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ANNUAL CONVENTION, BENARES,  
1936





# THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

AT THE

61ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Benares, December 26th to 29th, 1936*

BRETHREN,

Hearty welcome to you all here assembled in India's holy Kashi for the sixty-first anniversary of The Theosophical Society, the first anniversary to be held here since 1930, when was held the last anniversary over which our beloved President-Mother was able to preside in comparative vigour. Second only in India to Adyar is Kashi in sacredness, and I who have had the privilege of living here for over ten years know well the richness of the gifts which Kashi pours upon those who realize her for what she is, belong they to what religion they may, belong they to what race or nationality they may. I pray that this International Convention may take its place worthily among the great and glorious Conventions which have been held here in the years gone by. I am thankful to know that in special measure will rest upon us the blessing and encouragement of our late President, for she loved Kashi deeply, made this holy place her home for many years, and amidst these very sur-

roundings achieved much of her greatest work.

And since we are gathered together once more in Kashi after six years, I think it would be worth your while to read what our President-Mother herself said then on this very spot in the course of her Presidential Address. She referred to more than one matter of vital moment to The Theosophical Society and to the whole Theosophical Movement. Let her words, uttered here in 1930, sound forth again as we ourselves dwell awhile in that atmosphere of peace and power to which Dr. Besant herself so greatly contributed for more than twenty years.

## ***The Advance Guard***

I record, with mingled regret and gladness, the entry into the Advance Guard of our Masters' world-wide work of several honoured members of Their Army in physical incarnation. Naturally, the passing of our loved Publicity Officer, Mrs. Sellon, is first in my thoughts. She was, and of course is, a great member

of the Theosophical Movement, and I valued very highly her devotion and her ability, while personally she was to me one of the dearest of friends. We have also lost Rai Bahadur Gnanendranath Chakravarti, a very old friend and colleague of Dr. Besant herself, whose kindly and appreciative friendship I have been privileged to enjoy up to the very last. Also have passed away in India Dr. T. M. Manickam Pillai; K. G. Ajrekar, who had the privilege of acquaintance with H.P.B.; Miss English, daughter of Dr. English, formerly Recording Secretary of The Society; Mr. E. A. Wodehouse, an old friend and colleague of mine in the Central Hindu College days; Mohini Mohun Chatterji, friend of H.P.B. and the first Indian I met in this incarnation; and Mr. King whom many in Benares know well from his connection with the Benares Hindu University. Two old friends of the earlier days in India have also passed away in Dr. Balkrishna Kaul and Rai Bahadur Baroda Kant Lahiri, the latter of whom knew H. P. Blavatsky personally. I have also to record the passing of Pandit Bhavani Shankar.

Japan has suffered a great loss in the passing of Captain Buhei Kon, the President of the Miroku Lodge at Tokyo. Two old Italian friends have passed away in Don Fabrizio Ruspoli and Mr. W. H. Kirby, while Miss Diedrichsen, the sculptor of the beautiful statue of the child carrying a baby, now in the Great Hall at Adyar, has also left us, to Denmark's great loss. Mevrouw van der Hell, of Holland, a very old friend of us all and specially of Bishop Lead-

beater, has also joined the Advance Guard. She was indeed a faithful friend, up to the very doors of death and into the beyond.

Australia regrets the passing of Mr. William Harding, a very stalwart supporter of Theosophy in Sydney, to whom I personally owe much for his help during my General Secretaryship there. And Theosophical life throughout Australia is very definitely the poorer for the passing of Mrs. Muriel Chase, a loved and trusted friend, to whom Bishop Leadbeater was very much attached, as were we all. Fortunately she leaves two splendid daughters and a son-in-law to carry on the Chase traditions. I hear that Australia has also lost Major-General Kenneth Mackay, whom not so very long ago we had the pleasure of welcoming to Adyar, and Mrs. Hannah Cox and Mr. H. H. Hungerford. New Zealand has also lost a number of devoted workers.

The year has thus been somewhat devastating. But everywhere I hear of new (but really old) young blood pouring into the veins of the Theosophical vehicle. So all goes well; and those who have gone before us will return in due course to carry on Their Masters' work, with-in or without The Theosophical Society.

### ***The World Congress***

Rukmini and I had the pleasure of making an extensive tour through a number of Sections in Europe, and we were very happy to receive everywhere the warmest hospitality and the most sincere friendship. We passed through Italy, where in Genoa and in Milan we were met



by many friends. We stayed some time in Holland, were present at the annual Convention of the English Section in its fine new London headquarters and beautiful Besant Hall, paid a long deferred visit to Ireland, staying in Dublin and Belfast, renewed once more our happy associations with France, and then went on a most interesting northern tour, including Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark, accompanied by those splendid young Theosophists—Mr. and Mrs. Coats. We passed through Germany on our way back to Holland, deriving most provocative impressions even from the mere transit, and then came the great event of the World Congress, so magnificently organized in Geneva by Monsieur and Madame Georges Tripet, by Miss Dykgraaf, and by the many workers who came from far and wide to make the World Congress a success.

The outstanding feature of this great Congress was, of course, the very obvious presence both of Dr. Besant and of Bishop Leadbeater, of Dr. Besant in specially clear view. Very many of those present, including some who had no connection whatever with The Theosophical Society were deeply impressed by the fact of her presence and of her characteristic modes of influence, and it is this impression which will endure among us all long after even the many splendid memories of the Congress we are privileged to cherish. The Theosophical Society owes a debt of gratitude to the Swiss Government, to the authorities of the City of Geneva, to the Duchess of Hamilton and Miss Lind-af-Hageby, to the authorities of the Dalcroze Institute, and to the

officials of the League of Nations, for making us more than welcome in the world's great centre of international life. I am thankful to know that this fine gathering was the occasion for the release of much spiritual power for peace and goodwill. The theme of the Congress—Justice—was admirably developed by the many speakers, and we were all extremely sorry when the proceedings had to come to an end. I feel sure the League of Nations meetings must have profited from the happy and understanding atmosphere which reigned throughout our week's stay in their great hall with its admirable arrangements for the hearing by every listener in his own tongue of the address which might happen to be in course of delivery.

It is very good news that the financial statement of the World Congress shows a credit balance, instead of that debit which so often dogs the footsteps of departing Conventions. While the Congress was conducted on a lavish scale, a very careful watch was kept on every disbursement—a tribute to the genius of Madame Tripet, the Treasurer, and her colleagues.

A visit to the Swiss mountains followed the Congress, our gracious host being the President of the American Section, and then a return to Holland. The passing of our beloved Publicity Officer, Mrs. E. M. Sellon, prevented us from paying a visit to Belgium, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, to our own deep regret and to the inevitable disappointment of our brethren in these countries.

Then the eastern tour, beginning with Vienna, continuing through

Zagreb, Budapest, Bucharest, Sofia, and ending in Greece, I being the first President to visit this historic land—a most fascinating tour which became more and more eastern in spirit as we went on. Rukmini had the warmest receptions wherever she went and spoke, culminating in a very great gathering in Sofia, and reminding us of the warmth we experienced in Finland, one of the most wonderful countries in Europe.

And so home again to India, with a brief stay in Cairo on the way. I think the tour was as valuable as it was instructive, and in any case it brought home to us once more the urgent importance of spreading Theosophy far and wide.

### **International Office-Bearers**

I have been compelled with the deepest regret to accept Mr. Sellon's resignation of the office of Treasurer which he has held with such conspicuous success and ability. He does not feel able at present to resume at Adyar the old life, and we all understand and deeply sympathize. He has, however, been good enough to accept the post of Financial Adviser to The Society so that we may have the benefit from time to time of his expert knowledge of all financial matters. Already, during his term of office, he has been able to place our finances on a wise and stable basis, thus carrying out still further the very wise policies pursued by Messrs. Frei, Macbean and Schwarz—a veritable trio of financial experts with Mr. Schwarz at the apex. I am fortunate, however, in having been able to prevail upon Mr. Henry Hotchener to take Captain Sellon's

place. Mr. Hotchener has a very wide business and financial experience, and I am sure our finances will be no less safe in his hands than they were in the hands of his predecessor.

I have also had to accept with no less regret, the resignation by Mr. Stephenson of his office of Assistant Treasurer, in which post he has rendered assistance which only a Treasurer can estimate at its full value. Our books are in perfect order because of him, and he has kept the most careful check on all expenditure. The passing of his father has necessitated his taking up residence in Europe, to our great loss.

The post of Publicity Officer will for the time being be filled by Mrs. Adeltha Peterson, a very devoted member of our Society and an expert in publicity work. Though no one will be quite able to take the place of Mrs. Sellon, I feel sure, from what I have already seen of Mrs. Peterson's work in the Press Department, and specially in helping to produce the International Year Book, she will surprise us by the efficiency with which she will manage her new work.

I have just appointed our faithful and very able worker, Mr. M. Subramania Iyer, until lately Manager of The Theosophical Publishing House, to a new office which I have created—that of Research Secretary. It is of very urgent importance that we should have at Adyar special facilities for research, not occult, but quite definitely mundane, and specially that we should begin to gather the material which will be necessary for the compilation of *New Diary Leaves* from

1898 onwards. This should have been done before, but it has not been done, and we have been finding, through our work in connection with the International Year Book, that much of the information so far published about The Society's life and growth is not a little inaccurate. Mr. Subramaniam has already begun this vital work, and I hope that in due course we may be able to begin publication of *New Diary Leaves* and other valuable material. Mrs. Ransom is herself at work on a *Short History of The Theosophical Society*, which I feel sure will have a wide circulation.

Where we should be without the devoted efficiency of our Recording Secretary I do not know. When I am away from Adyar he acts as my Deputy, and he administers the offices of those who may from time to time be compelled to absent themselves temporarily from Headquarters. He has been acting for me, for Mr. Sellon, and for Mr. Stephenson, during the last six months, in addition to all his official duties in Madras. I express to him my most grateful thanks.

### **International Lecturers**

We have a very strong staff of International Lecturers who are doing excellent work in different parts of the world. Mr Jinarajadasa seems to have been making triumphal tours in Australia, where his presentation of Theosophy, especially through the Arts, has been deeply appreciated. Especially interesting, however, is Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit to Indo-China where he was able to strengthen the work of our two Lodges there.

Miss Neff, too, is working in Australia, where she has been known for many years and greatly valued. Miss Codd is now in England, delighting large audiences. India is fortunate to have Mrs. Ransom in the Theosophical field, for she loves India with her whole heart and always presents the Truths of Theosophy in a manner to captivate Indian audiences. Mr. and Mrs. Hodson have been in Java, are now in Ceylon, and will shortly be visiting South Africa and Australia. I have heard enthusiastic appreciation of their work. And then there is the Presidential Agent for the Far East, Mr. A. F. Knudsen who has been working in China, and is about to undertake an extended tour both of China and Japan. He again has been warmly welcomed everywhere, and I am sure we shall at no distant date see the fruit of his work in a great strengthening of Theosophy in China and Japan, with probably two new Sections to be added to our roll.

### **Melbourne Headquarters**

I am happy to congratulate the Melbourne Lodge of our Society in Australia on its magnificent new headquarters, an illustration of which appeared in a recent issue of *The Theosophical World*. Already our Melbourne members have had a most commodious headquarters for their activities in the heart of their great city. Now on the same site, a truly regal building is being erected in a thoroughfare renowned for the architectural beauty of its buildings. I always thought our Sydney premises very

impressive, though they are in no sense the property of the Australian Section and now we have the fine structure in Melbourne—a tribute to the devotion and sagacity of our workers there, among whom must specially be mentioned Mr. Studd, who for innumerable years has served The Society with all his strength.

### ***The World Fund***

I must confess my complete sympathy with the General Secretary for Wales, Mr. Peter Freeman, who in his personal capacity puts forward the suggestion for a World Fund of £100,000 to carry on with dignity and effectiveness the work of The Theosophical Society up to the Centenary in 1975, so that those of us who have been responsible for the first hundred years of The Society's life and work may hand on our responsibility to our successors with a record of fine and devoted achievement. Mr. Freeman's suggestion is now under consideration, but I sincerely hope that we may be able substantially to carry out his scheme, which would meet all the various needs of our Society. The World Fund would, of course, incorporate all existing Funds, and provide for a thoroughly efficient headquarters, all necessary help to Sections which may from time to time stand in need of financial assistance, the services of international lecturers, the President's Fund, the Faithful Service Fund, and so forth. £100,000 is a large sum, but personally I feel convinced that it is by no means beyond the power of our members to raise, given the necessary time. Where there is really

the will, the way opens out, often as if by magic.

### ***Campaign for Understanding***

The Straight Theosophy Campaign, despite the ambiguity of its name, proved a great success, as I have already reported. It was succeeded by a second which I called "There Is a Plan." This has been no less successful, and now a third is under way to meet the immediate needs of the times—A Campaign for Understanding. I most strongly feel that the time has come for some of us at least to seek and extol the Good, leaving the majority to their strenuous activity of discovering and holding up to condemnation that which to them is evil. As Life is everywhere, so is Good everywhere, and the world would be further away from the menace of war and from its present unhappiness and distress were there more of us to look for the Good and to exalt it before the world. No doubt we must also be able to perceive the wrong, or what for us may be the wrong. But there is no danger whatever of the wrong being neglected. It is laid bare gloatingly and in a spirit of self-righteousness both by the crowd which cannot know better and also by the few who ought to know better. I hope that the beginning of 1937 will see the issue of much material in this connection, so that while we may see the darkness, we may also perceive the Light, and honour it. Mutual understanding and mutual appreciation are healing balm for the ills of the world, and I think I can for the moment render no better service in the name of Theosophy and of The



Theosophical Society than to try to give occasion for these wherever possible.

I specially long for the time when we shall have learned to express our own convictions with the utmost earnestness and force, and at the same time to recognize that for others other convictions may be no less true, however radically in opposition to our own.

### ***The T.S. and World Conditions***

A general survey of our work in various parts of the world shows that The Theosophical Society reacts in a measure, as might be expected, to the devastating conditions through which the whole world is passing. In most countries in Europe living is very hard and bleak. Few nations indeed are free from the devitalization of fear, whatever the actual expression of fear may be—aggressiveness, tyranny, a deadening of the national vitality, despair. And the restrictions on the liberty of the individual are many and often iniquitous. Persecution is rife. Those who declare themselves to represent the State often ruthlessly trample underfoot that individual freedom upon which alone a healthy State can be built. Everywhere, or almost everywhere, suspicion, distrust and hatred stalk abroad, gravely menacing that spirit of Brotherhood—national, international, inter-religious—which is the very breath itself of happiness, peace and prosperity. And in unhappy Spain we see the conflicting forces at grips with each other, giving gruesome witness as to the pass to which our so-called civilization has come. The result shows itself in the difficulty which

our brethren everywhere experience in keeping alive in their respective countries the Fire of Theosophy and The Theosophical Society. Russia has for some years past rejected our Movement; and Germany has most regrettably followed in Russia's footsteps. In Spain the situation is such that our Section cannot possibly function, though I am thankful to have received a letter from our General Secretary there, Señor Lorenzana, showing that he is still at his post, though for the moment there is practically nothing he can do. I am glad also to have received yet one more communication from Spain, this time from our brother Domingo G. Perez, who writes from Barcelona on a postcard with the caption printed on it *Milices Antifeixistes de Catalonia*. He asks for news of Señor Lorenzana, which I have sent to him, such as it is.

Save in Europe, and far more in Central, Southern and Eastern Europe than in the North, the Theosophical situation is calm, even though difficult, though in Australia there has been a most unfortunate, but inevitable, case over the affairs of The Theosophical Broadcasting Station. I am glad to learn that the dispute has finally been settled out of court, and I hope that our fine Australian Section will once more be able to continue its vital work of bringing eternal truths to a land to which they naturally belong by reason of her spirit and destiny. The life of the Australian Section has been not a little stormy, but I regard this as a sign of the importance of our work in what a Master has called "the Land of the Larger Hope,"

regrettable from many points of view though the unrest may have been.

### **The Geneva Centre**

I am much concerned about the future of one of the most important parts of our work—the International Theosophical Centre at Geneva. Geneva, because of the League of Nations—an organism which deserves a better fate than to be strangled because it is young and therefore has as yet little strength—has become a great international centre, and nearly a hundred international organizations have established activities there both to keep in touch with the League of Nations and also to contribute to the international atmosphere their various notes. It is of the highest importance that The Theosophical Society should be represented, and thanks to Mrs. Cousins, to our indefatigable worker Madame Kamensky, and to other friends, the International Theosophical Centre has been doing splendid work for some years. But a substantial proportion of the financial assistance which has been so far available is no longer forthcoming, and we must now find about £300 per year for the Centre's upkeep. I feel that this amount should be found, and I hope the General Council may be able to help, though The Society's own finances are by no means as flourishing as I should like them to be. But I do ask all who are seized with the importance of our Society's representation at Geneva to contribute what they can towards the sum required. I have personally seen how influential in international affairs our Geneva Centre can be.

### **South African Union**

A highlight, I think, in the history of Theosophy in South Africa is the decision of the two Sections there to amalgamate. With the very best will in the world amalgamations are never easy to accomplish, since so many interests have to be considered. But it says very much for the devotion of these two Sections to our great cause that they are carrying through a decision which will unify and consolidate the work. I have no details yet, but I am told that the spirit of "drawing together" is strong, and that it is finely fortified by the Young Theosophists and their Secretary, Mrs. Erwin, whom, with her husband, I have had the pleasure of meeting, and know to be among our staunchest workers.

### **The European Federation**

I am very glad that the Federation of European Sections is still, in spite of all difficulties, doing such good work in helping to draw the various Sections more closely together. Mynheer P. Cochijs and Mejuffrouw C. Dykgraaf are mainly responsible for the excellent work being done, helped by my fine colleague, the General Secretary for Hungary, Miss F. Selevér, who has done so much to keep the Hungarian Section in sound health amidst all the difficulties in which Hungary finds herself. I am hoping she will be successful in keeping the fine headquarters in Budapest, dedicated by Dr. Besant herself. But we need for this a sum of about £2,000, and whence is it to come? The European Federation holds annual Conventions, the last having taken place in Amsterdam.

It is not yet quite certain where the 1937 Convention will be held—probably either in Zagreb or in Scandinavia. Our Yugoslavian brethren have the ambition to possess their own headquarters, but there is many a slip, I fear, between the eager lip and the financial cup. I wish I could help them, as they are a very fine body of workers. But I have no funds for the purpose, and The Society is prohibited by law from aiding such activities, worthy indeed though they be. It is curious that Rumania should have a splendid new headquarters, and that Yugoslavia should be contemplating building one, while poor Hungary is in danger of losing even that which she has.

I hardly suppose it will help Yugoslavia to know that the International Youth Headquarters at Adyar is being built by the Young Theosophists themselves, partly for the good exercise, but partly also because it is cheaper so to do. I am delighted with the good work being done by Young Theosophists throughout the world, in fact in twenty-six countries. The Young Theosophist movement was very dear indeed to the heart of our President-Mother, and she is, I am sure, happy to know how well it is going on.

### **Section Achievements**

I have not been able to read through every report from our various Sections, nor have all reports been received, but some special features have struck me among the records of good work done during the year. The Cuban Section, for example, is heartily to be congratulated on 102 new mem-

bers during the past year. There is even in the very report itself an atmosphere of energy and enthusiasm, so I am not astonished, only delighted, to read of the increase in membership. The Netherlands East Indies Section has 95 new members to its credit—another splendid record. Hearty good wishes to our Java brethren on the Silver Jubilee of their Section in 1937. Australia has to her credit the project for a fine new building in Melbourne, to which I have already referred. England opens the finely proportioned Besant Hall. Bulgaria is justly proud of the revival of her Section organ *Orfei* after a suspension of ten years. The Swiss Section is to be congratulated on the invaluable help given to the World Congress by many of her members at considerable sacrifice. Puerto Rico writes of weekly radio talks which are bearing much fruit; and Hungary is bravely struggling to retain her headquarters, as I have already noted. I must also place on record the valiant journey of some Portuguese young Theosophists to the World Congress in Switzerland via Africa, hiking their way, but determined at all costs to be present. I am glad to know that the Indian Section is now recovering lost ground. Under the fine guidance of Mr. G. N. Gokhale I feel sure the Indian Section will begin to regain its lost strength, and I am much happier today about the Indian Section than I have been for a long time. During the past year there has been a net increase in membership of 129, as against the modest figure of 7 in 1935. The Indian Section should be the strongest in the world in all ways,

for it dwells in the most sacred of lands in the outer world, and its atmosphere is Theosophy. Our Central American Section collects Republics, which is to say that the Section is formed of members from a number of constituent Republics. Heretofore there were six Republics represented. Now, with the addition of the Luz Lodge in the Panama Republic, a seventh Republic joins. The seven are: Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama and Colombia. Hearty congratulations.

I am very glad to know that the French Section has decided that The Theosophical Society in France shall be represented at the forthcoming International Exhibition to be held in Paris in 1937. This is a welcome sign that the French Section seizes every opportunity of bringing Theosophy to public notice.

### **Outposts**

I am sure you will be interested in those outposts of our Society which are doing fine work all too little recognized because it is done in what at present we may call out of the way places, but work the outcome of which will probably be new Sections and Theosophy viewed in a light entirely different from our present envisagements. In Asia, for example, we have Lodges in Shanghai (one of which is attached to the Russian Section outside Russia), in Hongkong, Tokyo, Harbin, Tientsin, and there are Lodges at Phuolong, Saigon and Baclicu attached to the French Section. Out of these must eventually be born the Chinese and Japanese Sections.

Then, in Malaya, the Singapore and Selangor Lodges. In Africa, we have on the Gold Coast the Accra Lodge, for the time being attached to the English Section; a Lodge in Kenya Colony, attached to the South African Section, and then in Northern Africa we have eleven Lodges in Algeria, Morocco and Tunis—one under the Spanish Section and the rest under the French Section. Theosophical work is still being done in Egypt, but it needs much energizing. In the Hawaiian Islands there is the Honolulu Lodge, attached, of course, to the American Section; while in the British West Indies there is the Barbados Lodge. In Europe, Estonia has a Lodge, as also Latvia. Luxemburg has two Lodges, attached to the French Section, to which Section is also attached a Lodge in Monaco. There is also a Cyprus Island Lodge attached to the Greek Section.

In the past there have been Lodges in Turkey, in Gibraltar, in the Canary Islands, in Persia, in Mauritius, in Hankow, in Cambodia, in Kioto, and several more in the West Indies, including a Lodge in Haiti.

I congratulate a somewhat lonely outpost Lodge of our Society in Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa, on an outstanding increase in membership. From time to time our brethren there correspond with me and are always full of enthusiasm.

### **Adyar Activities**

Your International Headquarters at Adyar is in good condition, thanks to the devoted labours of the various heads of departments and their



staffs. The Gardens, upon the wise handling of which so much depends, continue under the able care of Mr. J. R. Ranga Raju and his young nephew, Mr. J. V. Raju. The problem is how to make the Gardens a profitable concern, while by no means neglecting their ornamental value. The Indian Boarding House and Leadbeater Chambers, under Mr. Subbaramayya and Mevrouw Stutterheim respectively, work with their usual smoothness. The charges for accommodation at Chambers have been substantially reduced. I hope it will some day become a really inexpensive place in which to live. The Dairy is doing very well under the care of the Garden superintendents. We are now able to supply both cream and butter; and custom is gaining steadily. The Laundry, under the management of Madame D'Amato and Mr. Shah, is also flourishing, and is likely to be more so if all goes well with the reduction in charges which is to come into effect as an experimental measure in 1937. The Theosophical Society Post Office has proved so great a success that the Postal authorities have converted it from an experimental office into a permanent establishment, and I am hoping that in due course it may be given wider powers. Our Theosophist Postmaster, Mr. K. Natarajan, is heartily to be congratulated. I am glad that the abandonment of our own electric installation and transference to the Madras Electric Supply Corporation has fully justified itself, and we are able steadily to decrease our charges to residents of Adyar. We are also cheapening the cost of our water supply, so

that in every department Adyar is becoming a much cheaper place in which to live, especially for our European visitors. The Besant Scout Camping Centre is giving its usual valuable service to large numbers of Boy Scouts. The Garden of Remembrance is looking very beautiful after the rains, and is constantly visited by our own members and the general public.

The Press Department and the Publicity Office also flourish, under the absolutely invaluable Mr. J. L. Davidge and Mrs. Adeltha Peterson respectively. I am sure Mrs. Sellon will be happy that her successor is building so well on the splendid foundations she laid. Miss Eunice Petrie is giving her great business ability to the service of The Theosophical Publishing House, as well as undertaking the duties of Social Hostess, receiving and looking after visitors. The Sirius Recreation Club has been most valuable, and I am very glad to announce that it has been renamed the Sellon Recreation Club in memory of one of its most generous supporters. I am very grateful to Mr. E. M. Sellon for so generously making to the Club an annual grant which, with the members' subscriptions, should maintain the Club in a very satisfactory condition. Miss Newberry is kindly acting as Chairman of our Service Committee in the absence of Mrs. Hamerster. The Adyar Lodge holds regular meetings, which are well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Zuurman have left after long and most devoted service, and the Power House and Engineering Departments are in charge of Dr. P. Govindarajulu and Mr. Laxman.

I cannot too highly praise the most valuable service rendered to our Estate by the Honorary Consulting Engineers, Messrs. K. Srinivasa Iyengar and Mr. B. Ranga Reddi. Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar has been very busy throughout the year and has spared no trouble or time to supervise the various structures and repairs.

### ***The Adyar Library***

The Adyar Library continues its most valuable service to Theosophy and to The Theosophical Society, under the direction of Dr. Srinivasa Murti and his colleagues, including Mr. A. J. Hamerster and Dr. C. Kunhan Raja. The Library authorities are seeking in every way to make their precious charge more useful, first by inaugurating The Adyar Library Association, second by planning to start a quarterly to be called *The Adyar Library Journal*. The first issue will appear on February 17th next, which is Adyar Day, celebrating the passing of Colonel Olcott and the birth of Bishop Leadbeater; the other issues will be published on May 8th, White Lotus Day, commemorating specially H. P. Blavatsky; October 1st, the birthday of Dr. Besant, and December 1st, the birthday of the third President. I commend both of these activities to you all, for the Adyar Library is one of our most important contacts with the outer world, and specially with what we call the learned world. During the past year the Library has been refurnished and its manuscripts and books very carefully catalogued, first by Miss G. Watkin, and after her departure by Mevrouw A. G. C. Gonggrijp, both

of whom are expert and tireless workers.

### ***Adyar Shrines***

I wish those members who were responsible for the laying of foundations of the Temples, Mosque and Church at Adyar would cherish them a little more carefully. Of course outstanding homage to their Faith has been paid by our Buddhist brethren who, under the inspiration and direction of Mr. Jinarajadasa, have given to Adyar a very exquisite little structure finally completed in 1926. Evidently our Buddhist Brethren are more jealous of the honour of their Faith's representation at Adyar than most other religionists. The structure of the Liberal Catholic Church leaves very much to be desired, and in other cases we see but foundations and no superstructure whatever. It is not The Society's business to remedy the neglect of the members of the various faiths. It has no funds for the purpose. In some ways I have doubted the wisdom of the policy of erecting these religious buildings at Adyar, though they might well have been a convenience to members belonging to the faiths they represent who are residing at Adyar. But since they exist, they surely should be looked after, and I ask members of The Liberal Catholic Church who are members of our Society to send gifts for the restoration of the building belonging to them. Similarly, my Mussalman fellow-members should look after their Mosque, and our Jain members their Temple. The Hindu and Parsi Temples alone show that they are remembered. As a

matter of fact the Bharata Samaj holds regular services in the Hindu Temple, an example which might well be copied.

### **The Adyar Stores**

The Adyar Stores after a most successful year of business went into pralaya during the summer, and was finally closed as a limited liability company, to be opened again under private auspices. These Stores do very good business while Adyar is well filled with workers—the business of the winter paying for the slackness of the summer. If any members living abroad desire business information in connection with Indian products of all kinds, they are requested to communicate with the Manager, The Adyar Stores, Adyar, Madras.

### **Medical Services**

The Adyar Child Welfare Centre has been doing its usual splendid work under the guidance of Shrimati Bhagirathi Ammal, as the following figures will show: "During the last year 23,383 was the total number of children who attended the Centre and 14,442 were treated for minor ailments. The nurse visited 2,624 families in their homes and conducted 106 maternity cases; 15 labour cases and 4 children were sent to the hospital. A daily average of 21 children has been fed on ragi conjee or milk. We are very grateful to Dr. T. P. Sundaram who always gives us every possible help."

The Theosophical Society's Free Dispensary continues its excellent service to Adyar and the surrounding villages under the able care of Dr. Sundaram, whose constant care of all I heartily appreciate. 3,430

patients were treated during the year, an increase of 724 over 1935. Mrs. Turner Todd is giving a beautiful microscope to the Dispensary in memory of her husband. The more help we receive the more we shall be able to help the large numbers of poor people who live in the neighbouring villages.

### **Theosophical Publishing House**

I am very glad to be able to report that The Theosophical Publishing House is steadily growing in all departments, thanks to the zeal of Mr. Hotchener, Mr. van de Poll, and their fine band of young colleagues, headed by Mr. C. Seshadri. THE THEOSOPHIST has passed the 2,000 mark, and is just beginning to bring us in a little income. *The Theosophical World* is also steadily moving upward and will soon reach the 1,000 mark, thus entirely justifying its existence.

I should like to make clear that while THE THEOSOPHIST is more particularly intended for the general public, though I hope it is also of value to my fellow-members, *The Theosophical World* is designed to be our little family journal, full of titbits of information, as to what is going on in our family throughout the world. Personally I think every member who can might well subscribe to both journals at the reduced price which is available for such subscription, so that he may be in touch both with our Society's personal affairs and with the work of Theosophy and The Theosophical Society in the outer world.

It may be interesting to disclose the best sellers during the past year among our Theosophical books.

Here is the list as compiled by The Theosophical Publishing House :

1. *Gods in the Becoming*
2. *You*
3. *First Principles of Theosophy*
4. *Freedom and Friendship*
5. *Clairvoyance*
6. *Dreams*
7. *What Theosophists Believe*
8. *The Masters and the Path*
9. *Creating Character*
10. *Life ! More Life !*
11. *Memory and Its Nature*
12. *Talks on the Path of Occultism*

I am very glad also that our Publishing House has been appointed official agent in Southern India for the League of Nations Publications.

The financial side of The Theosophical Publishing House this year shows a considerable improvement over 1935. Not only are its financial resources greater and its outstanding liabilities smaller, but it has also been able to render financial assistance to the Press Department, the Publicity Department, and *The Young Theosophist*. Advantage was taken of the World Congress at Geneva for a meeting of the representatives of our large book-selling centres. These were Mr. van de Poll, who represented Adyar in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Hotchener ; Mr. Sidney Cook, representing America ; Mr. Severs, representing England ; Mr. Kruisheer and Mr. van Dissel from Holland ; and Mr. Fournier from the Dutch East Indies. Much good resulted from the interchange of views, and an important step was taken in the direction of harmonious and efficient co-operation

in the distribution of our literature and the establishment of our ideals throughout the world.

### **The Vasanta Press**

The Vasanta Press has continued its vital work during the past year with its usual efficiency. Mr. Subbarayudu has proved himself a worthy successor to Mr. Sitarama Shastri who established the Press and won for it its high reputation. But even better work could be done were better type available, and could our printing equipment be brought up to date. With what we have our printing staff is doing admirably, and we are hoping that as times improve we may gain more custom and thus be in a position to raise our equipment to the level of our staff's efficiency.

### **Adyar Schools**

I should like to include in this Address a word of praise for the workers in charge of The Besant Memorial School at Adyar, the Memorial Dr. Besant herself chose as nearest and dearest to her heart. The highest commendation is given to the School in every detail of its activities by the Government Inspector of Schools, as you will read in an article in *The Theosophical World* for December. I find it difficult to select one passage from the Government report rather than another, but I cannot think of higher testimony than the following passage : "The pupils are given the best of training needed to make them happy and useful citizens." I do ask for this School all help that our members can spare. It needs freedom from financial anxiety, and an opportunity to extend



its scope so that it may become an increasingly effective exponent of Dr. Besant's educational ideals, and thus delight her heart and give to the world men and women reflecting in at least some measure her noble spirit.

The Olcott Harijan Free School is continuing its very good work, and just as I put in a plea for the Besant Memorial School, so do I ask for all possible help for this Olcott Memorial School, older by many years than its younger brother, and highly appreciated by all who have watched it at work. It has nearly 500 pupils on its rolls, and the Government Inspector observes that the teachers and pupils move as members of one family. One of the foremost authorities on education in India, Pundit H. N. Kunzru, has said of the School that it is "far and away the best school of its kind that I have seen, but it is much more than that." And only the other day one of the Aldermen of the Madras Corporation said that it would be a national calamity if such an institution were to be allowed to languish for want of a little support. In Mr. M. Krishnan we have yet another Headmaster of the highest merit. We are indeed fortunate in our Headmasters. But there is an annual deficit of about £300 which he finds it hard to meet, and we should be very thankful for help.

### **Boy Scouts**

The Besant Scout Camping Centre grows more popular year by year, and I am informed that many more parties of Scouts have made use of the Centre during the year under report. We need much more equip-

ment than we have, and I shall be thankful for help from any Scout members in our Society. The Centre is one of our memorials to Dr. Besant, for she held the Order of the Silver Wolf, and was Lord Baden-Powell's Honorary Commissioner in India. Indeed, Dr. Besant was the originator of the Indian Boy Scout Movement, sanctioning its amalgamation with Lord Baden-Powell's Movement, partly in homage to the international spirit of Scouting, and partly out of her respect for the world's Chief Scout, one of the greatest men of the age. I must confess, however, that the amalgamation has on the whole not proved a success. For this reason, I am giving such time as I can spare for scouting to the Seva Samiti Scout Movement, which is an entirely Indian organization, free from all Government control, and is doing magnificent work in the north of India.

### **The President's Office**

Thanks to the generosity of some friends of Dr. Besant, her rooms at Headquarters have been thoroughly renovated and improved. They will be used as the Office of the President, being more conveniently accessible than my own bedroom-living room which is up two very tiresome flights of stairs. I hope that successive Presidents may decide thus to occupy her rooms, the more so because of the unique magnetism they possess—that of H. P. Blavatsky, whose bedroom was once part of them, of H. S. Olcott who also used them, and of Dr. Besant who lived and worked in them throughout the whole of her Presidentship. They have also

historic associations with more than one of the Elder Brethren.

### **Personal**

I express my grateful thanks to my Private Secretary, Miss Norma Makey, who works unremittingly for the efficiency of the President's Office. Any business-like capacities which may shine forth and be attributed to myself are mainly due to Miss Makey's unremitting care.

I am very much obliged, too, to Miss Amery, a veteran worker in our Society, who works day after day in my Office, despite ill-health. She is always willing to do anything, and what is more does that anything well.

My Personal Assistant, Mr. N. Sundram, has given The Theosophical Society and myself most efficient and devoted service during the year. He has his own special gifts, particularly along the lines of salesmanship and business, and we have been able to take full advantage of these. The success of The Adyar Stores is entirely due to him.

### **The Workers at Adyar**

I should like to pay my tribute of sincere appreciation to the very many workers on the Adyar Estate, workers in the gardens, workers in the Power House, workers in Lead-beater Chambers, the Bhojanasala, the Theosophical Publishing House, the Vasanta Press, workers in the Dairy and in the Laundry, the servants of the residents, who are continually sowing the seed, but who too often reap but little of the harvest. Because of their assiduity and efficiency we are able to lead

comparatively smooth lives at Adyar, and we who are heads of departments are able to congratulate each other on progress everywhere.

I am by no means satisfied that we are doing all we should do and could do to make the lives of all these workers happier and more worth living. The problem as to how to achieve this is not at all easy to solve. A mere raising of wages, even irrespective of the fact that prices may have decreased, will not necessarily achieve the desired end. But the situation of these people preoccupies me very much, for it is even more important than the conveniences we are always seeking to bestow upon our residents. Adyar should be a model community, and I am not satisfied that it is, even though on the whole we are doing what we can. Perhaps in my next Address I shall have to say more on this matter.

### **Theosophical Year Book**

I wish specially to draw the attention of my fellow members to our newest publication—The International Theosophical Year Book, which was out on December 15th. This is a new venture which I think will soon become indispensable to every member who desires to know both what is going on in the Theosophical world and also to have an accurate and friendly review of the world situation as expressed in the various countries. Among the contents are : the history and organization of The Theosophical Society, chronicle of events 1875 to 1900, a Theosophical Who's Who, Theosophy's classic literature, World Calendar for 1937 (with moon phases and time change chart),

summary of national policy and history of every Section, the President's policy, etc. Not the least notable or most surprising impression one gains from the Who's Who section is the number of distinguished men and women the world over who have at one time or another been members of The Society. The price is only Rs. 2-14. Our workers at Adyar have made every effort to ensure that the material shall be authoritative and up-to-date, and from a perusal of the page-proofs I am convinced that this Year Book is quite unique among the various Year Books of the world, reflecting as it does on every page the Theosophical spirit, and giving just the kind of information members of The Theosophical Society, and indeed the outside public, need to have. I think it will become indispensable to educationists, statesmen and journalists. Next year we shall be able to produce an even better Year Book. But I am thankful that already there are sufficient subscriptions to cover its cost of production, and that it will be financially profitable from the very beginning.

### ***The Seven Year Plan***

If I may allude to my "Seven Year Plan" I would point out that while in many directions it is becoming fulfilled, there remain projects of very great importance to the work of our movement which naturally have yet to be accomplished. For example, we need especially in these days of darkness to intensify our Theosophical propaganda throughout the world. Much has already been accomplished through the Publicity De-

partment. But if we had a steady income of about £1,000 per year, we could not only undertake much more publicity from headquarters, but we could also help many of the poorer Sections to increase their own Publicity work. Then there is really urgent need for the International Bureaux at Adyar, proposal No. 11, so that we may keep members of The Society everywhere fully abreast of developments in the various fields of human growth. We should need to give subsistence allowances to workers, and pay for the necessary information. I estimate about £600 per year for this. Then there is urgent need for a new Adyar Library, proposal No. 1, for which a sum of not less than £20,000 is required. The present Library building has become far too small, and cannot be conveniently enlarged. There is also The Theosophical Training Centre, proposal No. 5, which our late Publicity Officer, Mrs. Sellon, regarded as of vital importance. We need trained workers, trained speakers, and suitable candidates must be given Adyar Fellowships, so that they may be able to spend at least a year at Adyar, returning to their Sections well equipped to spread Theosophy and to promote efficient business organization. A considerable sum will be necessary if this work is to be done on a world-wide basis. But it could be commenced in a small way. I should like to have at least £500 per year to start with. Then the general Endowment Fund of The Society needs substantial increase. The larger this Fund the more we can do. I hope that everywhere members will think of headquarters'

needs as well as of the needs of their own Sections and Lodges, which must of course come first. Every member who has something to leave in his or her will should remember the General Fund, or any special Fund which may appeal, as well as Section and Lodge. Among correlated activities are the Besant Memorial School, the Adyar Theatre, and the Besant Scout Camping Centre, all of which contribute substantially to Adyar's efficiency, and need strengthening.

Mr. Freeman's proposal might meet all these needs if carried out. But in the meantime the work must be pushed on and extended, and we cannot wait for the organization of the World Fund, which will have to be very carefully worked out, and launched at the proper time.

### ***Academy of the Arts***

The International Academy of the Arts was inaugurated last year at Adyar with two principal objects: (1) To emphasize the essential Unity of all true Art, and (2) To work for the recognition of the Arts as inherent in effective individual national and religious growth. It has been putting these objects into concrete form and has also planned out a year's work, part of which is to consist in the presentation of plays and dance recitals at various places in India, and the production of films, in addition to the dancing classes which will open in 1937 at Adyar. It is hoped that with the return to India of its President, Shrimati Rukmini Devi, and the co-operation of a number of artists who have come to Adyar from outside

India, her dream for the Academy "that it should not merely serve to encourage the Arts as such, but should no less stimulate the spirit of art in every department of Life" will begin to be realized in ever increasing measure. In her own words: "Beauty is the medium of culture, and culture is the only background that will cause humanity to become greater and nobler." Hence the Academy is dedicated to beauty, and as beauty is the medium through which the Divine expresses Himself, the work of the Academy will be an invaluable asset to The Theosophical Society in its great mission.

### ***The Circle of Friendship***

I close this Presidential Address with an appeal to my fellow-members throughout the world ever to remember and to practise what I think is the Truth of all truths, the very heart of Eternal Truth: that Friendship and Comradeship which should stand high and unassailable above all differences of race, of nationality, of faith, of sect, of dogma, of doctrine, of opinion, of belief, of custom. Friendship and Comradeship are Life's immemorial tradition, constitute our immediate birthright and heritage, and are to be in the future the glorious apotheosis of our evolutionary growth. Each and every difference, of whatever nature, I regard as but a colour-shade in the divine Rainbow wherein the Light Eternal veils to our still feeble eyes the excess of His Glory. Differences are varied approaches to a common end, and are designed to disclose to us the vast wealth and beauty of that Unity whence they



emerge and whither they return when their work is done. Our First Object clearly shows that The Theosophical Society is primarily committed to emphasize this Unity, which it describes as The Universal Brotherhood, amidst all the differences so characteristic of this separative age.

Infinitely more important than any opinion, any dogma, any belief, is that Friendship and Comradeship which these too often tend to negate and deny. I am convinced that we have not yet learned the Truth in our convictions and beliefs so long as the holding of them causes us to draw away from our fellows and to denounce their own convictions and beliefs. Friendship is Truth. Comradeship is Truth. And the myriad differences which seem to separate us are in fact but exercises towards their discernment and achievement.

In the outer world individuals are constantly saying and doing hard and harsh things about those with whom they disagree, and too often differences kill Friendship and Comradeship, thus plunging the world still further into distress and fear. The work of members of The Theosophical Society is in part, not to seek to abolish differences, for differences are necessary to growth, but to prevent them from becoming a canker eating at the fair roots of that Friendship and Comradeship which are the heart and purpose of Life. Most of us have yet to learn how to differ, for we are still at the early stage of imagining that Friendship and Comradeship can only exist among those who think alike, feel alike, and work in common causes.

No error could be more profound, more dangerous. We who have the privilege of membership of The Theosophical Society have the opportunity to show that differences do not and need not kill Friendship or Comradeship, that we can, and often ought to, differ radically, and remain friends and comrades, sharing as we do the common life and moving as we are towards the common goal. Our studies of Theosophy should help us powerfully, for all Truth when approached wisely and understood deeply exalts Friendship and Comradeship and causes difference to become a servant instead of being, as it so often is, a tyrant trampling Friendship and Comradeship underfoot. I have often said that Theosophy is the Science of Freedom and Friendship. Let every member of The Theosophical Society be an eager exponent of the Science, and so honour difference within an unbreakable circle of all-inclusive Friendship.

Thus exalting Friendship above all differences everywhere, thus holding fast to Friendship in the holy name of Freedom, we shall become veritable craftsmen in the mighty Science of Theosophy, learning to move in our respective pathways on the great Highroad of Life in the spirit of the Stoic virtues—with Reverence, with Magnanimity, with Equanimity.

Upon all who by the Masters' grace and their own good karma are members of The Theosophical Society I invoke the blessing of its true Founders and Guides. May we increase in Understanding and in Graciousness, in eagerness to praise, in reluctance to blame, in

power to give courage, in insight to strengthen in each the Light of his own Divinity.

So shall we travel joyously, and help others to travel joyously, through the valleys and the plains of life, over the hills and mountains of life, through life's dark forests and free and open spaces :

. . . . . to travel still  
*Over the plain, beyond the hill,  
 Unhesitating through the shade,  
 Amid the silence unafraid,  
 Till, at some sudden turn, one  
       sees,  
 Against the black and muttering  
       trees,  
 Thine altar, wonderfully white,  
 Among the Forests of the Night.*

## NEWS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

*America (The United States).* The Section has a membership of 4,317, new members 422. The number placed on the inactive list was the smallest in 19 years.

The Easy Savings Plan has resulted in definite financial benefit, besides widening and deepening the sense of unified activity throughout the membership.

Visiting workers report keener enthusiasm and improved technique wherever they travel.

Captain Sidney Ransom, International Lecturer, won the hearts of our members so completely that his visit is to be extended into 1937.

The Convention was this year a "Members' Convention", and was a deeply friendly occasion during which the members themselves caught a wider vision of the greatness of the work.

The *American Theosophist* has this year appeared in new form and at slightly reduced cost, which members have welcomed.

About 40 members had the privilege of participating in the World Congress at Geneva, and this is expected to have far-reaching effects on the work of this Section.

The increasing strength and enthusiasm of the Young Theosophists deserves special mention. The Olcott Lecture award was this year won by a Young Theosophist (Mrs. Lillian Boxell).

The Theosophical Press published several pamphlets and reprints, and a closer co-operation with the Theosophical Publishing Houses of Adyar and London has been established.

The "Straight Theosophy", and "There is a Plan" Campaigns were enthusiastically welcomed as a medium of stimulating study.

The Section presents a pledge of whole-hearted co-operation and affectionate good wishes to the President.

*England.* The most important event of 1936 was the dedication in June by the President (Dr. Arundale) of the fine new Besant Hall "at the first Convention for many years to be held entirely in our own buildings." The Hall seats over four hundred, and to provide for the six hundred present at the President's *Blavatsky Lecture*, loud speakers conveyed the address to an overflow meeting in the main building. The Hall

is simple and dignified in design, with unusual lighting effects, and perfect ventilation and acoustics.

A series of lectures on *The Next Step in Religion*, delivered by Prof. Sir S. Radhakrishnan, Canon Charles Raven, Mr. Aldous Huxley, Miss Charlotte Woods, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, and Mr. Gerald Heard in the Besant Hall, aroused interest in the London press. A private committee sponsored the series.

The Adyar Plan was adapted to the needs of the Section by a somewhat detailed Study Course, and many Lodges are following it.

Miss Codd has again been touring England as National Lecturer—she was extremely well received in the provinces. Several of the younger volunteer lecturers are becoming well known and attracting good audiences. The Youth Movement is growing and the young people are doing excellent work throughout the Section.

"The Society is standing for peace and goodwill wherever and whenever possible, and many Lodges hold regular meditations for peace and understanding as part of their study work. . . . It is hoped that our Section may play its part in the re-emphasis and revival of the spiritual life as a practical contribution to meeting the needs of the world today."

*India.* The General Secretary has had a busy year, organising the Head Quarters and the Federations and trying to bring them into closer touch with each other and with Adyar. He specially urges upon the members the necessity of caring for the "Lost" members, many of whom he thinks might be "Found" again if a little trouble

were taken to find out why they had strayed away. He also stresses the necessity for more vernacular magazines and translations of Theosophical books, so that more ladies may be interested in the work of the Society. The whole of his report is full of excellent suggestions for improved work and should be read carefully by every member of the Section.

*Australia.* The New General Secretary, Mr. Litchfield, reports great inspiration gained from Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit. During a period of four months, Mr. Jinarajadasa delivered two public lectures weekly in Sydney and then toured the entire Section. Miss Neff is continuing her valuable work as National Lecturer.

"The Jubilee Support Convention held at The Manor 26 December 1935 was one of the happiest functions ever held in Sydney." A meditation linked the Section with Adyar. The President's recorded address was then heard, followed by an intimate interchange of personal reminiscences and appropriate readings. A huge Commemoration Cake beautifully decorated with The Society's Seal and Motto, cut by the eldest member with a richly ornamented naval sword, brought back memories of other celebrations when "Brother" himself wielded the sword.

*News and Notes* has been renamed *Theosophy in Australia*; and continues to link members over great distances.

The General Secretary looks with confidence and hope to the important part The Society is destined to play in the future of Australia.

**Sweden.** Reports a general revision of the membership roll, leaving a band of 498 enthusiastic members. Many events crowded the fiscal year: Mr. Jinarajadasa's public lecture in Stockholm; the visit of the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi to the Convention and Summer School, at which the President struck the strong note of "Freedom and Friendship." Dr. Bendit gave valuable contributions on psychology. The Study Week, led by Mr. Bolt, emphasized "Vital Theosophy."

**New Zealand.** "Friendliness was the keynote of the 40th Annual Convention," together with "an eager spirit of service and the desire to go forward with new ideas." One issue of *Theosophy in New Zealand* was published. Sincere appreciation is given to Miss Lilian Edger, the first General Secretary, and Miss Nettie Ocken-den for splendid work done amongst the Lodges. The Youth Movement is very vital, not only in the beautiful Vasanta Garden School, now in its eighteenth year, but also in the New Zealand Round Table with its very creditable monthly *The Torch*, and the dramatic performances given by young people "which illustrate most effectively the ideals of Theosophy." The Theosophical order of Service is particularly active in Peace, Dramatic, Health, and Animal Welfare Groups. The public are impressed by the artistic and deeply religious appeal of the *Ritual of the Mystic Star*.

**Netherlands.** "Theosophy in the Netherlands is slowly but surely regaining its lost ground. Many who had resigned their member-

ship, now again return to the old fold. One can resign from The Society but never from Theosophy if it has been of real value in one's life."

The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi. "This has been a year of great Congresses,"—the Diamond Jubilee at Adyar, the Fourth World Congress at Geneva; and in Holland the anniversary of Foundation Day, the Support Convention of the Diamond Jubilee, and the Convention dedicated to the 400th anniversary of the death of Desiderius Erasmus, friend of Sir Thomas More.

A survey of the financial situation led to the unanimous resolution that the National Headquarters was indispensable and that any financial retrenchment must be applied elsewhere. The Publishing House has been reorganized and is now under the capable management of Mr. C. W. Heidemann.

The Straight Theosophy Campaign proved a success wherever the President's scheme could be followed. Experience gained is enabling the Section to carry out "There is a Plan" much more fully.

**France.** Prof. Marcault, the General Secretary, reports a very encouraging revival of activities, which he thinks "is due to the overflowing power and inspiration brought back by those privileged to attend the Diamond Jubilee Congress at Adyar, and the Fourth World Congress in Geneva." The Section counts a total membership of 2,628. Last winter, the French Government deputed Prof. Marcault



and Dr. Brosse to tour India with a view to investigate into the Yogic states of consciousness. The results of their research have been embodied in reports published in several leading scientific papers and popularized by the daily press. Lantern slide lectures on the subject delivered before the medical profession aroused keen interest. This led the members of the T.S. to undertake a methodical study of the higher phases of Yoga; and the special course of lectures which the General Secretary is delivering on the subject will extend through January, February, March and April 1937. The General Secretary gratefully refers to the visit of the President (Dr. Arundale) and Shrimati Rukmini Devi, as also of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa and Mr. Polak, General Secretary for Belgium. The Section tried a new method of propaganda with remarkably brilliant results—that of free gifts of the best Theosophical books to public libraries, both in Parisian districts and provincial cities. Efforts are also being made to revive the Theosophical Order of Service. "Next year", writes the General Secretary, "Paris is going to be the seat of an interesting International Exhibition of Arts applied to everyday life. A Section including the various fields of expression of human thought having been incorporated in the Exhibition programme, our National Council has decided that our Section should be represented there, and steps have been taken to secure some space where a Theosophical display can be made."

*Italy.* In this Section "a real enthusiasm seeking for expression

is *alive* in each and every group." The total membership of The Society has increased by 27. The very delicate situation through which the Section passed in consequence of the Abyssinian War and the economic sanctions in no way affected its activities. Four new groups were formed, two of them in Rome, one of which is almost exclusively made up of young people. An "Art Group" was formed in Milan "which is tending more especially to emphasize the artistic aspect of Theosophical activity." The Section bulletin and the quarterly *Il Loto* appeared regularly; and the Publishing Department brought out three books by Mario Brandi and Emma Tedeschi. The pamphlet *Teosofia e Societa Teosofica* was issued for propaganda purposes, and Italian translations of Dr. Arundale's articles, "The Assets and Liabilities of the T.S." and "The New Aspect of Theosophy" were also published. A delegation of twelve members attended the Geneva World Congress at which the General Secretary spoke on "Justice for the Nations" thus "establishing or renewing friendly personal contacts with the delegates from other nations." The Section interests itself in anti-vivisection work, and gives spiritual assistance to the blind, for whom a Circulating Library in Braille has been started. The Exhibition of Spiritual Art, held at Genoa during the annual meeting of the Section, was a great success, many well-known Italian Artists having generously contributed. The Youth Movement has been started under the leadership of Edoardo Bratina of Trieste.

*Cuba.* This very live Section has vigorously worked the Straight Theosophy Campaign, and has all the translated material of "There is a Plan" in the hands of its Lodges; its federations have been active in holding many conferences, its youth movement is well organized. The General Secretary reports a phenomenal influx of 102 new and four returned members. Only one resignation. Through its 564 members the Section is spreading Theosophy over the face of this island. Cuba has since the beginning of this century been a stronghold of Theosophy.

*Hungary.* "The thread running through the year's activities . . . was the inspiration of the Diamond Jubilee. All our activities . . . were linked to that central idea and we tried to carry out the beautiful scheme received from Adyar. . . . The attendance and interest showed that we did well to follow it." At the opening of the Convention the members linked themselves with Section after Section, thus becoming one with Theosophists all over the world. "The keynote was joy, enthusiasm, happiness." A further contact is made with other countries through a monthly review of Theosophical news.

"We are still in our Headquarters. In spite of seemingly insurmountable difficulties . . . our members are making great sacrifices to keep this gift of Dr. Besant for the work of the Masters."

The members are dauntless in determination to make Theosophy available in the Hungarian language. Lack of money for publications is no obstacle. In 1934

five typewritten copies were made of a translation of *The Wonder Child*, and in 1936 four of *Mount Everest*, besides the printing of a few booklets due to a member's generosity. In 1936, 137 more books were sold than in 1935.

*Finland.* This Section is greatly to be congratulated on the large increase in membership—448 to 522. Propaganda pamphlets were distributed in large numbers. The Youth Movement is flourishing. We remember that one of the first Young Theosophist Groups, if not the very first, was formed in Finland. The Section rejoiced in visits from the President, Dr. Arundale, Mrs. Arundale, and Mr. Jinarajadasa. The Finnish Section has resuscitated itself in a marvellous way. It is wonderful to come across such a large number of members who are so perfectly one-pointed, keen and eager about Theosophy, with no difficulties, no doubts and confusions—so straight.

*Russia (outside Russia).* This brave Section, which spreads its members over several Continents, reports many Lodges working on the Plan Campaign, the publication of Dr. Besant's *Riddle of Life* and the journal *Vestnik*, much social service, work for World Peace, Arts and Crafts (particularly in Geneva), and a general revival of Russian culture in the light of Theosophy.

*Czechoslovakia.* The Headquarters, T. S., have been transferred, after being ten years in Moravska Ostrava, back to Praha. Mr. Hujer and Mr. Lzicka had the privilege of being at Adyar for a visit and gave the members helpful descriptions of it. Lectures, classes,

and other constructive works have filled an active year.

*South Africa.* The General Secretary's report is mainly taken up with outlining the proposed amalgamation of the Section with that of Central South Africa, and the division of the United Section into Autonomous Provinces. The final decision of these matters will be made at the Easter Convention.

*Scotland.* The General Secretary sums up the results of the public distribution through concerted effort of thousands of pamphlets in the Straight Theosophy Campaign, as a beneficial influence upon the "general thought atmosphere of the country, and for many members a wider grasp of and surer grounding in the great truths of Theosophy."

A Support Convention was held in both Eastern and Western Districts at the time of the Diamond Jubilee.

The Besant Library at Headquarters, is taking definite shape through generous gifts.

*Switzerland.* Every branch without exception has done noteworthy work in furthering the Straight Theosophy Campaign, leaflets being distributed both in French and German. Expenses for the Campaign were raised through the projection of a film on reincarnation at one of Geneva's largest cinemas when the General Secretary gave a short lecture before about five hundred people. The Swiss Section sent its General Secretary to the Diamond Jubilee at Adyar and he returned with fresh enthusiasm to undertake the difficult but most successfully accomplished task of

being host to the Fourth World Congress at Geneva.

*Belgium.* The Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Belgian Section, celebrated in 1936, marked a new cycle of life and vitality which the General Secretary feels is due to collaboration "in the realization of the President's plan." The majority of the Lodges followed the plan in detail and found it produced excellent results.

Theosophy as Beauty has been stressed through musical programmes and lectures under the auspices of great artists, and through the drama "The King's Dream," acted by a group of Young Theosophists and Round Table members, under the direction and inspiration of Serge Brisy.

Not only was the Section favoured with visiting lecturers from other countries, but also several prominent non-Theosophists gave addresses on cultural subjects.

An H.P.B. Training Class for lecturers and Theosophical workers was organized within the year by Serge Brisy and this class is enthusiastically preparing for future work.

*Netherlands East Indies.* Many idealistic societies, among them our Theosophical Society, have suffered from unequal rates of exchange. The present approach to parity will be of great financial assistance to the Section.

The events of the year were: The extensive tours of Mr. Jinarajadasa and Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson. Mr. Jinarajadasa also conducted a Summer School at Kali-Oerang and lent his gracious presence to the National Convention at Solo.

Among the splendid activities of the Netherlands East Indies are five Theosophical publications in Dutch and native tongues, a Theosophical Handbook in two languages, and a translation of Campaign pamphlets. The Section Library has grown to 1,200 books, double the number at its inauguration two years ago.

Educational work is progressing steadily under the leadership of Mr. Fournier, and the General Secretary is now in charge of the Teachers' College at Lembang.

Through the efforts of Mr. Hodson the Youth movement has established centres which are growing rapidly in a membership "sparkling with enthusiasm." One of Indonesia's youngest members, an artist of four, gave an exquisite Javanese dance at the Convention.

Java celebrates its Silver Jubilee in 1937.

**Burma.** Has gained 25 new members during a year "very eventful in many directions." There are now 167 members on the rolls. Two Youth Lodges were chartered, and the Section enthusiastically pursued the Straight Theosophy Campaign and Youth-to-Youth Campaign, with liberal contributions to their success from Young Theosophists. The Rangoon T.S. members on the Burma Educational Trust take an abiding interest in the working of the Boys' High School, Girls' Middle School and the Night School. Burma Theosophists and Youth Lodge members have contributed a great deal to the success of the Burma Humanitarian League. At Maymyo, in October, the Section had "one of the most joyous and enthusiastic

Conventions in recent years, the new Besant Memorial Hall being an especial attraction during the Convention days." Burma had the privilege of the first visit of the Vice-President, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta. His visit greatly enhanced the interest of the members of the Section in their work.

**Austria.** All nine Lodges and the new Centre at Scheibbs, the General Secretary's birthplace, strove to fulfil the Straight Theosophy Campaign. Herr Karl Reidel is publishing special numbers of the *Theosophische Nachrichten* as a means of circulating smaller works of Theosophical authors, the first of these booklets being *The World Mother as Symbol and Fact*, by Bishop Leadbeater.

**Norway.** This Section reports a year of steady progress. There are seven active Lodges including the Adyar Lodge (formed this year) with a total membership of 208 of which 17 are new admissions. Activities include study-groups and meetings for Young Theosophists. The outstanding event of the year was the visit of the President, "whose eloquent and humorous speeches," writes the General Secretary, "conveyed important and uplifting messages in the most pleasant manner." Shrimati Rukmini Devi delivered at Oslo a public lecture on "The Message of Beauty to Civilization." She is mentioned appreciatively as being "herself a revelation of beauty, and our Theosophical Society today has no better interpreter of this Message." The Norwegian members were also greatly inspired by the presence and talks of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, their distinguished guest. The



Publishing Department has brought out Dr. Arundale's *The Spirit of Youth* and *The Seven-Year Plan*, and Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's *Clairvoyance* and *The Serpent Fire*. The Lodges enthusiastically carried on the Straight Theosophy Campaign; and the General Secretary hopes "that the new programme formulated and promulgated by Adyar will be received and utilized with similar interest."

**Denmark.** Members feel greatly privileged to have seen within the year the "three leading personalities within our Society," the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi, and Mr. Jinarajadasa.

The Section favours the prolonged series type of lectures, having found this, particularly through the visits of Mr. Edwin Bolt, an excellent method of establishing a close contact between member and lecturer. The General Secretary would be glad if other lecturers "were able to find time for similar courses of lecturing."

Campaign and other pamphlets have been translated and published, together with nine annual numbers of *Theosophia*. The journal is now edited by Mr. A. Engelstoft-Schmidt. The Section expresses its gratitude to Mrs. Valborg Andersen, editor for many years, and to Mr. Lexow, now ninety, who still continues his work of translation for the journal.

**Argentina.** The Section has a membership of 336, new members 69, net increase 12.

Two Centres received charters as new Lodges, and "Paz Lodge" (Bolivia) rejoined Argentina. This makes 21 Lodges. Great enthusiasm and harmony are report-

ed among the officials and members.

One delegate sent to the 4th World Congress at Geneva was stopped in Madrid, and owing to the Spanish war was not able to proceed. But many members greatly appreciated reading some of the Geneva speeches in French in *The Theosophist*. The question of language is a real difficulty in all the South American countries.

400 copies of *Kuntur* were sent free to Spanish and Portuguese speaking Libraries, Schools and Universities.

5000 copies of Mr. Jinarajadasa's French lecture "Theosophy and Brotherhood" were published in Spanish.

Special interest is taken in Shrimati Rukmini's work for artistic and youthful ideals.

**Chile.** A stalwart member who has just retired from other activities is lecturing in the vicinity of Santiago and Valparaiso, and co-operating successfully with the Lodges.

**Bulgaria.** Reports a "gradual awakening of Theosophical activity during the past year." The whole Section has been reoriented to the purpose of spreading Theosophy: The active members have been organized into two groups—those knowing some foreign languages have been busy translating books and articles into Bulgarian to appear in the Section journal *Orfei*, revived after ten years' suspension; the other group has devoted its energies to collecting money for the publication of this journal and for general propaganda, some contributing out of their own personal income. A munificent gift of

100,000 levas has been received from an unknown donor for publicity.

One of the largest and most enthusiastic audiences of the whole Presidential tour gathered to hear Shrimati Rukmini Devi lecture on "India's Genius in the Arts." The President opened the Seventeenth Annual Convention on October 10, "His inspiring and encouraging words strengthened in our souls the faith in the bright cause of The Theosophical Society and stirred enthusiasm and strong will for harder work in the future."

*Iceland.* In a year "rich with work" stand out the Diamond Jubilee Support Convention, three radio talks given by the General Secretary, and a fruitful Summer School.

*Portugal.* One of the Section's real achievements was the attendance of its General Secretary and six members at the Geneva World Congress. Blocked by war-stricken territory, five journeyed via North Africa and one walked most of the way through France. Not only have the Great Days of Theosophy been celebrated, but special festivals of Brotherhood, Solidarity and Friendship have given emphasis to the fundamental ideals of Theosophy. The Theosophical Order of Service has continued active in work for the poor, for children, and for animals.

*Wales.* The fifteenth annual report of this Section is most interesting. In pamphlet form it gives a history of its work for the past fourteen years. Real devotion and active work amidst truly great difficulties certainly have placed the members on the T. S. Roll of

Honour. The Youth Movement there is very living, and is aiding the Lodge in Cardiff in many resultful ways. The ideal of the Section is to make it play a telling part in the birth of a new and more brotherly age. This Section reports 19 Lodges, 10 admissions, and a total of 293 members. The President's and Rukmini Devi's visit brought much life and vigour into the Section's work.

*Poland.* The emphasis for 1936 has been on "greater unity and greater comradeship". This was accomplished through correspondence, circular letters, personal interviews and visits, and a special meditation undertaken to link the Section with the Great Conventions and Congresses, with other Sections in Europe, and with Geneva and Adyar. Under the stimulus of this meditation members raised in small sums a fund which sent a delegate to the World Congress. A small monthly bulletin was started. This work towards greater unity has been the "first effective step towards real comradeship."

*Uruguay* reports a decrease of membership but a great increase of activity, especially in "the study of the Sciences of Economics, Education, Industry, Politics and the Arts". The new General Secretary is hoping to report considerable advance in all directions during the coming year.

*Puerto Rico.* The weekly radio talk from San Juan prompts many inquiries from interested non-members. "Our Straight Theosophy Campaign last year gave excellent results; we are working for even better results with the Plan of Evolution."

*Central America.* Luz Lodge has just been founded in the Canal Zone, Panama. Koothoomi Lodge in Guatemala is making efforts to form a Lodge at Quetzaltenango, and a Theosophical Agricultural School is projected. Seven Republics are represented in the South American Section: Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia. Colombia members are endeavouring to form a Section.

### OUTPOST LODGES

*Manuk Lodge, Hong Kong.* The Lodge has observed the Great Days, held weekly study classes, and during 1936 given weekly lectures. Many visitors touch the port of Hong Kong and link the Lodge with the Theosophical Movement throughout the world. Particularly did the Lodge benefit

from the two visits of the Presidential Agent, Mr. A. F. Knudsen.

*Singapore Lodge.* This bridge between East and Far East and the Northern and Southern Hemispheres has been greatly favoured by visits from Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Knudsen, J. Ch. Chatterjee, Bert-ram Keightley, Dr. G. N. Chakravarti, Miss Nguyen Thi Hai, Mr. and Mrs. Hotchener, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson, Capt. and Mrs. Sellon, and Mr. Jinarajadasa, all of whom addressed the Lodge or gave a public lecture.

*Selangor Lodge.* (Federated Malay States). This Lodge has held its own in regular concentrated work. They derive much help from the Adyar publications. There were very helpful visits from Mr. R. A. Sharma, Mr. M. N. Ramaswami Iyer, and Dr. Siddappa of Mysore.

## SUPPLEMENT

### SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL DETAILS

An abstract prepared for me by the Recording Secretary is appended below:

There are 44 National Societies, 4 Federations of Lodges and 8 Non-Sectionalised Lodges. 18 new Charters have been issued during the year raising the total to 2,944.

As regards membership, the figures given in the following statements are only provisional as Statistical reports have yet to be received from 7 National Soc-

ieties, 1 Federation of Lodges and 1 Non-Sectionalised Lodge. 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 membership of members this year is 29,718 as against 29,971 of last year (excluding a membership of 346 in Germany where there is now no National Society).

## STATEMENT I

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	Incoming Members			Total	Outgoing	
			Admission	Re-admission	By Transfer		Resignation	Death
1	U. S. of America ...	152	422	175	9	606	108	53
2	England ...	126	216	26	22	264	134	43
3	India ...	262	370	93	1	464	31	40
4	Australia ...	22	69	10	2	81	28	14
5	Sweden ...	34	13	—	—	13	35	7
6	New Zealand ...	19	24	8	—	32	14	16
7	Netherlands ...	45	141	28	20	189	109	30
8	France ...	70	241	—	—	241	33	46
9	Italy ...	18	45	8	—	53	12	4
10	Cuba ...	27	102	4	—	106	1	7
11	Hungary ...	10	14	—	—	14	27	2
12	Finland ...	20	79	—	—	79	—	3
13	Russia ...	12	10	—	—	10	2	1
14	Czechoslovakia ...	7	2	—	—	2	2	—
15	South Africa ...	7	20	1	1	22	8	—
16	Scotland ...	27	22	1	—	23	16	8
17	Switzerland ...	13	49	1	—	50	7	1
18	Belgium ...	12	34	—	—	34	—	—
19	Netherlands-Indies ...	40	163	6	3	172	51	8
20	Burma ...	12	25	—	2	27	—	—
21	Austria ...	9	40	1	—	41	5	3
22	Norway ...	7	17	—	—	17	12	5
23	Denmark ...	11	57	—	—	57	37	8
24	Ireland ...	8	1	—	—	1	1	—
25	Mexico ...	16	20	—	—	20	5	3
26	Canada ...	17	30	4	2	36	—	3
27	Argentina ...	21	69	31	—	100	14	3
28	Chile ...	7	12	—	—	12	—	3
29	Brazil ...	18	—	—	—	—	—	—
30	Bulgaria ...	5	1	—	—	1	—	—
31	Iceland ...	6	10	—	—	10	6	1
32	Spain ...	24	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Portugal ...	9	21	1	—	22	7	1
34	Wales ...	15	11	1	2	14	9	8
35	Poland ...	7	16	—	—	16	4	1
36	Uruguay ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
37	Puerto Rico ...	7	4	1	—	5	—	—
38	Rumania ...	8	—	—	—	—	—	—
39	Yugoslavia ...	15	60	4	—	64	8	3
40	Ceylon ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
41	Greece ...	8	12	2	—	14	1	—
42	Central America ...	12	27	6	—	33	1	1
43	Central S. Africa ...	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
44	Philippine Islands ...	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Egypt ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Paraguay ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Peru ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Canadian Federation... ..	7	17	8	—	25	—	1
	Barbados Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Nairobi Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Shanghai Lodge ...	1	7	—	—	7	1	—
	Manuk Lodge ...	1	6	1	1	8	1	—
	Singapore Lodge ...	1	4	—	—	4	—	—
	H. P. B. Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Selangor Lodge ...	1	—	—	2	2	—	—
	Miroku Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Fellows-at-Large ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	Total ...	1,203	2,503	421	67	2,991	730	327



## STATEMENT I

Members		Total	Present total	Net gain or loss in 1935	Net gain or loss in 1936	Remarks
Removal from rolls	Transfer to other Sections					
541	7	709	4,317	+157	-103	
152	10	339	3,445	+28	-75	
262	2	335	4,124	+7	+129	
134	1	177	1,181	-49	-96	
84	—	126	498	-7	-113	
23	—	53	802	-37	-21	
36	21	196	2,050	-44	-7	
206	7	292	2,628	-54	-51	
—	8	24	358	-51	+29	
—	—	8	572	+40	+98	
23	—	52	212	-34	-38	
2	—	5	522	+63	+74	
12	—	15	166	+10	-5	
—	—	2	84	+4	—	
30	1	39	196	+40	-17	
13	1	38	402	-26	-15	
—	1	9	303	+32	+41	
23	—	23	392	+10	+11	
13	5	77	1,335	+56	+95	
4	—	4	167	+25	+23	
34	13	55	393	-15	-14	
1	—	18	230	+18	-1	
—	—	45	455	+44	+12	
4	1	6	83	-4	-5	
—	—	8	298	-4	+12	
33	—	36	345	+5	—	
71	—	88	336	+28	+12	
27	—	30	130	+43	-18	
—	—	—	496	—	—	No Report Last year's figure.
—	—	—	83*	-4	+1	
9	—	16	189	-11	-6	
—	—	—	510	-11	—	"
1	1	10	157	-23	+12	
12	7	36	271	-15	-22	
—	—	5	198**	+8	+11	
—	—	—	70	-4	—	"
5	—	5	94	+14	—	
—	—	—	188	+11	—	"
—	—	11	311	+31	+53	
—	—	—	146	+10	—	"
20	1	22	162	+35	-8	
—	—	2	254	+94	+31	
—	—	—	223	+36	—	"
—	—	—	108	—	—	"
—	—	—	39	—	—	"
—	—	—	7	—	—	
—	—	—	27	—	—	
15	—	16	171	+23	+9	
—	—	—	9	—	—	"
—	—	—	10	—	—	
—	4	5	20	—	+2	
3	5	9	20	-15	-1	
—	1	1	16	+1	+3	
—	—	—	10	—	—	
—	—	—	9	—	+2	
—	—	—	6	—	—	
—	—	—	14	—	—	
1,780	97	2,934	29,718			

\* No. in 1935 was 82.

\*\* No. in 1935 was 187.

## STATEMENT II

*Loss last year but gain this year*

		1934-35	1935-36
Italy	....	— 51	+ 29
Mexico	....	— 4	+ 12
Bulgaria	....	— 4	+ 1
Portugal	....	— 23	+ 12
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		— 82	+ 54
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## STATEMENT III

*Gain greater this year than last year*

		1934-35	1935-36
India	....	+ 7	+ 129
Cuba	....	+ 40	+ 98
Finland	....	+ 63	+ 74
Switzerland	....	+ 32	+ 41
Belgium	....	+ 10	+ 11
Netherlands-Indies	....	+ 56	+ 95
Poland	....	+ 8	+ 11
Jugoslavija	....	+ 31	+ 53
Singapore Lodge	....	+ 1	+ 3
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		+ 248	+ 515
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## STATEMENT IV

*Gain last year but loss this year*

		1934-35	1935-36
U.S. of America	....	+ 157	— 103
England	....	+ 28	— 75
Hungary	....	+ 40	— 38
Russian T.S. outside Russia	....	+ 10	— 5
South Africa	....	+ 40	— 17
Norway	....	+ 18	— 1
Chile	....	+ 43	— 18
Greece	....	+ 35	— 8
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		+ 371	— 265
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## STATEMENT V

*Loss greater this year than last year*

	1934-35	1935-36
Australia	.... — 49	— 96
Sweden	.... — 7	—113
Hungary	.... — 34	— 38
Ireland	.... — 4	— 5
Wales	.... — 15	— 22
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	—109	—274
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## STATEMENT VI

*Loss less this year than last year*

	1934-35	1935-36
New Zealand	.... — 37	— 21
Netherlands	.... — 44	— 7
France	.... — 54	— 51
Scotland	.... — 26	— 15
Austria	.... — 15	— 14
Iceland	... — 11	— 6
Manuk Lodge	.... — 15	— 1
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	—202	—115
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Statement II shows that 4 Sections that sustained a loss of 82 during 1934-35 have gained 54 during this year. Statement III shows that 8 Sections and an Unsectionalised Lodge that had a net gain of 248 members last year have added 515 to their register. Statement IV shows that

8 Sections that had a gain of 371 last year lost 265 this year. From Statements V and VI it will be seen that in 5 Sections the loss has risen from 109 to 274 while 6 Sections and a Non-Sectionalised Lodge that had lost 202 in 1934-35 have lost only 115 this year.





## THE TREASURER'S REPORT



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*To the President, the T.S.*

I have to report that our Statement of Accounts for the Financial year ending 31st October 1936 compares favourably with our Budget, and that we are able to show a favourable result in spite of a falling off of revenue in certain important directions. This result,

I am anxious to state at the outset, is largely due to the administrative ability of Dr. Srinivasa Murthi who was Acting Treasurer for over six months of the period and to the valuable assistance rendered by Mr. Stephenson, the Assistant Treasurer.

The accounts may be summarised as follows :

		<i>Budget</i>			<i>Actual</i>
Surplus for 1935	....	Rs. 3,811	....	Rs.	3,811
Income	....	" 46,500	....	"	51,131
Budgeted deficit to be made good by donations	....	" 15,139			
Donations received to be made to capital account	....			"	5,874
		Total			
		Rs. 65,450	....	"	60,816
Expenditure		" 65,450	....	"	55,684
		Balance			
		Nil		"	5,132

### INCOME

Sundry donations including the "Adyar Day" collections from U.S.A. and other countries show a reduction of approximately Rs. 1,800 and the amount received from Fees and Dues of National Societies is approximately Rs. 2,000 less than the last year. On the other hand income from rents of bungalows and quarters in Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala shows a definite increase, partly due to the large number of visitors for the Diamond Jubilee Convention.

There is also an increase in the interest received during the period

from investments. The figures are as follows :

		<i>1935</i>		<i>1936</i>
Rents	....	Rs. 17,245	Rs.	20,904
Interest	....	" 6,578	"	9,361
		Rs. 23,823		Rs. 30,265

### GARDENS

Income from Productive Gardens is Rs. 9,470 as compared with last year Rs. 9,620. Some of the principal items are as follows :

		<i>1935</i>		<i>1936</i>
		Rs.		Rs.
Sale of Cocoanuts		1,587		1,411
" " Casuarina		1,619		3,116
" " Sapotas		1,487		1,917

The outlay on Ornamental Gardens for the current year Rs. 3,865, as against last year Rs. 7,460 shows a substantial saving.

### DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Figures of Donations and Legacies are as follows :

Rs. 2,652	Adyar Day Collections, U.S.A.
" 906	" " " Other countries
" 2,316	Sundry Donations and Legacies
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Rs. 5,874	

I should mention two items which are not included in the above statement.

1. The appeal for a fund for the upkeep of the Adyar Estate which was made by the President at the Diamond Jubilee Convention has produced upto date Rs. 2,716. This is held in reserve as a special fund.

2. A gift of land of the estimated value of Rs. 10,000 has been received. This is also held in reserve.

The "Adyar Day" contributions have been divided as usual between Headquarters, Adyar Library, and Olcott Harijan School, on whose behalf we record their grateful appreciation.

### DISBURSEMENTS

Expenditure has this year amounted to Rs. 55,684 against a budget estimate of Rs. 65,450. This considerable saving has been effected in many items of which the following may be quoted :

#### *Savings over Budget*

Construction and Repairs	.... Rs. 4,274
Lighting and Watering Expenses	.... " 2,128
Garden Expenses	.... " 2,020
Telegrams and Postages	.... " 859
Establishment Charges	.... " 830
Publications to General Secretaries	.... " 791
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	Rs. 10,902

Against this there has been an increase in Pensions and Gratuities above budget of Rs. 1,927.

### RESERVES

During the year some changes in the Society's investments were

made chiefly for the purpose of replacing certain undated Sterling securities by those having a fixed date for redemption. The following were sold :

£4,044-2-3	3% India Stock
„ 6,500-0-0	3½% War Loan



Proceeds were invested in the purchase of 4% Funding Loan 1960-90. In as much as the policy of the Society has been to carry its investments in its Balance Sheet at cost there is a resulting profit from sale of the above of Rs. 12,316-6-10. This amount has been placed to an "Investment Reserve Account."

The Capital Account has been increased by Rs. 10,000 representing value of land donated to the Society during this year.

#### OUTLOOK FOR 1936-37

The budget for 1936-37 anticipates a deficit of Rs. 27,800, representing the figure for which we must make a special appeal to

the generosity of our members in order to meet our expenses for the coming year. This amount is somewhat heavier than last year for reason of an anticipated falling off in our revenue from interest on investments and from rents, the latter being due to the fact that we shall lose our usual influx of visitors in consequence of the Convention being held at Benares this year.

Interest rates have been falling off for some years past and a reduction of income in this respect is unavoidable.

We are, however, glad to point to the fact that our membership is increasing, which we hope will be reflected by an increase in income from fees and dues during the following year.

Adyar, Madras

15th December, 1936

E. M. SELLON,

*Hon. Treasurer, T. S.*

*Extracts from the Proceedings of the Meeting of the Executive Committee, T. S., held on 17th December 1936 when the above Report was Considered and Approved*

"The Treasurer's Balance Sheet and Annual Report which had already been circulated to the Members of the Committee were approved, with the addition of the following Resolutions:

(i) The Executive Committee express their grateful appreciation of the services rendered to the Society by Captain E. M. Sellon during his tenure of the office of

Treasurer, and place on record that the Society's present satisfactory financial situation is in no small measure due to his able administration.

(ii) The Executive Committee express their sincere appreciation of the services of Mr. C. Krishnayya in the Treasurer's Office during the absence of Mr. Guy N. Stephenson.

26th December 1936.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

*Recording Secretary.*

## T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

1935	DISBURSEMENTS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
4,545	To Office Salaries ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,806	3	6
4,642	„ Servants' Wages ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,014	1	4
2,340	„ Pensions and Gratuities ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,926	15	5
2,011	„ Establishment Charges ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,169	1	6
1,664	„ Printing and Stationery ...	...	...	...	653	9	5			
977	„ „ Presidential Address and General Report	...	...	...	678	3	6			
	„ Binding H.P.B. Scrap book ...	...	...	...	480	0	0	1,811	12	11
1,735	„ Telegrams and Postages ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	891	2	11
425	„ Taxes ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	457	12	0
5,826	„ Lighting and Water Expenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,872	5	11
31,286	„ Construction and Repairs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,726	14	9
229	„ Furniture ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	338	15	3
6,085	„ Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,543	5	11
1,2-0	„ Publications to General Secretaries ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	708	11	4
307	„ Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	589	14	6
	„ Museum and Archives ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47	4	0
18,940	„ Garden Expenses ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15,979	2	9
	Contributions :									
5,000	„ Adyar Library ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,000	0	0
1,500	„ Press and Publicity ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,500	0	0
500	„ Dispensary ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
800	„ Pensions Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	800	0	0
90,032								55,683	12	0
3,811	„ Balance Surplus to New Account							5,132	13	5
93,843								60,816	9	5

ADYAR

31st October, 1936

E. M. SELLON,

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

## FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1936

INCOME						Rs.	A.	P.	1935
By Rent ...	...	...	...	...	...	20,903	7	2	17,246
" Interest ...	...	...	...	...	...	9,361	8	5	6,579
" Legacies ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,799	4	3	1,889
" Donations ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,075	2	2	4,192
" Gardens ..	...	...	...	...	...	9,469	10	4	9,620
" Fees and Dues ...	...	...	...	...	...	11,396	8	0	13,318
						Rs.	A.	P.	
U. S. of America ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,163	2	0	
Central " ..	...	...	...	...	...	72	3	0	
Argentina ...	...	...	...	...	...	141	0	0	
Australia ...	...	...	...	...	...	378	10	0	
Austria ...	...	...	...	...	...	183	13	8	
Belgium ...	...	...	...	...	...	56	1	3	
Brazil ...	...	...	...	...	...	130	15	1	
Burma ...	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	
Ceylon ...	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0	
Chile ...	...	...	...	...	...	13	3	6	
Cuba ...	...	...	...	...	...	257	8	9	
Czechoslovakia ...	...	...	...	...	...	10	3	0	
England ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,232	14	1	
Finland ...	...	...	...	...	...	93	13	8	
France ...	...	...	...	...	...	545	6	0	
Greece ...	...	...	...	...	...	23	12	0	
Germany ...	...	...	...	...	...	115	0	0	
India ...	...	...	...	...	...	1,479	12	6	
Ireland ...	...	...	...	...	...	53	8	3	
Java ...	...	...	...	...	...	347	0	5	
Netherlands ..	...	...	...	...	...	1,238	15	0	
New Zealand ...	...	...	...	...	...	290	4	11	
Norway ...	...	...	...	...	...	29	2	2	
Poland ...	...	...	...	...	...	19	1	7	
Porto Rico ...	...	...	...	...	...	36	7	0	
Portugal ...	...	...	...	...	...	51	13	3	
Rumania ...	...	...	...	...	...	26	0	8	
Russia (outside Russia) ...	...	...	...	...	...	21	11	6	
Scotland ..	...	...	...	...	...	149	11	4	
Switzerland ...	...	...	...	...	...	135	3	3	
Uruguay ...	...	...	...	...	...	26	6	3	
Wales ...	...	...	...	...	...	120	4	8	
Jugoslavia ...	...	...	...	...	...	131	8	0	
Egypt ...	...	...	...	...	...	45	0	9	
Paraguay ...	...	...	...	...	...	10	13	0	
Peru ...	...	...	...	...	...	118	15	5	
Canadian Federation ...	...	...	...	...	...	83	1	4	
Unattached to National Societies ...	...	...	...	...	...	514	0	9	
" Surplus from 1934-35 ...	...	...	...	...	...	3,811	1	1	23,659
						60,816	9	5	76,503

Audited and found correct.

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

Registered Accountant,

\* Canada (since received) ... 236-0-0





SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31ST OCTOBER, 1936

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 :						
		£ 12,767-5-7	@ 1/6	1,70,230	6	2
„ 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 at Adyar ...				15,000	0	0
„ Electric Installation, Adyar ...				35,900	4	5
„ Land at Sindh (Legacies) ...				10,000	0	0
„ Electrical and Engineering Department :						
Outstanding Bills	...	...	Rs. 1,786 9 5			
Work in Progress	...	...	„ 3,609 10 6			
Stock, etc.	..	...	12,258 6 5	17,654	10	4
„ Ananda College, Colombo ...				34,000	0	0
„ “Gulistan” (Olcott Cottage), Ootacamund ...				15,000	0	0
„ Midland Bank, London			£ 2,987-4-9 @ 1/6	39,878	0	3
„ Chartered Bank, Madras, Current Account			...	128	2	3
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Account...			...	7,796	0	4
„ Thomas Cook			„ „ „	5,192	3	1
„ Cash in hand			...	2,111	8	5
„ Sundry Debtors			...	14,851	14	8
				10,15,281	10	2

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 ...	...	...	5,746	3	7			
„ Purchase of Books and Manuscripts	...	...	1,383	1	7			
„ Fire Insurance	...	...	246	1	6			
„ Bookbinding	...	...	1,223	12	0			
„ Printing and Stationery	..	...	291	4	6			
„ Postages	...	...	87	3	0			
„ Electric Current, etc.	...	...	267	6	0			
„ Furnishing and Repairs	...	...	600	8	3			
„ Contingencies	...	...	54	6	0			
„ Printing Upanishads	..	...	1,334	12	0			
“ Balance Surplus to New Account	..	..				11,234 678	10 1	5 4
						11,912	11	9

ADYAR

31st October, 1986

E. M. SELLON.

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

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Registered Accountant.

## T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1937

INCOME			Rs.	EXPENDITURE			Rs.
Fees and Dues	...	...	11,000	Adyar Library	..	...	5,000
Garden Produce	..	...	10,000	Construction and Repairs	..	...	10,000
Interest	...	...	6,000	Dispensary	...	...	600
Rent	...	...	15,000	Establishment	...	...	1,500
Deficit to be made good by Donations	...	...	27,800	Furniture	...	...	500
				Gardens	...	...	16,000
				Lighting and Water	...	...	5,000
				Miscellaneous	...	...	3,000
				Museum and Archives	...	...	700
				Office Salaries	...	...	5,000
				Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund	...	...	500
				Printing and Stationery	...	...	2,000
				Pensions and Gratuities	...	...	3,000
				Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	1,000
				Press and Publicity	...	...	3,000
				President's Fund	...	...	6,600
				Servants' Wages	...	...	4,500
				Taxes	...	...	500
				Telegrams and Postages	...	...	1,500
			69,800				69,800

## ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1937

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	...	...	200	Electric Current, Repairs, Etc.	...	...	600
Rent	...	...	1,000	Contingencies	...	...	150
Deficit to be made good by Donations	...	...	700	Bookbinding	...	...	700
				Printing and Stationery	...	...	700
				Publications	...	...	1,200
			11,100				11,100



REPORTS OF THE GENERAL  
SECRETARIES OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETIES



## T. S. IN AMERICA

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

In reviewing the year and thinking over the material that enters into an Annual Report, one is impressed with the fact that in large measure what is attempted and also what is accomplished depends upon human relationships. In the development of the work those things are tried, for which personnel, with its qualifications of will, of wisdom, and of activity, in their several and essential practical combinations can be found available. Only when individuals bring qualities of service, together with varying degrees and kinds of technical ability, into relationship with other individuals similarly devoted but perhaps differently qualified, does the work anywhere make real progress.

One finds our membership naturally falling into three categories. There are those who are outstanding workers and who see our work as a vital part of the evolutionary scheme intimately connected with Those Who plan and control the Great Work. These place Theosophy and the Society's service before all personal considerations of every nature. They are the people who are out in front in all activities—creators of interest in the work, leaders in its progress. On these the Society depends.

Then there are steadfast members, stalwarts who never vary from their allegiance to the Society and its work no matter what befalls, and who in their own circle of the Lodge and its classes and contacts are ever faithful, though seldom standing in the limelight—always giving rather than receiving encouragement or applause. On these the Society depends for the solidarity of their membership, the value of their unshakable devotion established on principles that have become a part of their lives and being.

Then there is that other great class of members loosely attached and there-

fore easily detached, to whom Theosophy is but a passing interest—people who have drifted into and who as easily drift out of membership. They have been attracted by some personality or presentation, and pass with the appeal of some other personality to some other attraction. These have not yet given themselves to a cause, least of all to one that can render its greatest gifts only to those who are prepared to lose themselves in something far greater than their own personalities and desires.

The responsibility of a Section head lies in using to the utmost those who fall into the first category, in encouraging those of the second to bring latent capacities into objective usefulness, and in strengthening the hold of the eternal principles of Theosophy upon those of the third classification, that they may find within the ranks of the Society friendships and interests that will retain them in membership until they too have become inseparable units in our ranks.

Along these various lines some work has been accomplished. There is a greater unity within the Lodges, a greater solidarity throughout the Section.

The statistical data, while far from final as a basis for judging accomplishment, yet nevertheless provides interesting clues which are worth our study. The fiscal year closed with a slight reduction in membership—from 4,420 to 4,317. 422 new members were gained and there were 175 reinstatements, but deaths and resignations took a toll of 161, while 541 were transferred to the inactive list, this last figure, however, being less than the 575 of the preceding year which itself was the lowest in eighteen years. Clearly, we have done relatively well in retaining the interest of our members, but we have yet to discover new ways

of drawing into our Society those who will be responsive to the great teachings of the Ancient Wisdom. It is a problem in ways and means, original, artistic, dynamic, and in harmony with the spirit of the new age.

The project of the Easy Savings Plan was announced a year ago, and while this method has not brought as large an increase in income as was hoped, yet the benefit has been a definite one financially; and furthermore it has deepened and widened the sense of unified activity throughout the membership. Individual members are discovering to their surprise how potent are the accumulated pennies, and as more and more of them catch the vision of the great possibilities of this simple method, it is expected to become increasingly effective. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Thomas W. Pond as publicity director for the Easy Savings Plan, greater results are anticipated for the current year. Certainly it is imperative that this or some other plan bring us within a relatively near future a sum sufficient to definitely reduce our bonded debt of approximately \$60,000. The burden of this debt is too serious a handicap to our current work to be permitted to continue.

In spite of financial stress, which continues among our members although conditions in general are much improved, we feel that there is an increase of life and interest in the Lodges. Our workers visiting among them find keener enthusiasm and improved technique wherever they travel. The practice of continuing persistent field work if the stability and continued usefulness of our Lodges is to be maintained has certainly justified itself, and it is expected that results will make the underlying principle still more apparent as the years pass. For the effectiveness of this branch of our work we are especially grateful to Dr. Pieter K. Roest and Miss Anita Henkel, who

have served magnificently among the Lodges and Dr. Roest also as National Lecturer.

Splendid service has also been rendered during the past year by Captain Sidney Ransom, International Lecturer, who was invited to the United States in September 1935, and will conclude his work with us in May, 1937. Captain Ransom won the hearts of our members so completely during the first months of his stay with us that his visit was extended to two years instead of the one year which was originally planned.

Other workers in our Section are Dr. Nina E. Pickett, under Headquarters' auspices, and Dr. Alvin B. Kuhn and Mr. Fritz Kunz, who, as previously, arranged their own tours. Our veteran lecturer, Mr. L. W. Rogers, reduced his time in the field to a half year and has since withdrawn from activity, feeling that the great services which he has rendered to the Society entitle him to a much-longed-for period for reading and the quiet life. While he is missed among his friends, certainly we cannot but appreciate that Mr. Rogers has well earned such an opportunity to realize his own dream for a more peaceful and none-the-less useful period of retreat.

Our Convention, which was held in July, was regarded as a "members' Convention, since we were not this year honoured by the presence of our International President, Dr. Arundale, or of Mr. Jinarajadasa, and of necessity therefore depended upon the inspiration and dedication of the members themselves. The event proved a challenging one and in rising to meet the situation no doubt our membership was strengthened and the benefit was genuine. Captain Ransom contributed generously to the Convention activities and we depended also upon Dr. Roest for his helpfulness in many phases of the activities. While the Convention was not largely



attended, it was nevertheless a deeply friendly occasion, during which the members themselves caught the wider vision of the greatness of the work. A period of intensive study and worker training, participated in by a small group after Convention, was not without experimental interest.

Within the last year, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Section, the regular election of officers was held and Mr. Cook re-elected to the office of National President (General Secretary). Mr. E. Norman Pearson was elected as Vice-President, and the following as members of the Board of Directors:

Dr. George W. DeHoff  
Mr. Robert R. Logan  
Mr. James S. Perkins, Jr.  
Miss Marie Poutz  
Miss Etha Snodgrass

The National magazine, *The American Theosophist*, has this year appeared in new format and with improvements in other respects, which have been warmly welcomed by the membership. The changes were accomplished with a slightly reduced cost, which is further cause for congratulations.

It was a matter of genuine gratification that about forty of the members of this Section were able to attend the World Congress held in Geneva last summer. This contact with our President Dr. Arundale and Mrs. Arundale, and the privilege of participating in a world gathering of members will no doubt have far-reaching effects on the work in this Section. The General Secretary was himself able to attend and to participate in the Congress activities.

A feature of our National work which deserves special mention is the increasing strength and enthusiasm of the Young Theosophists. They are this year working under the leadership of Miss Shirley Larkin, whose co-worker, Mrs. Lillian Boxell, editor of *The Young Theosophist*, is also contributing

richly to the increasing life among the group. It is conceded by all who attend that the programmes conducted by the Young Theosophists at each Convention are invariably a feature to be appreciated and remembered. It is significant that the honour of the Olcott Lecture award was this year won by a Young Theosophist, Mrs. Lillian Boxell, whose subject was "The Inner Life." We are most eager to co-operate with our young people and to find ways of helping them to help themselves and gradually to assume greater and greater responsibility in the work of the Section.

We are more than glad to co-operate, under the direction of Adyar, in promoting a closer unity between the Publishing Houses at Adyar, London, and Wheaton. During the year the Press has published the proceedings of the previous Summer School, under the title *Unfolding the Intuition*, with a combination pamphlet uniformly bound, *The Secret of Our Daily Tasks*, in which appears Mr. Jinarajadasa's public lectures of last summer's activities. *Unfolding the Intuition* was produced as a subscription edition only, for those who had previously availed themselves of the opportunity to subscribe. The Press also reprinted *Thought Power, Its Control and Culture*, by Dr. Besant; and a pamphlet, *Clairvoyance and the Serpent Fire*, by Geoffrey Hodson. A reprinting of *Man: Whence, How and Whither* has just been released.

The programme for the Lodges, the *Straight Theosophy Campaign*, was widely adopted for the year's work and warmly appreciated. This linking with Adyar and our President is undoubtedly potent and inspiring to both members and the public. The new outline, *There Is a Plan*, for the current year was enthusiastically welcomed and is again a medium of new life and stimulating study. We are grateful to

Adyar and heartily glad to further the procedure in every way possible.

On behalf of the American Section I present to you, Mr. President, our warmest greetings and pledge of whole-

hearted co-operation as well as our affectionate good wishes.

SIDNEY A. COOK,  
General Secretary.

## T. S. IN ENGLAND

*To the President, the T.S.*

*Memorial to Dr. Annie Besant.*—The most important fact of the year under review was the completion of Besant Hall, the memorial to Dr. Annie Besant, our late President. Mr. A. L. Osborne was the architect, and photographs of the exterior and interior of the Hall, together with reports of it which appeared in two well-known architectural journals, are being sent to Adyar for record. The Hall seats 412 people, is simple and dignified in design, with unusual lighting effects and perfect acoustics for the speaking voice. It cost approximately £10,000. The major portion of this amount was met from the capital fund which resulted some years ago from the sale of Mortimer Halls, formerly the property of this Section. Something over £1,600 was raised by special appeal.

*The President's Visit and Annual Convention.*—Besant Hall was dedicated by the President, Dr. Arundale, who was present at the Annual Convention held in this Hall in June, 1936. This was the first Convention for many years to be held entirely in our own buildings, and was enthusiastic and well attended, over 600 being present at Dr. Arundale's Blavatsky Lecture, *The Foundations of Practical Occultism*, which was conveyed by loud speakers to an overflow meeting in the main building. Dr. Arundale lectured in London and the North and his visit brought enthusiasm and confidence to the Section.

*Further Lectures in Besant Hall.*—As this report is being issued a remark-

able series of lectures on *The Next Step in Religion* is taking place in Besant Hall. The lecturers included Prof. Radhakrishnan speaking on *The Future of Religion: The Contribution of the East*; Canon Charles Raven, *The Future of Religion: The Contribution of the West*; Mr. Aldous Huxley, *Religion and Humanism*; Miss Charlotte Woods, *The Problem of Esotericism*; Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, *The Mind-Body Problem*; and Mr. Gerald Heard, *Immediate Applications*. The Hall is merely lent by The Theosophical Society, the lectures being organised by a small private committee of which the General Secretary is a member. The series, with its distinguished list of speakers, has roused interest in London, and notices have appeared in several newspapers. We hope that Besant Hall may often be used to make possible similar gatherings of noted people upon a neutral platform to discuss subjects of immediate importance such as this.

*Membership.*—On the 30th September, 1936, our total membership was 3,445. The total number of Lodges was 126, and of Centres 34; 264 new members were admitted; 152 lapsed, 134 resigned, 43 died, and 10 were transferred. Net Loss 75.

In view of the evident vitality and revived interest in our Section this membership report is very disappointing. One can only judge that we are still suffering from an after-math of discouragement, poverty, and uncertainty in regard to spiritual values. The new members who are joining, and one or

two notable old members who have rejoined us during the year, are excellent testimony to the fact that our movement attracts the right kind of people. The young people are increasing in number and doing excellent work in the Section and in local Lodges. A somewhat detailed Study Course upon the Plan, issued by London Headquarters, was well received, and many Lodges are following the Adyar Scheme for both study and public lectures.

*Associated Lodges.*—Nothing has been heard from Riga this year, although efforts have been made to obtain reports. The Accra (Blavatsky) Lodge, Gold Coast, now has 27 members and reports a good attendance at lectures and increasing interest. Both Mr. Ateko and the present secretary are to be congratulated on the enthusiasm they have aroused.

*Miss Codd and Other Lecturers.*—Miss Codd has been touring the country since February and has been extremely well received in the provinces, where her meetings have raised the old enthusiasm and renewed many old contacts. The volunteer lecturers have continued to do excellent work, and several younger ones are becoming well known and are attracting good audiences.

The amount of volunteer work which is done for this Section deserves to be noted; not only at Headquarters but throughout the country loyal and devoted service is given to the cause of Theosophy by lecturers, Lodge officials and the unknown workers, who do so much to make our movement a success.

*Finance.*—Although we are receiving more money in proportion to the number of members—a fact which reflects the slightly increased prosperity of England, our financial position is difficult owing to the large amount of capital used for the building of Besant

Hall. We hope, however, that the Hall itself will become an asset both through those attracted to its meetings and through letting it to other organisations. This year is a particularly difficult one, as the period of transition makes the loss of capital acute, and the Hall is not yet well known.

*Library.*—The Library continues to increase in usefulness. Care is taken to put in new books of current interest, and there are 130 Library Subscribers who are not members of the Society, a slight increase on last year. We are advertising the Library in non-Theosophical magazines, but it is difficult to trace the response to such advertisements. The Librarian reports an increase in the use of the Library facilities by members and Lodges. 1,800 more books have been exchanged this year than last.

*Conclusion.*—In general England is perhaps less affected by political and economic disorders this year than many other European countries, but the menace of war hangs near, and rioting and unofficial racial persecution are not unknown, although kept well in hand by the authorities. The Society is standing for peace and goodwill wherever and whenever possible, and many Lodges hold regular meditations for peace and understanding as part of their study work. Throughout the country thinking men and women are openly saying that a deeper spiritual life and a stronger emphasis upon spiritual values is the only basis for any abiding culture—indeed is the only angle from which world peace may be secured. It is hoped that our Section may play its part in the re-emphasis and revival of the spiritual life as a practical contribution to meeting the needs of the world today.

ADELAIDE GARDNER,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN INDIA

*To the President, the T.S.*

During the year the first gathering of great importance was the Diamond Jubilee Convention held at Adyar during Christmas 1935 which was a great success. The Indian Section Convention was also held there at the same time as usual. At the Convention the following changes were made in the Constitution:

The Federation Contribution to the Section was raised from Rupee One and Annas Eight per head to Rupees Two per head; and a vote was conferred upon all members of the Youth Federation.

Revered Bro. C. Jinarajadasa visited Benares soon after the Convention and the Section owes him a debt of gratitude for the impetus he thus gave to the work of the Section. Bro. N. Shri Ram later visited Poona, Bombay and Gujerath and also presided over Federations in the South. Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson visited some places in the north, and so did Miss Cecil Bayer and Prof. Marcault. Mrs. Josephine Ransom did an extensive tour of Bombay, Sind, Punjab and U. Provinces and helped very greatly in rousing enthusiasm. The General Secretary also visited many places.

The usual statistics about the Section for the year are given in the following table.

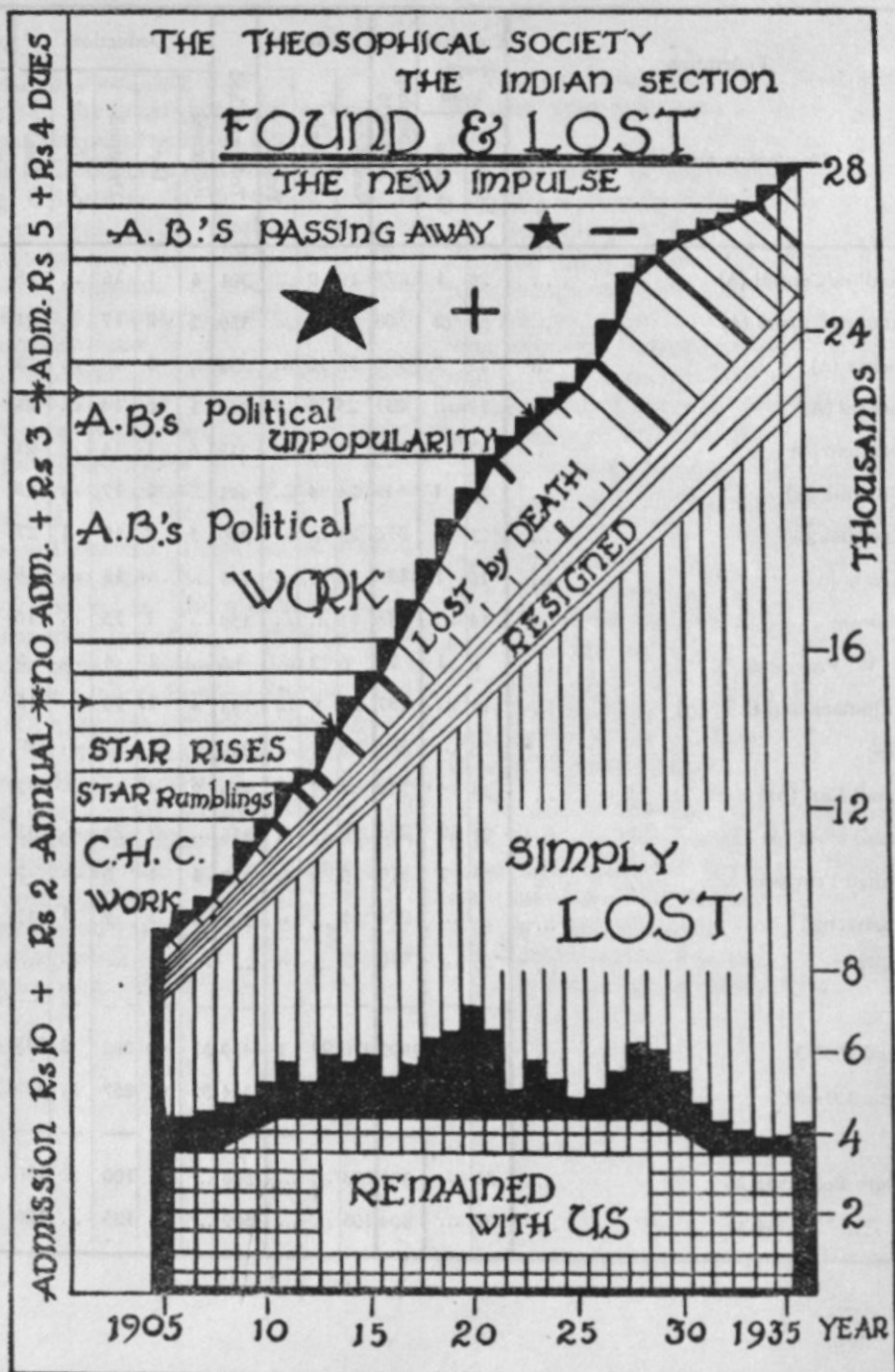
A diagram is also attached which shows graphically how membership in the Section has fluctuated during the the last thirty years. One thing which this brings out very strikingly is the very large number of members who have simply "dropped out". Their number far exceeds that of the resignations and even deaths. It should be possible to remedy this.

The Section during the year spent a sum of Rs. 15,268 by economising in every way. The Indian Book Shop made practically no profit, but paid its way. The building of the shop has recently been rebuilt and it is hoped that the increased facilities will bring in more business. The book shop is a very useful adjunct to the Section and every effort is being made to put it on a sound footing.

On the whole the situation is hopeful; and the tide seems to have turned once again in our favour. The new impulse has evidently begun to tell, and we are all hoping to popularise Theosophy once again, by making it a living force in our daily lives.



	Federation  (A—means autonomous)	On 30th Sept. 1936			Membership 1-10-1935	Addition			Total reached	Deductions					Active Membership on 30 Sept. 1936
		Lodges	Centres	New Adm.		Revivals	Transfers	Resigned		Died	Dropped	Transferred	Total		
1	Andhra Central (A)	...	20	1	273	19	9	...	301	1	1	16	...	18	283
2	Andhra Circars (A)	...	33	2	308	28	14	...	350	2	2	17	...	21	329
3	Behar (A)	...	21	2	186	32	12	...	230	..	3	...	...	3	227
4	Bengal (A)	...	17	...	231	25	6	...	262	1	6	14	...	21	241
5	Bombay (A)	...	7	...	276	24	...	18	318	6	1	14	...	21	297
6	Gujerath (A)	...	20	4	443	24	4	...	471	...	2	17	...	19	452
7	Karnatak (A)	...	25	5	376	23	...	...	399	5	2	19	1	27	372
8	Kerala (A)	...	10	1	139	6	4	...	149	...	...	18	...	18	131
9	Marathi	...	14	...	148	11	...	...	159	...	1	15	...	16	143
10	N. W. Provinces	...	9	1	77	6	3	...	86	...	1	4	...	5	81
11	Rajputana and C. I. (A)	...	11	...	137	25	9	12	183	4	1	10	...	15	168
12	Sind	...	8	...	204	15	...	...	219	5	3	12	...	20	199
13	Tamil East (A)	...	23	4	350	26	12	...	388	2	4	66	...	72	316
14	Tamil West (A)	...	21	1	233	70	12	1	316	...	7	28	...	35	281
15	United Provinces	...	23	1	310	19	8	...	337	1	1	5	...	7	330
	Unattached	...	...	...	274	17	...	...	291	4	5	7	1	17	274
	Youth	...	...	...	*30	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total 1935-36	...	262	22	3995	370	93	1	4459	31	40	262	2	335	4124
	Total 1934-35	...	256	21	3988	265	71	...	4324	32	40	257	...	329	3995
16	Youth Fed. 1935-36	...	35	...	383	123	...	...	506	...	...	100	...	100	406
	„ 1934-35	...	27	...	404	105	...	...	509	...	1	125	...	126	383



G. N. GOKHALE,  
General Secretary.

## T. S. IN AUSTRALIA

*To the President, the T.S.*

I have the honour to submit to you a brief report of the activities of the Australian Section for the year ended September 30th, 1936.

*Statistics.*—There are 22 Lodges on the roll, all of which are reasonably active with the exception of three. There are 1,181 members, the register showing a net loss of 96 for the current year.

The following indicates how these figures are comprised :

*Incoming*

By New admission	69
Re-admission	10
Transfers	2
	—
	81
	—

*Outgoing*

By Resignation	28
Death	14
Removal from rolls	134
Transfers	1
	—
	177
	—

During the year four small Lodges were dissolved but this is not so serious as may appear. Three of these Lodges have not functioned for some years except during very brief visits from overseas lecturers. Australia is sometimes termed a country of "great distances" and small country Lodges always find difficulty in continuing their activities in the event of foundation members having to leave the district.

*Convention.*—The Fortieth Annual Convention was held in Melbourne and was attended by 29 delegates and numerous visiting members. Under the expert guidance of Mr. Samuel Studd who was unanimously voted to the Chair, the proceedings were con-

structive and harmonious throughout and those present were conscious of a definite spiritual uplift.

*Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.*—Australia has again been honoured with a visit from Mr. Jinarajadasa who arrived in Sydney on May 8th. He delivered two public lectures each week for nearly four months. The addresses were of a high standard and will remain long in the memories of all who were privileged to hear them. Mr. Jinarajadasa is now about to visit each main Centre in the Section.

*Miss Mary K. Neff* accepted the invitation to continue as National Lecturer for the Section and is again visiting the various Lodges throughout the Commonwealth.

*The Jubilee Support Convention.*—held at The Manor 26-12-35 was one of the happiest functions ever held in Sydney. Proceedings began in the afternoon with games and Folk Dancing in the garden which was followed by a picnic tea. The more serious part of the Convention began with a meditation with the object of linking the Section with Adyar. Next came the Presidential address (gramophone record) by Dr. G. S. Arundale. Numerous older members gave short addresses, personal reminiscences and readings suitable for the occasion. At the conclusion the assemblage was invited to enter the hall of The Manor for refreshments. There a feature was a huge Commemoration Cake beautifully decorated with the Society's Seal and Motto, and candles. After the ceremony of lighting and extinguishing the candles the oldest member present cut the cake with a richly ornamented naval sword.

*Miss Clara M. Codd* who held the position of General Secretary for two years accepted an appointment as National Lecturer for the English Section. She left Sydney in November

and after representing the Australian Section at the Diamond Jubilee Convention, proceeded to London.

*Mr. Geoffrey Hodson.*—Arrangements have been made for a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Hodson early in 1937 and many members are looking forward to meeting them.

*The National Magazine* has been published bi-monthly as formerly. The name was changed from "News and Notes" to *Theosophy in Australia*.

This small publication continues to serve a very useful purpose.

*Conclusion.*—The Society in Australia is destined to play an important part in the future of this great Country and we look forward to the New Year with hope and with confidence. On behalf of the Australian Section I send to you and Rukmini loyal and affectionate greetings.

15-10-36 RAY. G. LITCHFIELD,  
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, 1936.

*Membership.*—During the current year 13 new members have been admitted, 35 have resigned, 7 have died, and 84 have been removed from the rolls. The total membership is now 498 as against 618 the previous year. One Lodge has been dissolved, and the number of Lodges has therefore fallen from 35 to 34.

These are rather depressing figures, especially after the efforts made in connection with the Straight Theosophy Campaign last year. It should be remembered, however, that the 84 members who have been removed from the rolls as well as most of the 35 who have resigned are persons who for years have taken no interest in our work and who have not paid their dues to the Society for some time. The Lodge that has been dissolved has only existed in name for several years. The loss in membership is therefore more apparent than real and has not been caused by any rupture in the work here. The life of the Section is sound, and there is reason to hope that the number of real, active members will gradually go up again. The greatest drawback to our work is the difficulty

in financing lecture tours and in finding good lecturers, Swedish or from abroad, during the *winter* months, which is the only time when it is possible to attract the public. Public lectures and study courses have been held wherever it has been possible, and they have usually been well attended. *Lodge activities* have been going on as usual.

Of new *publications* there have been none during the current year, except for our monthly magazine, *Teosofisk Tidskrift*, which has been published regularly.

*Convention and Summer School.*—At the end of June the Section was visited by the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi. The President gave a talk at our Convention, which was held in Stockholm on June 27th, and afterwards presided over our Summer School, held at Viggbyholm June 27th—July 3rd. The school was bright and cheerful, and there were several talks by Dr. and Mrs. Arundale on various interesting subjects. Dr. Bendit, who accompanied the President, contributed with talks on psychology.

The Summer School was succeeded by a Study Week, led by Mr. E. C. Bolt, who followed up the note of Freedom and Friendship, struck by the President, and combined with it his



own rich knowledge of "Vital Theosophy."

At the beginning of the year under Report, Mr. Jinarajadasa honoured Stockholm with a visit and gave a public lecture and a talk for members.

On behalf of the Swedish Section, I send to Dr. and Mrs. Arundale the hearty and loyal greetings of our members.

Stockholm,

ERIK CRONVALL,

31-10-1936

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

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

I have the honour and pleasure of presenting to you the following report of the activities of the New Zealand Section for the year ending 30th September 1936.

*Membership.*—New members 24, rejoined 8, resigned 14, died 16, and lapsed 23. Total membership 802, and number of Lodges 19.

*Annual Convention.*—The 40th Annual Convention was held in Auckland on the 27 December 1935. The Chair was taken by Mr. G. Trevithick, President of the H. P. B. Lodge, and about 50 delegates and visitors assembled from all parts of the Dominion. Friendliness was the keynote of the Convention, and it was one of the happiest that can be remembered. All meetings were well attended, and an eager spirit of service, and the desire to go forward with new ideas was most noticeable. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mr. W. Crawford, General Secretary; Mrs. W. J. Brooks, Assistant Secretary; Miss L. M. Stone, Treasurer, and Mrs. A. W. Bond, Librarian.

*Publications.*—In accordance with the expressed wish of delegates at Convention four issues of a typewritten News-Letter have been sent to the members this year. One issue of *Theosophy in New Zealand* has also been published, and another will follow before the end of the year. Both are sent free to all members.

A considerable quantity of Adyar pamphlets and leaflets are always on hand for free distribution.

*Visiting Lecturers.*—We are greatly indebted to Miss Lilian Edger, M.A., our first General Secretary, 40 years ago, for excellent work done in this direction. Her lectures, so permeated with the atmosphere as well as the teaching of the East, have been very much appreciated everywhere. Now that she has once again taken her departure for India, she will be greatly missed by us all.

Our heartiest thanks are also due to Miss Nettie Ockenden for splendid work done amongst the Lodges of the Section. At present she is giving the Dunedin Lodge three months of her time in preparation for the coming Convention.

*Vasanta Garden School.*—This Theosophical school, as an activity of the Section, is now in its 18th year. It forms part of a community of T. S. members in Epsom, a suburb of Auckland, and is surrounded by beautiful trees and grassy terraces, slopes and lawns. The children are devoted to their teachers, and an atmosphere of love and harmony pervades the whole school. The present attendance is 42.

*Other Activities.*—The Round Table in New Zealand seems to be overflowing with life and new ideas. Its monthly typewritten magazine, *The Torch* shows most creditable and promising work by its young editorial staff.



The Theosophical Order of Service has also been particularly active, especially in the Peace, Dramatic, Health and Animal Welfare Groups. In Auckland alone, no fewer than 30 young people have taken part in plays which illustrate most effectively the ideals of Theosophy.

Performances of the beautiful Ritual of the Mystic Star have been given

regularly throughout the year, and on all occasions it was evident that the public were greatly impressed by its artistic and deeply religious appeal.

In conclusion, we send to you and Shrimati Rukmini our most loyal and affectionate greetings.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

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

Theosophy in the Netherlands is slowly but surely regaining its lost ground and membership of this Section will soon again be on the ascending line. This year there is only a very small decrease of seven members, which is a distinct improvement compared with the figures of previous years.

This year there were 141 new admissions, 28 readmissions and 20 transfers from other countries, making 189 registrations, against 109 resignations, 30 deaths, 36 removals and 21 transfers to other sections, leaving a decrease of 7 members. Consequently the year ends with a total of 2,050 members in good standing. It is a remarkable feature that so many who for one reason or another had resigned their membership, now again return to the old fold. One can resign from the Society but never from Theosophy if it has been of real value in one's life.

The outstanding event of this year was undoubtedly the visit of the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi to this Section before the beginning of their great tour to the several countries and capitals of Europe. It is such a great privilege to witness the strong and stimulating inspiration of Dr. Arundale and the wonderful influence of Rukmini's beauty. Besides a number of meetings of a more or less

private character, the President on this occasion delivered three lectures for members on the following subjects: "Gods in the Becoming" at Arnhem, "Theosophy and The Theosophical Society" at the Hague and "Theosophy and Practical Occultism" in Amsterdam. Delivered in his well-known vigorous way, these lectures were of great interest and instruction and were very much appreciated.

This has been a year of great congresses. First of all there was the beautiful Diamond Jubilee Congress at Adyar and then followed the Fourth World Congress of The Theosophical Society, held in Geneva last summer, bringing a most active year, spent for a considerable time outside their respective countries by General Secretaries and by all those whose duties call upon them to attend these Congresses as members of the various councils.

Here, the anniversary of Foundation-day was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Amsterdam Headquarters. There were a number of festivities and some very fine artistic performances. Running parallel to the proceedings of the International Jubilee Convention at Adyar we had at the same time a National Convention in Amsterdam Headquarters. This proved a great success and it was generally recognised how valuable it is to hold such meetings simultaneously.

On the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the death of Desiderius Erasmus, The Theosophical Society in the Netherlands dedicated a National Convention to the remembrance of this great countryman of Holland. Mrs. W. Ros-Vrijman gave a beautiful lecture on the life and work of this well-known and famous humanitarian of the 16th century, friend and pupil of Thomas More.

The National Council undertook a thorough survey of the Section's position, financial and otherwise, owing to the feeling in some quarters that an expensive headquarters building with an organised staff of workers perhaps might prove too heavy a burden in these times of crisis. The result of this is that it was resolved unanimously that Headquarters must be considered as indispensable for carrying on efficiently the work and activities of the Section and that any financial retrenchment—if necessary—should be made elsewhere.

Our Sectional Publishing House has been reorganised with the assistance of a good number of members, providing some new capital, for which a separate body was established as part of the Section activities and consequently with the right of control. It is a matter of great relief that now all arrears can be paid off and the business placed on a new footing, well conducted as it is under the able management of Mr. C. W. Heidemann.

The "Straight Theosophy Campaign" proved a great success wherever the President's scheme could be followed. It was a pity that the printed matter for this scheme, sent

from Adyar to the Lodges directly, went astray, only the General Secretary's copy arriving. This however had the advantage that it could be distributed in our own language, although of course much later. Large numbers of the pamphlets for this campaign were distributed, indeed so many that we were obliged to order a second print. With the example of the first scheme and the results, the new campaign "There is a Plan" is carried out much more fully. There is also now more time to organise it.

The Library continues to grow and the circulation of books is steadily increasing. A big library such as this asks for an enormous amount of care and attention, but, under the experienced and learned guidance of our librarian Dr. J. W. Boissevain and his staff, it is most efficiently managed and proves a most useful help and an indispensable part of the Section's equipment.

We offer our very cordial thanks to every worker for the good cause of Theosophy—lecturers, class leaders, staff workers, etc.—throughout the country, whose devoted service cannot fail to produce as its results an ever growing interest in Theosophy and an ever more useful Theosophical Society in the Netherlands.

In conclusion, we can look forward confidently to a steadily growing and stronger Society and there is no doubt that its influence will be for good in this most critical period in the world's affairs.

1-10-1936

J. KRUISHEER,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN FRANCE

*To the President, the T. S.*

I have the honour to submit the following report of the activities of

the Theosophical Society in France during the year ending November first 1936.

Our demographic curve shows a total membership of 2628 members at the end of 1936, as against 2,679 a year ago. A decrease therefore of 51. An examination of the detailed figures shows however a steady decrease in resignations (93 in 1934, 45 in 1935, 33 in 1932), and a steady increase in new admissions (205 in 1934, 223 in 1935, 241 in 1936). The loss is mainly due to an increase in the death-rate and on the number of those removed from the rolls (206 in 1936 as against 148 in 1935 and 141 in 1934).

Three Lodges have become dormant, two new ones formed, and one has been revived.

This year has been marked by a very encouraging revival of activity throughout the country, the effect of the inspiration brought back to the Section by those privileged to attend the Diamond Jubilee Congress at Adyar and the Fourth World Congress in Geneva. Ten of our members sailed over to India and came back filled with enthusiasm.

The Theosophical movement in France has been further benefited by the Adyar Jubilee Convention owing to the fact that the results of the investigations made by Dr. Brosse and Prof. Marcault on Yogic phenomena during their stay in India have been embodied in learned reports published in several leading scientific papers, and popularized by the daily press. Lantern slide lectures on the subject have been delivered before the medical profession and have roused a keen interest. Among our members this led to the expression on many sides of the desire that a methodical study of the higher phases of Yoga should be made possible to them, and our General Secretary is giving a special course on the subject with most encouraging attendance.

The Geneva Congress was an occasion to feel the pulse of our National Society. In spite of strained economic conditions and the simultaneous hold-

ing of the Star Camp, we managed to register 120 members for the Fourth World Congress. They were highly satisfied with the proceedings and appreciated immensely the facilities offered by the plant for the automatic translation of the speeches.

We were also privileged to receive the most welcome visits of Mr. Jinarajadasa in November 1935, and of the President and Mrs. Arundale in May 1936. We had likewise the pleasure of the visit of our good brother Mr. Polak, General Secretary of the T. S. in Belgium.

Most of our Lodges carried out the President's Campaign to the best of their local possibilities, assisted by lecturers sent from Paris. These methods have notably revived the interest in Theosophy, both within and around the Lodges.

One certain sign of quickened energy is the necessity felt by some Lodges to enlarge their Headquarters or secure better equipped ones, in some cases with much self-imposed sacrifice on the part of their members.

A new method has been adopted in our propaganda work, that of free gifts of our best Theosophical books to public libraries, both in Parisian districts and provincial cities. Excellent response has been obtained from the librarians, and interest and gratitude expressed by them. Some reports have reached us that there is a demand for these books among the reading public. We shall follow up this effort by lectures and organization whenever possible.

The library at our Paris Headquarters is an effective element in our activities. The executive has given it much care this year, a generous sum has been contributed to its upkeep and for the purchase of books, and new workers added to its presiding and assisting personnel.

Our Publishing Department has not been idle. The indications provided

by the rate of sale of the various Theosophical books have guided our policy concerning the reprinting of exhausted editions. *Light on the Path* has been published under a new garb with a revised translation of the Commentaries. Two books from the pen of one of our members, Mr. Trarieux, well known in literary circles, have been published this year and deserve to be included in the list of Theosophical works. They deal with *Prometheus*, and *Thyrus and Cross*. Be it noted also that the President's book *You* is in the hands of a competent translator.

Our young people, under the leadership of Francis Brunel and Raymond Rieschmann, are organizing youth work in and outside the Society.

An effort is being made to revive the eclipsed Order of Service, but our members do not seem to consider that outside work should be Theosophically organized. This is a Latin attitude; religion and the State are sharply separated. Theosophy has moral effects in the life of our members but remains apart from social activities. What is most keenly needed, however, is Theosophical understanding of political and social life, a recognition by all our members of the spiritual values cherished by each one of the contending parties, and the constitution in our ranks of groups of workers living with the unity of spiritual life in politics.

Next year (summer 1937) Paris is going to be the seat of an interesting

International Exhibition of Arts applied to everyday life. A Section including the various fields of expression of human thought having been incorporated in the Exhibition programme, our National Council has decided that our Section should be represented there, and steps have been taken to secure some space where a Theosophical display can be made. We have not yet decided what items our "show" will consist of. We shall have to "materialize" Theosophy in order to make it capable of impressing on the spot the passing visitors, but we hope that our undertaking will still retain enough "spirit" to inspire the public with a desire to know more about our teachings.

I wish to record here the indebtedness of the Section to my colleagues, Mlle A. Frey, Mr. E. Point and our band of devoted helpers and lecturers, for the most able and effective way in which they carried on its activities during my three months' stay in India.

Our National Society will perhaps have no representative attending the Benares Theosophical Convention this year, but in our hearts we shall be united with the F.T.S. assembled in holy Kashi, and I ask you, My Dear President, to voice to all of them our fraternal greetings.

J. EMILE MARCAULT,

20-11-1936

General Secretary.

## T. S. IN ITALY

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

*Section's Activity.*—As was foreseen, the very delicate situation through which we passed this year in consequence of the Abyssinian war and of the economic Sanctions applied to our Country, has in no way affected the

activity of our Section. The work has been carried on most satisfactorily not only as far as the General Secretaryship is concerned, but also as regards the activity of all Lodges. Particularly active, also with their external work, have been the following Lodges:



"Verità", Trieste, "Giordano Bruno", Genoa and the Florence Theosophical Group.

*Visits to Groups.*—The General Secretary was able to visit, last April, the Lodges of Florence, Rome and Naples. In the last-named city, on the invitation of a very prominent cultural centre, he held a public lecture on "Theosophy and The Theosophical Society" before a large audience of the intellectual class. He has also repeatedly visited the Turin Groups and, regularly once a month, those of Milan. It was thus possible for him to ascertain that a real enthusiasm seeking for expression is alive in each group.

*Annual Congress of the Italian Section and Statute Reform.*—The annual meeting of the Italian Theosophical Society was held in Genoa during Easter-tide, at the Centre for Spiritual Culture, of which the General Secretary is President. The proceedings were more specially devoted to the discussion of the new Statute of our Section submitted by the Executive Committee, which was to replace the one that had been in force for over 30 years, so as to make the Society's organization more in keeping with the new situation with reference to Italian life and the present legislation.

After thorough discussion, the new Statute was approved by 18 votes for, none against and 6 abstentions. The Secretary General was re-elected for three years by 22 votes in his favour out of 24.

The Vice-Secretary, Mr. Roberto Hack, Florence, who had held that Office for 7 years, asked to be exonerated therefrom as he could not, owing to the distance from Genoa, Headquarters of the Italian Section, conveniently acquit himself of the work involved. The office of the Vice-General Secretary therefore remained vacant.

*Statistical Data.*—The three Groups heretofore existing in Florence have been merged to form one single Group under the Presidency of Mr. Roberto Hack. Two Groups have been dissolved in Turin.

On the other hand four new groups have been formed, two of them in Rome where there had been none for some considerable time. One of these is almost exclusively made up of young people. Another Group was formed in Milan, called "The Art Group" under the leadership of a young married couple of artists (a painter and a musician) which is tending more especially to emphasize the artistic aspect of Theosophical activity.

The total membership of the Society has increased to the extent of 27 new members. Although this figure is indeed small, it is nevertheless significant as, from 1928 onwards, the membership had been constantly falling off.

*Publications.*—The Bulletin of the I. T. S. has continued to appear regularly, thanks to the free contributions of the members. Also the quarterly magazine *Il Loto* has been regularly published. The latter is now the only magazine of a Theosophical character at present issued in Italy, since the publication of the old one, known as *Gnosi*, has definitely ceased.

The Editing House "Prometeo" has published two volumes by Mario Brandi and Emma Tedeschi: *Opera d'Amore Iniziazione* and *La Parola del Maestro*.

The Office of the General Secretary has published a pamphlet *Teosofia e Società Teosofica* for propaganda purposes and two other booklets containing the Italian version of Dr. Arundale's articles *Assets and Liabilities of the T. S.* and *The New Aspect of Theosophy*.

*Rapport with other National Societies.*—A Delegation of 12 members attended the 4th World Congress



in Geneva at which the General Secretary delivered a lecture on "Justice for the Nations". It was thus possible to establish or renew friendly personal contacts with the delegates from other Nations, which connections we shall endeavour to intensify during the coming year.

*Theosophical Organisation.*—Owing to the fact that Mr. Grant A. Greenham, who had for many years been the leader of the T. O. S., has left Italy, the leadership was temporarily taken on by the General Secretary himself with a view to bringing about a thorough re-organization of its activities in keeping with the changed conditions of Italian life and spirit.

The work regarding anti-vivisection, the spiritual assistance to the blind

(for whom a circulating library in Braille has already been started) and spiritual art, is already under way. As far as the latter is concerned an important exhibition of Spiritual Art was held in Genoa during the general Meeting of the I. T. S. last Spring. Many well-known Italian artists sent in their works and the exhibition was a great success also with the general public who took a great interest in this new departure.

*The Youth Movement.*—The juvenile movement which in Italy has to take into account the special local conditions, has been started this year under the leadership of Mr. Edoardo Bratina, of Trieste.

TULLIO CASTELLANI,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN CUBA

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

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report of the Cuban Section of the Theosophical Society from the 1st of November of 1935 to 30th of September of 1936.

We have had several important movements during this time :

1. The Conventions of the Federations of Oriental Lodges in the cities of Jobabo, Palma Soriano, Holguín, Santiago de Cuba and Victoria de las Tunas; with public lectures in each case.

2. The Assemblies of the Central Lodges in Santa Clara, Ciego de Avila, Cienfuegos, Sancti-Spiritus and Camagüey cities, also with public lectures in the theatres of each respective place. I have assisted at these meetings and also at the Oriental Federations and I have seen the good results of each one.

3. The General Assembly which took place in Camagüey city, and in

which it was resolved to establish a National Permanent Camp, near Sancti-Spiritus city in the centre part of the Island.

4. The working out of the Straight Theosophy Plan by several Lodges of the Section, during which some important lectures were delivered.

In the Annual Convention of the Section in Havana city on January 19th of this year I was elected General Secretary, proposed for this charge by the Oriental and Central Federations, and in the month of May, I was appointed as Director of the Revista Teosofica Cubana with Mr. Ignacio Munio Quintero as Manager; both residing in Sancti-Spiritus city.

This Review, the Official Organ of the Section, was formerly directed and managed by Mr. Antonio A. Duany and Miss M. Graciella Duany; both rendered very good service. Now we are publishing a Review for propaganda purposes every two months and

also a Bulletin to be sent to every member of the Section.

During this period (11 months) we have had two new Lodges: "Pitágoras" Lodge at Manzanillo city and "Armonia" Lodge, at Sagua de Tánamo town. Both in the Eastern part of Cuba.

In the 11 months we have had 102 new members.

Lodges in 11-1935	...	25	
New ones	...	2	
	...	—	
	...	27	
Members in 11-1935	...	466	
New ones	...	102	
Rehabilitated	...	4	
	Total	...	572
Passed away	...	7	
Resigned	...	1	
Total	...	8	

Total of members in September 30-1936.....564.

*Activities for the new year:*

#### 1. *The New Evolutionary Plan.*

The Plan and the pamphlets for the first three months are already translated, printed and distributed to every Lodge of the Section. I am awaiting the report of the Presidents of Lodges.

#### 2. *The Establishment of the Theosophical National Permanent Camp.*

Near Sancti-Spiritus city we are selecting the proper land for foundation and preparing the work for it. The members of the Section have given a very good response.

3. *The Interchange of Study.* The interchange of study between the Lodges is a new activity now in preparation. We have already some themes written by the Rev. J. del C. Velazco; Rev. Pelagio Garmas Vargas; Dr. Max López Mursulí; Mr. Antonio A. Duany and Mr. J. de C. González, printed and distributed among the studious members of the Section.

Our finance has changed radically. It has been possible for us to pay our debts with Adyar and to have a good surplus for the Sectional Fund.

This is, dear President, the Report I have the pleasure to submit to you in my first year in this charge and we are planning to do the best for the future.

With my cordial feelings I am yours

1-10-1936

LORGIO VARGAS,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN HUNGARY

*To the President, the T.S.*

I have the honour to submit to you the following Report of the Hungarian National Society, covering the year October 1st, 1935 to September 30th, 1936.

The thread running through this year's activities was the thought and the inspiration of the Jubilee of The Theosophical Society. All our activities, our meetings, were linked to that central idea, and we tried to carry out the beautiful scheme received from Adyar. Our Lodges being small, they

may be considered rather as study groups, and so they could not work out the scheme, but Headquarters followed it, and the attendance and interest showed that we did well to follow it.

*Headquarters.*—We are still in our Headquarters. In spite of seemingly insurmountable difficulties we have managed (I hardly know how) to keep it so far, and are hoping to manage a little longer still. Our members are making great sacrifices to keep this gift of Dr. Besant for the work of the

Masters, in the hope of better times and of some miraculous help.

**Convention.**—Our Annual Convention was held on the Foundation Day of The Theosophical Society and the day preceding it, Nov. 16th and 17th. It was opened with the President's gramophone record, and it gave us great joy to hear his message in his own voice. The Adyar Film also brought a vivid feeling of contact with Adyar and its inhabitants, and the friendly messages received from other Sections gave us the feeling of contact with our brethren all over the world. We had sent greeting post cards on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee to every Section of The T.S., so that each of them received his by the 17th of November, and we had greetings from many countries.

At the Opening of our Convention, after the President's message, and after having read the greetings from some countries, I enumerated one by one, all the countries where there is a Section or Lodge, stopping for a moment after having called on each, so that a special thought could be sent to each one. Thus we linked up with Theosophists all over the world.

Convention was well attended: 75 participants on the first day, 51 at the business meeting, 100 for the closing public lecture. The keynote was joy enthusiasm, happiness.

**Meetings.**—We had 35 meetings for members at Headquarters, with an average attendance of 34, showing an average improvement of 5 against last year's statistics. The Diamond Jubilee Campaign was worked from first to last, we had to make very few alterations in view of special conditions in our country. We fitted in the giving of Theosophical News every first meeting of the month, because our members liked it and it seemed to us rather useful.

We had 4 Social Meetings, tea and a different programme each time, one of

them with a humorous programme was greatly appreciated. Two of our members performed a dialogue (self-composed) between an old and a modern member of The T.S., each being a caricature of his type, which evoked great hilarity. Caricatures were produced with short explanatory verses, and other amusing Theosophical jokes were heard. None of our chief workers was spared, all of us had our turn, everybody had the opportunity of laughing at his neighbour's funny sides, —and at his own!

On Dec. 26th, we had a meeting in the morning, so as to have it simultaneously with the Opening of the Diamond Jubilee Convention in Adyar. The President's Opening Address was read in a Hungarian translation, and a short meditation followed, offering ourselves and our work to the service of the Masters.

The Sunday propaganda lectures were continued with good result. We had 28 such lectures, with an average attendance of 64. The propaganda leaflets sent from Adyar were translated into Hungarian and distributed at the public lectures.

During the summer holidays members again met twice a week in the garden of Headquarters, the attendance at these meetings also shows an increase against last year.

**Visitors.**—We had one visitor during last year, Bishop John Cordes who gave us a lecture for members, and several little talks, all greatly appreciated.

**Publishing Activity.**—Owing to the generosity of some of our members we could issue a few booklets in Hungarian, viz., *Light on the Path*, *Extracts from The Hidden Side of Christian Festivals*, *Extracts from Dharma*, and *Membership in The Theosophical Society*. One of our members translated *Mount Everest* which however we were not able to have printed, but it has been typed and bound in four copies, two

of which are being sold and two have been acquired by the Library, so that now they are within reach of those who cannot read that precious book in the original language.

*Sale of Books.*—This item shows a great progress as compared with last year's result. We sold 417 books, which means 137 more than last year, and had an income of P. 368, which is P. 106 more. This is very lucky especially as financial conditions have by no means improved.

*Lodges.*—We have now 10 Lodges, all of them active. We had to dissolve one Lodge which had been dormant for several years, and its membership had decreased to 6.

*Membership.*—To our great regret we are still unable to report an increasing membership. External and international conditions are unfavourable. Poverty is still very great, and also, people are more interested in spiritistic séances and phenomena, and in psychic experiences of the most dubious kind, than in Theosophy. It is not the poorest members who do not pay their dues or who drop out for non-payment; but those who do not like Straight Theosophy, who would prefer spiritistic phenomena, or chiro-

mantic productions, or telling tales of their meetings with the dead, etc., or whom the Oxford Movement attracts more than the T.S. So we must proceed slowly, and we are glad that while this cleansing process lasts in our Section, we have a group of devoted workers to carry on, with the firm conviction that our situation is improving, and that in the following year after the President's visit, we shall gain many more members. Our statistics show 14 new members, (11 last year) against which there is a loss of 27 by resignation, 2 by death and 23 lapsed. Net loss 38, membership thus on 30th of September, 212.

Before closing this report, I should like to express our joy and deep gratitude for having in you, dear President, such a wonderful inspirer in our work. Happy are we indeed to work under such a General, may you live long and carry The Society to ever greater triumph.

May I convey to you our deep feeling of loyalty and love, and our best wishes for a happy and successful Convention in Benares.

FLORA DE SELEVER,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN FINLAND

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

This year can be registered as specially successful. The increase of members shows that the work has been intensified, the membership rising from 448 to 522.

*Propaganda.*—In October the Propaganda Campaign started along various lines. The President's Propaganda scheme in connection with the Diamond Jubilee, was worked out by the Finnish Council to fit in with the circumstances in our country as well as with the Theosophical literature in Finnish that

is at our disposal. During the three Propaganda months the Council published the following six pamphlets:

"Theosophy and the Theosophical Society".

"Karma".

"Sanitary Questions in the Light of Clairvoyance."

"The Conquest of Matter and Spirit" Mr. Jinarajadasa's public lecture.

"A Vision of the Path of Liberation".

"The Religions and Theosophy".



These Propaganda pamphlets were so popular that the whole supply was very soon exhausted.

The second form of Propaganda was the regular public lectures, that were delivered every Sunday in Helsinki, and about every second Sunday in the bigger country towns. All these lectures were attended by remarkably good audiences and they continued in Helsinki during all the Spring months.

The third form of outward Propaganda was the public meetings on red-letter days, like the 1st of October, the 17th of November and the 26th of December. The October meeting was held in memory of Dr. Besant with an artistic programme. The November meeting, or the Diamond Jubilee was celebrated by a public Matinée and a meeting for the members in the evening. On this occasion the recorded speech of the President, as well as his letter to the new members was read. This letter has been translated and was distributed at the meeting to all new members who had joined the Society during the year. The third meeting was held on the 26th of December and it started at exactly the same time as the opening speech in Adyar was to be delivered. Here it was delivered in Finnish translation by the General Secretary.

*The Lodge Work* has also shown a definite sign of revival due to the new enthusiasm and willingness to serve that has been characteristic of the members during the year, a fact that it is a pleasure for me to mention. One Lodge however, our only Russian Lodge, whose members are emigrants from Russia, has had to interrupt the Theosophical Lodge work, partly because of economical difficulties.—The Lodges as a whole work along very different lines. Sometimes they take up the study of Theosophy, some arrange lectures or meetings for questions and answers and some go in for public propaganda, and some Lodges

publish their own typewritten Magazines.

*Theosophical Youth Movement.*—During the Propaganda Campaign a youth group was founded in Helsinki, in which 20-30 young people take part. Earlier we had a Children's Section but now the beginning of the work of the Youth Movement has been made. Ever since the group of the Young Theosophists was founded the work has been very active among them and they have successfully arranged their own work and public meetings.

*The Magazine.*—*Teosofi*, is published regularly (10 numbers during the year). It has contained original articles as well as translations chiefly from *The Theosophist*. In this way we are trying to keep in contact with Adyar and the Theosophical world as a whole.

*The Annual Convention of F.T.S.*—During the Easter holidays the Annual Meeting with its lectures and gatherings was celebrated. It was the biggest occasion during the Spring months. It all went off according to good old traditions. One of the lectures "The Theosophical Society and Krishnamurti", delivered by Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa, was printed and distributed by the Council.

Three *study letters* were published in facsimile and distributed among the members. Two new books (Arundale's *Mount Everest* in Finnish and *The Riddle of Life*, by W. Angervo in Finnish) were successfully distributed.

*Prominent Visits.*—Mr. C. Jinarajadasa visited us in the end of October. He delivered a public lecture to an audience of about 800 people on "The Conquest of Matter and Spirit". This lecture was later distributed in print. The following day Mr. C. J. delivered a speech to members about "The present Mission of the Theosophical Society". This pleasant visit was a great success.



*The Visit of the President and Mrs. Arundale.*—The most important event however in the life of our Section was the visit of the President and Shrimati Rukmini. A description of this visit and the successful Summer-School has already been sent to the President and some interested friends. However I want to mention the visit even here as it proved to be the source of such a deep inspiration to all our members. Nearly 250 members—about half of the total strength of the whole Section was present at the Summer-School. The President and Rukmini inspired this gathering with their strength and beauty, making everyone all the more eager to serve and work for the ideals represented in Theosophy.

The visit lasted from the 3rd to the 7th of July. On the first day there was a reception and later Shrimati Rukmini's successful public lecture on "The Message of Beauty to Civilisation" in Helsinki. The following day the Summer-School began at the Labour Academy at Kauniainen. The President every day made a morning speech and held a question and answer meeting and Rukmini had a talk every

day. For the last day of the visit a public lecture was arranged for the President. He spoke about "Gods in the Becoming", this meeting had to be delivered out of doors, in the park of Kauniainen. At the evening programme of every day different kinds of Finnish art were represented: kantele-, violin-, piano-music, folk-dances, Kalevala-reciting. We feel sincerely that the President's and Rukmini's visit was most inspiring and helped us forward in many ways and our most hearty wish is to see our Leaders very soon again in our midst. The President's morning speeches and the question and answer meetings are printed and published by the council.

The whole Finnish Section joins with me in sending affectionate greetings and good wishes to you. May the Elder Brethren continually pour out Their strength and blessing on our Leaders and the whole Society, so as to make us more able to be used in Their work for the whole of mankind.

ARMAS RANKKA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## THE RUSSIAN T. S. OUTSIDE RUSSIA

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

The R.T.S. outside Russia sends a very hearty and loving greeting to the P.T.S.

*Membership.*—The "R.T.S. outside Russia" has now 166 members, 12 Lodges and several Centres in various countries.

During the year 1 member passed away, 2 were transferred to another Section, 7 members have entered, 10 dropped.

*Convention.*—Our last Convention was in Bruxelles. It was successful and included several delegates from afar (Geneva, London, Berlin).

*Lodges.*—We have Russian Lodges working in Geneva, London, Paris, Bruxelles, Belgrade, Berlin, Reval, Roumania, Harbine, Tientsin and Centres in Prague, Amsterdam, Poland, Shanghai, New-York, Philippine Islands. Russian T. S. members are spread all over the world.

Work is going on steadily in spite of very difficult conditions.

I. *Union Lodge* (London).—(President Mrs. A. Koenig). This Lodge is working in London. It has regular Lodge meetings for members and enquirers. From time to time a public meeting. The plan of the President

was followed in a series of talks and symposia. On the 5 June, a recital had been arranged with Russian songs, declamation and dancing, for the benefit of the Russian T. S. publishing fund.

II. *Giordano Bruno* (Geneva).—(President Miss C. Helmboldt). The Lodge G.B. is working regularly weekly, alternating pure T. S. work with the study of Russian Culture in the light of Theosophy. There have been in Geneva, public lectures by Dr. A. Kamensky and Dr. E. Solovsky: (Theosophy and Occultism; The Soul of Russia; Russian Idealism).

The Russian local Club asked also for a lecture on the "Russian Soul".

Members of this Lodge are the chief workers in the Russian Headquarters, members of the staff and of the Russian Council.

The "O. S. of Russia" has been very active in Geneva studying problems of Russian culture and preparing lectures.

Dr. A. Kamensky gave a public lecture in French (with slides and music) on Russian folklore.

(President: Cécile Olga de Suzor).

III. *Lodge Alkonost* (Paris).—The Lodge Alkonost met regularly on Saturdays. There were 16 meetings for members and for enquirers; and 15 public meetings, following the President's plan. The meetings were well attended.

The note of art and beauty was struck by the President, a fine musician.

IV-V. *Lodge Kitej* (Esthonia).—(President M. Paul Raggis). The Lodge Kitej met 10 times; there were 3 meetings for members and 7 public meetings. They were always attended by an interested audience.

The second Lodge in Tallin (H.P.B.) worked together with Kitej. All the lectures were arranged according to the President's plan.

The season ended with "White Lotus Day".

VI. *Lodge "The Fiery Bird"* (Berlin).—The Lodge was much hampered in its activities because of the general difficult conditions. No public meetings were held, but the members met in a friendly way and had a series of talks on questions mentioned in the President's plan.

VII. *Lodge Yaroslav the Wise* (Belgrade).—The Russian Lodge in Yugoslavia met regularly twice monthly and organised its work according to the President's plan. There have been nearly 20 meetings. Some especially organised for enquirers.

VIII. *Lodge White Lotus* (Brussels).—The Lodge met on Saturdays, studying the questions of the President's plan. It had also meetings for enquirers. Dr. A. Kamensky gave a public lecture on the Problem of Suffering.

IX. *Lodge Annie Besant* (Roumania).—This Lodge, newly formed, is meeting regularly, studying the President's plan and preparing lectures.

X. *Lodge H. P. B.* (Tientsin, China).—The Russian Lodge in Tientsin does not meet often, owing to difficult circumstances, but its President tries to make some Theosophical propaganda and gives talks in the Women's Int. Association for Peace and Friendship.

XI. *Russian Lodge* (Harbine).—In Harbine, the lodge is meeting more or less regularly, studying Theosophy.

*Centres.*—We have active Centres in Prague, in Shanghai, in the *Philippine Islands*.

In New-York there is a group of Russian Theosophists studying Theosophy.

In Poland we have little groups of devoted T. S. members who have been working for many years.

*Chief Events of Propaganda.*—The General Secretary attended the T. S. Congress in Amsterdam and delivered a lecture on "Peace and Citizenship." She made a tour in Switzerland,

lecturing in Locarno, Lausanne, Berne, Zurich, Basel, Winterthur. She was invited by the French Section to preside at its Convention in spring and gave in Paris 2 public lectures, one in French, one in Russian. The Lodge of Strasburg invited her in December. She spoke there 3 times, twice in the Lodge and once publicly. In Geneva she lectured several times for the International Theosophical Centre and also for the Swiss Section. She lectured also 3 times for the Russian colony in collaboration with Mme. Solovsky.

*Publishing.*—Our little magazine *Vestnik* has been issued only 4 times, owing to great financial difficulties. We have been able to publish Dr. Besant's: *The Riddle of Life* owing to the help of a devoted T. S. member in Tallin (Reval), the president of the Kitej Lodge, Mr. Raggis.

*Other Fields.*—Russian T. S. members are working in the Order of Service, in the Round Table, in healing groups and for World Peace, many are active in arts and crafts. Some are active members of the Slavonic Cultural Brotherhood, which celebrates yearly a Peace Day on 12 November.

*O. S. Russia.*—The O. S. R. is working in nearly all Lodges, studying Russian history, psychology and traditions, and proclaiming the ideals of brotherhood, chivalry and beauty. Its device is: "I believe in God, I believe in the

victory of Light. I believe in Russia's resurrection."

*International Work.*—Russian T. S. members are all active in different international organisations, mostly in the Peace Movement and in Women's Clubs. The president of Tientsin Lodge has started in the Women's Int. Assn. a "Friendship Union" working for Peace, The Russian T. S. General Secretary, being also the International Secretary, works for the "World Peace Union." She is also the President of the International Theosophical Centre in Geneva and the president of the Interconfessional group. She has a chair in the Geneva University (Comparative study of religions; Vedism and the Bhagavat Gita; the Philosophy of the Beautiful), she leads the work of the Research Group of the Theosophical World University, in Geneva.

*Summing Up.*—This year work was satisfactory. The Russian Convention was held in Geneva before the World Congress. It was very successful; delegates coming from Paris, Berlin, Reval, Amsterdam, London. Dr. A. Kamensky, has been unanimously re-elected General Secretary.

We send our hearty good wishes to the Indian Convention and to the general T. S. Council in Adyar.

DR. ANNA KAMENSKY,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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

I have the honour of presenting to you the Annual Report of the Czechoslovak Section of the T. S. for the year 1935-1936.

One of the most important events occurring last year was the transferring of our Headquarters, after ten years activity in Moravská Ostrava, back to Praha. Mr. Skuta, an ardent Theo-

sophical worker, General Secretary for many years, made up his mind to resign from his office and give the privilege of leading our Section to new people. As he with a large majority of our members sees in the ideas that Krishnamurti gives the greatest help to the present-day man, Mr. Skuta has tried to the best of his abilities to spread the knowledge of Krishnamurti's

views through giving enthusiastic lectures and publishing books and pamphlets sometimes with great financial sacrifices. He takes Krishnamurti for the greatest living Theosophist, for owing to his (Krishnamurti's) radical and revolutionary ideas the Theosophical Society is gradually getting rid of narrow beliefs and thus is being saved from falling over the precipice of dogmas and orthodoxies.

In our Praha Lodge "Arjuna" there were 14 work meetings. At a special information meeting Mr. M. Lzicka and Dr. K. Hujer had a discussion concerning their experiences on their visit to India and their stay at Adyar. There were 8 public lectures on the following subjects :

Mr. V. Holy : On Intuition ; Mr. J. Vonka : Cognition and Knowledge ; Mr. F. Drtikol : Cognition and Intuition ; Mr. V. Holy : The Harmony of Life ; Mr. M. Lzicka : On Krishnaji's Adyar Talks in 1933 ; Mr. V. Holy : Thoughts on Eternal Life ; Mr. V. Cimr : The White Hierarchy ; Mr. V. Cimr : Karma and Reincarnation.

September was spent in "Arjuna" Lodge chiefly in making arrangements for our President's and Rukmini's visit and propaganda for their lectures.

In the Lodge "Blavatská" in Moravská Ostrava there were meetings once a week with discussions on interesting subjects from spiritual life. One lecture was held out of doors in a wood with a large audience. Mr. Skuta gave at Karvinná 2 lectures on "Social and Religious Problems" and on "The Most Important Thing for Life." Both lectures attracted large audiences and were followed by very interesting discussions.

In other Lodges "Komensky", "St. Alban", "Jutrzenka", "Przebudzenie" there were meetings for members and a few public lectures.

**Election.**—At the Annual Convention that was held in Moravská Ostrava

I was elected General Secretary, Mr. M. Lzicka Acting Secretary and Mrs. Cimrová treasurer of the Section, all from "Arjuna" Lodge Praha.

**Statistics.**—We have 84 members organized in 7 Lodges and 3 Centres.

For the future we have a strong hope that having transferred the Headquarters to the Capital of the Country we shall be able much better to propagate the ideals of the Theosophical Society. We are convinced that next year we shall show a larger increase in membership. The only thing that hinders most dangerously all our work is public opinion and "press explanations" of what the Theosophical Society is. From 1926 up to the present all people who sympathize with or cherish similar ideas to ours have been wrongly informed though the Press and some members of our Society that left the T. S., taking it for a dogmatic sect owing to the Liberal Catholic Church, certain of Dr. Besant's statements concerning Krishnamurti, etc.

There is really hard work before us to convince people that our Society is one of the most liberal organizations in the world, that the so called Theosophical literature contains only personal experiences and views of different members, forming no official doctrine of the Society, which can be either accepted or rejected. We tell our enemies directly that the T. S. invites everybody to express his ideas quite freely, to see with his own eyes, that there is no need of being afraid of facing an orthodoxy, a ridiculous dogma, a narrow creed, but rather an open platform for everything that he has at heart, no matter if his views differ from ours sometimes fairly considerably. We stand for Brotherhood, encourage study of science, religion, philosophy and critical occult research—but before all we emphasize the vital



importance for man to discover Truth in the light of which all other values, however precious and dear to us they may seem to be, fade quickly away, losing their meanings.

With brotherly greetings from all our members I am closing this Report.

16-10-1936

VACLAV CIMR,

*General Secretary*

## T. S. IN SCOTLAND

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

I have great pleasure in submitting the following Report to you.

On 1st May, 1935, there were 417 members on the active list. During the year ending 30th April, 1936, 22 new members have joined the Society, 1 has rejoined, 2 were restored from the suspended list, 1 has been transferred to England, 16 have resigned, 8 have died and 13 have been placed on the suspended list, leaving a total membership of 402.

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

The chief activity throughout the Section during the autumn was the organisation and operation of the Straight Theosophy Campaign. This concerted effort roused great interest among the members, who helped considerably both in the distribution of thousands of the pamphlets among the general public and in preparing the ground for the lectures by their thoughtful and sympathetic contributions at the weekly study groups, which met regularly in connection with this work. While the outward results cannot be described as adequate to the work put in—there has been a small increase in the average attendance at public lectures and a certain number of interested enquiries—there can be no doubt about the beneficial influence so much earnest work would have on the general thought atmosphere of the country. Participation in this work, too, has resulted for many members in a wider grasp of, and surer grounding in the great truths of Theosophy. In the Eastern District

the campaign was followed up after Christmas by three series of lectures on Theosophy applied to different subjects that are to the fore at the present time. Lecture tours were arranged for Miss Charlotte M. Woods and Mr. Peter Freeman, and a Students' Weekend was held during February, three talks dealing with Consciousness in different aspects of the subject being contributed by Mr. C. R. Groves of Middlesboro'. Social meetings were arranged in the Eastern and Western Districts at Christmas time in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Convention then being held at Adyar. Lodges and members throughout the Section have carried on the work particular to themselves as well as participating in the Campaign and the other activities.

The Sixteenth Northern District Conference was held on 7th March this year at Perth. I prepared the ground for the discussion on "Scotland and the Seven-Year Plan" by speaking of the fresh lines of contact with the world that the work must take and of the emphasis that must be laid on the very great reality of Adyar as a centre of the Masters' work. We were given a slogan "There Is a Plan", and it is maintained that this Plan is big enough, wise enough and strong enough to meet, and cure, all the ills from which humanity is suffering today.

Our Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention was held at Glasgow on June 20th-21st and has left a very happy impression with all who were present. To Mr. E. L. Gardner, as Convention President, very much of the success of



the occasion is due; his very fine address to members was of great value, and the answers he gave to questions threw clear light on the several problems raised. His public lecture on "The Psychic Mechanism of Man" drew a large audience, whose real interest was shown in the considerable number who came to a question meeting for enquirers held a few days later. During Convention the Charter of the new Arundale Youth Lodge was presented.

At Whitsuntide last year I represented the Scottish Section at the Annual Convention of the English Section and later at the Congress of the Federation of European Theosophical Societies which took place at Amsterdam.

The Scottish Memorial to the late President, Dr. Annie Besant, which is to consist of the "Besant Library" and a portrait of Dr. Besant to hang in Headquarters is taking definite shape through generous gifts, in addition to the contributions of members to the

Memorial Fund. A gift of some 125 volumes of occult, hermetic philosophy and Theosophical works makes a substantial foundation to the Besant Library.

We feel that The Society's work is increasingly important in these times of difficulty and stress, and that you have given us a clear and magnificent lead in our work. May we never forget that The Theosophical Society is the link between the Masters and the outer world. It is Their Society, in which we enjoy the privilege of membership. Let us make our service worthy of the high calling of a Fellow of The Theosophical Society.

Our Section joins with me in sending loving greetings and warmest good wishes to you and to Rukmini Devi and to our brethren assembled for the International Convention at Benares.

CHRISTOPHER GALE,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN SWITZERLAND

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

The year beginning in June 1935 and ending in June 1936 has been marked by very great activity—particularly due to the carrying out of the Straight Theosophy plan—and by the General Secretary's trip to India. In Geneva especially, the beginning of 1936 has coincided with the preparing for the Fourth Theosophical World Congress. For the majority of our Lodges the Straight Theosophy Plan has been the basis of their work; big public lectures were organized, particularly in Geneva. They contributed not a little to the extension of our activity within the Section. Every Branch without exception has made noteworthy efforts in this domain.

Leaflets explaining the Plan have been sold and German Switzerland issued a number of pamphlets in German. The interest of this campaign lies in the fact that a large number of members have been directly interested. The President of the International Centre, Mme. Kamensky, has conducted a lecture tour; Mme. Rollier, Mr. Sassi, Prof. Dr. de Henseler, Mr. Hablitz and the General Secretary himself visited various towns. An interesting experiment was that of presenting a film on reincarnation at one of Geneva's biggest cinemas. On that occasion, the General Secretary gave a short lecture before about 500 people; this performance, apart from its value from the stand point of propaganda, has enabled us to partly cover the

expenses of the campaign itself. Art, especially music, is the most important activity of our Locarno Branch.

The opening of a new Lodge in Winterthur is particularly noteworthy.

The Swiss Section has been deeply interested by the films of Mr. Fritz Kunz, and considers them a splendid means of propaganda.

Our relations with the International Theosophical Centre are of the best, and collaboration quite harmonious.

As said in our last report, the Swiss Section made a fine effort to obtain the necessary funds for sending the General Secretary to the Adyar Convention. The General Secretary did his utmost to try to transmit to the Lodges the priceless benefit he secured from his contact with Headquarters.

From the financial point of view, the situation of our Section is absolutely normal.

Propaganda is kept up by means of lectures, classes for beginners, etc. Under the management of Mr. Sassi,

The Section's Bulletin has been developed, and it too constitutes very good propaganda. I am anxious to thank the French Section which has put at our disposal some items of its own Bulletin, thus greatly facilitating our work. The General Secretary never loses sight of the fact that Theosophy should be particularly developed in German Switzerland, and does his best to help the Lodges in that part of the country.

It is not without interest to note that membership was going down before the year 1931, but since then it has steadily grown, at the rate of 2, 6, 10, 25, 32 members, and 41 this year. The Section actually enjoys a total membership of 303. In the name of the Swiss Section, I beg our President to kindly believe in our devotion to himself as well as to our great cause.

27-10-1936

GEORGES TRIPET,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN BELGIUM

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

We beg to submit for your approval our Report for the year 1935-1936.

This year our Belgian Section celebrated its 25th anniversary, a memorable date when one looks back over past activities, and when one thinks of the future, with an ardent wish to work more and more efficiently. Our new cycle of life opens under the auspices of a vitality which seems to have increased, and this is possibly due to the members, both in the provinces and in Brussels, who have collaborated in the realisation of the Arundale plan.

The number of our members has increased from 381 to 392, or an increase of 11 members, as last year. We have gained 34 new members, and have lost

23 members through death, resignation or transfer.

The season during the first quarter was especially devoted to the work in common of all the members on the lines suggested by the President, the majority of the branches having accepted these meetings instead of keeping to their separate meetings as usual. This method produced very good results.

Public lectures were given each Saturday preceded by a musical programme, thanks to the help of Mesdames Chapellier and De Seck.

Amongst the lecturers from other countries we had the pleasure of hearing Mlle. Cécile Bayer, Madame Mertens-Stiénon of London: Professor Marcault, General Secretary of the

French Section was here twice, and also kindly consented to take the chair at our 25th anniversary convention.

In September we had hoped to have a visit from our President, Dr. Arundale, and of Shrimati Rukmini Devi; and were looking forward to this event, when at the last minute it was cancelled. Our disappointment was still greater on learning that this was due to the grave illness of a prominent member of the Theosophical Society.

Several prominent people, non-Theosophists, also lectured to us, such as University Professor Brien on the Crisis of Transformation: Dr. De Craene (How to preserve the intelligence of our children); Dr. Imianitoff (Preventive Medical Service) and Professor Mortier (the Four Christianisms).

Mlle Claos, cantatrice, very kindly contributed to the musical programme arranged around a lecture on Musical Renaissance, given by Mme De Seck. Music also played an important rôle in a lecture on Wagnerian symbolism given by Mr. De Boeck.

The artistic part was taken care of by the group of Young Theosophists and the members of the Round Table, who, inspired by Serge Brisy, acted a most successful play entitled "The King's Dream". The public has noticed with pleasure the progress made by this group in the dramatic line.

The ceremony of the Commemoration of White Lotus Day was, as usual, very impressive. Professor Wagemans of the Conservatoire Royale de Bruxelles, violinist, and Mme De Seck, pianist, composed an appropriate programme for this ceremony, which was beautifully rendered.

Each month a tea and conversazione has been held for members and non-members. This innovation has been well received, and attendances were most satisfactory.

Our sister Serge Brisy was able to attend as Belgian Delegate, the Diamond Jubilee at Adyar in December last, and returned full of enthusiasm and bringing numerous photographs. The General Secretary gave lectures at Strasbourg and at Paris.

The library under the management of Mme Jacobs and the book stall under that of Mme Polak continue to fill their useful rôle.

*Uranus*, the magazine edited by Mr. Chapellier, has taken on a more eclectic character than in the past, but reserves a good amount of space for Theosophical activities.

A class for lecturers (H.P.B. Class) has been organised by Serge Brisy, in which are several enthusiastic members, and this class will continue its activities for the coming year.

The branches in the provinces, at Antwerp, Ghent and Liège, have shown as last year, a remarkable vitality, and bear witness of great devotion to the Theosophical cause.

Our financial situation is not bad, as we have been able to meet our budget, but we have been constrained to amortise even less than last year, our standing debt.

To sum up, we have observed a slight improvement in the vitality of our Section, with more support than formerly from the Young Theosophists, and in spite of the present difficult times, we can confidently have faith in the future.

We most sincerely hope that, more fortunate than this last year, we shall be able this year, to receive in this country, our esteemed President. We wish to assure him in any case, of our loyalty and of the desire which we all share, of serving ever more efficiently the Masters of Wisdom.

GASTON POLAK,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

*To the President, the T.S.*

It is with great pleasure, that I submit to you the Annual Report of the Netherlands-Indian Section of the T.S., for the year ending September 30th, 1936.

*Statistics.*—At the end of last year there were 1,240 active members on the list. During the year, ending September 30th 1936, 163 new members joined our Society, 6 have been readmitted and 3 have been transferred from other Sections; 51 have resigned, 8 died, 13 have been removed from the rolls and 5 have been transferred to other Sections, leaving a total active membership of 1,335. There are now 27 Lodges and 12 Centres. The membership of the latter vary from 4 to 20.

*General Remarks.*—This year we experienced the continuation of the growth of membership, which started the year before. Many signs give us the hope that this progress is sound and will last for several years to come.

We can not say however, that the heaven of the T.S. in Indonesia is quite clear again, but blue sky is to be seen more and more, so we except the clouds will pass away and the sun, which is always shining behind even the darkest clouds, will once more bathe us in its golden light.

The economical problem for this country is still hampering our work seriously. Just a few weeks ago we experienced the devaluation of our money-standard. For a long time the financial leaders thought, they would be able to keep the gold-parity, though the number of those in whose opinion it was impossible to keep away from the general and international downfall, grew constantly and they were at last justified. It is rather a pity that financial politics rule the world and new and high ideals are paralyzed only for want of money, because this keeping of the gold-standard has drawn

much wealth from the middle-classes, and many idealistic societies (as for instance our T.S.) have suffered accordingly, because most of our members belong to the class which has come to the very brink of poverty.

Of course, the conditions will now change rapidly, but the direct result of leaving the gold-standard will not look like an improvement at all. We know, that it is a fact in nature, that the chillness of the night increases, when the first rays of the sun rise above the horizon, because of the evaporation of the mist and the dew.

*Theosophical Events.*—The events of the year were: the visit of our beloved brother Jinarajadasa and that of sister and brother Geoffrey Hodson. Bro. Jinarajadasa came at the end of March and he was able to stay with us for six weeks, before leaving for Australia. He lectured all over Java and visited all the larger Centres and Lodges. Besides this he conducted a summer-school at Kali-Oerang and assisted at the National Convention at Solo. Everywhere he met crowded and enthusiastic audiences and he gave a very strong impulse to our work. After leaving Java, he had the opportunity of visiting the isle of Bali (the paradise of the East, as it is called) and the members there had a chance, which they took, to meet him, as he delivered another lecture for the centre at Denpasar.

Brother Hodson remained with us for a much longer time and lived here for nearly half a year, visiting as many as 15 Lodges and Centres and lecturing all the time, holding classes and allowing people to meet him in private gatherings. He has done a splendid work for Java. The more important of his fine lectures (he had a very extensive "repertoire"!) will be gathered in a book, which will be issued by the



Theosophische Uitgeversmaatschappij *Minerva* about the end of this year.

All the lectures had to be translated into Dutch and sometimes a second translation had to be given in Malay or in Javanese. This however did not hinder the quality of the lectures, and he drew always large and eager audiences.

Bro. Hodson also took the opportunity of using his psychic powers to make some investigations in the realm of nature-spirits and Devas. Some articles, giving evidence of the investigations, have appeared already in the *Theosophist*.

We hope, that in the future, sister and brother Hodson will come again to our shores and share with us their knowledge and enthusiasm.

We had the fourth of our Presidential gatherings in the month of October and were the guests of our brother Tjassens Keyzer at the Sugar-factory of Beran, near Djocja. Several problems were discussed, especially the "Straight-Theosophy" Campaign, the new "Handbook", the visit of Bro. Jinarajadasa and Bro. Hodson and the Summer-school-experiment at Kali-Oerang, which was a modification of the original plan of a school near the Boroboedoor.

The Summer-School was quite a success. We hoped to have about 30 members, but the number grew constantly and we were about 50 altogether. Br. Jinarajadasa was, of course the Centre and focus of all the principal gatherings and he delivered his lectures about: "The Wider Consciousness" and "The Intuition", every morning from 10 till 12 o'clock. In the afternoon we had our discussions or walks, and in the evening we gathered again, to hear the symposia on such topics as: Education, Science, Art, Politics, Youth-problems, etc.

Several other gatherings—L. C. C., Co-Masonry, E. S., T. O. S. and of the

Order of the Mystic Star, were held at the same time, so we were all very busy, but lived exceedingly happily for 10 consecutive days in an ideal environment.

*Magazines Published.*—These are the same as in the years before, namely: (1) *De Pionier*, the Dutch Sectional magazine; (2) *Persataean Hidæp* (the one Life), the Malay; (3) *Koemandang Theosofie* (the Light of Theosophy), the Javanese; (4) *Theosofie in Ned.-Indie*, the Official monthly Bulletin and (5) *The Correspondence Letter*, a presidential bi-monthly for Lodge-and Centre-officers especially.

*Books Issued.*—Besides the translation of the book *You*, announced in last year's report and issued in the month of July, and the lectures of Br. Hodson, no other books have been published. The Society turned out a Theosophical Handbook in 2 languages, which was very much appreciated, and we made a translation of the 12 pamphlets, to be used at the "Straight-Theosophy" Campaign, which will be distributed by the Lodges and Centres, as they proceed with the lectures.

*The Sectional Library.*—The library has grown to about double its size. Started about two years ago, we have now a little over 1,200 books, magazines included. It is a pity, that not many members use this library, but this is because we did not issue a catalogue. Perhaps this will also come in due time.

*The National Convention.*—This was held at Solo and we enjoyed the presence of our distinguished guests: Bro. Jinarajadasa, sister Barbara Sellon (her husband being at Makasser), sister and brother Geoffrey Hodson. Of course they made our Convention glorious and happy and very efficient.

Five members' lectures were held and two public lectures, besides the usual business meetings. One evening was dedicated to a demonstration of

Javanese art. The dance of a young native girl of only 4 years old, was very much appreciated, being exquisite and carried out perfectly.

*Youth-Movement.*—By the efforts of Bro. Hodson new life was infused into the Youth-movement. At Sourabaya, Bandoeng and Lembang new Centres were established. Those of Bandoeng and Lembang consolidated themselves officially in Youth-Centres and are growing rapidly in membership and enthusiasm.

*Education.*—The work is going on steadily under the leadership of Bro. Fournier. The general condition of our schools is reasonably good and we see a marked growth in the interest of the members. I myself left Government-service and took charge of the Teachers-College at Lembang. It somewhat hinders my work as G. S., but I feel what splendid work is to be done among the Youth of Indonesia and what opportunities are open for inspiration and uplift, when the ideals of Theosophy come through the teaching and education of the young.

*Other Activities.*—The Order of Service has struggled for some time to revive the interest and enthusiasm, but it looks as if it had failed to do so. There is still much to do in this direction, but it requires patience, tact and knowledge of human character to organize a band of workers.

*The Future.*—We are now starting the "Straight-Theosophy" Campaign. Several Lodges will carry out part of the programme; the public lectures and the distribution of the pamphlets, regarding the "Plan", will have our special attention.

Because the Youth has come to new life again and has established some Centres, sparkling with enthusiasm, our future is bright and hopeful. But there is still another, most brilliant, light in the near future, and that is the possibility of a visit of our President and leader, Dr. George S. Arundale and the Young-Theosophists-President, Mrs. Rukmini Arundale. Certainly this would be a high-light in the history of our T. S. in Indonesia, as never yet has a President of the T. S. visited Java. A good and beautiful thing it is, that this eventual visit will coincide with the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of our Section. We all hope, that a fervent wish will be realized.

*Greetings.*—The Section sends warm greetings of love and loyalty to the President and to Mrs. Rukmini Arundale and promises whole-hearted co-operation in the glorious work of our Society in the service of mankind and under the banner of the Elder Brothers of Humanity.

A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,

1-10-1936

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN. BURMA

*To the President, the T.S.*

*Introductory.*—I have very great pleasure in placing before you the Report of the Theosophical Society in Burma, for the year ending 30th September 1936, and to state that the year under Report was very eventful in many directions, and that "Theosophy" was brought before the

public more prominently than ever before.

*Adyar.*—I take this opportunity on behalf of the members of the Section to send our loving and loyal greetings to our President Dr. G. S. Arundale, Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, for their strenuous labours and splendid services for the

spreading of the Message of Theosophy throughout the world.

**Membership.**—We had 144 members on the rolls on 1st of October 1935; there were 25 new admissions during the year; four members were removed to the Suspense List; two transferred from other Sections; leaving 167 members on the rolls, on 30th September 1936.

**Lodges.**—There were ten Lodges at the beginning of the year. Two Youth Lodges were chartered during the year, one "Vasanta Lodge" at Rangoon, and the Maymyo Youth Lodge. The most active Lodges during the year were Rangoon, Maymyo, Mandalay and the Youth Lodges at Rangoon and Maymyo.

**Straight Theosophy Campaign.**—The chief programme of work for the year commenced with the inauguration of "Straight Theosophy and Youth-to-Youth Campaign" on 1st of October 1935, along with Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday Celebration. The programme of the Campaign lasted for three months up to the end of December, 1935. The various items on the programme received uniformly good publicity in the local Press. The meetings were well attended, and a number of subjects were dealt with during the Campaign. Much enthusiasm was evinced during the Campaign especially by the Youth Lodge members who made the Campaign a great success.

The following were some of the Subjects for the meeting during the Campaign:

1. *Dr. Annie Besant: Her Life and Work.* 2. *What is Theosophy?* 3. *An Approach to the Study of Karma.* 4. *Fate and Freedom.* 5. *Theosophy in Practice.* 6. *Is Brotherhood a Practical Proposition.* 7. *T. S. Solidarity.* 8. *Re-incarnation.* 9. *Can We Remember Past Lives?* 10. *Approach to the Masters.* 11. *Men Beyond Mankind.* 12. *The Seven Rays.* 13. *Man and His Bodies.* 14. *Way*

*of Health.* 15. *Dr. G. S. Arundale: His Life and Work.* 16. *The Inner Side of Religion.* 17. *Where Science and Religion Meet.* 18. *The Great Plan.* 19. *Citizens of To-morrow.*

In addition to the above, the Young Theosophists had Musical Evenings, Friendly Socials, Games, Debates and Discussions, Exhibition of Hobbies and Arts and Crafts. There was also a Special Ladies' evening which attracted a good number of Ladies. Almost all our members contributed to the success of the Campaign.

**Rangoon Lodge.**—On account of its position, Rangoon Lodge continued to be very active again during the year. There were regular study classes. Mr. N. A. Naganathan took up the "Ancient Wisdom" Class. This was followed by the study of "Secret Doctrine" by Mr. D. A. Anklesaria, which still continues. On Fridays, Mr. Anklesaria is conducting a course of studies on the "Gathas of Zarathushtra". Pandit K. Pakkiriswamy Pillay continued to give his Tamil lectures on Indian Philosophy every week, and Mr. B. R. Rao, conducted the "Study of the Upanishads". The Devotional Musical Concerts by Mr. Shantilal Mehta every Sunday evening were a very interesting feature and attracted large audiences.

The Library and Reading Room were well used both by members and the public.

**Lodge Premises.**—The Lodge building was repaired and renovated and made more attractive at a cost of Rs. 700 very generously donated by our members.

**Lotus Lodge, Mandalay.**—This Lodge continued to be active. The Lotus Lodge is busy organizing its Building Fund, and is on the look out for a suitable site. Messrs. K. M. Dorabjee, U Kyaw Hla, Mr. Maung Hmin, and Mr. T. K. K. Pany take continued interest in the Lodge work. U Hla Gyi was instrumental in the opening of a

Buddhist Seminary in Mandalay, and in initiating "Rural Uplift" work in his area.

*Maymyo Lodge.*—This Lodge has been active during the year. The Lodge Building was renovated and now presents a good appearance. Thanks to the enthusiasm of Mr. T. R. Govindaraj, U Hla Gyi, Mr. P. T. Mudaliar and Mr. B. N. Roy Chowdhury, the Lodge work has been made more attractive in all directions. Members also interest themselves in all social, educational and humanitarian work in the town.

U Hla Maung at Pyinmana, and U San Mya at Taungdwingyi, have done useful work in their respective places.

*Youth Lodge.*—The Rangoon and Maymyo Youth Lodges are very much alive and enthusiastic and are daily gaining in strength and usefulness. The Straight Theosophy and Youth-to-Youth Campaigns at Rangoon and the Convention at Maymyo have helped to show what Young Theosophists are capable of.

The enthusiasm evinced by the individual Lodges, as reflected in their reports, is encouraging.

The Rangoon Youth Lodge has been actively co-operating with "Olcott Lodge", Rangoon, in all its activities and is the chief support for the Burma Federation. It was mainly responsible for the success of the Youth-to-Youth Campaign and the inauguration of the Burma Federation. It holds regular and interesting weekly meetings and counts amongst its members many good speakers and efficient workers.

The activities of the "Vasanta Youth Lodge" were mainly of a social nature. The Lodge reports monthly social meetings, a membership dinner, and two enjoyable picnics during the year, as well as some well attended lectures and debates. It is building up a small Library, which now contains over forty volumes. It is also editing

a monthly (typed) Magazine called 'VASANTA'.

The Maymyo Youth Lodge is much interested in Scouting and has a Rover Troop, which has had many retreats and excursions into the hills and jungles surrounding Maymyo. The Lodge did excellent service in organizing the reception of the delegates at the Last Annual Convention of the Burma Section of the Theosophical Society at Maymyo.

I must record here the very useful services of the Youth Lodge members to the T. S. especially Mr. C. R. N. Swamy, Mr. N. Rajagopal, Mr. N. Ananthan, Mr. T. S. Ramanathan, Mr. R. V. Raghavan, U San Hla.

*The B. E. T. Schools.*—Rangoon T. S. members on the Burma Educational Trust continued to take an abiding interest in the working of the three Schools, viz., the Boys' High School, the Girls' Middle School and the Night School, and the number of pupils during the year reached a record figure of 950 children. Our thanks are due to Messrs. Nebraj Talwar, K. R. Chari, T. R. Muthuswamy Pillay, P. Venkataraman, A. Verhage, C. R. N. Swamy, D. A. Anklesaria, S. T. Arasu, N. Rajagopal, Mr. N. A. Naganathan, and F. W. Wales for their great sacrifices in this direction. There was a fresh election in March 1935, and our new members on the Trust have brought fresh enthusiasm to our educational work.

*The Burma Humanitarian League.*—U San Hla and Mr. N. Rajagopal assisted by other Youth Lodge members contributed a great deal to the success of this movement in Burma during the year.

*Message of Theosophy.*—The Message of Theosophy could not be regularly issued for want of funds after April 1936. The Diamond Jubilee Number was a very attractive one.

*Propaganda.*—The Section has carried on the usual propaganda, and leaflets were distributed at the meetings.



*Finance.*—There is nothing satisfactory to the 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 condition. The work must still expand, and members must come forward in order to widen our activities.

*The Burma Federation of Young Theosophists.*—The year also marked the inauguration of the "Burma Federation of Young Theosophists" on the 17th of November, 1935. The Federation records useful work as reflected in the reports of Youth Lodges. The Federation offers a field of Service for Young Theosophists who are the hope of the future of the Theosophical Society.

*The Annual Convention 1935.*—The Section had one of the most joyous and enthusiastic conventions in recent years, on 12th, 13th, and 14th October, at Maymyo. There was a large delegation from Rangoon and Mandalay and each active Lodge in the Province was represented. The new Besant Memorial Hall was an attraction during the Convention days, and accommodation was taxed to the full at each of the public lectures.

Mr. Anklesaria, delivered the first Convention Lecture on the 12th evening, on "Men Beyond Mankind". U Hla Gyi, of Maymyo, spoke on the 13th morning on "The Scout Movement" and Mr. Naganathan spoke on "The Message of Theosophy" in the evening. The last Convention Lecture, delivered by U Hla Maung of Pyinmana, on "The Higher Truths of Buddhism", had for its President, the Venerable English Bhikku, U Yewada.

The convention closed with a very enjoyable "Camp Fire", organized by

the Boy Scouts and Yedat Volunteers of Maymyo. The Blavatsky Lodge and the Maymyo Youth Lodge are to be congratulated on a successful Convention.

Most of the delegates to the Convention spent a day at Mandalay on the 19th, before they parted, and Mr. Anklesaria gave a lecture at the Public Library on "The Way of the Buddha", and at night the Convention delegates were the guests of the Lotus Lodge at a Dinner Party.

*Vice-President, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta.*—Burma had the privilege of the first visit of the Vice-President, Vedantaratna Hirendra Nath Datta, M.A., B.L., P.R.S. His visit, proved a great success and greatly enhanced the interest of the members of the Section in their work.

Addressing a members' meeting on Wednesday, the 26th February, Mr. Datta sketched briefly the work of the Society in its early days, laying special stress on the earlier Theosophical publications like *The Secret Doctrine*, *Esoteric Buddhism*, *The Ancient Wisdom*, etc. He urged members not to confine themselves to the study of any particular books, but to approach and understand Theosophy in its broad universal aspect.

On Friday, the 28th, the members of The Society assembled in large numbers at a Reception to the Vice-President at Olcott Lodge. An address of welcome was read by Mr. N. A. Naganathan, the General Secretary of the Section, to which Mr. Datta responded with the dignified humour so characteristic of him. The programme included music, light refreshments and a group photo.

On Saturday, the 29th February, Mr. Datta presided over the Young Theosophists' celebration of their President, Shrimati Rukmini Devi's birthday, and on Sunday, the 1st of March, he delivered a public lecture to a

crowded hall on "The Destiny of Man."

Mr. Datta also visited Mandalay and Maymyo. He delivered one public lecture at the former and two at the latter city. Wherever he went he has endeared himself to the members of The Society, most of whom met him personally for the first time.

*Diamond Jubilee Celebration.*—The Diamond Jubilee of the T. S. was celebrated on the 17th of November. There was a public lecture on "Sixty Years of Theosophy" in the morning. In the evening there was the Jubilee Dinner at our School premises for over 100 members and friends followed by an entertainment by the School girls.

*Diamond Jubilee Convention.*—The following members represented Burma at the Diamond Jubilee Convention held at Adyar in December, 1935:

1. Rai Sahib Nebraj Talwar. 2. Mr. J. C. Billimoria. 3. Rao Sahib Muthuswami Pillai. 4. Mr. D. A. Anklesaria. 5. Mr. F. W. Wales. 6. Mr. N. A. Naganathan. 7. Mr. S. P. S. Iyer. 8. Mr. K. R. Chari. 9. Mr. A. Nammalwariah. 10. Mr. C. R. N. Swamy. 11. Mr. N. Rajagopal. 12. Dr. Miss Hormusjee. 13. U. San Hla. 14. Mr. B. R. Rao. 15. Capt. J. C.

Bharucha. 16. Mr. N. Ananthan. 17. Mr. S. T. Arasu. 18. Mrs. Govindaraj. 19. Mr. C. N. A. Mudaliar. 20. Mrs. Mudaliar.

*Conclusion.*—The year under report was one of activity and service, but the workers have always been 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 realise 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; 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 of our co-operation in the service of humanity. May the Peace and Blessings of the Great Ones rest on The Theosophical Society.

15-11-1936 N. A. NAGANATHAN,  
*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN AUSTRIA

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

Herewith I have the honour to submit to you the Report of the Austrian Section T. S. for the past year ending with September 1936.

Before taking up the different points in their order I should like to state that this Jubilee year was a very happy one, happy in all departments of our Theosophical work and social meetings.

*Finances.*—A number of members transmuted their enthusiasm for Theosophy into deeds, assisting personally and financially our work of propaganda.

The result was that the receipts of the Section increased so that the Executive could assist me to be present at the World Congress at Geneva, after having first fulfilled all our financial obligations. We also could buy a few of the new Standard books of Theosophy. Thanks to a very humble anonymous member of Vienna we again have a Harmonium for the lecture room of our Headquarters.

*Statistics.*—We gained this year 41 new members but regretfully booked the loss of 5 who resigned, 3 who died,

13 who have gone to other countries and 34 who had to be dropped for being totally inactive for three years. The chief reason for this loss of all interest may be found in their lack of time and means, and thus gradually losing all contact with our various activities, until at last their courage failed them to confess their distress, having drifted apart from us and become strangers again as it were. The disproportionately great number of losses from the above causes exceeded our gains, so that at the end of the year we have only 393 active members in comparison with 407 of last year which means another decrease of 14 members.

**Activities.**—All 9 Lodges and the new Centre strove to fulfil the "Straight Theosophy" Campaign of the year. In our Headquarters we celebrated in unison with "Adyar" the Birthday of The Theosophical Society and the Jubilee-Convention Day also. Anent the Symposium held on November 17th some speakers treated the theme "Karmisches Wirken an historischen Beispielen" and on that of December 26th "Die Förderung der drei Zwecke der Theosophischen Gesellschaft in der nächsten Zukunft" were elucidated. On December 26th we had the great pleasure of welcoming Prof. J. E. van der Stock from Holland as visitor, he joined our link of Union-Meditation at the beginning of our meeting.

During the last year our secretary Karl Riedel held a weekly study and meditation course which was much appreciated by its members. The founders of the two Lodges "Alaya" and "Parakleth" at the end of last year stood the test, they both attracted new people and led them into new channels of Theosophical activity. Some prominent members of the Section like Mrs. Roma Fischer, Mr. Hans Göbel, Dr. Oskar Hugl, Mrs. Elsa Stephani and others arranged once every month for a meeting at which members of the

T. S. and guests were invited to demonstrate and to foster by free discussion the idea of Mysticism as found in poetry, music, in the art of painting, in religion and philosophy. Many people felt attracted by these new methods of spreading Theosophy abroad and this is especially the case because the Austrian people are capable of a very artistic expression of their higher feelings.

Two years ago a Theosophical Centre in the small town of Scheibbs (my birth-place) was formed by Mrs. Lilly Bürbaum. There six eager members try to live Theosophy in spite of the unfavourable spiritual conditions which exist in the country. Owing to the circumstance that Dr. Norbert Lauppert and Mr. Sepp Wentzel transferred their domiciles to Graz, the Blavatsky Lodge gained two very good workers. They have started a course for introducing Theosophy, and lectures for beginners and guests.

As the Theosophical Publishing House of Ernst Pieper in Germany has ceased to exist, Karl Riedel is bringing out some special numbers of the *Theosophische Nachrichten* to provide at least some smaller books of our leaders for the German speaking members of the T. S. The first of these booklets "The World Mother as Symbol and Fact" by C. W. Leadbeater is available in the German translation.

The activity of the other 6 Lodges goes on in the usual way.

**Visits.**—Mr. Karl Riedel made several journeys to Graz as well as to Scheibbs in the capacity of a lecturer as well as of a priest of the L.C.C. and we were informed that his help is much appreciated. Last winter the Rt. Rev. Bishop John Cordes visited the Roumanian Section as well as the Hungarian. Mrs. Paula Kemperling, returned from her long visit in "Adyar", is continuing now her work at the Lodge "Parakleth". In her absence

Mr. Hans Göbel carried on the work successfully.

I had the great privilege to attend the 4th World Congress, accompanied by six other members from Vienna. We all returned very much inspired and impressed by the excellent work done, to which our neighbouring Section Switzerland has contributed so much.

The chief event of the year for every one of our members was the long expected visit of our Presidents Dr. Arundale and his wife. Since their last visit (October 26th 1931) our country has passed through very difficult times. But it was the fulfilment of a long desire to have our President in our midst. Therefore most members were untiring in their efforts and did not spare any costs to come from near and far to see and to hear their beloved President, and to hear Shrimati Rukmini Devi deliver her lecture on "The Message of Beauty", "Herself the Embodiment of Beauty" as one of the Vienna journalists expressed it.

After these inspiring days I met members who said they had been awakened from their spiritual sleep by the President's inspiring suggestion that "to be a Theosophist means to live Theosophy efficiently" and some felt very clearly that "to be a *member* of the T.S. does not necessarily mean at the same time to be a true Theosophist." It was similarly at the time of the crucifixion of Jesus, where the Bible says: "... and the graves were opened and many bodies of the saints which slept arose." (Math. 27. V. 52.)

So we have every reason to hope for a very successful result from this personal Campaign of our revered President and Rukmini and that it will show itself in an increase of members in next year's report.

We thank you again, Mr. President, for your and Mrs. Rukmini's inspiring and helpful presence.

27-10-1936      FRITZ SCHLEIFER,  
*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN NORWAY

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

I herewith present to the President, of the Theosophical Society, Dr. George S. Arundale, the following resumé of the work and affairs of the Norwegian Section of the Theosophical Society.

In Norway we have at present seven active Lodges, one new Lodge, Adyar Lodge, having been started the 1st of September this year, founded by seven retiring members of the United Oslo-Lodges. The total number of members in the year under report is: 208, including 17 new admissions. 12 members have resigned, 5 have passed over into the Greater Light. One member has been removed from the rolls.

The work in the Lodges has continued steadily and the activities are well organized. In connection with

the Lodge-work study-groups and meetings for Young Theosophists have been held in Oslo, Trondheim and Haugesund. The former general secretary, Mr. Erling Havrevold, has during the autumn 1935 visited the above mentioned cities and Bergen and Stavanger for public lectures and meetings. The Lodges have this year tried to carry out the Straight Theosophy Campaign, and it is our hope that the new programme, formulated and promulgated by Adyar will be received and utilized with similar interest.

During the year 1935 the Norwegian members were greatly inspired by the presence and talks of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, who was our distinguished guest.

The outstanding event of this year has been the visit of our President and



Shrimati Rukmini Devi in Bergen and Oslo. In Oslo the annual Convention on the 24th of June was arranged during and in connection with their stay here. I feel sure that every member present knew how to appreciate this opportunity of coming in personal contact with the President of our Society and listening to his eloquent and humorous speeches, which in the most pleasant manner conveyed important and uplifting messages to the members, Shrimati Rukmini Devi gave a public lecture on: The Message of Beauty to our Civilization. She is herself a revelation of beauty and our Theosophical Society has to-day no better interpreter of this message. It is our hope that the reception and arrangement in Oslo may next time be more worthy of our honoured guests.

The Convention this year was in no respect different from what the conventions have been in previous years—too much time and energy spent in discussions on difficulties and problems which had to be settled and dissolved. I believe however that the turning-point has been reached and that we again can look forward to conventions with enthusiasm, where the members will get renewed strength, more understanding and bring about a more brotherly way of living. During this convention the general secretary, Mr. Erling Havrevold had to leave his office and as his successor was elected Mrs. Dagny Zadig.

As newly elected general secretary I wish to emphasize, that I have accepted the office, recognizing fully the responsibility of maintaining the standards of our Society and of promoting the spread and understanding of our teachings. To this work I pledge myself with the co-operation of the members and the assured loyal constructive help of the elected Board of Directors. With this support I am convinced that our difficulties can be

met and our work more effectively carried on.

In this resumé it is necessary to report the financial situation. The policy of living within our income was not followed last year. A year ago we had a considerable current working capital. The capital has, however decreased and our funds—summer-school funds, etc.—had been emptied to the very bottom, when I was put in charge of the office as general-secretary. The members of the Board were not to be blamed for the bad economical situation, dispositions having been made by the former General Secretary without their knowledge. I hope by a cautious, sound policy the income soon will meet with the expenditure and the work will be carried on according to the requirements and needs of the members, wherefrom progress cannot fail to develop.

The Norwegian Publishing House, under the administration of Mrs. A. M. Sparre, has worked well. The following books were published: Dr. Arundale, *The Spirit of Youth*, and *The Seven Year Plan*; G. Hodson, *Clairvoyance* and *The Serpent Fire*.

This summer we have had a short visit from our honorary member Mr. E. Bolt, who has proved to be a keen supporter of Theosophical work in Norway. From reports and numerous requests for return engagements received, it is clear that Mr. Bolt's visits and summer-schools have filled a need, wherever he has worked for the spreading of Theosophy. And with gratitude and appreciation the members share the inspiration and helpfulness which Mr. Bolt so freely and generously gives.

As our guests we have also been happy to receive Mr. and Mrs. Angus Jones from Bristol, enthusiastic members both of the Theosophical Society and the Anti-Vivisection League.

I take the liberty to mention, that the work this autumn has been started

with enthusiasm and faith and Lodges and members all over the country have testified their will to maintain an attitude of right co-operation, knowing that by co-operation only can the work of brotherhood be accomplished. And I

hope that sooner or later every member will become an active link in this chain of co-operative brotherhood in my country.

6-11-1936

DAGNY ZADIG,  
*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN DENMARK

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

During the past year the Danish Section has had the privilege of seeing the three leading personalities within our Society, Mr. Jinarajadasa visiting us in October 1935, and the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi, this summer.

These visits must naturally be reckoned the chief events of the year; even though they were of but a few days' duration, they were nevertheless a great experience and encouragement to us.

Further the Section has had the visits of Mr. Edwin C. Bolt, who through several years of work in Denmark has gained many sympathisers at some of our Lodges. It is the hope of the Council that other international lecturers too will find time to hold prolonged series of lectures in this country. Mr. Bolt's method of giving courses extending over 2-3 weeks at the various places has proved very effective. We should be glad if certain of the experts within the Society were able to find time for similar courses of lecturing, two or three days not being sufficient to bring about a contact between the lecturers and many of the lay-members, —who yet are valuable as members, in the daily work. A number of such members complain that the limited time which is generally at their disposal makes it impossible for them to get into touch with our leaders when the latter visit us.

The work at the Lodges has proceeded satisfactorily, and the attendance at public meetings has been good.

We have not published books, but some of the pamphlets on "Straight Theosophy" have been translated and published. Two other pamphlets have likewise been issued. As usual nine numbers of our paper *Theosophia* have been published. It will in future be edited by Mr. A. Engelstoft-Schmidt; Mrs. Valborg Andersen having been obliged to withdraw owing to failing health. We are indebted to her for many years of faithful work for the cause. Mr. Lexow, now ninety, still continues his great work of translations to the paper.

The number of members of the Section has increased to 455; the number of Lodges remains 11 as before.

In closing my report I should like on behalf of the T.S. in Denmark to express our heartfelt thanks for your inspiring lectures and books which greatly help us to do more and better work for the cause.

We send our loving greetings to you, Dr. Arundale, to Shrimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. Jinarajadasa and assure you of our co-operation in the service of humanity.

22-10-1936 CH. BONDE JENSEN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN MEXICO

*To the President, the T.S.*

The Mexican Section has maintained during the whole year the same standard of Theosophical work and propaganda of previous years along the lines of the Straight Theosophy activities suggested by our President Dr. Arundale.

*Annual Convention.*—The yearly Convention was effected at the city of Mexico on the 12th and 13th of November 1935, during which Dr. David R. Cervera was elected as General Secretary for a period of one year. Three public lectures were then delivered by Bros. Fernando Bengoechea, Dr. Agustín Servín de la Mora and the General Secretary.

Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and Dr. Besant's Anniversary Day were gladly commemorated at several Lodges and Centres of our Section.

*Propaganda.*—The Lodge meetings were regularly carried on during the whole year; some Lodges used to meet almost every day of the week. In Mexico City every day of the year, except Saturdays, members meet to study and teach. Two Courses on Theosophy explained, one for Young Theosophists, and a weekly lecture were held at our Headquarters at the City of Mexico.

Brothers María S. de Cervera, and Fernando Bengoechea visited three Lodges in the State of Veracruz and lectured at three cities. Our General Secretary visited also some Lodges in the interior, and is preparing his 20

days' tour to Lodges at S. Luis, Tampico, Monterrey, Saltillo and El Salvador, Zacatecas.

Our monthly Sectional Bulletin has been regularly edited and mailed to 500 readers including many Spanish speaking Lodges in Central and South America.

A new Theosophical pamphlet *Amistad* appeared in February 1936 and has been freely sent every month to almost 2000 people.

*Statistics :*

Date of Charter : Nov. 12th 1919.

Total number of active Lodges	... 16
Total number of Centres	... 12
Total number of active members	... 298

*Headquarters.*—At the home of the T.S. in Mexico we begin to adapt a small lecture hall, seating about 150 people, for all Theosophical activities. We hope to start soon a stage and cinema for lantern slide public lectures.

May the Theosophical movement grow steadily all over the World, that the Theosophical Society may fulfil the task assigned to it by its Founders. May we all follow the way pointed out by our great Leaders H.P.B., H.S.O., A.B. and C.W.L. Our loyalty to you and Mrs. Arundale, and to our beloved friend Mr. C. Jinarajadasa.

31-10-1936

D. R. CERVERA,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CANADA

*To the President, the T.S.*

More attention than necessary has probably been concentrated this past year on the book published by the two Hare brothers, Harold Edward and William Loftus, a book of astonishing

futility, but one that has appealed to uniformed newspaper critics and others who have little or no knowledge of the arcana of Nature. It has been taken up and answered by many of our loyal Fellows, among others by Dr. H. S.

Stokes, in his *O. E. Critic*, Washington, D.C.; Miss Maragaret Thomas, London, England; Hon. Mrs. Davey, London, England; H. R. D. Cox, Royal Oak, B.C.; C. J. Ryan, *The Theosophical Forum*, Point Loma, California; Dr. G. de Purucker, in the same magazine; anonymously in *Theosophy*, Los Angeles, California; Dr. Irene Bastow Hudson, in a special pamphlet, Vancouver, B.C.; Helen Savage, in *The Occult Review* for July; and by Mr. Strutton, Editor of the same magazine. I obtained the loan of the volume and finished reading it in mid-November, so that practically all that there is to be said about it has been said. It is interesting from some other aspects. Why was it written? Could one take a charitable view and imagine it to be directed against the tendency to create idols, iconoclasm for such an object being possibly justifiable? There have been attempts to deify the late President and Mr. Leadbeater, but such efforts defeat their own end, and no one has thought of deifying Madame Blavatsky. The Hares may have thought to extinguish the idea of Mahatmas, but you cannot kill an idea, and the Mahatma idea is very much alive. Attempts have been made before by Dr. Elliott Coues, with the result that his newspaper, the New York Sun, withdrew his charges and apologized for them as without foundation; Dr. Hodgson, the young man of the Society for Psychical Research, who was appointed to investigate, but failed to do so and collected evidence second-hand, and then turned Spiritualist and swallowed greater marvels than he had tried to deny; Edmund Garrett, with the help of W. Gorn Old and the Pall Mall Gazette in 1895-6 led the next major assault, entitled *The Story of the Great Mahatma Hoax*. Next came *Exeunt Mahatmas!* in 1907 by G. A. Gaskell, and that was expected to end the Elder Brethren for ever. But they still have their following and we do not think the

Messrs. Hare will do any more to obscure their Light than any previous dullard. Each one perhaps hopes, like the man who burned down the Greek Temple in the hope that his name should be immortalized, that he would have the reputation of having slain the Esoteric Giants. The book of the Hares, however, has another sinister aim, and that is to link up the mistakes and follies of the last thirty years with the honoured names of the Masters. That, primarily, is the fault of our Adyar brethren. In Canada we have protested on this point ever since we have had the opportunity. I drew up in *The Canadian Theosophist*, after Mrs. Besant's death, a list which was printed in October, 1933, of the more glaring of these delusions, impositions, false predictions, unfounded hopes, vain and senseless schemes, which as time has passed have been shown to be worthless, disappointing, and disastrous to the Society as a whole and repulsive to individual members. Some people think us disloyal for pointing out these shameful deceptions, but is it not those who persist in the endeavour to foist them on the public who are the real traitors? When Adyar abandons this dead weight of delusion, as I am glad to see the General Secretary of India appears to have done, in *The Indian Theosophist* just received, the Society will go ahead as it has never done before. It is not necessary to argue the matter or to refute anyone or to make protestations. Just let it all drop into oblivion, and we shall all be glad to take hold and work together once more. The recent death of Mr. Chakravarti, whose appearance in the West in 1893 led to the first great divergence from the Blavatsky standards, should make such a course easy.

The attempt at Fraternization which was made by our National Society, the Point Loma Society and the United Lodge of Theosophy members, was very successful as far as it was carried,



but the Committee appointed this year assumed independent powers and changed the title to "A Students Convention." How this came about has not been explained, but it looks as though the attempt to bring about co-operation among the parent Societies has been burked. The next meeting in June at Niagara Falls, Ontario, will solve the problem one way or another.

Our National Society has carried on during the past year much in the same way as during the previous one. Our membership has been stationary at 345. With the continued unemployment, in spite of professions of prosperity and reviving commerce in the newspapers, we fear it will be difficult to maintain the same number next year. However there is a great deal of attention being paid to Theosophical literature, and the thought of the world is more saturated with it than ever. Our magazine has reprinted Thomas Taylor's Introduction to Plato's *Timaeus* and we hope to follow this with others of Taylor's studies. We have also printed a version of the Bhagavad Gita. It had been intended to reprint one of the classic versions, Cockburn's, Davie's, or Telang's. But all these were found to be almost unintelligible to the ordinary English reader, and to print what would not be read or understood was seen to be useless. The present writer with some temerity, took about fifteen of the best versions and compiled one of his own, collating the sense agreed upon by the majority and giving it such expression as seemed fitting. The articles arranged under the title "Theosophy and the Modern World" have dealt with everyday topics in science and other matters of interest from a Theosophical angle and with much acceptance. Another innovation has been the printing of selected passages from *The Mahatma Letters*, chosen by the late Rev. Robert Norwood, D. D.

Our propaganda measures are largely local. Mr. Felix Belcher took another

tour in the West this year, visiting Lodges and centres, but not holding meetings particularly as this is not practical during the summer season. He was specially interested in introducing his method of study of *The Secret Doctrine*, which has been highly successful in his classes in Toronto. There is a feeling among the public that we do not take sufficient interest in the great events that are developing in the world around us, and that we ignore, not only politics, but the facts that lie behind politics, and that are essential to an understanding of human life and progress. It strikes me that we do not distinguish between politics and state-craft, and that on the latter our best attention should be concentrated. How is anyone to understand the chaos in Europe with all the nations almost at logger-heads if no interest is taken in the causes behind all the trouble. It ought to be very obvious that apart from the names used to distinguish certain parties, they are all aligned in two groups—one of which stands for liberty and the other for tyranny. If it be participating in politics to point this out and to try to make it clear that one of these is detrimental to human interests and the other essential to the highest development, then we are limiting ourselves in a way that cuts us off from the most seriously minded class of the people. I have refrained from giving expression to my views about Spain and Italy and Germany but whether spoken or not they are formed and insist on recognition. China and Ethiopia are in the same category.

A Hindu student at the University of Toronto has pointed out at some of our meetings which he has addressed that the new Constitution of India has one most unfortunate feature. It provides that Hindus can only vote for Hindus and Mohammedans only for Mohammedans. In Canada Protestants are not divided in this way from

Catholics. They vote jointly, for candidates who may be of either or both faiths. Otherwise the whole country would be thrown into antagonism, each party set on electing the candidate who represented his faith. This seems to be one of the muddle-headed things that Britain has done in recent years. It puts a premium on un-Brotherhood.

It was in Canada that the telephone was developed, and the first telephone conversation was held in Brantford where a beautiful monument stands to the memory of Graham Bell. Another great invention may yet be credited to Canada if the device of a Mr. Boddy of Windsor, Ontario is successful. It is an entirely new type of transport motor, and appears to be capable of developing illimitable power. It is a small affair, and while recalling the Keeley motor is altogether different. The principle appears to be to set up an opaque shield or barrier of various metal plates, whereupon the currents of energy constantly flowing through space meet and sweep the obstacle along resistlessly. At any rate the demonstrations have proven that immense speed is attained with the expenditure of no apparent energy. It has puzzled the wise ones among the engineers, and Mr. Boddy insists that he will not let it fall into the hands of capitalistic interests, but wishes it to be the boon for humanity he would like to make it.

Another Canadian invention is a scheme of monetary reform which has been endorsed by many economists and is known as the Hallett System of Scientific Money. It does away with interest on public works for one thing, but leaves private banks to carry on business for those who wish them.

Among the books which have attracted attention here during the year and of interest to Theosophists are Evans-Wentz's *Seven Bodies of Wisdom*, the fourth of this writer's valuable transcriptions from Tibetan sources and

confirmatory of H.P.B.'s work; (Dr. Evans-Wentz is a member of the Point Loma Society) Ernest Egerton Wood's *Is This Theosophy?* which continues to attract attention among students eager to know the inside of Adyar; Dr. G. de Purucker's *The Esoteric Tradition*, which I have not seen; and a remarkable pamphlet by Aldous Huxley in which the grandson of the agnostic professor practically accepts the Theosophic position. The Third and Fourth volumes of Madame Blavatsky's collected works have been issued and also a new edition in one volume of *Isis Unveiled*, a book which, in spite of having appeared in 1877, is still far ahead of the present age and nourishing meat for any reader; your own *Gods in the Becoming*, a more acceptable book than the two previous ones, if I may take the liberty of saying so; Ralph Shirley's *Problem of Rebirth*; Dr. Wilson's *After Life*; while the reprints of classical Indian Scriptures by the T.P.H. are worthy of all praise.

It is with deep regret I observe that the fine old disciple of the Masters and H.P.B. has passed away, the Pandit Bhawani Shankar. He was perhaps the sole remaining link with the early group of those who had seen and conversed with the Mahatmas, *pace* the Messrs. Hare. He was a great student of the *Gita*. Unfortunately the divagations of Adyar drove him to private activity. Another great loss is met in the death of Edmond Holmes in England, the author of *The Creed of Buddha*, *The Creed of Christ* and many other notable books. Rudyard Kipling is a loss to literature as well as to the mystic world of India with which he had more communion than most people conceived. A very great loss to the ranks of the Theosophical Movement was that of William Kingsland whose array of Theosophical volumes cannot be omitted from any library without loss. The death of Mohini M. Chatterji closes a bright page in

our history. His comrade Chela, Laura Langford, formerly Holloway, died a few years ago. In recent years his *History as a Science* showed his mental power, but he will probably be best remembered by his edition of the *Gita* with notes. In Canada we have lost Carl Ahrens, an artist of genius, whose paintings of trees will carry his name down the centuries. Clara Speight

Humberstone has also passed away after many years of study of *The Secret Doctrine*, and laborious mathematical studies in which she sought to reconcile chemistry and physics on a mathematical basis, and biology through the life of the cell with Universal Law.

ALBERT E. S. SYMTHE,  
General Secretary.

## T. S. IN ARGENTINE

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

In the same form as last year I am sending you per Air Mail a copy of the detail that you will receive by normal post.

Looking at the list you will see that we have obtained a good increase in the number of Lodges and retained with a slight increase the number of Lodge Members. Centres "Sattva" and "Adyar", having the number of members necessary to become Lodges, asked for and received their charters. It is a great pleasure to me to report the enthusiasm with which the Presidents of all the Lodges are working, perhaps not always in accordance with our ideas, but giving their own points of view, a difference of opinion that we certainly require. I especially note the agreeable and important news of the reincorporation to our Section of "Paz Lodge" from La Paz, (Bolivia Republic), belonging in past years to our jurisdiction. With the good work of the members we may see in it the root of the future of the Bolivian Section. Certainly the situation is not very easy for South American countries, we are creating great changes. We require a great "Campaign of Understanding", because want of confidence prevents the expressions of inner ideals in a normal way. It seems to me that for economical and political reasons people are afraid. I was able to visit

18 of the 21 Lodges after long journeys, because distances here must be counted in hundreds of kilometers.

The Members of "Gautama Lodge", made an important journey to San Juan City, and in accordance with their information, the formation of a new Lodge is possible, to which they wish to give the name of "Reconstruction". May the Masters help us with this new point for the Argentine. In Santa Fé, another important city, a group of free workers are doing their job, with great hopes of success.

With respect to "Adyar" Lodge, its foundation is the work of Dr. Agustin Arregui; President of "Luz de Oriente Lodge" in Mendoza.

Last July we had our Convention in one of the central cities of the country, Rio IV; the splendid work of "Gnosis Lodge" with its President, Mr. Ramon Ushman and the other good members resulted in a big success through many meetings, publications in two newspapers, lectures by Dr. Folquer and Mr. F. M. Olivares, the last President of "Dharma" Lodge, also his good officer Mr. J. C. Tosar and Mr. Torregrosa, the President of "Fraternidad" Lodge from Buenos Aires.

There was a very beautiful effort from all the Lodges; we have had ten Presidents and the agreeable comradeship of the three last General Secretaries coming from the North,

West and South of the country, Dr. Folquer and Dr. Stoppel. I report this meeting, as every one agrees it was an interesting success.

The Argentine was not able to send a Delegate to the Fourth World Congress; Our delegate Mr. Hilario Sane reached Madrid and was there stopped by the war.

Notwithstanding we have received the good news of the October issue of *The Theosophist* with its very nice photograph. Perhaps we shall have the idea of holding in South America the 1943 Congress, transformed into a beautiful reality. In next year's South American Federation Congress, we shall present and study this idea. Certainly, Spanish speaking countries require the special attention of Adyar. It is my personal idea that "Evolution" requires that people generally need a knowledge of the English language, according to the explanations from "Futur" by Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, but, it is very interesting to us, to receive *The Theosophist* with so much written matter in French, as it is more easy to understand in our country. When may we expect it with one or two pages in Spanish? Such an article would be very important, as it would help to spread the review. I hope the workers and correctors will pardon us for the "Babel" of languages which this will mean to them. But it is most necessary, I am sure. The Argentine Section has prepared a Bulletin of which numbers 5 and 6 have recently appeared. "Kuntur" under the intelligent direction of Dr.

Folquer, has issued its number 15. At the last Convention important economical decisions to continue the publication were resolved. We sent four hundred free copies to many Libraries, Spanish and Portuguese speaking Lodges, Schools and Universities.

We have proposed the translation into Spanish of your work *The Evolutionary Plan* and we wished to make a programme (like the English issue) for all Spanish speaking Lodges, but we noted a very important inconvenience—our Lodges (perhaps all South American ones) during January and February take Summer vacations.

Certainly they may obtain profit from its study but the idea of having simultaneous work, I suppose, needs a programme for the South and another for the northern Hemisphere. It may be possible for you, on other occasions to change the date in order to obtain dates on which all could work together.

With our best wishes for the good work of Mrs. Shrimati Rukmini Devi in her artistic and youthful ideals (which will be part of our future work), I send you and all in Adyar the greetings of the Argentine Section.

We were able to prepare 5,000 copies of the translated lecture given in Saigon of Mr. Jinarajadasa "Theosophy and Brotherhood" Thus we increase our debt to our great Brother, certainly as you say "persona grata" in South America.

RAUL A. WYNGAARD,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN CHILE

*To the President, the T.S.*

This is to report last period from July 1st 1935 to June 30th 1936.

*World Congress.*—We are sorry that nobody from our Section could

attend the last World Congress at Geneva.

*Annual Convention.*—According to our regulations this has been called for next November in Valparaiso.



*General Conditions.*—The situation does not change very much. Fortunately one of our oldest and most reliable members, just retired from other activities, is now able to visit periodically in the south and the north the more important towns outside Santiago and Valparaiso and to co-operate with Lodges, Centres, or single members in spreading our wonderful teachings. We are confident of the result of this work.

*Lodges and Centres.*—We have declared Lodges "Krishnamurti" of Tocopilla and "Matías Juraszeck" of Puerto Montt dormant. We have now

seven active Lodges and four centres.

*Active Membership.*—The number of active members is 130; that is 18 less than last year.

*Lectures and Library.*—We have at least once a week a public lecture in Santiago and another in Valparaiso with satisfactory attendance. Our Lodges keep up their regular work.

With best wishes and brotherly greetings I am, dear President, yours faithfully.

30-10-1936

ARMANDO HAMEL,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN BULGARIA

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

I have the honour of presenting to you the following report on the activity of the Bulgarian Section for the year 1935-1936.

In the first place I am glad to say that during the past year we have had a gradual awakening of our Theosophical Society. Every Friday we have held regular meetings with lectures for the outside public and, though not advertised, these lectures have been attended by a certain number of outside people who are interested in Theosophical knowledge. Besides these regular meetings we also had several special ones. They were all very well attended.

Due to the special condition in which our country is found the Society has met some outer or inner difficulties in the way of wider activity. In spite of this, many difficulties have been overcome and our work was pushed somewhat in advance.

Thus, at the beginning of the year in the Society were organised two groups of active members. One group was formed by those members who know some foreign languages. They have translated some books and articles, part of which have been printed

in the Theosophical Magazine *Orpheus* (Orfei) and the manuscripts of the other translated material has been used for reading material by those who don't know other languages. The lack of Theosophical literature in the Bulgarian language is a great hindrance in the life of our members. The aim of the other group has been to collect some money for supporting our magazine *Orpheus* which had been stopped for ten years (since 1926). The members of this group have been so devoted that each month they have given a sum from their own personal income for this purpose.

We were also fortunate in receiving from a member who remains anonymous a gift of 100,000 levs. The interest of this money to be used for publishing Theosophical literature.

A great event in the life of our Section was the rare opportunity for the first time since its existence to have on 8, 9, 10 of October as our guests Mrs. Rukmini Arundale and our President. On Oct. 8 we had the chance of hearing his inspiring and encouraging words which strengthened in our souls the faith in the bright cause of the T.S. and stirred enthusiasm and strong will

for harder work in the future. On the 9th of Oct. Mr. Arundale led a meeting for the members with Questions and Answers after which in one of the town halls before a great audience Mrs. Rukmini Arundale held a public lecture on "India's genius in the Arts". The people listened to her with close attention and great interest and we are sure that her words have left in the hearts of the listeners something never to be forgotten. This was a rare chance for us and the press wrote about it very enthusiastically. On Oct. 10 our Section was fortunate in having its 17th Annual Convention opened by our President. We hope that the faith and

enthusiasm which his words raised in us will continue to keep up our spirits so that we may continue to do our work successfully.

Hoping that we shall have the pleasure of seeing you again, dear President, and Mrs. Arundale, we are sending you our fraternal and whole hearted greetings of love and devotion.

We pray that the blessing of the Great Ones be on you and on our dear Society so that His Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

NIKOLA TRIFONOV,  
*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN ICELAND

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

The last year has been rich with different kinds of work. Meetings have been held, as usual, once a week in the Lodges in Reykjavick, but naturally not so often in the Lodges out in the country. Three study-groups were active during the winter. Two of them I was in charge of. One of them studied the main principles of character building, and the other made itself acquainted with first principles of Theosophy. In charge of the third group was the President of one of the two Lodges in Reykjavik. This group studied the laws of eloquence.

The Diamond Jubilee was celebrated in the Headquarters Hall, and was a great success. In all the newspapers of the town there appeared articles on Theosophy and the T.S., on account of the Diamond Jubilee.

Five public lectures were held in the Headquarters Hall—all very well attended.

I myself gave three Radio-talks. Two of them were on Religion and Theosophy.

We had a summer school in June, conducted by E. C. Bolt, attended by about 50 (members and non-members).

The members of the T. S. in Iceland are now 189. We have been obliged to remove from the rolls 9 members on account of debts and indifference. 6 have resigned. Most of these members have already for a long time been "dead members", so the loss is not very great or severe. We have got 10 new members. One died during the year. Our finances are not good, but are improving. On the whole the outlook is promising. Onward!

8-10-1936  
GRETAR FELS,  
*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN PORTUGAL

*To the President, the T.S.*

In obedience to rule 39 of the Rules and Regulations of our Society, I am glad to send you a little Report of the activities of our National Section.

The most important are :

1. The opening of a new Lodge in Lagos (Leadbeater Lodge).

2. The foundation of two courses of languages : one of English at the Maitreya Lodge ; one of French at the Jinarajadasa Lodge.

3. The licence given to all members to borrow books for reading from our library free of charge.

4. The regular publication of our Bulletin *Osiris*, every three months. The issue of various leaflets for propaganda (series Annie Besant and Education). The printing in three languages of a leaflet with thoughts of different Portuguese Theosophists about Theosophy.

5. The attendance at the Congress of Amsterdam, in August 1935, of the General Secretary ; and the attendance of six members at the World Congress, in Geneva last August.

6. The weekly public lectures and sessions of questions and answers, every Thursday ; also a series of lectures about Theosophy and the great currents of the Ancient Thought.

7. The celebration of some festivals which are :

Adyar Day on February 17th.

A meeting of friendship and brotherhood organised by the Lodge Visconde de Figanière, on March 15th.

The ordinary Annual General Convention, on April 12th.

White Lotus Day, on May 8th.

A manifestation of friendship to our brother S. Marques, the author of many different leaflets of propaganda.

A solemn session for the beginning of the Theosophical work, on October 11th.

A festival of brotherhood realised by the Maitreya Lodge.

A meeting of solidarity with the promoters of the "Week of Kindness."

A solemn session for the Day of the Foundation of the Theosophical Society, on November 17th.

8. The coining of pretty silver emblems of the Society, at a very cheap price, by the Alcyone Lodge of Matozinhos.

9. The T.O.S. continued with its three activities : for the poor, for the children and for the animals.

At the end of July 1935, we had 8 Lodges and 145 active members ; at the end of July 1936 we had 9 Lodges and 157 members.

Full of good Will for the Work of the Masters, during the new year which begins now, I send you all the best thoughts and heartiest greetings of the Portuguese Section to Headquarters and the best wishes from

JEANNE SYLVIE LEFEVRE,

12-10-1936

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN WALES

*To the President, the T.S.*

I have the honour to present to you a few extracts from our Annual Report for inclusion in the General Report of the Society :

*Fourteenth Annual Convention.—*

Our Fourteenth Annual Convention was held over the week-end of November 15th, 16th and 17th—the 17th being the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary

of the founding of The Theosophical Society in New York in 1875. On this day Colonel Olcott delivered his formal address as President, and fixed the date as the official birthday of the Society. From this time the Society has carried on its work, and what this has meant to the world only Those who stand behind the Society can fully know. Undoubtedly it has helped to bring about a greater freedom of thought, an enlightened understanding of life, and a more brotherly way of living. Much remains to be done, but we go forward with confidence, knowing that if we each do our best in the light of the Divine Wisdom, greater strength, love and capacity will come to us, and the Society will play its part in the birth of a new and more brotherly age. All this was in our minds throughout Convention, and we were greatly inspired by the presence and talks of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Gardner, who were our distinguished guests. We record our grateful thanks to them for the help and inspiration that they gave to us during their visit.

Greetings were received from The Theosophical Society in England, Scotland, America, India, Netherlands, Italy, Hungary, Russia, Denmark, Bulgaria, Switzerland, Germany, Portugal, South Africa, Porto Rico, Yugoslavia and the Singapore Lodge, as well as from many individual members.

A cable of loving greetings was sent to the President and his wife Dr. and Mrs. Arundale.

#### *Membership Report.—*

Membership, July 1st, 1935 ...	293
Members joined during the year ...	11
Members rejoined during the year ...	1
Transferred from other National Societies ...	2
Total Increase —	14
	307

Transferred to other National Societies ...	7
"Passed Over" ...	8
Suspended ...	12
Resigned ...	9
Total Decrease —	36

Membership June 30th, 1936	271
Nett loss for year ...	22
Members transferred from one Lodge or Centre in Wales to another ...	0
Members recorded as having changed their addresses ...	52
F. T. S. living in Wales but paying dues through other Societies ...	5
Members now on Reduced Fees ...	56

*National Library.*—The Library contains approximately 2,250 books, which belong to or have been loaned to the Society. There were 376 books borrowed during the year, and there are 3 Book-boxes out on loan. Subscriptions and fees amounted to £.3-16-5. 23 books were purchased.

The Library received gifts of 69 books during the year, and we record our grateful thanks to the donors. Gifts of books on Theosophy and kindred subjects are always welcome, and are useful to both the National and Lodge Libraries.

*Headquarters and Besant Hall.*—All activities at Headquarters have continued steadily, and the whole of the premises is in full use, every room being now let either for our own use or to others at satisfactory rents. As a result the accounts show an increased amount coming to the Society, and improved facilities have been accorded to all Theosophical and kindred organizations that meet on the premises.

*Bequests.*—The Society is likely to benefit from legacies bequeathed by two Members who passed over during the year (Miss F. E. Brett, Shrewsbury, and Mr. D. Osborne, Treharris).



In both cases property was left, but there has been considerable difficulty in settling the various matters. Even now, it is impossible to state as to what extent the Society will benefit after all mortgages, death duties, legal charges and other expenses have been met, but both estates are being carefully watched on our behalf. We record our grateful thanks and appreciation to the two generous donors.

*Young Theosophists.*—An active group of young people now meet in Cardiff under the leadership of Miss M. Perriam. They hold weekly meetings for play and study, and help the Lodge in various ways.

*A Charter of Human Rights.*—At the European Congress of The Theosophical Society all National Societies were invited to form a local Committee to consider National and World Problems and to make recommendations accordingly. In Wales, a small Committee was appointed by the National Council, with Miss Mary Jones as Secretary. As a result, "A Charter of Human Rights" has been drawn up

and is being submitted to the World Congress at Geneva, the General Secretary being invited to give a public lecture on the subject during the Congress.

*The World Crisis.*—The many difficulties that threaten mankind have not lessened during the past year, and we are still faced with many conflicting struggles. No better alternative than the application of Brotherhood as a solution to our many problems has been suggested, and the Society has therefore an even heavier responsibility in proclaiming and championing that ideal, that its purpose may be clarified and its implications realized so that Humanity may take advantage of the privileges and benefits it brings when it is put into practice.

We send our greetings and record our appreciation of the splendid services of our President, Dr. George S. Arundale, who, with his wife, Rukmini Arundale, is touring Europe and re-awakening the enthusiasm of many Members to assist in the great tasks that fall to our lot.

1-7-1936

PETER FREEMAN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN POLAND

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

During the last year the chief part of our work consisted first in the efforts towards greater unity and greater comradeship; we have tried to link together all Members of our Section and then unite them with the Theosophical Society as a whole. Secondly we have done work in connection with the Diamond Jubilee Convention, the Geneva Congress and the preparations for the visit of the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi.

The work towards greater unity and comradeship was planned for the full year, as it was the most important

thing for the future development of our Society. The chief points of our work were: the contact of the General Secretary and of The Members of the General Council with all Lodges and—as far as possible—with all Members by means of correspondence, circular letters and personal interviews and visits paid to provincial Lodges and Centres. The chief lecturer, Miss Evelina Karas, gave six public lectures in the provincial towns. By means of circular letters we have given information about the work of our Headquarters and the Theosophical Society, as very few of our Members can directly receive

this news through *The Theosophist* and *The Theosophical World* because they do not know English. The vital contact with the provincial Lodges was attained also by arrangement of common meditations and meetings at the same time with the Headquarters on such occasions as the 1 October, the Diamond Jubilee meetings, Armistice Day—the 11 November, the 8 May. This work towards greater unity of our Section has given positive results although we have not yet attained the unity and comradeship with all Members and all Lodges, but it has been the first effective step towards real comradeship and the spirit of unity with the whole.

The Diamond Jubilee's work consisted of outside work-propaganda, and the inner work with the Members. Our inner work was begun with a general Meeting on the 17th November, the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the Theosophical Society, which was full of inspiration. All provincial Lodges had also their solemn Meetings at the same time. From the 17th November till 5th January we have had everyday meditations, through which the Polish Section was linked with our great Centre in Adyar and with our great Founders and Leaders especially with Dr. Besant, C. W. Leadbeater and Dr. Arundale, C. Jinarajadasa and Rukmini Devi. Our delegate, Wanda Dynowska attended the Convention in Adyar. The outside propaganda was done by means of public lectures, of which we had 5. These lectures were prepared in advance by discussion in small Members' groups, which by meditation had built the lecture from the inner side, helping in this way the lecturer to speak and also the audience to understand.

During the winter and spring time we organised in Headquarters a public course of Theosophical lectures which consisted of ten lectures with 40-50 students at every one. Our club's

social meetings for the Friends of the Theosophical Society were only four, as all our effort was directed on the public lectures.

Our 14th Annual Convention held during Whitsunside was, as the result of our whole year's work, rather a positive undertaking, due to the common effort of all Lodges and many Members. The Convention decided to encourage serious studies among the Members and Lodges in Theosophy and the publicity work by the publication of a small monthly Bulletin, printed by home means and containing circular letters from the General Secretary and translations from *The Theosophist* and *The Theosophical World*. The Convention was held in a friendly serious spirit, all Members have gone back to their daily life with strong decision to work better for our common ideal.

As it did not seem possible to send our delegate to the World Congress we have decided to build a channel through meditation and in this way contribute to the work. Since the beginning of July we have done our meditations every day in Headquarters and Summer School, uniting ourselves with all T.S. Sections in Europe (we have written and have received answers from many Sections) especially with Geneva and Dr. Arundale. This meditation work helped us to send a delegate from our Section, as the Members of this meditation group, feeling every day the great importance of the World Congress, contributed small sums to send a delegate, for which was chosen Miss Janina Karas.

We have started a new line of work with young people,—a small group, desiring to bring Theosophy to Polish Youth and help it to live its own ideals. The Summer and early autumn work was dedicated to preparation for the visit of the President. The Press Meeting for the first time in Poland had every possibility of being very successful as many representatives, especially

of Monthly Reviews had promised their help. The sudden cancelling of the President's visit was a great difficulty, but the Members understand the cause of that cancelling and are trying to do their best in their daily work.

The Theosophical work in Poland has many difficulties and small results in connection with great efforts. We have a very small group of workers to meet all the needs and possibilities of our work. we have very few new Members. Certainly we are responsible for our difficulties, but they hinder the successful development of our work.

The lack of a good enthusiastic organiser, the lack of harmony and order in realisation of a plan, and a lack of brilliant lecturers hinder also the development of our work. The work of the following year will go in the direction of overcoming these difficulties. The general difficulty which we can not hope to overcome in the near future are the financial difficulties connected with general difficult condition in our country.

STEFANIA SIEWIERSKA,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN URUGUAY

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

I have much pleasure in sending you a Report of the work done by the Uruguayan Section of the T. S., though there is little to add to the reports of previous years because there is less interest in the work than formerly, and I have only been at the head of the Section for a few months.

The tenth Annual Convention was held on the 27th and 28th of June, and one item on the agenda was the election of a General Secretary for the period 1926-29. Having been elected to that office, I put myself and my Council at the service of Dr. Arundale and his colleagues. Another part of the work of the Convention was to study a well-documented scheme put forward by the Lodge "Karma-Marga" — "To encourage the Study of the Sciences of Economics, Industry, Politics and the Arts". The Convention after hearing my address on the subject, especially the part which had reference to political science, approved of the Scheme. The Uruguayan Section hopes that other Sections will discuss this most interesting scheme, which is of great moment in the present critical period, when the light of Theo-

sophy is needed on all these vital problems. We sincerely hope that the Scheme may, by the consent of all Sections, be incorporated with the Third Object of the Society.

The rest of the work of the Convention related to problems of local interest with the exception of that referring to the 5th Congress of the South American Federation.

With reference to the other activities of the Section. I may say that the Lodges and Study Groups meet regularly, and that the Social Section meets once a month in the beautiful hall of one of the large houses on the main street of the city for conferences on Art and musical programmes with explanatory comments. The new "Group for popularising the Public Library" has attracted the interest of the public by organising a circle for discussions on topical questions. The Library has been increased recently, and now consists of nearly 1,000 volumes, mainly Theosophical, and including many of Mr. Krishnamurti's books.

On the first Saturday of the month a members' meeting is held to study the World Theosophical Movement

and articles from *The Theosophist* are read and commented on. The *Boletín* (a copy of which is attached) will give further details of our work.

The number of members is less than in previous years. I hope to be able to increase it during my period of office and that we shall be able to draw the attention of larger numbers to the teachings of Theosophy. As I have said before, there are many factors which make this task difficult, but with

patience, good-will, perseverance and enthusiasm, we can overcome great obstacles.

I close this report, confidently hoping for a new era of prosperity for Theosophy in Uruguay, in which, appropriating your graphic phrase, we may go "Forward with Theosophy and the Theosophical Society."

JULIA A. DE LA GAMMA,  
*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN PUERTO RICO

*To the President, the T.S.*

We actually are in about the same position we were last year as to membership.

The only activity outside of the usual Lodge meetings and the Annual Assembly at Easter has been our weekly radio talk from San Juan. It seems to be well received by the public as we have been

in receipt of felicitations from numerous parties not interested in Theosophy.

Our Straight Theosophy Campaign last year gave excellent results so now we are getting ready to begin with the next campaign.

7-10-1936

A. J. PLARD,  
*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN JUGOSLAVIJA

*To the President, the T.S.*

With feelings of threefold gratitude and great pleasure I send you, our beloved President-Friend, the Thirteenth Annual Report for the year ending September 30th but including also this year for the last time—following the Rule of the National Society—to December 1936.

*History.*—Among the numerous events we have had to record this past year the following three are the most important.

The greatest one, though perhaps of particular concern to our country only, was the visit paid to our National Society by our most revered President, Dr. George Sydney Arundale, and Shrimati Rukmini Devi. This is the second time that we have had the

pleasure of welcoming them to Zagreb; the first time was eleven years ago, just three months before we received our Sectional Charter, dated September 14th 1925.

Our deep gratitude is due to our President for his brotherly précis which he published about it in *The Theosophist*, December 1936.

To make some comparison of these two occasions: There was then a small group of serious and enthusiastic members. It has grown up to date into a body of workers seven times larger.

The next red letter Period of the T.S. World Annals was the Fourth World Congress at Geneva, July 29th to August 4th 1936.

It was of great and wonderful significance to meet in that great company



representative of nations, faiths, races, and castes, the true reflections of the extremely different circumstances and characteristic settings in which the respective individuals live; and particularly in respect of the unforgettable opportunity afforded the Kingdom of Jugoslaviya to sound the National Hymn in the beautifully decorated rooms of the League of Nations, adorned by the picturesque costumes of the united delegates.

Later on several of those present considered with interest the proposal to hold the Congress of the European Federation of the Theosophical Societies at Zagreb next year. But "... for various reasons it now seems desirable that if possible the next Congress for the European Sections should take place in 1937 in one of the Scandinavian countries."

May 1937 find us all most eager to realize the President's brotherly promise—*The Theosophist*, December 1936, page 188—and very willingly make the Congress of 1938 at Zagreb a great success too.

The creatively inspiring influence of all these congregational gatherings of "an unbreakable circle of all-inclusive Brotherhood" has permeated us all and the whole World. Our Youth reciprocate this radiation in assisting most devotedly during a week, culminating on February 29th, at the festivity of the "eighth" birthday celebration of their most beloved Chief, Shrimati Rukmini Devi.

May be that gave us all the ability to understand Rukmini Devi's wish frankly and simply expressed in her lovely "souvenir note" which she left with us in our book of the Minutes of the Yugoslav Theosophical Society's Council, reading:

"I am glad to have seen more of this country and to contact the members of the Section who have always shown such great friendliness to me.

I was very pleased to find that the members realise the value of young people in the Society. I hope the Section will grow and attract many more Young Theosophists who will in turn be able to help their Country."

Without any concrete suggestion from their elders, our Youth members, "standing at the beginning of the great way we are called upon to tread" tried very successfully on June 21st 1936—the day of the President's assuming the Presidentship—to prove that "the wisdom we need is to be found in the study of Theosophy, the very Science of Life" and in "living and working in the Spirit of Theosophy".

Our Youth were also called by the responsible Committees to take part on December 12th in the theatrical performance—The Grandmother's Christmas Story—and "as grand children, as angels and angelic messengers" to greet joyfully our Boy-King, H. M. King Peter the Second, on December 13th, his Patronal Festival, "Krsna Slavu" of St. Andrew.

December 1st our Country's State Day and our President-Statesman's Birthday Anniversary reflected the influence of the visit of both our Presidents, Dr. Arundale and Srimati Rukmini Devi, and was the crowning event of this peculiarly characteristic year. We had in our midst Rev. Karl Riedel of Vienna who had very fortunately come to stay with us for a fortnight—November 28th to December 12th 1936—representing the Austrian T.S. Section. Two Sister Sections, very closely united during the last thirteen years, i.e. Austria as the Mother Section, and Jugoslaviya as her daughter, met for this happy occasion. Rev. Karl Riedel inspired our minds and hearts by talking on *Principles of Practical Occultism* "your fine lecture given us in May last at Amsterdam", as he wrote to the President in his own letter of December 1st.

He himself then lectured on "Thought Power and Meditation"

**Statistics.**—The propaganda for all these happenings as well as the President's "Evolutionary Plan"—which we follow as exactly as possible—caused the most effective results in a great increase of membership during this thirteenth year of our National Society, double the number mentioned in the last report.

There have been put on our roll 60 new members plus four readmitted; and having subtracted from them eight who resigned and three who died, there is a net gain of 53 members as the result of the Presidents' splendid "Straight Theosophy Campaign" and the "Evolutionary Plan". At present we enjoy the total number of 311 members belonging to the T.S. Section in Jugoslaviya, composed now of 15 Lodges and 13 Centres.

Among the Lodges two of them have been newly established. On February 15th the Lodge "Marija", that means Mary, has recorded its foundation day at Rakov Potok. Its Head is a peasant woman of sixty years of age and the Secretary her grand-daughter Ljubica Ladovic, both being in close contact with the Lodge "Christ" at Zagreb whose members and their friends most courageously last November started to issue their own monthly "The Path, the Truth and the Life" to spread Theosophy through the Bible by studying as well as living it. The Lodge "Blavatsky—Besant" at Zagreb has been dissolved in spite of the very good work of its leading officers, Rev. Ivan Butkovic as president and Vice-President Mr. Kazimir Takac as well as the treasurer who delivered carefully prepared lectures during this year. "Blavatsky" Lodge was founded at Banja Luka on May 8th, and under the uniquely helpful leadership of Mr. Andrija Popov has tried very eagerly to show itself to be worthy of the heritage of its

predecessor, as do also those fine brethren of the Lodge "Besant" now at Ivanova Selo, formerly our Youth Lodge at Zagreb. There are at present five Lodges and ten Centres working outside of the Town.

Beside fifteen Lodges and thirteen Centres, thirty other members are proud to be by the Masters' grace and their own good karma isolated members of the Theosophical Society's Section in Jugoslaviya.

May I be allowed to use this opportunity to express on behalf of the Yugoslav Theosophical Society their appreciation of the very helpful attitude of the Press which has enabled us to contact the public more largely than ever before.

All but two of our fifteen strongly active Lodges were able to send delegates to meet on September 27th evening at the J. T. S. Headquarters the International President accompanied by the President of the World Federation of the Young Theosophists, Shrimati Rukmini Devi and by the President of the Young Theosophists in England, Mr. John Coats. Their keen enthusiasm, sublime sense of humour and firm stand for Freedom and Friendship captivated the hearts of us all.

The family of Martin and Josepha Konec, consisting of nine members, all Theosophists, came to Zagreb to meet our Honourable Guests.

The first meeting on the day of the President's arrival, had been arranged by the Lodge "Sava". Its President, Dipl. Ing. Bozidar Prikril welcomed Dr. G. S. Arundale, who showed the reality of his friendship by accepting the Honorary Presidentship of the Lodge, because it works for peace.

This peaceful atmosphere uplifted us into "Their World" while listening to the President's address.

This very welcome visit of Dr. and Mrs. Arundale brought much fresh life into the Section's activity giving a

splendid impetus to the work to be carried out in the future.

Our President during his stay with us this year gave to each of our new members a copy of his "Presidential Letter to New Members" and left with us in the Minute book of our Council the following message :

"I have re-visited Jugoslavia with very much pleasure, and have been delighted to know that the Section has steadily grown since our last visit in 1925, and is flourishing."

"The world needs Theosophy and The Theosophical Society more than ever before, save perhaps when in 1875 Theosophy was restored to the world and The Theosophical Society was established to be its channel, and during the dark period between 1914 and 1918."

"I am very glad, therefore, to learn that there is some hope of a permanent home being found for both in this country, to develop into a National Headquarters in due course. I am sure that this project will much advance the spread throughout this part of Europe of the Ancient and Eternal Science of Life, as also to promote that Brotherhood, universal indeed, but based on individual rectitude and national solidarity."

"I am very happy to feel that the Masters' work is in very safe hands in Jugoslavia."

30-9-1936 G. S. ARUNDALE, P.T.S.

One of our older members Mr. Mijo Cazin—published this year the *Devachanic Plane* by our Great Leader C. W. Leadbeater.

We happily enjoyed the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. K. Žuurman, engineer from Adyar. They stayed at Zagreb from October 30th to November 3rd 1936.

During the Summer months we had our traditional "Summer School" study classes; the first from June 22nd to the middle of July having for its study

material books and articles by Dr. G. S. Arundale. The second one dealt with lively features of the World Congress in connection with the rapidly rising Youth Movement, particularly concerning the Art Exhibition at Geneva, both due to their Leader Shrimati Rukmini Devi.

On behalf of Jugoslavia I express our gratitude to the President and to the World Congress Committee and especially to Shrimati Rukmini Devi who visited the exhibition beautifully arranged by Mr. Gogler and his young friends where were the drawings of our world famous sculptor Ivan Mestrovic, generously lent by the Director of the National Theatre, Dr. Branko Senoa for this purpose.

At the end of this term of our Summer School, lasting from August 10th to 31st, we welcomed the Rev. Alfred Lattinger who delivered on August 26th and 27th 1936 at Zagreb very interesting lectures on "Grenzen materieller und wissenschaftlicher Erkenntnis".

I should like to mention a study class, held immediately after the "Straight Theosophy Campaign", from January to April last, on various items in "Occult Psychology" particularly in connection with the chakras, explained by its leader Mrs. Mihela Sram, to prepare the ground for "The Evolutionary Plan".

The Thirteenth Annual Convention and the Seventh Congress held this year at Zagreb on December 6th and 7th has been most inspiring and constructive. Mr. Svetislav Cvetkovic, the Representative of the Government has been attending all our proceedings, showing great interest in the Agenda of the Council Meeting as well as in the whole Programme of the Congress and the Convention. After the Annual Council Meeting and following the accepted Programme there have been appointed two new officers: Mrs. Ivka Rokovic as Secretary and Mrs. Neda

Cavrak as Treasurer. The keenly active Secretary Mr. Ivan Medja left for Dubrovnik Ragusa where he formed a new Centre.

The Representative of the Austrian Section, Rev. Karl Riedel, our old and beloved friend, who visited our country for the fourth time, came to stay with us also for the Convention, addressed the Congress, lecturing on The Theosophical Seal.

In connection with "A Charter of Brotherhood and Human Rights" of the last Annual Convention the fine suggestion of Rev. Milan Reiching has been used as basis for a Resolution reading :

The T.S. members unanimously resolved to work more strongly in perfecting themselves and spreading the idea of universal Brotherhood through ever increasing activity of Friendship and Understanding.

The Theosophical Order of Service shows an increase of activity.

In the atmosphere created at the celebration of February 29th, the Birthday of Shrimati Rukmini Devi, the idea of establishing "The League for Peace and Freedom" has been announced by the Secretary of the Women's Section T.O.S., Mrs. Masa Kovacic.

May 3rd was observed particularly as "the World Mother Day". The beautiful article by our beloved President "Our Lady" was read by Mrs. Marija Butkovic, the Head of the World Mother activity of T.O.S. with us.

Our Youth "in service to humanity and loyalty to the Flag" have been voicing their Pledge on September 20th in hoisting their Banner. Mrs. Marijeta Dimec-Skreblin said: In a few days we expect our beloved Rukmini, noble Godmother of this Flag of Youth. I hope that in consecrating this Banner she may consecrate also our hearts, and the hearts of all youth to remain loyal to this sign of solidarity.

I feel myself very privileged to be permitted to submit this my Report. In concluding it I am very happy indeed to be able to voice whole-heartedly: Hail, hail to you our most beloved President, Hail to all sincerely good Friends assembled for the International Convention at Benares.

May each one of our Sections, Lodges and Fellow-Members throughout the world be at one for ever in increasing good will and understanding.

JELISAVA VAVRA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN CEYLON

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

I have great pleasure in submitting the following Report to you.

*Membership and Lodges.*—26 new members have joined the Section since the last Report was sent. One new Lodge, and one new Centre have been formed. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's stay for a few months in the Island lent great impetus to our activities. The formation of this new Lodge is a result of his work. A Lodge has been formed at Musaeus College by Mr.

Peter de Abrew, but since it is unable to conform itself to the Rules of our Section, I regret to say that it cannot be recognised as a Lodge. Your ready consent to give an address to that group, before it was officially given a charter, seems to have unwittingly produced in them an unruly spirit of independence!

*President's Visit.*—In April we were honoured by a visit from Mrs. Arundale and yourself. This being your first visit after the Presidential election



many of the public wanted to attend the Reception we gave you. We had therefore to admit a few friends to that meeting, though you requested us to have a members' meeting. There were numerous requests made to arrange a dance-recital by Mrs. Arundale, but on account of your very brief stay it could not be done.

*Mr. Jinarajadasa's Visit.*—Earlier in the year Mr. C. Jinarajadasa passed through Colombo on his way to Australia. He gave a Public Lecture which was greatly appreciated not only by members, but by the outside Public. A well known Buddhist worker declared that he would travel a thousand miles to attend such a lecture. On his return voyage he asked me not to arrange any lecture for him. I may mention that the passing away of his beloved mother, just preceded this visit.

*Convention.*—In December we had our Annual Convention. Among the overseas lecturers were Miss Clara Codd, and Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson. The first day, Mr. Hodson gave a Public lecture on "Clairvoyant Research and Life after Death" which was largely attended. The second day was spent at the Visaka Vidyalaya, kindly lent to us for the occasion by its Principal Mrs. Motwani, F.T.S. Miss Clara Codd and Mrs. Hodson gave delightful talks in the afternoon, while Mr. E. Davidson, C.C.S. gave a talk in the evening. There was excellent music, oriental and occidental, during both the meetings. Mr. Hodson's Public lecture on "New Light on Health and Disease" was the last item. It was well attended by both Ceylonese and the European residents.

*Adyar Day.*—The celebration of this memorable day as observed as usual. The Rev. Francis Kingsbury and the

Rev. Rambukwatte, both lecturers at the University College, were the speakers. The latter, being a Buddhist Priest, very enthusiastically paid homage to Col. Olcott's great services to Buddhism. It is notable that it was the work of our President-Founder that secured from the Government a Public Holiday for all its officers every Wesak.

*Other Visitors.*—Mr. and Mrs. Hotchener, when they passed through Colombo, gave very illuminating talks to the members. Prof. Charan, F.T.S. of Agra University, was another welcome visitor who gave a Public lecture on Japan after a visit to this great country. Mr. and Mrs. Hodson's visit was greatly appreciated. Their stay in Ceylon for a few months enabled us to arrange many Theosophical lectures in different parts of Colombo and in Nuwara Eliya. They have drawn to our Section an appreciably large number of new members from the European community. Her Excellency Lady Stubbs was attracted to his talks and attended two of them.

*Library and Book Depot.*—These have been used very much more than in the preceding year. 2 small libraries are being installed, one in another part of Colombo, and the other in Nuwara Eliya. The sale of books is also greater than last year.

In conclusion I must state that more publicity has been given to Theosophical work during this year than in previous years. Our financial position has improved, and mention must be made of the generous donation given by Mr. H. Frei, one of our former General Secretaries.

With very hearty greetings to you, Sir,

Dec. 1936

T. NALLAINATHAN,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CENTRAL AMERICA

*To the President, the T.S.*

It is an honour to send to you the report of the Central American Theosophical Section for the year ending October 31st, 1936.

Our major concern has been as follows:

(a) To lend special attention to all initiative emanating from the Adyar Central Section, to carry it out into the field of reality up to the measure of our own possibilities, in such a manner that this Secretarial office may be in truth what it should be, the bridge connecting the President of the T.S. and the Lodges which compose this Section.

Bent on following that rule, we accepted with sympathy the plan sent us for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the T.S. from 1875-1935. Each Lodge developed it according to the local environment and the number of its members, giving to the service of the said plan, as suggested by our President Dr. Arundale, their greatest enthusiasm and all of their good will. By the things I could verify here and by reports received from the other countries of this Section, it may be safely said that our desires were crowned with success, and that the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee left in our hearts an indelible remembrance.

(b) To solve within the shortest time possible all the problems brought to our knowledge.

(c) To encourage all initiative.

(d) To keep frequent correspondence with the Lodges in order to be aware of what is done in them and help them out in their difficulties.

(e) To work to make more and more firm the fraternal feeling that must rule among the members of the Lodges forming this Section. Frequently we have reminded those members that first of all and above all, must be that

"Fraternal feeling" as well as that "friendship" without which the T.S. has no reason to exist. It is our duty to help to keep that spirit in all its fullness and beauty, without hindrances of any sort, and to remember that all discord and all misunderstanding affects not only the work carried on by the Lodge, but also all the Section to which the Lodge belongs and affects as well the work carried out by the T.S. in general.

Our difficulties in the current year were as follows:

1. Those originated in the bad economical situation through which these countries are passing, very specially in the latter years.

2. The interpretation, more or less false, given to the teachings of Mr. Krishnamurti, specially after his trip through South America and Mexico.

3. The wave of indifference towards all spiritual affairs which has invaded the world lately.

To these causes we owe the closing of two Lodges in Nicaragua: "Eucarás" Lodge in Managua and "Durlú" Lodge in Granada. As there remain some members of these Lodges, with the permission of this office, they have not returned their charters, in the hope that in the near future they may again count on the necessary number of members to go on.

Moreover, we have to lament the disintegration of the "Quindió" Lodge in Colombia since the majority of their members dispersed.

To partially counteract the pang caused by the closing of those three Lodges, I take pleasure in pointing to the founding of the "LUZ" Lodge in Canal Zone, Panama.

The Lodges of this Section are at present distributed as follows:

1. Guatemala	... 1
2. Honduras	... 1
3. Salvador	... 1

4. Nicaragua	...	2
5. Costa Rica	...	2
6. Panama	...	1
7. Colombia	...	4

Total ... 12

*Outstanding Activities of Each One of Them.—*

"Arco Iris" Lodge, Bogotá, Colombia: It has done quite a lot of spreading of Theosophical principles. (Message and cards for New Year's Day and Theosophical Bulletin.)

Celebration of the Colombian Theosophical Council in the month of June. Dispositions taken: To work towards the formation of the National Colombian Section; Intensification of the Review; intensification and propaganda planning for Theosophy; engaging of a Theosophical Instructor to reside in Colombia; Campaign of succour for the children, for mothers and for people older than 70 years of age.

"Estrella del Huila" Lodge—Neiva, Colombia: Application to the President of the Chambers in regard to some matters of a social character. Publications in defense of Theosophical teachings.

"Koot-Hoomi" Lodge—Guatemala: Is making efforts to form a new Lodge in the city of Quezaltenango. Project for the founding of a Theosophical Agricultural School.

"Krishnamurti" Lodge—Leon, Nicaragua: During the year lectures were delivered in the open air in the Park of the city. Strong movement for circulating library. Publication of a Review.

"LUZ" Lodge, Panama; Has just lately been founded.

"LUZ DEL VALLE" Lodge, Cali, Colombia. For the last two years it has not communicated with the General Secretary. By reports from another Lodge it is known that they own a very powerful Radio Broadcasting sta-

tion and they do great and very good propaganda work with it.

"MORYA" Lodge, Bucaramanga, Colombia: They work with enthusiasm and perseverance. They publish a bulletin.

"PRATIBHA" Lodge, Managua, Nicaragua: They work with persistence and dedication. They are interested in reorganizing "Eucarás" Lodge which has disintegrated.

"Sirio" Lodge—Alajuela, Costa Rica: It calls at times very interesting meetings attended by numerous people.

"Subirana" Lodge. Tegucigalpa, Honduras: It is a very active Lodge taking great care to increase its numbers.

"TEOTL" Lodge, San Salvador, El Salvador: Is one of the most active Lodges of this Section. Has made considerable gains in the number of its members. It publishes a Review.

"Virya" Lodge, San José, Costa Rica: Giving a course of lectures on actual world problems.

We have been saddened in this year by the departure of our Brother Mariano Castro González, charter member of the "Teotl" Lodge in Salvador. All who had the privilege of knowing Bro. Castro González have sorrowed for his departure, for he was ever a sincere friend, a man of culture and a kind, great soul and faithful witness to the ideals of Theosophy. He was a man of tempered spirit and stoical in bearing without complaint the reverses and penalties of his life on earth, not being dismayed even in his last moments.

The Administrative Council has been meeting very regularly every month and to it have been submitted for solution all those problems of General interest for this Section. The General Secretary has found support and co-operation on the part of the members of said Council.

For the next year's work the General Secretary has decided:

(a) To spread systematically the Theosophical principles.

(b) To organize a campaign in order to attract the greatest number possible of persons into the Theosophical Society.

(c) To intensify brotherly love among the members of the Section.

(d) To recommend more agreeable and congenial methods for the celebration of all meetings.

I shall place all my efforts into the realization of this programme.

With my best wishes for the realization of complete success in the works carried out by the Central Headquarters, I take pleasure in sending very cordial greetings to the brethren at Adyar.

ESTHER DE MEZERVILLE,

7-10-1936

*General Secretary.*

### T. S. IN SOUTH AFRICA

*To the President, the T.S.*

The intention to write to you concerning the affairs of the Theosophical Society in South Africa is at last being fulfilled by this letter.

It is my regret that I have not kept more in touch with you during my term of office as General Secretary, but now that I am retiring, perhaps I can give you a review of the work that has been done during the last two or three years; and something of the plans for the future.

Let me first thank you most sincerely for the way Headquarters has drawn us very close to it by the constant stream of interesting literature and by information concerning the work in general.

As you know the Theosophical Society in South Africa comprises the Cape Colony, Natal, Rhodesia, Orange Free State, and Lourenço Marques. (P.E.A.) The two largest Centres of T. S. work lie at Cape Town and Durban. The other Centres are represented by Lodges of a small membership who heroically, amidst many difficulties, manage to struggle along.

It has been my endeavour as General Secretary, to link together these distant Lodges by a monthly letter, which contained information concerning home affairs and affairs from abroad. This letter, I believe, has proved of value.

The last two years have been very important, because of the move to unite the two Sections in South Africa. The first move was a Combined Convention of the two Sections held in Durban. The outcome was the formation of a Federation Board consisting of the two General Secretaries and one other member. This Board was to serve as a link between the two Sections and was to act only in an advisory capacity. It has been responsible for the common magazine known as *The Link*, incorporating *The Seeker*.

Last year saw another Combined Convention, this time in two parts; one in Durban the other in Pretoria. The proposition of Cape Town Lodge, supported by Durban Lodge to discover the way to the amalgamation of the two Sections was discussed. A Scheme was drawn up and submitted to both Sections. The outcome was the meeting in Pretoria last November of the sub-committees of the Sections, consisting of Miss Turner, General Secretary of the T.S. in Central South Africa, and Mr. Loveday; Miss Murchie and myself representing the T.S. in South Africa. Good work was done for the Referendum Form and a tentative Constitution was drafted.

The Referendum vote proved practically unanimous in both Sections in



favour of amalgamation; and we all look forward joyfully to the Convention at Easter when one Section throughout South Africa will once more be established.

The new administration may be briefly summed up as follows:

1. That the Section shall be called the Theosophical Society in South Africa, (*i.e.*, the T.S. in Central South Africa will surrender its Charter).

2. That the Section shall be divided into provinces, *viz.*, 1. Cape Province, 2. Natal, 3. Transvaal, with power to add.

3. That each province shall be governed by a provincial secretary, assisted by such other officers as may be deemed necessary, who shall administer affairs with complete autonomy.

4. That the Executive Committee of the Section shall consist of a General Secretary, a General Treasurer-Registrar, and the provincial secretaries.

Great hopes are entertained for this new administration, for it is felt that the problem of distance which has so handicapped the work in the past will now be solved; greater progress will ensue; and closer contacts made and sustained.

With the continued support of Headquarters and of overseas lecturers, Theosophy in South Africa should make great strides in the very near future.

14-1-1937

L. M. MEMBREY,  
*General Secretary.*



UNSECTIONALIZED  
LODGES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES





## SINGAPORE LODGE

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

The period under review is an eventful and important one for our Lodge. Besides the usual programme of holding weekly meetings for lectures or for answering questions, and study classes for members every Sunday, we were fortunate to have with us many eminent Theosophists.

The study class has finished with volume 1 of *The Hidden Side of Things* and Part 1 of *Talks on Occultism*, both by C. W. Leadbeater, and the *Light of Asia* by Sir Edwin Arnold, and is now engaged with *The Song Celestial* by Sir Edwin Arnold and volume 2 of *The Hidden Side of Things*. Students' lectures are given by members from time to time.

The year began with 13 members on the roll out of which one member had his name transferred to the Selangor Lodge and four new members were enrolled, thus making a total of 16.

We have still some library members who are making use of our library at a nominal subscription.

The following visits of Fellow Theosophists to our Lodge has surely inspired the members of the Singapore Lodge to great activity.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Knudsen were with us from 14th to 27th November 1935 and assisted the local Lodge by their public lectures. We were fortunate and honoured to have them at that time when we were celebrating our Founder's Day, 17th November 1935.

In January we received a visit from Mr. J. Chatterjee, who gave two talks on "Karma" and "Is Religion Necessary" to a crowded hall. Mr. Bertram Keightley and Dr. G. N. Chakravarti were among the party who accompanied Mr. J. Chatterjee.

Miss Nguiyen Thi Hai of Saigon called on us on her return voyage from

Adyar after the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa called at this Port in February while on his way to Saigon and gave a lecture on "Theosophists and the Coming World Order" at the Victoria Memorial Hall.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Hotchener were here in March and attended a members' meeting. They told the members many things about Adyar and also conveyed to them the greetings from our beloved President, Dr. G. S. Arundale.

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa returned to Singapore in the middle of March and gave a lecture on "The Work of the Christ in the World To-day". He also gave another lecture on "The Doctrine of the Atman" at the Ramakrishna Mission Hall. Mr. C. Jinarajadasa travelled to Johore on an invitation by the India Ceylon Association and gave them a talk on "The Individual and the Community".

Mr. & Mrs. G. Hodson came towards the end of March when Mr. C. Jinarajadasa had left for Java and thence to Australia. The Singapore public then had the opportunity of hearing him addressing them on the following subjects at the Victoria Memorial Hall:

1. The Life After Death.
2. Have We Lived on Earth Before.
3. Time and The Fourth Dimension.
4. The Meaning and Purpose of Life.

Mr. & Mrs. Hodson left us early in April for Java. In the middle of April we received another visit from Mr. A. F. Knudsen after his Far Eastern Tour.

Capt. and Mrs. Sellon paid us a visit in May and gave an interesting cinema show of Theosophical personages and places. We deeply regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Sellon.

Mr. & Mrs. Hodson called on their return from Java and there was just sufficient time for Mr. Hodson to give a lecture on "An Occult View of the Present European Situation" on 21st September before his departure for Selangor.

With greetings and good wishes to our President and to the Lodges all over the world.

17-10-1936

TAN AH PENG,

*Hon. Secretary.*

22 Grange Road,  
Singapore.

## MANUK LODGE, HONG KONG, CHINA

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

**Membership.**—The Manuk Lodge, Hong Kong, now has a total membership of twenty. Six new members have been admitted, one re-admitted and one old member has returned to the colony and rejoined the Lodge. Five members have left the colony, one has resigned and three have let their subscriptions lapse. The net decrease of membership is one.

The committee has offered honorary membership of the Lodge to Mr. J. P. Way, late President of the Lodge, now in Australia, who has been pleased to accept.

**Officers.**—At the Annual General Meeting held on 6th July last, the following members were elected as officers and committee for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. O. M. Parkinson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. M. P. Talati and Dr. A. Fung; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Y. S. Ung; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. B. Fant; Hon. Librarian, Mr. J. D. Parkinson; and Committee, Mr. D. K. Paul and Mr. M. A. Javier.

**Presidential Agent.**—In January last, Mr. A. F. Knudsen accepted the office of Presidential Agent for the Far East, and Hong Kong had the pleasure of two visits from him in February and April. He is now carrying out a previously arranged tour in Europe, but expects to return to East Asia in the autumn, with Mrs. Knudsen, when the Lodge looks forward to gaining

considerable inspiration from their presence and activities.

**Meetings.**—Lectures were given fortnightly on every Thursday during the last quarter of 1935 and weekly on Thursdays during the first half of this year. There were no public lectures during July, August and September. We have been fortunate enough to secure many outside lecturers, namely, Mrs. A. N. Macfadyen, Mr. K. B. Vaidya, "Elly O'Nor", Mr. R. Sander, Rev. N. N. Thelle and Dr. M. O. Pfister. Members of the Lodge and workers in the Society who helped to complete our lecture syllabus, were Mr. A. F. Knudsen (Presidential Agent), Mr. H. Hotchner of Headquarters, Dr. K. L. Reichelt (Honorary member), Mr. J. Russell (former Presidential Agent), Mr. J. P. Way (former President and now Honorary member), Mrs. O. M. Parkinson (President), Mr. D. K. Paul, Mr. D. O. de Silva, Mr. N. R. Soofi and Mr. R. K. Laing.

Study Classes were held fortnightly on every Thursday during the last quarter of 1935 and weekly on Mondays during this year. The books used have been *First Principles of Theosophy* and *Talks on the Path of Occultism*. Interesting subjects have been frequently brought up for discussion.

Special Meetings held were as follows: the 60th Birthday of the T. S.; White Lotus Day; Memorial Meeting on the 4th Anniversary of Mr. Manuk's death; six special meetings for members

conducted by Mr. A. F. Knudsen (Presidential Agent), and two by Mr. and Mrs. H. Hotchener of Headquarters; and commemoration of Dr. Besant's Birthday.

Farewell Parties were given to Miss C. I. K. Taylor (former Secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Way.

**Library.**—During the year under report, new and up to date library books, purchased from the \$100 allotted in the last fiscal period, have been catalogued and placed in the Library for circulation. These books were very well chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson, and the number of books and pamphlets acquired is about seventy copies. Further books have been added to the Library from the old stock from our Book Sales Depot, and from sundry purchases.

In April last Mr. W. C. Felshow presented to the Library over thirty books on condition that they should be kept on the "Nadarov Shelves", and that he should be entitled to borrow them when he wishes.

The Library has been considerably used, especially the section comprising the newly acquired books.

**Visitors.**—During the year we have been favoured with visits from Mrs. Keating of Australia; Mr. A. F. Knudsen (Presidential Agent); Mr. and Mrs. H. Hotchener of Headquarters; Mr. and Mrs. Ragan from Manila; Professor and Mrs. S. Charan of Agra, India; Capt. and Mrs. Sellon of Headquarters and Mr. and Mrs. N. Buijs of Shanghai.

Many of the visitors have been able to give lectures or talks at our various meetings, while others, due to sailing schedule, have only been met by a few of our members.

**Publicity.**—Reports of lectures and announcements of public meetings have been published in the *South China Morning Post*.

Since January last, we have been fortunate in being allowed to display a poster at each side of the *Star Ferry* announcing our lectures for the month.

**Appreciations.**—Our thanks are due first and foremost to Mrs. Ruttonjee, our benefactor, for her continued interest in the welfare of the Lodge. We have also to thank other friends and members for their donations towards the Lodge expenses and towards a film fund, which we have not been able to make use of at present. We are also deeply thankful to the members who have entertained visitors at their own expense, as well as to the lecturers and all other workers who have done their best to bring about the success of the various activities of the Lodge. Lastly but not the least, thanks are due to the *South China Morning Post* and the *Star Ferry* for their accommodation, which has proven a useful medium for the spreading of the Theosophical teaching.

1-10-1936

Y. S. UNG,

*Hon. Secretary.*

P. O. Box 632,  
Hong Kong, China.

## SELANGOR LODGE

*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 no new member has been enrolled;

one member has left the district. Two members have rejoined, being transferred from other Lodges. The effective number of members remaining on the roll is nine.

3. No book or pamphlet has been translated or published during the year.

4. Weekly classes have been held regularly. Members and non-members have attended these classes.

5. Public lectures were delivered monthly. Interested persons were invited to attend these lectures. In addition members of The Theosophical Society who visited the Lodge gave public lectures and class talks, among whom were Mr. R. A. Sharma, Mr. M. N.

Ramasamy Iyer of Madras and Dr. Sidhappa of Mysore.

6. Mr. Sinnadurai was elected President and continued as such till January 1936 when he retired in favour of Mr. A. H. Flowerdew who returned from Europe and was elected President. Mr. Sinnadurai was then re-elected Vice-President.

27-10-1936

S. ARUMUGAM,

*Hon. Secretary.*

### MIROKU LODGE, TOKYO, JAPAN

*To the President, the T.S.*

During the year 1935-36 Lodge Meetings were held regularly every fortnight except in holiday months.

I regret to have to record the passing on of Capt. B. Kon, the President of the Lodge from its inception, on 16th August 1936 at the age of 68. He was a very earnest student of Theosophy and the Lodge will miss his physical presence greatly.

Captain and Mrs. Sellon, Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen and Prof. and Mrs. Charan (of Agra) visited our Lodge.

There are six active members. The Library received many books as gifts during the year, and there are now 52 books belonging to the Library. The number of readers in the Library was 12 and 28 books were lent to members.

E. M. CASEY,

*Hon. Secretary.*

### SUBSIDIARY ACTIVITIES

#### THE MUSAEUS COLLEGE AND SCHOOLS OF COLOMBO, CEYLON

*To the President, the T.S.*

The College and Schools continue to do useful and excellent work in their respective Departments of English, Sinhalese and Pali.

Instruction is given to over 500 pupils most of whom are resident.

The Training College for women sent out during the year 32 Trained Students to take up work in Schools in various parts of the Island. They hold Government Professional Certificates.

The English College was successful in having many Students obtaining passes in

(a) The London University Intermediate Examination;

(b) The London University Matriculation Examination;

(c) The Cambridge Senior Examination;

(d) The local Junior School Certificate.

The Government Inspectors state in their Reports that excellent progress was made during the year.

Additional Class rooms were built to accommodate our increasing attendances. Dr. Arundale, The President of



the Theosophical Society, has joined the Board of Trustees.

An attempt is being made, to found a Women's Theosophical Society in Colombo, and as a preliminary step the teachers of the College and Schools have banded together in a class to study Theosophy. Miss Lilian Edger, addressed the class and she infused much enthusiasm for Study and leading Theosophical lives based on Spirituality.

Miss Edger was a very welcome guest at the College on her way to Benares from New Zealand in November.

Founder's Day was celebrated as usual with great *éclat* on November 17th.

On that day the Minister of Education declared open a three storey Dormitory Block for the English College.

PETER DE ABREW,

*Manager & Director.*

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY

Report for 1935-36

*To the President, the T.S.*

*Staff and Administration.*—During the year under report, I have continued as Director with Mr. A. J. Hamerster as Joint Director and Curator for Western Section and Dr. C. Kunhan Raja as Curator for the Eastern Section. Our Librarian, Miss G. Watkin, left India in February and Madam Gonggrijp was appointed in her place. Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier continues as Library Assistant. He is also rendering service by showing visitors to Adyar round the Headquarters building, the Library, Museum, etc., besides attending to the office-work in the Library. Pandit N. Ramanatha Sastri is mainly engaged in the publication work of the Library. In April of 1936, he was due to retire; but has been given a special extension of service till the end of the year 1936.

Pandit Seshadri Sarma was engaged in cataloguing new books in the Sanskrit section, in correcting the entries in the catalogues, in preparing an up-to-date accession register for Sanskrit books and MSS. and in co-operating with Pandit N. Ramanatha Sastri in correcting the proofs of the Library publications. He con-

tinues to be in charge of the stock of Sanskrit printed books and MSS. and supplies information to the Director regarding the MSS. in the Library when information is wanted. Pandit V. Narayanasvami Sastri was mainly engaged in transcribing MSS. for the Library and he assists Pandit T. R. Seshadri Sarma in preparing catalogues, etc.

*Publications.*—The second volume of the Dasopanishad (583 pages demy octavo) with the till now unpublished commentary of Sri Upanishad Brahma Yogin was issued during the year. The Chandogya and Brihadaranyakopanishads are included in this volume and there are some useful indexes also. This completes the Upanishads Series started by the late Pandit A. Mahadeva Sastri, a former Director, in 1920. The Series has been well received by scholars and complimented in press reviews. The series consists of the following 8 volumes: 1. Yoga Upanishads, 2. Samanya Vedanta Upanishads, 3. Vaishnava Upanishads, 4. Saiva and Sakta Upanishads, 5. Samnyasa Upanishads, 6. Dasopanishads, Vol. I, 7. Dasopanishads, Vol. II: Chandogya and Brihadaranyakopanishad, 8. Un-Published Minor Upanishads.

Professor Kurt F. Leidecker, 2517, Fifteenth Street, Troy, New York, U.S.A. has supplied us with an English translation of Praty-abhijnahrdayam. The Library has undertaken to publish this translation along with the text collated with certain South Indian MSS. recently secured. The manuscript is now under print and it is hoped that we may be able to publish the book about the middle of 1937.

When the Adyar Library was established by Col. Olcott, the President-Founder of The Theosophical Society, fifty years ago, it was within his plan to arrange for the publication of a periodical for the purpose of making the priceless treasures of the Adyar Library known to the learned and lovers of Oriental learning all over the world.

As early as 1901, that is only fifteen years after the foundation of the Library, Col. Olcott sent round a circular letter (both in Sanskrit and in English) announcing his desire to start a periodical with the main object of serially publishing the important MSS. stored in the Library. The following is taken from the General Report of the Anniversary and Convention of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar in Dec. 1901 :

"I have in contemplation the establishment, as soon as funds are available—probably during the coming year—of a monthly Sanskrit Journal similar to the well known "Pandit" established by the late Dr. Ballantyne at Benares, in which will be printed for circulation throughout the literary world the rarest and the most important works in our possession. A circular enumerating the unique manuscripts in our hands has been widely circulated and the opinions of Eastern Pandits and Western Orientalists asked as to the order in which they should be printed."

For various reasons, the project did not then materialise. About ten years later, when Dr. Schrader was the

Director, he started a series of Library Publications; the first volume of the descriptive catalogue of the manuscripts in the Library (containing the Upanishads), the critical edition of the Samnyasopanisads, the Ahirbudhnyasamhita—these were the earliest publications of the Library. When Pandit Mahadeva Sastri became the Director, he took in hand the publication of the Upanishads with the commentary of Upanishad Brahmayogin. This series has now been completed.

In 1930, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, the then Director of the Library, formulated a scheme for the publication of a Bulletin from the Library and referred to it in his Annual Report for the year. The matter was however not taken up then; it was thought that until the series of publications already started by the late Pandit A. Mahadeva Sastri was completed, it would not be advisable to alter the programme of the literary activities of the Library. It was also not possible for the Library, having regard to its financial position, to undertake the publication of a Bulletin, and at the same time to continue the Upanisadic publications. When, however, the Upanisads series was completed in 1936, we decided to take up the question of the publication of the Bulletin, which was also one of the objects for which the Adyar Library Association had been started in January 1936. Accordingly an appeal was sent round in October 1936 inviting the advice and help of well-known Scholars and lovers of Oriental Learning all over the world. The response to our appeal has been extremely encouraging; the sympathy shown and the co-operation promised and received have surpassed our hopes. Letters of appreciation have been received from many Learned Bodies as well as individual scholars and lovers of learning; many of them have promised to send in contributions. Many have also sent in their subscriptions and others

have registered their names as subscribers. Many journals have agreed to be on exchange relations with our Bulletin.

It is proposed to issue the Bulletin four times in the year, on the 17th of February (in memory of Col. Olcott, President-Founder of The Theosophical Society), the 8th of May (in memory of Madame H. P. Blavatsky, Co-Founder), the 1st of October (in memory of Dr. Annie Besant, the 2nd President of the Theosophical Society) and the 1st of December (in honour of Dr. G. S. Arundale, the present President of The Theosophical Society). The size of the Bulletin will be about twenty formes per issue, and between 72 and 80 formes for the whole year.

In the periodical will be published rare and valuable MSS. stored in the Library, texts with translations of works dealing with ancient religions and civilizations especially Sanskrit works, descriptive Catalogue of the MSS. in the Library and original contributions of a scholarly nature. Besides, there will be reviews of books and comments.

We start in the first issue with the publication of a Rigveda commentary by Madhava, of which there is only one manuscript so far known. In the Upanishads Series, the Adyar Library has already published the Texts; we now begin the English Translation of the same. In the Grhyasutras Series, (works on Domestic Rituals) the Grhyasutra of Asvalayana with the commentary of Devasavamin, which has not till now been published is taken up first. Along with the text and commentary, there will also appear an English translation of the text with explanations in English. Descriptions of the rare and valuable manuscripts in the Library, corrections to our published catalogue of manuscripts—lists of additions made to the Library after the catalogue was published—these will be regular features of the Bulletin. In later issues, we propose to devote a

special section to the publication of Works on Aesthetics—specially Music and Drama. It is also proposed to continue the work of Dr. Schrader by bringing out a critical edition of the Upanisads, noting all the variants in reading found in the manuscripts.

The proposal to start the Bulletin on the 17th February next is a matter of special significance to us. Col. Olcott passed away on the 17th of February 1907; and on that day every year a celebration is held at Adyar in his honour. Further the Library has been in existence now full fifty years; and we believe that the starting of our Bulletin "Brahma-vidya" in commemoration of this event will be the most fitting tribute we can now pay to the great Colonel who founded the Adyar Library.

*Stock: Books and MSS.*—918 printed volumes and 39 MSS. (in 32 volumes) have been added to the Library; of the latter 13 are palmleaf MSS. 6 are paper MSS. and 13 are new transcripts, thus forming a total of 39,569 books and 1,8047 MSS. The number of additions made to the Museum of Records and the Art Collection amounts to 93.

*Exchange.*—The annual report of the Adyar Library and Dasopanishads, Vol. II (Chandogya and Brhadaranyaka edited with the commentary of Sri Upanisad Brahmendra Yogin) have been exchanged with those persons and institutions who have been registered for such exchange relationship, such as the important Libraries of the world and donors of books and MSS. to the Adyar Library.

*Use of the Library.*—The number of visitors who consulted the Library was 4,088 as against 3,481 in the previous year while the loans of books and MSS. to research scholars and research institutes of repute and standing and other registered borrowers numbered 2,542.

Once again I beg to tender my grateful thanks to Dr. Kunhan Raja, Mr. Hamerster, Miss Watkin and Madame Gonggrijp; to all these 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 below. We beg to tender them all our grateful thanks.

Adyar

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

*Honorary Director.*

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## 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 Olcott Harijan Free School for the year ending December 1936.

The school has continued to do good and satisfactory work during the period under report. It is now a complete Higher Elementary School. Today there are in it 487 pupils out of whom a hundred are girls. It has now eight standards with 15 sections and 16 teachers.

The institution attempts to make the instruction imparted therein one of purpose and usefulness aiming at an all-round development of its children. In the words of Pandit Hriday Nath Kunzru, President of the Servants of India Society and Chief Commissioner of the Seva Samiti Boy Scouts Association, "It is far and away the best school of its kind that I have seen, but it is much more than that. A great deal of attention is paid to character-training and the development of the emotions and the teaching and management are based on the principles which underlie Scouting. The children looked clean and happy and took genuine interest in the extracurricular activities of the school which are in some respects very instructive."

The work has been planned and carried out on the principles of education as enunciated by our great teacher and mother, Dr. Annie Besant. The following extracts from the Annual Inspection Report of the Government Inspecting Officer will give a general idea of the work of our school.

*Equipment* is adequate. The teachers have drawn a number of useful maps and charts. A supply of appliances was recently made with the help of the Government grants. No attempts are made in school-gardening owing to water-scarcity.

*Instruction.*—The school is a regularly conducted one. The time-table and syllabuses are closely followed. There is commendable supervision of the work of the teachers who do their work earnestly. . . . The 3 R's, English, Geography, History, Hygiene, etc., are all satisfactorily taught. . . . Proper attention is paid to mental-work, hand-writing, story-telling, and manual occupations. A number of graded teaching charts have been prepared to take the pupils from easy to difficult words. The handwriting of the pupils is fair, neatness of execution is insisted on. The vernacular lessons are well-taught. General knowledge subjects have received good attention.

*Medical Inspection.*—Nil. But attention is given to all minor ailments.

*General Remarks.*—The teachers work in team-spirit. The school is a mixed school catering mainly for Adidravidas. It is very popular in the locality and a large number of caste pupils are reading. The teachers and pupils move as members of one family. . . . Drill, games, and scout activities are prominent. Some pupils who are untidy are forced to bathe in the school. Mid-day meals are provided for the hungry children. The pupils of the school acquitted themselves well in the various Inter-School Sports activities and have won prizes. . . . The literary association of the pupils is doing good work. This is good training-ground for self-expression and debate. There is a reading-room. Prayer, religious instruction, talks on the lives of great men and bhajans are a regular feature in religious and moral training. The various extra-curricular activities develop the social side.

There is an efficient scout group. It struck me that all the members are full of scout spirit, ready to take part in all kinds of social service.

The vocational side of instruction is earnestly attempted. Clay-work, belt-making, fret-work, basket-weaving, spinning, weaving, mat-making, and palm-leaf work are all well taught.

The school is doing very good work. Tone and discipline are satisfactory. All sides of education are well attempted. I have no hesitation in congratulating the staff on the good work done. The Headmaster, Mr. Krishnan, is the moving spirit in the school and his enthusiasm is catching. There is an atmosphere of love and service in the school.

The Olcott Students Union and the Scout group play a great part in training the children to become happy and self-dependent members of their communities. The 1st Adyar Olcott Scout Group has now 44 scouts, 42 cubs, 12 girl-guides, 26 blue-birds and 15 officers attached to it. It plays a great part in maintaining the tone and discipline of the institution.

Every opportunity is taken to foster a spirit of unselfish service amongst our pupils. Our boys put up very efficient service on several occasions, the most important of them being the Volunteer service at the T. S. Diamond Jubilee Convention and the Big Aruvathimoovar Festival at Mylapore. The latter was a great experience and training in public service for our boys and teachers as well. Their service was very orderly and was much appreciated by the police officers on duty who remarked that they did not expect such good service from our lot and that on account of their help there were practically no accidents even on the most important and crowded days of the festival.

During the course of the year the school had Sri Ramanavami, the Vinayaka Chaturthi, Sri Krishnajayanti and Saraswathi Pujas. The children celebrated the Days of their benefactors, Col. Olcott, Mr. Schwarz, Amma, and Dr. Arundale, with great joy and en-

thusiasm. These celebrations have a great effect on the minds of our students and teachers, helping them to realise the great qualities of their protectors and to understand and practice in their own humble way the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man. Dewan Bahadur V. Bhashyam Ayyangar, President of the Madras Harijan Sevak Sangh, who presided over our Sri Krishnajayanti celebrations, remarked: "The celebration in honour of the Jayanti was grand. There were silent prayer, Bhajana, Puja and easy talks to the children . . . . An atmosphere of true religion and peace prevails here and it reflects great credit on the workers. . . . This is an excellent institution ably conducted and managed."

It may be interesting to note here the remarks made by Mr. Yakub Hasan, one of the Aldermen of the City of Madras, after his visit with Mrs. Yakub Hasan to our school on 31-10-1936: ". . . . They (the children) went through their class-work and handicrafts as if it was as pleasant a pastime as the various items of scout display, and entertainment. The whole programme was of high order. . . . The school has been deservedly characterised by one and all who visited it as the best-conducted school of its kind. . . . The fact that it was founded by the highly revered personage, Col. Olcott, that it is situated in the neighbourhood of the International Theosophical Society, and its capable and energetic teachers are in their performance of their daily duty actuated by high ideals of life has created a healthy atmosphere that is peculiarly its own and which is highly conducive to its further growth and stability. That the high object of its great founder has been fully realized is evident from the fact that this Harijan School has been pronounced as 'a model institution which can be followed as an example by schools of similar type' by no less

authority than the late Education Minister, and that Caste Hindu parents who do not want their children to be contaminated by the presence of Harijan children in Hindu schools, send their children to this Harijan institution. This school can therefore be truly said to play an important part in the Social reform movement. It has not only created self-respect in its pupils but their parents who assemble on the school premises on public occasions feel themselves uplifted by the admiration that their children elicit from the inspecting audience by their good performance. . . . It would indeed be a national calamity if an institution of this character is allowed to languish for want of a little financial support."

This is a brief resumé of the work carried on in the Olcott School. Our thanks are due to the Adyar Baby Welcome, and Dr. T. P. Sundaram and Mr. N. K. Kevat of the T. S. Dispensary for their kind help in looking after the physical welfare of our school-children, to Sri Perammal who has kindly been looking after our weaving section, and to Mr. B. V. Sundararaj for our very small Besant Reading Room.

So much about the achievements of our institution during the year under report. Now I request leave to place before you certain very urgent requirements of our school :

1. Donations to the extent of Rs. 2,500 to meet our annual deficit.

2. About Rs. 3,500 to put up the new Besant Hall in place of the very old and worn out shed.

3. Construction of a latrine and urinals.

4. Filling up the unsightly and insanitary pondsite adjacent to the school.

5. Compound wall to safeguard the property.

6. Improvement of the library and a small science laboratory.

In appealing for this much-needed support from the large-hearted and sympathetic members of the Theosophical Society and from the generous public I can not do better than quote what Mr. A. H. A. Todd, I.C.S., Collector of Chingleput-Madras has said : " It has given me much pleasure to visit this school this afternoon. . . . I am most favourably impressed. . . . The school must be a strong influence for healthy progress in this neighbourhood and is a fine memorial to Col. Olcott who founded it. . . . I hope it may be possible to surmount its financial difficulties and the school is evidently a very good return for the money it costs."

In conclusion I offer here my loving homage to our President and my grateful thanks to Capt. E. M. Sellon and Dr. G. Srinivasamurti for the kind help they have given me in the proper working of the school.

13-12-1936

M. KRISHNAN,

*Correspondent.*

# INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT OF FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DISBURSEMENTS					Rs.	A.	P.
To Teachers' Salaries	...	...	...	...	5,564	11	9
„ Correspondent's Allowance	...	...	...	...	180	0	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	...	94	8	0
„ Books and Stationery	...	...	...	...	459	7	0
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	310	10	9
„ Rents and Taxes	..	...	...	...	86	8	0
„ Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	...	83	0	0
„ Bank Charges	...	...	...	...	0	5	0
„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	..	344	10	0
„ Food Expenses	...	...	...	...	331	10	6
„ Pupils in Higher Schools	...	...	...	...	117	0	0
„ Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	...	85	14	0
„ Furniture Account	..	...	...	...	359	12	0
					8,018	1	0

ADYAR

8th April, 1936

H. HOTCHENER,

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.





### BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT HARIJAN

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ADYAR

8th April, 1936

H. HOTCHENER,  
*Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.*

## FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR, PER 31ST MARCH, 1936

PROPERTY AND ASSETS					Rs.	A.	P.
By Immovable Property	...	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
„ Movable	„	...	...	...	500	0	0
„ 3½ % Govt. Pronotes (Face Value Rs. 30,2, 0)	...	...	...	...	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
Advance for Supplies	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Suspense Account	...	...	...	...	6	6	0
Cash on hand	...	...	...	...	1,935	12	10
Balance on Current Account with the Imperial Bank of India	...	...	...	...	6,234	4	6
Income and Disbursement Reserve Account :							
					Rs.	A.	P.
Deficit Balance as per last balance sheet	...	...	...	...	846-8-4		
Deficit for this year 1935-36	...	...	...	...	1,280-3-8		
					2,126	12	0
					46,195	11	4

Audited and found correct.

(Sd.) G. NARASIMHAM &amp; CO.,

Registered Accountants.





CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

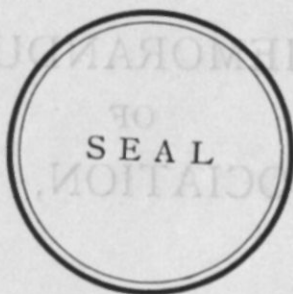
No. 3 of 1905

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

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy  
and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
an Act for the Registration of Literary,  
Scientific and Charitable Societies,*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are :

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management, and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council, which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :—

### GENERAL COUNCIL

#### *Ex-Officio*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bertram 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. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

#### *Additional*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be

paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage



or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of The Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of The Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of The Society present 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
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		" S. SUBRAMANIAM
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# 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, the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists 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 Lodges 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 the Treasurer or the Recording Secretary 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. (a) 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.

(b) Every Fellow-at-large is free to commute at any time his Annual dues to Headquarters for a sum of not less than £20 to be paid 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 1937

*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:** MR. HENRY HOTCHENER, Adyar, Madras.

**President, World Federation of Young Theosophists:** MRS. RUKMINI ARUNDALE.

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MR. D. K. TELANG, Vasanta Vihara, Greenway Road, Adyar, Madras (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

MR. HUKUM CHAND KUMAR, Sevakunj, Rambaugh Road, Karachi (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

MR. A. P. WARRINGTON, Krotona, Ojai, California, U. S. A. (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

MR. H. FREI, c/o Volkart House, Ward Place, Colombo, Ceylon (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

M. R. RY. DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA DHARMA PRAVINA K. S. CHANDRA-SEKHARA IYER, Chandra Vilasa, Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1935, 1936 and 1937).

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MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR, Hospet, Bellary (for 1937, 1938 and 1939).

MR. A. RANGASWAMI AIYER, Santhai Pettai Street, Madura (for 1937, 1938 and 1939).

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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) MR. N. SRI RAM, (7) MR. K. SRINIVASA AIYANGAR, (8) MRS. JOSEPHINE RANSOM, (9) MRS. RUKMINI ARUNDALE and (10) RAO BAHADUR M. NARASIMHAM PANTULU.

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**Adyar Library:** DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI.

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**Post Office:** K. NATARAJAN.

**Press Department:** MR. J. L. DAVIDGE.

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**The T.S. Records and the Historical Museum** } MR. A. J. HAMERSTER (AG. MR. C. JINARAJA-DASA AND MISS E. PETRIE).

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## MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at "Shanti Kunja", near  
the Headquarters of the Indian Section, T.S., Benares, on  
December 26th, 1936, at 1 p.m.*

### PRESENT :

Dr. G. S. Arundale	...	President, T.S., in the Chair.	
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	...	Vice-President, T.S.	
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the Treasurer, T.S., Gen. Secy., T.S. in Wales, Mr. Hukum Chand Kumar and Mr. K. S. Chandra- sekshara Iyer.	
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	Director of the Adyar Library and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Italy, Burma, Jugoslavia, Puerto Rico, and Mr. H. Frei.	
Mr. G. N. Gokhale	...	General Secretary, Indian Section, T.S.	
Mrs. Josephine Ransom	}	Representative	These representatives were not members of the General Council and were therefore not eligible to serve and vote as proxies but they were invited to be present by special permis- sion of the Council.
Mr. H. S. L. Polak		for England.	
Mrs. Lilian Kilpatrick	...	Representative for Scotland.	
Miss M. T. Griffith	...	Representative for Wales.	

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings of December 25th, 30th, 1935 and January 2nd, 1936, 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.*—Nil.

3. *Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council, T.S., held at Geneva*

*on the occasion of the 4th Septennial World Congress.*—The Minutes of the Meetings of 29th July and 4th August, 1936, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

4. *Propositions Circulated in September, 1936.*—Votes on the Propositions circulated during the year were received with the following results :

Proposition No.	No. of Rule Affected	For	Against
I	2(a)	40	3
II	20	42	1
III	42	42	1

*Propositions Nos. I to III* having obtained the necessary majority were declared passed, and the respective Rules are accordingly changed as follows :

*Rule No. 2(a) (Proposition I).*—The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary, the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

*Rule No. 20 (Proposition No. II).*—The Securities and uninvested funds of

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...
Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar	...
Shrimati (Mrs.) Rukmini Arundale	...
Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer	...

At this stage, Shrimati Rukmini Arundale, the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists was invited to take her seat as *Ex-Officio* member of the General Council ; and she took her seat accordingly.

Messrs. C. Jinarajadasa, A. Ranganatha Mudaliar and A. Rangaswami Iyer were declared elected as Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years (1937, 1938 and 1939).

At this stage, one of the newly elected members, Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer, who was at Benares for the Convention, was invited by special leave of the Council to be present ; and he was present accordingly.

*6. Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet as presented by the Executive Committee, T.S., were considered and adopted.

*7. Pension for the Nieces of H.P.B.*—It was resolved to continue for the coming year a grant of £30/-.

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 the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary of The Society.

*Rule No. 42 (b) (Proposition No. III).*—Every Fellow-at-large is free to commute at any time his Annual dues to Headquarters for a sum of not less than £ 20/- to be paid to the General Treasury.

*5. Election of Additional Members.*—The voting in respect of the election of Additional Members was as follows :

34	votes for,	None against.
35	" "	" "
34	" "	" "
34	" "	" "

*8. Budget for 1937.*—The T. S. Headquarters and Adyar Library Budgets for the year ending 31st October 1937, which had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee, T.S., were adopted, after examination and discussion of various items.

*9. Appointment of Executive Committee for 1937.*—The following were elected members of the Executive Committee for the year 1937 :

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa  
Shrimati (Mrs.) Rukmini Devi  
Rao Bahadur M. Narasimham Pantulu  
Mr. N. Sri Ram  
Mr. K. Srinivasa Iyengar  
Mrs. Josephine Ransom

*10. Appointment of Auditor for 1937.*—It was Resolved that Messrs. Brahmayya & Co., Incorporated Accountants and Auditors, be appointed Auditor for the year 1937 on a remuneration of Rs. 200/- for auditing the accounts of all departments other than the Theosophical Publishing House for

which Mr. V. Sundararajan, B.A., G.D.A., R.A., was appointed Auditor on a remuneration of Rs. 50/- instead of Rs. 100/-, the amount paid during the previous year.

11. *The President's Fund; the International Lecturers' Fund; and the International Workers' Fund.*—Resolved that the consideration of these subjects be postponed until next year.

12. *Award of Subba Rao Medal.*—It was Resolved to award the Subba Rao Medal for 1936 to Professor J. E. Marcault.

13. *Sub-Committee's Report in Respect of Amendment of Rule 10.*—Postponed to next year.

At 3.30 p.m., the Meeting was adjourned to December 27th, 1936 at 3.30 p.m.

### T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1937

INCOME	Rs.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.
Fees and Dues ... ..	11,000	Adyar Library ... ..	5,000
Garden Produce .. ..	10,000	Construction and Repairs ... ..	10,000
Interest ... ..	6,000	Dispensary ... ..	500
Rent ... ..	15,000	Establishment ... ..	1,500
Deficit to be made good by Donations ...	27,000	Furniture ... ..	500
		Gardens ... ..	16,000
		Lighting and Water ... ..	5,000
		Miscellaneous ... ..	3,000
		Museum and Archives ... ..	700
		Office Salaries ... ..	5,000
		Olcott Cottage, Ootacamund ... ..	500
		Printing and Stationery ... ..	2,000
		Pensions and Gratuities ... ..	3,000
		Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,000
		Press and Publicity ... ..	3,000
		President's Fund ... ..	6,600
		Servants' Wages ... ..	4,500
		Taxes ... ..	500
		Telegrams and Postages ... ..	1,500
	69,000		69,800

### ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1937

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 ... ..	200	Electric Current, Repairs, Etc. ... ..	600
Rent ... ..	1,000	Contingencies ... ..	150
Deficit to be made good by Donations ...	700	Bookbinding ... ..	700
		Printing and Stationery ... ..	700
		Publications ... ..	1,200
	11,100		11,100

## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at "Shanti Kunja" near the Headquarters of the Indian Section, T.S., Benares, on December 27th, 1936, at 3.30 p.m.*

## PRESENT :

Dr. G. S. Arundale	...	President, T.S., in the Chair.	
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	...	Vice-President, T.S.	
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the Treasurer, T.S., General Secretary, T.S. in Wales, Mr. Hukum Chand Kumar and Mr. K. S. Chandra-sekhara Iyer.	
Shrimati (Mrs.) Rukmini Arundale	...	President, World Federation of Young Theosophists and Proxy for the General Secretary, T.S. in Hungary.	
Mr. G. N. Gokhale	...	General Secretary, Indian Section, T.S.	
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	Director, Adyar Library, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Italy, Burma, Jugoslavia, Puerto Rico and Mr. H. Frei.	
Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer	...	Newly elected Member.	} Invited to be present by special permission of the Council.
Mrs. Josephine Ransom	...	Representative for England.	
Mrs. Lilian Kilpatrick.	...	Representative for Scotland.	
Miss M. T. Griffith	...	Representative for Wales.	

14. *The International Theosophical Centre at Geneva.*—Consideration adjourned.

15. *A Charter for Brotherhood and Human Rights.*—Recorded.

16. *Report of the World Congress.*—Consideration postponed.

17. *Recommendations of the Council of the European Federation advocating the following pieces of work, or methods of approach, that should be put in hand at once :*

- (i) Foreign Officer
- (ii) Art
- (iii) Flags
- (iv) Press Officer
- (v) Scheme for raising permanent Endowment for President's Fund.

It was Resolved that the above recommendations be circularised to all the National Societies soliciting their opinion.

18. *Sub-Committee's Report on the Australian General Secretary's proposals discussed last year.*—

*Decision.*—No facilities at present.

19. *Application from the Delhi and New Delhi Lodges to lease a Site for Lodge Building.*—Resolved that the President be authorised to apply to the Government of India for lease of a suitable plot of land for the construction of the Lodge building.

At 4.00 p.m., the Meeting was adjourned to December 31st, 1936, at 2 p.m.



## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at "Shanti Kunja",  
near the Headquarters of the Indian Section, T.S.,  
Benares, on December 31st, 1936, at 2 p.m.*

## PRESENT :

Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	...	<i>Vice-President, in the Chair.</i>	
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi	...	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the Treasurer, T.S., the General Secretary, T.S. in Wales, Mr. Hukum Chand Kumar and Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer.</i>	
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	<i>Director, Adyar Library and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in Italy, Burma, Jugoslavia, Puerto Rico and Mr. H. Frei.</i>	
Mrs. Josephine Ransom	...	<i>Representative for England.</i>	} Invited to be present by special permission of the Council.
Mrs. Lilian Kilpatrick	...	<i>Representative for Scotland.</i>	
Miss M. T. Griffith	...	<i>Representative for Wales.</i>	

20. *The International Theosophical Centre at Geneva.*—The following Resolution was unanimously passed :

Having considered the report of the Committee appointed by this Council in December 1935 regarding the International Centre at Geneva, this Council records its general approval of the same.

Resolved that the above Centre be maintained under the general directions of this Council which takes financial responsibility for a subsidy to the extent of one-third of the total expenditure, such subsidy not to exceed £100/- per annum.

This Council appoints a Committee consisting of the following (with power to co-opt 3 members) to carry on the

practical work of the Centre at Geneva, :—

Madame Anna Kamensky,  
Monsieur Georges Tripet,  
Monsieur Albert Sassi,  
The Swiss General Secretary,

and a representative in charge to be appointed by the President (on the nomination of the Executive of the European Federation) who will be the Convener.

This Council directs that, for the present, the work of the International Centre at Geneva will be of the nature of an International Bureau only and will not include organisation of Lectures and Socials as being outside the scope of the Centre as now reconstituted.

This Council also appoints the following International Committee to support and maintain interest in the Centre:

<i>Ex-officio</i>	{	<i>The President</i>	
		<i>The Recording Secretary</i>	
		<i>The Treasurer</i>	
		<i>The General Secretary of the European Federation</i>	
		<i>General Secretary,</i>	<i>T.S. in Switzerland</i>
		" "	<i>T.S. in U.S. of America</i>
		" "	<i>T.S. in England</i>
		" "	<i>T.S. in France</i>
		" "	<i>T.S. in The Netherlands</i>
		" "	<i>of one South American Section</i>
Mme. A. Kamensky			
M. Georges Tripet			
M. Albert Sassi			

This Council would expect the working Committee to raise sufficient funds with the aid of the European Federation and the Swiss and other Sections and with the help of the annual subsidy not exceeding £100/- made by this Council to carry on the

work of the Centre in an efficient manner.

This Council reserves to itself the power at its discretion to dissolve the Centre or otherwise provide for its work or continuity as it may deem fit.

The Meeting closed at 2.30 p.m.

