistics.*—The increase of membership this year again, up to December 1935, we entirely owe to the frankly intimate propaganda in the sense of the "Straight Theosophy" following as we mostly could the President's connective Programme waiting the February last to confess as widely as most possible the "supporting of the Theosophical Cause before the world".

There have been put on our roll 33 new and 5 newly joined members plus one re-admitted, and having subtracted from them all four who resigned and one who died, as those three who have been removed, they leave the net gain of 26 respective thirty-one active members showing partly the result of the expecting effect of the splendid means of the "S. T. Campaign". At present we enjoy the total number of 258 as those belonging to the T. S. Section in Jugoslaviya, composed now of 14 Lodges and 12 Centres, the last ones having more than one member only.

Among the Lodges two of them "Blavatsky" and "Adyar-Besant" united into one, combining the aims of both, to work in the future under the name of "Blavatsky-Besant" carrying on the study of the "Secret Doctrine in the profoundest way. The new one "Ljubav" (which means Love) was established at Susak on the sea side by one of our devoted youth, Mr. Konrad Konec, who was very fond to visit the friends of the centre whenever any opportunity is offered.

It may be interesting concerning statistics the distribution of the membership figures. At Zagreb there are working six Lodges, and eight outside of the town, with half of all the members.

*Activities.*—The very valuable part of our work in the past term was the contacting largely the public. The President's "Letter to the Public", magnificently drafted, bravely introduced the season of "challenging" in which our Youth are playing a remarkable role having quite self-willingly taken the responsibility in several of the Society's celebrations and entertainments conforming even the subject of lecturing to the festival occasions as Christmas, Adyar-Day, Young Theosophists-President's-Day, on February, National Youth-Day, March 21st, and few days ago the Birthday of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, when among "Various Aspects of C. J." his poem "Two Little Cherubs" has been performed by our children of the "Golden Chain" and under the auspices of the Lodge "Rukmini", consisting of youth only who have been and still are impressively dominant and positively active in many directions.

The biggest and largest of our public gatherings this year was organized by the Lodge "Sava" for "the Armistice Day" in the hall of the Hotel Esplanade. Yugoslav Theosophical Society has been chosen by the Committee of the "Great Silence Day"

arrangements to act as host on their behalf. Three Doctors of law representing the League of Nations Association and other kindred organizations as their respective Presidents and Delegates dealt with the scheme on "Patriotism serving Peace". There was some music, at the beginning and at the end, by Miss Elvira Marsic, Professor of the Music Academy, artistically performed in Bach's Fugue and in "Pastorale" a composition by Dr. Dabisa Sisic, a young Theosophist who joined the Society as boy of twelve. Again we tried the experiment there by inviting some prominent well-known speakers and have been honoured by the attendance of Madame Jurisic, the wife of the Army-General, the Military Chief in the town.

The Summer Months, July, August and September we spent for a study class, culminating in the Summer School during the second half of July, contemporizing particularly the Programme of the European T. S. Federation Congress at Amsterdam. Two of our members, Miss Milica Gradisnik and Mrs. Frida Deutsch have been attending it representing the T. S. Section in Jugoslavia and her youth. May our utmost feeling of gratitude go to all our Brethren in Holland for their welcoming friendliness and sacrificing help rendered to my sisters and especially to Prof. E. Marcault, presiding over the Congress and the Council, and to the General Secretary, Rev. P. M. Cochius who have sent us through our delegates most respectably the invitation for the Congress of the Federation to be held at Zagreb in 1937.

To keep deeply the homage for noble co-worker of Dr. A. Besant, Bishop C. W. Leadbeater our good friend and one of the older members, Mr. Mijo Cazin has issued in translation the *Astral Plane*, being introduced few months earlier by the commemorating articles on life, per-

sonality and work of the great soul, world prominent clairvoyant, Charles Webster Leadbeater, appearing in the last number of our Section Magazine *Teozofija*, symbolizing the true service of love.

The benefit of an increased activity in the Lodges and steady growth of borrowers of books enabled our gentle Librarians, Mrs. Jelka Svobada and Miss E. Herzog to add several new ones and to offer a good opportunity to all eagerly interested fellows and lecturers.

The T. S. members have been richly rewarded by the uniquely fine impulse Professor J. E. Van der Stok magnificently transmitted in talking on marvellously powerful attitude of brotherly friendliness of our beloved President, Dr. George S. Arundale.

Prof. J. E. Van der Stok visited our country twice. For the first time he arrived on December 28th and stayed with us till January 5th 1935, paying meantime a visit to our Lodge "Istok", i.e., Orient at our capital, Beograd, where University Prof. and Mrs. Jovanovic offered their house to meet him and the T. S. members and for his addressing the Lodge on Theosophical subject, enjoying all together a happy and fruitful time.

So Prof. Van der Stok was the only guest of J. T. S. this year, because the other one Rev. Alfred Lattinger came from Graz, Austria, our very neighbour country, being invited by his brother living at Karlovac where there is "Jedinstvo", Unity, our oldest Lodge outside of Zagreb. His very interesting talks about his own experiences in connection with the Theosophical knowledge have been sincerely appreciated.

The second visit of Prof. Van der Stok on November 18th has found us in humorsomely good will of the day before. That was November 17th, the Birthday of our beloved Society. The whole audience and all acquainted

with the wonderful fact witnessed unanimously the effective and triumphant success of the Diamond Jubilee Convention we held on the said day.

May I be allowed to report about our two last Annual Conventions in comparison. Our eleventh was held on December 1934, and in 1935 the twelfth three weeks earlier; so our fifth and sixth Congresses. Both have brought us into closer and closer contact with the throngs of members and non-members. The last but one was attended by a fifth and the last one by a fourth of the number of our members. Concerning the Representatives of the Authorities and the delegates of the other Societies and Organizations: The Congress in 1934 has been attended by the representative of the Military Chiefs, Army-General Dr. Velimir Radojkic and this one of 1935 by the representative of the civic Authorities, the Banus and Vice-Banus (Ban and Podban) High-Commissioner Mr. Kosta Zec and his adjutant, Representative of the Police, Mr. Juraj Sostaric who have been fully interested in all proceedings showing much understanding particularly for the Resolutions. The representatives of the daily news-papers Mr. Vuk Vernic and Mr. A. Bornemissa of *Novosti* and Ivan Sucic of *Jutarnji List*, Morning News-Paper, at Zagreb and Mr. D. Salic of *Pravda* Rightfulness, and *Politika* of Beograd who all with sympathetical seriousness reported very exactly. The Resolution of the Convention in 1934 was to "reaffirm 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," which was carried with acclamation as well as the motion to render "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;" all that under the slogan of

"Brotherhood" followed by another one "Friendliness" in 1935, stressing earnestly full of conscious the fact of the advantage of such a Festival as the Diamond Jubilee, the 60th Anniversary of The Theosophical Society is, the time of considerably tremendous release of the purposeful power lifting us into this larger regions of these true realities "which the Elder Brethren bring right down to us, especially in a year like this." The realization of that free vision of life is the Mission of the Theosophical Movement and imminent task of The Theosophical Society in the area of a Nation or Country as well as in the whole world, and having realized it after the Plan which is Evolution go further on under the divine Guidance of the Hierarchy to unite the World through "Friendliness". The acclamation for this Resolution too proved obviously the effect of the releasing of these finer forces, each one of attendants was able to utilize in his own way.

Our Theosophical Order of Service was functioning as predecessor of all our public conferences in arranging nicely the World Mother Day on May 12th in co-operation with the World Mother Group's Head, Mrs. M. Butkovic and the Slavonic Day on November 12th by the assistance of the suggestive co-working of the "Brotherhood Group" and his pleasingly keen propagator, Professor Milan Sostaric who lectured on "Slavonic cultural mission and the feeling of the racial Dharma beautifully emphasized in the attuning rhythm of Jugoslav songs and poems". But the mostly promising opportunity at the celebration of the "Animal Day" on October 3rd has been utilized quite unselfishly by three of our animal protecting societies, the Society for protecting Animals, the Vegetarian Society and T. O. S. having for the first time among public speakers our Chief Brother of the Order, dear sister Milena Sisic explaining the

Theosophical view in the work for protecting our younger Brothers in reading at the end "The Animal Prayer" very touchingly. On the Animal Day, October 4th, the well-known animal protector in our country Mrs. Katarina Stankovic, the representative lecturer of the day before, came to our Headquarters to continue working mutually to lighten the heavy burden from those of the animal kingdom who still suffer very painfully. Such was the first echoing chord of the "Straight Theosophy" Campaign we began on last September in the Lodge "Sklad", Harmony, embracing all members of J. T. S. and on October 2nd in the Lodge "Istina", Truth, serving the public with selectedly chosen talks and treatiselike good lectures. They both have been holding classes of longer or shorter terms. The lastly preceding one of full seven months term, excellently led by its Head Mr. Ivan Medja, efficaciously educated large audiences particularly by the talks of our National Vice-President Dipl. Ing. Bozidar Prikril and the President himself of the mentioned Lodge.

The "Straight Theosophy" Campaign of this divinely powerful year of the Diamond Jubilee is the greatest of our success. For each of those thirteen weeks several members most carefully prepared certain items of the President's considerably wise Programme. Thirty-nine of our members have been assisting it either in internal work or for the public who all appreciate exceedingly the congregational feeling of help to "commune . . . with the Eternal in their own eternal". The progressively rising scheme has reached its culminating point on the Anniver-

sary Day itself, November 17th, but still permeatingly lifting the standard of being of the every day life steadily.

For achieving, therefore, the closest contact with the Glory of Adyar, our "Flaming Centre" I am visiting all our Lodges unitedly sharing with them the fine advantage of the President's magnificent Diamond Jubilee Message, which is channelising into perfectly clear words "the drawing of the world nearer to the happiness and peace."

Youth Lodge "Arundale" consented "nemine contradicente" to celebrate in supreme homage The International Diamond Convention, releasing on December 26th The Presidential Address by the General Secretary, coming for this epochful event to Bjelovar, Novoseljani, Lodge's lovely residency.

The final act of this world stressing Jubilee is going to belong to our Youth too. The Lodge "Rukmini" will be simultaneously as in Adyar holding the Youth Parliament.

Most heartfelt gratitude to our reverently beloved President who so powerfully divine in energizing godwisely the world inspiring splendour of the peacefully harmonious Victory of the Jubilee Year most successfully witnessing to all Being the sublimely triumphant Diamond Anniversary of Their and our, ever dear to us, The Theosophical Society.

May the feeling of instinctively firm solidarity go to Adyar to greet you all dearest Fellow-Brethren and Friends and to brighten the T. S. Council with Their loving thoughts for the achieving Friendliness.

22-12-1935

JELISAVA VAVRA,  
General Secretary.



## T. S. IN CEYLON

*To the President, the T. S.*

I have great pleasure in submitting the following Report to you.

*Membership.*—We began the year with a membership of 110. Of these 2 resigned and one expired, 13 new members were elected of whom one was a re-admission. Our present strength is therefore 120.

*Obituary.*—The member who passed away was Mrs. A. E. Preston; she was a great champion of our Theosophical Ideals, and put them into practice by establishing The Alethea Kindergarten School, which is very popular in Colombo, and of which she was the head. In the early days of our Section she used to go from house to house in the remotest villages collecting money for the erection of our Headquarters. Her loss is great; but she was anxious to leave her mortal coil, which she said was worn out.

*Foundation Day.*—The Foundation Day was celebrated last year on November 17th. Dr. W. A. de Silva, M.S.C. who knew our late President-Founder, was the main speaker. As usual there was a social and music before his address.

*Convention.*—Last December we had our Annual Convention. We were very lucky to have Mr. C. Jinarajadasa with us during the 2 days. On the first day he gave a Public Lecture on "The New Religion of Humanity." The Hall was packed in spite of the heavy rain. The next day was spent on a picnic in the Horana Estate kindly lent for the occasion by Mrs. Wilmot Perera. In the morning under the Presidency of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Dr. G. P. Malalesekere, Lecturer, University College spoke on Buddhism. Mr. T. B. Jayat, Principal, Lahira College, which is a Moslem institution, spoke on Islam. Swami Natesananda, a young graduate from Madras, who had spent, among other Yoga practices, six months inside

a cave without food or drink, gave an instructive "Conversazione" in the afternoon. In the evening Mr. C. Jinarajadasa gave a special talk to the members. In his inimitable style he dwelt on the Purpose of Life; the cluster of Rubber trees around the thatched hall, lit up by the setting Sun, added a peculiar charm to the Talk, as he took us from the mundane World to the very Heavens. It is impossible to forget that memorable scene. The rest of the evening was devoted to music given by Mr. S. Amarasingh of Tagore's University.

*Adyar Day.*—This year we celebrated Adyar Day with great eclat. There was a very crowded House. The Hon. Mr. C. Batuwant udawe, the Minister for Local Administration, was the chief speaker. He said, among other things, that as long as there was one Buddhist living in Ceylon, the name of Colonel Olcott shall ever remain alive in his heart. I am glad to state that we started, after many years, a collection for Adyar on that Day and we realized Rs. 15 which, though small, was sent in grateful memory of the Colonel who spent many years for the cause of Buddhism in this country.

*Meditation Group.*—Mr. C. Jinarajadasa inaugurated a Meditation Group last December with the General Secretary as its leader. This group had met a dozen times during the year. There was a special meeting on the Wesak Day. Mr. C. Jinarajadasa gave a Talk on March 2nd to it.

On March 1st we had once more the privilege of listening to Mr. C. Jinarajadasa. This time he addressed only the members. The Youth Lodge and Olcott Lodge are carrying on their activities as usual. The former had its annual Picnic in the North Camp, Mutwal. It was well attended. The latter devotes most of its time to study classes. Mrs. C. L. Motwani, Principal, Visaka

Vidyalaya, is the President of the latter, while Mr. Pundita Gunewardene, an advocate, is the President of the former.

*Library.*—Our Library was increased by the donation of 21 old volumes of *The Theosophist* by Mr. P. W. Robinson. We had a few other additions to it. It was used to a greater extent than last year. The Book Depot had a better sale this year than last.

*Sports Club.*—The Tennis Court which was closed down for most part of the year is reopened and is in full swing. The indoor games are being played as usual by the Young Theosophists.

*Finance.*—Our financial condition is better this year. Owing to a generous donation by Mr. H. Frei we were able to attend to the repairs and renovation of our Headquarters.

*The Malaria Epidemic.*—This epidemic was unprecedented. It had its heavy toll in Ceylon. We spent

Rs. 50 at the start. On application to you, Sir, for a subsidy, you were good enough to get Rs. 100 sanctioned for this purpose. We are grateful to you for this kind gesture. Many of us, individually helped this cause, through other social and political movements also.

Today is the Diamond Jubilee of our illustrious Society. We had an unprecedented crowd at our celebrations. Excellent oriental music was provided by Ceylon artistes who had their training in India and Europe. The chief speakers were Mr. N. K. Choksy, Advocate, and a former General Secretary; and The Rev. Francis Kingsbury, Lecturer University College.

Heartiest loyal greetings from the Ceylon Section to you.

17-11-1935

T. NALLAINATHAN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN GREECE

### *To the President, the T.S.*

From the enclosed Statistics you will see that we have gained this year 35 Members, but I do not think that our work in general has progressed in the same proportion. It has rather remained the same as last year.

The main deficiency of our Section is the want of working Members, and it is for that reason that organization-Work and office-Work is very irregular and deficient.

We have continued to publish our monthly Magazine *Theosophicon*

*Thelition.* The "Theosophical Publishing House" of Athens, has published a little book *The Astral Plane* that is a compilation of the writings of Dr. Besant and C. W. Leadbeater.

Being not able to send a delegate to the Diamond Jubilee Convention, we request you to convey to the Convention the Love and the best Greetings of our Section and the wish for a really splendid and useful future of our Society.

15-11-1935

PARIS HADJIPETRO,

*Joint General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CENTRAL AMERICA

*To the President, the T.S.*

I have the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report of The Theosophical Society in Central America (and Colombia) for the yearly period 1934-35.

On June 24th last I was honoured with a re-election as General Secretary for the period 1935-37, having held the post since June 1933.

The Executive Council is formed as follows:

President: The General Secretary; Vice-President: Mr. Julio Acosta; Secretary: Mr. José B. Acuna; Treasurer: Mr. José Monturiol; Vocals: Miss Lydia Fernández, Mr. Mariano L. Coronado, Mr. José Coronado, and the Presidents of all the Lodges of the Section.

The Council was worked regularly and harmoniously and it is pleasant for me to state that I always had the steadfast co-operation of its members.

The Section is at present composed of 14 Lodges distributed as follows:

1 in Guatemala, 1 in Honduras, 1 in El Salvador, 4 in Nicaragua, 2 in Costa Rica and 5 in Colombia, with a total of 223 active members.

During the year there were: 57 new members admitted, (through Lodges) 2 new unattached members and 4 lapsed become active.

One Lodge ("Dhyana", at Santa Marta, Colombia) was dissolved.

2 active members died.

One new Lodge was chartered with the name of "Krishnamurti", at León, Nicaragua.

I wish to point out the fact that the economic depression is the main cause for such small increase in our membership.

This office was kept in constant touch with the Lodges through correspondence and maintained an active interest in their work. It has sent out to them all instructions and communications from Adyar, as well as

plans and suggestions for new activities. It has also helped them in solving their difficulties, encouraging them in their work among the handicaps created by economic depression and other causes.

During the year a fresh wave of life and optimism has been noticed in most of our Lodges and I hope that can be maintained and even increased.

Through the Annual Reports that this office gets from the Lodges, we are informed of the way in which their activities develop and also of their influence in their towns.

The following are the chief of those activities:

*Lodge "Subirana", Tegucigalpa, Honduras.*—One of the most efficient and active. It has obtained the passing of a law forbidding the importation in the country of immoral literature and pictures, and also books of black magic. It works for the improvement in the life of prisoners and of the Indians. Its members are working for the making of a Children's Park and also trying to build a house for the Lodge.

*Lodge "Koot-Hoomi", Guatemala, Rep. of Guatemala.*—It is trying to establish a School which includes in its curriculum elemental Theosophy. It keeps a group for theosophic studies.

*Lodge "Krishnamurti", León Nicaragua.*—Founded 1st April, under auspicious circumstances. Its main purpose is to practise and encourage true Brotherhood in and outside of the Lodge, and also the study of Mr. Krishnamurti's teachings.

*Lodge "Virya", San José, Costa Rica.*—Has given special attention this year to lectures for Youth and has organized the work for the Straight Theosophy Campaign for October, November and December according to the Programme sent out from Adyar.

The Lodges in Colombia, not having been able to have the visit of

Mr. Jinarajadasa, invited Bro. José B. Acuna, of "Virya" Lodge, (Costa Rica) to make a lecturing tour in that country, what he did spending in it from January to March. He visited the Lodges and helped very efficiently the Colombian Brethren, who, being so far away, lack many means which are necessary for a greater development. Besides he gave both public lectures, and talks for members and brought to the General Secretary's office very valuable information about the Theosophical work which will enable us to better understand their problems in the future.

The long distance that separates this office from the Colombian Lodges is also the source of many difficulties of administrative character and also the recent exchange laws in that country make it difficult for the Lodges to remit their dues, this causing sometimes delay for our sending our remittances to Headquarters.

I wish now to refer to this year's experience in regard to the work that this office should do in order to truly fulfil its task as efficiently as present circumstances allow, and specially for the right use of projects and suggestions received by this office.

The work has, in my opinion, the following aspects :

1. Transmutation of matters sent out from Headquarters.
2. Translation work.
3. Propaganda work.
4. Perusal of magazines, pamphlets, etc.
5. Collecting artistic and literary works.

Regarding the first two I must say that with the coming of Dr. Arundale to the President's office a wave of work has surged whose size is unsuspected by those who do not know the work that a General Secretary has to do. We constantly receive questionnaires,

schemes of work, hints as to new activities, and all has to be answered and translated into Spanish which involves the spending of much time and effort.

In regard to the 3rd point Propaganda, we have to state that a little has been done. Many vital facts for the nation or the world become known by a small number of persons and are soon forgotten for lack of publicity. It seems urgent that Theosophical ideas gradually permeate all social strata, through a proper and intelligent propaganda. That would help to vanish the wrong idea that Theosophists are unpractical people detached from reality and only concerned with utopian speculations. We should impress upon intelligent people the fact that Theosophy, not being a religion itself, is precisely in a position to understand all religions ; that it is not a science, but Science, and also a synthetic Philosophy beyond all schools, thus constituting a Unity of Truth which comprises all forms of research into the realms of Knowledge.

The spreading of information regarding those facts should be the work of this office under the 3rd point.

Under the 4th point, this office should examine all literature that comes to the General Secretary from different sources, and which often contains very valuable information. It is desirable that we could make all that is useful in it known to the members as widely as possible, specially what comes from the leaders of the T. S. This work is impossible for this office at present.

This office also receives sometimes books and artistic works by members, which it would be good to recommend to the Lodge's interest and also to send to Adyar, either for the Museum or for the Library at Headquarters.

All those things may be considered as extraordinary, that is apart from the



routine of the office, *i.e.*, correspondence, schemes, of work, reports, Lodge problems, etc.

It is very easy to understand how impossible it is, if the General Secretary cannot devote all his or her time to the office's work, because of his or her ordinary duties in life, that the office of the General Secretary be what it should, that is, a Centre from which radiate the light that are received from Adyar and other parts of the world.

Lately our work has been organized more effectively and we have the valuable co-operation from several Brethren which facilitates the task of this office.

A very helpful factor for the prompt and successful development of this office's activities is the careful interest

taken by the Lodges in the fulfilment of the bye-laws of the Section; we have not been able yet to secure that form of co-operation in a satisfactory degree, nor in the fulfilment of other instructions emanated from this office.

It will take a patient and constructive effort to improve those conditions of our work, because it seems, in our Section at least, that it has not yet been clearly understood by the members in general what attitude should distinguish the Theosophist in all aspects of ordinary life.

With the brotherly greetings and sentiments of hearty loyalty, I am,  
Dear President,

ESTHER DE MEZERVILLE,

17-10-35

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA

*To the President, the T. S.*

This has been a year of steady work, with some expansion. The notable events in it have been three:

1. Combined Convention with the T. S. in South Africa, held at Durban over Easter and resulting in the formation of a Federation between the Sections.

2. The establishment of a combined Magazine, to be known as *The Link* (incorporating the *Seeker*). This magazine is at present duplicated but we hope to print it by next year.

3. The return visit of Mr. Hodson, who is concluding his series of lectures and study classes as I write.

Apart from these things, public propaganda has been regularly carried on by the larger Lodges. Each Lodge maintains a Lending Library and the Section does a good deal of postal

propaganda and work with members in isolated places.

Our chief difficulties are:

1. The newness of the country.
2. The existence of powerful and exceedingly conservative churches.
3. Great distances, which render the exchange of lecturers both difficult and costly.
4. Racial difficulties.

I should like to acknowledge with real gratitude the magazines which are sent to us by National Societies and from Headquarters. These constitute our chief link on the physical plane with our brethren in other lands and are invaluable to us who are so far away from all other Sections.

E. M. TURNER,

*General Secretary.*

UNSECTIONALIZED  
LODGES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES



## CANADIAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

*To the President, the T.S.*

The Canadian Federation is happy to report continued progress during the past twelve months, several new members have been received and another Lodge (Trinity) formed in Calgary.

For a few brief moments this year, we on the Pacific slope, were able to meet Mr. Jinarajadasa as he sped across the country and he has been asked to kindly act as our representative at the Diamond Jubilee Convention.

Most of the Lodges in the Federation have been supplied with the materials from the Research Seminars of Mr. Fritz Kunz at New York; we are

grateful to Mr. Kunz and his colleagues for the great work they have undertaken and believe that it marks a new development in the work of The Theosophical Society.

May we be permitted through the medium of the Annual Report to express our affection and good wishes to all Fellows, Lodges and Sections of the Society.

3-11-1935

A. J. HARRISON,

*Secretary-Treasurer.*

3615 Knight Road,

Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

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## FEDERATION OF LODGES IN EGYPT

*To the President, the T. S.*

Annual Report for 1934-35.

I have in fact nothing to report; unfortunately our Federation is practically dormant. A very small number of Members meet regularly once a week to talk Theosophy and we feel we are there simply as the standard bearers still showing the Theosophical flag at this carrefour between Europe and

Orient. We are always happy to meet Theosophists passing through Egypt but cannot boast of any important or interesting work; we are patiently awaiting better times.

9-12-1935

J. H. PEREZ,

*Presidential Agent.*

P. O. Box 769,

Cairo, Egypt.

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## 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, 1935.

The Lodge has again carried on with success its usual programme of holding weekly meetings for lectures or for answering questions, and study classes for members every Sunday. The work of lecturing falls heavily upon our President and occasionally lectures

were arranged and delivered by non-Theosophists on interesting subjects. The study class has finished with *Man: Whence, How and Whither*, by A. B. and C. W. L., *The Imitation of Christ*, by Thomas A. Kempis and *Talks on At the Feet of the Master*, by C. W. L. and is now engaged with *The Hidden Side of Things* and *Talks on Occultism*, both by C. W. L. This class is offering every facility for the training of student lecturers.



The year began with 15 members on the roll out of which two ceased to be members for non-payment of dues.

We have seven library members who are paying a dollar a month each for the use of our books.

We had been very fortunate this year in getting fellow Theosophists and leaders of the T. S. to address us. Mrs. Devereux passed through here in March and though her stay was very short we have had the opportunity of hearing her addressing a crowded audience on "Man—A Living God". Capt. and Mrs. Sellon were with us in April and a very good number of people attended Capt. Sellon's film show of various interesting Theosophical personages and places. Mrs. Sellon, the advertising manager, had a discussion with us on propaganda work. A tea-party was held in their honour. Dr. Siddappa and Ramaswami, two

ardent fellow Theosophists from Bangalore, paid us a visit in August during their return tour of the East. Both of them addressed our members and friends.

Again we have to appeal to all members of The Theosophical Society, who may be passing through Singapore to give us a look up when in Port. Singapore with its cosmopolitan population is an important centre and we hope that our beloved leaders will not overlook to place within their maps when they start their itineraries.

With our best love and wishes for success for our President and Mrs. Rukmini Arundale and those present at the Diamond Jubilee Convention.

1-10-1935

TAN AH PENG,

*Hon. Secretary.*

22 Grange Road,  
Singapore.

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### MANUK LODGE, HONG KONG, CHINA

*To the President, the T. S.*

The Manuk Lodge, Hong Kong, now has a total membership of 21. One new member has joined the Lodge during the past year, three have resigned, nine have let their subscriptions lapse, and four have returned to the United Kingdom, making a total loss of fifteen.

At the Annual General Meeting held in June, Mr. J. P. Way was elected President of the Lodge.

A study class has been held weekly during the year, and (except for three months in the summer) weekly lectures have been held. We have been fortunate to have the help of outside lecturers as well as from our own members in this respect. A meditation class has also been held weekly.

In January we had to vacate the old premises and remove to the Hong Kong Club Annexe where we are now housed.

We have received visits from Captain and Mrs. Sellon, Mr. and Mrs. Stark, Professor Roerich, Mrs. Devereux and Miss Mac Brayer during the year, all of which have been very much enjoyed and appreciated.

We have been fortunate in having a good deal of press publicity, and by means of reports in the local papers of our weekly lectures, Theosophical ideas are spread among a much wider public than those who actually attend our meetings.

17-10-1935 (Miss) C. I. K. TAYLOR,

*Hon. Secretary.*

P. O. Box 632,  
Hong Kong, China.

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 with meetings open to the public, all of which were fairly well attended.

During May we were favoured with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson from the Hong Kong Lodge and later in the month we received a visit from Capt. and Mrs. Sellon, Treasurer at Adyar who gave a lecture accompanied by lantern pictures from Adyar to a well attended gathering.

The Library and book-sales departments have been managed with efficiency and zeal by our Librarian who as usual has devoted much time and energy to this important branch of our activities.

Our healing group had been holding its weekly meetings with unflinching regularity and judging by reports, is doing good work.

Our Lodge has suffered a severe loss during the year by the departure from Shanghai of our President Mr. M. A. Browne who has left Shanghai for good to make his home in England.

Mr. Browne has been our President for a number of years in which office he has made himself generally beloved by all our members. His example as a Theosophist and his ever-ready helpfulness to the Lodge and to each member individually were much appreciated and are now seriously missed by all.

6-10-1935

N. BUIJS,

*Hon. Secretary.*

P. O. Box 1705,  
Shanghai.

SELANGOR LODGE, KUALA LUMPUR

*To the President, the T. S.*

1. This Lodge was established under a charter dated the 24th June, 1929 with eleven members.

2. During the period under review two new members were enrolled. Two members resigned. The number of effective members remaining on the roll is eight.

3. No book or pamphlet has been translated or published 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. Monthly public lectures were delivered to which all interested persons were invited to attend. These lectures have been very successful and serves a very useful purpose in spreading the knowledge of Theosophical teachings.

6. Mr. A. H. Flowerdew continued his Presidentship until he went on furlough at the beginning of July.

31-8-1935

S. ARUMUGAM,

*Hon. Secretary.*

c/o Oriental Life Insurance  
Building, Java Street,  
Kuala Lumpur, F. M. S.

## MIROKU LODGE, TOKYO, JAPAN

*To the President, the T. S.*

During the year 1934-35 Lodge meetings have been held regularly attendance at them being of an international character, as many as 11 nationalities being present in an audience of 18 people.

One of our members, Mr. K. V. Vel, has passed on to service on other planes, and two new members have enlisted. Our membership is very small, but now that permission has been granted to have Theosophical leaflet and other T. S. literature translated and published in Japanese, it is hoped that next year we may see a considerable addition to our membership roll.

In response to last year's request that intending visitors to, and those passing through, Japan, should let us know beforehand, so that we may be of mutual service to one another, we have been much helped and stimulated by the talks given in our Lodge by Mrs. Devereux (of New Orleans) by Captain and Mrs. Sellon (of Adyar) who, also, most kindly shewed their Adyar Films—by Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen (of Ojai) whose interesting talk united for us the early days of the Society with those of the present—and by Dr. and Mr. Stark (of Java) who explained by means of their film, the work of St. Michael's Center in Naarden (Holland), though we regret that owing to the holiday season, few of those who would have attended this meeting were in Tokyo.

The visit of Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Ramaswami Aiyar, Mr. Venkatachalam

and Mrs. Syamala (of Madura) brought the members into closer touch with India, and we were delighted to welcome, and sincerely thank them for their kindness in coming to us.

The Library has been enriched by several books donated by Dr. Baty and Mr. M. N. Ramaswami Aiyar, and we thank these friends and also the Secretaries of those Lodges who kindly sent us copies of their Theosophical Magazines. We regret that we have as yet, no return publication to send.

We further acknowledge, with gratitude, the donation of Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson (Hong Kong), Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen (Ojai), Miss Kefford (Melbourne), Mr. Blattmann (Japan) for the work of the Lodge, and to form a nucleus for the translation of Theosophical literature.

Local Annual Welfare Work has been supported by individual members, and it is gratifying to record that Mrs. Beatrice Lane Suzuki has succeeded in organizing an Annual Welfare Society at Otani College, Kyoto, which is the First Annual Welfare Society *formed in a college, in the Far East.*

In the name of our members and well-wishers, we send you greetings for the Diamond Jubilee Convention, and wish the Society through you, great increase of power for the helping and teaching of humanity.

(Miss) E. M. CASEY,

*Hon. Secretary.*

13 Mikawadaimachi,  
Azaku-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

## INTERNATIONAL THEOSOPHICAL CENTRE AT GENEVA

*To the President, the T. S.*

The aims of the Centre are :

I. To study international problems, more particularly those with which the League of Nations is concerned, in the light of Theosophy.

II. By means of lectures, press, articles, and other publications to spread in the world a spiritual outlook on such problems, more especially in regard to such questions as International Peace, Right Education, and Social Peace (Paix sociale).

III. To co-operate with other International Movements which work for Peace and Brotherhood and to collect information as to their work.

IV. To be the connecting link with other Sections of The Theosophical Society in Europe for this international work.

During the past year the activities of the International Centre at Geneva (beginning in October and running to the 31st May) comprised three Sessions from October to December 11, Lectures were given, and 1 Reception was held. From January to March, 15 Lectures (the Concert advertised had to be given up owing to the illness of the Artistes).

During May, 3 Lectures were given and 1 Reception was held. The visiting Lecturers were : Professor Marcault (General Secretary, T. S. in France), Mlle Serge Brisys, from Brussels, Mlle Cecil Bayer, from Paris, Mr. Polak (General Secretary, T. S. in Belgium), Mr. Freeman (General Secretary, T. S. in Wales), Mr. Cochius (General Secretary of the European Federation) and Mr. Ruysens of Brussels (the Secretary General of the Union of International Associations of the League of Nations).

Thus it will be seen that the Centre was honoured by visits from three General Secretaries of The Theosophical Society, as well as by the Secretary General of the associated Societies for

the League of Nations. The latter chose for the title of his Address : Where is the LEAGUE of NATIONS ?

The speakers resident in Geneva were : Mme. Rollier (Vice-President of the Swiss Section), Mme. de Wateville, Dr. Kamensky, Rev. M. Sassi, and Prof. L. Choisy, of the University of Geneva.

During the first meetings of the year Reports were given of (a) the Pacifist Congress at Locarno, and (b) the Theosophical Congress at Barcelona. Of the two Receptions the (1st) was an International Gathering (East and West) and the (2nd) was organized jointly by the Committee of the Centre and the Geneva Ctee. of the Swiss Section, for the double purpose of bidding farewell to Miss Jankowska (who had been Residente for the past nearly four years and was leaving to be married), and to welcome Mrs. Herbert Whyte, who has come to give her services for the next year.

In December a *Symposium* on the subject of Christmas was arranged. The following titles will give an idea of some of the Questions dealt with by the Lecturers in the course of the year.

"The Reconstruction of Europe", "The Three Democracies", and "The Present Crisis" were the topics chosen by M. Marcault, and dealt with in the lucid and original manner we have learned to look for from him.

Mlle Serge Brisys, in her four lectures took subjects of an ethical and religious character : "Heroism in Modern Life", "The Value of Thought", "Islam" and "Theosophy and Social Work."

Mr. Freeman opened the year with two lectures, one on "The United Nations of Europe" and one in which he spoke of Dr. Besant as "The Perfect Knight". Mr. Polak gave a course on scientific and philosophic lines



which aroused great interest, his titles being: "The Universe a Soap Bubble", "The Soul and the Body," "The Emerald Table", "The Message of Pythagoras"; and Mr Cochius followed with three Lectures, "The Future of Europe", "Co-Responsibility" and a Lecture under the auspices of the Order of Service (illustrated by lantern slides), on "The Industrial Arts."

One object of our work is to introduce in the course of the year the subject of Art in its relation to the ideas for which we stand and this year four lectures were given for this purpose:

1. On Mysticism in English Poetry—Tennyson, by Prof. L. Choisy, of Geneva University.

2. A second lecture by Prof. Choisy on the "Mysticism of Wordsworth" had to be cancelled on account of illness and the gap was filled by Mme. Kamensky, who spoke on Giordano Bruno;

3. "The Art of Movement in Education, was the title of Mme. de Watteville's Address; and

4. "The Aura as Depicted in Religious Art", with a number of very interesting Slides to illustrate it, was given by Mlle C. Bayer from Paris.

Of other subjects treated may be mentioned "The Spiritual Reconstruction of Europe", "The Rhythm of the Higher Life"; and the subject of perennial interest, "What is Death?"

Amongst other Activities the Centre affords a Meeting place for various

International Organizations which work for peace. Of these four may be mentioned:

1. *The Interconfessional Union*, composed of Representatives of various spiritual Organizations and Churches whose activities comprise a monthly meeting for discussion and a weekly Meditation for World Peace.

2. *The University Research Group*, which pursues its studies in the direction of Science, Religion and the New Psychology.

3. *The Order of Service* and in particular.

4. *The Peace Committee*, formed on the initiative of the World Peace Union, composed of Representatives from the various Peace Organizations in Geneva. The Committee organizes and carries out the activities of Peace Week between 4th and 11th November culminating in the Two Minutes of Silence. It is interesting to note the steadily growing appreciation of this activity by the Public. As one evidence of the recognition by the Cultural life of Geneva, of the work of the Centre, may be mentioned a request recently received from the Secretariat of the League, for information regarding our Constitution and Aims, for inclusion in the new edition of their Year Book which is to be issued shortly.

A. KAMENSKY,

*President of the I. Th. Centre*

*in Geneva.*

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY

REPORT FOR 1934-35

*To the President, the T.S.*

*Staff and Administration.*—During the year under report there was little change in the staff. I have continued as the Director with Mr. A. J. Hamers-ter as Joint Director and Curator, Western Section and Dr. C. Kunhan Raja as Curator for the Eastern Section. Our Librarian Miss G. Watkin has also continued to render very valuable service to the Library—specially in arranging and indexing our collections in the Western Section. Mr. Ramasubbier continued as Library Assistant ; he is now attending to office and miscellaneous work and has proved himself very serviceable in showing visitors round the Library, Museum and Headquarters. Pandit N. Ramana-thena Sastri was engaged throughout the year in editing the Major Upanisads. Pandit Seshadri Sarma has been engaged throughout the year in cataloguing new books in the Sanskrit Section, in correcting the entries in catalogues, in preparing an up-to-date Accession Register and in co-operating with Pandit N. Ramana-thena Sastri in correcting the proofs of the Upanisads. He is

also in charge of the stock of Sanskrit books and MSS. Pandit V. Narayana-swami Sastri was engaged in transcribing MSS. for the Library and in examining new MSS. He was also assisting Pandit Seshadri Sarma in preparing card-indexes for Sanskrit books and MSS.

*Publications.*—The first volume of Dasopanisads of 485 pages, Demy Octavo, containing the text of Major Upanisads together with the hitherto-unpublished commentary of Upanisad Brahma Yogin was issued during the year ; this volume contains the Isa, the Kena, the Katha, the Prasna, the Mun-daka, the Mandukya, the Taittiriya and the Aitareya Upanisads. The next or second volume will contain the texts and commentaries of the Chhandogya and the Brhadaranyaka Upanisads together with indices. The texts and commen-taries have already been printed off ; the indices are now under preparation ; and it is expected that they will be com-pleted soon and the second volume will be published about the middle of the next year. This completes our Upanisads Series, consisting of the following :

I. SEVENTY-ONE UN-PUBLISHED MINOR UPANISADS (other than the well-known 108 Upanisads) one volume of 516 pages, Demy Octavo, Cloth Rs. 5. Containing the text only, with Grantha Suci, Namadheyapada Suci and Visespada Suci at the end.

The classified contents are as follows :

- (i) *Yoga* : Yogarajopanisat.
- (ii) *Samanya Vedanta* : (1) Advaitopanisat, (2) Acamanopanisat, (3) Atmapujopanisat, (4) Arseyopanisat, (5) Itihasopanisat, (6) Caturvedopanisat, (7) Caksusopanisat, (8) Chagaleyopanisat, (9) Turiyopanisat, (10) Dvayopanisat, (11) Niruktupanisat, (12) Pindopanisat, (13) Pranavopanisat, (14) Pranavopanisat (another), (15) Baskalamantropanisat, (16) Baskalamantropanisat (Savrttika), (17) Mathamnayopanisat, (18) Visramo-panisat, (19) Sounakopanisat, (20) Suryatapinyopanisat, (21) Svasamvedyopanisat.
- (iii) *Vaisnava* : (1) Urdhvapundropanisat, (2) Katyayanopanisat, (3) Gopicandanopanisat, (4) Tulasyupanisat, (5) Narado-panisat, (6) Narayanapurvatapiniyopanisat, (7) Narayana

Uttaratapiniyopanisat, (8) Nrsimha Satcakropanisat, (9) Paramtmikopanisat (Savyakhya), (10) Yajnopavitopanisat, (11) Radhopanisat, (12) Langulopanisat, (13) Sri Krsnapurusottamasiddhantopanisat, (14) Sankarsanopanisat, (15) Samarahasyopanisat, (16) Sudarsanopanisat.

- (iv) *Saiva* : (1) Nilarudropanisat (Savyakhya), (2) Parayanopanisat, (3) Bilvopanisat, (4) Mrtyulangulopanisat, (5) Rudropanisat, (6) Lingopanisat, (7) Vajrapanjaropanisat, (8) Vatukopanisat, (9) Sivasankalpopenisat, (10) Sivasankalpopenisat (another), (11) Sivopanisat, (12) Sadanandopanisat, (13) Siddhantasikhopenisat, (14) Siddhantasaropenisat, (15) Herambopanisat.

- (v) *Sakta* : (1) Alla Upanisat, (2) Atharvana Dvitiyopanisat, (3) Kamarajakilitoddharopanisat, (4) Kalikopanisat, (5) Kalimedhadiksitopanisat, (6) Gayatrirahasyopanisat, (7) Guhyakalyupanisat, (8) Guhyasodhanyasopanisat, (9) Pitambaropanisat, (10) Rajasyamalarahasyopanisat, (11) Vanadurgopanisat, (12) Syamopanisat, (13) Sricakropanisat, (14) Srividyatarakopanisat, (15) Sodhopanisat, (16) Sumukhyupanisat, (17) Hamsasodhopanisat.

II. SAMNYASOPANISADS, (20) (text only) with various readings and recensions noted, with critical notes and 120 pages of Samnyasopanisatsangrahatippani in Sanskrit, readings of the Grantha edition of the 108 Upanisads, index of uncommon words and forms, index of stanzas, alphabetical index of important subjects dealt with in the work and a preface of 54 pages written in English Royal 8vo, pages 501. Price: Cloth, Rs. 10. Contents are as follows :

1. Aruni Upanisat, (2-3) Laghu Samnyasa and Kundikopanisat, (4) Kathasruti Upanisat, (5) Paramahamsopanisat, (6) Jabala Upanisat, (7) Brahmopanisat, (8) Asrama Upanisat, (9) Maitreyopanisat, (10) Naradaparivrajakopanisat, (11) Nirvanopanisat, (12) Bhiksukopanisat, (13) Turiyatita Avadhutopanisat, (14) Brhatsamnyasopanisat, (15) Paramahamsaparivrajakopanisat, (16) Parabrahmopanisat, (17) Brhadavadhutopanisat, (18) Yajnavalkyopanisat, (19) Satyayaniyopanisat, (20) Laghu Avadhutopanisat.

III. NINETY-EIGHT MINOR UPANISADS (out of the well-known 108 Upanisads edited with the hitherto unpublished commentary of Sri Upanisad Brahma Yogin, classified as follows and bound in 5 or 6 volumes as desired. 5 Vols., Rs. 22 ; 6 Vols., Rs. 23.

- (i) *Yoga Upanisads*, (20) with full analysis of contents and index. Containing the texts and commentaries of Advayataraka, Amrtanada, Amrtabindu, Ksurika, Tejobindu, Trisikhibrahmana, Darsana, Dhyanaabindu, Nadabindu, Pasupatabrahma, Brahmavidya, Mandalabrahmana, Mahavakya, Yogakundali, Yogacudamani, Yogatattva, Yogasikha, Varaha, Sandilya and Hamsa Upanisads, Demy Octavo, Pages 586. Price : Cloth, Rs. 5.

- (ii) *Samanya Vedanta Upanisads*, (24) with full analysis of contents and index, containing the texts and commentaries of Aksi, Adhyatma, Annapurna, Atma, Atmabodha, Ekaksara,

Kausitakibrahmana, Garbha, Niralamba, Paingala, Pranagnihotra, Mantrika, Maha, Muktika, Mudgala, Maitrayani, Vajrasucika, Sariraka, Sukarahasya, Sarvasara, Savitri, Subala, Surya and Skanda Upanisads. Demy Octavo, Pages 527. Price : Cloth, Rs. 5.

- (iii) *Vaisnava Upanisads*, (14) with full analysis of contents and index, containing the texts and commentaries of Avyakta, Kalisantarana, Krsna, Garuda Gopalatapini (Purva and Uttara), Tarasara, Tripad-Vibhuti-Mahanarayana, Dattatreya, Narayana, Nrsimhatapini (Purva and Uttara), Ramatapini (Purva and Uttara), Ramarahasya, Vasudeva and Hayagriva Upanisads. Demy Octavo, Pages 407. Price : Cloth, Rs. 4.

- (iv) *Saiva Upanisads* (15) and *Sakta Upanisads* (8) with full analysis of contents and index bound in one volume. Price : Cloth, Rs. 4 containing the texts and commentaries of the following Upanisads :

(a) *Saiva Upanisads*, separately bound containing Aksamalika, Atharvasikha, Atharvasira, Kalagnirudra, Kaivalya, Ganapati, Jabali, Daksinamurti, Pancabrahma, Brhajjabala, Bhasmajabala, Rudrahrday, Rudraksajabala, Sarabha and Svetasvatara. Demy Octavo, Pages 243. Price : Cloth, Rs. 3.

(b) *Sakta Upanisads*, separately bound, containing Tripura, Tripuratapini, Devi, Bahvrca, Bhavana, Sarasvatirahasya, Sita and Saubhagyalaksmi Upanisads. Demy Octavo, Pages 131. Price : Rs. 2.

- (v) *Samnyasopanisads*, 17 with full analysis of contents and index, containing the texts and commentaries of Avadhuta, Aruni, Katharudra, Kundika, Turiyatitavadhuta, Naradaparivrajaka, Nirvana, Parabrahma, Paramahamsaparivrajaka, Paramahamsa, Brahma, Bhiksuka, Maitreyi, Yajnavalkya, and Samnyasa. Demy Octavo, Pages 274. Price : Cloth, Rs. 4.

IV. MAJOR UPANISADS, edited with the hitherto unpublished commentary of Sri Upanisad Brahma Yogin with full analysis of contents and index.

- (i) *Dasopanisads*, Vol. I, (8) containing the texts and commentaries of Isa, Kena, Katha, Prasna, Mundaka, Mandukya, Taittiriya and Aitareya. Demy Octavo, Pages 485. Price : Cloth, Rs. 4-8.

- (ii) *Dasopanisads*, Vol. II, (2) containing the texts and commentaries of Chhandogya and Brhadaranyaka. (*In the Press.*)

The subject to which it is proposed to devote special attention hereafter is in regard to Grhya Sutras. It is intended to publish them in a series with commentaries, critical notes and English translations. The need for such a series is great and has existed these many years ; and as it does not appear that any other Library, scholar or publisher is now contemplating to

supply the need, it is proposed to take up this series as the next item in the programme of the publications of the Adyar Library.

*Exchanges.*—The list for the supply of the Adyar Library publications on an exchange basis has been revised ; and two names have been omitted from, and one name has been added to the last year's list.



**Books and MSS.**—All purchases of books are now done through the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar; they have also been appointed as the agents for the sale of our publications. The number of additions made during the year amounts to 2,677 books and 8 MSS. of which four are new transcripts, thus bringing up the total number of books and Manuscripts to 38,651 and 18,008 respectively. The number of additions made during the year to the Museum of Records was 34 bringing up the total of exhibits to 780. The details for the additions are given in the Appendix II.

**Use of the Library.**—The Library has continued to assist Research Institutions and individual scholars by lending books and Manuscripts, supplying transcripts and furnishing all available information required by them. The Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona, The Punjab University, The Annamalai University and the Madras

University were among those who made good use of the Library. 1,734 volumes of books and MSS. were lent during the year to scholars and Research-workers as against 1,520 during the previous year. The number of visitors and of the MSS. consulted at the Library itself amount to 3,481 and 339 respectively, against 3,482 and 228 during the previous year.

Once again I beg to tender my grateful thanks to Miss Watkin, Mr. Hamerster and Dr. Kunhan Raja to all of whom I am in continual obligation for the very valuable services they have been rendering to the Library. As in previous years, various Governments, institutions and individuals have presented books to the Library, as per details given in the appendix I; to all these, I beg to tender my grateful thanks.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

Adyar.

*Honorary Director.*

#### BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTEREST ADDED DURING THE YEAR

*Abbreviations : (S) = Sanskrit, (T) = Tamil*

1. *Kosa* : Sanskrit-Tamil Dictionary by T. Srinivasacarya, Tamil Dictionary by Kadiraiver Pillai, Tamil Lexicon, Telugu-English Dictionary by Galletti, Vedic Kosa, Vaidika Padanukramani, Concordance of Panini-Patanjali Mahabhasyam.

2. *Reference* : International Who is Who, 'March of Man', a chronological record of people and events from Prehistoric times to the present day and an historical Atlas 1935.

3. *Theosophy* : At the Feet of the Master, translated into Tamil by Mr. T. Manikkam Pillai, Atmavicara in Telugu by Mr. A. K. Sitarama Shastriyar, Complete Works of Madame H. P. Blavatsky, Vol. III, (1881-1882) edited by A. Trevor Barker, 1935, Life! More Life! by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Ancient *versus* Modern Socialism or Theosophy and Capitalism, Fascism and Communism by Dr. Bhagavan Das, Men Beyond Mankind by Fritz Kunz, You by Dr. G. S. Arundale, P. T. S.

4. *Veda* : Brhatsarvanukramanika (S), Rk Samhita with Skandasvamin's Bhasya (S), (Madras University and Trivandram Sanskrit Editions), Dantystthavidhih (S), Pancapatalika (S), History of Vedic Literature, Vol. II : (Hindi) Brahmanas and Aranyakas by Bhagavad Datta, Jaiminiyopanishad-Brahmanam (S).

5. *Vedalaksanam* : Vajasaneyi Pratisakhya (S).

6. *Vedangam* : Manduki Siksa, Nirukta 3 vols. by Laksman Sarup.

7. *Vyakaranam*: Vakyapadiya (3rd Kanda) with the commentary of Helaraja, Part I, Sarasvatikanthabharanam with the commentary of Narayana Dandanatha, Part I.

8. *Upanisads*: Dasopanisads with the hitherto unpublished commentary of Sri Upanisad Brahma Yogin.

9. *Itihasa*: Sundarakanda with Telugu commentary, Adbhuta Ramayanam (T), by Raja Sastri, Adhyatma Ramayanam (T), Natesa Sastri, Bharata Tamil Vacanam, Mahabharata Udyoga Parvan (S), with 8 commentaries, Gujarat Printing Works Edition.

10. *Gita*: Bhagavad-Gita with Srikantha's Bhasyam in Telugu script (S), Gitasangraha, Part 1 (a collection of 13 Gitas) (S).

11. *Puranam*: Brahmavaivarta Puranam (S).

12. *Stotram*: Gopikagitam (S), Namavali Satakam (T), Tiruvarutpa (T), Devaram (T), Tiruvacakam (T), Tiruppadal Tirattu (T), Sankaraguru Lila (S), Sadguru Manasapujaprakasika (S), Annie Besant Antadi (T), Bhagavannama Mahatmya (S).

13. *Sthalamahatmya*: Setumahatmyam (S).

14. *History*: India Mata (T), by K. S. Muthiah and Co., translation of Miss Mayo's 'Mother India'. Duradrsta India (T), by K. S. Muthiah & Co., translation of Unhappy India, by Lajpat Rai; War in Europe (T), 5 parts published by Svadesamitran Office; Seven Pillars of Wisdom, by T. E. Lawrence; The Rise of American Civilization, by Bead, 1927; America Finding Herself, by Sullivan (1900-25), 1927.

15. *Biography*: Ramatirtha Paramahamsa Vijayam (T), by R. Narayanasvami Aiyer, Gandhi Jivacaritam, by Ganesh & Co.(T), Tirumalaisvami Caritam (T).

16. *Grhyam*: Kathakagrhyasutram with Bhasyatrayasara (Dayananda Mahavidyalaya Series), Smartollasa, Part II (Princess of Wales Sarasvati Bhavana Texts).

17. *Dharmasastra*: Sanatana Dharma, Sanatana Dharma Dipika, Dharmatattvanirnaya Parisista, Nrsimhaprasada (Vyavahara Sara).

18. *Vedantam*: Brahmasutra Catussutri Bhasyam (S), Prakatarthavivaranam, 1st Part (Brahmasutra Sankarabhasyavyakhyanam) (S), Brahmasutrabhasyam, by Srikanthacarya (S) in Telugu script, Girvanajnanesvari with Bhavartha Dipika, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa Upadesam (T).

19. *Tantra*: Prapancasara Tantra with vivarana and vrtti, Tripurarahasyam, Part IV, Varivasyarahasyam, text with the commentary of Bhaskararaya and English translation.

20. *Yoga*: Yoga Upanyasa (Tamil translation of Dr. Annie Besant's Yoga Lectures). Yogasarasangraha with English Translation, by Ganganath Jha.

21. *Jyotisam*: Siddhantasarvabhauma, Part II.

22. *Ganitam*: Baksali MSS.

23. *Natakam*: Sankalpa Suryodayam of Vedantadesika with English translation by K. Narayanasvami Aiyer, Mudraraksasa of Visakhadatta edited by A. Hillebrandt.

24. *Alankara*: Sahityamimamsa (Trivandram Sanskrit Series).

25. *Buddhism*: Gandavyuha Sutras, Thupavamsa, by Vacissara Thera edited by B. C. Law, Vamsatthappakasini, commentary on the Mahavamsa, edited for the Govt. of Ceylon by G. P. Malalasekera, Vols. 1 and 2.

26. *Buddhism*: Buddhist Bibliography, by A. C. March (Comp.) 1935, Anguttaranikaya, Vol. IV, translated into English by E. M. Hare, Essays in Zen

Buddhism, 1-3 Series by D. T. Suzuki, 1927-35, Early Buddhist Scriptures edited by E. J. Thomas, 1935, Buddhist Birth Stories, by Rhys David.

27. *Jainism*: The Pravacana Sara of Kunda-kunda Acarya together with the commentary, Tattva Dipika by Amrta Candra Suri translated into English by Barend Faddegon edited with introduction by F. W. Thomas, 1935.

28. *Judaism*: The Babylonian Talmud (Eng. Trans.) by Seder Nezikin, 8 Vols.

29. *Philosophy, Chinese*: Motse, the Neglected Rival of Confucius, by Yi-Pao Mei, Ph. D. (Probsthain's Oriental Series, Vol. 20).

30. *Indian*: Intelligent Man's Guide to Indian Philosophy.

31. *Psychology*: Energies of Men, by William McDougall, F. R. S. (2nd Ed.).

32. *Language*: Das Chinesische, by Jacob Duncan, Indo-Germanisches Grammatik.

33. *Literature*: A practically complete set of "The Wisdom of the East" Series and "People's Books" Series.

34. *Travel*: With Mystics and Magicians in Tibet, by Alexandra David Neel with an Introduction by Dr. A. D. Arsonval, 1931, Buddhists and Glaciers of Western Tibet, by Giotto Dainelli, 1933.

35. *History*: Seven Pillars of Wisdom, by T. E. Lawrence, The Great Pyramid: Its Fact & Theory, by Wm. Kingsland.

36. *Archaeology*: Explorations in Sind, 1927-1931, by N. C. Majumdar.

37. *Art*: Ajanta: Text 1 and 2 and Plates edited by G. Yazdani with Introduction by Lawrence Binyon, Chinese Tripitaka, 98 Vols. of which the supplementary Vols. contain many Art illustrations, A Guide to Elephanta, by Hiranand Sastri, Flight of the Swan—a Memory of Pavlova by Andre Oliveroff, Ragas and Raginis, a Pictorial and Iconographic Study of Indian Musical Modes, Based on Original Sources by O. C. Gangoly.

38. *Two Gramophone Records*: One of Dr. G. S. Arundale's and one of Shrimati Rukmini Devi's.

39. *Music*: Sangitasatsampradayadipika (T).

40. *Astronomy*: Transactions of the International Union for Co-operation in Solar Research, Vols. 1-4, 1908-1914, Stars and Atoms, by A. S. Eddington, 1927, Eos by J. H. Jeans, 1930, Stars in Their Courses by Sir James, Jeans 1931, The Mysterious Universe, by Sir James Jeans, Men, Mirrors and Stars, by G. Edward Pendray, 1935.

41. *Science General*: Limitations of Science, by J. W. N. Sullivan, 1933, Phases of Modern Science, a Symposium by eminent men of Science, 1925, The World as I See It, by Einstein, 1935. New Pathways in Science, by Sir Arthur Eddington, 1935.

42. *Research*: Oriental Studies in honour of Cursetji Erachji Pavry, 1933, Acharyya P. C. Ray Commemoration Volume.

43. *Philosophy*: Our Knowledge of the External World, 1926, by Bertrand Russell, 1926, The Nature of the Physical World, 1929, by Sir Arthur Eddington 1929, Adventures of Ideas, by A. N. Whitehead, 1933.

#### LIST OF TRANSCRIPTS MADE IN 1935

*Kosa*: Amarakosavyakhya by Rayamakuta, 2nd and 3rd kandas complete 5,838 granthas Trikanlaviveka (Amarakosavyakhya) by Ramanatha Vidyavacaspati, 1,624 granthas in 4 vols. (Incomplete).

*Gita*: Bhagavad Gita with Sarvatobhadra by Rajanaka Ramakantha, 2 vols, 6,421 granthas (Complete).

*Vaidyaka*: Netraprakasika by Nandikesvara, 896 granthas (Complete).

#### LIST OF PALM LEAF MSS. PURCHASED IN 1935

Rgbhasyam, by Venkatamadava	(Incomplete)	18,945	Granthas
Niruktabhasyam	(Complete)	2,310	Granthas
Niruktasamuccaya	(Incomplete)	1,320	Granthas
Sikhsasamuccaya	(Incomplete)	2,320	Granthas

#### APPENDIX I

#### LIST OF DONORS OF BOOKS

The Theosophist Office 1090, Dr. G. S. Arundale President, The Theosophical Society: Dr. Annie Besant's Library 413, Personal 161, P.T.S. 18, New India 192, Gulistan Library 24, The Theosophical Publishing House Library: New India Volumes 69, other books 39, Mr. N. Sri Ram 76, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa 75, Recording Secretary of The Theosophical Society 294, C. Rajamanikkammal 45, Miss A.J. Wilson 29, Sanskrit College, Benares 7, Harilal L. Thakkar 6, Mr. Qasim Ali Jairaz Bhoy 6, University of Illinois 5, Research Centre, England 4, Miss Irene Prest 4, Curator for the publication of Trivandram Oriental Series 4, Madras University 4, Bodhananda Maharsi 3, Dr. James H. Cousins 3, Press Department 2, University of Missouri 2, Mr. Manilal T. Mehta 2, Mr. A.K. Sitarama Shastriyar 2, Mr. Ginwala 2, Mr. H. N. Navalkar 2, Mr. S. Svaminathier, Mr. S. Srinivasier, Mr. K. S. Ramasvami Iyer, Mr. Siddhanti Subrahmanya Sastri, Rao Sahib G. Sankara Rao, Lokanatha Bhiksu, Madras Humanitarian League, Mr. C. Subbaramiah, Mr. Atal Bihari Ghosh, (one book of 2 vols.) Mr. Takakusu, Mrs. A. E. Adair, Mrs. Marguerite Pollard, Mr. E. P. S. Masani, Mr. Ernst Pieper, Mr. M. B. Bailly, Messrs. Rider and Co., Mr. K. R. R. Sastri, Mr. Primo F. Aranda, Miss Ware, Dr. F. O. Schrader, Srijut Babu Hirendranath Datta, Cherag Office, Mrs. Alice Brunstrom, Michigan University, Finnish Section, Miss E. M. Amery, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Vasudeva Row, Dr. Mufti Muhummad Sadiq of Quadi, Shrimati Rukmini Devi, one book each.

#### DONATIONS

Mr. Pranjivan Odhavji, Rs. 200, Mrs. L. T. Gale, Edinburgh, Rs. 16-6-0, Mr. Bunjorji N. Mengushi, Billimora, Rs. 5, Mr. S. Rowden Briggs, Rs. 26-7-0, Dr. G. S. Arundale, P.T.S.'s special donation for episcopo, Rs. 297-15-0.

#### APPENDIX II

#### LIST OF ARTICLES RECEIVED FOR THE MUSEUM SINCE NOVEMBER 1934 UP TO THE END OF OCTOBER 1935

##### ARTICLES

##### DONORS

1. Coins of Brazil 10 Silver and 1 gold. Senor Cicero Riberio Dantas Traversas das Gracas, 155, Balem Do Para Brazil per Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.



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| 2. Medal of Instituto Neo Pythagorico Templo das Muzas Coritiba, Parana, Brazil.  | Received per Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.                                    |
| 3. One bow and two arrows.  | T. S. Sundara Aiyer Esq., Kalpatta, Wynad, per Mr. Manjeri Ramier.   |
| 4. Wynad Bark Cloth (Maravuri) Bark of the tree Paimba.   | Mr. M. A. Dharmaraja Aiyer, Kalpatta, Wynad, per Mr. Manjeri Ramier. |
| 5. Welcome Address to Dr. Annie Besant by the employees of New India.   | Presented by Mr. N. Sri Ram.   |
| 6. A Poem in facsimile of the autograph of Dr. Rabindranath Tagore.   | Presented by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.                                    |
| 7. Nautilus shell cut in sections, that illustrate the spiral design in Nature.   | Presented by Mr. Muller (Dutch), per Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.            |
| 8. Programme of the 12th Congress of The Theosophical Society in Europe. (Federation of European National Societies).           | Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.   |
| 9. Photograph of Bihar Theosophical Society Federation Building, Patna, 12th December 1934.                                     | Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.   |
| 10. Photographs (4) Edificio de Escola Normal Pedro II Ceara, Brazil.   | Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.   |
| 11. Farewell Address to Mr. D. K. Telang by the employees of New India  | Mr. N. Sri Ram.  |
| 12. Copper Medal of Henrique Oswald, Brazilian Composer (Artist Adalberto de Mattos).   | Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.   |
| 13. An oil-painting said to be a representation of the Castle-entrance of Vajda Hunyad, May-June 1922 (Artist : S. Ross Turao). | Mr. N. Sri Ram.  |
| 14. Apron and Regalia of Dr. Annie Besant's.  | Mr. N. Sri Ram.  |
| 15. One framed address of the Madras City Lodges congratulating Dr. G. S. Arundale on being elected as the President.           | The Recording Secretary, The Theosophical Society, Adyar.            |

16. Y.M.I.A. Madras welcome Dr. G. S. Arundale on 22-7-1934. The Recording Secretary, The Theosophical Society.
17. Madras Young Theosophists' Welcome Address to Dr. G. S. Arundale, P.T.S. on 22-7-1934. The Recording Secretary, The Theosophical Society.
18. Group Photo of The Theosophist and the T.P.H. Staff with Dr. G. S. Arundale and Shrimati Rukmini Devi and with Mr. and Mrs. Warrington. The Recording Secretary, The Theosophical Society.
19. One Photo of Colonel H. S. Olcott's bust at the place where his body was given back to fire. The Recording Secretary, The Theosophical Society.
20. Photograph of "Olcott" National Headquarters of American Theosophical Society (4 copies). Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.
21. Welcome Address to Dr. G. S. Arundale by Bombay Theosophical Society Federation, French Bridge, Chowpatty, Bombay on July 24th, 1934. The Recording Secretary, The Theosophical Society.
22. Welcome Address to Dr. Annie Besant from the members of the Ananta Lodge, Theosophical Society, Trivandram, dated 31-7-1933. (4 copies on Art paper and 3 copies on Conqueror paper.) Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.
23. One Dragon on a Cross (Gold and Silver). Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.
24. One brooch and pendant "Founder, Chapter, St. Michael". Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.
25. One Silver Spade with the following inscription: Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.  

"To the Venerable Illustrious Brother Annie Besant, P. Ma: M. 330, Hon. Member of Keystone Mark Lodge No. 2. A token of affection and esteem from the Brethren, July 1st, 1924 enclosed in a calico-bound casket."

26. One Welcome Address to the Right Rev. Bishop C. W. Leadbeater by the members of the South Indian Theosophical Conference and Karnataka Theosophical Federation at Krishnarajasagara, dated the 14th April, 1933. The Recording Secretary, The Theosophical Society.
27. Madame Blavatsky and her Society by C. W. L. cutting from "American (Messenger) Theosophist" dated July 1933, Vol. XIV, No. 7. Miss Neff
28. The Address presented to Dr. G. S. Arundale, M.A., LL.B., F. R. His., D. Litt., P. T. S. by Jal M. M. Homji and 8 others representing The All-India Federation of Young Theosophists with 3 gold lace hangings. Dr. G. S. Arundale, P. T. S.
29. South American Coins (9). Mr. C. Jinarajadasa
30. Jubilee Convention Badge 1875-1925 of Dr. G. S. Arundale, Member of General Council. Dr. G. S. Arundale, P. T. S.
31. Photograph of Dr. Annie Besant, Dr. G. S. Arundale and B. P. Wadia, "the three interned." Mr. N. Sri Ram.
32. Silver Trowel presented to Dr. G. S. Arundale, P. T. S. on 17th March 1935 of Beth-el (House of God) dedicated to the service of Humanity through Theosophy and Co-Masonry by Dr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Solomon, Maninagar, Ahmedabad with the inscription of five-pointed star at the top and two interlaced triangles at the bottom with a silver-buttoned rosewood handle. Dr. G. S. Arundale, P. T. S.
33. Address printed on Silk presented to Dr. G. S. Arundale, M.A., LL.B., F. R. His., D. Litt., P. T. S. by Bhavnagar Lodge, Theosophical Society on 18-10-1935. Dr. G. S. Arundale, P. T. S.
34. Loincloth 1, Turban 1, Sword with sheath 1, Bowl of hammered and wrought silver 1. The General Secretary, Javanese Section, per P. T. S.

## THE OLCOTT HARIJAN FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR

*To the Revered President and the Board of Managers.*

I have the honour to submit the following brief Report of the one school left with us now, the Olcott Free School at Adyar, for the year 1935.

The work during the year under report has been one of steady progress and concentrated effort on intensive improvement. During June this year, the VIIIth standard was opened thus making this institution a complete Higher Elementary School. There are now in it 450 pupils, out of whom a hundred are girls, with fifteen teachers. The school has been considered by the Minister of Education with the Government of Madras as a model institution for the work of its type, and in the opinion of the District Educational Officer it continues its usual efficient condition.

Col. Olcott, at the time of founding these, his schools, said that one of his ideas in starting them was to give a strong religious tone to the minds of this long down-trodden and unhappy people. With this his view, the work has been planned on the Principles of Education as enunciated by our great teacher and mother, Dr. Besant. Every attempt is made to make the Olcott School an institution of purpose and usefulness to its pupils and a place of happiness and joy to them. The whole work may be divided under four headings.

(i) *Physical*.—Great emphasis is laid on physical cleanliness. Bathing is made compulsory. Such of those pupils who do not have a bath at their homes are provided with bathing facilities and compelled to bathe in the school. Care is given to the cleanliness and tidiness of body, hair and dress. Medical treatment is given to the children for all minor ailments. Mid-day lunch is given daily to the hungry and needy children, about 80 to 90

on an average. Physical training is given through drill, games and physical practices like pyramid-building and dances. The school has an Olcott Club, where the boys play hockey and handball regularly. During the year they played several hockey matches with other teams and acquitted themselves very creditably. Our children came off very successful in the Inter-Elementary Schools' Sports held at Adyar in February last. I would like to place on record, here, our thanks to the Adyar Baby Welcome, Dr. T. P. Sundaram and Mr. N. K. Kevat for helping us in looking after the physical well-being of our children.

(ii) *Intellectual*.—Besides the 3 R's, the other allied subjects are regularly taught. Every care is given to make the instruction interesting and practical. The inspecting officers have spoken very favourably of this side of the school-work. The students of the higher classes have a literary association of their own the "Olcott Students' Union", our Vice-chairman, Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti being its patron. It meets regularly once a week when they practise public-speaking and discuss various topics. The Union celebrated its First Anniversary on the 2nd of December under the presidency of M. R. Ry., A. Ranganatha Mudaliar, B. A., B. L., M. L. C., when there was a large attendance of Adyar T. S. residents, who appreciated very much the several items of entertainment presented before them.

(iii) *Religious*.—Religious training is given to the pupils through individual and common prayers, regular weekly Bhajanas, periodical pujas and occasional talks on the lives of Great Teachers, Men and Women. During this year Sri Jayanthi, Vinayaka Puja, and Saraswathi Puja were celebrated with great enthusiasm and joy, when the boys recited Sanskrit Mantrams



and Slokas and performed the puja. The emotional side of the pupils' development is well-regulated and fostered by narrating to them stories of great events and men and women. In this respect, Scouting plays a great part in moulding the character of these children. There are now in the school one scout troop and two cub packs, (about 90 boys in all) active and efficient. They are full of scout spirit and are very eager to make themselves useful and helpful wherever possible. They are helped to imbibe in them the spirit of service and unselfishness by getting them definite opportunities for active and practical service. Their grateful thanks go to the T. S. Headquarters at Adyar for the many opportunities for service which they so kindly offered to these children. The scouts and the elderly students of the school and a few cubs have served as volunteers during the past three conventions held at Adyar and are once again given the opportunity to serve at the Great Diamond Jubilee Convention to be held at Adyar during the Christmas. I hope they will prove worthy of the opportunity given to them. During the year they have also made themselves useful to the T. S. at Adyar by helping in the feeding of the poor on several occasions. The scout group publishes a bulletin of its activities regularly each month. The Group has a strong Troop Committee to guide it, consisting of Prof. D. D. Kanga, Mr. Khemchand Naumal and Dr. G. S. Arundale, Mr. Khemchand being its President.

Every attention is given to make the instruction imparted here really useful and purposeful by giving all possible encouragement regarding manual training, which not only helps the pupils in their character-building but also helps them with something definite to fall back upon later, when they leave the school. Manual training is made compulsory for pupils of the higher

classes. Subjects like spinning, weaving of cloth, cot-tape and mats, palm leaf work, net work like volley-ball nets, hammocks and net-bags for the boys; sewing, stitching, embroidery-work and fancy-bag making for the girls are regularly taught besides belt-making, fret-work, basket-weaving and several other hobbies. These and singing are regularly taught as extra-curricular subjects.

During the course of the year the school celebrated the days of its great benefactors. The Founder's Day in memory of Col. Olcott, was celebrated on the 17th of February, when the children had their annual sports which was spread over a week. The "Friends" Day was celebrated on the 3rd of July in memory of Mr. Schwarz when the children had a treat and an outing. The 1st of October, "Amma's" Day, in memory of our ever-beloved Dr. Besant was, as usual, a day of great joy to the children. They all marched in a procession to the Garden of Remembrance (the place where Dr. Besant was cremated) and thence to the Besant Scout Camping Centre where they had their meetings, the investiture of scouts and cubs and the renewal of Scout Promise. Afterwards they were given a dinner by Sri Dharmambal Rajaram. The Pupils of our school were happy recipients of treats from the Adyar Lodge T. S., Mrs. Jayalakshmi Kumar and Dr. Arundale, and our grateful thanks go to them all. The school has now a "Besant Reading Room" attached to it due to the courtesy of its kind friend, Mr. B. V. Sundararaj, who supplies it with one English and two Tamil Dailies, our sincere thanks to him for keeping it going. Besides these a few needy and poor pupils were given books and stationery free and also the pupils were taken out for excursions, hikes and camps on several occasions. In all these ways attempts have been made to keep

them happy and to remove their depressedness.

So much about the achievements during the year under report. Now I would like to place before you certain very urgent requirements of the school.

1. The main pucca shed is in a very bad condition. A proposal has been sent to the Government to demolish this structure and put up in its place a new hall, 80' x 20', to be called "the Besant Hall" which, in addition to accommodating the four classes now held in that shed, would also provide the school with a spacious hall for its common gatherings and meetings which are perforce held at present quite in the open. This new building is estimated to cost about Rs. 6,200. Half of this cost will be met by the grants-in-aid from the Government and for the other half, the school depends largely on the donations from its sympathetic friends.

2. The school has grown big, and the present accommodation is not at all adequate.

3. The unsightly pond near the front of the school should be acquired and filled up.

4. A compound wall should be put up to safeguard the property.

5. The most urgent necessity is the construction of a latrine and urinals.

6. In addition to the expenditure on the above items donations to the extent of Rs. 2,500 are required to meet the annual deficit.

7. Improvement of the library and a small science laboratory.

In conclusion I offer here my loving homage to our President and my grateful thanks to Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi for the kind help he has given me in the proper working of the school.

30-12-35

M. KRISHNAN,

*Correspondent.*

## INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT OF FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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ADYAR

2nd May, 1935

A. J. HAMERSTER,

*Ag. Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.*





### BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT HARIJAN

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ADYAR

2nd May, 1935

A. J. HAMERSTER,

*Ag. Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.*

## FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR, PER 31st MARCH, 1935

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Immovable Property	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
" Movable	"	...	...	500	0	0
" 3½ % Govt. Promotes (Face Value Rs. 30,200)	...	...	...	18,120	0	0
" " (Face Value Rs. 6,000 at par)	...	...	...	6,000	0	0
" 5% Government Paper (1945-55) Face Value Rs. 10,000 at 100 5/8	...	...	...	10,062	8	0
" 5½ % Bombay Development Loan (Face Value Rs. 2,500)	...	...	...	2,500	0	0
Suspense Account	...	...	...	6	6	0
Advance for Supplies	...	...	...	10	0	0
Cash on hand	...	...	...	1,202	12	8
Balance on Current Account with the Imperial Bank of India	...	...	...	5,697	8	4
Income and Disbursement Reserve Account :						
			Rs. s. p.			
Surplus Balance as per last balance sheet	...	702-10-0				
Deficit this year	...	1,549-2-4				
				846	8	4
				46,145	11	4

Audited and found correct.

(Sd.) G. NARASIMHAM &amp; CO.,

Auditors.



MEMORANDUM  
OF  
ASSOCIATION, ETC.



## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

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



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,  
*Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.*

Station, Madras,  
*Dated 3rd April 1905.*

## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

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*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy  
and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
an Act for the Registration of Literary,  
Scientific and Charitable Societies,*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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### MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

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

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

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

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the 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.

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- 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, Albemarle Street, London, W.
- W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
- Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.
- C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N. Z.
- W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.
- Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.
- Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.
- Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.
- Jose M. Massô, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

#### *Additional*

- Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].
- G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].
- Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].
- Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].
- Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].
- Tumucherla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].
- Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage

or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of The Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of The Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of The Society present per-

sonally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March, 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

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

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) 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.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) 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 excepting 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. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

*Note:* Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

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 Ldges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the 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 Exe-

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

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the 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) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond British India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable or immovable and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to subdelegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

(d) 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 (c).

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.

*Note.*—The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

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. (a) 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.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents a reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a 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.

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, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

## GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1936

*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.

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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).

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MR. A. P. WARRINGTON, Krotana, Ojai, California, U. S. A. (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

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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) MR. HENRY HOTCHENER.

**Adyar Library:** DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI.

**Officer in charge of T. S. Records  
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**Publicity Department:** MRS. E. M. SELLON.

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**Garden Department:** MR. J. R. RANGA RAJU.

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## MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at the Headquarters,  
Adyar, on December 25th, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.*

### PRESENT :

Dr. G. S. Arundale	...	<i>President, T.S., and Proxy for the General Secretary, Russian T.S. outside Russia.</i>	
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	...	<i>Vice-President, T.S.</i>	
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	<i>Recording Secretary, T.S., and Proxy for Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar.</i>	
Captain E. M. Sellon	...	<i>Treasurer, T.S.</i>	
Mrs. Josephine Ransom	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden, Hungary, Scotland and Norway.</i>	
Rai Bahadur Panda			
Baijnath	...	<i>General Secretary, Indian Section, T.S.</i>	
Miss Clara Codd	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Australia.</i>	
Heer J. Kruisheer	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in The Netherlands.</i>	
Monsieur J. E. Marcault	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in France and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Italy.</i>	
Mr. George Tripet	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Switzerland.</i>	
Mr. N. A. Naganathan	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Burma.</i>	
Miss E. M. Turner	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Central South Africa.</i>	
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	<i>Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in America, Neth. East Indies, Denmark, Argentina and Jugoslavia.</i>	
Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. H. Frei	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. G. N. Stephenson	...	<i>Assistant Treasurer, by invitation.</i>	
Mr. and Mrs. Hotchener	...	<i>Representative for America</i>	These representatives were not members of the General Council and were therefore not eligible to serve as proxies but they were invited, by special leave of the Council, to be present but not to vote.
Miss Maria Taaks	...	<i>Germany</i>	
Dr. John W. Sonck	...	<i>Finland</i>	
Miss Serge Brisy	...	<i>Belgium</i>	
Mrs. Paula Kemperling	...	<i>Austria</i>	
Mr. Otto Viking	...	<i>Denmark</i>	
Mr. T. Kennedy	...	<i>Ireland</i>	
Senor D. Juan Barcelo	...	<i>Spain</i>	
Miss Mary Jones	...	<i>Wales</i>	
Miss Wanda Dynowska	...	<i>Poland</i>	
Miss Jean Glen-Walker	...	<i>Rumania</i>	
Mr. Bruno Herzl	...	<i>Jugoslavia</i>	



1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings of December 25th, 30th, 1934 and January 2nd, 1935, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, adopted and signed.

2. *Matters, if any, arising out of Minutes.*—None.

3. *Resolutions.*—On the motion of the President the following Resolutions were unanimously approved :

(i) RESOLVED—"That this gathering of members of The Theosophical Society assembled at Adyar in Diamond Jubilee International Convention offers reverent and grateful homage to the Elder Brethren who sent forth The Theosophical Society and its Message of Truth and Brotherhood into the world, and to those among Their faithful servants whom They chose to be its first and greatest leaders—Madame H. P. Blavatsky and Colonel H. S. Olcott—for the blessing The Society and its Message of Theosophy have been to innumerable individuals and to the whole world during its sixty years of existence."

"This gathering pledges itself to do all in its power to be true to the

high purposes to which The Theosophical Society is dedicate, so that both The Society and its Message may move forward in ever-increasing power to a triumphant Centenary in 1975."

(ii) RESOLVED—"That this gathering further places on record its gratitude to all those who, during the past sixty years, have striven to spread Theosophy through their teachings, and above all by the example of their lives, and to strengthen The Theosophical Society by loyal and unceasing service, and in particular to Dr. Annie Besant and Bishop Leadbeater."

4. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were considered and adopted.

Resolved also that the General Council tender to the Treasurer and the Assistant Treasurer their special vote of thanks for the excellent services rendered by them to The Society during the year under report.

5. *Propositions Circulated in September, 1935.*—Votes on the Propositions circulated during the year were received with the following results :

Proposition No.	No. of Rule Affected	For	Against
I	2 (b)	45	0
II	5	43	2
III	50	45	0
IV	31 (b)	40	5
V	21 (a)	41	3
VI	22	42	2
VII	10	45	0
VIII	3	42	3
IX	3	1	44
X	7	18	27
XI	5	5	39
XII	1	1	44
XIII	3	1	44
XIV	1	39	6
XV	7	6	36
XVI	10	3	40
XVII	3	3	41
Resolution		29	4

*Propositions Nos.*—I to VIII and XIV and the Resolution having obtained the necessary majority were declared passed, and the respective Rules are accordingly changed as follows :

*Rule No. 2 (b) (Proposition I).*—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.

*Rule No. 2 (c).*—Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

*Rule No. 2 (d).*—The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

*Rule No. 5 (Proposition II).*—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.

No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

*Note:* Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

*Rule No. 50 (Proposition III).*—The General Council may frame bye-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bye-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

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This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

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*Rule No. 21 (d).*—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 (c).

*Rule No. 22 (Proposition VI).*—*Note:* The procedure detailed in this

Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

*Rule No. 10 (4th sentence) (Proposition VII).*—Each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the 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.

*Rule No. 3 (Proposition VIII).*—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 excepting 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. 1 (Proposition XIV).*—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.

## RESOLUTION

“The General Council, in view of the changed conditions during the World Congress, again opens the question on the financial aspect of World Congresses and invites the General Secretaries from the 1st of January, 1936 onward, to again contribute annually 1% of the dues received, to the World Congress Fund.”

On the suggestion of Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer, it was decided that a Committee be appointed by the President to report as to the best method for obtaining Votes of the Members of the General Council on the Propositions circulated with special reference to the question of moving amendments to the Propositions circulated.

6. *Award of Subba Rao Medal.*—Resolved that the recommendation of the Executive Committee, T. S., to award the Subba Rao Medal for 1935 to Dr. G. S. Arundale be approved.

At 4 p. m., the Meeting was adjourned to December 30th, 1935, at 2 p. m.

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## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at Headquarters, Adyar, on December 30th, 1935, at 2 p.m.*

## PRESENT :

Dr. G. S. Arundale	... President, T.S. and Proxy for the General Secretary, Russian T.S. outside Russia.
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	... Vice-President, T.S.
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	... Recording Secretary, T.S. and Proxy for Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar.
Captain E. M. Sellon	... Treasurer, T.S.

Mrs. Josephine Ransom	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden, Hungary, Scotland and Norway.</i>	
Mr. G. N. Gokhale	...	<i>General Secretary, Indian Section, T.S.</i>	
Miss Clara Codd	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Australia.</i>	
Heer J. Kruisheer	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Netherlands.</i>	
Monsieur J. E. Marcault	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in France and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Italy.</i>	
Mr. George Tripet	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Switzerland.</i>	
Mr. N. A. Naganathan	...	<i>General Secretary, T. S. in Burma.</i>	
Miss E. M. Turner	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Central South Africa.</i>	
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	<i>Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in America, Neth. East Indies, Denmark, Argentina and Jugoslavia.</i>	
Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. H. Frei	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. G. N. Stephenson	...	<i>Asst. Treasurer by invitation.</i>	
Mr. and Mrs. Hotchener	...	<i>Representative for</i>	<i>America</i>
Miss Maria Taaks	...	"	<i>Germany</i>
Dr. John W. Sonck	...	"	<i>Finland</i>
Mrs. Agnes Hamerster	...	"	<i>Russia</i>
Miss Serge Brisy	...	"	<i>Belgium</i>
Mme. Gonggrijp van Blokhuisen	...	"	<i>Neth. E. Indies</i>
Mrs. Paula Kemperling	...	"	<i>Austria</i>
Mr. Otto Viking	...	"	<i>Denmark</i>
Mr. T. Kennedy	...	"	<i>Ireland</i>
Senor D. Juan Barcelo	...	"	<i>Spain</i>
Miss Mary Jones	...	"	<i>Wales</i>
Miss Wanda Dynowska	...	"	<i>Poland</i>
Miss Jean Glen-Walker	...	"	<i>Rumania</i>
Mr. Bruno Herzl	...	"	<i>Jugoslavia</i>

These representatives were not members of the General Council and were therefore not eligible to serve as proxies but they were invited, by special leave of the Council, to be present but not to vote.

7. *Pension for the Nieces of H. P. B.*—It was Resolved to grant a sum of £30 for the year 1936-37.

8. *Budget for 1936.*—The T. S. Headquarters and Adyar Library Bud-

gets for the year ending 31st October, 1936, which had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee were adopted, after examination and discussion of various items.



## T. S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1936

INCOME			Rs.	EXPENDITURE			Rs.
Rent	...	...	17,000	Adyar Library	...	...	5,000
Interest	...	...	6,500	Office Salaries	...	...	5,000
Fees and Dues	...	...	13,000	Servants' Wages	...	...	4,600
Garden Produce	...	...	10,000	Gardens	...	...	18,000
Surplus from 1935	...	...	3,811	Printing and Stationery	...	...	2,000
Deficit to be made good by Donations	...	...	15,139	Telegrams and Postages	...	...	1,750
				Lighting and Water	...	...	6,000
				Taxes	...	...	500
				Construction and Repairs	...	...	10,000
				Establishment	...	...	2,000
				Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund	...	...	500
				Furniture	...	...	500
				Pensions and Gratuities	...	...	3,000
				Miscellaneous	...	...	3,000
				Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	1,500
				Press and Publicity	...	...	1,500
				Museum and Archives	...	...	200
				Dispensary	...	...	500
			65,450				65,450

## ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1936

INCOME			Rs.	EXPENDITURE			Rs.
T. S. Contribution	...	...	5,000	Salaries and Pensions	...	...	5,800
"Adyar Day" Contribution	...	...	1,000	Books, Journals, Manuscripts and Copying	...	...	1,650
Interest	...	...	3,200	Fire Insurance	...	...	300
Sales	...	...	300	Electric Current, Repairs, Etc.	...	...	600
Rent	...	...	1,000	Contingencies	...	...	150
Surplus from 1935	...	...	244	Bookbinding	...	...	700
Deficit to be made good by Donations	...	...	356	Printing and Stationery	...	...	700
				Publications	...	...	1,200
			11,100				11,100

9. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1936.*—The following were elected members of the Executive Committee for the year 1936 :

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa  
 Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar  
 Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram  
 Mrs. Rukmini Arundale  
 Dr. C. Rama Kamath  
 Mr. Henry Hotchener

10. *Appointment of Auditor for 1936.*—It was Resolved that Mr. G. Narasimham, F. A. A., F. R. S. A., Registered Accountant, be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1936.

11. *President's Travelling Fund.*—The Treasurer reported that a sum of Rs. 6,013-10-11 was at the credit of this Fund and that the resolution of the European Federation to the effect that at least £1,000 per annum should be allocated for this purpose and that the European Federation would be prepared to accept the responsibility of finding its share of this amount each year had not been implemented so far as the European Federation was concerned. It was therefore not considered necessary to add new quota this year from the General Funds of the T. S.

12. *Sub-Committee's Report in Respect of Amendment of Rule 10.*—Postponed to next year.

13. (a) *Communications to the Council.*—

(i) Dissolution of the German Section—*Recorded.*

(ii) Mr. Kruisheer's letter about situation in Germany. *Discussed; no specific Resolution desirable.*

(iii) Letter of a member from Greece to President on the subject of Italo-Abyssinian war, and the duty of the T. S. members. *Discussed; no specific Resolution desirable.*

(iv) Reply of the Canadian General Secretary refusing to circulate to new members the personal letter of the President and the opinion of the Vice-President thereon. *Discussed; no specific Resolution desirable.*

(b) Resolution of the Executive Committee of the English Section re-

commending 2 questions for discussion.—*Discussed; no specific Resolution desirable.*

(c) *Question of Financial Situation of Hungarian Section involving danger of losing Headquarters in Budapest.*—After some discussion it was decided with regret that the T. S. funds could not be invested in acquiring Hungarian Section Headquarters.

(d) *The International Theosophical Centre in Geneva*—After some discussion it was Resolved to postpone consideration of this question till after the World Congress and in the meantime a sub-committee consisting of (1) Mr. George Tripet (convener), (2) Mrs. Josephine Ransom, (3) Mr. J. Kruisheer and (4) Prof. J. E. Marcault be appointed to discuss the exact position and submit their recommendations to the President for consideration of the General Council. It was further resolved to place on record the appreciation of the splendid work of Madame Kamensky.

At 3.30 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned to January 2nd, 1936, at 2 p.m.

## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at Headquarters, Adyar, on January 2nd, 1936, at 2 p.m.*

### PRESENT :

Dr. G. S. Arundale	... President, T.S. and Proxy for the General Secretary, Russian T.S. outside Russia.
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	... Vice-President, T.S.
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	... Recording Secretary, T.S.
Captain E. M. Sellon	... Treasurer, T.S.
Mrs. Josephine Ransom	... General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Sweden, Hungary, Scotland and Norway.
Mr. G. N. Gokhale	... General Secretary, Indian Section, T.S.
Miss Clara Codd	... General Secretary, T.S. in Australia.
Heer J. Kruisheer	... General Secretary, T.S. in Netherlands.
Monsieur J. E. Marcault	... General Secretary, T.S. in France.
Mr. George Tripet	... General Secretary, T.S. in Switzerland.
Mr. N. A. Naganathan	... General Secretary, T.S. in Burma.

Miss E. M. Turner	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Central South Africa.</i>	
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	<i>Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in America, Neth. East Indies, Denmark, Argentina and Jugoslavia.</i>	
Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. H. Frei	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>	
Mr. G. N. Stephenson	...	<i>Asst. Treasurer by invitation.</i>	
Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram	}	<i>Members of the Executive Committee, by invitation.</i>	
Mrs. Rukmini Arundale			
Mr. and Mrs. Hotchener	...	<i>Representative, America</i>	These representatives were not members of the General Council and were therefore not eligible to serve as proxies but they were invited, by special leave of the Council, to be present but not to vote.
Miss Maria Taaks	...	<i>" Germany</i>	
Dr. John W. Sonck	...	<i>" Finland</i>	
Mrs. Agnes Hamerster	...	<i>" Russia</i>	
Miss Serge Brisy	...	<i>" Belgium</i>	
Mme. Gonggrijp van Blokhuisen	...	<i>" Neth. East Indies</i>	
Mrs. Paula Kemperling	...	<i>" Austria</i>	
Mr. Otto Viking	...	<i>" Denmark</i>	
Mr. T. Kennedy	...	<i>" Ireland</i>	
Senor D. Juan Barcelo	...	<i>" Spain</i>	
Miss Mary Jones	...	<i>" Wales</i>	
Miss Wanda Dynowska	...	<i>" Poland</i>	
Miss Jean Glen-Walker	...	<i>" Rumania</i>	
Mr. Bruno Herzl	...	<i>" Jugoslavia</i>	

14. *The Young Theosophist Movement.*—Resolved that the General Council appreciate the formation of a movement and authorize the President to give recognition to the same.

15. *Suggestion by the General Secretary, T.S. in Wales, that Membership of The Theosophical Society might be by Subscription to "The Theosophist."*—It was decided to lay the proposal on the table.

16. *Mr. Theodore Besterman's MSS. and the grant of The T.S.*—The sub-committee appointed by the President reported as follows:

"We are of the opinion that it was perfectly clear that the £200 sent to Mr. Besterman was for publication of book and not merely for his personal support without The Society benefiting from this expenditure. The General Council would not dream of doing so. It should be pointed out that the Council considers him under a moral

obligation to give a copy of his material to The Society and to make it clear to him that he has not fulfilled the terms of his obligation."

It was decided to send a copy of the above report to Mr. Theodore Besterman.

17. *Amalgamation of the T.P.H. and the Vasanta Press and their transfer to a private Limited Company.*—The General Council approve of the proposal for the amalgamation of the Theosophical Publishing House and the Vasanta Press and their transfer to a private Limited Company on the lines outlined in the Memorandum circulated and with special reference to the following points:

- (i) Obtaining exemption of Income-tax under the provisions of the Indian Companies Act relating to Charitable Institutions.

- (ii) Safeguarding the interests secured to the President under the deed of Gift of Col. Olcott.
- (iii) Making adequate provision for Reserve Fund to meet losses during some year or years, Depreciation, etc., before declaring a dividend.
- (iv) The share of the President and The Theosophical Society in the income from dividends to be in the proportion of two-thirds to one-third.

At this stage, the President left the Meeting and the Vice-President, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta, occupied the chair.

18. *Proposals of the General Secretary, T.S. in Australia, re. (1) formation of a Correspondence School and (2) placing International lecturing upon an International basis.*—Resolved that the proposals be referred to a sub-committee to be appointed by the President for consideration and report.

19 (a) *President's Fund.*—By leave of the Council, the subjects of President's Travelling Fund and the World Congress were again taken into consideration; and on the motion of Mrs. Josephine Ransom, the following Resolutions were passed unanimously:

- (i) This Council places on record its desire that means

should be found to place annually a minimum sum of £500 at the personal disposal of the President to be used entirely at his own discretion, and that General Secretaries should be communicated with to make such arrangements as they may find possible for implementing the above-noted proposal.

- (ii) The General Council recommends that at least once during the term of the President's Office he makes a world tour so as to be present at Continental Congresses held in different parts of the world.

(b) *World Congress.*—

This Council is of opinion that the Secretary of the World Congress, if and when held, should be appointed by the General Council itself and not by the World Congress Committee in advance.

20. *Life Membership Fee for Fellows-at-Large.*—The proposal of the Recording Secretary to accept a commutation dues of £20 for Life Membership in respect of Fellows-at-Large who are directly attached to Adyar Headquarters was approved.

The Meeting closed at 4 p.m.



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