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## AN URGENT CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT

To Members of The Theosophical Society

### The Reign of Force

BRETHREN :

ONCE again I have the happiness to address you in accordance with our usual custom.

May the peace that passeth understanding, yet passeth not our encompassing, abide in each of us, that being at peace we shine with peace upon our surroundings.

The past year has been a year of unusual stress, culminating in the September-October crisis, and specially characterized by the continuance of the fratricidal war in Spain, by Japan's ruthless aggression in China, and the savage renewal of the persecution of the Jews in Germany and in Austria. And everywhere else there has been deep unrest and fear.

Force and men of force have gradually become more and more dominant throughout the world. The spirit of true democracy has weakened, and many protagonists of democracy have, not altogether unnaturally, been afraid to be strong in their faith. The true totalitarian State has not yet emerged, for nowhere in any so-called totalitarian State is observed the principle of all for each and each for all. The freedom of the individual has been enslaved when it should have been exalted, and the State has been enslaved to the will of a single individual or of a small clique of individuals. The old cry of Louis XIV is heard again : *L'état c'est moi*.

The inevitable war between force and freedom has only been postponed, if it is not going on all the



time. But its postponement, whether honourable or dishonourable, affords all men and women of good-will the opportunity so to live and to work that when the struggle does come, it may be short and finally decisive.

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Upon members of The Theosophical Society lies a very special measure of this grave responsibility, all the more because the conflict in the outer world has definite, though not serious, reverberations in our midst. Having already lost Russia and Germany, we have now lost Austria, and there is imminent danger lest we lose Italy too. Rightly or wrongly, wrongly as I feel constrained to think, my dear friend Signor Castellani seems to consider it necessary for the Italian Section to conform to the policy of Signor Mussolini, and the Executive Committee of our Section in Italy is therefore placing before the Italian members a proposal so to modify the three great Objects of The Society that they lose their international character altogether, and are substantially reconstructed to reflect the present political policy of the Italian Government.

I do not for a moment want to blame Signor Castellani and those of his colleagues who felt that it was imperative to exercise cautious discretion. I shall in due course publish the whole of the relevant correspondence between Signor Castellani and myself, and between myself and certain other Italian brethren who have felt they cannot desert the great Objects of The Society, nor reduce their movement in Italy to a purely local organization. True

indeed that every Section of The Society has the duty to honour the State in which it dwells. But an international relationship such as exists between each national Section and the parent Society can only strengthen, it can never weaken, the obligations the members of each Section owe to their respective Motherlands.

I have appointed one of our trusted members to become my Presidential Agent in the event of the disruption of the Italian Section, so that out of the old a new body may emerge, a new Italian Section, or perhaps the continuance of the old, to hold all the properties which a body not accepting The Society's three Objects or any official relationship with The Society has no right to hold. I must do what I can to maintain in Italy a Section of our Society—it is the least I can do in Italy's service. And to ensure the right of Signor Castellani to be heard by the members of the General Council in his own way, and also by every member of The Society, I have given him free and full permission to address directly, without even passing through me, any correspondence he chooses. And I think I have given him free access to the Theosophical journals under my control.

I have not yet heard what has actually happened at the Convention called to consider the disaffiliation of the Section, so I cannot give more information than the above.

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One or two Lodges have also been affected by the forces of disintegration, and have desired to cease membership of the Section to which they

belong. I cannot say how strongly I feel that at such a time as this we need to express our solidarity to the utmost of our power. And I hold that there must be the gravest menace to freedom to justify any Lodge in resolving upon an application to secede. In one case I have definitely refused the application, with the full approval of the General Secretary concerned, since he was entirely willing for the Lodge to work in its own way along such lines as its members might deem right. I am afraid lest in this case the members of the Lodge may determine their membership of The Society. In the other cases the matter is still pending.

### Signs of Virility

But side by side with such symptoms of world conditions within our ranks there are many more signs of the virility which pulsates through the body Theosophical. Place of honour in this respect must be given to Mr. Jinarajadasa for his heroic—it is no less—work in Central and South America, for not only has he had to meet in his own territory, as this part of the world may well be called, a number of unfortunately disintegrating influences, but he has also had to endure the hostility of certain of the Governments. Throughout it all he has done his work with the utmost vigour and determination, in spite of indifferent health. Well may he be beloved not only in a part of the world which he and he alone has so tenderly and strongly nurtured, but throughout The Society for the tower of strength he is to it. Mr. Jinarajadasa will be in Europe for some months in 1939, but will, I most earnestly hope, find

time to pay a visit to the United States of America, attending the American National Convention. His visit would be a benediction. We shall welcome him home again to Adyar towards the close of the year.

Then we must offer our most sincere congratulations to the organizers of the European Federation Congress at Zagreb for the splendid gathering we had. I am sure that all who attended its session were deeply impressed both by its international character—never before have so many General Secretaries and representatives of European Sections been assembled together in Theosophical conference—and no less by the happiness and harmony which pervaded its proceedings. To The Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia I have awarded a Certificate of Honour, and they richly deserve it, even though they themselves will be the first to acknowledge the great help they received from officers of the Federation.

And then all honour, too, to The Theosophical Society in Scotland for their wonderful enterprise in maintaining a Theosophical Kiosk at the Empire Exhibition in Glasgow. Over twelve million people passed through the turnstiles during the time the Exhibition was open, and our Theosophical Kiosk took the fullest advantage of this splendid opportunity to do propaganda on a large scale. A second Certificate of Honour I have awarded to The Theosophical Society in Scotland for this splendid evidence of their loyalty to Theosophy and to The Theosophical Society.

Of course, no Certificates of Honour are needed to spur any of our members to do their duty, apart

altogether from the fact that if I were to give certificates for every meritorious activity during the year I should have to give dozens of them.

How fine, for example, of our new Section in Colombia to have raised within the year under report the number of their Lodges from eight to 13, with 80 new members.

While it is difficult to single out any one of those Sections visited by Mr. Jinarajadasa as deserving special mention for their excellent preparatory work, the admirable response of Uruguay is a case in point, for their Board of Education sent 5000 copies of his "Agents of God: the Children" to the teachers in Uruguay, and the University, the Athenaeum and the official Broadcasting Station cooperated with his work. I had the pleasure of welcoming to Adyar three members of the virile Theosophical Society in Uruguay, and I can quite understand how well the Section had made straight Mr. Jinarajadasa's path.

Again, the outstanding work of our Section in the Netherlands Indies, where it maintains 33 schools, one college, with approximately 5000 pupils and 200 teachers. And in many of our other Sections there are fine centres of Theosophical education.

Then there is the excellent publicity work in Holland through the radio, and careful but widespread distribution of leaflets, pamphlets, etc. Finland is also to be congratulated for its extensive distribution of Theosophical books.

The courage and enthusiasm of the many Sections which are faced with the most adverse circumstances are worthy of all praise. For example, Hungarian members are enthusi-

astically continuing their practice, which I would commend to all Sections and Lodges with very limited financial resources, of typing three or four copies of standard Theosophical works, binding them and thus enriching their library. This year seven translations were made, one of which was the whole of *The Inner Life* by Bishop C. W. Leadbeater, and in addition seven works by Hungarian Theosophists were so published.

I note the many appreciative reports from Lodges and Sections of the visits of Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen, Miss Jean Glen-Walker, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, Professor van der Stok, and other workers. Especially glowing reports have reached me of the work of Miss Codd in South Africa and Mr. and Mrs. Hodson in Australia.

I am deeply appreciative of the courage and devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen, who shortened their stay in Adyar and gave up their trip to the American Convention to keep the light of Theosophy flaming in war-stricken East Asia.

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Shrimati Rukmini Devi and I had, I think, a very useful tour in Europe and the United States. Everywhere we were received with that brotherliness which is so characteristic of members of The Theosophical Society all over the world. We *are* a brotherhood, as I have full cause to know. And however much of a strain the constant travelling may be, it is more than compensated by the vitalizing blessing of those among whom we are fortunate enough to move. With full heart I thank my good karma that I am a member of our

Society. How much I owe to it, and therefore to Those whose gift it is to us all!

Another highlight was the American Convention and Summer School, where was planned the New Citizen Pledge for the American people. This rather remarkable pledge, above all party politics, is now the creed of a Better Citizen Association with a virile little journal.

I have mentioned the happy time we had at the Zagreb Congress, but in addition a splendid Conference was held in Huizen during the time of the great crisis, where a collective meditation was most effectively performed for the release of the power to peace.

In this connection, I may add that I established a Peace-Meditation Group to strive to hold the world in an atmosphere of strong goodwill and universal peace. All over the world there are members of this Group, and it is still functioning well. God knows there is need for it, and for many others like it!

In this year of world misunderstandings and disruption, the Campaign for Understanding has released its potent counteracting influence.

### The Challenge of the War Spirit

As I have already said in the beginning of this Address, one of the most terrible crimes in history has been committed by the members of the German Government in the savage persecution of the Jews, especially in Germany, but hardly less in Austria. The crime becomes all the more heinous in that certain members of that Government justify and glory in the fashioning of

the hell into which they gloatingly thrust their victims.

I cannot believe, I *will* not believe, that the German people as a whole are otherwise than helplessly in the toils of the evil forces they have suffered to enslave them. I cannot believe, I will not believe, that the German youth, to my personal knowledge one of the finest types of youth in the world, look with indifference upon the terrible dishonour by which their country and its people are besmirched.

So I ask myself: When, oh when, will the German people arise to cast off the black darkness of evil which is destroying their fair land? For I know well that Germany is doomed to terrible obscurity unless her people save her, as is still within their power.

The German press, within the same enslavement, challenges the rest of the world as to its own atrocities. True indeed, no country is without its wrong-doing. But only very exceptionally has any country in any part of the world exulted in its cruelty, justified its injustice, gloated over its immorality, vaunted its indifference to the decencies of life, as do certain members of the German Government at the present time in respect of their deliberate devilry towards the Jews, thousands of whom have fought for Germany, thousands of whom are just simple citizens—honest, thrifty, seeking but to live and let live in peace.

I wonder if Mr. Chamberlain now sees with whom and with what he has been dealing? I wonder if he now sees that it would have been better for his country to be true, even at the cost of war, to her traditional reverence for justice and



honour, rather than to barter this for sordid commercial compromise in which her true nobility has, as I hold, been exchanged for a peace which is not only dishonourable but is in fact no peace at all, only a blinding of the eyes of the world to its increasing danger and to the near approach of a disaster which, coming so closely upon the war of 1914-18, would stay the whole world's progress for centuries.

Mr. Chamberlain is an honest, upright gentleman. But the opposing forces were too subtle for his frank guilelessness. They won a victory for the forces of darkness. But the time will come when they shall be swept away.

It is not yet too late for the British people to demand for Britain a Government of men and women who are prepared to take all risks in the cause of Britain's honour and duty, knowing that the soul of the British peoples is ever ready to respond to a call to make a supreme sacrifice.

There are worse things than war, as I hope we are realizing, though I know well how dreadful war is. What did Dr. Besant say about the last war?

In evolution there is the Will to Progress, and in resistance to evolution there is the Will to Inertia, and these Wills are embodied both in men and in super-men, who strive against each other for the mastery at the critical stages of evolution, when a civilization is to choose between the downward grade that ends in disappearance, and the upward grade which begins a New Era. The men fight desperately, visible on the earth; the super-men fight in the world invisible to mortal eyes. There is ever war in heaven

as well as on earth in these struggles that decide the fate of the world for thousands of years.

We call the super-men who fight for the victory of the Divine Will in evolution and are Themselves the embodiment of a portion of that Will—the Occult Hierarchy, the Guardians of our World. And we call the super-men who fight against it, who would preserve the old outworn ways that have become poisonous, the Dark Forces, in the poetical eastern nomenclature the "Lords of the Dark Face." Both sides work through men, and through men their triumphs and defeats are wrought out, the shadow here on earth of the events above. For it is the fate of Humanity which is in the balance; it is the Judgment Day of a race.

It is because the present War is the shadow of such a struggle in the higher worlds, that no Occultist can remain neutral, but must throw every power that he possesses on one side or the other. To be a neutral is to be a traitor. Now the Central Powers, in this great struggle, are the pawns played by the super-men who follow the Lords of the Dark Face. They embody autocracy, militarism, the anachronistic forms which are ready to perish, for which there is no place in the coming New Age. "By their fruits ye shall know them." Not by the isolated acts of a few soldiers, mad with blood-lust and sex-lust, but by their official policy of "frightfulness," deliberately adopted and ruthlessly carried out by a style of warfare renounced by all civilized Nations, belonging to a far-off past, a revival of cruelties long ago outgrown. By these we know them as the tools of the super-men of the Night, and the Occultists of the Darkness are fighting on their side. They have raised Hate into a National Virtue, and the Lords of Hate are with them. (Presidential Address for 1915).

These challenging and electrifying words apply in full force to the world of 1938. Today we are on the threshold of the same danger as we were in 1914, all the more menacing, perhaps, because it is clear that the world did not, after all, learn the lessons of its four-year tragedy.

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Nevertheless, the world shall recover from its present illness unto death. Praise be to God, we are not doomed to a period of Dark Ages and centuries of setback in civilization, for the German people shall prevail over the present desecrators of their mighty spirit, and once again there shall be a Germany true to herself and to her mission. Right shall once more triumph over might and the world shall be saved.

But to ensure this, to ensure the least possible delay in the dissipation of the clouds of evil, an army of men and women, of youth, of goodwill and strong purpose, is urgently needed, for there must be an emphatic purge, an uncompromising cleaning of the Augean stables.

And I ask myself: What are we members of The Theosophical Society doing? What are we going to do? Have we joined this Army? Are we everywhere standing for freedom against slavery, for right against might, for justice against tyranny? Do our members realize that now is a Supreme Moment for the testing of their worthiness to be members of a Society the very soul of which is Universal Brotherhood? Does each member realize that he is now being weighed

in the balance? Does each member realize that as The Society has had cataclysms in the past to test the worth of its membership, so is it at this very moment being tested as to the extent to which the fire of Brotherhood is burning brightly in the heart of each of its members? "Neutrality is a crime," declares Dr. Besant. Are we, or are we not, committing that crime? That is the uncompromising challenge to us all today, and if we cannot face it, it may not be long before we find ourselves outside the ranks of the Masters' Army.

### The Reign of Love and Justice

But while I do not hesitate to speak strongly, more strongly, perhaps, than some of my fellow-members may approve for a Presidential Address, at the same time I must be careful to emphasize that Theosophists at least know that the Justice and Love of God—let each translate this word as he will—reign everywhere and over everyone.

It is the great paradox of ignorance—darkness and yet Light. We Theosophists know through study and experience that the very Darkness is a minister of the Light. And while it is our duty to fight that which we perceive to be wrong, to denounce that which we perceive to be wrong, as I have been trying to do during the course of this Address, we must never lose sight of the fact that the very wrong itself, however terrible, is within the compassion of Love and within the perfect righteousness of Justice. How this may be it may be difficult for us to discern. We may even doubt its truth from time to time, when hatred spreads its ugliness terribly

abroad and injustice tramples justice under its malignant feet. Can there reign Love and Justice in such a world as this?

They *do* reign. Yet must we fight, as was commanded to Arjuna by the Lord Shri Krishna. Indeed may we "rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him," but part of the very life of that rest is to identify ourselves with the Love and Justice of God to become the agents of their Light and Truth. All *is* well. Yet must we strive to make it so. So are we able to fight more strongly, more peacefully, more understandingly, and all the time in the calm certainty that every defeat is only apparent, and that victory is ever sounding forth her triumph notes as the world and all life in it is moving onwards to the goal.

No one can be outside the Universal Brotherhood of Life. All are within it. But each is either healthily within it, or diseased within it, a strength in it or a weakness in it, a blessing in it or a curse in it, or perchance asleep in it, dead in it, instead of being alive in it. Which of these is each one of us, we who by our membership of The Theosophical Society profess to believe in the Universal Brotherhood of mankind?

### THE PRESIDENT'S CALL

As President of The Theosophical Society, I have, therefore, the duty to call upon each individual member to work as he has never worked before, to make the world conscious of the reality of its Universal Brotherhood. I call upon every member of The Theosophical Society to cause the light of

Theosophy so to shine upon his life that he becomes more than ever an example of the wisest understanding of his fellow-men and a noble warrior to defend the oppressed, to fight tyranny and cruelty, and to succour the weak. Let him read H. P. Blavatsky's *Golden Stairs*. Let these be his marching orders for 1939.

I am by no means asking him to work and to fight as I may think it right to work and to fight. Membership of The Theosophical Society is perfectly free, and no one has any right to dictate to anyone else how he should express Theosophy or his membership of The Theosophical Society. Let him but know that Universal Brotherhood is being attacked as never has it been attacked before, and I feel sure he will know what is his duty and how he can best fulfil it.

### Shall The Society be Neutral?

Surely I shall be asked if, having said all this, I can conceive of our Society remaining neutral in the face of the growing of wrong and the weakening of right. I know there are many who would welcome with all their hearts a strong Resolution on the part of the General Council denouncing the savagery upon the Jews both in Germany and in Austria. I have been pondering very deeply on the question as to the Neutrality of The Theosophical Society under such conditions as these, as to whether these conditions do not in fact require from The Society, as such, in its official capacity, a dignified but none the less emphatic pronouncement.

So important have I considered this question that I have sent to

every member of the General Council a feeler as to his attitude towards any proposal that the General Council shall officially denounce the atrocities, the flagrant negations of the spirit of our First Object. Nothing can be done here in Benares in any official manner since the rules and regulations governing the Council's procedure require a circulation of a proposal among the members of the Council before it can be discussed.

But I tell you that I am torn between what seems to be an urgent duty—to cause a Society which stands for Universal Brotherhood to speak with no uncertain voice when its high purposes are degraded by infamous persecutions—and what is perchance the higher duty still, of remaining silent as a body, though calling upon every individual member to work, as he has never, perhaps, worked before, in the cause of that Universal Brotherhood which is so menaced on all sides in these days of darkness.

I make no apology for asking you to listen to the words of some of our elders, as, for example, that wonderful passage in Dr. Besant's Presidential Address of 1915:

We who are Servants of the White Brotherhood, who regard Love as the supreme virtue, and who seek to enter into the coming age of Brotherhood and cooperation, we can but follow the Guardians of Humanity, and work for the triumph of the Allied Powers who represent Right as against Might, and Humanity as against Savagery. The Theosophical Society, the Society of the Divine Wisdom, founded by members of the White Brotherhood and their Messenger in the world, must throw itself on the side which embodies the Divine Will for Evolu-

tion, the side on which are fighting the Supermen of the day. If by this we lose the members we had in the Central Empires, after the War is over and the madness of it overpassed, it must be so. Better to lose our members than to lose the blessing of the Brotherhood, better to perish, faithful to the Right, than to become a fellowship of Evil.

And those strong words of hers in October 1915 referring to the tearing down of the Theosophical work in Germany which "was to destroy one of the great forces working for progress in the religious world. . . .

To be neutral under such conditions is to betray humanity, for the fate of the world for generations hangs in the balance, and the neutral helps to weigh it down on the wrong side."

And heed a comment on her previous utterances in THE THEOSOPHIST for October 1917.

It would be well to devise some method whereby the Society should decide for itself what it means by neutrality. Does neutrality impose upon it officially indifference to all the great questions of Right and Wrong? May it not, as a Society, stand up for Religion, for Justice, for Freedom, for Humanity? In the great struggles which usher in a new civilization, must it crouch in a corner silently, while the great and good are grappling with the forces of evil? When the World Teacher comes, must it stand aside and see Him crushed for lack of help, pleading its neutrality, while Judas betrays and Peter denies? Neutrality in matters of varied religions, of party politics, of disputes on philosophy, of education, of social reform, is one thing; but neutrality on questions of the evolution and degradation of Humanity is quite another. When GOD and the Devil are at grips—to use the



old terms—neutrality is cowardice, neutrality is crime.

And again refer to the Presidential Address for 1915 wherein Dr. Besant declares :

Were the war an ordinary one, it would not rend us apart, but in this war are in conflict not men, but principles : principles of Good and Evil in which a spiritual Society cannot remain in the safe and pleasant fields of neutrality, without being false to its fundamental verities.

Here indeed are the issues made abundantly plain. Shall we say that the world-wide persecution of the Jews involves the principles of Good and Evil, and that our Society "cannot remain in the safe and pleasant fields of neutrality, without being false to its fundamental verities" ?

In THE THEOSOPHIST for June 1933 (Watch-Tower) Mr. Jinarajadasa tells us that "persecution anywhere and in any form is an outrage on Universal Brotherhood." Shall or shall not The Society protest as such against an outrage on its vital First Object ? Then again in THE THEOSOPHIST for May 1921, Dr. Besant postulates that The Society should be neutral as regards "any teaching or any line of action that does not controvert that basis [Universal Brotherhood] of our Society." The Great War seemingly did controvert this basis, and Mr. Jinarajadasa declares that persecution is an outrage on Universal Brotherhood. If so, do we not again find ourselves being drawn to the conclusion that the persecution of the Jews in Germany demands from The Society an abandonment of its neutrality ?

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And did not a Master say in the early days of The Society: "Theosophy through its mouthpiece, The Society, has to tell the Truth to the very face of Lie, to beard the tiger in its den, without thought or fear of evil consequences, and to set at defiance calumny and threats. As an Association it has not only the right but the duty to uncloak vice and do its best to redress wrongs, whether through the voice of its chosen lecturers or the printed word of its journals and publications . . ." (*Lucifer*, January 1888)

Our President-Founder was never confronted by a situation such as now exists. Not in the political field but rather in the field of religion and social reform were the problems which faced him. And just as Dr. Besant makes it abundantly clear that there can be no official dogmas or doctrines, or teachings of any kind, endorsed and made official by The Society as a whole, so did Colonel Olcott hold, stressing the vital importance of The Society never taking sides in social and religious controversies.

In fact, while the neutrality of The Society has frequently been "compromised" by the speeches and activities of its two founders, of Dr. Besant, and of other leaders, in the sense that the outside public always tends to identify The Society with the utterances of its most prominent members, the only occasion on which The Society was actually committed by its General Council to an abandonment of its neutrality was in the case of the official pronouncement on a World Religion in 1925. But this pronouncement itself was cancelled at

a subsequent meeting of the General Council held in 1930.

So far, then, the General Council has never, save in the case of the quickly-to-be-rescinded resolution regarding a world religion, made more than a very general pronouncement on world affairs, as in its Resolution, 2 January 1935 :

RESOLVED that the General Council, aware of the grave menace of War, calls upon members of the Theosophical Society throughout the world to do all in their power to minimize the danger, especially by promoting active goodwill where there is a tendency to racial, national, religious and other antagonisms.

To maintain this neutrality now—this is the question. I think I had better say at once that while, of course, I shall submit myself with all respect to any decision to which the General Council may come, and while my own personal inclinations are strongly for a great statement on the part of The Society in respect of the present awful tyrannies and awful persecutions, nevertheless I feel irresistibly constrained to come to the conclusion that it will not be wise or helpful for The Society, as such, to intervene by way of an official pronouncement.

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Why have I come to this conclusion? Because I do not think that The Society, as such, is yet strong enough to be able to discern unerringly, impersonally, which wrongs should, and which wrongs should not, be the subject of an official statement. If we, as a Society, denounce the persecution of the Jews as a crime against Brotherhood, where shall we stop? There

are innumerable crimes against Brotherhood crying aloud for redress. Shall not member after member call upon the General Council to denounce in no uncertain terms the particular wrong which to his eyes looms no less large than, say, the particular wrong with which we are for the moment concerned? If we admit one wrong, we shall have to be occupying ourselves in studying every other wrong presented to us, and The Society will be in a constant state of agitation over the General Council's acceptance of this wrong as worthy to be the subject of a resolution, and its rejection of that wrong as being of lesser importance or in other ways being unfitted for an official pronouncement.

I think for the present it is still safer, as our President-Founder has said, to remain "above all these limitations of the physical man, spotless, immortal, divine, unchangeable" until that deeper wisdom which shall come in the course of years enables it, while dwelling in the heights, to descend into the valleys in the dignity and in the power of a perfect peace.

Moreover, I should like to add that I am not in favour of individual Lodges passing resolutions even on the subject of the persecution of the Jews. In India, for example, a Lodge passing such a resolution might well lay itself open to a demand from its Mussalman brethren to denounce what they regard as the persecution of the Arabs in Palestine. There is almost as much feeling among our Mussalman brethren about what they regard as atrocities committed upon the Arabs, as there is our own

feeling as to the persecution of the Jews. A Lodge which opens the door to one resolution may soon find itself committed to many another, when its main purpose as a Lodge is to spread Theosophy and be open freely to all seekers after Truth who accept The Society's three Objects. If a Lodge once becomes a centre for such activities in the outer world, the Universal Brotherhood to which it is pledged is in danger of breaking into pieces, so that it descends from the universal into the particular, from breadth into narrowness. It will become identified with certain attitudes towards public questions and soon with teachings and dogmas and doctrines of all kinds. It will exemplify a particular brotherhood instead of the Brotherhood Universal.

But as for the individual, from the time of the President-Founder we have been "perfectly free to plunge into the thick . . . of the fights." And it has been overwhelmingly demonstrated to me that The Society as a whole, with only the very rarest exceptions, demands of me that I shall continue the practice of my predecessors in expressing my own personal views on such subjects as may seem to invite such expression. Section after Section has emphatically endorsed not only the right but the duty of the President constantly to acquaint the membership with his opinions on current affairs. As one General Secretary phrased it—The Society has the right to know what kind of man the President is in all the details of his views.

Of course, as has also been indicated, I must express my views as wisely as I can and with as little as

possible of compromise to The Society.

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May I again urge every member of The Theosophical Society to consecrate his life to Brotherhood by living it ever more and more intensely himself in his daily life, by showing it forth more and more beautifully in his relations with his fellow-men, and no less with his younger brethren of the subhuman kingdoms, and by seeking out the wrong everywhere, at home no less than abroad, and giving himself heart and soul to the redress of every wrong he meets. He must live in Brotherhood, speak for Brotherhood, be ceaselessly active for Brotherhood. Only thus can the blessing of our Elder Brethren rest upon our Society. Only thus can The Society fulfil the great purposes for which it was sent into the outer world, and only thus can it endure.

Has not the Master said: "You cannot truly be students of the Divine Wisdom, save as you are active in the service of the Divine Life. Where trouble is, where suffering is, where ignorance is, where tyranny is, where oppression is where cruelty is—*there* must We find the earnest members of Our Society, those who study the truths of Theosophy and practically apply them to lead the world from darkness into Light, from death to Immortality, from the *un-real* to the Real."

### Mr. Krishnamurti's Challenging Philosophy

I should like to say a word or two about Mr. Krishnamurti and his

philosophy, since his strong challenging of much that seems so supremely true to many members of The Society has caused a little confusion and unrest.

I wonder how long it will be before some of my fellow-members perceive that they only touch the surface of him when they stop short at the views he expresses. There are a myriad opinions in the world, for each one of us is feeling his way to Truth, and an opinion is a halting-place on the way, but only a halting-place. How much less the halting-places matter, how much more the traveller !

How often I have tried to insist that the study of our classic literature is not to make of us Theosophical gramophone records or parrots, repeating, with very little real understanding, that which we read or hear, but is to help us to find our own Theosophies, our own halting-places on the road to Truth, and thus little by little to reach our Selves.

The high purpose of Blavatsky, of Olcott, of Subba Rao, of Besant, of Leadbeater, of Jinarajadasa, of many, many others, of all the Scriptures, of all the words that have been written and spoken, is not that they may mould us into the likeness of their image, not to make us a dull, perhaps even dead, reflection of one or more of them, but to help us to discover our Selves and to fulfil them.

The high purpose of Krishnamurti is just the same. He does not and cannot come to lay down *The Law*, but to disclose *his Law*, such as it is at present, for we must not forget that he changes, as do all of us.

The value of Mr. Krishnamurti to us all, as the value of H. P. Blavatsky, H. S. Olcott, T. Subba Rao, Annie Besant, C. W. Leadbeater, C. Jinarajadasa, and others, lies in the fact that he has discovered a definite measure of his eternal Self, though only a measure, whereas our own discoveries of our Selves may possibly be far less. And his inspiration to us is not that we may echo him, or try to echo him, or be distressed that we cannot echo him, or be disturbed because his Self is radically different, perhaps, from other Selves we have known : it is, as I have said, that we may become the more intent on the discovery of our own Selves, unique as these must be, different from his Self and from all other Selves.

If he challenges our convictions, it is only that we may perceive alike the dross and the gold, if any. There is no poorer appreciation of him than the phrase : Krishnaji says this is true and that is not true, so I must change to fit this new standard.

Because he might tell us that ceremonies are of no value, that is no reason why we should give them up. Because he might tell us that we are being exploited by so-called leaders is no reason why we should cease to have respect for them. Because he might tell us that we are enslaved in forms and faiths, that is no reason why we should abandon them.

If we do things because other people tell us they are good to do, if we do not do things because other people tell us they are not good to do, we remain in slavery whether to



the "exploiters" or to Krishnaji himself, who thus becomes an exploiter, no doubt unconsciously to himself. We must do things because it is our unfettered will to do them, because we believe in them, because we know, for the time being at all events, that they are true.

I am convinced of the truth of many things which Krishnaji declares to be untrue, but I am thankful to him that he should have forced me to challenge my convictions to see if there be gold in them to emerge from the fire he pours upon them.

So many of us, however, can be but followers, and blind at that. So we follow one individual after another, thrusting upon him the very leadership he is so intent on disclaiming.

Why are we disturbed? Because we want to be as sure of salvation as we can. We want safety, and we are foolish enough to think that safety lies in orthodoxy, in conformity to opinions hall-marked in some way or other as "right." We can never forget how Krishnaji himself was so hall-marked, and subtly that influences us so that we feel we ought to follow him. And yet there are other hall-marked opinions which so far have sufficed us.

What disservice we do to him as we thus retain him within that from which he would escape!

His message to us, as I understand it, is not to believe what he says, but to be sure of the truth of our beliefs by challenging them without fear or favour. If the challenge succeeds, so much the better. If it fails, so much the better. It is the Truth we need, our Truth, the Truth appropriate to us at our stage

of evolution and suited to our individual natures.

How absurd to run from one set of opinions to another in the eager hope that we are investing ourselves to the utmost advantage. Let us by all means collect opinions, but let us above all have our own—they may synchronize with what we *call* Theosophy, they may be in accord with the views of Mr. Krishnamurti, or with the philosophies of X or Y or Z, or they may not. Let them be the highest truths we can reach, for the time being, all we could hope for or desire, and let us be happy that others have other and different truths in which they rejoice. But let us hold even our supreme truths lightly, for they are but halting-places, and we must pass away from them into fuller and richer truths as we grow.

### Virile Young Theosophists

I am very specially concerned to urge my younger brethren of The Theosophical Society to be in the forefront of the Masters' work in the outer world. In a Young Theosophist there is no place for indifference, no place for self-absorption, no place for self-righteousness or sense of superiority.

A Young Theosophist is enthusiastic, generous, full of compassion towards all weakness, indignant at all wrong, all oppression, all tyranny, infinitely restless towards inhumanity in all its many modes of expression, eager with an impatient yearning to be able to do more and more to help the Masters' work with all that he is and has—all these he is *and to a fault*.

I want Young Theosophists to tend to go too far in their greatness

of heart. I want to have to restrain them from going too far. I do not want to have to urge and urge and urge them on.

A Young Theosophist will be ardent about making his world-wide Federation an example of virility and efficient working.

A Young Theosophist will constantly be bombarding his own Federation officers and all other Society authorities with ideas and with every kind of help he can give.

And the older Theosophists will be thankful that a younger Theosophical generation is arising that yields to no older member in devotion to the cause. The older Theosophists will place at the disposal of their younger brethren, their successors, all their cooperation, all their wisdom, and above all their encouragement, free and full.

I am fearfully afraid that many of our older members have yet to realize that it is their bounden duty to be busy, to be really busy, about the generation which is to follow them and bear the sweet burden of the gifts bestowed by the Masters upon the world over sixty years ago.

I say without the slightest hesitation that an older member of The Society who is not working among the young to bring them to Theosophy and to membership of The Theosophical Society lacks in the true spirit of membership.

I say without the slightest hesitation that a Lodge of The Theosophical Society which does not organize its work so that it contacts the youth in its surroundings is a Lodge which is failing in its duty.

I say without the slightest hesitation that a Section which does not cater for the youth of the country

is an inadequate Section, failing in its duties.

And I say with no less hesitation that a President of The Theosophical Society who does not spend much of his time in strengthening The Society with ardent youth is an unworthy President.

The Society needs youth. Theosophy needs youth. And youth needs Theosophy and The Society. Theosophy, The Theosophical Society, Youth, must come together for the service of the world.

But I say to the Young Theosophists, to those who already have the great privilege of membership and of some knowledge of Theosophy, that now is the time for them to show in the world that leadership with which such privilege endows them. They have the wherewithal for leadership. Leadership has been entrusted to them. The world of today above all needs righteous leadership. Do our young Theosophists feel or do they not feel that leadership stirring within them? Do they or do they not feel that the world is in cold darkness and that in them is the light to help to lead it away from darkness? Do they or do they not realize that each one of them has in him the power to help, to fulfil at least in some measure the stirring words of H. P. Blavatsky's *Golden Stairs*?

Let every Young Theosophist rise above his smaller, his self-centred, his lethargic, his indifferent, his orthodox, his cynical self. Let him rise above all smallness of mind and coldness of heart. Let him adventure forth, not counting the cost, as a knight of succour to all who are in need—and never have there been more in need than there are today,

for never have there been more to oppress than there are today.

Today is a day of magnificent opportunity for all. It is a golden age of golden opportunities. In the early days of Theosophy and of The Theosophical Society there was need for tremendous heroism, for eager self-sacrifice. We read how our great Founders wore themselves out in the critical days following upon the foundation of The Society and of the revelation of Theosophy. The world was in dire need, and there was no time to be lost.

The situation today is no less urgent. Heroism is no less called for. Self-sacrifice is again the supreme need. Never needed the world Theosophy and The Theosophical Society more than it needs them today.

Young Theosophists! Go forth to help the world in the wisdom of your Theosophy and in the strength of your membership of The Theosophical Society. Let none be laggards. Let none hold back. Let all be eager and radiant.

### A Future of Hope

And now let us look towards the future. At once, let me say that the future is full of hope, however darkened may be the present. I do not think I have ever felt so much confidence as to the future as I am feeling at the close of this unhappy year.

Though statistical reports are in different barometers of the real life of a Society like ours, which may in times of greatest membership decreases have the flame of its spiritual life at incandescent heat, it will interest you to know that of the thirty-eight reports I have received

up to the date of writing this Address, 17 Sections, one Federation, and three Outpost Lodges show an increase in membership, in some cases appreciable. Those who have remained stable, two Sections and two Outpost Lodges. Of those who have lost in membership, seven show great decreases in the losses reported the previous year. An example of this is the American Section, whose loss this year is about one-third of last year's, and I note from their report that resignations were the lowest in nine years, and lapsed membership the lowest in twenty years. In two other cases of the remaining six reports, there is a decrease in resignations, and one Section's loss (Central America) resulted in the gain of our fine Colombian Section which in the first year of its existence has increased its membership from eight to thirteen Lodges. In fact if one disregards the loss of membership by transfer, Central America leads the Sections thus far reporting with a 17 per cent membership increase.

I feel, apart from this concrete indication of renewed activity, that for The Theosophical Society there is immediately opening a way of greater service, and for Theosophy not only a far more widespread recognition, but also a real vivification, not, of course, as to its essential life, but as to the forms in which it shall appeal to the world.

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I feel, as I prepare this Address, in such close touch with everyone of our thirty thousand members that I see in each, beginning to rise to heights not so far reached, flames of

eager endeavour. I see each member, without exception, charged, as he has never been charged before, with the very life of Theosophy and The Theosophical Society, so that whoever or wherever he may be, whatever may be his outlook upon life or his limitations, he has become endowed with an unparalleled power to take our light into the dark places which are round about him, to spread peace and contentment, hope and reverence, and to stand forth as a strong pillar in the World-Temple of Universal Brotherhood.

I know well that not one single member of our Society will be without the blessing of the Elder Brethren as he recognizes that his world needs him, and that he can do no other than give himself with all his Will, with all his Wisdom, with all his Activity.

Every member of The Society represents in his land, in his faith, in his race, the true Rulers of the world. Let him know this and live accordingly.

As for myself, I am moved under these thoughts to give the coming year to India, Motherland of the Aryan world as she is, and potentially the great Deliverer of the whole world out of discord into Understanding.

### **The Besant Spirit**

I hope to be able to travel in 1939 in this more than wonderful country to vivify once more the spirit of our noble President-Mother, Dr. Annie Besant, which, had it been understood in time, might have already regenerated India.

The more I read her priceless contributions to such regeneration, the more I remember her wonderful

triumphal pilgrimages from north to south and east to west, and the more I remember even those times when she was rejected of the people she loved so deeply, the more it comes to me that I, her humble follower, must do all in my power to continue her work—the work assigned to her by the Mighty Rishis, its accomplishment being necessary for India's salvation and for the salvation of the world. Because of human ignorance around her, she was unable to achieve that which was designed for her to accomplish. So was it that she was temporarily withdrawn from outer activity before the time would otherwise have come.

But her spirit remains even no less potent than when she was physically with us, and she remains working more ardently and magnificently than ever, even though unseen to physical eyes. And her work, *Their* work, remains to be fulfilled.

It shall be, I hope, my homage to her, my gratitude to her, and my knowledge of the urgency of the work being completed within the shortest possible time, that I shall try to spread far and wide the fire of the Besant Spirit, hoping that my fellow-members of The Theosophical Society in India will give me their enthusiastic help and that people will respond to the call of that Soul of India which Dr. Besant so purely and truly embodied. This shall be, I hope, my own special work during 1939, though there will be much more that I shall hope to do in the service of Theosophy and The Theosophical Society.

### **Courses on Theosophy**

Then I am hoping that by the end of the year, with the guidance



and help of some of our most expert workers, including Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Fritz Kunz, Mrs. Emogene Simons, Miss Anita Henkel, and others, we shall have ready a series of study courses, and perhaps even correspondence courses, both for individual members of The Society and for Lodges. I have prevailed upon Miss Henkel, a National Lecturer of the American Section, to devote herself to this work at Adyar during the year, so that she may help to co-ordinate the material which Mrs. Gardner, Mr. Fritz Kunz, and others will be preparing. This work is of the utmost importance, for when a member joins, a course of study should be available to him, to carry him not only through our great classic literature, but also to lead him, perhaps, to the beginnings of self-preparation for the leading of a more purposeful life.

### Adyar

Further, I am asking from the residents of Adyar organized help in innumerable directions, partly for the strengthening of Adyar as the International Headquarters of The Society and partly for the vitalizing of our work throughout the world. My plans in this connection are appearing as a supplement to *The Theosophical World* for January 1939, so that friends of Adyar everywhere may have the opportunity to cooperate.

Then there is the Adyar Library and its need for being housed in a new building. Anyone who has seen this Library cannot help regretting the utter inadequacy of its accommodation of its priceless contents. I do most strongly appeal for sub-

stantial donations—we shall probably need about £20,000 in all—so that our great Library, in many ways the jewel of Adyar, may have a noble setting and thus still further meet the needs of those who come to it for study from all parts of the world.

I am most happy that the Adyar Edition of *The Secret Doctrine* met with so welcome a response. Three thousand sets have been published, and already half this number has been ordered. But I hope that the remaining half will soon find its way out, as only when the 3,000 sets are sold can we recover the actual cost of publication.

### The Living Witnesses

As I close my Address, let me invoke upon us all, upon all true Theosophists throughout the world, be they or be they not members of The Theosophical Society, the gracious Blessing of those Elder Brethren who are ever with us as we strive to live in brotherly understanding with all.

Never has The Society been without living witnesses to Their existence and to Their lives of perfect brotherhood. Never has The Society been without those who can bear personal testimony to Their flawless solicitude for the life that is climbing behind Them on every rung of the evolutionary ladder.

Ever have there been those who, in all humility, may say they know one or more of these great Elders. Today there are living witnesses no less. The line is unbroken. And so long as our Society endures, the line shall remain unbroken, for living testimony to Their glorious reality must ever be available to the

membership of The Society and to the whole world. Their testimony may be accepted or it may be rejected. The voice of those who know must ever sound in the ears of those who yearn.

To Them we look in these days of darkness. To Them we offer the brotherhood we are able to give to those around us, that it may be sanctified by the greatest Brothers of us all, and thus be strengthened on its way. To Them our hearts go out in gratitude and reverence for the peace we know, for the courage we have, and for the will to give. We may differ radically as to our conceptions of Theosophy and of the purpose and work of The Theosophical Society. But we are one, all of us who believe in the Masters, in deepest reverence to Them, and we pray we may ever grow more worthy to be channels for Their Blessings to the life in every kingdom of nature.

Let us, dear Brethren, as we enter upon a new year, lift up our eyes to Them and to those great messengers whom They have sent

from time to time to help the world. Let us remember Them, and H. P. Blavatsky and H. S. Olcott, and Annie Besant and Charles W. Leadbeater, and all their colleagues, their fellow-workers, who shared with them the joys of that service which is perfect freedom. It is from this hierarchy of spiritual soldiers that comes our sure and potent help. Without such aid we could do but little, but with it we can help to save the world.

### THE ITALIAN SECTION

I have received information from an Italian member that at the General Assembly held at Geneva on November 19, 20 ten Lodges and 200 members resolved to remain faithful to the parent Society. If this be true, then since there are eighteen Lodges and about 360 members, there must have been a majority for maintaining the status quo. This information, however, must be taken with a little reserve since I have not yet had any information on this subject from Signor Castellani.

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## The Unknown Member

My Address completed and offered in humble homage to Those who ever bestow upon us far more than we deserve, I become instantly aware of Their most gracious response in blessing upon the whole Society and through The Society upon the world.

But in particular I am aware that this blessing seeks out, as it were,

and discovers the many members throughout the world upon whose faithful shoulders rests in large measure the sweet but heavy burden of the work. In Lodge after Lodge, without a single exception, there are members whose membership of The Society and of their Lodge is their delight and peace, who treasure their Theosophy as a pearl above all price

and their membership of The Society as their precious gift from the Masters.

They do not contribute of their learning and wisdom, for perhaps they may feel they have but little. They do not contribute of their activity, for there may be little, if any, available. They speak rarely, if at all. They never sit on any platform. If they hold office at all, the office is inconspicuous and retains them in their cherished obscurities. At meetings they are content to listen. In study classes they are happy to be silent. In discussion they take no part. They are candidates for nothing. They take part in no discussions. When distinguished visitors visit their Lodge, they hide away. But they are the salt of the the Lodge, of the Section to which the Lodge belongs, and of the whole Society. Whenever their Lodge meets they are sure to be found in their places to give it the strength of their silent presence. And eagerly they receive the Theosophy revealed to them. If money is wanted, they instantly give more than they can afford. If work is needed, they help beyond their strength. When praise is to be given, they are not to be seen. Presidents of The Society may come and go. Officials of their Lodges reign today and depart tomorrow. Exhortation upon exhortation sweeps over them. Movement upon movement is sponsored by enthusiastic members who perceive in their beloved offspring the salvation of the world.

They, these humble, unknown members, remain. They will be

loyal to the President for the time being whoever he is, whatever he may say. They will honour the officials of their Lodges because loyalty so demands. They will listen with respect to every exhortation. They will give of their best understanding to every movement, and perhaps join each as it comes along, so that their help may not be found wanting if perchance it is needed. They do not feel they know exactly what the Masters intend in all these things, so they would rather do too much than too little. If they make a mistake now and again by reason of this eagerness to miss no opportunity of serving, it counts for very little as compared with the pure devotion of their hearts.

From the standpoint of the world they have little to give. From the standpoint of the Masters their gifts are among the most precious and beautiful.

At Adyar, their home, the home they may never see with physical eyes, but their home more than the home of many another, there will be a little piece of ground dedicated to them in gratitude, and there will be a marble slab, surrounded by Adyar's most beautiful flowers, which will read :

TO THOSE UNKNOWN MEMBERS  
OF  
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD  
WHOSE SILENT LOYALTY AND  
SACRIFICE ENSURES TO IT  
THE MASTERS' CONSTANT BLESSING

## NEWS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES

*America.* The General Secretary believes that membership drives bring but temporary additions and that the best source of permanent membership is a spirit of unity and friendliness within the Lodges, and he specially commends the work of the National Committee on Membership in its endeavour to promote a warmth of friendship.

Resignations were the lowest in nine years, and the number permitting their membership to lapse the smallest in over twenty years, indicating a definite increase in stability.

A greater virility is growing "as the leadership of the Lodges is gradually being given to younger people."

Study and meditation courses both for the Lodge and the individual, bulletins and class aids, a fine lecture service with special newspaper publicity, are among the many helps given from Headquarters to its Lodges. The excellent supplementary material prepared by the Section for our Campaign for Understanding proved of assistance to several other Sections.

One especially noteworthy activity is the "To Those who Mourn Club" instituted by Mr. Wilfred Sigerson.

A thousand copies of an abridged edition of *A World Expectant* were distributed in the educational and cultural field. Theosophical books and bulletins placed in public libraries, including U.S. Navy ship and post libraries, result in approximately 100 inquiries a month to Headquarters.

The *Burn the Bonds* Campaign resulted in the fiery liquidation at Olcott during the Convention period of \$301,000 worth of bonds, over \$20,000 of which had been redeemed during the current year.

Mr. Eugene J. Wix, president of the Southern California Federation, who led the *Burn the Bonds Campaign* has stepped into the breach caused by the passing of our tried and tested legal advisor, Mr. C. F. Holland, who was also our Vice-President for so many years.

The Section records as its "high point of activity" the Convention and Continental Tour of the Presidential party, for the successful consummation of which we owe so much to the devoted and efficient management of Mr. Cook, the General Secretary, and Miss Snodgrass, the National Secretary.

*England.* "The work of the Society during the year has been full of incident." The general condition of the Section is the best of any year during the last decade, save that of 1934-5, the Jubilee Year, the number of joining members being 285. While dead wood is still being pruned, "there are extremely encouraging signs of growth." One Lodge brought in sixteen new members in a single quarter, and several centres may become Lodges in 1939. For more effective work the Northern Federation has been subdivided into Northern and Northwestern Federations.

Many members of the Section are concerning themselves with the use of thought to spread international peace and goodwill, and a



weekly class is discussing some of the deeper aspects of political life.

Prof. Marcault spoke before the British Psychological Society showing radiocardiograms demonstrating the yogi's control over breathing, pulse, etc. Mr. Jinarajadasa, Shrimati Rukmini Devi and myself addressed well-attended gatherings in London. Miss Codd until her departure for South Africa and Mr. Ransom on his return from Adyar have done splendid work in the lecture field. Study and lecture classes in Headquarters have been very successful. The General Secretary, Mrs. Gardner, besides her many duties in England has toured the Scandinavian countries and attended various European Congresses. We are welcoming her to Adyar this December to assist us in preparing correspondence courses for those interested in Theosophy.

Special attention has been paid to advertising the Headquarters library and placing books on the shelves of public libraries. The Arts, Research and Youth Centres continue to do useful work in their special appeal.

A generous legacy from the late Lady Ranksborough is not only being used to reduce the annual deficit but grants are also being made to further Theosophical work in Headquarters, the various Sections and Federations, and assistance is being given to Theosophists who are refugees.

*India.* The General Secretary reports a year of earnest effort. Besides the tours reported by the Joint General Secretary he personally visited 36 places and sees a "thirst for the Inner Realities" so great that fifty lecturers visiting

fifty places would not be sufficient. He urges that more translation work be done by competent members as he would like to "put a dozen pamphlets, each in seven or eight languages, on the stalls at the same time." The event of the year culminating at the Benares Convention was the decision to resume Dr. Besant's Educational work in the Benares Headquarters under the name of *The Besant Theosophical School*, Benares.

*Australia.* Reports a substantial increase in membership, four weekly radio broadcasts over 2GB to promote Theosophical ideals, new contributors discovered for *Theosophy in Australia* by Mr. Burt, its able editor. "In view of the improved trend in the Section's membership, its sound financial position and the great impetus given to it by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, we confidently look forward to a year of continued progress."

*Sweden.* Lecturers have visited various parts of the country, and more extensive work along this line is planned. Visitors have been Mrs. Zadig, General Secretary of Norway, Mrs. Gardner, General Secretary of England, and Mr. Bolt. "Several of the new members are young and enthusiastic, so there is good hope for the future."

*New Zealand.* Friendliness was the predominant note of the Convention in Dunedin. A fine piece of work done by the Section is the Vasanta Garden School, five of whose students won prizes in radio competitions for original announcements. New Zealand has found very helpful the ritual of the Mystic Star introduced by Mr. Jinarajadasa. The Round Table and Order of

Service take a very active part in the life of the community and in Christchurch a Boy Scouts' Group adopted the Round Table ideals as the basis of a series of ethical talks.

*Netherlands.* The General Secretary believes in "the living-power which only well-active Lodges can provide" to furnish that attraction and cohesion which produces an enthusiastic and active membership. Conventions are the second means of "strengthening the unifying bonds of membership." Besides smaller gatherings, Netherlands always holds two National Conventions a year. The half-yearly Convention in December was devoted to the Campaign for Understanding. Many leaflets were distributed on this and other timely subjects, as for example a translation of Dr. Bhagavan Das' article, "The World's Dire Need for a Scientific Manifesto," to distribute to universities, libraries, doctors, professors and other scientists. Many radio talks of a Theosophical nature have been given over the Humanitarian, Idealistic, Radio Corporation under the able direction of Mr. J. D. Ros, F.T.S. The General Secretary reports the great inspiration derived from the workers' conference at Huizen, to which I refer elsewhere.

*France.* "For the first time in a long course of years our members' roll registers an increase," writes the General Secretary, who attributes "our success . . . to greater anxiety in the public and an increased need for spiritual certainty in the midst of political instability and danger." The Section's fine libraries are one of their most valuable means of contacting the public.

"We have also intensified a presentation of Theosophy which, without losing its hold on philosophy, religion and ethics, includes more science and particularly the science and history of man." A group was started for social study which is drawing an entirely new public. The Section records its appreciation for the visits of Mr. Jinarajadasa, Shrimati Rukmini Devi and myself. Mlle Cécile Bayer has given a stimulus to the work in North Africa by a month of active work in Tunis, Algeria, and Morocco.

*Cuba.* Miss Poutz' visit in October 1937 was productive of much benefit to the Section. Two new Lodges were founded in Havana. The members courageously sacrifice to print pamphlets and are showing a determination to spread Theosophy throughout Cuba by the formation of special propaganda groups in the various Federations. Colonel Bustillo who has filled the breach caused by the resignation of the previous General Secretary in March reports that he will not stand for re-election. He has shown great energy and enthusiasm during his period of office.

*Hungary.* The new Headquarters has an excellent atmosphere, its meetings have been crowded, and a steady upward trend is obvious in all work. The General Secretary visited the Finnish and Polish Sections, as well as acting as organizing secretary for the Zagreb Congress, that splendid gathering I have elsewhere mentioned. One of the most praiseworthy activities in Hungary is its publication, through three or four copies of bound typescript, of translations and original Theosophical works. Fourteen such

works were issued during the last year including the entire *Inner Life* by Bishop Leadbeater. They have kept their library living and up-to-date with practically no funds. Though Hungary has had an actual increase of members and decrease in resignations, the transfer of a Lodge to Czechoslovakia makes an apparent small decrease.

*Finland* reports a continuance of the revival of Section activity noted in 1936. They have the informal contact of members at Headquarters, the Summer-School, and all great Theosophical anniversaries as a source of "realized Brotherhood." Twenty-seven charter members of The Society were garlanded at the Thirty-Year Celebration of the Section's charter dated 21 September 1907. A very excellent history of the Section was prepared as a commemoration. The journal *Teosofi* with only a 578 membership has now 900 subscribers. Steadily the translation of *The Secret Doctrine* proceeds and is released through the journal. The Lodges are doing much original and creative work, and steadily working through the power of thought on the side of Love and Justice.

*Russia Outside Russia.* A gain of nine members is reported and the birth of a new Lodge, Svetlana of Boston. Though the financial situation was difficult, the year was ended without deficit. The General Secretary and Dr. Solovsky have given a series of lectures on the Russian Occult Tradition. Owing to the devotion of Mr. Raggis, President of Kitej Lodge, Tallin, there have been published a brochure *What is Theosophy* and a book dedicated to H.P.B. *Mount*

*Everest* is in preparation. There are many subsidiary activities flourishing in this Section: the Golden Chain, Round Table, Young Theosophists, Healing and Art Groups, T.O.S. "The R.T.S. outside Russia is a very living body, active and full of initiative and devotion. A fiery enthusiasm is the most prominent feature of its activity."

*South Africa.* The chief influence in the life of the Lodges and of the Section generally during the year has been the lecturing tour of Miss Clara Codd." She has addressed rotary and women's clubs in addition to very successful lecture tours. Many new members have been admitted. Miss Codd's work drew together the young and the old into participation in the common work, writes the General Secretary. "Our desire and policy in South Africa is to make no discrimination between members on the score of age, so that all experiences may be brought to the enrichment of the common life.

*Scotland.* Reports "a larger public attracted to the lectures and . . . a greater interest in Theosophical ideals. Mr. Fritz Kunz of America, Mr. Hawliczek and Mrs. Dorothy Grenside of England gave lectures in Edinburgh and Glasgow, as well as other cities in Scotland. The greatest public effort ever attempted by the Section was the very attractive Kiosk as well as the special display of the Young Theosophists in the Empire Exhibition—an unqualified success. It interested thousands upon thousands of visitors in the message of Theosophy, as well as bringing the name of The Society before the hundreds of thousands who attended from every

part of the Empire. Mrs. Jean Allan was given a very warm welcome in her new office of General Secretary by Mr. Christopher Gale, the outgoing officer, who has so loyally and efficiently served it for four years. The passing of Mrs. Emily Hay, Headquarters' librarian for 37 years, means another worker released for even more effective service to the Section.

*Switzerland.* Being now the only country where German-speaking inhabitants are permitted to join The Theosophical Society, the Section has revived the Bulletin, devoting a greater part of its articles to German. (French-speaking members have a subscription to *L'Action Théosophique* of Belgium.) The whole series of the Pamphlets on Understanding were issued in German. The T.O.S. has organized relief work for the poor and a course on vegetarian cooking. The Young Theosophists are active. In the heart of Switzerland a two-day Convention was held which brought the members most intimately in contact with each other. "These last four or five years, the Swiss Theosophical Society has seen the numbers of its members grow, their interest also seems to deepen, and the branches show in general, a more lively activity.

*Belgium* is deeply appreciative of the visits of Prof. Marcault, Mrs. Mertens-Stiénon of the English Section, Shrimati Rukmini Devi and myself. Titles for their public gatherings cover a wide field—problems of the day, religion, philosophy, art, as well as the classic teachings of Theosophy. The Campaign for understanding was stressed. Meetings were well attended. A

net gain of 21 members and a reduction of the Section debt of 13,000 francs marks material progress.

*Netherlands Indies.* A net gain of 21 members is reported in this Section of 28 Lodges and 18 Centres. "Minerva," the semi-official bookshop and publishing house, celebrated its Silver Jubilee, drawing attention and comment from the daily press. A catalogue was issued by the Library. Under the direction of Mr. Jan de Munck Mortier the Young Theosophist Federation numbers now six active centres, and has started a monthly magazine called "The Lotus." A new college has been inaugurated under the direction of our Theosophical Educational Work in the Netherlands Indies which already owns 33 schools with approximately 5,000 pupils and 200 teachers. This is an especially fine piece of work done for Theosophy by the Section. The chief brother of the T. O. S. now is giving his whole time to promote its ideal.

*Burma.* "The year . . . has been one of activity and service. . . The Understanding Campaign inaugurated . . . on Dr. Besant's Birthday . . . proved a very great success." There were socials and other friendly gatherings and the Section gained the co-operation of many non-member notables, some from Siam. A membership increase of 18% is noted. Appreciation is shown of the visits of Miss. Glen-Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen. The Boy's High School must enlarge its building to accommodate the increasing number of admissions. The three schools under Theosophical management have a strength of over a thousand pupils. Pamphlets on understanding and Buddhism were sent



to schools and libraries. The Young Theosophists are, as always, working vigorously, especially in the new Olcott Publishing House, and Humanitarian work. The Section looks forward to helping a revival of Buddhism throughout the schools in the coming year.

*Norway.* Lodge work has been well-organized, the financial situation is now in good order, an increase of members is recorded. Emphasis is laid on social service work, and young unemployed workers are entertained in the Lodge-rooms. The General Secretary who is also President of the Anti-Vivisection League in Norway spreads Theosophical ideals from that platform as also in other social and political organizations where she is the leader. The Summer School under Mr. Bolt was appreciated. Two of the Lodges have elected young members as presidents.

*Denmark.* Is concentrating on making Theosophical meetings more interesting, beneficial, and satisfying. A Youth Lodge has been recently founded. A membership gain is shown on the fairly constant rolls. Many of the members have worked with the "Chain of Peace and Goodwill" and the General Secretary is deeply appreciative of the work done in the Huizen Centre.

*Ireland.* Surmounting many difficulties, political, religious and economic, the members have steadily concentrated on "spreading a knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom in Ireland by means of public lectures and study groups." Two Lodges have moved into larger and more suitable quarters and through effective signs are keeping constantly

before the eyes of the passers by the words "The Theosophical Society."

*Mexico.* Has welcomed three new Lodges and issued fifty-three new diplomas. The Government through its Customs and Immigration Offices and State Governors afforded every facility to Mr. Jinarajadasa for his work. About 50,000 propaganda leaflets and 20,000 booklets were distributed. The Section is striving "to make Theosophy a decisive factor in our midst."

*Canada.* The General Secretary in an extensive survey of the political situation writes, "The world is in the Valley of Decision and much depends upon the clear call of the Theosophical Movement to Brotherhood, to honesty, to truth." His "friendly relations" tour took him to the American Headquarters in Olcott, a Fraternalization Convention at Boston, and other points throughout America. He states "In Canada I was received kindly everywhere by the members and the Lodges of the Federation. For their own reasons these members carry on their work apart from the National Society. . . . We can cooperate, if closer union is not found to be desirable, and this sensible attitude is being pursued." On his tour he found a great interest was shown in the Temple of the Stars, an ancient Zodiac spread over an area of ten miles in Somersetshire, England, as well as his talks on the "Friends of Blavatsky" Movement organized by Mrs. Hastings. He finds the appeal of real Theosophy is as great as ever. Dr. Roest and Miss Mary Neff visited Canada during the year, and were well received.

*Chile.* Sr. Santiago Nunēz was elected to succeed Sr. Armando Hamel, who has held the office of General Secretary for twelve consecutive years and refused re-election. Sr. Hamel continues to give valuable co-operation as Secretary of the Board of Directors. The average attendance at Mr. Jinarajadasa's public lectures was over 800 and each lecture was available to the public in booklet form at the conclusion of its delivery. The stimulating question and answers meetings aroused the members and prepared the ground for future vital discussions. Membership is on the increase.

*Bulgaria.* A happy event in the life of the Section was its participation in the Zagreb Congress. The Section has been re-registered according to a new Law of Government.

*Iceland* reports an increase of subscribers to *Gangleri*. "The attitude of the public towards Theosophy and our Society is slowly but surely improving. We are not considered any longer as *eccentrics* but as *rational men*." The General Secretary reports a very successful Summer School "conducted in the same spirit as the T. S. in Iceland, *i.e.*, in the spirit of perfect freedom, in the spirit of youth and adventure."

*Portugal* reports an improved financial condition with its section debt discharged, a gain of 15 members, and an increase in readers to its library. The event of the year was the six lectures of Mr. Jinarajadasa which were translated and printed in a very beautiful book. Five thousand leaflets were distributed. Other activities were the

celebration of great days, well-circularized public lectures, and the Section's outstanding work in the T.O.S. Another Section which has surmounted many difficulties.

*Wales.* During a period of economic depression and with a minimum of appeals to members, the financial condition of the Section has steadily improved and is now stabilized. This is largely due to the efforts of the outgoing treasurer, Mr. Herbert H. Pratt who for eleven years has served the Section. Mr. A. N. Ridler is the newly elected Treasurer. Facilities for exhibiting sound, coloured, and still films have been added to Besant Hall during the year and were taken advantage of by the General Secretary to portray conditions in India and other points visited on his recent extensive tour, during which he attended the 1937 Convention at Adyar, and lectured in various cities in India. Many other Section members have with the General Secretary attended Theosophical Congresses in Great Britain and on the Continent. The General Secretary presided over the Scottish Convention.

*Poland.* The incoming General Secretary, M. Leokadia Piekarska, gives as the chief contributions of Mme. Siewierska, his predecessor: The union of the members "to make them feel the reality and greatness of the inner life in the service of the Masters" and the organization of the outer form of the Society. Three new lines of work were started in the year: The "Action" Lodge consecrated its meditation to the building of thought links with every other European Section. A large enquirer's class was conducted by

a new and promising member. The Convention of 1937 chose Occultism as the subject for the year's work. Two new books were edited and a pamphlet on Understanding printed in the Section office. Every member in Warsaw is taking an active part in Lodge and Section activities. Gratitude is expressed for the Liaison link with Adyar, the Zagreb Congress, the visits of Miss Pascaline Mallet, Mrs. Selevèr, and Mr. Van der Stok, and for the touch with India "Motherland of our Race" received in letters from Miss Dynowska.

*Uruguay.* Thousands of propaganda pamphlets were distributed and special study classes held in preparation for the visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa who was afforded the facilities of the University, the Atheneum, and the official radio. Under seal of the Board of Education 5000 copies of his lecture "Agents of God: the Children" are being sent to teachers of the Republic. Remarkable gains in membership were noted, one Lodge tripling its number in a year. The General Secretary notices "Two elements which speak eloquently of progress: the increase of friendship, understanding and good-fellowship among the members with a deeper spirit of consecration, and a much greater interest and inclination of the public towards Theosophy and The Theosophical Society." I was personally glad to hear of the progress of Uruguay towards a fine spirit of Brotherhood from members of the Section who visited Adyar: Señor Cantalupo and Señor and Señora Della Rosa.

*Puerto Rico.* Has used very successfully the American plan of study

issued with the Campaign for Understanding. The General Secretary writes, "We have, since the beginning of the Campaign, been on the qui vive expecting something new every meeting, and we were not disappointed, as members who had never dared to say a word expressed themselves quite freely." A weekly article on Theosophy was placed in the Saturday edition of *La Correspondencia*. A gain of six members is noted. We congratulate this Section on surmounting some of the difficulties mentioned in their 1937 report.

*Rumania.* An increase of members is noted. The Section has concentrated on the Campaign for Understanding, at first with public lectures, later in members' meetings. Mr. John Cordes and Miss Jean Glen-Walker visited Rumania. It is hoped that the *Revista Teosofica* will be started again soon. The results of the Zagreb Congress "can be seen in a fresh awakening of the members to the consciousness of their membership."

*Greece.* Beside regular meetings for the public, Secretaries of Lodges invite those keenly interested to attend the more intimate activities. "The success of the recent Congress at Zagreb gives us the hope of a better contact with our brothers of the Balkan Sections."

*Central America.* This Section acts as a clearing-house to Latin America for much valuable Theosophical propaganda. The Lodges of the seven nations included in the Section show a record of earnest and efficient work. Several publish their own journals. The Campaign for Understanding aroused great public interest. Attendants

at lectures gained courage to ask many questions.

*Singapore.* "Owing to the activities of our youthful members" a record increase of 12 members is noted. The Campaign for Understanding developed the capacities of many of the members to present Theosophy to the public.

*Manuk Lodge of Hongkong* notes a gain of five members and the visits of many of our International workers. This Lodge obtains excellent co-operation from the press and other sources of publicity. It regrets the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson, two "very enthusiastic and energetic workers."

*Miroku Lodge of Tokyo* admitted four new members. They are es-

pecially appreciative of the visits of Miss Glen-Walker and several other Theosophists. The Tenth Anniversary of the Lodge was held on White Lotus Day. "We hope," writes the Secretary, "the members will be able to hold together during this time of stress and become a strong centre in the cause of International Brotherhood."

*Selangor Lodge of Kuala Lumpur* reports a gain of two members and well attended public meetings. They have distributed pamphlets, increased the number of books in their Lodge Library, and held healing meditations. Special lectures were arranged for international Theosophical visitors.

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	Incoming Members			Total	Outgoing	
			Admission	Re-admission	By Transfer		Resignation	Death
1	U. S. of America ...	152	418	144	3	565	91	80
2	England ...	120	246	25	14	285	129	58
3	India ...	249	367	42	1	410	47	64
4	Australia ...	18	140	7	4	151	17	10
5	Sweden ...	26	17	1	—	18	34	9
6	New Zealand ...	17	31	6	—	37	22	19
7	Netherlands ...	45	63	1	12	76	69	20
8	France ...	65	243	—	2	245	46	39
9	Italy ...	18	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	Cuba ...	29	94	3	1	98	10	4
11	Hungary ...	9	15	—	—	15	9	3
12	Finland ...	21	49	—	—	49	—	3
13	Russia ...	12	14	—	—	14	—	3
14	Czechoslovakia ...	9	7	—	9	16	3	1
15	South Africa ...	9	40	—	2	42	—	4
16	Scotland ...	26	13	2	—	15	5	4
17	Switzerland ...	15	19	—	—	19	5	1
18	Belgium ...	12	—	—	—	—	—	—
19	Ned. East Indies ...	28	76	3	1	80	32	9
20	Burma ...	12	31	—	—	31	—	—
21	Norway ...	8	4	—	—	4	—	2
22	Denmark ...	12	42	—	—	42	14	7
23	Ireland ...	9	7	2	—	9	3	1
24	Mexico ...	19	53	—	—	53	—	2
25	Canada ...	16	26	11	2	39	—	7
26	Argentina ...	23	98	—	—	98	20	9
27	Chile ...	7	18	2	—	20	14	—
28	Brazil ...	17	43	5	—	48	14	7
29	Bulgaria ...	4	6	—	—	6	1	2
30	Iceland ...	6	6	—	—	6	1	—
31	Spain ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Portugal ...	8	29	2	—	31	13	3
33	Wales ...	13	3	—	—	3	9	2
34	Poland ...	8	21	—	—	21	7	1
35	Uruguay ...	3	8	—	—	8	—	—
36	Puerto Rico ...	7	5	1	—	6	—	—
37	Rumania ...	8	10	—	—	10	4	—
38	Jugoslavia ...	16	43	—	—	43	5	1
39	Ceylon ...	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
40	Greece ...	7	20	—	—	20	—	—
41	Central America ...	8	37	9	—	46	26	—
42	Philippine Islands ...	11	47	15	—	62	—	2
43	Colombia ...	13	71	12	102	185	—	3
1	East Asia :	4	15	—	—	15	2	—
	Shanghai Lodge							
	Blavatsky Lodge							
	Manuk Lodge							
	Miroku Lodge							
2	Egypt ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Paraguay ...	1	2	—	—	2	1	1
4	Peru ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Canadian Federation...	8	21	4	—	25	—	3
1	Barbados Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	Nairobi Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	Singapore Lodge ...	1	9	—	4	13	—	—
4	H. P. B. Lodge ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5	Selangor Lodge ...	1	3	—	—	3	—	—
6	Krishna Lodge ...	1	5	—	—	5	—	—
7	Narayana Lodge ...	1	3	—	—	3	—	—
8	Mombasa Lodge ...	1	1	—	—	1	—	—
	Fellows-at-Large ...	—	1	—	3	4	—	—
	Total ...	1,141	2,540	297	160	2,997	653	384



Members		Total	Revised totals for 1937	Provisional totals for 1938	Revised Net gain or loss in 1937	Provisional Net gain or loss in 1938	Remarks
Removed from rolls	Transfer to other Sections						
501	4	676	4,047	3,936	-270	-111	
115	4	306	3,348	3,327	-97	-21	
251	—	362	4,035	4,083	-89	+48	
74	3	104	1,051	1,098	-130	+47	
13	—	56	448	410	-50	-38	
22	1	64	795	768	-7	-27	
10	7	106	2,023	1,993	-27	-30	
123	1	209	2,603	2,639	-25	+36	
—	—	—	362*	362*	—	—	
95	—	109	622	611	+50	-11	
2	9	23	177	169	-35	-8	
23	—	26	555	578	+33	+23	
—	2	5	175	184	+9	+9	
4	—	8	95	103	+11	+8	
—	—	4	354	390	+139	+36	
13	2	24	388	379	-14	-9	
—	—	6	304	317	+1	+13	
—	—	—	366	387	-15	+21	
34	2	77	1,332	1,335	-3	+3	
—	1	1	166	196	+5	+30	
—	—	2	191	193	-13	+2	
11	—	32	443	453	-12	+10	
5	—	9	87	87	+5	Nil	
—	—	2	281	332	—	+51	
31	3	41	319	317	-26	-2	
1	—	30	360	428	+21	+68	
—	—	14	133	139	+3	+6	
38	—	59	331	320	+7	-11	
—	—	3	102	105	+19	+3	
4	—	5	166	158	-1	-8	
—	—	—	510*	510*	—	—	
—	—	16	161	176	+4	+15	
15	2+5	33	261	231	-10	-30	
13	—	21	197	197	—	Nil	
—	—	—	63	71	+6	+8	
—	—	—	94	100	Nil	+6	
—	—	4	185	191	+9	+6	
—	1	7	335	371	+24	+36	
—	—	—	146*	146*	—	—	
11	—	11	173	182	+68	+9	
—	102	128	221	139	+11	-82	
19	—	21	84	125	—	+41	
—	—	3	—	167	—	+167	
3	4	9	60	67	—	+7	
—	—	—	39*	39*	—	—	
—	—	2	9	9	—	—	
—	—	—	20	20*	—	—	
4	1	8	148	166	+10	+18	
—	—	—	9*	9*	—	—	
—	—	—	17	20	—	+3	
1	—	1	21	33	+5	+12	
—	—	—	10	10	—	Nil	
—	—	—	7	10	-1	+3	
—	—	—	17	22	—	+5	
4	1	5	27	25	—	-2	
—	1	1	9	9	—	Nil	
—	—	—	16	20	—	+4	
1,440	156	2,633	28,498	28,862	-385	+364	

## SUPPLEMENT

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL DETAILS

There are 43 National Societies, 5 Federations of Lodges and 8 Non-sectionalised Lodges.

27 new Charters have been issued during the year raising the total to 2,997.

As regards membership, the exact total cannot be given as statistical reports have yet to be received from 3 National Societies, 2 Fede-

rations 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 the statistics for the current year are received. Subject to such corrections, the total number of members this year is 28,862, as per abstract given below :

Active Members as per provisional figures given in the General Report for 1937 ....				29,182	
Figure to be deducted on account of the dissolution of the T. S. in Austria ....				377	
Total ....				<hr/> 28,805 <hr/>	
Active Members as per revised returns received later ....				28,498	
New Members ...				2,540	
Readmissions ....				297	
				<hr/>	31,335
Deaths ....				384	
Resignations ....				653	
Removed from rolls ....				1,440	2,477
				<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Membership will be ....					28,858
Provisional total (as per figures supplied by National Societies) ....					28,862
Discrepancy ....					<hr/> 4 <hr/>

Mention may be made here of the fact that one of the National Societies, *viz.*, the T.S. in Austria has been dissolved by the Government; and no statistical reports

have been received from the National Societies in Spain and Ceylon, the Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Egypt and the Lodge in Barbados for the last three years.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT



## TREASURER'S REPORT

*To the President, The T.S.*

The audited Income and Expenditure Account and Balance-Sheet for the year ending 31st October, 1938 are herewith presented.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Our statement of accounts for the year 1937-38 may be summarized as follows :

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>
	Rs.	Rs.
Expenditure ....	.... 66,280	65,448
Income during the year ....	.... 43,500	31,157
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Donations received ....	22,780	34,291
	....	13,424
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Depreciation on properties ....	....	20,867
		12,413
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Deficit ....	....	33,280
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The deficit is heavier than it would otherwise have been because we have written off this year the deficit in the Garden Department for 1936-1937 and 1937-1938, totalling Rs. 9,758-7-1 ; also a sum of Rs. 887-8-0, which is the loss on the Golden Book of the T.S. published in 1925 ; a sum of Rs. 611-12-0, expenditure incurred for publication of the Secret Doctrine original manuscript, subsequently not carried out ; and a sum of Rs. 314-9-9 due from sundry debtors but considered irrecoverable.

It is also to be noted that we have in this Income and Expenditure Account continued the policy of allowing depreciation on our im-

movable and movable properties and it amounts this time to Rs. 12,413-2-0.

The figure for Construction and Repairs Rs. 15,836-10-9 is heavy mostly because of the improvement of the Hall and works undertaken in other parts of the estate in 1937, for which the bills were paid in the year under review. The Olcott Cottage at Ooty needed certain repairs, which were carried out. An important piece of work, which has so far cost us Rs. 888-4-0 was the protection of our river bank near its mouth from erosion by floods. During the year an unexpected turn of the current towards the south near the junction with



the sea caused us a loss of 5½ grounds and we had urgently to take the necessary measures to prevent further depredation.

On the receipts side the rent Rs. 13,396-8-7 falls short of the budget estimate, because of a new system introduced this year, of allowing the Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers to include the rent in their accounts and appropriating ¼ths of their surplus if any, to the General Revenue, after deducting the maintenance charges on the buildings they control. The remaining ¼th remains in their accounts.

It will be noted that the excess of Expenditure over Income this year is very considerable, and even after making allowance for the factors pointed out above, indicates the need for financial support in an increasing measure. This is due of course to the rapid extension of work at our Society's Headquarters.

*Donations.* We have received during the year a legacy of Rs. 8,766 by the will of the late Mr. Frantz Lexow of Denmark and this has helped to maintain our financial position. The Adyar Day Col-

lections amounted to Rs. 5,219-7-9, of which the President allocated Rs. 2,400 to the Adyar Library, Rs. 1,000 to the Olcott Memorial School and the balance to Adyar Headquarters. The principal part of the collections came as usual from the United States of America. Apart from the sums mentioned, donations received amounted to Rs. 2,839. Our hearty thanks are due to all those who have contributed and to those who have laboured to make the contributions possible.

*Investments.* We had to sell 3% Government of Madras bonds worth Rs. 29,000 in order to enable the Vasanta Press to purchase a new printing machine to cope with the Secret Doctrine edition just published. We replaced a portion of these bonds by 3½% non-terminable G. P. Notes worth Rs. 5,000.

Our Gardens have been managed very economically, and have shown a gratifying increase in receipts from Rs. 6,385-14-6 in 1936-37 to Rs. 8,472-3-11 in 1937-38. A sum of Rs. 1,728-9-5 has been spent on casuarina plantations, which should prove profitable in due course.

With cordial greetings,

N. SRI RAM,

*Hon. Treasurer, The T.S.*

Adyar, 19-12-1938



## T. S. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE										
1937					Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Rs.										
8,030	To Establishment	...	...	...				9,304	7	5
753	„ Pensions and Gratuities Account	...	...	...				426	0	0
1,487	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...				1,455	10	6
1,458	„ Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	...	...	...				1,438	14	8
2,521	„ Lighting and Water	...	...	...				2,534	11	9
3,967	„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...				15,836	10	9
438	„ Taxes	...	...	...				462	8	0
985	„ Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	...				795	13	4
460	„ Olcott Cottage—Ooty Expenses	...	...	...				1,494	2	4
1,558	„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...				2,010	4	11
	„ Accounts written off :									
	Loss on Golden Book of the T.S.	...	...	...	887	8	0			
	Secret Doctrine paper account	...	...	...	611	12	0			
	Bad debts (not recoverable)	...	...	...	314	9	9			
								1,813	13	9
	„ Depreciation :									
10,732	On Immovable Property @ $2\frac{1}{2}\%$	...	...	...	10,976	15	0			
1,193	„ Movable Property @ $7\frac{1}{2}\%$	...	...	...	1,436	3	0			
								12,413	2	0
	„ Contributions :									
5,000	Adyar Library	...	...	...	5,000	0	0			
500	Dispensary	...	...	...	500	0	0			
770	Museum and Archives	...	...	...	769	8	3			
800	Pensions Fund	...	...	...	800	0	0			
6,600	President's Fund	...	...	...	6,600	0	0			
3,241	{ Press Department	...	...	...	1,846	8	11			
	{ Publicity Department	...	...	...	2,000	0	0			
	Discretionary Grants	...	...	...	568	6	0			
122	Headquarters Service Committee	...	...	...	32	7	9			
								18,116	14	11
	„ Loss in the Garden Department for 2 years (1936-37 & 1937-38)	...	...	...				9,758	7	1
								77,861	9	5

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INCOME					1937			
					Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.
By Rent	...	...	...	...	13,396	8	7	15,270
„ Interest	...	...	...	...	5,577	10	1	5,741
„ Donations	...	...	...	...	13,424	11	5	4,867
„ Fees and Dues :					Rs.	A.	P.	
Australia	...	...	...	...	350	10	8	
Burma	...	...	...	...	30	0	0	
Canada	...	...	...	...	215	2	4	
Central America	...	...	...	...	136	5	6	
Chile	...	...	...	...	26	11	4	
Cuba	...	...	...	...	183	8	0	
Denmark (1936-'37)	...	...	...	...	100	4	7	
England	...	...	...	...	1,945	2	10	
Finland	...	...	...	...	106	8	8	
France	...	...	...	...	307	1	5	
India	...	...	...	...	1,065	14	11	
Ireland (1936-'37)	...	...	...	...	25	1	4	
Netherlands (1936-'37)	...	...	...	...	1,027	8	0	
„ (1937-'38)	...	...	...	...	1,010	2	0	
Netherlands Indies (1936-'37)	...	...	...	...	355	0	0	
„ (1937-'38)	...	...	...	...	407	0	0	
New Zealand	...	...	...	...	287	12	5	
Norway	...	...	...	...	57	0	6	
Portugal	...	...	...	...	57	10	5	
Rumania	...	...	...	...	65	15	9	
Russia (Outside Russia)	...	...	...	...	14	7	0	
Scotland	...	...	...	...	158	0	10	
South Africa	...	...	...	...	173	7	0	
Sweden	...	...	...	...	299	4	2	
Switzerland	...	...	...	...	92	3	0	
United States of America	...	...	...	...	2,237	4	0	
Uruguay	...	...	...	...	14	2	2	
Wales (1936-'37)	...	...	...	...	131	9	0	
„ (1937-'38)	...	...	...	...	104	0	0	
Suspense	...	...	...	...	208	14	9	
Presidential Agents :								
Egypt	...	...	...	...	21	3	4	
Paraguay	...	...	...	...	69	7	0	
Non-Sectionalized Lodges (1937-'38)	...	...	...	...	746	14	3	
„ (1938-'39)	...	...	...	...	23	5	4	
Fellows-at-Large (1937-'38)	...	...	...	...	113	9	8	
„ (1938-'39)	...	...	...	...	14	0	0	
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...								
					12,182	4	2	11,066
					33,280	7	2	13,676

BRAHMAYYA & CO.,

ed Accountants, Auditors.

## BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES					Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<b>General Fund (Capital)</b>										
Balance as per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...	...	6,13,089	15	0			
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year 1937-'38	...	...	...	...	33,280	7	2	5,79,809	7	10
<b>Adyar Library Fund :</b>										
Balance as per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...	...	2,16,728	14	1			
Less Redemption of Ananda College property	...	...	...	...	34,000	0	0			
					1,82,728	14	1			
Deduct deficit for 1936-'37 and 1937-'38	...	...	...	...	951	0	4	1,81,777	13	9
<b>Adyar Library Building Fund :</b>										
Balance as per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...	...	58,983	15	4			
Add Redemption of Ananda College property Account.	...	...	...	...	34,000	0	0			
Interest on Building Fund	...	...	...	...	3,388	8	10			
								96,372	8	2
Adyar Library Gratuity Reserve	...	...	...	...				1,894	15	6
Adyar Night Schools Fund	...	...	...	...				2,431	1	3
Adyar Estate Fund	...	...	...	...				5,253	10	11
Adyar Short-wave Broadcasting Fund	...	...	...	...				5,002	3	0
Besant 99 years Fund	...	...	...	...				591	2	10
Investment Reserve Fund Account	...	...	...	...				11,991	10	10
Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath Propaganda Endowment Fund	...	...	...	...				21,620	5	0
Pensions and Gratuities Reserve a/c	...	...	...	...				12,008	8	5
Subba Rao Medal Fund	...	...	...	...				1,833	12	9
Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund	...	...	...	...				12,807	14	8
Theosophical World University Fund	...	...	...	...				1,601	15	1
Security Deposit	...	...	...	...				200	0	0
Provident Fund Account	...	...	...	...				19	12	8
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...				15,740	14	7
<b>Vasanta Press :</b>										
Capital Fund	...	...	...	...	41,578	13	7			
Gratuity Reserve	...	...	...	...	2,186	0	0			
Provident Fund	...	...	...	...	701	13	2	44,466	10	9
<b>Engineering Department :</b>										
Capital Fund	...	...	...	...	37,927	13	8			
Reserve Fund	...	...	...	...	3,125	11	8			
Suspense Account	...	...	...	...	0	12	0			
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...	327	14	6	41,382	3	10
<b>Dairy :</b>										
Capital Fund	...	...	...	...	2,145	13	5			
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts	...	...	...	...	246	4	1	2,392	1	6
<b>Laundry :</b>										
Capital Fund	...	...	...	...				694	4	4
<b>Gardens :</b>										
Garden Reserve	...	...	...	...	2,042	6	0			
Reserve for bad and doubtful debts	...	...	...	...	374	12	10	2,417	2	10
Carried over	...	...	...	...				10,42,310	4	6



## SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 31st OCTOBER 1938

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<b>Lands, Buildings, etc. :</b>									
Balance as per last Balance-Sheet	...	...	...	4,21,254	1	0			
Additions during the year	...	...	...	3,193	10	0			
				4,24,447	11	0			
Less Depreciation written off @ $2\frac{1}{2}\%$	...	...	...	10,611	5	0			
Lands in Sind (legacy)	...	...	...				4,13,836	6	0
							10,000	0	0
<b>Building at Ootacamund :</b>									
Balance as per last Balance-sheet	...	...	...	14,625	0	0			
Less Depreciation written off @ $2\frac{1}{2}\%$	...	...	...	365	10	0			
							14,259	6	0
<b>Movable Properties Account :</b>									
Balance as per last Balance-sheet	...	...	...	17,119	3	0			
Additions during the year	...	...	...	2,029	13	0			
				19,149	0	0			
Less depreciation written off @ $7\frac{1}{2}\%$	...	...	...	1,436	3	0			
Adyar Library (Books and Manuscripts)	...	...	...				17,712	13	0
							75,000	0	0
.. .. Furniture Account	...	...	...				457	8	0
<b>Investments at Cost :</b>									
Rs. 20,600/- 3% Govt. of Madras Loan	...	...	...	20,453	12	5			
Rs. 1,000/- $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ Bonds 1865	...	...	...	510	0	0			
Rs. 44,100/- $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ do. 1947-50	...	...	...	44,639	2	0			
Rs. 5,000/- $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ do. 1854-55	...	...	...	4,956	4	0			
Rs. 83,400/- 4% do. 1960-70	...	...	...	80,160	9	3			
4% Funding Stock. 1960-90	...	...	...	1,36,988	14	2			
$4\frac{1}{2}\%$ India Stock. 1950-5	...	...	...	40,057	5	11			
4% Funding Stock. 1960-90	...	...	...	33,241	8	0			
Madras Co-operative C.L.M. Bank Debentures	...	...	...	17,605	9	4			
Rs. 1,000/- 4% Madras Municipal Debentures	...	...	...	1,056	9	0			
Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society	...	...	...	483	12	11			
Accrued interest on Investments	...	...	...				3,80,153	7	0
							1,938	4	5
Sundry Debtors	...	...	...				29,915	4	0
C/o	...	...	...				9,43,273	0	5

## BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

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## ADYAR

31st October 1938.

N. SRI RAM,

*Hon. Treasurer, T.S.*

## SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 31st OCTOBER 1938 (continued)

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Amount brought forward ...	...	...	...				9,43,273	0	5
<b>Vasanta Press :</b>									
Buildings less depreciation ...	...	...	...	14,872	8	8			
Machinery, etc. do. ...	...	...	...	23,440	4	8			
Stock on hand ...	...	...	...	4,500	0	0			
Furniture less depreciation ...	...	...	...	258	9	10			
Sundry Advances ...	...	...	...	4	0	0			
Cash on hand ...	...	...	...	155	1	7	43,230	8	9
<b>Engineering Department :</b>									
Buildings and Electrical Installation less depreciation.				29,079	3	6			
Furniture less depreciation ...	...	...	...	337	10	0			
Stock on hand ...	...	...	...	14,440	6	9			
Works in progress ...	...	...	...	540	8	5			
Sundry Debtors ...	...	...	...	25	0	0	44,422	12	
<b>Dairy :</b>									
Live Stock ...	...	...	...	2,467	0	0			
Tools and Implements ...	...	...	...	210	0	0	2,677	0	0
<b>Garden Department :</b>									
Advances to staff ...	...	...	...	69	1	9			
Casuariana development a/c ...	...	...	...	3,309	7	0	3,378	8	9
<b>Bhojanasala :</b>									
Stock of Provisions ...	...	...	...	1,553	15	3			
Advances to staff ...	...	...	...	38	8	6			
Sundry Debtors ...	...	...	...	379	4	3			
Cash on hand ...	...	...	...	13	14	2	1,985	10	2
Cash on hand ...	...	...	...				2,799	14	
Cash with Banks ...	...	...	...				5,598	14	7
							10,47,366	5	

Audited and found correct,

BRAHMAYYA &amp; Co.,

Incorporated Accountants, Registered Accountants, Auditors.

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE ADYAR

1937		EXPENDITURE		Rs.	A. P.
Rs.					
5,401	To Salaries and Pensions	...	...	5,244	0 7
223	„ Honorarium	...	...	900	0 0
2,400	„ Gratuities Reserve	...	...	114	0 0
899	„ Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals	...	...	1,278	14 3
692	„ Book-binding Charges	...	...	1,173	2 0
1,195	„ Cost of Publications	...	...	762	13 9
1,360	„ Brahma Vidya Publishing Charges	...	...	1,322	12 0
246	„ Fire Insurance	...	...	246	1 6
173	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	508	10 8
275	„ Postage (including Brahma Vidya postage)	...	...	281	14 0
	„ Copying Charges	...	...	75	7 11
274	„ Electric Current, etc.	...	...	319	9 6
238	„ Furnishing and Repairs	...	...	1,149	7 9
58	„ Contingencies	...	...	240	15 9
	„ Depreciation	...	...	114	7 0
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13,434				13,732	4 8

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N. SRI RAM,

31st October 1938

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.





## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S EXPENSES

*From 1st November, 1937 to 31st October, 1938*

	Rs.	A.	P.
The T.S. in Scotland, £5-10 ....	72	7	2
The T. S. in England, £100 (in two instalments of £50 each) ....	1,327	9	8
The T.S. in Australia, £14-12-11 (in 2 instalments) ....	194	10	2
Mr. S. W. Bohle, Mosley ....	39	7	0
The T.S. in Ned.-East Indies ....	147	0	0
The T.S. in Ireland, £1 ....	13	3	2
Mr. Peter de Abrew ....	50	0	0
Mr. Macmillan, England, £100 ....	1,319	9	4
The T.S. in Netherlands ....	14	11	6
Mr. D. P. Kotwall, Karachi ....	50	0	0
Mr. C. H. G. Van Houten ....	50	0	0
Miss F. Smith, Canada ....	5	7	2
	3,284	1	2
Contribution from the International T.S. ....	6,600	0	0
Total ....	9,884	1	2

N. SRI RAM,  
*Hon. Treasurer, The T.S.*

## T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1938-39

INCOME	Rs.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.
Fees and Dues ... ..	12,000	Establishment ... ..	10,500
Garden Produce ... ..	7,950	Construction and Repairs ... ..	13,950
Rent ... ..	14,000	Furniture ... ..	250
Interest ... ..	5,500	Lighting and Water ... ..	2,500
Deficit to be made good by Donations ...	38,032	Olcott Cottage, Ooty Expenses ... ..	500
		Printing and Stationery ... ..	1,500
		Pensions and Gratuities ... ..	1,500
		Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ... ..	2,000
		Publicity :	
		(a) Supply of <i>The Theosophist</i> , etc., to General Secretaries ... ..	1,000
		(b) Books and Pamphlets ... ..	500
		Taxes ... ..	500
		Watch and Ward ... ..	1,800
		Garden Department ... ..	12,450
		Discretionary Grants ... ..	1,500
		Miscellaneous ... ..	2,500
		Adyar Library ... ..	5,000
		Dispensary ... ..	600
		President's Fund ... ..	6,600
		Museum and Archives ... ..	300
		Depreciation ... ..	12,032
	77,482		77,482

## ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1938-39

INCOME	Rs.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.
T.S. Contribution ... ..	5,000	Salaries ... ..	6,597
Rent ... ..	1,000	Gratuity ... ..	203
Sale of Publications ... ..	400	Books, Manuscripts and Journals ... ..	1,500
"Adyar Day" Collections ... ..	2,400	Book-binding ... ..	1,400
<i>Brahmavidya</i> Subscriptions ... ..	540	Publications :	
Interest ... ..	3,000	<i>Brahmavidya</i> and General ... ..	3,250
Deficit to be made good by Donations ...	3,320	Fire Insurance ... ..	300
		Stationery and Printing ... ..	700
		Postage ... ..	300
		Furnishing and Repairs ... ..	1,260
		Contingencies ... ..	150
	15,660		15,660



REPORTS OF THE GENERAL  
SECRETARIES OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETIES





## THE T. S. IN AMERICA

The time has evidently not yet arrived when in their hundreds of thousands men will seek membership in The Theosophical Society; nevertheless, the truths it promulgates are basically those same truths which in the course of time will thus attract mankind. Vast as are the changes now taking place in the social consciousness of peoples, only by the few is the principle of universal brotherhood yet accepted. The Theosophical Society and its lodges must perforce, therefore, still remain but nuclei of that universal brotherhood, charged with the responsibility of representing that principle in a world yet to realize its essential unity. Whether at this period the Society can develop a substantial membership increase, or whether the present membership of approximately unchanging numerical strength, must for some time continue, is a matter not yet determined.

Some there are who believe that a great drive would add to the number of the Society's membership. Experience seems to teach that such drives bring but temporary additions. I am inclined to the view that it is by the slow, sure encroachment of brotherhood from existing lodges, through utter friendliness to an unbrotherly world, that our growth must take place. It follows therefore that our principal immediate objective must at all times be the enhancement of the spirit of unity and friendliness within our lodges, that each may be in truth a nucleus of that universal brotherhood which shall some day spread throughout the world. The National Committee on Membership is doing a splendid work in promoting a warmth of friendship in our lodges especially toward new members.

The Society in America suffered a decrease in membership of 113 in its

last fiscal year ending on June 30. It is characteristic of our country that we admit a larger number of new members each year proportionate to our membership than does any other Section of comparable size; that you have a much greater proportion of reinstatements, but that we correspondingly lose very many more members through lapses. This seems to be characteristic of the American temperament. People join easily and as easily depart, and drives for membership cause but temporary response from those not yet ready to ally themselves permanently with the movement.

For the year under review our numbers increased by 562 through new memberships and reinstatements, but 595 were lost by resignation and inactivity, while deaths accounted for 80. The stability of our membership is indicated by a variation of but 3% during the last five years from the average of that period. The resignations (those who deliberately leave the Society) were the lowest in nine years; the number permitting their membership to lapse, the smallest in over twenty years, indicating again the stable point at which our membership seems to have arrived. The number of our lodges increased by nine during the year.

While our membership seems to have arrived at a fairly stable numerical total, there is nevertheless occurring a change of a kind that inevitably gives it greater virility, as the leadership of the lodges is gradually being given over to younger people—a movement which has been fostered by the Administration through a period of several years.

An essential element in the building of our membership which has been constantly stressed is that of maintaining the full and uninterrupted interest of new members until the truths of the

Ancient Wisdom have produced qualities in their lives for which they are grateful and which they wish through active membership to share. The responsibility is that of the lodges.

To aid in meeting this need, Headquarters is now furnishing to each new member a Study Course by mail, in monthly instalments, thus assisting the lodges to provide new members with a basic understanding of Theosophical principles. This Course is written by Mr. Warren Watters, who is also the representative at Headquarters of the National Committee on Class Work, and who through the Course cultivates especially the interest of new members. Other courses are in use throughout the American Society, particularly a Meditation Course prepared by Mrs. Donna Sherry, and one on the elements of Theosophy prepared by Mrs. Emogene Simons some years ago but still a favourite for new-student classes.

The National Committee on Class Work has also compiled and distributed a number of bulletins and class aids, and has carried on an active campaign of education among class leaders. Miss Anita Henkel, who formerly represented this committee at Headquarters, has recently departed for a visit to Adyar.

Lecture service to the lodges has been maintained in full strength, nearly three hundred public lectures being given under the auspices of lodges during the course of the year. This work seems to be necessary to provide periodical stimulus to the public work of the lodges. There was a time when the public response to such activity provided the lodges with ample funds with which to pay its cost. In the past ten years this has completely changed, largely in consequence of the severe economic depression through which the country has passed, and the competition of many pseudo- and gray or even black magical attractions offered by organizations which have taken some of the elements of Theosophical teaching and perverted them to dramatically

commercialized and emotional allurements. The financial burden of supplying this lecture service now, therefore, falls entirely upon the National Administration. This service has been rendered in the year under review by Dr. Pieter K. Roest and Miss Mary K. Neff working under Headquarters' direction, and by Mr. Fritz Kunz. Mr. E. Norman Pearson and some others have also accepted lecture engagements as their freedom permitted.

A group which is doing much to spread a knowledge of the essential teachings of Theosophy regarding the after-death life is that of the "To-Those-Who-Mourn" Club instituted by Mr. Wilfred Sigerson, an activity which provides opportunity for participation by those who cannot be active in lodge work.

A new help to lodges is represented in the general newspaper publicity that is compiled at Headquarters and furnished free to all lodges in their preparations for the visits of public lecturers, and through its use increased newspaper space has been made available.

The lodges of the Society generally adopted as their study series the Campaign for Understanding initiated by the President. Material to supplement that provided by Adyar was regularly furnished through Headquarters.

The Theosophical Press (publishing department) has increased the number of books sold, but the department is still operated at a financial loss. The publication of an abridged edition of *A World Expectant* by E. A. Wodehouse has resulted in the sale and distribution of nearly one thousand copies, many of these reaching into fields of education and culture in which it has been difficult for the teachings of Theosophy otherwise to penetrate. We much appreciated the visit of Mr. H. J. N. van de Poll, Manager of The Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar.

Many books and bulletins have been added to the lending shelves and reading

rooms of public libraries, including 130 libraries of the ships and shore posts of the United States Navy. All of these various infiltrations of Theosophical material bring approximately 100 inquiries monthly to Headquarters, and these are referred to local lodges or to near-by resident members, or followed up by direct correspondence so long as continued interest warrants. This work is under the direction of Mrs. Sarah C. Mayes.

We report with deep regret the passing of an old and tested server in the Society, Mr. C. F. Holland, for many years its Vice-President, Legal Council and Board member. The Society is fortunate that a relatively new member, Mr. Eugene J. Wix, now the president of the Southern California Federation, has stepped into the legal breach created by the passing of Mr. Holland.

During the year Mr. Wix also led the campaign for the payment of the balance of the Society's building bonds, to the successful reduction of over \$20,000 of this indebtedness.

Through the gifts of generous members the estate at Olcott has been further developed through plantings and landscaping, so that Theosophy reflected as beauty may have a still more fitting setting at its National Headquarters.

It is pertinent to add here that these various activities, and especially the assumption by the National Administration of practically all of the cost of supplying public lecture service, has caused a considerable drain on the resources of the Society, which unfortunately has no accumulation of funds or of investments, and is dependent entirely upon the current annual income to meet annual expenditures. Facing this fact and the obligation to continue the work, the annual Convention of members meeting

in July, 1938, increased the National dues of members to \$6.00 annually, but authorized special concessions to those members and families where hardship would result from payment of the larger sum. A hearty support of this new basis of financing will result in entire abolition of the many incidental appeals for special purposes which it has hitherto been necessary to make.

The high point of the year's activities was the visit of the President and Mrs. Arundale and their attendance and inspiration at a very successful and well-attended Convention held at the Stevens Hotel in Chicago, followed by a week of Summer School at Olcott and a tour of the Section, accompanied by the National President, the National Secretary, and a group of active workers. For a considerable part of this tour a special car on the train was available to the President's party. His tour included some of the larger cities of the Section—New York, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, St. Louis—and contacts were made with groups of members at many other points en route. So much of travel and so many gatherings, while a tiring experience for our guests, proved of great value to the work, as everywhere there took place an exchange of the inspiration afforded by the visit of the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi, and a loyal outpouring of affection toward them by the members.

The American Society tenders to you, Mr. President, its grateful appreciation of your leadership.

SIDNEY A. COOK,

*General Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN ENGLAND

The work of the Society during this year has been full of incident. The major trends pointed out last year continue, but with a somewhat different emphasis.

*Membership.*—There is still a slightly decreasing membership—a loss of 21 on the entire year as against a loss of 97 in the previous twelve months—but the reasons for this are not exactly the same as before.

A comparative analysis of the figures for the past ten years shows that, with the exception of 1934-35, when there was the special Jubilee Campaign and considerable money spent in propaganda, the position is the best for the period. The number of lapsed members is less even than in 1934-35. The resignations and the total loss are the lowest figures except for that year. The number of joining members is 285, the highest except for the year mentioned, when there were 313. Also there have been an unusual number of deaths, 17 more than the average figure for these years, which accounts for a part at least of the net loss.

We are still cutting out dead wood. We are still losing members because our meetings are not sufficiently interesting, that is, because many of the members who remain are not alive to their opportunities. On the other hand there are also extremely encouraging signs of growth. One lodge has had 16 new members in one quarter, and several new Centres are developing which may in the next year become lodges.

*The President's Visit.*—The Section was very happy to welcome the President and Mrs. Arundale for the Annual Convention. The meetings were held in Besant Hall, which was crowded to capacity, with an overflow meeting in the house, with loud speakers, for Dr. Arundale's two lectures on 'Symbolic Yoga'. Mrs. Arundale also lectured on

'The Soul of India'. The Blavatsky Lecture was given by Miss C. Woods on 'The Mystery Tradition'. This address will form part of a book to be printed during the coming year. Dr. and Mrs. Arundale were also in England in September on an unofficial visit when the President was kind enough to address members during the period of European crisis. He spoke at Victoria Hall to several hundred Fellows and brought with him an atmosphere of courage and serenity that stimulated us to our best endeavour for world peace. From this meeting has developed a weekly class which has discussed some of the deeper aspects of political life.

In May Dr. Arundale, when at Huizen, issued a special leaflet describing a method for the use of thought power to further international peace and goodwill. At the request of the President a large number of members sent in their names giving special times when they would use this meditation. This work is still going on.

*Visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa and Prof. J. E. Marcault.*—Mr. Jinarajadasa and Professor Marcault were both in England for the week January 21st to 28th, 1938. Mr. Jinarajadasa gave a public lecture and a talk to members. Professor Marcault did likewise and also addressed The Theosophical Research Centre and the Medical Section of the British Psychological Society. At the latter meeting his talk aroused much comment and serious consideration. It dealt with the control of mind over matter and was illustrated by lantern slides showing radiocardiograms taken in India, which demonstrate the yogi's control over breathing, pulse, etc.

*Besant Hall and Publicity Work.*—Besant Hall continues to be of great value in the work of the Section and the lecture audiences are increasing. The average number is now about 130. A special series of Wednesday lectures



on 'Psychical Research Today' proved less interesting than the following series 'Psychology Today'. The small support given to those on 'Health, Personal and Social' led us to discontinue these Wednesday meetings for the present.

The Library has been advertised by the distribution of leaflets and attention is being paid to placing books in public libraries. *Mount Everest*, by the President, has been sent to several of these so that they may possess a more modern Theosophical book on their shelves. A new leaflet on *Karma* compiled from Madame Blavatsky's writings, has been published for free distribution.

**Lecturers.**—Miss Codd continued her very useful work throughout the Section until February, and Mr. Ransom on his return from India is taking up lecture touring for the coming year. There is undoubtedly a shortage of good lecturers, which it is difficult to meet.

**Study and Training.**—The quality of the new members now joining us is excellent and there is a demand for introductory study courses in almost every active centre of work.

The points noted last year in regard to study courses and the study and training department still hold good. There has indeed been an excellent response to the Introductory Study Course issued by Headquarters. This is being used in many lodges. There is also a growing demand for typescript notes of lectures when the latter have been given by serious students who have something significant to say.

Study Week-ends have been held at Headquarters in October and at the week-end following Christmas. A residential week-end was planned independently at Bexhill at Easter and was well attended, and a fortnight's summer school at North Wales University Hostels, Bangor, was attended by over a hundred members who were enthusiastic in their enjoyment, serious in their

study, and expressed deep appreciation of the opportunities arranged. The gathering of members together for a longer period of time than the usual week-end offers many opportunities for personal contact, discussion and the enhancement of insight, which make the holding of a summer school of the utmost importance in our work.

Classes were held at Headquarters during the winter 1937-38, the General Secretary taking one on 'Theosophical Psychology' which was divided into two as it became too large, and Mr. E. L. Gardner gave a series of talks on the *Secret Doctrine* which was keenly valued. Mrs. Grenside led an Introductory Study Group, meeting regularly from October to June, with a maximum attendance of about 25.

**Arts, Research and Youth Centres.**—These all continue to do useful work. The Art Exhibition at Convention was arranged by the Arts Centre. The Drama Group is following the development of the modern theatre. The Theosophical Research Centre was responsible for Professor Marcault's visit mentioned above. The Youth Centre at the moment is joining in study work with Blavatsky Lodge.

**Organization and Workers.**—The Northern Federation, after a prolonged discussion, was divided into two Federations by the National Council at its meeting in October, 1937. There are now six Federations in the English Section, with the following membership:

Eastern	...	...	463
London	...	...	741
Midland	...	...	277
Northern	...	...	384
North-Western	...	...	474
Southern	...	...	373
Unattached and foreign	...	...	615

The staff at Headquarters is losing three workers who are all going to Adyar for one year at least, namely,



Miss Ruth Kelleway, for ten years a salaried worker in the General Secretary's office, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lavender who have been indefatigable voluntary workers for over two years in the Publicity Department. They will all be much missed. The work of the Section as a whole is largely dependent upon the effort of just such devoted volunteers, and we know that in time other suitable members will be forthcoming to fill the gaps in London.

*Library.*—The Library has maintained its growth and shows an increase in circulation compared with last year of nearly 1,100 books. The policy of adding significant books on a wide range of subjects other than the purely Theosophical is greatly appreciated. There is steady reading among a certain proportion of our members, and a slight increase in the number of lodges borrowing books for their study classes. The number of subscribers who are non-members (150) shows little change, in spite of wider publicity through local advertising and at special lecture courses given in Besant Hall. Two Library Reading Lists on *Health* and *Psychology* have been revised and re-issued, and a new list dealing with *Yoga* has also been circulated. The total issue of books during the year amounted to 11,085.

*The General Secretary's Work in Europe.*—During the year the General Secretary has included four Scandinavian countries in a fortnight's tour, has twice gone to Holland for meetings of European workers and of the Executive Committee of the European Federation, and has attended the Congress of the European Federation at Zagreb. These contacts have been extremely useful as they have enabled her to see the work in other countries, thus enriching her own experience and capacities, and they have brought the countries and groups visited into closer contact with the English outlook and methods. The European Federation Executive Committee has

expressed its gratitude for the interest shown by the English Section and in particular for the financial grant mentioned below.

*Finance.*—This year has been a red-letter one owing to the receipt of the late Lady Ranksborough's legacy of £10,000 with a probable residuary of £5,000—£7,000, this amount not yet being known. As the annual deficit must still continue to be a very heavy one, if the work is not to be completely disorganised by cutting down expenses, it was considered necessary by the National Council to invest £9,500 at once. Certain urgent expenses were met from the balance and donations made to the work of the European Federation and that of Mr. Jinarajadasa in South America. The National Council has put it on record that when the amount of the residuary legacy is known, they wish to make a suitable gift to the Headquarters at Adyar. There will also be an allocation of increased grants for publicity work in the Federations, and £100 has been assigned for the work of The Theosophical Order of Service in connection with refugee members of our Society. It is a great pleasure to note that in spite of this very generous legacy the members continue to respond to the appeal for financial support of the Section's work. £ 607 was received from donations for the current year, and promises given last year for continued support have almost without exception been fulfilled in full. This has enabled the Society to use the legacy as an investment so as to reduce the annual deficit in future, and has also given us confidence so that we can be generous in assisting the work of the European Federation and in helping refugee members of the Society.

*Refugee Work.*—Owing to the attitude towards the Jews and all liberal minded organisations in Austria, many of our members have desired to leave that country. The Theosophical Order of Service has most suitably undertaken

the care of these members. An appeal was issued and funds have been secured. The work, however, still urgently needs support, as the number of refugees is large and their maintenance for pro-

longed periods constitutes a heavy drain on the small funds accumulated.

ADELAIDE GARDNER,  
General Secretary.

## THE T. S. IN INDIA

One more year has passed, and as your steward, it is again my privilege to present to you the Annual Report for the financial year ending September 1938, but as is usual, the narrative relates to the Calendar year January to December.

Looking backwards I cannot help recalling the President's marching orders published in January 1936 :

1. That the Section should have a virile headquarters at Benares ;

2. That *Theosophy in India* should be made full of interesting news and articles ;

3. That there should be freedom from deficits ;

4. That there should be virile sectional lecturers to stir up Lodges ;

5. That there should be a campaign for India's National welfare along four lines :

(a) International good-will and co-operation ;

(b) Inter-religious peace ;

(c) Dignity, refinement and justice in political work ;

(d) The restoration of Indian culture in the Indian home, in Indian Art, in Indian industry, and in Indian outlook generally.

I have tried my best to get things done on these lines, but I must regretfully admit that the net result is very little, as compared with what yet remains undone. I therefore welcome most heartily, and with gratitude our revered President's offer to devote the next year to India. But let us not

forget, that even the President, with all his Eastern devotion and Western energy, can do little, unless we are all willing and prepared to take things to heart, and to extend to him our active co-operation. And after all, India can only be what we Indians will make of it. The Great Ones can guide us through Their agents and servants, and the Regent of India (the *Bharat-Bhagya Vidhata*) can explain to us what He expects of His children ; but if we, who happen to be in incarnation for the moment, will shut our eyes, or close our ears, we can make but little progress. They have eternity before them ; but in the meantime we suffer. Shall we continue to do so, or rise to the occasion ?

During the year 1938, I visited 36 places as follows—Darbhanga (Behar Federation (3), Muzzafarnagar (U. P. Federation (3), Ambala (2), Patiala (4), Lahore (2), Multan (2), Sukkur (3), Rohri, Shikarpur (2), Hyderabad (3), Karachi (5), Poona (2), Aundh (1), Jammu (2), Srinagar (4), Simla (3), Lucknow (2), Gaya (4), Kodarma (1), Giridhi (2), Hazaribag (2), Patna (4), Muzzafarpur (3), Cawnpore (3), Dhulia (2), Bombay (12), Thana (3), Surat (3), Jubbulpore (5), Buldhana (2), Akola (4), Nagpur (8), Amraoti (Marathi Federation) (8), Jalgaon (2), Bhusawal (2), Poona and Allahabad ; and I addressed meetings as given in brackets in each place, a total of about 120 including Benares.

I was received everywhere with great kindness, and had the privilege of making many personal contacts and friendships. Members and, in many places non-members, took great trouble to arrange meetings and lectures, and the response on the whole was quite good. I know that my way of putting things sounds almost flippant at times, but I do try to mix into it all some deeper Truths, and the desire to know about these is evident everywhere. Where the lecturer can speak the mother-tongue of the place, women flock to the meetings in numbers, and even Purda is no real bar. Even amongst the younger generation, who are not supposed to care for these things, they are quite acceptable if put in a slightly different form. Schools and Colleges are always available and give large audiences very easily and even the young men themselves want these things. I cannot therefore agree with some of our friends, who tell us that Religion and even Theosophy has had its day, and that the modern world has no use for them. Millions of the older generation and the uneducated and uncultured in India still repeat the old jargon, which now fails to inspire them. But a memory of the Lost Secret—that Something which is beyond the mere senses and which ever eludes their grasp—a conviction that it is there, is unmistakable.

In proposing the translation scheme last year, of course I wished to help the Indianisation of Theosophy, for the sake of our sisters, who do not know English. But more than that, one of my objects was to discover student-warriors, who were prepared to spend some time every day in rendering the Theosophical thought into their own language. That was my hope; but judging by the response, I must say I am disappointed. We all know that in every Province we have some stalwarts, who have already a great deal of such work to their credit, and many of them have submitted their copies. I am grateful to them all, but

the number of attempts by fresh enthusiasts is quite negligible. I do not like to set my hand to it, until I can put on the market at least a dozen pamphlets, each in seven or eight languages, on the stalls at the same time. The Indian Section, if it is to dabble in this at all, must treat all languages equally, and there must be a variety of subjects to choose from. All people cannot be expected to enter Theosophy from the same angle, and often a wrong approach repels a man for a whole life. The Council was good enough last year to authorise me to spend a sum up to Rs. 3000, as capital for such an enterprise, out of which I have spent nothing. I suggest that the permission be continued for the present. We shall make another attempt.

Besides touring, of which I have done a little, and the translation work, in which I have failed entirely, I have tried to concentrate on the Indian Theosophist, with the result that every one has had during the year, practically five hundred pages of more or less readable matter. It must be kept in mind that although we give it free to every member, the annual dues do not necessarily include a magazine. The number of paying subscribers is very small—just enough to satisfy the requirements of the Post Office—and so the major portion of the cost of printing and postage has to be met out of Rs. 3-11, per head, allowing for five annas sent to Adyar, and in the case of members from Autonomous Federations only Re. 1-11 per head. Even these figures are theoretical, because not all members who get the magazine care to pay. Considering that we have 4000 on our rolls Benares should get at least Rs. 16,000. Our actual receipts on this head during the year are much less. If this state of affairs continues it will soon be impossible to conduct the Magazine on the lines on which I am trying to run it, not to speak of any improvements. Judging from many letters which I have received, I

know that many appreciate the effort, for which I am grateful; but unless the appreciation takes a practical shape, unless those who get the magazine at least pay their dues, or get us fresh subscribers, I am afraid the work will have to be considerably curtailed. I have exceeded the budget allotment for the purpose, once again, but as we can not evidently go on doing this indefinitely, it is for the Members to decide what they want done. These are the unfortunate limitations of the physical plane, and have to be met with in some way.

Our Joint General Secretaries are of course helping in every way; and here are a few extracts from their reports:

*East.*—Orissa, in Bengal Federation, has not maintained the advance made in the past when there was a whole time paid organiser. Cuttack is the only Lodge at present existing in Orissa. The work in the mufassil lodges (in Bengal) showed no sign of appreciable improvement although attempts were made in some of them for improving the sluggish condition. The Bengal Theosophical Society, Calcutta, continued to be the best lodge in the Federation.

In Behar, the attitude of the members in general and the Public in particular was reported to be one of hopefulness and helpfulness.

There is a general tone of optimism in both the Federations and it is undoubtedly a good sign, but the Lodges in general do not appear to have re-

covered from the effects of the pandemic wave of sleeping sickness which visited them some years ago.

*West.*—I visited 37 places, addressed 77 meetings, delivered 108 Public lectures, took active part in conducting an annual T. S. study class at Hadala—worked for village reform classes, village panchayets, Cooperative Societies, reform committees in villages of Bhavnagar State and also for the Harijan-Seva-Sangh.

There is a great demand for unselfish and trained T. S. workers in different fields of life. To me, Brotherhood, true and unclouded Brotherhood, seems to be the need in most of our T. S. Lodges.

*South.*—I visited 21 places and addressed members and public meetings. The Federations in S. India are maintaining their strength or even adding to it in spite of adverse circumstances.

All the Federations with the exception of Karnataka are faced with heavy financial deficits. It is good that they have carried out their duties satisfactorily under very trying conditions.

Materialism strengthened by economic chaos is spreading its tentacles round the youth of the world and driving it to rebellion and despair. So the need of Theosophy is as great as ever. It never fails, when rightly presented, to awaken the sleeping God in man. So no efforts can be spared in assiduously spreading in all countries and to all classes the message of Theosophy which like pure water never ceases to quench the thirst of thirsty people.



Federations (A means autonomous)			On 30th Sept. 1938		Membership on 1-10-37	Additions			Total reached	Deductions					Active Membership on 30 Sept. 1938
			Lodges	Centres		New Adms.	Revivals	Transfers		Resigned	Died	Dropped	Transferred	Total	
1	Andhra Central (A)	...	23	3	282	37	2	...	321	...	3	34	...	37	284
2	Andhra Circars (A)	...	31	4	335	45	2	...	382	5	7	28	...	40	342
3	Behar (A)	...	22	3	243	36	1	...	280	3	7	20	...	30	250
4	Bengal (A)	...	16	...	241	24	5	...	270	5	9	14	...	28	242
5	Bombay (A)	...	7	...	298	16	1	...	315	7	4	18	...	29	286
6	Gujerat and Kathiawar (A)	...	19	4	424	39	1	...	464	14	4	18	...	36	428
7	Karnatak (A)	...	24	5	372	32	...	...	404	1	6	12	...	19	385
8	Kerala (A)	...	9	1	107	3	...	...	110	1	6	6	...	13	97
9	Marathi	...	12	1	149	16	5	...	170	3	7	6	...	16	154
10	N. W. Provinces	...	8	1	72	3	...	...	75	1	1	...	...	2	73
11	Rajputana and C. I. (A)	...	10	1	160	4	2	...	166	...	...	11	...	11	155
12	Sind and Baluchistan	...	8	...	213	25	...	...	238	2	...	13	...	15	223
13	Tamil East (A)	...	22	2	310	9	8	...	327	...	2	12	...	14	313
14	Tamil West (A)	...	16	...	263	32	7	...	302	...	...	24	...	24	278
15	United Provinces	...	22	1	316	35	6	...	357	3	4	35	...	42	315
	Unattached	...	...	...	250	11	2	1	264	2	4	...	...	6	258
	Total 1937-38	...	249	26	4035	367	42	1	4445	47	64	251	...	362	4083
	Total 1936-37	...	251	22	4124	239	46	9	4418	28	74	280	1	383	4035
16	Youth Fedn. 1937-38	...	21	18	396	119	1	...	516	...	...	149	...	149	367
	.. 1936-37	..	25	10	406	105	1	...	512	...	1	115	...	116	396

*Benares Headquarters.*—An account of the last year's Convention, which was held at Adyar has already been published. One of the decisions taken at that time, *re.* the termination of the tenancy of the Rishi Valley Trust, in respect of the buildings occupied by them for the schools, naturally created a somewhat unsettled atmosphere in

the Compound. The R. V. T. asked for an extension of time up to the end of April 1939, and as this was granted, the old routine has been resumed. Dr. Phansalkar had been doing the Bharat Samaj Congregational worship in his house for a long time past; but at the request of some friends, he, assisted by Mrs. Phansalkar and their son, have



been performing it every morning in the Section Hall. The Puja is attended by a few friends who find it very elevating and useful. The only other change in the compound of any importance, is the starting of a small School on the Montessori system by our young friend Mr. Gajanan Kanetkar. It is entirely a private venture of his, but the Section Executive Committee has given him rooms, at a concessional rent in the compound, and it is very pleasing to see twenty happy children going about with their leader and friend Gajananjee. The recent Histrionic competitions at Benares, were opened by a child of five from this little school, with a piece taught him at that school, and this was very greatly appreciated. The school supplied entertainments on the First of October, and is on the whole getting woven into the compound routine, slowly but unmistakably.

I continue to be surrounded by *the old guard*, except Bro. M. G. Kanitkar who has spent the year at Adyar working at the Besant Memorial School, of which he worked as the Head-Master during the absence of Mr. Krishna Menon in Europe. Rai Bahadur Panda Baijnath is always by my side, ready with his advice and help, and he has in addition to other heavy duties assigned to him, translated into Hindi, portions from the "Masters and the Path". Miss Lilian Edger continues her Secret Doctrine Class every week, and remains one of our links with the past. She is now leaving for her Native Land, and we shall all miss her genial presence. Babu Damodar Prasad is still our magician who has filled the tank in Shanti Kunj with "earth from nowhere" and has had the satisfaction of raising quite a modern building near the Shanti Kunj Gate, to serve as an indication, as to how we would like to rebuild the whole compound. If we only had the money! Bro. Baijnath Bhargava continued to be our Librarian, and he is now very ably assisted by Bro. Madho Prasad

Nagar, a fresh addition to the workers at the Headquarters. Our "legal remembrancer" Bro. N. K. Lal does not now live in Benares, but he continues to help me in connection with the management of the Nafardas estate. Bro. S. K. Kulkarni is always ready with his cheerful help in whatever may be required of him. Bro. Madho Prasad Khanna has been doing lecturing work with a magic lantern and some fine slides. The office staff, continue to give satisfaction and so does the staff at the Bookshop.

On account of the serious illness of two out of the three Office clerks, the accounts are not yet (30th. Nov.) quite ready in the final form, but they have been audited from month to month, and on the whole there is nothing very unusual about them. Of course they will all be completed and placed before the Section Council at their next meeting in December. The only thing worth noting is that the Zemindari so kindly given to the Section, by our devoted member Babu Nafar Das Roy some years ago, still happens to be rather a drain than a source of gain, on the meagre finances of the Indian Section. With the guidance and ever-ready legal advice of our revered Vice-President, we are trying to do our best, but somehow it does not seem to amount to much. If that is how our "bloated capitalistic Zemindars" fare in actual practice, all I can say is that they have my fullest sympathies.

The Indian Book shop continues to be under the management of Mr. M. S. Venugopal, and during the year they had, in his words, steady business. One large customer who used to place orders to the extent of Rs. 10,000 every year, had to be given up, as experience showed that the business did not leave sufficient margin; but other business continued, so that during the year under report the fresh stock imported amounted to Rs. 17,787, whereas the net sales brought in a sum of Rs. 22,016, *leaving a margin*,

Rs. 4,229, against the actual working expenses of Rs. 3,684. Some of the old stock with us was sold, but some had to be written off as damaged, and the book values of some had to be reduced, due to lowering of prices by the T.P.H. But when we remember that half the stock of our Theosophical books is over 25 years old and the rest ranges from 3 to fifteen years, we shall not be surprised at the result. On account of this, the actual book value of stock has now been reduced from Rs. 11,836 to Rs. 10,761, resulting in a book loss of Rs. 927.

I would like to point out that there seems to me no reason to be alarmed at this figure. In a business we must always take a long view of things, and if we do this, we shall recollect that when the *business was handed over to the Indian Section, the Shop had no liquid capital, and a book debt of Rs. 1200. Its capital consisted of old Theosophical books only.* It has been given no financial help whatsoever from the Section funds, and it has actually spent out of its capital Rs. 1,552 in renovating the old building, which belongs to the Section. It had on 31st March last a cash balance of over Rs. 8,000, in the Bank; it has been paying its foreign and local creditors promptly and regularly and its credit in the market is high. Although Theosophical books do not form the bulk of its sales, its main stock consists of books of cultural interest; and customers, who come in for general books, do ramble among the Theosophical books; a few do get interested and buy them. In my opinion, the Book-shop has been giving its quota of service to the Theosophical Society at this centre; and I do not think there is any need to worry about book-deficits till it becomes necessary for the Indian Section, to divert its other resources to the up-keep of the shop.

*The Future of The Indian Section.*—The most important thing that looms large on our horizon this year is the

resumption of Dr. Besant's Educational work at Benares. Members will recall that in opening the Indian Section Convention last year at Adyar, the President pointed out:

"But there is one particular thing which is necessary to our Centre (at Benares), becoming a pulsating, vibrating, throbbing centre for the Indian Section. There should be as an integral part of the Indian Section work, educational activity. You have educational activity already there that works on its own lines, excellent work as it is doing, and fine men and women engaged in it, among them some of my own old pupils—N. S. Rama Row and many others. That is very well, but we must as an Indian Section, have our own educational activity as part of the Indian Section work, and in a very large measure controlled by the Indian Section. *That is vital. Until that is done, you will not have a really fine centre.* It is the same with us. We shall not be what Adyar ought to be, until the Besant Memorial School becomes a Besant Memorial College, and a Besant Memorial University in due course. We are working for that. Youth is vital to the energising of every centre. That, you must put yourselves to, in due course."

Having worked in close association with Dr. Annie Besant at Benares, and so successfully, both as the Head Master of the Central Hindu School, and then as Principal of the College, Dr. Arundale is no mean Educationalist and in the light of this clear lead given by him, I need hardly labour the point. I traced very briefly the history of this great experiment of Annie Besant's in giving Religion its proper place in our system of education, in my last year's Report, and in adopting it unanimously at Adyar in December last, and in deciding to terminate the tenancy of the Rishi Valley Trust schools, in the compound, the Indian Section Convention and the Council have, in fact, agreed in principle to the necessity of

making efforts in this direction. Our buildings will be vacated, and will be on our hands by the end of April 1939, and if only as a means of utilising them to the best advantage, and in a manner which will help us to maintain a Theosophical atmosphere in the compound, we have got to take definite decisions in this matter, during the next Convention.

Miss Lilian Edgar in bidding us farewell yesterday told us, that after being a Theosophist for practically half a century, she is as convinced as ever, *that it is only Theosophy which makes life worth living*. If you agree with her and want to make *Theosophy* a

*more living force in your life and that of our dear Motherland*, help us actively in this sacred task of reviving the Heart of India. Some of us, who at the latter end of their lives, have nothing better to do, will help; but it is you—every member of the Society in every nook and corner of India, who will decide and enforce his will. Even the Great Ones can and will only inspire and guide; it is we who have to carry out Their wishes; and if only we are faithful to our trust, the end can not be anything but glorious.

Benares

G. N. GOKHALE,

2-12-1938

*General Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN AUSTRALIA

I have the honour to submit the following brief report of the activities of the Australian Section for the year ended September 30th, 1938.

*Statistics.*—The Section is composed of 21 Lodges, but three of this number have been inactive for some years. The total membership is 1098, the register showing a net gain of 47 members for the year.

The following analysis reveals the position to date:

### *Incoming*

By New admission	140
„ Re-admission	7
„ Transfers	4
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### *Outgoing*

By Resignation	17
„ Death	10
„ Removal from rolls	74
„ Transfers	3
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	104
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These figures are encouraging for they indicate a decided improvement in the trend of the Section. In recent years the register has shown a marked annual decrease therefore we have every reason to be satisfied with the past year's work.

*Convention.*—The Forty-second Annual Convention held in Melbourne was attended by 35 delegates and many Melbourne members. Mr. S. Orlo-Smith was unanimously elected to the Chair and under his direction the proceedings were efficiently and harmoniously conducted.

*Mr. Geoffrey Hodson.*—The lecture campaign conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson for the past 17 months has been an outstanding success. Mr. Hodson's unique yet simple method of presenting the Ancient Wisdom to the Western World has proved very popular throughout the Section and the increase in membership is due almost entirely to Mr. Hodson's untiring efforts.

*The Section Magazine.*—*Theosophy in Australia* has been published bi-monthly throughout the year and distributed free of cost to all members of the Section. It is the constant endeavour

of the honorary Editor, Mr. L. W. Burt, to make the magazine typically representative of this Section by eliciting articles from members within the Section. Many new contributors have thus been discovered.

**Broadcasting.**—The Section controls four fifteen-minute sessions per week over Station 2GB and work of a constructive nature is being accomplished. In sharing its time on the air with numerous altruistic Movements the T.S. has both carried out its own ideal and has set an example of practical brotherhood among a number of humanitarian bodies whose work is Theosophical in the wider sense of the term.

**The Australian Section Theosophical Trust Limited.**—On the completion of the amended Articles of Association the Section's investment in Inscribed Stock, together with all Shares in Companies, was transferred to the Trust, which is now functioning in the capacity for which the Section brought it into existence. In order to further safeguard the

Section's investments it became necessary to completely overhaul the Section Rules. This work is well in hand and the new draft rules will be submitted for consideration at the next Annual Convention.

**Conclusion.**—In view of the improved trend in the Section's membership, its sound financial position, and the great impetus given to it by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, we confidently look forward to a year of continued progress. The World's need for Theosophy is more urgent to-day than ever, in order to bring humanity—so bewildered and divided for lack of true vision—into harmony with the Divine Plan and set it upon the path towards its lawful destination, the Brotherhood of man established upon earth.

On behalf of the Australian Section I send to you and Shrimati Rukmini Devi loyal and affectionate greetings.

RAY G. LITCHFIELD,

26-10-1938

*General Secretary.*

## THE T.S. IN SWEDEN

I have the honour to submit the following report of the Swedish Section of The Theosophical Society for the year ending 30th September 1938.

**Membership.**—17 new members have been admitted, 1 transferred from the Austrian Section. 34 have resigned, and 9 have died. 13 have been removed from the rolls. During the last few months our membership has been slowly rising and is now 410 as against 448 the previous year. One new Lodge has been formed in Stockholm, and two lodges have been dissolved. The total number of active lodges is now 26 as against 27 last year.

**Activities.**—The work of the Lodges has been carried on as usual, with lodge meetings and study courses, and, whenever possible, public lectures, which

have been fairly well attended. Lecturers have visited various parts of the country, and more extensive work along that line has been planned for the future. The difficulty is, as always, the long distances between Lodges, which means expensive travelling.

Our Bookshop in Stockholm is doing good work. The Library is open to members and non-members. There have been no new publications, but our Magazine, *Teosofisk Tidskrift*, has been published regularly.

**Convention** was held in Stockholm at Whitsuntide. On this occasion we had a visit from Mrs. Zadig, the Norwegian General Secretary, who made some interesting suggestions for more active co-operation between the Northern Sections.



Mrs. Gardner, the English General Secretary, spent a few days here at Midsummer, on her way to Finland, and led a short Summer School at Eskilstuna, attended by about 25 people. In the spring, Mr. Bolt gave a series of lectures in Stockholm, which were very well attended. In August we had a Summer School at Viggbyholm, led by Mr. Bolt and attended by about 50 persons. The autumn session in Stockholm began with a series of lectures by Swami Avyaktananda, who gave a

very clear exposition of Vedanta Philosophy.

The activities of our Section are carried on steadily, though we could do with more workers. However, several of the new members are young and enthusiastic, so there is good hope for the future.

With cordial greetings and good wishes,

Stockholm

EVA G. FRANZEN,

27-10-38

*General Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

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 1938.

**Membership.**—New members 31, rejoined 6, resigned 22, died 19, lapsed 22 and transferred to other Sections 1. This leaves a total membership of 768 as against 795 of the previous year. The number of Lodges is now 17. Many old and faithful workers have passed away, but we are pleased to note that their places are being filled with many eager enthusiasts of the younger generation.

**Annual Convention.**—The forty-first Annual Convention was held in Dunedin on the 28th December 1937. It was attended by 22 delegates and many visiting members. Mr. Thomas Scollay, President of the Lodge, was elected to the Chair, and in his opening remarks he spoke in affectionate terms of Bishop Thomson whose continued ill-health had shown no signs of improving, and who had for many years been an unfailing source of inspiration to the members. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: General Secretary, William Crawford; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. W. J. Brooks; Treasurer, Miss L. M. Stone; Librarian, Mrs. E. Brough.

The Convention passed off most harmoniously, friendliness being the predominant note.

**Publications.**—The Sectional Newsletter, edited by Mrs. Crawford, and issued in alternate months, is sent free to all members. The only other publication this year was a sixteen page issue of *Theosophy in New Zealand*. A large number of leaflets have been distributed to the Lodges and members, and there has been an increasing demand for the propaganda pamphlet "Information for Enquirers", issued by the Section last year.

**Library.**—The Section Library contains 1382 volumes, and is run in conjunction with that of the local Lodge. Many up-to-date books have been added during the year, and six subscribers have joined the Society.

**Vasanta Garden School.**—The past year has been a particularly happy and helpful one to all concerned. The roll number circles round 50, and the pupils' ages range from 3½ years to 15 years. Several public demonstrations were given during the year. One known as the Apple Competition deserves special mention, when a group of five girls from Vasanta won the Radio prize, in competition with other Auckland schools, for original announcements on



the food value of apples. The Arts and Crafts have received special attention, and we find our children enjoy and excel in this work. The three teachers are members of the Theosophical Society, and their constant endeavour is to promote the ideals of Theosophy in the work of the school.

*The Ritual of the Mystic Star.*—Introduced to New Zealand by Mr. Jinarajadasa in May 1935, has a membership of nearly 50. There have been 25 workings of the Ritual in Auckland to which the public have been invited. The meetings are held monthly, and twice a year the Ritual is substituted for the usual Theosophical Sunday night lecture.

*The Round Table.*—New Zealand has enjoyed a year of renewed life in the Order of the Round Table. In Dunedin and Wellington progress is evident in dramatic art, physical culture and the social activities of the young people. In Christchurch a Boy Scout Troop, num-

bering about 30, has adopted the Round Table ideals as the basis of ethical talks. In Auckland, "The Torch" compiled and edited entirely by members of the Round Table is now completing its third year of publication. Contributions, literary and otherwise, are welcomed from young and old. The subscription is 3/9 per year, post free.

*Theosophical Order of Service.*—There are representatives in the four chief centres, and the Head Brothers in each centre are doing their best to work in conjunction with outside movements. An Arts and Crafts Exhibition has been held, and a fund has been opened to purchase a suitable typical object of art for the International Academy of Arts at Adyar.

In conclusion, I send to you and to Rukmini Devi our most loyal and affectionate greetings.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD,  
General Secretary.

## THE T.S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

*Membership.*—We admitted 63 new registrations, 1 readmission and 12 transfers from other sections, making 76 incoming, against 106 outgoing members, viz. 69 resignations, 20 deaths, 10 removals and 7 transferred to other sections. This makes for the end of this year under report a total membership of 1993, being a decrease of 30. The number of lodges remained the same as last year viz. 45.

Though for such a small territory as that of this country the number of 45 Lodges seems relatively high, yet there are still too many members not attached to a Lodge. The institution of non-attached membership—though in a way unavoidable—has its definite drawbacks and very often results in a gradual lack of interest. In many cases a member who for one reason or another leaves a

Lodge and becomes a non-attached member, after a few years loses all contact with the Society (notwithstanding his receiving periodicals, etc.), then loses all interest and in the end resigns. It is the living-power which only really active Lodges can provide, that alone is able to show the power of attraction and cohesion which produces an enthusiastic and active membership, and these alone are lasting.

*Conventions* are a second means of strengthening the unifying bonds of membership. Therefore, besides one or two smaller gatherings somewhere in the country (called "landdag"), this Section usually arranges two national conventions which are generally well attended. According to our rules the great convention always takes place in the Section Headquarters at Amsterdam

at the end of the work-season, *i.e.*, in June. But generally there is also a half-yearly convention, not held in Amsterdam, but alternately in one of the other big towns of the country. This year's summer-convention had as speakers Mrg. A. G. Vreede on "Esoteric Christianity" and the General Secretary, Mr. J. Kruisheer, who spoke on "Heredity and Causality in Biology and Theosophy." We have noted, that those members who make it a habit to frequent the conventions, there receive so much inspiration that gradually they become the best and most enthusiastic workers for our cause.

*The Campaign for Understanding* brought a good deal of activity in Section and Lodges and a great number of pamphlets on this subject (in Dutch) have been distributed, while also the greater part of the Lodges had their lectures (in many cases several regularly) on this subject. The half-yearly convention—this time held at Amsterdam, December 19th, was wholly devoted to this subject with the following titles for the lectures: (1) How to come to understanding, (2) The Understanding of the Great Law, (3) How to comprehend Understanding.

*Brother C. Jinarajadasa* on his way to London and South America paid a short visit to this country. On January 18th he delivered a much appreciated lecture in our lecture-hall at Amsterdam to an audience of more than 500 people. His subject was—"Theosophy and the Destiny of Humanity".

*The President and Mrs. Rukmini Devi* visited us twice this year. On May 17th the President gave a lecture on the radio (of which all European Sections had been given notice, so that practically the whole of Europe could listen in) on: "Theosophy and Spiritual Life." His public lecture "From Man to Superman, a Practice of Symbolic Yoga" was a great success.

From May 20-23 the President and Rukmini Devi held a very well attended

workers-conference for members only at the Huizen Centre, where the subject of Symbolic Yoga was further elaborated and more details were given. All these lectures were highly inspiring and wonderfully uplifting.

At the last meeting of this Huizen Conference the President expressed his wish that—in view of the ever increasing tension in European affairs—the members of this Section of the T.S. should unite in daily meditation in order to try to prevent a new war by radiating such (be it even weak) power of peace and good-will as we might be able to do. There has been a great response to this call and members and Lodges all over the country have participated in this work of service. Incidentally—or was it predestined?—the second visit of our two leaders at the end of September took place exactly during the most difficult days of the European situation.

*Publicity* was still under the good care of Miss H. J. G. Gantvoort of Utrecht. In connection with the Campaign for Understanding a great number of pamphlets on this subject have been printed and distributed besides the usual great number of the ordinary publications for publicity. A translation of Dr. Bhagavan Das's article under the title "The World's Dire Need for a Scientific Manifest" has been published in our monthly magazine *Theosophia*. A thousand reprints of this article have been distributed to University libraries, doctors, professors and other Scientists. We also forwarded a number of copies of these reprints to the other Dutch-speaking countries, *i.e.* the Dutch East Indies, Belgium and South Africa.

*Radio-Lectures* of 20 minutes have been given regularly once a month and are becoming known already amongst the public abroad. We are very happy indeed that the Humanitarian-Idealistic-Radio-Corporation (H.I.R.O.) provides us the very rare opportunity of

making our voice heard in the aether. This organisation which includes a great number of humanitarian and idealistic societies and organisations under the able and capable management of Mr. J. D. Ros, a well-known F.T.S of many long years standing, is growing gradually and provides the opportunity for distributing regularly radio-talks on subjects for which otherwise it would be hardly possible to have a radio-lecture once a

year. This really good work is highly appreciated.

*Concluding*, we may say that—notwithstanding a slight decrease in numbers, the Section is fully alive and so we may look forward with confidence to the coming year and be of good cheer for its expected prospects.

J. KRUISHEER,

*General Secretary.*

### THE T. S. IN FRANCE

For the first time in a long course of years our members roll registers increase. In 1936 we lost 73 members, in 1937, 9. We have this year a net gain of 36, details are as follows :

New admissions	...	243
Transferred from other sections	...	2

Total	...	245
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as against :

Resigned	...	46
Deceased	...	39
Removed from roll for lapse of dues	...	123
Transferred to another section	...	1

Total	...	209
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Our total members number	...	2639
as against	...	2603
		in 1937.

No new lodge has been formed and one "Hermes" at Saint-Quentin has become dormant. We stand therefore with 65 active lodges as against 66 last year.

Theosophical activities have been continued this year with the same devotion and enthusiasm. Our success is due to greater anxiety in the public and an increased need for spiritual certainty in the midst of political instability and

danger. Our three weekly courses of study and the public lectures at our Paris Headquarters have been attended by larger numbers. From the provinces also we receive news of a keener contact of the public with their activities. We have to express our gratefulness to our Parisian lecturers who besides their voluntary work in Paris give up many ends of busy weeks to their provincial brethren.

Greater activity is also marked in our reading room service, both in Paris and in the Section. Great centres like Strasbourg, Lyon, Nice and Bordeaux, who have Headquarters, possess important libraries and use them as means for propaganda. The most valuable stimulus was given to our North African lodges (Tunis, Algeria, Morocco) by Mlle Cécile Bayer, who spent a whole month with them, giving public lectures and holding members' and sympathisers' meetings. A most interesting new activity was started in Paris in the foundation of a group for social study. With the co-operation of some well known artists they hold fortnightly meetings which are attended by an entirely new public.

We have also intensified a presentation of Theosophy which without losing its hold in philosophy, religion and ethics, includes more science and particularly the science of man and the

history of man. We have in this way brought to our meetings a more cultured public than we had seen for a long time.

We had this year the exceptional favour of a visit from our three great leaders, Mr. Jinarajadasa in January, the President and Mrs. Arundale in June. Mr. Jinarajadasa lectured in Marseille and Paris and gave us the "primeur" of the various lectures he intended to use on his long American tour. Dr. Arundale presided over our Annual Convention, an honour we had not enjoyed for many years. He lec-

tured in most brilliant and humorous French on "Symbolic Yoga" and gave several highly appreciated talks, as well as answers to questions. Mrs. Arundale held a meeting of the Young Theosophists and spoke on the dedicated freedom that should mark the personal life and social activity of a Young Theosophist. This visit of our great leaders left in the hearts of all and in the life of our Section a vivid light, and deep gratitude followed them on their travels.

J. EMILE MARCAULT,  
*General Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN CUBA

Upon the resignation of brother Lorgio Vargas, who had been General Secretary, I was appointed to the office by the Board of Directors of the Section, at a meeting held on the thirty-first of March, 1938.

As Bro. Lorgio Vargas lives in a city far distant from Havana, he delivered all the documents of the Section that were in his keeping through the agency of another brother, but never sent anything to me direct. This was done gradually, from time to time, until everything was sent.

I have no copy of the previous report sent to you in the year 1937, but it is not necessary. I have made a careful examination of the Register Book of the lodges and can state that the figures given in this report are exact.

The report of the Treasurer is also correct.

### *Number of Members.—*

Number of members in the Section at the time of the last report	... 622
New members	... 95
Renewals	... 3
Member from another Section	... 1
Number of members gained	... 99

Members that have resigned	... 10
Members that have died	... 4
Members dropped because they did not pay their dues	... 95
Total number of members dropped	... 109
Members in the Section this year.	612

The difference between the figures for the year 1937 and those of 1938 show a decrease of 10 members, due to the fact that we have dropped from our lists many members who owe three years dues and have not shown any interest during that time in the Theosophical Society.

Our Statutes do not establish any difference between active members and non-active members. They are all considered active while they belong to the Society, but the member who is not up to date in his annual dues cannot vote nor is he eligible to hold any office in the Section. Neither can that member be a Delegate to the Convention.

*Important Visitors.*—From September to October, 1937, we had a visit from Miss Marie Poutz. She gave lectures in the principal lodges and revived the Theosophical activity. Miss Poutz' trip was very beneficial in every way.



*The National Theosophical Convention.*—On the 16th of January, 1938, the annual Convention was held in Havana. Some of the Statutes were modified. The Lodges held cultural and fraternal meetings. That same evening a public lecture was given which about 200 persons, not Theosophists, attended.

*Lodges.*—A new lodge called "Psiquis" was founded in this city on January 19, 1938.

Another new lodge named "Marie Poutz" was founded in Havana, on May 27, 1938.

At a meeting held by the Board of Directors on September 11, 1938, it was agreed to cancel the charters of the following lodges, because they really have ceased to exist :

"Conde de San German"

"Hypatia"

"H. P. Blavatsky"

28 Lodges remain.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—The head of the Order of Service in Cuba, Dr. José Fariñas Gomez, for a number of years has done nothing at all. In fact the Order scarcely exists. He himself acknowledges it. Some one else should be named in his place for he does not wish to continue.

*Federations.*—I have informed the members, Lodges and the Federations that the creation of the Federations in the Section is for the following objects only : To establish closer friendly ties among its members and to promote fraternity. (2) To Theosophize the town or province where they work, carrying propaganda to the places where Theosophy is not known, or helping the weak Lodges in their propaganda in the localities where they work.

The Federations are not official organizations and consequently whatever resolutions they may pass in their meetings may be considered as recommendations but never accepted as commands for the lodges to obey, and much less may the Federation pass Resolu-

tions contrary to those of the General Secretary, for that would produce lack of discipline, creating divisions contrary to the first Object of the T.S.

*Propaganda.*—Little propaganda is carried on. Whatever propaganda is done rests only on a few members, who go out to near-by towns to give lectures and who pay their own expenses. Even the Federations make no propaganda worth mentioning. The Section has very little funds because scarcely 50% of the members pay their annual dues. The Section has to help the upkeep of the *Revista Teosofica Cubana*, the official organ and the means of written propaganda. The subscriptions do not cover the cost of the publication.

With the exception of three cities, where the Lodges can make use of the local press, and that not very extensively, the press can not be used for propaganda. In Havana sometimes we can make use of the radio but not always. Few pamphlets are printed and even this is due to the sacrifice of a few, for most of the members of the T. S. in Cuba are poor and the majority are very poor.

Of the 29 Lodges in Cuba, the really active ones are : 3 in the Province of Oriente ; 1 in the Province of Camaguey ; 2 in the Province of Santa Clara, and 9 in the Province of Havana.

*Money Collected and Sent to Adyar.*—According to the statement of the Treasurer of the Section, the yearly dues this year have amounted to \$653.00. Therefore we must send Adyar 10%, which amounts to \$65.30. This amount is inclosed herewith in a bank note, addressed to the Treasurer of the T.S. in Adyar, Mr. Sri Ram.

*In the near Future.*—Brother C. Jinajadasa will arrive in Havana on the second of December. He will stay in Cuba about four weeks. After that he will leave for Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico and will be back in Havana about the 14th of January, 1939. He leaves for Europe on the 19th or 20 of that month.



This Convention will have an exceptional characteristic because he will preside over it. We shall also hold our elections for General Secretary. I shall not be a candidate for re-election. We expect to elect a woman as the next

General Secretary: she is Mrs. Ester de la Peña, who has every one's approbation.

J. CRUZ BUSTILLO,  
*General Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN HUNGARY

I have the honour to submit to you the following Report of the Hungarian National Society, covering the year October 1st, 1937 to September 30th, 1938.

This year the Hungarian National Society changed the place and frame of its work. We had after all to sell our Headquarters. We did our best to keep it, several friends tried to help, to whom we are deeply thankful, but our Board resolved that it would be unfair to all concerned to continue with the heavy strain imposed upon members by the continual asking for more money, so in the last months of last year, the sale was effected. It was a great relief to be freed from the burden of debts, and though we parted with a somewhat sore heart from our beautiful little house on the hill, still we moved with joy and full of hope into the new flat which since has proved to be an excellent acquisition. All our meetings here are crowded, the atmosphere is excellent, and a steady upward line is obvious in all the work. The selling of the house in Berkenye-utca has proved to be a blessing in still another way: the whole family of the purchaser has joined the Society; all are enthusiastic, ardent members now.

During this last year, the Hungarian T. S. was benefited by the visits of different travellers. The General Secretary in November 1937 accepted the kind invitation of the Finnish National Society, to attend their Jubilee Convention, and returned full of the happiest memories and feelings of strong friendship, making thus the link between

the countries even stronger and more vivid. On the way, Poland has been visited, which also added to the feeling of increased friendship.

The General Secretary had the great privilege of attending two gatherings in Holland with the President, one in May, 1938, and one in September-October, and brought back great inspiration for the work. During her visit to Holland in May, the General Secretary was entrusted with the organising work of the Zagreb Congress, and it was perhaps this fact which among others, induced so many Hungarian members to attend. I don't think that there ever were so many Hungarian Theosophists at a Congress abroad: we were 16 in Zagreb! To many it meant a great sacrifice, but they were all happy to be there, to meet the President and Rukmini, to make so many friends, and to have sensed the wonderful atmosphere of a Congress. Some of them did not understand a word of English, still they thoroughly enjoyed their stay, happy in the feeling of having contributed to the general atmosphere of goodwill and friendship.

After the Congress, a group of Dutch and Indian Theosophists travelled back with us to Budapest, and stayed here for several days, unforgettable for both parties. I wish Theosophical visits were more on the general programme—they beautifully strengthen links and promote understanding.

*Convention.*—Our Convention, the one in the old Headquarters, was held on Oct. 10th, 1937, and was attended

by 52 members. It was a happy gathering with the usual business meeting, followed by a common lunch, and in the afternoon by a kind of symposium of the Board members, where each officer told about the sorrows and joys of his office, inviting members to help in the work. Then came a very gay social meeting, offered by the Society and some lady members, and finally a public lecture by our best lecturer with an overflowing attendance.

*Meetings.*—We had 31 meetings for members, 12 in the old Headquarters and 19 in the new flat. The general average has been 39, against 36 of last year, of which there is an average attendance of 31 for the meetings held at the old Headquarters, and an average of 44 in the new place. Of these weekly members' meetings, 13 were lectures, 6 Symposia, 4 giving news of the Theosophical World, 6 social meetings with programmes, and 2 festivals, *i.e.* Adyar Day and White Lotus Day.

Many of our members not being able to read English, and besides, being too poor to subscribe to *The Theosophist* and *The Theosophical World*, the giving from time to time extracts from both, is a very welcome item on our programme.

In the old Headquarters, the weekly propaganda lectures were continued with an average attendance of 73, against 69 last year. The new flat is too small for public lectures, so we tried to hire a hall in the city once a month, and the three public lectures there were a great success. They show an average attendance of 108. After the lectures, there was occasion for discussion, and many more or less intelligent questions were discussed. Our general impression was, that people were in general struck and also attracted, by the idea of Reincarnation, but the idea of Karma did not appeal to most of them. They prefer to feel wronged in their poverty and troubles, they feel their country and families

have been unjustly treated by Fate or whatever they call it, and so they reject the idea that nothing comes to you that you have not earned. It is very seldom that people join in consequence of having attended the public lectures. Most of the public listening to the public lectures see intellectual problems only, and will not take the responsibility of joining The Society.

During the summer holidays, members met once a week in the new flat, and discussed Theosophical questions. The attendance was an average of 34, against 23 last year.

Having had public lectures once a month only, the three other Sundays of the months being free, we introduced study courses, on different subjects every month. In February, the subject was The Theosophical Society and its Founders; in March, The Evolution of Life and Form; in April, The Way of the Life Wave; in May, Man Visible and Invisible. The introducing of this new item seemed to fill a real gap in the life of our Society, and the average attendance shows that it was very much appreciated. The average attendance was 46, mostly members, and a few introduced guests. We are trying with this system, to carry out partly at least, the idea that people should be given the opportunity of attending meetings of the Society, becoming acquainted with members, and borrowing books from the library. After the study course, there is always a social meeting, tea, and opportunity for discussing the matters heard. If anybody attended these study courses for two years without joining the Society, he would not be invited any more.

*Visitors.*—After having moved into the new Headquarters, our old and beloved friend John Cordes came and spent 6 days with us, during which the official inauguration of the rooms took place. He gave us two lectures and several talks to groups of workers, and his presence brought us great help

and confidence in the future. Just a month after his visit, the Austrian Section was dissolved by the authorities. After the Zagreb Congress, several friends from abroad travelled with us back to Budapest, and spent a few days here. Among them was Miss Dijkgraaf whose last visit to Hungary was in 1927. Herold and new friends greeted her with great joy, and we had a delightful Question and Answer Meeting with her. She won the hearts of all whose hearts were not won yet—I mean all the new members, and our thankfulness for her visit is great indeed. The presence of the others (7 Dutch and 4 Indian brethren) was also very much appreciated, we had a fine time with all of them.

**Publishing Activity.**—Not being allowed to issue a magazine, we are keeping in contact with our members through irregularly issued "circular letters", in which translations of articles from *The Theosophist*, etc., are published. No books have been printed this past year, but the work of translating and typing in book form of the most important Theosophical works and also works of Hungarian Theosophical authors, has been continued with increased zeal, so that our library can boast of quite a series of books obtained in this way. The books thus typed and bound during the past year are as follows:

*On Mysteries*, (extracts from the Secret Doctrine); *The Laws of Manu*, (Lecture based on the book of Bhagavan Das), *The Inner Life*, by C. W. Leadbeater (4 volumes). *The World Mother as Symbol and Fact*, by C. W. Leadbeater; *Practical Occultism*, by H. P. Blavatsky; *You*, by G. S. Arundale (extracts); *The Dark Powers in Nature*, by Annie Besant, and by Hungarian authors; *The Spirit of the Age*, by S. Apfel; *The Treasures of Our Library*, by Lilla Karsai; *The Animal Kingdom*, by S. Apfel; *The Secret of Success*, by Lilla Karsai; *Theosophy and Social Reconstruction*, by Lilla Karsai; and extracts from *Self-*

*Preparation*, by J. Krishnamurti. Several other works are in hand at present, among others *The First Principles*, by C. Jinarājadāsa, which will be out in a short time. I should like strongly to recommend this procedure to the smaller Sections where members do not speak many languages, and where the printing of books cannot be afforded. The 3 or 4 typed copies are constantly circulating among the members, and the library shows much more life since this work has been inaugurated. It also gives work to many who like to work for The Society and cannot afford to come very often to Headquarters.

**Sale of Books.**—460 books were sold a slight decrease as against last year's number, which is due to the fact that we had fewer public lectures. On the other hand, the income was 63 Pengő more.

**Lodges.**—We have now 9 Lodges. 2 have been dissolved (*i.e.* one of them amalgamated with another Lodge) and one had to be transferred to Czechoslovakia because it is situated on Czechoslovakian territory. One new Lodge was chartered, the Lodge Urania.

**Membership.**—15 persons joined, and 9 resigned, 3 died, and 2 were removed from the rolls for non-payment through many years. Besides, the transfer of the Lodge Testvériség to Czechoslovakia, has caused a decrease of 9 more, so that once more we have to record a decrease in membership. However, the decrease in resignations (9 against 22 last year), is a joyful fact. Among the members who passed over, is Prof. Robert Nadler, former General Secretary. He just reached his 80th year a few weeks before his passing over. He was Gen. Sec. during the War, and it is owing to his wisdom and tact that our Society survived those critical times. He has been Gen. Sec. for 16 years!

**Finances.**—I am very happy that I cannot say much about our finances. We sold our old Headquarters with a loss of course, but without leaving

debts. We are now free, our budget is positive, we live according to our means. I hope our new Headquarters will soon prove too small, but if we have more members, we shall also have more money, and then we can proceed into more spacious premises, D.V.!

With this I may close my report, dear President. I should like to convey to you the love and loyalty of the members in Hungary. I think I may say now that the Hungarian Section is a thoroughly loyal one, and we are happily working together for the living

and spreading of the great truths of Theosophy, each one according to his lights. Adyar is ever before our eyes, we are looking towards it with love and reverence. May it prosper under your wise and efficient guidance, to the benefit of the world.

We are sending you our best wishes for a happy and successful Convention, and may I ask you to transmit our greetings to the brethren assembled.

FLORA DE SELEVER,  
*General Secretary.*

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### THE T. S. IN FINLAND

The revival of the activity of the Theosophical Society in Finland, which was noticeable already in 1936 after President Arundale's visit to our country, has continued. The European T. S. Congress in Copenhagen also gave much impetus to Theosophical work in Finland. As to the lodges in Helsinki, where most of our members live and where we have our Headquarters, the larger apartment into which our Headquarters removed in August 1937 has considerably facilitated our work in the capital. This apartment contains meeting-rooms for lodges and the office, also several private rooms let to some members, a dining-room, and a kitchen. Members who live at the Headquarters, form a household in common where they themselves and even other members can have meals and refreshments. This has given the Headquarters a feeling of home and it has become a beloved meeting place where members go for discussions and to get well acquainted with each other. Thus we have succeeded in keeping up the close personal contact we used to have during Summer at our week-end cottage, which for a few years has been a concrete form of realized brotherhood. Living in close touch with each other has given birth to new

forms of work, e.g. an astrological club has been founded.

The Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of our Society in November became a great source of inspiration. Numerous members from all parts of the country were present and returned to their local lodges kindled by the flames of the spirit of brotherhood that prevailed on the occasion.

Dr. Annie Besant signed the Charter of the T. S. in Finland on the 21st of September 1907. A Celebration in Commemoration of this had been arranged and the History of the T. S. in Finland had been written. As the history could not be completed in time, the celebration was postponed till November. The festivities were opened by a solemn meeting of members on the 13th of November at which the General Secretary in his speech gave an account of the changes that have taken place in the conception of Theosophy in the course of years. He addressed also the members who had continuously belonged to the Society from its foundation, expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Society. Of these members all who were present, 27 in number, were decorated with flowers. Then the General Secretary introduced



the foreign guest of the Society, the General Secretary of Hungary, Miss Flora Selevèr, who presented the greetings of her National Society and those of the Polish one. Then the greetings of various Societies and numerous telegrams were read, among which President Arundale's message from Adyar deserves a special mention. A standard, the insignia of the society embroidered with gold on white silk by a member, was presented to the society to be kept in the meeting-hall. Handing over the standard the Vice-General Secretary Yrjö Kallinen spoke, calling it a symbol of unselfish service. Then the hymn of the Theosophists "The Word of the Master" was sung in community. After a pause and solo singing by a member, Miss Selevèr delivered her lecture: "Towards Mastership". The programme being performed, the members with their guests removed to the vegetarian restaurant "Kirvu" for a dinner. The next day there was first a meeting in the afternoon at which Vice-General Secretary, Y. Kallinen, spoke on "The Ways Theosophy is Understood" and Miss Selevèr lectured on "Brotherhood as a Ideal and in Practice." Mrs. Piippa Heliö-Angervo recited a poem specially written for the Celebration by Dr. W. Angervo and good music was performed. In the evening the members gathered to the last party at which Miss Vilma Stadius and Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa recalled events of "the travel on the path".

**Publishing Activity.**—Our periodical *Teosofi* has issued ten numbers, of which two were double numbers. The number of subscribers has risen to 900, which indicates that a good proportion of the readers must be non-members. Through *Teosofi* we have been trying to keep our readers in contact with Adyar and its currents of energy, the chief channels of which are Dr. Arundale, Mr. Jinarajadasa and many other international workers, by publishing regularly translations of their articles

and speeches as well as news. *Teosofi* has been the transmitter of the pulse of the world-wide Theosophical life to all lodges and detached members. The reports of the lodges and the letters of the members bear testimony that that end has been achieved. Attached to *Teosofi* there have always been four pages of a translation of *The Secret Doctrine* by Mr. Jussi Snellman, who has succeeded Dr. Angervo as translator. The General Secretary has been the responsible editor, Miss Alli Aarni, the assistant editor, Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa, the managing editor. Many members have contributed original articles and translations.

Publishing the History of the 30 Years' activity of our Society was one of our most significant achievements last year. Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa, who had been entrusted with the task, produced a singularly well written work giving a vivid account of how the Theosophical message has been spreading in Finland, about the foundation of our Society and about its activity during these 30 years. The material for this work was very scattered, and the collection and arrangement of it has demanded an incredible amount of work and time. Out of this chaos Mr. Pohjanmaa has created a clear, consistent and well ordered whole. Brother Pohjanmaa has performed his gigantic task as a pure service without any reward at all. Besides this the publishing activity of the Society has been organized so that the Society has bought Theosophical literature, from publishers cooperating with us and distributed the copies through members. In that way *Mount Everest* by Dr. Arundale, *The Ambassador* by Dr. Angervo, *Bhagavad Gita*, and *Light on the Path* have been distributed.

There was a standstill in public lecturing during the Autumn, but during the Spring-season till Easter a public afternoon lecture was delivered every Sunday in Helsinki. The Executive Committee of the lodges in Helsinki



also arranged several public meetings besides the 30th Anniversary Celebration. At a meeting on St. Stephen's Day the General Secretary read his translation of President Arundale's speech at the Annual Convention at Adyar and a symposium by five lodges in Helsinki on the four problems concerning Theosophy and the work of the T.S. The most important of the gatherings arranged during the Spring-season were the meetings in connection with the regular Annual Convention, the celebration of White Lotus Day and Commemoration Day on the 17th of February.

The Annual Conventions have become the climax in the activity of our Society, so many members partaking and so many lectures, discussions and other good items being on the programme. The ordinary Annual Convention comprised meetings during three days. A determination to work for the general spirit of understanding prevailed at the Convention and found expression both in discussions and speeches. Among other things the necessity of spreading right knowledge of the functions of the cosmic laws was stressed. A symposium on the theme "Theosophy is the next step" . . . was presented. A Diploma of Membership was issued to the lodge "Tammi" (Oak) near Helsinki.

The General Secretary, the Vice-Secretary and the former General Secretary participated in the meeting of Theosophical workers at Huizen in May bringing from the meeting new ideas and especially convinced of the importance of the spirit of understanding in promoting good will and peace among men and nations.

During the Summer we were happy to receive two notable foreign visitors. On the 27th-30th of June Mrs. A. Gardner, the General Secretary of the T.S. of England, led our summer-school in which about 150 members participated. This short course was a great success.

The fame of Mrs. Gardner as an excellent speaker and her thorough knowledge of Theosophy had reached us and now her personality conquered the audience. The firm hand with which she led the course, her readiness and her profound learning, and especially her harmonious personality rendered the course very impressive and profitable to the partakers.

The second visitor was Prof. J. E. van der Stock, who on the 19th of July gave a very interesting lecture to members on the occult aspects of the national dharma. In another speech to members at our week-end cottage he related his impressions of Finland and of its people from an occult point of view. He answered also the questions of the members. As these visits of foreign leaders always give new ideas and impetus to our work, such visits should be arranged every year.

The lodges have been studying Theosophical literature, writing short discourses on various subjects, or on the burning topics of the day, striving to practise Theosophy in everyday life. The four problems of President Arundale have been thoroughly discussed in many of the lodges and a symposium of these discussions was read at the Celebration on the 26th of December. Different lodges have also arranged small public meetings. Although there is a great want of competent speakers, a speech or lecture on Theosophical subjects has always been delivered at these meetings. The Executive Committee of the Lodges in Helsinki has started arranging public challenge-meetings and entertainments at which members advocate and defend Theosophy.

In our country small groups of people, 5, 10, 15 in number, a few more in the capital, come together week after week trying to understand and to strive for high ideals, to learn to direct their way toward suncommon and strange worlds where weapons have been dropped from

thoughts and words as well as from hands, where men no more stand against each other but side by side. The toil of these small groups seems hopeless and ridiculous in comparison with the achievements of the mighty ones, and they must admit even themselves that no great results are visible, but they work in faith and their perseverance is like an invisible current under ice in Spring-time; and by working they change themselves—slowly yet surely, and so when one of these unassuming followers of the Path takes a step nearer the goal, his hand is in the hand of the Brother,

who is ahead and in that of the brother coming behind. Thus all approach the goal and the plan of the Hierarchy is fulfilled by degrees. Every lodge of the T. S. and each of their members are in the service of this Government. Let each of us stand faithfully to our posts! The Theosophical Society of Finland sends its loyal greeting to the President and to the International Convention of the Theosophical Society.

ARMAS RANKKA,  
*General Secretary.*

## THE RUSSIAN T.S. OUTSIDE RUSSIA

*P.T.S.*—We send to our beloved President our loyal and loving greeting and we send to the brethren assembled at the Convention our hearty good wishes for the success of the Work.

*Convention.*—Our Convention last year was in Paris. This year it was held in Zagreb, during the European Congress.

*Statistics.*—The "R.T.S. outside Russia" has 184 members. Two members were transferred to other Sections; 3 passed away; 14 new members have entered. The gain is 9 members.

The "Russian lodge" in Harbin has become a centre, but a new lodge is born in Boston ("Svetlana"). Thus there are 12 lodges.

*Lodges 1.*—*Giordano Bruno, in Geneva, President Dr. A. Kamensky.* Giordano Bruno has met weekly, by turns with the group "*Vladimir Radiant Sun*" (Prince of ancient Russia, who had a Round Table of Knights), which studies especially Russia's traditions and psychology. G. Bruno had 11 meetings and organized 3 public lectures on Theosophy and on Russian Occult traditions. In Geneva, there are two Russian Lodges.

*2. Alkonost, in Paris, President Css. O. de Suzor.* Alkonost had regular meetings for members and for outsiders. "Evolution of Life and Form" was the chief subject of study. In spring it received a visit from Dr. A. Kamensky.

*3. Union, in London, President Mrs. A. Koenig.* The lodge has met regularly and organized 7 public meetings.

*4. The White Lotus, in Brussels, President Mr. K. Ouspensky.* The lodge has studied Theosophy applied to life. In spring it received the visit of Dr. E. Solovsky, who gave a public lecture on: "Theosophy and its value for the rebirth of Russia".

*5. Kitej, in Tallin, President Mr. Pavel Raggis.* Kitej has met twice monthly, holding regular meetings for members and outsiders. It has given 3 public lectures on comparative study of religions and several on Theosophy.

*6. Yaroslav-the-Wise, in Belgrade, President Mrs. L. Bresinsky.* The members lost, in December, their beloved President, Mrs. M. Yahontova, who led the lodge for 10 years. Also 2 members passed away. Nevertheless, the work has gone on, according to a well elaborated plan. Meetings for

members and for outsiders followed each other weekly, attracting a good audience, Dr. E. Solovsky helped the lodge with 8 talks and lectures on Theosophy and on diverse problems of life.

In spring, 2 members from Zagreb came and gave talks in relation to the coming Congress. They asked the collaboration of the Russian lodge, which was very happy to help the Yugoslavian Section.

7. *The Fiery Bird, in Berlin, President Mrs. L. Erfurt.* Owing to political circumstances, the branch has not been able to meet at all. The members are working individually.

8. *Annie Besant, in Bessarabia, President Mrs. A. Essigmann.* This branch comes together as often as it can, but not regularly, its members being spread in diverse places of the province. They met this year 9 times; 14 lectures and talks have been given on Theosophical subjects.

9. *Vasanta, in Prague, Secretary Miss M. Hovanetz.* This branch has worked through correspondence and book-exchange, its members being spread over the country. It has a fine library and a very devoted secretary, whose house is a favourite meeting-place for members and for friends of all nationalities. We consider it as a *Centre*.

In *China* and *Manchuris* we have 3 branches:

10. *Russian lodge, in Karbin, President Mr. Akimoff.* From this branch we have had no news since last year.

11. *Russian lodge, in Tietsin, President Mrs. A. Sokol.* Owing to the illness of the president and the political difficulties in China, the branch had no regular meetings. The members work individually.

12. *The H.P.B. Branch in Shanghai, President Mrs. O. Vitovsky.* Although the political situation is a very difficult one, the branch, whose locale is in the French part of the town,

has managed to meet regularly weekly and the work is going on without interruption, attracting a fine audience. Its valiant president, Mme. Vitovsky, had made many translations and is giving talks weekly. The lodge has been helped by Mr. Knudsen, who has proposed to give also a weekly talk in English. Mr. Knudsen has reported to me his visit to Shanghai, speaking warmly of the enthusiasm and devotion of Mrs. Vitovsky. Mr. Jinarajadasa has also met our brethren in Shanghai and they were very happy to see him and to listen to him. (Recently this lodge has decided to join the new Eastern Section, led by Mr. Knudsen.

13. *"Svetlana", in Boston, President Col. A. Lvoff.* This branch has been born this year and has done already excellent work, meeting weekly and organizing meetings with friends. There are talks given on different Theosophical subjects and on art. Generally there is also music and tea.

There are Russian centres in Poland, in Holland, in Italy, in South America and in the Philippine Islands.

*Propaganda.*—The general secretary and Dr. E. Solovsky have given in Geneva a series of public talks and lectures on Russian Occult Traditions. In spring, Dr. A. Kamensky lectured in Paris and Dr. Solovsky in Brussels.

*Publishing Activities.*—The Theosophical magazine *Vestnik* was issued 6 times; the little typewritten *Bulletin* (News) 6 times also.

Owing to the devotion of our unfatigable member, Mr. P. Raggis, the president of "Kitej", in Tallin, we have been able to publish a brochure: *What is Theosophy?* (Dr. A. Kamensky) and a book, dedicated to H.P.B., with some of her articles and a very fine biography, by Mrs. H. Pissareva. *Mount Everest* by Dr. Arundale is in preparation.

*Finances.*—Our financial situation is a difficult one, for many members pay their dues only partially, and others

cannot send their dues regularly, owing to postal regulations. Also our correspondence is a big item of our budget, our members being spread all over the world. Nevertheless we have managed to end our year without deficit and all is in good order.

*Other Activities.*—We have many subsidiary activities: the "Golden Chain", the "R.T.", "Young Theosophists", several healing and art-groups. The "Theosophical Order of Service" is active and helps the local organisation, especially the Peace work. The "Order of Service of Russia" studies Russian art, history and literature, also our occult traditions, trying to catch a glimpse of the Great Plan for Russia.

*International Activity.*—Wherever possible, we give our collaboration to the local Section, in the T.S. and the T.O.S., especially in Geneva. The general secretary, Dr. A. Kamensky, has given in the Swiss Section several talks and lectures. She has led the work in the Interconfessional group (Brotherhood of religions), in the Research Group of the Theosophical World University (Symbolism) and the World Peace Union, preparing for the Peace week and the Great Silence on 11 November. During 10 years, she led the work of the International Theosophical Centre, organizing international work on a big scale. In 1938, the Centre was closed by a decision of the General Council, in Adyar, who hoped that the Swiss Section would now take in hand this important work in Geneva, the Seat of the League of Nations.

Dr. A. Kamensky is president of the "Slavonic Brotherhood" initiated in Adyar, in 1925. The 12th November is a Peace-Day, celebrated by several Slavonic countries.

Dr. A. Kamensky made a tour through Switzerland, visiting all lodges and holding public lectures. She lectured also in Paris.

She has a chair in the University of Geneva (Comparative Study of Reli-

gions); and a chair of Philosophy of the Beautiful.

*Summing up.*—Summing up the work of the year, we can say, that in spite of many difficulties on the physical plane, the "R.T.S. outside Russia" is a very living body, active and full of initiative and devotion. A fiery enthusiasm is the most prominent feature of its activity.

*Our Charter.*—It is now nearly 13 years since a charter was granted to the first 7 Russian lodges, which asked to be allowed to work together as a united body and a national Section. Two of them have gone into pralaya, but 7 new ones were born, and although there are changes and fluctuations going on, we have still 12 lodges and many centres in all corners of the world. We have 184 members, which means that several hundred others are attracted to its meetings and come into contact with Theosophy. The big reading-rooms in London, Paris, Berlin, Tallin, Brussels, Belgrade, Geneva, receive our books and pamphlets. We have an immense correspondence with unknown friends and enquirers.

*Our Books and Magazine.*—During these 13 years we have published 16 books and several brochures. In 1923, we began to issue our Theosophical magazine, *Vestnik*. Recently we have published H. P. B.'s biography, by Mde. Helena Pissareva, who knew personally some of H. P. B.'s friends and relations. It is the best and the most complete we possess in the T. S. It is followed by some of her articles.

*Value of the "R.T.S. outside Russia".*—At this crucial moment of Russia's history, the value of the work done by "R.T.S. outside Russia" is more important than ever before. Our Section is uniting in one great family many refugees spread over the world, she is gathering precious material, she is keeping the best of our traditions, she is translating and spreading our literature, she is preparing Theosophical workers,



who will be ready, when the hour of liberation comes, to start the work of reconstruction in a spirit of love and understanding. They will join hands with the idealists in the country, and out of this union, a new Russia shall be born, happy and free, ready to fulfil her great Dharma in the world. Therefore all national Sections ought to look with fraternal sympathy at the efforts of the "R.T.S. outside Russia", trying to see in her not a small, poor and insignificant Section without means and territory, but a precious channel for the gathering and spreading, amidst Russians, of the golden seeds of ancient Wisdom. Indeed, knowing the deep reality of our unity, we may safely trust the Good Law and say: "What we do to-day for our Russian brethren, in truth we do it for the whole world."

*Dr. Besant's Opinion.*—Let us remember the days of the Golden Jubilee, in Adyar, when Dr. A. Besant spoke at the meeting of the General Council, in favour of our Charter. She said: "For those, who are deprived of their Motherland, it is very precious to use their own language, to work according to

their temperaments and to feel themselves united in one national body. The work of the 'R.T.S. outside Russia' will be useful not only for the refugees in exile, but also for all Russians, when Russia will be free."

*The Present Year.*—This is a year, when a special homage is rendered to H.P.B. Her chief work, the "Secret Doctrine" will be published in a popular edition, in Adyar. A new Society of H.P.B.'s friends has been formed with the aim of getting a revision of the scandalous process of the "Society of Psychical Research". Materials are gathered to throw greater light on her life and activity. In truth, H.P.B.'s friends wish to express their appreciation and their gratitude to her. But will they not, first of all, give their hearty sympathy and their loving understanding to the Russian Theosophical movement, which must work outside Russia, as long as it is not allowed to work inside? What better homage could be made to her and to Russia?

Dr. A. KAMENSKY,  
*General Secretary.*

## THE T.S. IN SOUTH AFRICA

The Chief influence in the life of the Lodges and of the Section generally during the year has been the lecturing tour of Miss Clara Codd.

After spending a day or two in Cape Town on her arrival from England, where she was met and welcomed by the General Secretary, Dr. Humphrey, Miss Codd proceeded to the Transvaal, dividing the months of February, March, and April between the Lodges of Pretoria and Johannesburg. In addition to the ordinary and public lectures, Miss Codd has been asked to speak to the Rotary Clubs wherever she has been, to Women's Clubs, and has made many contacts outside the ordinary gamut of Theosophical activities.

From May to August Miss Codd worked in Natal, visiting all the Lodges of the Federation, making her Headquarters in Durban, where she broadcast several times.

The last four months of the year will be spent in the Cape Federation, with Headquarters in Cape Town. Port Elizabeth and George were visited, and a campaign of a fortnight's duration was conducted in each place. Considerable accessions of new members have followed Miss Codd's visits to the various Lodges. One feature of Miss Codd's work has been the consolidating and unifying effect which she has had on the members themselves within the Lodges,



drawing together the young and the old into participation in the common work.

Our desire and policy in South Africa is to make no discrimination between members on the score of age, so that

all experiences may be brought to the enrichment of the common life.

A statistical report from the Register will be sent separately.

W. A. HUMPHREY,  
*General Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN SCOTLAND

I have much pleasure in submitting my report as General Secretary on the work of the Scottish Section during the year ending 30th April, 1938. I could wish that it contained more definite evidences, represented by statistics of membership, of the activities which have been faithfully and energetically carried on in the Lodges. That very much splendid work has been done, I know; and I am most confident that, although results have not accrued to The Theosophical Society in an increased membership, the work is not lost nor are the efforts wasted. It is the general experience, in other Sections as well as in Scotland, that a larger public is being attracted to our public lectures, and a greater interest taken in the message of Theosophy, which it is our purpose and our great privilege to spread.

On 1st May, 1937, there were 388 members on the active list. During the year ending 30th April, 1938, 13 members have joined The Society, 2 have rejoined, 4 have died, 5 have resigned, 2 have transferred to the South African Section, and 13 have been placed on the suspended list, leaving a total membership of 379.

The number of Lodges is 26, and there are 5 Centres.

We were fortunate this year in securing visits from Mr. Fritz Kunz, Mr. Hawliczek, and Mrs. Dorothy Grenside. All three lectured in Edinburgh and Glasgow. Mr. Kunz also lectured in Dundee, while Mr. Hawliczek, in addition to Dundee, visited Perth and Aberdeen. These lecturers were greatly appreciated by all who heard them.

In all districts there has been a strong endeavour to make the spirit of the "Campaign for Understanding" the foundation of all work done, and this has found expression in the biggest publicity effort the Scottish Section has attempted. The National Council considered that the occasion of the Empire Exhibition opened in May of this year, at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, presented an opportunity for propaganda that could not be missed. It was therefore decided to organise a Kiosk at the Exhibition, and a Committee was appointed for this purpose. The Committee has had the good fortune to have at its disposal the full time services of Mrs. Allan, to manage the kiosk and its business, and I take this opportunity to offer very hearty thanks to Mrs. Allan for undertaking this very taxing piece of work. Jointly the members of Committee have provided a kiosk, which for its attractive appearance compares favourably with any other to be seen in the Exhibition, and for this result we are greatly indebted to Mr. John A. Wilkie and Mr. Hugh C. Wilson. A large selection of literature is available for sale and distribution, including a consignment specially sent over from the T. P. H., Adyar, by whom also a donation of Rs. 200 has been made. The finances of the kiosk have been greatly helped by a gift of £50 by the English Section, and by generous donations received from individual members and from several Lodges. We are also very grateful to many members who have given their services as assistants at the kiosk, for long and short periods, as their circumstances

permitted. By this combined effort, it is hoped that the kiosk may be the means of reaching large numbers of people, through our literature and by personal contact, and the scope of the Society's work thus widely increased.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convention was held on Sunday, 12th June, in Glasgow, under the presidency of Mr. Peter Freeman, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Wales. Mrs. Jean Allan was given warm welcome upon entering into office as General Secretary, to the duties of which she brings the experience of many years of service to the Society. The business meeting closed with the address by Mr. Peter Freeman to members—a reminder of the very great opportunities that lie to the hand of the F.T.S. to-day, and a stirring appeal to them to seize them for the helping of the world in these dangerous times. He made particular reference to the call for Peace and Goodwill, recently sent forth by our President as one of the means available to all for service of the kind. The closing item of the Convention programme was the public lecture on 'Scientific Evidence of the Superphysical,' illustrated by lantern, and delivered to a large audience in the Rankine Hall. Altogether, a very happy and profitable time, for which our thanks are given to Mr. Peter Freeman for his genial presence and presiding.

I represented the Scottish Section last Whitsuntide at the English Convention held in the Besant Hall, London, and also went to the European Congress at Copenhagen, at which I had the company of seven other members from Scotland. This was a highly successful and, I believe, a very important gathering, of which the results should be far-reaching.

Although not strictly within the year under review, it is with grateful remembrance that we record the passing, on 25th June, of Mrs. Emily Hay, and the closing of a period of active service

for Theosophy extending to nearly 40 years. Mrs. Hay made the work of the Theosophical Library at Headquarters her particular interest, and served it unflinchingly for 37 years as Honorary Librarian. It was in this connection that many members knew her, and learned to appreciate the help and guidance she gave, but also she was the link between Theosophy in Scotland and in many other countries, for Mrs. Hay was a well-known figure at The Society's Congresses in European countries, as well as in India. Her place cannot be filled by another, and she remains in our affectionate remembrance as one who gave freely and generously of her outstanding abilities in the service of the Society and its members everywhere.

With the presentation of this Report I relinquish the duties of General Secretary, with which I have been entrusted through 4 successive years. They have been years which have brought me many valued friendships, which are gifts that endure the test of time, and they have given me many opportunities of service to our beloved Society and to Those, our Great Elder Brothers, the Masters, Whose Society it is. The great gifts of knowledge and of Truth are not to be sought for ourselves, but that through us, as channels, they may be given to the world, and the ideal of Universal Brotherhood be brought a little nearer. Such was the aim of my predecessors in this office of General Secretary, and such it has been to me. I trust and believe that it will continue to be the goal toward which the path of Scotland's progress will lead her and along which my successor will direct her.

On behalf of our Lodges and members I send loyal and loving greetings to you and to Rukmini Devi and to all our brethren assembled for the International Convention.

CHRISTOPHER GALE,  
*General Secretary.*

## THE T.S. IN SWITZERLAND

I have the privilege of submitting the following report concerning the activities of the Swiss Section from June 1937 to June 1938.

*Membership.*—New members admitted: 19. Resigned: 5. Dead: 2. Increase of membership: 12. The Sections members: 316.

*Lodges.*—On the 9th April, the Centre at Lucerne was promoted to the rank of Branch.

*General Secretary.*—On 3rd May 1937, the Central Committee of the Section appointed me General Secretary for another period of 3 Years.

*Lecturers.*—The General Secretary undertook a lecturing tour, as did also Dr. A. Kamensky; particular attention was given to German Switzerland and to Italian Switzerland. No lecturer from abroad. Several members, among others Dr. de Henseler and Mr. Sassi, were invited by several branches to give lectures.

*Publications.*—Owing to lack of funds, the Section is obliged to limit printing matter to the strict minimum. However, in 1937, a whole series of pamphlets on Understanding have been translated and issued in German.

*Finance.*—Satisfactory.

*General Headquarters.*—Quite a numbers of members have voluntarily taken upon themselves the paying of supplementary fees to enable us to keep and develop our General Headquarters.

*International Theosophical Centre.*—Allow me once again to thank the International Theosophical Centre in the name of the Swiss Section, for the help it has given us during its existence.

*Library.*—All our books have been revised and put into new paper-jackets, etc. Thus the Swiss Section has great possibilities for work; the library has rendered great services. Efforts will yet be made to bring it quite up to the mark.

*Order of Service.*—Has, under Mlle Roget's direction, received a new impetus, has organized relief work for the poor, a course of vegetarian cooking, etc., etc.

*Young Theosophist.*—Active though not very numerous.

To resume: these last four or five years, the Swiss Theos. Society has seen the numbers of its members grow, and their interest also seems to deepen, and the branches show in general, a more lively activity. Two visits to Syria, end of 1937 and beginning of 1938, have hindered the G. S. from executing all his plans; owing to the collaboration and devotion of several members, the section has not suffered by his absence.

Three facts call for special attention:

1. The Swiss Section has decided to take, for all French-Swiss members—about 200—an individual subscription to the *Action Théosophique*, published in Bruxelles. This form of collaboration has been greatly appreciated by all members.

2. *Annual Convention* was held this year in an enchanting site in central Switzerland. It was a remarkable experience. In fact, owing to lack of any means of locomotion, the members had no possibility of leaving Hôtel Hertenstein during the two days the Convention lasted, and thus they were able to enter into close contact with each other, much more so than in the preceding years when Convention was held in a town.

3. Switzerland being now the only country the inhabitants of part of which speak German and have the liberty of belonging to The Theosophical Society, it has been decided by the Swiss Section to intensify efforts in the German speaking part of the country; to that end, it has been decided to have the Bulletin printed, and to devote the greater part to articles in

German. Our members have not hesitated to accept the financial sacrifice this entails.

I am the interpreter of the Swiss Section in assuring you that, however modest our work, it is undertaken in a spirit of enthusiasm and joyful sacrifice. We work with our thoughts fixed on

Adyar, on our Founders and our actual Leaders; may these few lines be for Rukmini and yourself the expression of the absolute devotion of all the Swiss members.

G. TRIPET,

*General Secretary.*

25-11-38

### THE T. S. IN BELGIUM

Our activities, as in preceding years, mainly took the form of lectures on Saturday evenings.

The following lectures were given by non-members of the Society :

Finnish Traditions	...	Mr. Baruch
The Upanishads	...	Mrs. Charlier-Hirsch
The Great Pyramid and its Secrets	...	Mr. Declercq
Intelligence and Instinct	...	Mr. Ph. Devaux
Modern Hindoo Philosophy	...	Mr. J. Herbert
Apollonius of Tyana	...	Mr. J. Mallinger
The Iconography of Lamaic Buddhism	...	Mr. Mortier
Religion and Truth.	...	Rev. Schyns

Three members of The Theosophical Society belonging to allied sections, also lectured.

In the first place, our President, Dr. G. S. Arundale, was amongst us for forty-eight hours. He spoke to us briefly on the subject of his latest book, shortly to be published, the title of which is: "From Man to Superman: A Study in Symbolical Yoga".

His presence and that of Rukmini Devi, were for us a great source of inspiration and a great joy. We hope

very much that they will again visit us in October.

Professor J. E. Marcault, General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in France was Chairman of our General Meeting and the evening before, spoke to us on Psychism and Yoga.

Lastly, Mrs. Mertens-Stiénon, from the English section, gave us two lectures:—"Krishnamurti", and "The Four Elements and Their Sacred Symbolism."

The following were the lectures given by our own members:

Secret India	...	Mrs. André de Ghlin
The Secret of Joy }	...	Mr. Chapellier
The Mystic Kabbalah }	...	Mr. P. d'Angkor
In the Presence of the Great Mysteries	...	Mr. G. de Boeck
Happiness and its Mystery }	...	Mr. A. de Pauw
Our Unknown Forces }	...	Miss Devos
The Regulating Elements of Theosophical Morality	...	Mr. D. Nicolay
Art and Machinism	...	
Current Problems and Trial Solutions	...	



The Three Objects of The Theosophical Society.	}	
Dogma and Truth		Mr. G. Polak
Man and His God		
The Cycle of an Existence		Mrs. Verheyen
The Secret Temple		Mr. F. Wittemans

The undermentioned lectures were also given on Saturday evenings, but under the auspices of the Order of Service :

In the United States of Youth	...	Mr. Blondeel
The Contradictions of the Modern World	...	Miss Bouckenaere
The Jewish Question and its Scientific Aspect	...	Mr. Groffier
Bellamyism in the light of Theosophy	...	Mr. Lemesre
The activity of the Ministry of Public Health	...	Dr. René Sand

Lastly two Saturdays were devoted to artistic evenings :

A series of Golden and Sacred Legends, were danced and chanted by Mrs. Charlotte Bara :

Mr. Chapellier, together with Mr. Schell, tenor, and Mrs. Chapellier, pianist, gave "An Evening with Schubert."

The ceremony of the White Lotus was held with great solemnity. Mrs. Carli, cantatrice, and Mrs. Nyssens-Deseck, pianist, composed the artistic programme of this beautiful commemoration ceremony.

A study class of Theosophy, based on "The Evolution of Humanity", (the title of the translation of the "Elements of Theosophy", of Mr. Jinajadasa) was organized two Mondays per month, and attracted an attentive audience.

The activities of the branches have been very satisfactory, and the provincial branches appear to have given to the Brussels branches an example of devotion and perseverance.

Meetings for members, but independent of branches, took place the first Thursday of each month, the subjects treated being :

The Three objects of the Theosophical Society.

The Immortance of Youth in our Society.

Due to the initiative of Serge Brisy, a Campaign of Understanding was or-

ganized. We hope this will bear good fruit.

The library, under the management of Mesdames Jacobs, Paulsen and Stevens and Mr. Welvaert, was open on Tuesdays and Saturdays, for the use of readers.

The book stall under the management of Mrs. Polak, also contributed by its sales, to the amelioration of our budget.

The number of members on May 15, is 387. During the year, 49 new diplomas were delivered, but we have lost 28 members through resignation, radiation or death. The net gain is therefore 21 members.

During the year, at the instigation of one of our most active members, we launched an appeal for the reduction of the Society's debt, which still considerably handicaps us. The response to this appeal either by cancellation of portion of amounts due to creditors, or by direct contribution, resulted in a reduction in the Society's debt by about Fcs. 13.000. This debt, for the first time, is now below Fcs. 100.000, and amounts to exactly Fcs. 91.800.

We believe that our meetings have been better attended and more enjoyed than in preceding years, and from this point of view, the year 1937/1938 may be marked with a white stone which augurs well for the future.

SERGE BRISY,  
General Secretary.



## THE T.S. IN THE NETHERLANDS INDIES

I have the honour to submit to you the Report of the Netherlands Indian Section of the T. S., for the year ending September 30th 1938.

*Statistics.*—At the end of last year there were 1332 active members on the list. During this year 76 new members were enrolled, 3 have been readmitted and 1 has been transferred from another Section; 32 have resigned, 9 passed over to the "Other Side", 34 have been removed from the rolls and 2 have been transferred to other Sections; leaving a total active membership of 1335. There are now 28 lodges and 18 centres. The membership of the latter vary from 4 to 25.

*General Remarks.*—The year has been one of very quiet work, along the usual lines of activities: lectures, classes and some social work. No events specially worth mentioning are to be reported. Our country is still suffering from the financial and economical difficulties of the years passed by and recovers only very slowly. And so does our Society.

*Theosophical Events.*—The Section was honoured by a visit from Sister and Brother Knudsen from Shanghai (October 1937), who drew some gatherings, informal and public ones, for which we are very grateful. Also we were visited by brother Dr. Pandia from Madras (August and September 1938), who had a prolonged stay with us and studied our country and its people. He also gave us some lectures, which were very well appreciated.

In January we had our sixth Presidential Conference, where the Lodge- and Centre-presidents of 20 lodges gathered together to discuss problems of propaganda and lectures. The place of the Conference was chosen at Kali-Bakoeng, up in the mountains, at an altitude of nearly 3500 feet. Next to the business-meetings we had some lecture-gatherings about the theme:

"The Use of Theosophy in the present Situation of the World."

*Magazines Published.*—The same as the years before: *De Pionier* (Dutch sectional Magazine); *Persatoean Hidoep* (Malay idem); *Theosofie in Ned.-Indie* (Official monthly Bulletin); *Koeman-dang Theosofie* (Javanese periodical) and the *Correspondence Letter* (a somewhat informal and private bimonthly letter for Lodge and Centre-officials and interested members).

*The Publishing House and Theosophical Library.*—"Minerva", our semi-official Book-shop and Publishing House celebrated its silver jubilee, which drew much attention and was commented upon in the daily press. The library issued its catalogue (about 1500 books and periodicals) and is growing steadily under the loving care of its devoted librarian.

*The National Convention.*—The yearly Convention was held at Easter-time at Semarang (centre of Java) and was attended by some 200 members. Besides the regular business-meetings we had our full share of lectures (7), which treated the problems of "The Occult Life", "Practical Theosophy", "The Usefulness of Theosophical Truths in daily Life."

*Federation of Young Theosophists.*—It seems, as if the Federation has now found its true footing and is developing steadily. It is under the guidance of Br. Jan de Munck Mortier and numbers now 6 active centres, while others are in preparation. The Federation took the initiative to start a monthly magazine, called *The Lotus* which has a somewhat official character and numbers quite a lot of old Theosophists among its subscribers. We all hope the Federation will continue its course and become a blessing to Theosophical life and activities in this country.

*Education.*—This work is developing under the auspices of the Theosophical

World-University and it rather flourishes as to its primary schools and secondary schools. We regretted to be compelled by the Government to give up our Training-College for teachers, and especially so, as the Department of Instruction expects to be short of teachers next year, because the official training was stopped some years ago, with the intention of saving the money of the country. All now agree, that this was a very short-sighted policy, which will cause much difficulty and hamper the intellectual (and therefore also economical) development of this country.

On the other hand we started a new type of college and hope this one will be more successful. The director of the Training-College at Lembang has been charged with the direction of this new College.

The NIATWU (Educational Society) now owns 33 schools with approximately 5000 pupils and 200 teachers. As such it is perhaps the largest of Theoso-

phical enterprises in the domain of education. The president is Br. ir. P. Fournier.

*Other Activities.*—Several members take an active part in social and idealistic societies. One of the most favoured is the Boy-Scout movement. The Chief-Brother of the Order of Service has retired from his governmental position and now devotes his time to his ideals, so we hope, that soon the Order will show more enthusiasm and activity.

*Greetings.*—on behalf of our Section, allow me, to convey to you our most sincere feelings of love and gratitude. We all hope, that the Great Ones will continue to inspire and bless you and our Society with power, wisdom and dignity to fulfil its task for Universal Brotherhood.

A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,

Bandoeng,

*General Secretary.*

26-9-1938.

## THE T. S. IN BURMA

*Introductory.*—I have great pleasure in placing before you the report of the Theosophical Society in Burma, for the year ending 30th September, 1938, and to state that the year under report was one of vigorous activities in different directions, and efforts were maintained to spread the Message of Theosophy in the Province.

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

*Membership.*—We started with 166 members as on 1st of October, 1937.

We had 31 admissions and 1 transfer to the Indian Section leaving 196 members on the rolls as on 30th September, 1938.

*Lodges.*—The number of lodges continued to be the same, namely, 12, and no new lodges were chartered during the year. The most active lodges were "Olcott Lodge", Rangoon, "Blavatsky Lodge", Maymyo, "Lotus Lodge", Mandalay, and the Youth lodges at Rangoon and Maymyo.

*Understanding Campaign.*—The "Understanding Campaign" was inaugurated on 1st of October, 1937, on Dr. Besant's birthday. The work during the Campaign was however confined mainly to Rangoon, and lectures were organised for the purpose during the months of October, November and

December, 1937. The meetings were organised by the T. S. and we had the full co-operation of all the Lodges in Rangoon. In connection with this Campaign there were socials and friendly meetings.

This "Campaign for Understanding" proved to be a very great success. We had the co-operation of not only the members of The Theosophical Society, but friends like U Ba Dun, Bar-at-Law, Mr. C. T. Venugopal, M.A., Mr. N. Sundaresan, M.A., I.A.A.S., Dr. J. R. Andrus, M.A., of the University College, Mr. S. N. Haji, B.A., Mr. I. A. Panikkar, M.A., I.A.A.S., and the Venerable Prajnananda. These lectures attracted very good and responsive audiences and it was noticed that at each gathering we had a new set of people to attend. The subjects dealt with were :

1. The Laws of Understanding,
2. Towards a Golden Age,
3. Higher Truths of Buddhism,
4. Creative Understanding,
5. Understanding—The Bridge between Races, Nations and Faiths, etc.

*Annual Convention.*—Along with the Campaign for Understanding, our Annual Convention was held in October, 1937, which also proved to be a unique success. The three Convention Lectures on "Higher Truths of Buddhism" by Pandit J. C. Chatterji, a veteran Theosophist, attracted good audiences. We had also a Members' social and a dinner.

Miss Glen-Walker who was here for a month from 10th of October, 1937, helped to create added enthusiasm in our members and interest in Theosophy. She went up to Mandalay and Maymyo and delivered lectures on Theosophical subjects. This proved to be very helpful. We had again the unexpected stay with us of Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen for four days on their way from China and Java to India. Mr. Knudsen's very thoughtful addresses on Theosophical

subjects were very interesting, and aroused more enthusiasm for Theosophical work in Burma. Our thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen. Their stay was a happy event to our Rangoon T. S. members. Mr. Knudsen was pleased to remark that he would long remember the intense work that the Rangoon F.T.S. were doing. It was an example to set before any Lodge, and that he would quote '*In Rangoon*' at many a discussion of 'Ways and Means'.

*Rangoon Lodge.*—Rangoon Lodge continued again to be the most active of all the lodges. There were regular study classes. The study classes were reorganised and Mr. D. A. Anklesaria continued his class on 'Secret Doctrine' and Mr. H. M. Shroff conducted the study class on 'A Text Book of Theosophy' for younger members. Mr. B. R. Rao's class on the study of Upanishads and Indian Philosophy continued to attract a large number of people.

Miss Martha Root of the Bahai Movement gave a public lecture in the Lodge on 'Bahai Principles'. Pandit Lalan, a very old Member of H.P.B. days, who was with us, gave two interesting talks on 'The Aim of Life' and 'Man's Place in the Universe'.

*Foundation Day.*—The Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society was celebrated on the 17th November when Mr. A. F. Knudsen spoke on the 'Value of Theosophy'.

*Adyar Day.*—The Lodge celebrated Adyar Day on 17th February, when Bro. N. A. Naganathan presided and Bro. H. M. Shroff spoke. Collections were made and remitted to Adyar for the "Olcott Harijan School."

We had a further series of lectures on "The Stars and 1938" by Venerable Prajnananda, "The Economics Foundations of World Peace", by Mr. Joseph Kamalam, and on "Rishis" by Mr. C. N. Shankar.

With a view to understand Krishnaji, a symposium was arranged on Sunday

mornings in February and March, when Messrs. J. C. Bilimoria, B. R. Rao, D. A. Anklesaria and N. A. Naganathan addressed the meetings on the "Message and Teachings of Krishnamurti".

The Library and Reading Rooms have all been reorganized and were well used by members and friends.

Mr. P. P. Vaidyanathan, the Secretary of the Lodge, deserves credit for the successful work of the Rangoon T.S. during the year.

*Lotus Lodge, Mandalay.*—U Kyaw Hla's return (Secretary, Mandalay Lodge) from Adyar after the International Convention has revitalised the Lodge activities and there have been regular study classes and occasional lectures on Theosophical and allied subjects. Bhikku Arya Dharma, B.A., delivered a lecture on "The Goal of the Buddhist Path" when U Paw Tha Taw, B.Sc., B.L., Assistant District and Sessions Judge, presided. It is gratifying to note that both the clergy and the laity in Mandalay are taking interest in Theosophical teachings. Our thanks are due to U Kyaw Hla, the energetic Secretary.

*Maymyo Lodge.*—Mr. T. R. Govindaraj continued his very good work in connection with the Lodge and its other activities. Mr. K. N. Nair conducted regular study classes for members on "Thought Power and Control", and delivered public lectures on Theosophical subjects. In addition to the regular lodge work there is a ladies' section which very often holds meetings. Members are interested in social and educational activities of the town and take a prominent part in organising the same. Mr. Govindaraj and Mr. K. N. Nair deserve our appreciation.

*Other Centres.*—U Hla Maung at Pyinmana has been trying to reorganise the Lodge there. Very useful social work has been done by him in the town. U San Mya of Taungdwingyi is also doing very useful work in connection with social and educational activities.

*Youth Lodges.*—The Burma Federation of Young Theosophists is now well organised and their report shows a lively interest evinced by the members for the cause of Theosophy and Theosophical activities.

The Rangoon Youth Lodge meets regularly every week. Besides study classes and lectures they had week-end retreats and socials.

Maymyo Youth Lodge helps in the organising of Theosophical meetings. Besides co-operating with the educational and social activities they arranged happy excursions to the hills and valleys from time to time for the benefit of their members.

I should particularly mention the names of some members for their unselfish work, namely, Messrs. N. Rajagopal, C. R. N. Swamy, T. S. Ramathan, N. Ananthan, S. Narayanaswamy, T. M. Balasundaram, R. A. Raman. P. V. Radhakrishnan, Maung Than Kyaing and R. V. Raghavan.

*B.E.T. Schools.*—The Rangoon T.S. members on the Burma Educational Trust continue to take interest in the working of their 3 schools, namely Boys' High School, Girls' School and the Night School for adults. It is proposed to have a further addition to the Boys' High School Building to accommodate the increasing number of admissions. The present strength in all the schools is now over a thousand. Our thanks are due to Messrs. P. Venkataraman, Rao Sahib T. R. Muthuswamy Pillay, A. Verhage, N. Rajagopal, F. W. Wales, D. A. Anklesaria, N. A. Naganathan and K. R. Chari for their services in this direction. The schools form part of the T. S. work, and the members have organised the education work efficiently.

*Burma Humanitarian League.*—Mr. P. V. Radhakrishnan assisted by a number of friends has continued to do good work for the Humanitarian League which accounts for the success of this movement in Burma.



*The Message of Theosophy.*—The "Message of Theosophy" has been issued almost regularly during the year, but much requires to be done in this direction. We thank Mr. C. R. N. Swamy for his work in this connection, and U San Hla for his contribution.

*Propaganda.*—The Section continues to do useful propaganda. Besides distributing the Understanding Campaign leaflets and pamphlets on Theosophy and The Theosophical Society, copies of *At the Feet of the Master* in Burmese, *Buddhist Catechism*, by Colonel H. S. Olcott, *Buddha and His Message* by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, were sent to schools and libraries.

*Finance.*—There is nothing satisfactory to report under this head as collection of annual dues has never been regular. The main expenses are met by donations.

*Section Land.*—The position of this property remains the same at present as before. The Council has not yet decided what they should do with the land.

*Theosophical Book Depot.*—The old Book Depot having now been closed entirely, The Olcott Publishing House organised by the Young Theosophists is doing useful work in this direction.

*International Convention.*—Messrs. S. T. Arasu, P. Venkataraman, and M. Radhakrishnan and U Kyaw Hla represented Burma at the International Convention at Adyar.

Mr. C.R.N. Swamy also visited Adyar during the year. These visits helped to link up Burma with Adyar and with all Adyar stands for.

*Our President's Visit.*—We have renewed our invitation to the President and Shrimati Rukmini Devi to visit Burma, but we regret that it will not be possible for them to visit Burma during the year, or in 1939 owing to the President's definite plan to stay in India until the end of 1939.

*Visitors.*—On January 4th, Raja Hewayitarne of Ceylon, a nephew of

the late Anagarika Dhammapala, and President of the Maha Bodhi Society was invited to the Lodge and he gave a lecture on "How to Win Back Buddha Gaya".

Mr. H. Frei, for many years Secretary to the late Bishop Leadbeater, came to Burma after the International Convention at Adyar. He gave an interesting talk to the members on his reminiscences of the late Bishop Leadbeater.

On February 7th the Lodge had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Luang Vic-hitr Vadakarn and his sister Miss Prabhai. Mr. Vadakarn is the Director-General of the Department of Fine Arts in Siam and Professor of Political History at the University of Bangkok. He gave us an interesting talk on "Art" with special reference to the organisation of "Art in Siam".

Miss Glen-Walker's stay with us for a month as already referred to and the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen for a few days created an added interest and enthusiasm in our members.

*Conclusion.*—The year under report has been one of activity and service. But owing to the disturbed condition of the country due to the riots much that was expected to be done could not be carried out. The plan for helping forward the revival of Buddhism through the schools could not be carried out for the reasons stated above, and it is hoped that the new year will result in more substantial work. We need every member to co-operate with us in this great work and there is work for every one of us. I hope our members will realise the inestimable privilege of working with the trusted servants of the Masters in carrying out the plan and that they will rise to the occasion and do all they can to spread the Message of Theosophy, and the Message of Brotherhood in Burma which Burma sorely needs more than ever.



On this occasion we send our loving and affectionate greetings to our Chief, Dr. G. S. Arundale, Shrimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa and assure them of our co-operation for the cause of Theosophy and for the service of Humanity.

May the Peace and Blessings of the Great Ones rest on The Theosophical Society.

N. A. NAGANATHAN,  
*General Secretary.*

Rangoon,  
8-12-1938.

## THE T. S. IN NORWAY

It is my opinion that the work of the different T.S. lodges this year has been well organized. In two of the lodges young members have been elected presidents. The lodges have held regular meetings for members and in the bigger towns public lectures have been arranged—in Oslo every fortnight. The lists of members sent to the Recording Secretary show an increase of members—the total increase only two—seeing however other countries have a decrease of membership, we have to be satisfied and hope for still better results next year.

The economical situation was deplorable when I started as Gen. Secretary but I have now the pleasure to record to you that the economic status is in good order again.

The General Secretary has given public lectures in Skien and Rjukan and was the invited lecturer at the annual Convention in Stockholm. The title of my lecture was: From Life to Life. As president of the Anti-Vivisection League in Norway I have from this platform spread our ideas and ideals, which I have also done in other social and political organizations, where I am the leader. I have tried to stimulate the members to take more active part in social life and thus make Theosophy a living reality in daily practical life. We have now two members doing good social work in public institutions. One of them has invited unemployed young workers and in our lodge-rooms they have been

entertained and both body and mind has been well fed.

We have had this year four such gatherings and a representative from the government was the honoured guest at one of them.

The T.S. English study course, which I started in January 1937 with meetings each week, continues along the same lines this year.

We have this year had our Summer School with Mr. Edwin Bolt as the appreciated lecturer. The school was a success and the members look forward to these schools which bring peace and happiness and enthusiasm to those present.

Last year the outstanding event was the European Congress in Denmark and for the General Secretary the event of the year was the Congress in Zagreb, where a happy fate allowed me to be present. Thanks to the inspiring presence of the President I returned home with a feeling of renewed strength and zeal to start the work this autumn. The high standard of this Congress gave the broader view often so necessary because there is always some person who makes a fuss about details and petty things.

Mrs. Rukmini Devi was in Zagreb, as always and everywhere, a revaluation of beauty in form and speech.

So this year has been full of stimulations to work for the victory of all good causes in our continent so full of difficult conflicts.

I take the liberty, dear President, to convey my best wishes for a successful congress in India and my fraternal greetings to members in Adyar.

My loyal and most fraternal greetings to Mrs. Arundale and our President.

DAGNY ZADIG,  
General Secretary.

## THE T. S. IN DENMARK

The Theosophical work in Denmark in the year since our last report has as far as I can see been characterized by a closer contact with our International Headquarters and the President than ever before.

Some of our members were invited to visit St. Michael's Centre in May to meet the President, Shrimati Rukmini Devi and workers from many European countries. The enthusiasm brought home from this workers-meeting has been a very great help in the work. A detailed translated report of the lectures and a description of the atmosphere of Brotherhood and Harmony experienced at the meetings was placed in the hands of all Danish members, and many letters have shown that members here in Denmark are beginning to understand the importance of doing their share of the international work of the Society. If the work done for Europe from this powerful Centre of St. Michael's is "what some people have made out of *The Secret Doctrine*",—as one of our General Secretaries writes in his sectional magazine,—I am sure H. P. B. has not written it in vain.

The peace-work initiated by the President and worked out from the Centre to all parts of Europe during the Summer and Autumn 1938 was really "work for Brotherhood through Theosophy". Many Danish members, some of the lodges and our sectional magazine have worked with this Chain of Peace and Good-Will during the year.

The English General Secretary, Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, paid us a visit in July and lectured in Aarhus to members from all parts of Denmark on "Yoga

and Western Psychology". It was a very fine and interesting lecture and it has started much interest here in Denmark in the Work of the English Research Centre. Later I have, as a sort of review of Miss Geraldine Coster's books on Psychoanalysis, given several lectures in Copenhagen and other Danish towns on "Yoga and Western Psychology"—to overcrowded members-meetings. Mrs. Gardner's visit was very much appreciated by us.

Prof. van der Stok has been so kind as to pay some of us a private visit to discuss some aspects of the work. It was a great help to us, of course, by giving us new ideas and refreshment for the work.

Mr. Viking has given several lectures in Copenhagen on "Will-Theosophy" and is bringing much help to many members through his instruction in Meditation—and along more private lines.

The lodges are working as usual, but, as some of them (as far as I can see) do not really understand the technique of effective lodge-work, I am thinking of methods to help them. Four or five of them (representing about 40% of our members) work rather well, but very few Theosophists, at least here in Denmark, understand that to make meetings really helpful to people they must be a sort of "sublimation" to the audience. The meetings must have three qualities mentioned by Miss Coster in her book: "Psychoanalysis for normal people", page 139:

(1) they must be interesting and pleasurable;

(2) they must be beneficial to the community ;

(3) they must satisfy the man's ideal for himself.

If the qualities are translated into Theosophical language, I suppose we can define the qualities for effective Theosophical meetings in the following way :

(1) they must be interesting and pleasurable to the audience ;

(2) they must be beneficial to Humanity ;

(3) they must satisfy the Theosophical ideals of the members present.

Very often meetings lack one of these qualities, and some Theosophists seem to think that a meeting consisting of the qualities (2) and (3) *must* be tedious, or that a really interesting meeting cannot be idealistic and beneficial to Humanity.

Some young members have started a "Youth-Lodge", which has given some dramatical performances and appears to work well, with weekly meetings. Its Founder and President is Mrs. M. E. Mathiesen.

No books have been issued, but much good work in this direction has been done through our magazine *Theosophia*.

The number of members is fairly constant,—one year a little up, next year a little down. This year has been an "up-year". At November 1st 1937

the Danish section had 443 members ; at November 1st 1938 we have 453 members. 7 members have passed over, 14 resigned, 11 have been removed from the rolls, giving a total of 32 outgoing members. In the same period we have got 42 new members giving an increase of 10.

In closing this report I can assure you that the Danish section is in agreement with you as to your standpoint to Signor Castellani. All members of the national council wrote that they agree with you, and later I sent a translated copy of your letter to all members of the section, asking them to write to me if they did not agree with you as to your right and duty to express your opinions freely. Only two or three members wrote and expressed diverging opinions, while many wrote agreement. Although no special voting has taken place between the members I am quite sure that the overwhelming majority here in the Danish section agrees with you. We sincerely hope for many years to come to have your inspiring leadership of The Theosophical Society.

On behalf of the Danish section I am sending loving greetings and warmest good wishes to you and Rukmini Devi and to all our brethren assembled for the International Convention.

CH. BONDE JENSEN,

1-11-1938

*General Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN IRELAND

The work of spreading a knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom in Ireland, by means of public lectures and study groups, has gone on steadily during the past year.

Two of our lodge-rooms, in Belfast and in Coleraine, have been exchanged for larger and more suitable premises and our Belfast lodges are making their presence more widely known by a very

effective sign, by means of which, the words "The Theosophical Society", are constantly before the eyes of all those passing along one of the main streets.

We have been joined by nine new members during the past year but these just balanced the number of those we lost through resignations, death and lapsed members.

The difficulties of working in a small and poor country in which the great majority are devout Roman Catholics still continue and I see little prospect of a change in our main conditions in the near future.

Our magazine, *Theosophy in Ireland*, continues to serve a small circle of readers who appreciate our special point of view; we would, however, be glad of more subscribers at the modest charge of 2/6 per annum so as to make this effort self-supporting.

The increasingly serious economic situation in Ireland, resulting in continuous and widespread emigration and a decaying population, makes the whole problem of life more and more difficult, so that subscriptions and the upkeep of our lodge rooms, falling as they do on a very small number, are

an increasing burden on over-taxed resources.

The land is most inadequately tilled; re-afforestation is an urgent necessity; our factories are depressed and far from properly employed and we have a burden of over 200,000 unemployed to be maintained. No conception of Brotherhood can be satisfied by merely presenting these victims of incompetent and heartless social arrangements with a pauper's dole, at the expense of ever increasing taxation of their neighbours. The whole problem of poverty and unemployment demands the earnest attention of our Society.

With every good wish from our small Section,

Yours sincerely and obediently,

T. KENNEDY,

2-11-38

General Secretary.

## THE T.S. IN MEXICO

It is again my privilege to render a report on the activities of the Mexican Theosophical Society in this year, which have been directed to following the policies of the President, and striving to make Theosophy a decisive factor in our midst.

*Propaganda.*—This has been done through our Sectional Bulletin, and through talks and public lectures in different parts of the Country. We have edited, in 20,000 booklets, four of Mr. Jinarajadasa's new lectures, and about 50,000 propaganda leaflets.

*Lodges.*—We welcomed three new Lodges in our Section: "Horus" in Puebla, Pue., "Luz de Occidente" in Tijuana, Baja California, and "Arjuna" in Chihuahua, Chih. Most of our Lodges met regularly and some of them have a very good record in Theosophical propaganda.

*Our Convention.*—Our twentieth Convention, which took place on November 5th, was presided over by our beloved

brother Mr. Jinarajadasa, and I was re-elected for the second time as General Secretary. We were delighted by Mr. Jinarajadasa's beautiful words, and about 25 new members had the privilege of receiving their Diplomas from his hands. We had a wonderful cordiality during the Convention, which, we hope, will be a stimulus for intense work in the future.

*Members.*—Fifty-three new diplomas were issued, and we lost two of our oldest members, gone from this plane.

Mr. Jinarajadasa arrived in this country on the 3rd of November by airplane from Guatemala. He was welcomed at the airport by many members of this Section, headed by the General Secretary. Our Government showed Mr. Jinarajadasa the courtesy of waiving all legal restrictions at the Customs House and the Immigration Offices. Three of the Interior State Governors afforded facilities for his work in Mexico. He lectured in Puebla, Orizaba, Cordoba,



Toluca, Morelia, Colima, Tampico, and in Mexico City, creating a live enthusiasm everywhere. His lectures, having been previously printed, were successfully sold at the door of the theatres after each lecture. He founded among us the Mystic Star Ritual, and besides his public lectures we enjoyed his lodge talks, as he has already a superb command of the Spanish Language. His visit has been the most outstanding

feature of this year and of our annual Convention.

It is with the most hearty good wishes for the success of the Adyar Convention that this report goes forward. May the blessings and aid of Those above inspire our visible leaders to direct us to that Glory which is the realization of Theosophy.

DAVID R. CERVERA,  
*General Secretary.*

30-11-38

### THE T. S. IN CANADA

I have been accused, as you have yourself, of bringing politics into our Theosophical work. I have contended that the study of contemporary history and the science of politics is just as much our duty as the study of the events of centuries past. The world is in the Valley of Decision and much depends upon the clear call of the Theosophical Movement to Brotherhood, to honesty, to truth. We have obscured the issue which was clear and bright at first by the introduction of all manner of disputed views; new churches, as though there were not enough already to divide the world, and psychic and self-absorbing studies, when we should have thought of nothing but the "orphan humanity."

I have an appeal from our Italian brother Castellani, asking me what I think of your idea of cancelling the Italian Charter. I think poorly of it, as I thought poorly of the cancellation of Rudolph Steiner's Charter when we cut off the German nation from our Brotherhood. I can hardly suppose that the idea of "Universal Brotherhood" has yet fully entered into Adyar, but if I am wrong I shall rejoice. It was not unanimity, nor even uniformity, that was sought in the Theosophical Society, but Unity apart from all differences of opinion—Brotherhood in spite of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

Why do you go on forming associations to separate us? Why not sink all these barriers and accept the simple but comprehensive Brotherhood of the Society with its two objects of study? If some are not prepared to unite on these simple grounds let them go their way with good will, but do not let them remain to taunt the rest of us with sneers at our simplicity and suggestions of our disloyalty, because we do not belong to this, that, or the other sodality, which you have created.

Russia has realized Brotherhood for her own people, but many in British lands are fearful of the result. I suggested that H. P. B. might more likely be at work in Russia than elsewhere, and was at once accused of blasphemy as having said that H. P. B. approved of the murders and executions that have been reported from there. This is the way one's words get twisted. But since then I have been informed that I was not only right about H. P. B. but that W. Q. Judge is also at work in the same field. Now I will be accused of inventing these statements which I merely repeat for what they are worth. Where Brotherhood flourishes one might expect to find Brotherhood workers. I am also accused of using harsh language towards my superiors. I can only reply in the words of Horace Traubel: "Why, I am willing to say words that



are thought personally unkind for the sake of a result that is universally sweet." I am satisfied to leave my motives to those who know. When you declare Adyar to be the centre from which all Theosophical power flows out to the world, I reflect on an older thought of that first president of ours, Col. Olcott who wrote in his *Old Diary Leaves*, volume VI: "I make this digression purposely to enter my protest against a wretched tendency that I have now and again noticed to speak of Adyar as though it should be first and foremost a sort of sacred School of the Prophets, in ignorance of its real relation to the movement." I fear, Sir, many have thus fallen into the petty snares of time and place, forgetful of that nobler Circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere.

Canada, as you will see, has suffered in its Theosophical work on account of these international disturbances, but our self-imposed national Karma cannot be evaded or excused. The continuing depression has prevented many members from paying their dues, and while we believe they are as devoted as ever to Theosophy, necessity has compelled retrenchments where they could be made. So we cannot count them on our rolls, and yet we are only two short of last year's record, and these two were made up the week after the date of closing of accounts. More new members are presenting themselves this session, and we hope to maintain at least our present record.

Last year's report was made just before I started on a short tour of the Western Lodges which was extended by request into California. Before I went west I called on Mr. Cook, the president of the American Theosophical Society, at Wheaton and Chicago and we had a fraternal chat together. In all my interviews, as in this one, I found our differences of opinion were not nearly so important as our agree-

ments. I found this to be the case in California, and afterwards, early this year, when I visited Montreal, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and Pittsburgh. I was regarded with suspicion at some points but this proved to be the result of misunderstanding, and in some cases of misrepresentation, with an over-emphasis on personality which wore away on acquaintance. My only desire was to establish "friendly relations" and this was so successful that I am satisfied it is much more important than the effort to reach people through the propaganda route. Brotherhood is a principle and a practice, not an opinion nor a dogma. We should not let changing opinions separate us. I visited such activities as the H. P. B. Library at Victoria, B.C., and the Point Loma Headquarters, and was most cordially and kindly received. I sought nothing but friendship and I found what I sought. Is not this the true spirit of Theosophical comradeship? In Canada I was received kindly everywhere by the members and the Lodges of the Federation. For their own reasons these members carry on their work apart from the National Society, and they have a perfect right to exercise their liberty of action in this way. We can co-operate, if closer union is not found to be desirable, and this sensible attitude is being pursued. Similarly, the meeting of the Fraternization Convention at Boston in June, though rather frowned upon by some officials, was a real success, members of various Theosophical bodies meeting on equal terms and without any reference to their parent organizations. This practice of Brotherhood cannot fail to contrast with the aloofness of some who fear contamination or proselytism or some other evil as a result. Simple faith and honest purpose are readily recognized by all who cherish such virtues.

The movement originated and carried on by Mrs. Beatrice Hastings of Worthing, Sussex, England, in defence of

Blavatsky is worthy of note. After fifty years, she still needs a defender to clear away the lies and misrepresentations fabricated by the Society for Psychical Research and its agents. Mrs. Hastings, whose reputation as a literary figure in England and France places her beyond shallow criticism, has made mince-meat of the "Report" of the 22-year-old Doctor Hodgson with all its suppressions and evidence suborned from the Coulombs. Strange to say, it is the public more than members of the Theosophical Society who show interest in this splendid work. Universal Brotherhood seems so have given place to a species of particularism which is highly detrimental to the Theosophical movement. The "Friends of Blavatsky" however, will ignore neglect and indifference and carry on the work of introducing Madame Blavatsky to the century in which, as she herself declared, the Secret Doctrine would come to be understood.

In several instances I came across the work of "Young Theosophists" and in each was pleased with the free and independent outlook they manifested. There is a fear in many quarters that the pledging and herding that has accompanied the organization of "Young Theosophists" in some places will produce a set of "Young Bigots" instead of free-thinking young people such as the world needs to replace the generation of Dictators that has taken root in Europe. We are trying to train our young people here to look within and to seek in their own inner consciousness those standards which may be recognized outside, but strength to follow and wisdom to adhere to which can only come from the heart.

An account of placing a part of the ashes of Mrs. Besant's body in Holland appeared lately, and it recalled to mind the fact that H.P.B.'s ashes were similarly divided; part of them lie in England, part in India, and the rest at Point Loma. Where are they most honoured?

This descent from the living spirit to the relics of the dust is too characteristic of all our tributes. Those who weep over dead ashes too often forget the bright spirits who scorned such sentimentality. Those who would honour H.P.B. should try to embody her ideals.

An old pupil of H.P.B., Professor Urwick, is now on the staff of the University of Toronto. He is an authority on Plato and on the Bhagavad Gita. Dr. Pandia of Colombo University, Ceylon, is expected to make tour of Canada in the New Year. Miss Mary Neff visited Canada during her tour and spoke in Toronto.

There has been an active debate in our magazine over the question whether H.P.B. favoured social reform or not. George Bernard Shaw asks, "Why worry over social reform? The trouble with the poor is their poverty and the trouble with the rich is their uselessness." There is more than this to be said by those who are intimate with the social conditions of life in Britain and America. The Pratyeka Buddhas may not wish to take part in reform movements, and rely on a negative policy, leaving Karma to effect all that is needed, but the urgency and the suffering that are present everywhere call for more direct action on the part of those who feel that help must be given where it can be used. H.P.B. was undoubtedly opposed to the nihilists, the dynamitards, the wreckers who were identified with Socialism in her day, but the principles of true Socialism which is Brotherhood in practice, she commended highly in her praise of Edward Bellamy's book *Looking Backward*. There are some people who prefer the life of the hermit, detached from society, but others have to live with men and share their burdens, and Socialism in one form or another invites their co-operation. The world is going to be re-formed whether some regard it as a reform or not. I was glad to see an article on Technocracy in the last

*Theosophist* to hand. This is probably the best system of social organization so far devised, but those in authority at present do not want reform. They prefer to muddle along under the system which has proved so fallible, so dangerous, and so cruel in the past and at present. It seems strange that the cruelty of our social system is not understood. The pain and suffering, the actual horrors that occur under it, quite as great in their way as the Jewish pogrom in Germany, but less dramatic in publicity, are so terrible that humanity must end them or succumb. Only a united spiritual front, to use the latest form of expression, will enable the most enlightened nations to accomplish this. It was the purpose of the Theosophical Movement to create such a general co-operation among the wise and the good, but the Theosophical Society has split up into segments, which might not be such a bad thing, if they would only learn to cooperate, and not insist on thrusting barriers in each other's paths. The new mysticism of science promises much towards the creation of the spiritual front which would unite all humanitarian efforts, and Theosophists should support everything of this kind. This is what we aim at in Canada, but Theosophy often hinders rather than helps by the associations it has brought into the mind of the public, and we have much to do to overcome these later accretions in order to emphasize the earlier ideals.

Our magazine is intended to further such conceptions of Theosophy as I have outlined here, with all the breadth of view, the charity and tolerance that can be brought to bear upon those who write and those who read. It is not easy to bear the disagreements of others, and we desire to make all due allowance

for the discomfort that such disagreement may cause in the minds of those who have been trained to think differently or who have failed to study for themselves; or who have taken the interpretations of others rather than the effort of drawing their own conclusions from evidence procured by careful investigation. We are all fallible mortals, and it is only by the strictest loyalty to the truths we know that we gain strength to proceed to those which lie beyond. Hence it has been said that the occultist must be prepared to drop all previous ideas when new truths open before him. The science of the last quarter of a century has affirmed the truth of this statement. Such revelations as have overturned the science of the Nineteenth Century could not have been imagined by the Tyndalls or Huxleys of those days, yet they too had open minds and we shall only vanquish our ignorance as we cherish the same open-mindedness. But we know how hard it is for those who worship hallowed idols to relegate them to oblivion.

Canada lost one of her true poets in Annie Charlotte Dalton in January. Of those outside our continent Sir J. C. Bose will be most missed among those who have passed away during the year.

As I write in my fiftieth year of propaganda in Canada I may perhaps be pardoned for standing by the ideas and ideals that nerved and inspired us in those pioneer days. The historic sense cannot be suppressed in those who see life steadily and see it whole. We must consider the end in the beginning as well as in reverse. So, brothers all, should we speak no more together, this is not an end, but a beginning.

ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE,

*General Secretary.*

## THE T.S. IN CHILE

I have the pleasure of extending to you my best greetings. I was elected as General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in Chile at the last December Annual Convention, and this is my first Annual Report to you.

The period under review is from 1st July 1937 to 30th June 1938, but I shall include some words on the visit paid to this Country in July by our Elder Brother C. Jinarajadasa, the most important event in our activities of last year.

Mr. Jinarajadasa crossed the Andes by air coming from Mendoza, and spent one full week in Santiago (our capital) and one week in Valparaiso—the main port.

He delivered with great success many public lectures, attended by hundreds of people. The average attendance at these lectures was more than 800. At the end of each lecture we were able to offer in booklet form the same. This was very highly appreciated by the audience.

The talks and questions and answers meetings in our lodges were very stimulating and we expect will prepare the ground in the near future for increasing our sleepy membership. On behalf of all the Society in Chile, I want to express our best thanks and deep appreciation for the work in Chile of our beloved friend Jinarajadasa, and the hope to see in the near future in South America our President Dr. George S. Arundale.

*Annual Convention.*—In accordance with our rules and regulations the 1937 Convention was held last December in Santiago.

*Lodges.*—We have no changes to report, as there are only seven Lodges in activity.

The membership last year	...	133
This year	...	139
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A net gain of	...	6

We continue to have private meetings for study, and to give public conferences to make known our teachings.

*Brother Armando Hamel.*—For private reasons our dear brother Armando Hamel, especially requested that he be not re-elected as National Secretary at the last Convention, which place he had served for twelve consecutive years. In view of his wish he was not re-elected. Nevertheless Bro. Hamel wished to continue giving his valuable co-operation to our work, and he therefore asked for the post of Secretary of the Directing Council, a place which he is now serving with his accustomed zeal and enthusiasm. I wish to take this opportunity to leave on record the grateful acknowledgments of all Chilean Theosophists to brother Armando Hamel, for his untiring and efficient work in our cause. I trust that the reasons which obliged Brother Hamel to ask us to desist from re-electing him will soon disappear, thus enabling him to once more assume the Presidency of the Sociedad Teosofica de Chile.

I am very sincerely your friend and brother,

SANTIAGO NUNEZ,

*General Secretary.*

11-9-38

## THE T. S. IN BULGARIA

I have the honor of presenting you this short report of the activity of the Bulgarian Section of the T.S. for the past 1937-1938 year.

Efforts have been used during the year to carry on the work in the same spirit and manner as in the past.



One happy event in the life of our Society during the year was the fact that our Section was able to take part in the Congress of the European Federation at Zagreb. This was a real happy event for us as for many years we have not had such opportunity. We came back from this Congress with new enthusiasm and stronger will to work faithfully in the Theosophical field. But sad to say our Society had to pass

through some new difficulties this year with the re-registering of our Society according to a new law of the government. That is why our Annual Convention could not take place this fall and our report has been delayed.

With my best thoughts and regards, I remain as ever yours faithfully,

NIKOLA TRIFONOV,

*General Secretary.*

20-12-38

### THE T. S. IN ICELAND

The Theosophical work in Iceland has been carried on in the same manner and in the same spirit as last year. Meetings have been held regularly, and one study group, conducted by myself, was active during the winter. We studied Yoga and the main religions of the world.

Our magazine *Gangleri* has been issued twice as usual. The number of subscribers is increasing, and on the whole I think that the attitude of the public towards Theosophy and our Society is slowly but surely improving. —We are not considered any longer as *eccentrics*—but as *rational men*,—and my four Radio-talks (“True men” *i.e.*, The Masters) awakened some interest and were received with approval by many people.

During the winter I delivered 13 lectures about several Theosophical and spiritual matters, and some of these lectures have now been issued in a book form, under the title: “A vegum andans” (On the Ways of Spirit).

I use this opportunity to correct a typographical error in the General Report for 1936-1937 (in the report from Iceland): There one reads, that I had lectured on *streams*, but it should read: *dreams*.

The members of T. S. in Iceland are now 130 (paying members), and in addition we have 28 non-paying members. The loss, compared with last year, is to be explained by the fact, that some “dead” members have been removed from the rolls, and 1 resigned.

The Annual Convention was held in the Headquarters Hall on the 25th of September, where I had the honour of being re-elected as General Secretary. The next day, in the evening, I lectured for the members and their guests on: “The One Thing Necessary”.

Mr. Bolt conducted a successful summer-school at Thingvellir from 21st to 28th of June.

“This Summer school is conducted in the same spirit as the T. S. in Iceland, *i.e.* in the spirit of perfect freedom, in the spirit of youth and adventure.”

At last I wish you, dear President, all good luck in your great work. It needs a great deal of tact and wisdom to teach people to seek truth above all things, and to “go together differently”, as you put it so well, but the work contains in itself its own reward: an ever-growing liberty and dignity of soul.

GRETAR FELLS,

*General Secretary.*

3-10-38



## THE T. S. IN PORTUGAL

Following the indications of Rule 39 of our Rules and Regulations and for inclusion in your General Report, I have the honour to send you herewith a short exposition of the work of our Portuguese Section.

The difficulties of the moment are great but, hitherto, we have been able to overcome them. To give you an idea of the degree of unfavourableness of the ambient, it is enough to say :

1. That a direct and public attack against Theosophy and Mrs. Besant was made by a Roman Catholic and broadcasted by the Roman Catholic Radio post "Renascença".

2. We had to take steps during three months to maintain our Bulletin, because the Censorship had for us as many exactions as if it were an important newspaper earning much money and possessing important funds.

3. The other times Mr. Jinarajadasa visited us, he always gave lectures at the "Sociedade de Geografia", which is the most ancient and refined Society in Portugal. But for the last visit of this dear Brother, we were not able to obtain from the Geographical Society Direction permission for him to speak, though two members of our Directing Council are also fellows of the G. S.

Nevertheless, with prudence and persistence, we succeeded in stopping the campaign against Mrs. Besant and in regularizing the situation of our Bulletin : but Mr. Jinarajadasa, at Lisbon, spoke only at the premises of our Society.

Our financial situation is a little better. We were able to pay our dues to the Headquarters and to the European Federation. The loan which our Section had contracted some years ago on account of the acquisition of furnitures for its premises is entirely discharged, not that our income was sufficient to pay the creditors, but because the latter were very devoted members

and gave up their rights, making a present of the amount to the T. S.

We were obliged to grant a sort of autonomy to the two Lodges of the provincy of Algarve, after many solicitations of their Presidents. But, after all, one of these Lodges stopped. So, we remained only with eight and a centre in Nova Gôa. All these Lodges had their meetings weekly or every fortnight.

The number of our fellow-members was, last year, of 161. 13 resigned, 3 died, 31 joined. So, we had a gain of 15 members.

The number of readers of our library has also increased.

Our Bulletin was regularly published quarterly ; some issues with 20 pages, where are reproduced some of our good lectures, translations of articles of the Theosophist and of other Theosophical magazines, etc.

The leaflets of Mr. Salvador Marques stopped on account of the death of this brother.

As we cannot put advertisements of our lectures in the papers and as the most part of our members were not able to attend two meetings a week (their lodges and the public lecture), the attendance at the public lectures of every Friday was very diminished and this fact was a little disheartening for the lecturers. So, we reduced the number of our public lectures to one per month. This lecture is always announced, some days before, by a printed card sent to every member. This idea had good results and the lectures have now numerous auditors.

The most important fact of the last year was Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit which was a true blessing for our Section. Our venerable Brother gave five lectures and an opening speech in Lisbon, at our premises ; two in Oporto, at the Psychical Research Society, before about 300 persons ; one in Lagos, at

the Cine-Theatre, before about 400 persons. He gave also private meetings at Lodges.

Before the arrival of Mr. Jinarajadasa, we translated into Portuguese his six lectures, in order to be read by our Brother in our language. This translation was printed in a very beautiful book with the portrait of the author on the cover. We also published 5000 leaflets for propaganda and 1000 copies of our Sectional Statutes.

We celebrated the following festivals with speeches, music and poetry :

The opening of the Theosophical work, on October 15th.

The anniversary of the Foundation of the T.S.

White Lotus Day.

All the members of a lodge took a walk together in the country to improve friendship and brotherhood.

The T.O.S. went on with its work for the children, by an orphanage and a group of the Golden Chain ; for the animals by a league and for the poor by another League of Brotherhood.

In short, our Section improved a little last year. We hope to continue to go on with it slowly but steadily, keeping alive and giving to others the Light which H. P. Blavatsky brought us from the East and strengthening the vehicle built by Olcott.

With all good wishes and heartiest greetings, I am, sincerely Yours.

JEANNE SYLVIE LEFEVRE,

27-9-38

*General Secretary.*

## THE T.S. IN WALES

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

*Sixteenth Annual Convention.* (October 16th).—We were happy to accept the invitation of Cardiff Lodge and to hold our Annual Convention this year once again at our National Headquarters. Most of the premises had been redecorated during the vacation so looked bright and clean for the event. Meeting in a discordant world characterised by 'wars and rumours of wars,' Theosophists have a heavy responsibility to counteract such influences by creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony—by using every endeavour to understand the problems facing mankind and to find a satisfactory solution. This was the spirit in which our Convention was conceived and carried through—that mankind might know themselves as brothers in a world in which peace and justice rule.

Our distinguished visitors from America, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kunz, were very cordially welcomed on their first visit to Wales, and members were

glad of the opportunity of hearing them both at the public lectures and, perhaps still more, at the more intimate talks to the 66 fellows who registered. Some have written to say they have never attended a more thoroughly enjoyable and useful series of meetings, and everyone felt the unique helpfulness of their specialised talks. They aroused us to a fuller realisation of life itself, and brought us all nearer to Truth. We record our sincere appreciation and grateful thanks.

At the Annual Business Meeting the reports and accounts of the General Secretary and National Treasurer were duly adopted, following which a presentation was made to Mr. Herbert H. Pratt, J.P., who had acted as our National Treasurer for eleven years. Having recently completed his 75th birthday and acting on his doctor's instructions not to overstrain his eyes, he had reluctantly decided not to stand again for office. During this period our finances have passed through many fluctuations, but are now in a most satisfactory position. Our Headquarters has been purchased and taken over by the Welsh

Theosophical Trust, Ltd., the new Besant Memorial Hall has been erected and the whole premises recently renovated. Arrangements have been made to clear off our whole mortgage in 17 years.

In recognition of his generous and capable assistance over this long period, Mr. Pratt was presented with a silver salver duly inscribed with the grateful thanks and appreciation of all members in Wales. As Mrs. Pratt was unable to be present through indisposition, we sent her a small clock with our very cordial greetings.

It was further announced that Mr. Peter Freeman and Miss A. M. Ridler had been elected as General Secretary and National Treasurer respectively for the coming year and Mr. D. Griffiths, P.A.S.I., as auditor. Mr. Clifford Williams, A.L.A.A., had been appointed Secretary to the Trust by the Directors.

Greetings were received from The Theosophical Society in England, Scotland, Sweden, Poland, Italy, Ireland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Switzerland and France and from many individual lodges, members and friends, to all of whom we reciprocate with our cordial good wishes.

#### *Membership Report.*—

Membership, July 1st, 1937 ...	261
Members joined during the year	3
Total Increase	— 3
	264
Transferred to other National Societies ...	2
"Passed Over" ...	2
Suspended ...	15
Resigned ...	9
Other F.T.S. left Wales ...	5
Total Decrease	— 33
Membership, June 30th, 1938	231
Nett loss for the year ...	30
Members transferred from one Lodge or Centre in Wales to another ...	4
Members recorded as having changed their addresses ...	34
Members now on Reduced Fees.	58

*National Library.*—The Library contains approximately 2,200 vols. There were 475 books borrowed during the year, and there are 3 Book-boxes out on loan. Subscriptions and fees amounted to £6 2s. 4d. 31 books were purchased.

The Library received gifts of 30 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.

*National Headquarters and Besant Hall.*—The general activities of the Society, and detailed administration have been continued as usual at our Headquarters. All enquiries are dealt with promptly. Books are borrowed from the National Library; visitors welcomed and given all information desired; arrangements made for lectures and meetings, and free leaflets are distributed whenever possible.

Facilities for exhibiting sound, coloured, and still films in the Besant Hall have been added during the past year. The supply of suitable films is limited at present, but as these become more available this service should prove of great value.

*Groups, Lodges and Centres.*—We have again had the loyal co-operation of our Groups, Lodges and Centres, and we record our thanks to those members who have worked so hard to assist in carrying on our Theosophical activities. The times are difficult, but much good work has been done.

*Finance.*—Our financial position has remained satisfactory, though the income from subscriptions and donations has again dropped. This has been balanced by a larger income from the letting of rooms at Headquarters.

A generous and useful contribution of £13-6-0 has been received from the Founders' Fund through the services of Mr. Farrar as Organizing Secretary.

As a result of this and the surplus from rents, etc., about £500 has been

paid off our mortgage debt since its inception four years ago. All interest and charges have also been completed.

The year's activities have resulted in a net deficiency of £77-11-4, which is offset by the surplus of £81-1-4 brought forward from the previous year, resulting in a small surplus of £3-10-0 at 30th June, 1938, to be carried forward.

*Royal Visit.*—A loyal welcome was offered to Their Majesties the King and Queen, when they visited Wales on July 14th and 15th, 1937. Magnificent preparations had been made for their reception and they were received enthusiastically throughout their tour. It was unfortunate that although they went almost all round our Headquarters they did not actually pass the doors, so members could not see them from our windows. During their brief tour they visited Newport, Cardiff, Pontypridd, Mountain Ash, Aberdare and then drove through Neath to Swansea, afterwards going by train to Aberystwyth and Caernarvon.

*Future Activities.*—The future of The Theosophical Society is largely in the hands of its members. It depends on their personal sacrifice and service as to its usefulness and success. Where there is keenness, eagerness and enthusiasm, there the work flourishes; where there is indifference, it languishes.

So much has been accomplished by the Society in the past, so much more remains to be done, that an even more urgent appeal is made to every member to come forward with initiative, enthusiasm and efficiency to continue the activities of the Society in its Lodges and Centres. So little is asked of us. So great results accrue from the smallest and humblest of efforts, that it is hoped that every member will renew his desire to serve our great Cause and co-operate in making the coming year one of outstanding success.

Cardiff

1-7-1938

PETER FREEMAN,

*General Secretary.*

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## THE T. S. IN POLAND

Last year was one of realisation and finishing of many a line of work and effort started during one of the previous three years and, as it was also the last year of the presidentship of Mrs. S. Siewierska, these features became prominent during the Annual Convention held in June.

The two chief objects Mrs. Siewierska had set herself in her work in the Society were: (1) to unite the members, to make them feel the reality and greatness of the inner life in the service of the Masters, (2) to organize the outer form of the Society and attain a higher level of accuracy, efficiency and co-ordination in our activities. Both were attained in a great measure and though not free from difficulties, which are always present, the Society was handed

over to me in a beautiful state of harmony and order. The day of parting with Mrs. Siewierska as General Secretary was unforgotten.

The work of the last year was—as I have mentioned—chiefly the continuation of the work of previous years. Lodges in Warsaw and in the provincial towns maintained and deepened their special studies; meditation groups carried on their work; contact with provincial lodges was maintained by some visits of the Council members paid to the lodges in Lodz and Radom and by correspondence; our monthly paper appeared in due time, raising its level and changing a little some of its features to meet the requirements of members expressed at the last Convention; great work was done by the new



treasurer resulting in the balancing of the Society finances; it enabled us to repaint our headquarters and start to pay off one of our old debts.

Three new lines of work were started: The "Action" lodge has decided to consecrate its meditation work to the building of a thought link successively with every European T. S. consecrating to each a month period and asking the General Secretary of the chosen T. S. to co-operate with us. Few countries have been taken, but the work proved very successful and will be continued this year.

A large group of enquirers was formed conducted by one of the new promising members and carried on successfully until the end of the year.

It was decided at the 1937 Convention to consecrate the study work of the year to the problem of occultism, as there were with us difficulties in discernment of the right and wrong forms of occultism. Many a lodge meeting was consecrated to this subject and especially the general meeting of the T. S. in Warsaw. A method of questioning people was adopted which seemed very suitable and the co-operation of the monthly paper was assured. The mutual work has resulted in a lecture of the Vice-President held during the last Convention. This study-work helped to build—as far as I can see—a deeper understanding of the meaning of occultism throughout the T. S. in Poland.

The number of the T. S. workers in Warsaw has very much increased and now practically every member taking part in the lodge work carries on also a chosen piece of work in the library, editorial board, correspondence and the like.

Two new books have been edited. A pamphlet on understanding, translated from Dr. Arundale's leaflets, has been printed in our own little printing office.

It was decided to consecrate every issue of the monthly paper to some special subject, and to try thus to give

in it every month a small portion of the Theosophical outlook on things. The subjects taken were: war and peace, etheric body, health, ancient mysteries, occultism, T. S. Congress in Zagreb, India.

The deeper link with Adyar through the correspondence with Mrs. Langdon Thomas was very much appreciated and helped much in bringing us nearer to Adyar.

The unexpected presence of 6 of our members at the Zagreb Congress was a great event for our Society, left as it is to itself owing to the impossibility of our members visiting other countries and to the rare occasions of having T. S. members from abroad in our midst. All the beautiful features of the Congress were brought back by delegates to Poland and shared with all members.

Miss Pascaline Mallet has paid us a visit from France and given beautiful accounts of her contact with India and especially with one of her great yogis. We had also the great joy of having Mrs. F. Selevèr in Warsaw for some days and in listening to all she told us about the Hungarian work and ideals.

Some work was undertaken with the co-operation of Miss Dynowska, still staying in India, to make India's religious and philosophical treasures known a little more in Poland. We organized two evenings of India's religious poetry (in her translation); they roused a great interest among the friends of the Theosophical Society. A book about India, translated by Miss Dynowska, has been prepared for printing and an issue of the Monthly Bulletin was consecrated to India. The work was carried in the spirit of love to the Motherland of our race.

In September Mr. Van der Stock came for some days to Poland visiting Warsaw, Krakow, Zakopane and Morskie Oko. He has helped us much to understand better the problems of the inner life of our country.

LEOKADIA PIEKARSKA,  
*General Secretary.*



## THE T. S. IN URUGUAY

I am fulfilling the pleasant duty of bringing to your consideration information concerning the year's work accomplished by The Theosophical Society in Uruguay, as from July, 1937 to August 1938.

I am able to add little that is new to that which we speak of as "ordinary activities," which I have mentioned in previous reports. The Lodges have carried on with their usual regularity their programmes of public and private meetings, among which were artistic programmes and lectures. Since the first fortnight of March to the next to the last of May there took place a special series of lectures with the aim of reducing to their simplest form *First Principles of Theosophy* and *The Gods in Chains* of our eminent friend Dr. Jinarajadasa in order to suitably prepare the atmosphere for his visit to Uruguay. At the same time there were distributed thousands of propaganda leaflets with the same object in view.

As said, the Lodges and Study Groups have performed their work regularly. It is enough to single out the work of the Harmonia Lodge founded in July of the year last past which has almost tripled the number of its members, and the most interesting thing is that it is conducted by people recently enrolled in The Society.

In the midst of the usual rhythm with which Theosophical work unfolds year after year, I wish to make evident two elements that speak eloquently of work progressive, though slow, of the infiltration of Theosophy in our midst: One is the increase of friendship, understanding, and good fellowship that is coming into expression between the new and the old members, which is expressed by a more close and intimate interchange of ideals. We are few but we are united by an intense eagerness for mutual understanding, harmony and

service to The Society, over and above our personal interpretations, desires and anxieties. If this spirit grows, or at least if it lasts, and if daily there grow in number those who will "consecrate themselves", we shall carry out a beautiful work. This humble conquest, together with the already gradual and respectful inclination of the public toward Theosophy and The Society, is worth much in my opinion, and are two steps firmly taken on the road that will bear us to great conquests. The first shows that there is a change taking place, and that from a theoretical sphere of action we are passing to realizations; that Theosophy is being made a living thing in our lives, so that That Elder Brother will be obeyed who told us by the intermediary of our venerated President that: "Within the Society itself let the Brotherhood for which it stands be real."

The most notable event of our year's work, without doubt was the visit of our beloved brother, Dr. Jinarajadasa.

The programme of private and public functions arranged was fulfilled with great success. But without doubt the greatest success was the frankly favourable welcome afforded by the very social surroundings: The lecture-halls of highest prestige, the two most hallowed spots, the University and the Atheneum, as also the most renowned of our radios, with the greatest number of hearers, the Official (under State control), were placed at the disposal of the distinguished lecturer, thus enabling him to be heard by thousands of Uruguayans and others in foreign countries. In a lecture to the Masonic Order of Uruguay, Dr. Jinarajadasa obtained the most promising of his triumphs.

We are at present delivering to the Board of Primary and Normal Education, to be distributed under official seal, five thousand copies of that magnificent

lecture "Agents of God : the Children." They are destined for the teachers of the whole Republic and for national study.

The intention already initiated of making available and commenting on the recent lectures of Dr. Jinarajadasa will be continued for those that wish until the end of the year.

We are now holding our usual Annual Convention. Besides some problems of an administrative character, we are putting emphasis on the necessity that our work be from year to year more and more a work of offering, of consecration to The Society that we have the honour and the privilege to serve so that the

greatest number of persons may achieve the Theosophical ideals.

Finally we can assure our worthy brother who presides at the present time over the destinies of The Society that through the labour of a few enthusiastic workers, now strengthened and inspired by the magnificent example of that indefatigable leader whom we know under the name of Dr. Jinarajadasa, the flame of Theosophy is burning brightly in Uruguay for the good of its people and of the Continent of South America.

6-9-38

JULIA DE LA GAMMA,

*General Secretary.*


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### THE T. S. IN PUERTO RICO

During the year just past our Lodges have continued their efforts to spread Theosophy to the inhabitants of our Island. The campaign for Understanding has proven very, very interesting and I consider it a boon to the Lodges to thus hand them a year's plan of study. No doubt some Lodges will prefer to follow their own scheduled studies but in most cases the plan sent by you has been the means of doing away with the routine schedule that tends to become monotonous and dull and to keep members away from the Lodges. With us here we have been since the beginning of the campaign on the *qui vive*, expecting something new every meeting and we were not disappointed, as members who had never dared to say a word, expressed them-

selves quite freely. Every one had a chance to say a word. We followed the detailed programme and questions of the American Section to a great extent, though in Spanish.

We had the use of a weekly article in the Saturday edition of "La Correspondencia".

5 new members joined during the year and 1 reinstatement made a total gain of 6.

Now we are preparing for the visit of Bro. Jinarajadasa.

I congratulate you on the stand taken in *The Theosophist*; if the President cannot speak frankly we shall soon become dogmatised.

22-9-38

A. J. PLARD,

*General Secretary.*


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### THE T. S. IN RUMANIA

In reporting the general activity of the Theosophical Society in Rumania I want first to state that the number of its members has reached 191 showing

an increase of 6 members on the figure of last year. The number of Circles is 8.

At the beginning of the year 1937 we had among us Mr. John Cordes (Vienna)

who gave in Bucharest the traditional lecture on Annie Besant on the 1st of Oct. The Bucharest Circles enjoyed his presence and his talks during the two weeks he was our guest, after which he continued his visit to the other Circles in the country. His visits have become a vitalizing event for our Section and the happenings in Austria which will prevent him for some time from leaving his country have produced much sadness in the ranks of his Rumanian friends. We all hope he will soon be given again to his former occupations.

Between the 1st of Oct. and the 1st of January the activity of the T. S. has been consecrated to the Campaign of Understanding, all the public lectures being given on the different aspects of understanding in the various branches of life. There were three public lectures a month, every Saturday, the fourth being reserved for members only. In this monthly meeting for members were transmitted the news and the activity of other Sections and that of Adyar, the activity of our leaders or some article from *The Theosophist* or *The Theosophical World*, of special interest for the members. These meetings have been well attended and have proved to be of real value. A social meeting has closed the year and on that occasion many members presented the library of the T. S. with one or two volumes each. Our library has been thus enlarged with 52 volumes.

Beginning with January 1938 we have reduced our activity strictly to members; on account of the general situation in the country we had to keep for some time to ourselves and that has proved to be fruitful, strengthening the ties between members, giving them time and opportunity to verify the value of their Theosophy. The Saturday lectures have continued as well as the groups of study, but only for members. We had also to stop the issue of the *Revista Teosofica* for lack of workers.

The letters we have received from its subscribers prove that it has left a real gap and we consider its reappearance. Our energy has concentrated on the Congress of Zagreb trying to help in thought and deed our brethren in Yugoslavia, unfortunately we could not be of much active help to them. Out of 13 members who have registered for the Congress only 8 were able to attend it, the General Secretary and 7 other good workers, who have brought home new inspiration and vigour in their work. Although the fruits of this Congress will be fully appreciated only in the course of the coming year, even now its results can be seen as a fresh awakening of the members to the consciousness of their membership. The value of a Theosophical Congress has been fully grasped by those who were there and they are decided to go through any sacrifices only to be able to attend other such meetings in the future.

The work of the Circles outside Bucharest have followed the same trend as those of Bucharest: normal activity till January 1938 and activity reduced after January.

The Circle *Unirea* from Timisoara had Mr. John Cordes as a guest at the beginning of the year. The members have met regularly and fellow members from other towns have been invited to speak. Members organized trips out of town during summer. The General Secretary and the Secretary visited the Circle in summer. The president and two other members of this Circle attended the Zagreb Congress and after the Congress had Miss Jean Glen Walker as a guest for 6 days. For reasons independent of her will Miss Glen Walker was not able to visit Arad, Bucharest and Brasov where she was expected.

The Circle *Straduinta* from Arad has secured a beautiful headquarters in the centre of the town where they hold their public lectures and their meetings. It has been inaugurated by Mr. John

Cordes. The Vice-President of the Circle Mr. E. Bene who is also the Vice-President of the Section attended the Congress of Zagreb. The Circle has followed the Campaign of Understanding.

The Circle *Egalitates* from Cluj held its meetings regularly till March 1938 when it has considered better to stop all activity till May on account of difficulties in obtaining the permission from the police.

We are sorry to report that the Circle *Leadbeater* from Brasov is still asleep. At the annual Convention it was decided to close this Circle, but at the request of its president it has been awarded another year's trial.

The Circle *Vasanta* from Chisinau has followed the Campaign of Understanding and has in the same time sponsored four groups of study: one on consciousness; one on the Indian systems of philosophy; one on ethics and the fourth on art.

The *Ananda* Circle from Bucharest has begun the study of the Secret Doc-

trine and its members have continued to be the same good servers.

The Circle *Patrunderea* (Bucharest) newly formed tried to live the meaning of its name (Understanding). Its endeavours to apply it as a group and individually are interesting to watch.

The Circle *Activitatea* (Bucharest) has had its activity perturbed this year by the intrusion of a foreigner who gave himself out as a member of a foreign Section, but he was in reality a member of another movement wanting probably to find adherents among the F. T. S. The Circle is slowly coming to its former trend.

In spite of difficult times this year the T. S. in Rumania has endeavoured to keep alive its small centre of light and peace and promises to do so in the future. On behalf of the Rumanian members I send the President our heartfelt greetings and assure him of their loyalty to the ideals of the T. S.

EUGENIA VASILESCU,

20-12-38

General Secretary.

## THE T. S. IN YUGOSLAVIA

In offering you our well beloved President, the Fifteenth Report of The Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia for this "historic" year 1938, I express to you most loyally on behalf of Yugoslavia too our gratitude for your attendance at and presiding over the Congress of the European Federation held at Zagreb.

*History.*—Since the brotherly exhortation concerning the preliminary work for the Congress which our dear friend the late Mr. P. M. Cochius, General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in Europe left with us, all thoughts, and deeds were wholeheartedly dedicated to the fulfilment of the desire to make the Congress a success.

Owing to unexpected circumstances in 1937 the postponement of the Con-

gress released a good amount of energy for the members of the Yugoslav Theosophical Society to draw into closer connection the neighbouring Balkan Section who united in functioning as Hosts.

The dangerous situation in Europe of last May—in 1938—raised the question of cancelling the Zagreb Congress. But our dear President, persuaded the Federation Executive to affirm the decision to hold the Congress at Zagreb.

A characteristic part of the Congress period began with the welcoming of those Brethren who came some time earlier to work with us. Among them was our compatriot Miss Jelka Babie from the Argentine. Miss Jean Glen-Walker stayed with us some weeks, from June 15th to September



2nd, she visited several Lodges to talk on various Theosophical topics in connection with the Congress. She delivered, partly to the members and partly to the public, in five days fifteen talks and lectures, and Mrs. Francesca Halsey followed her.

Miss Flora Selevèr, the Secretary of the Federation, arrived from Budapest on July 25th.

Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, the General Secretary of the T.S. in England, introduced the Congress to the Press at the meeting led by her on the day before the Congress. The Journalists interested in Theosophy, in the ideal of The Theosophical Society and in the purpose of the Congress were made acquainted with all these matters in her address. Consequently all the articles, notes or reports of the Congress reflected much understanding.

August 25th and the following five days of the Congress were the culmination of our work this year. The co-operation of three hundred and fifty real friends, was a perfect symbol of a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood. The King of Yugoslavia, His Majesty Peter II, himself gave an appreciative testimonial to this fact by sending his Court Marechal to represent him at the opening ceremony of the fifteenth Congress of the Federation of the Theosophical Societies in Europe.

The brotherly feeling and peaceful atmosphere continued to be spread by all the Congress lecturers, especially Miss Phoebe Payne and Dr. L. J. Bendit. At midnight on Friday 26th of August Dr. and Mrs. Arundale and their party arrived and on Saturday, August 27th at 10 a.m. the President of the Theosophical Society, Dr. George S. Arundale decorated with the Congress Badge entered the Hall of the Croatian Music Institute, Hrvatski Glazbeni Zavod, which was ornamented with flowers and crowded with a "uniquely international audience" and delivered his lecture "From Man to Superman"

Between this and the second part of The Symbolic Yoga lecture by the President there was "The Balkan Day" afternoon.

The Eleventh National Congress of T. S. in Yugoslavia, was held on Sunday, August 28, the President remained to address it. The proceedings of the Ninth Congress on November 9th 1938 were unanimously ratified. Our membership shows five resignations, one member was transferred and one died. The net gain of 36 against 43 new members accounted for a total of 371 members in 16 Lodges.

The visit of the General Secretary to Huizen was utilized to offer to the President his book *Kundalini* in translation by Mrs. Frida Scheweder.

This year we succeeded in issuing a monthly under the name "From the Theosophical World", *Iz Teozofskoga Svijeta*.

And then—we received a most surprising gift,—"*This Certificate of Honour* is awarded to The Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia for its great services to Theosophy and to The Theosophical Society in 1938 in being the hosts at Zagreb of an historic Congress of The Theosophical Society in Europe.

January 1st 1939

"George S. Arundale, President"

We shall guard this Certificate of Honour, as we have to guard Yugoslavia. May it be as a Landmark on the way, developing the Theosophical World State. And may the most beautiful fragrance of that shadowing substance be offered to yourself and to our Elder Ones in praise and thanksgiving.

To Them and to yourself "our hearts go out in gratitude and reverence for the peace we know, for the courage we have, and for the will to give".

JELISAVA VAVRA,

26-12-1938

General Secretary.



## THE T. S. IN GREECE

Referring to your circular letter dated 12th August we beg to enclose herewith

- (a) Statistics Form
- (b) List of Branches

in duplicate, which we have duly filled in according to your indications.

Regarding the activities of our Section during the year we would refer to our letter of the 26th April 1938 relative to the precedent year our work being continued on the same line.

The Lodges are working regularly every 15th day and so there are always lectures twice in the month. Entrance is allowed also to people provided with special personal invitation by the Secretary. Also general lectures are given twice per month in our offices on subjects of wider interest.

Provincial Lodges are working in the same manner.

Financial conditions are always very restrained. No books in Greek have

been issued either in translation nor in original work.

The success of the recent Congress at Zagreb gives to us the hope of a better contact with our brothers of the Balkan Sections although we could not participate as largely as we wished. We nevertheless very much esteemed the presence of our beloved President Dr. Arundale, to whom kindly communicate on this opportunity our deep esteem for his recent work to promote Universal Brotherhood and Understanding as clearly as possible.

We trust that better conditions in the future will enable us to do our part in the common work more efficiently and meanwhile we are glad to express to you, dear Brother, our love and our best wishes for the success of our objects.

20-10-38

METAXAS,

*Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN CENTRAL AMERICA

I am sending this Report one month earlier in order that it may reach you in due time.

Our work has been carried on, more or less, as last year, and on the whole it has been successful.

The Campaign in Understanding has been worked all over the Section.

Dr. Arundale's article "Confederation of Free States" was translated into Spanish by Br. Hermógenes Rodríguez, a member of "Virya" Lodge, and was profusely distributed in all the Latin-American Sections, being also sent to the Presidents of the Republics and to the most prominent personalities.

Mr. Mariano L. Coronado, a member also of "Virya" Lodge who now lives in London, has helped us very much. He has written a series of very

important articles about the way in which the Lodges of some countries of Europe do their work, giving us many details of great value. We will try to apply them to our work next year. These articles have been sent to all the Latin-American Sections.

The most important fact during this period has been the formation of the Colombia Section, whose Charter was forwarded to me on December 1st 1937. After very intense Theosophical propaganda throughout the country they number eight Lodges: "Arco Iris", "Hypatia", "Liberación", "Colombia" and "Blavatsky" in Bogotá, "Luz de Occidente" in Antioquia, and "Ecos de Oriente" in Manizales. Their success has been ours, and now we are happy to know they have

nine more Lodges, that makes seventeen in all. That is simply wonderful!

Our Section has been working hard in order to attend our dear Brother Dr. C. Jinarajadasa who is coming next month. As our Lodges are so small and there is always so much opposition on the part of the Clergy, it is a difficult task not only to get money for the expenses, but to fix the places for the lectures, etc. But now, according to the news I have received lately, every thing is in readiness and there is much enthusiasm on the part of the public. I hope this visit will be of great benefit to us.

News has come from México, Cuba and Colombia of a Hindu called Om Cherenzy Lind, who is making a trip through all these countries for the propaganda of Rosicrucianism. He says the Tibetan Masters sent him, and in some places he has been announced as the Master K.H.—I have sent a note of warning to all the Lodges.

The existing Lodges of this Section are 10, distributed as follows:

Guatemala 1; El Salvador 2; Honduras 1; Nicaragua 3; Costa Rica 2; Panamá 1.

*"Koot-Hoomi" Lodge, Guatemala, 11 members.*—(No report yet).

*"Teotl" Lodge, San Salvador, 34 members.*—Three members left, and 4 new ones came. They continue publishing their magazine "Dharma", and have a group for study.

*"Karma" Lodge, San Salvador, 18 members.*—They have six new members this year, and are doing good work.

*"Subirana" Lodge, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, 14 members.*—The same number as last year, one left, and a new one came, who according to the references is a very prominent person and is considered a very good acquisition for the Lodge. They have not been able to publish their review. Through one of their members, they are promoting the teaching of Music in the Primary schools, and preparing teachers for that

purpose. Also they are trying to establish Masonic Theosophical Lodges in different parts of the country.

*"Darlu" Lodge, Granada, Nicaragua, 8 members.*—Just the same.

They have always a hard time, but they are working the best they can. In order to have Dr. Jinarajadasa with them, they have interested the Free Masonic Lodge and the Club Rotario to help them and in that way they hope to have him give a lecture in each place and in their Lodge also.

*"Krishnamurti" Lodge, León, Nicaragua, 9 members.*—(No report yet).

*"Pratibha" Lodge, Managua, Nicaragua, 12 members.*—They have worked in an indirect way to introduce Theosophical ideology in the programmes for Public Instruction. No other special work.

*"Sirio" Lodge, Alajuela, Costa Rica.*—They were only seven members and due to illness two of them have left, so they don't have the required number and the Lodge is dissolved. I have not asked for the Charter yet, waiting to see if they can get some new members, as there are several persons who are interested in the study. When members of San José go to give lectures there, forty and more people attend, but the are only interested in the study and do not care for the membership. The last time I visited them I tried to make the members understand the benefit of membership of the Society and they offered to work in order to get at least two members more.

*"Virya" Lodge, San José, Costa Rica, 33 members.*—This Lodge under the presidency of Srta. Esther de Mezerville has done splendid work. Four new members received their Diplomas this year, and four readmissions took place. Not only the number of the members has increased but the vitality of the Lodge. She planned the work in such a way that every thing was well attended, giving to everybody a chance to collaborate.

The Campaign for Understanding took place and some of the meetings awakened so much interest in the public that for two or three weeks there was talk about it.

In the public Lectures there have been treated not only Theosophical topics, but also different topics of present-day interest which have had very much success. There has been good public attendance and afterwards questions and answers took place. In this regard we have had a great improvement. The public is ready now to ask questions; before, no one dared to say a word and in that way there was no chance to know their opinions.

"Luz" Lodge, Panamá.—No report. The work is very poor. I have asked Mr. Jinarajadasa to see if he can do something to improve their work. I have not asked for the Charter yet but am awaiting his opinion.

We are expecting him the 18 of September. We hope he will obtain here a success as in all the other countries where he has been. We feel very thankful toward him for the great work he is accomplishing in all America.

With best regards from the Central America Section.

LYDIA FERNANDEZ JIMENEZ,

27-8-38

*General Secretary.*

## THE T. S. IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The newly organised Theosophical Society (P.I.) will have completed its second year of life on December 31, 1938. During those two years it has constantly endeavoured to make itself a fitting and faithful vehicle of Theosophy as well as a force, however humble, in the direction of the spiritual evolution of the people. It has had stumbling blocks, disappointments and failures but where these have been, the Society has never lost sight of its guiding gleam—the principle of Brotherhood.

*Lodges.*—There are 11 Lodges in the Society at present. These are, with their respective presidents:

(1) Gebu Lodge—Atty. J. M. Espina.

(2) Lotus Lodge—Mr. Benito F. Reyes.

(3) Soliman Lodge—Mrs. Felisa R. de Sandoval.

(4) Filipinas Lodge—Mr. Manuel Reyes.

(5) Munoz Lodge—Mr. Lucio V. Lopez.

(6) Ilaw Lodge—Mr. Domingo Argente.

(7) Pines City Lodge—Miss Myrtice Leggett.

(8) Dawis Lodge—Mr. Luis T. Clarin.

(9) Hamsa Lodge—Mr. Manuel Pecson.

(10) Mindanao Lodge—Mrs. Micaela S. Brillo.

(11) San Isidro Lodge—Mr. Rustico Cobarrubias.

Seven of these Lodges are in Luzon, one in Mindanao and three in the Visayas. Two lodges are new having been organized in 1938: the San Isidro Lodge in Leyte founded on the initiative of Mr. Rustico Cobarrubias and the Mindanao Lodge in the city of Davao by Mrs. Micaela S. Brillo. The founding of the Mindanao Lodge is of auspicious importance: it fully individualized the Theosophical Society in the Philippines by the creation of a centre of spiritual force in the southernmost portion of the Archipelago.

*Membership.*—There are more active members for the year 1938, representing an increase of 41 over the membership of 1937. This does not seem to speak well of our efforts to increase our

membership. Considering, however, that there has not been, as there should not be, any attempt at proselytism; that the increase represents only such people as have thought it wise to enter into the ranks of active Theosophical Membership and not the vastly greater number of people who have been infused with Theosophical teachings through the press and through lectures; and that we have been working against tremendous odds, financial and otherwise; membership for the year 1938 may well be an object of justifiable pride among those Theosophical workers who have given much and expected little and whose only reward is the voiceless approval of Masters.

*The Lotus.*—The National Organ has not grown much in subscriptions but it has done much in scattering ideals of Brotherhood, Understanding, Beauty, Art, Protection of animals; through it

we express our innermost longings for Truth, Goodness, Beauty.

*Youth Movement.*—The year 1938 marked the definite organization of the Youth Movement attached to Adyar headed by Mrs. Rukmini Arundale. The president is Atty. Gonzalo D. David under the patronage of Atty. J. M. Espina and Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Martinez.

*Library.*—The T.S. Library has not grown much in books but in the amount of service rendered as proven by the records of the National Librarian, Mr. Benito F. Reyes.

*Building Funds.*—This work is now under the direct supervision of the National President and the Board of Trustees. We expect to build our own headquarters very soon.

(MRS.) DOMINGA LOPEZ-REYES,

*Secretary, for General Secretary.*

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## EAST ASIA

The blank forms for statistics of the T. S. in E. Asia came in some days ago, I am trying to get the facts into suitable form.

Our great loss is the return of Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson to England, Captain Lawton has also been transferred to another Section. All three from Manuk Lodge. Other members from Shanghai are removing to Hong-Kong.

The Russian Lodge is in a bad way, as there is no-one to take office. Those members who speak English prefer to be members of the Shanghai Lodge.

I now give two lectures a month in the Russian Lodge, through an Interpreter, two public lectures a month in English, and two radio talks. I work daily two hours with the translation committee except Saturday and Sunday.

Besides these Mrs. Knudsen and I have two groups of well-educated English-speaking Chinese, who come every second Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. This is very promising, but it is hard work for they are very keen on it all, and ask deep questions which cover the whole field of evolution. This I consider the most important work that I am doing. Mrs. Knudsen is doing a parallel amount, except the four public lectures.

Mr. Chu, the secretary of the Shanghai Lodge, who speaks good English, is helping me for two hours every Sunday with research into Buddhist lore and the Scriptures of Mahâyâna Buddhism. Some non-English speaking Chinese attend the meetings so it is now almost a regular class. This may be a nucleus for a Chinese Lodge.

Our regular staff is our two selves, Mrs. Lebedeff, Mr. Liu, an erudite Chinese Christian who speaks no English, and Mr. Chu, our Lodge Secretary. Mr. H. B. Campbell, and Mr. Wright give each one radio talk in six. Mr. Campbell is Vice-President this year and leads a beginners' class in Theosophy. Mrs. Knudsen has an active Lodge meeting, and a talk on Culture at the Besant School for girls each week. My Lodge work is a class for advanced students in Psychology.

As travel throughout China is impossible, I am concentrating on Shanghai Lodge for this winter.

Please excuse the informality of this report.

A. F. KNUDSEN,

1-11-1938

*Presidential Agent,*

*East Asia.*

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## MANUK LODGE, HONGKONG

### (EAST ASIA)

*Membership.*—During the current year 6 new members have been admitted, 2 former members have returned to the Colony and rejoined the Lodge while 1 member has been transferred from Shanghai Lodge. We lost 4 members by transfer to other Lodges. The

total membership is now 28 as against 23 the previous year.

*Hon. Members.*—The committee has offered Honorary Membership of the Lodge to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parkinson, both of whom have been pleased to accept.

*Officers.*—At the Annual General Meeting held on the 28th June, 1937, the following members were elected Officers and Committee Members :

President : Mrs. O. M. Parkinson.  
 Vice President : Mrs. M. P. Talati.  
 Secretary : Mr. Y. S. Ung.  
 Treasurer : Mr. Lau Kwong Chung.  
 Librarian : Mr. J. D. Parkinson.  
 Committee : Mr. J. S. Greenberg,  
 Dr. A. Fung and Mr.  
 R. K. Laing.

Owing to the resignation of Mrs. Parkinson, the following changes were made during the early part of this year :

President : Mrs. M. P. Talati.  
 Vice President : Dr. A. Fung.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was invited to fill the vacancy on the Committee.

*Meetings.*—From the last Annual General Meeting to the end of June, 1937, there have been 92 meetings, 30 of which were public meetings, 37 Study Classes, 10 Lantern Study Classes and 15 Special Meetings.

There have been also 12 committee meetings.

*Public Meetings.*—Lectures were given as usual weekly on Thursdays from October 1937 when the series of lectures on the Campaign for Understanding were delivered by members of the Lodge and pamphlets for each lecture were distributed to the audience. Other lectures given by visitors and members completed our lecture syllabus till the end of May. Notably among the visitors, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa on his return visit in July 1937 delivered an interesting lecture on "Theosophy—a Science of Reconstruction for the Individual and the World". The meeting was held at the Gloucester Hotel and accommodation space was filled to capacity. The ovation given the gifted speaker spoke volumes for the esteem in which our visitor is held.

*Study Classes.*—Study classes were held weekly on Mondays throughout

the year under review, with the exception of public holidays.

*Lantern Study Classes.*—We have been able to make full use of the Lantern in our possession during the months of July, August and September 1937 when we started the Lantern Study Classes on alternate Thursdays. We thus completed the ten films in the 1935 set before we sent the Lantern Outfit up to the Shanghai Lodge.

*Special Meetings.*—Special meetings held were the 62nd Anniversary of the T. S.; Memorial Meeting of the 6th Anniversary of Mr. Manuk's death; White Lotus Day; Special Meetings (12) for members conducted by the following visiting workers of the Society at various times during the year under review: Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Mr. & Mrs. Knudsen, Mr. & Mrs. Hotchener and Miss Glen Walker.

*Farewell Party.*—A farewell party was given to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parkinson on the eve of their departure from the Colony. Members and many friends of the Lodge attended to wish the couple God speed. The departure of our past President, Mrs. O. M. Parkinson and our Librarian, Mr. J. D. Parkinson, is greatly regretted and their absence felt by all members of the Lodge. Such enthusiastic and energetic workers for the Lodge as they proved to be during the years they spent in Hongkong will not easily be replaced. They have done much to make the Manuk Lodge the happy meeting place it is for Members and friends.

*Library.*—The Librarian reports that matters concerning the Library proceeded satisfactorily during the year under review. The Lodge spent about \$20.00 on the purchase of new books whilst we are indebted to Mr. & Mrs. Knudsen, Mr. Pavri, Mr. Paowalla and other friends for the presentation of books amongst which were included several valuable publications.

*The Theosophist* has been bound as the current volumes have been

completed and some existing books in bad condition have been rebound as Library funds permitted.

The experiment mentioned in the Annual Report of a year ago of allowing copies of *The Theosophist*, *The Theosophical World* and *The Young Theosophist* to be issued free of charge to Members and Associates for a period of one week has proved successful, circulation of all three journals having increased considerably. Whilst the total number of issues of Library books remains at about the same figure as for the previous year a large majority of the volumes have been taken out by a small percentage of the Lodge membership and it is suggested that the remaining members make more use of the Library which, for a Lodge of our size, is an exceptionally good one, especially as regards what might be called the classics of Theosophy.

**Finance.**—Statement of Accounts for the year ended 24th June 1938 was rendered by the Treasurer, Mr. Lau and audited by Mr. Laing, from which it is gratifying to note the healthy state of the financial position of the Lodge and the increase of annual revenue.

**Publicity.**—The publishing of notices and lectures, etc., has been well cared for by Mrs. Parkinson and Messrs. Greenberg and Russ who have ably written the reports for publication by the S.C.M.P. and Daily Press. Arrangement for the display of notices at prominent points at the Star Ferry Wharves has been continued as before.

**Appreciations.**—We are grateful to Mrs. J. H. Ruttonjee for her continued interest and substantial financial support to this Lodge. We are also indebted to Mrs. Fant who regularly brings flowers for the Lodge and to other friends and members for their gifts such as books and donations towards the Lodge expenses. Our thanks are due to all those workers and lecturers for their devotion and time rendered in one form or another which has helped to bring the year under review to a successful close, and we wish also to thank the South China Morning Post, Daily Press and Star Ferry Company for the kindly assistance in giving the Manuk Lodge the benefit of publicity.

Y. S. UNG,

*Hon. Secretary.*

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## MIROKU LODGE, TOKYO, JAPAN

During the year we have had 19 meetings, with an average attendance of 9, the highest attendance being 19.

We have had the pleasure of admitting 4 new members, Mr. Val Vanne, Dr. Rodriguez, Mr. Yang and Miss Murauchi. Unfortunately Mr. Yang had to return to China, the Embassy here being closed.

At the beginning of the year on Sept. 12th we had an interesting lecture from Miss Glen Walker who spoke on "The Vision of the Future". We had three visitors in May from Montevideo, Uruguay, Mr. Cesar Della Rosa, Mme. Rose E. Morily Della Rosa and Mr.

Cantaloupo; these visits are very helpful and it is interesting to hear of the work in other parts of the world.

As we have very few people able to lecture, we have this year read articles from *The Theosophist*, each member taking his turn, after which we usually had a very interesting discussion.

We had a specially interesting meeting on White Lotus Day when we also celebrated the 10th anniversary of Miroku Lodge which was founded on May 16th. 19 people were present including the visitors from Montevideo. The Hon. Secretary gave a brief resumé of the history of this Lodge followed

by 4 different readings in memory of H.P.B. (1) Explanation of White Lotus Day and Valedictory Message to American Theosophists. (2) Excerpts from *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Light of Asia* and *The Bhagavad Gita*. (3) A brief account of H.B.P.'s Life. (4) A talk on H.B.P. and her work.

We hope the members will be able to hold together during this time of stress, and become a strong Centre in the cause of International Brotherhood.

E. M. CASEY,

*Hon. Secretary.*

## NAIROBI LODGE, NAIROBI

(KENYA, E. AFRICA)

The Nairobi Lodge has a membership of 20 and is regularly holding its weekly classes on Wednesday (3 in vernacular and 1 in English, a month) and the average attendance of Lodge members is 10 and of sympathisers and outsiders is 3 throughout the year. I have the innermost confidence that under the

Masters' influence, there will be better times ahead and the Light of Theosophy will shine more radiantly in this part of Africa hereafter.

Nairobi

C. J. PATEL,

20-11-38

*Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.*

## SINGAPORE LODGE

(STRAIT SETTLEMENTS)

I am happy to report a fairly active year. The Campaign for Understanding received enthusiastic support from members of this lodge and many of them showed promise of being great T. S. workers by their maiden talks on "Understanding" to the public. Fortnightly lectures on other topics were also given, with meetings for public discussions in between. The members' meetings on Sundays were conducted regularly throughout the year, and the book we are studying at present is *The Ancient Wisdom*.

This year shows a record increase in membership owing to the activities of our youthful members. On 30th September 1937 our total membership was 21. Since then 13 new members were admitted, one resigned, making an up-to-date figure of 33 on the roll.

The library has been augmented by a considerable number of interesting books consisting of almost all the new T. S. publications and several earlier ones of Mrs. Annie Besant's and Mr. C. W. Leadbeater's works. The library continues to increase in usefulness.

Miss Glen-Walker passed Singapore and left with our lodge the perfume of happy memories, while Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Knudsen paid us several visits and helped us to contact the countries they visit by their graphic accounts of those places.

The members of the Lodge send you and Rukmini Arundale their hearty greetings and assurances of loyalty.

Singapore

PETER SING,

27-9-38

*Hon. Secretary.*



# SELANGOR LODGE, KUALA LUMPUR

(FEDERATED MALAY STATES)

The Selangor Lodge was established under a Charter dated the 24th June, 1929.

2. During the year under review three new members were enrolled and the number of members remaining on the roll is ten.

3. No books or pamphlets were published by the Lodge during the year.

4. Regular study classes are held on Tuesdays. The following books were read and discussed.

The Coming Of The Angels (G. Hodson).

Talks on "At the Feet of the Master" (Dr. Besant and Rev. C. W. Leadbeater).

5. Monthly lectures are delivered by members and visitors, and interested non-members are invited to attend these lectures. We were fortunate in having with us on two occasions Mr. A. F. Knudsen, Presidential Agent, East Asia, on his way to Adyar and return to China.

6. The progress of the Lodge during the year has been very satisfactory.

## EXTRACTS FROM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the year beginning 12th October, and ending 18th October 1938, forty-four members' meetings have been held, and eight public lectures.

*Membership.*—The active membership of the Lodge is now ten, showing

an increase of two during the last year; and except in the case of illness or unavoidable absence, the attendance at meetings has been very steady indeed. There are several visiting members who are always welcome to the Lodge whenever they can come, and also some regular enquirers to whom books have been lent.

*Library.*—Several new volumes have been acquired, and a generous gift from a friend of the Lodge has made it possible to send an order for fifteen more books for the Lodge as well as two hundred pamphlets for distribution.

*Healing Meditation.*—Healing meditations, after the instructions given by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson have been held with few exceptions at each members' meeting throughout the year. About fifty-five different names have been on our lists, and a record kept as to their progress whenever possible.

*Theosophical Visitors.*—The Lodge has welcomed the following visitors on different occasions throughout the year: Miss Glen Walker, international traveller and lecturer; Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen, Presidential Agent in the Far East, Mr. Pfeiffer, an Austrian member of many years' standing; Mrs. Prior, ex-president of the Singapore Lodge, and Miss Prior, and Mr. Flowerdew, ex-president of the Selangor Lodge.

Kuala Lumpur,

24-10-38

K. KANDIAH,

Hon. Secretary.



# THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND OTHER ACTIVITIES



## THE ADYAR LIBRARY STAFF

1937—1938

<i>Director :</i>	Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti, B.A., B.L., M.B.C.M., Vaidyaratna.
<i>Jt. Director and Curator for Western Section :</i>	A. J. Hamerster.
<i>Curator for the Eastern Section :</i>	Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.)
<i>Librarian :</i>	Miss G. Watkin.
<i>Research Assistant :</i>	A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, M.A., L.T.
<i>Honorary Research Fellow :</i>	N. Aiyaswami Sastri.
<i>Pandits :</i>	T. R. Seshadri Sarma. V. Narayanasvami Sastri. K. Madhava Krishna Sarma.
<i>Attendants :</i>	R. Natesa Naicker (till 30th June '38). T. Rajaratnam Pillai (from 14-6-38 to 21-7-38). A. Radhakrishnan (from 21-7-38 to 18-3-39). R. Munusvami Pillai. A. P. Chokkalingam (died on 21-6-38). M. Adikeshavalu Naidu. T. C. Ponnusvami. T. S. Balakrishnan. K. Jambulingam. N. Dakshinamurti. G. N. Sreeramulu (from 5th July 1938).

## BRAHMAVIDYA

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY BULLETIN

<i>Editor :</i>	Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon).
<i>Assistant Editor :</i>	A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, M.A., L.T.



## THE ADYAR LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1937-1938

*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. Miss Gertrude Watkin as Librarian has been rendering valuable service. Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar was confirmed as Research Assistant and Assistant Editor of the Library Bulletin with effect from 23rd April 1938. The routine work of the Library Office is also under his supervisoion as the Assistant of the Director.

Pandit Aiyaswami Sastri, our Honorary Research Fellow joined the Vishva-bharati of Dr. Tagore as Professor of Buddhistic Studies from July 1938. He continues to restore the Tibetan and Chinese Texts into Sanskrit and edit them for our Library Bulletin. We thank him for his continued interest in our Library.

Mr. Madhava Krishna Sarma was appointed for the special purpose of preparing a Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library under an Endowment of Rs. 2,000 which was donated to the Library by a friend (who desires to remain anonymous) through the good offices of Mr. C. Jinarajadasa to whom our grateful thanks are due. Mr. Madhava Krishna Sarma joined duty on 16th January and has been at work since then. A statement of the work done by him during the year is appended as Appendix A.

Pandit T. R. Seshadri Sarma was mainly engaged in cataloguing new books and manuscripts, in correcting entries in the Catalogues and the Registers, in preparing card-indexes for the books and manuscripts, in selecting books for binding and in supplying information for the Office correspondence and to visitors. He has continued to

be in charge of the stock of the Eastern Section. A tabular statement of the work done by him, during they year under review, will be found in Appendix B.

Pandit Narayanasvami Sastri was engaged in transcribing manuscripts for the Library, in preparing Press-copies for publication, in preparing the Preliminary list of manuscripts newly acquired during the year and in comparing manuscripts for the preparation of works for editing for the Publication Branch of the Library. He has also been assisting Pandit Seshadri Sarma in the cataloguing of books and manuscripts. A statement of the work turned out by Pandit Narayanasvami Sastri is placed as Appendix C.

Pandit Ramachandra Sarma has been engaged as a special scribe from May 1938 for the purpose of restoring the damaged manuscripts in the Library. Since then he has also been copying some of the rare manuscripts for which copies for the Library had to be taken.

There were some changes in the ranks of the Attendants. Mr. R. Natesan, Chief Attendant was permitted to retire having completed twenty-five years of service. The unfortunate early demise of Mr. A. P. Chokkalingam brought another vacancy. They were filled up by appointing A. Radhakrishnan as Chief Attendant and G. N. Sriramulu as the eighth Attendant, both on probation.

*Publications.*—On 1st October 1938, the *Brahmavidyā*, the Bulletin of the Library completed the third part of the second volume during the year under review. It maintains a steady level of its subscribers. More journals are coming under exchange relations and the circulation is spreading.

It is gratifying to note the increased activity of the publications of the Library. We have already mentioned

the completion of the *Melaragamalika* of Mahavaidyānatha Sivan. Five major works were completed and issued during this year. They are :

1. The Secret of Recognition (*Pratyabhijnahrdayam*) Sanskrit Text edited by the Staff of the Adyar Library under the supervision of Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi, B.A., B.L., M.B., C.M., Honorary Director, Adyar Library. Authorised Translation into English by Kurt F. Leidecker, M.A., Ph. D.

2. The *Samgrahachudamani* of Govinda, already mentioned in the previous report as only under preparation, is before the public, edited by the eminent Pandit Brahmasri S. Subrahmanya Sastri with a critical Introduction in English by Sriman T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar, B.A., L.T.

3. The English translation of the *Yoga Upanishads* by Sriman T. R. Srinivasa Aiyangar and Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, which was in the course of publication, has been completed, thanks to the indefatigable industry and earnestness of the translators. We have great pleasure in conveying our sincere thanks to these gentlemen for the work they are doing for the Library.

4 & 5. The Adyar Library Association is the Publisher of a very important work *Where Theosophy and Science Meet* edited by Professor D. D. Kanga, M.A., I.E.S. (Retired) of which two parts are already available for sale with the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar.

*Works in Progress.*—The *Vyavaharānirṇaya* of Varadaraja edited by Professor Rao Bahadur K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar and Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, the Assistant Editor of the Library Bulletin, is now progressing rapidly and it is expected to be ready by the middle of 1939.

The following works are in progress as serials in the Library Bulletin :

The *Jivanandanam*—a medical drama by Anandarāyamakhi with a commentary by Vaidyaratna Pandit M.

Duraiswami Aiyangar is being edited by myself and the learned Pandit. The first forme has appeared in the Bulletin for December 1938. It will be one of the serials in the Bulletin for future issues.

*Rig Veda Vyakhya* of Madhava edited by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.), our Honorary Curator for Eastern Section.

*Asvalayanagrhasutra* with the commentary of Devasvamin edited by Dr. C. Kunhan Raja ; with English Translation of the Sutras and the commentary of Devasvamin by A. N. Krishna Aiyangar, M.A., L.T., Assistant Editor, Adyar Library Bulletin.

The *Bhavasamkrantisutra* with Nagarjuna's *Bhavasamkranti Sastra* with the commentary of Maitreyinatha, restored from the Tibetan and Chinese versions, edited by Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri, now professor of Buddhistic Studies at the Vishvabharati, Santiniketan.

Works included in the future programme for publication by the Library represent a variety of interests and sides of Indian culture.

The *Kesavavaijayanti* of Nanda Pandita which is a commentary on the *Vishnumurti* is a hitherto unpublished work of great importance. It has been included in the list of the Library Publications.

Two other important verse *Smritis*—that of Apastamba and Gautama are also under preparation. The *Kaladarsa* of Aditya Bhatta mentioned in the report for the previous year is also getting ready. In bringing out these works, the Assistant Editor of the Library Bulletin Mr. Krishna Aiyangar will collaborate with Rao Bahadur K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar and bring out a critical edition with an exhaustive English Introduction and necessary Notes. No pains will be spared to use all the available manuscript material to make the works standard books of reference and study.

Pandit Aiyaswami Sastri has taken up the *Alambana Pariksha* of Dinnaga for his next serial publication—after completing the Bhavasamkranti Sutra. The first few pages of the work are expected to be published in the February part of the Bulletin for 1939.

The *Sangitaratnakara* with the commentary of Singa-bhupala and Kallinatha is waiting for the arrival of a few more manuscripts to complete the work. The desire is to exhaust all the available manuscript material and leave little room for further work at a later stage. We expect to be able to bring out the edition of this valuable and highly useful work in the course of the next official year, if not earlier.

The *Caturdasalakshani* of Gadadhara with five commentaries has also been included in the programme. Pandit N. Santanam Aiyar has undertaken the work with great enthusiasm. Some of the commentaries are unpublished ones and we hope this may prove useful to the scholarly public and open new vistas of literature.

**Books and Manuscripts.**—Considerable additions have been made to the stock of books and manuscripts during the year under report. In the Eastern Section 329 printed volumes and 14 transcripts were added. Three collections of manuscripts were presented by Dr. V. Raghavan of the Madras University. Another big collection was obtained for the library by correspondence through Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier from Batlagundu, Madura District. The collections are now being catalogued by the Pandits. A list of the additions of the printed books and the 14 transcripts is given as Appendix D.

In the Western Section 1229 books and 269 pamphlets were added. Out of this total,

The President presented	...	82
Mr. Hamerster	„	30
Mr. Knudsen	„	(Bud-
dhist Tripitika)	...	77 Vols.

From the 'Gulistan' Library (Ootacamund) by the President's instructions ... 300

Mr. Davidge completed the transfer of his Library to us . 177

**Use of the Library.**—Indications of increasing use made of the Library can be seen from the figures of visitors and books consulted. As compared with the figures for the previous year the figures show an increase of 40% in the number of books consulted: In the Reading Room 1533 Magazines were placed. Books borrowed from the Library numbered 2899 and books consulted inside the Library numbered 3344. The number of visitors who signed the Register totalled 7629. This is rather a low estimate as not all sign the Register. The Librarian is now keeping an accurate record of the number of visitors which will prove to be a very interesting record as years go by. In her estimate, only one in four have signed the visitors book. It is hoped, however, that correct numbers will be available for future years.

The bonds of contact of the Library with other learned Institutions are maintained as usual and exchange relations with several new journals have been established. The Universities in India and in the Western countries continue to borrow manuscripts from us. The Institute of Veterinary Research of the Government of India borrowed a few books from this Library for reference on Ayurveda.

**Exchanges.**—The Library Bulletin continues to be in exchange relationship with several important journals. The present number of exchanges stands at 71. Additions are being made in each issue of the Bulletin as the correspondence gets completed.

A variety of interests is maintained in the review columns of the Bulletin. Thirty-five books were reviewed and sent to the Library. More have been coming in and are being reviewed in the subsequent issues of the Bulletin.

*Donations.*—We have already mentioned the donation of Rs. 2,000 for the preparation and printing of a Descriptive Catalogue of the manuscripts in the Library. The second instalment of Rs. 2,000 was received in November 1938. The donor still chooses to remain anonymous but, we should be failing in our duty if we did not convey our grateful thanks to our unknown donor and benefactor as well as to Mr. C. Jinarajadasa through whose good offices it was received. The Descriptive Catalogue is getting ready and will soon be taken up for publication.

The presentation of 10 volumes of *The Book of Knowledge* by "Remlap" to the Reading Room is much appreciated by our younger readers.

*Indexing.*—The indexing of eight thousand volumes has been completed so far. Thanks to the offer of help in this work from two honorary workers, it is hoped that more rapid progress will be made in the coming year.

Two new glass show cases have been purchased to contain the two sets of the Buddhist Tripitaka which are now very well set out, the Taisho Edition being in one and the new Haroon Edition in the other. Extra shelving has been added to the Eastern Section which was badly needed; the addition is quite insufficient for our requirements. The books and manuscripts are clamouring for the new building which we hope to see ere long. The present over-crowding renders effective service difficult, and the ventilation is unsatisfactory. This, with the deficiency of light which results from the over-crowding of books is a great encouragement to the insect pests whose visitations cause so much anxiety to the Librarian. All that can be done to improve matters in our present building has been done; we can now only long for our new home.

*Miscellaneous.*—We are glad to note that the Kamma-Vaca Manuscript in

our Library lying in the glass showcase undeciphered all those years has now been deciphered by Mr. O. C. Gangoly of Calcutta who has written a paper on the subject. The manuscript was hitherto not properly evaluated. Now, it takes its real place as one of the treasures of the Library.

The Library was represented at the Ninth All-India Oriental Conference by Mr. A. N. Krishna Aiyangar and Pandit N. Aiyaswami Sastri as delegates. Both of them took part in the discussions and contributed papers to the sections of the Conference.

*The Museum.*—A very important piece of work in this section was done this year by Mevrouw Gonggrijp who made a complete catalogue of all the contents of the Museum—a very patient and difficult undertaking, for which we tender her our warmest thanks.

It only remains for me to tender my grateful thanks to Mr. Hamerster, Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, Miss Gertrude Watkin, Madam Gonggrijp and others to all of whom I am in continual obligations for the valuable services they have been rendering. My sincere thanks are also due to those who have been co-operating with the Publication Branch of the Library. I am specially indebted in this work to Principal Rangaswami Aiyangar of the Benares Hindu University and Professor Suryanarayana Sastri and Dr. V. Raghavan both of the Madras University. To the Governments, Institutions and individuals who have continued to present their publications I beg to convey my grateful thanks. A list of such donors is appended as Appendix E.

G. SRINIVASA MURTI,

*Honorary Director.*

Adyar

27th November 1938



## APPENDIX A

## STATEMENT OF THE WORK DONE BY MR. K. MADHAVA KRISHNA SARMA

1937-1938

Number of MSS. examined	} Palm-leaf	160
		} Paper 40
	... Total	200
Number of works examined	...	49

## APPENDIX B

## TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE WORK DONE BY PANDIT SESHADRI SARMA

		1937-'38	1936-'37
Number of Printed Books Catalogued and entered	...	425	168
Number of MSS. Catalogued	} Paper	74	153
	} Palm-leaf	31	
Number of Cards entered and put in the Card index	...	815	640
Number of references worked for the Office	...	22	
Number of references worked for others	...	43	
Books selected for Binding	...	100	683
Books sent for Binding <sup>1</sup>	...	57	293
Number of books entered in the Accession Register	} Books	711	1809
	} Transcripts	31	
Number of cards cancelled <sup>2</sup>	...	280	150
Labels prepared <sup>3</sup>	...	884	586
Number of Books newly rearranged <sup>4</sup>	...	342	

## APPENDIX C

## TABULAR STATEMENT OF THE WORK OF PANDIT V. NARAYANASVAMI SASTRI

		1937-'38	1936-'37
Number of granthas copied	...	13,835	15,670
Number of granthas compared	...	13,392	5,400

<sup>1</sup> The variation is due to the number that is allotted by the Librarian for each section and the selection is based upon the need for binding. Naturally the two need not necessarily agree. The budget amount is another factor which determines the number of books bound.

<sup>2</sup> These are cancelled as mistakes are found or as books are removed to new places and therefore given new shelf numbers.

<sup>3</sup> The number of labels prepared depends upon the new needs and the replacement of the old as they get indistinct or drop away.

<sup>4</sup> This is due to the removal of the Pandits to the Annexe and the removal of certain shelves to the Store-room.



Number of Index Cards written	...	404	321
Number of Books and MSS. catalogued or listed	...	780	—
Number of MSS. examined <sup>1</sup>	...	59	706
Number of granthas examined <sup>2</sup>	...	8,13,000	
Miscellaneous references for visitors	...	Helped Pandit Seshadri Sarma and the Visitors.	
Number of Books entered in the Register (Bengali Character)	...	422	

## APPENDIX D

## ADDITIONS TO THE EASTERN SECTION

329 printed volumes and 14 transcripts were added to the Eastern Section. Among these, some were purchased and some donated by the friends of the Library. These are classified into various languages and arranged in alphabetical order.

## ABBREVIATIONS

B=Printed books	T=Transcripts
P=Paper manuscripts	L=Palm-leaf manuscripts

## ARABIC

Diwan-i-Bedar, Madras University Islamic Series No. 2	...	B.
The History of the Poets of Southern India and the Deccan Higri 1352	...	"
Waqiat-i-Azfari, Madras University Arabic, Persian and Urdu Bulletin No. 1	...	"

## ĀNDHRA

Alphabetical Index of Telugu Manuscripts in the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras	...	"
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I have the honour to submit the following brief report of the Olcott Harijan Free Schools for the year 1938.

The Colonel's Scheme, in founding these "Panchama", now called Harijan, Schools was "to train the pupils to learn to lead better lives, to train in habits of cleanliness, and build in them a sense of character in every way, physically, emotionally and intellectually, and to train them to understand and live the spirit of their religion." The whole work is carried on along the lines as enunciated by our great teacher and mother, Dr. Annie Besant, in her "Principles of Education" and "Wake up India" lectures, the plan including not the training of the individual only but the evoking of the sense of responsibility and duty to his environment in the individual. Every attempt is made to make the Schools institutions of purpose and usefulness to their pupils and places of joy and happiness for them.

On the 1st October 1938, The Board of Managers took over charge of the Mrs. Hilda Wood Adult Night School at Damodarapuram from Mrs. Hilda Wood. Thus the scope of our work has extended along with its responsibilities. There are now 379 boys and 112 girls, 491 pupils in all, and 15 teachers in the Olcott Memorial School and 52 students and 3 teachers in the Damodarapuram Night School. Both institutions are of Higher Elementary Grade.

Each child is helped to grow in an atmosphere of love and true "ordered freedom" in all the four important—physical, emotional, intellectual, religious—aspects of education.

Bathing conveniences, medical treatment for minor ailments, midday lunch for hungry and needy children, provision of books and clothing for the de-

serving, Scouting, Games, and Sports, frequent camps, hikes and excursions go a long way to keep our boys and girls cheerful, and happy. The pupils are trained in simple and practical religion by means of Bhajanas and Pujas. Opportunities are provided to live the religion in a practical way. The qualities of reverence and gratefulness are developed through the celebration of the days of the Great Teachers and of the benefactors of our School. These days are always occasions of great joy and inspiration both for the teachers and the taught. The children are definitely trained to feel and live as brothers and members of one big Olcott family.

The Labour Officer of the Chingleput District who visited our School some time ago observed that "the children of the Olcott School are bright and cheerful and whatever they do they do with a thoroughness and care which is highly commendable."

The following few extracts from the Government Inspecting Officer's remarks after his Annual Inspection of the School will give an idea of the work of the School during the year under report.

*Instruction.*—The progress shown in Tamil Prose and Poetry was good . . . and satisfactory. Number work was good. General knowledge subjects receive regular and proper attention. Drawing was good.

*Practical Instruction.*—Ample opportunities are provided for various forms of handwork. Tape, mat and cloth weaving, network, book-binding, leather work, and fretwork are done with great interest and enthusiasm by the boys. In addition to music, sewing and needlework, girls also take part in palmleaf work, basket work, paper-flower work and making of different kinds of fancy bags. These products of pupils' handwork figure prominently in children's arts and crafts exhibitions.



*Physical Education* continues to receive active attention. In addition to the usual drill, games and pyramid building—which are good—pupils play football, handball, hockey and ring-tennis. The boys and girls at the Lezim exercises presented an impressive sight. The School conducts its own Annual Sports and also organises Inter-School Sports. The School has a troop of 32 scouts, a pack of 40 cubs, a flock of 30 bulbuls and a company of 20 guides under 13 officers who are members of the staff. It retains its name for high distinction in Scouting and Girl Guiding. Besides giving a number of demonstrations of their craft and games, the Scouts do their good bit of social service in the Mylapore festivals and in the neighbouring locality.

*Medical Inspection.*—Attention is paid to all minor ailments. Due emphasis is laid on personal cleanliness.

*Conclusion.*—The School continues to turn out good work. Children are given good training not only on the intellectual side but—what is characteristic of this School—on the physical and emotional sides as well—the institution continues to retain its character as one of the best in this district.

Miss E. Hunt, our friend from New Zealand, visited the School on many occasions and said that her visits to the Olcott School would be long vivid in her memory and she was deeply impressed by the fine work that was being done here.

She further stated “... The general tone of the School is noticeably good. As the children come under its influence their characters seem to develop ... this is evident to a visitor who sees the steady improvement from class to class as the higher standards are reached.

“... There is a fine combination of discipline and freedom. This is the more remarkable when one contem-

plates the cramped condition in which the School works.

“—It is good to see co-education carried on so successfully in a School of this nature in India. . . . The general intelligence of the children is arresting when one observes the appalling poverty of their homes. The School is the more appealing because it reaches a class of child who would scarcely otherwise receive so fine an opportunity.”

Every attempt is made to give a background of dedication and joyous service to the whole work. As Miss M. Jones from England remarked, “The good results are seen not only in the efficiency of the different activities, but in the enthusiasm and industry of the children and their happy natural aptitude throughout, whether in study, handicraft or sport. . . . There is a definite spiritual undertone which must, as these children go forth to take their place in their country's life, prove to be of great value.”

It may be interesting to note here what Sri V. I. Munisami Pillai, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development with the Government of Madras has observed on his visit to the School on the 27th of August 1938, “I paid a visit to this institution today and spent nearly 2½ hours seeing in detail the work carried on in this School. I am really pleased with what I saw. The children of the School, both boys and girls, are clean and smart in their work. There is a great co-ordination between the teachers and the taught in that every pupil appeared to be “at home” both in the study and in the handicraft entrusted to him. There is a great improvement in the vocational training imparted to the pupils whose out-turn is really good. . . . The School meets a great need of the locality and those who pass out of this institution will not only become good members of society but spread the spiritual message to those with whom they come in contact. I am pleased to note that *real*

*Harijan uplift* is going on here . . . and am glad to find a fraternal feeling among the staff . . ."

Pandit Shri Ram Baj-Pai, the Chief Organising Commissioner of the Seva Samiti Boy Scouts Association, Allahabad, was much impressed by the work and the Spirit of the Olcott School. He observed that ". . . What the framers of the Wardha Scheme have envisaged in their scheme has been followed in all its completeness in this School. I wish that those who desire to implement the Wardha Scheme but are groping in the dark about the practical application and working of the scheme would visit the School and profit by it. . . . The potency of scouting as an aid to Education can be seen in all its effectiveness in this School. As one who has given the best part of his life to Scouting, it gives me great joy indeed to see this School where great work is willingly and unselfishly done along sound educational lines . . ." The Olcott Scout Group, which has all the four sections of Scouting, consisting in all of about 150 members, and the Olcott Students Union, which is run and managed by the pupils themselves, play a great part in the character building work of the School and inculcate in the students a spirit of happy and joyous co-operation for the service of the School.

During this year an attempt has been made to give greater freedom and greater responsibility to the pupils themselves in the School work. A Central Committee, consisting of five boys and three girls, with ten sub-committees in charge of different sections, are wardens of all the activities of the School. The Central Committee organises, guides and looks after the School life in general and is responsible to the Head of the School who is the final authority. The purpose behind this attempt is to train the pupils in Responsible Self-Government.

So much about some of our achievements. Now I beg leave to put before

you some of the most urgent requirements of the Olcott School.

1. *Our Annual Deficit.*—We need annually Rs. 8000 for our work. Out of this, we receive about Rs. 3500 as grants-in-aid from the Educational and Labour departments of the Government, and about Rs. 1500 as interest on our endowment (if we can afford to keep it intact without encroaching on it). So for the balance of Rs. 3000, we depend entirely on the generous support of our kind and sympathetic friends.

2. *Accommodation.*—The extract from the Government Inspector's Annual report speaks vividly about the cramped condition.—"*Accommodation.*—One small building with two tiled sheds and three thatched sheds—the School's own on a site for which ground rent is paid. The total available floor area works up to 4596 sq. ft. and provides 482 school places . . . But the bigger shed needs to be completely repaired". The shed referred to is in a very bad and dangerous condition. To erect a substantial building in its place would cost about Rs. 8000 for which an appeal was made in my last year's report. Even if we cannot find that amount we require at least Rs. 1000 to bring the present rickety structure into a condition to last up to that time till we are financially in a position to put up our cherished "Annie Besant" hall for the Olcott School.

3. *Filling the Pond.*—The present accommodation is absolutely inadequate and the School is working in a hopelessly cramped condition. The School has now acquired on a long lease for 50 years the insanitary pond, which is adjacent to our premises, on the condition that we fill it up within one year. We also received a letter in October last from the President of the District Board on the recommendation of the District Health Officer that the pond be filled up within one month as it was a breeding place of disease being an

insanitary and stagnating pond. But now on account of the rainy season and the pond being full of water we are given time till summer next to finish that work. The pond measures about 7 grounds, roughly 17000 sq. ft., and is estimated to cost about Rs. 2000 to be filled. It may be observed that this is absolutely urgent and should be taken in hand immediately.

I appeal to the Board of Managers to make special efforts to collect the necessary funds for these most urgent requirements as otherwise it would compel us to encroach on the very small capital endowment now with us, which procedure, if once adopted, may prove to be fatal.

Before closing my report, I would like to thank here the Theosophical Society, Adyar Baby Welcome and the T. S. Dispensary who are helping us in the physical welfare of our children

and also Messrs. Felix Layton and P. S. Krishnaswami who are helping us in our Night School work.

I desire to place on record here my sincere thanks to all my colleagues on the staff of our School for all their fine co-operation which they have given me throughout in our work.

I would like very much to offer my grateful thanks to Mrs. Clarence Gasque for her generous help to our School and specially for the great interest and love which she evinced towards our children during her stay at Adyar.

In concluding, on behalf of the teachers and pupils of the Olcott School, I offer here our loving homage to our beloved President and with his blessings and with the guidance of the Board of Managers we hope we will be able to make our Schools worthier of our Founder, Amma and the other distinguished benefactors behind our work.

M. KRISHNAN,

*Correspondent.*

# INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT OF FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DISBURSEMENTS						Rs.	A.	P.
To Books and Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	679	1	9
„ Bank Charges	...	...	...	...	...	29	8	0
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	149	5	6
„ Correspondent's Allowance	...	...	...	...	...	180	0	0
„ Food Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	338	5	0
„ Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	69	6	0
„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	349	13	0
„ Postages	...	...	...	...	...	0	12	6
„ Pupils in Higher Schools	...	...	...	...	...	114	0	0
„ Rents and Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	90	0	0
„ Teachers' Salaries, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	5,716	4	0
„ Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	101	13	0
„ Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	...	...	147	1	6
						7,965	6	3

ADYAR

4th April 1938

N. SRI RAM,

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.





### BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT HARIJAN

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ADYAR

4th April 1938

N. SRI RAM,

*Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.*

PROPERTY AND ASSETS						Rs.	A.	P.
Advance to be recovered	...	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Govt. Pro-notes : 3% 1952 Madras Govt. Loan Face Value	Rs. 29,600	...				29,407	3	0
" " 5% 1945-55 G. I.	Rs. 10,000	...				10,062	8	0
" " 3½% 1947-50 G. I.	Rs. 6,000	...				6,000	0	0
Immovable Property	...	...	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
Movable Property	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
<i>Income and Disbursement Reserve Account :</i>								
Deficit as per last balance-sheet	Rs. 4,075-8-9							
" for 1937-38	Rs. 596-0-2							
						4,671	8	11
Cash on Hand	...	...	...	...	...	586	7	2
Balance on Current Account with the Imperial Bank of India, Madras	...					4,995	4	3
						57,432	15	4

(Sd.) G. NARASIMHAM & CO.,

*Registered Accountants.*



MEMORANDUM  
OF  
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

## CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

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



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,

*Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.*

Station, Madras,

*Dated 3rd April 1905.*



# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

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*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy  
and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
an Act for the registration of literary,  
scientific and charitable Societies,*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire

or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :

## GENERAL COUNCIL

### *Ex-Officio*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Sec-  
retary, British Section, 28, Albemarle  
St., London, W.

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

Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandi-  
navian 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 Khan-  
dalwala, Poona, Special Judge [for  
3 years].

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

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

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row,  
Goody, 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 ...

„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ...

„ PYARE LAL ...

„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ...

{	(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
	„ W. A. ENGLISH
	„ S. SUBRAMANIAM
	„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
	„ UPENDRANATH BASU
	„ ANNIE BESANT
	„ N. D. KHANDALVALA

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

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 three 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 be 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. 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 Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

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. (a) 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.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

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 for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

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 by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.



## GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1939

### *Ex-Officio*

**President:** DR. G. S. ARUNDALE, Adyar, Madras.

**Vice-President:** MR. HIRENDRA NATH DATTA, 139B Cornwallis Street, Calcutta.

**Recording Secretary:** DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI, Adyar, Madras.

**Treasurer:** MR. N. SRI RAM, Adyar, Madras.

**President, World Federation of Young Theosophists:** SHRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI, Adyar, Madras.

### **General Secretaries**

MR. SIDNEY A. COOK, T.S. in U. S. of America ; Olcott, Wheaton, Illinois, U.S.A. Cables : "Theosoph, Wheaton."

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- MR. N. A. NAGANATHAN, T.S. in Burma ; 102 Forty-ninth Street, East Rangoon, Burma.
- FRU. DAGNY ZADIG, T.S. in Norway ; Bakkegt, 23II, inng. Munkedamsven, Oslo, Norway.
- HERR CH. BONDE JENSEN, T.S. in Denmark ; " Dharma," Fredensvang, Aarhus, Denmark.
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SENOR DON GUILLERMO VENGOECHEA U., T.S. in Colombia, Apartado Postal No. 539, Bogota, Colombia.

### **Additional Members**

- MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR, Tirupati (for 1937, 1938 and 1939).  
 MR. A. RANGASWAMI AIYAR, Santhai Pettai Street, Madura (for 1937, 1938 and 1939).  
 MR. C. JINARAJADASA, Adyar, Madras (for 1937, 1938 and 1939).  
 MR. HUKUM CHAND KUMAR, Sevakunj, Rambaugh Road, Karachi (for 1938, 1939 and 1940).  
 MR. A. P. WARRINGTON, Krotona, Ojai, California, U.S.A. (for 1938, 1939 and 1940).  
 M. R. RY. DEWAN BAHADUR RAJA DHARMA PRAVINA K. S. CHANDRA-SEKHARA AIYAR, Chandra Vilas, Bull Temple Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore (for 1938, 1939 and 1940).  
 MR. K. SRINIVASA AIYENGAR, 46 Lloyds Road, Cathedral Post, Madras (for 1938, 1939 and 1940).  
 MR. JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI, Machimiani Road, Karachi (for 1938, 1939 and 1940).  
 MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Voorteweg 40, Eindhoven, Holland (for 1939, 1940 and 1941).

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**Canada:** MR. H. F. THORN, Secretary-Treasurer, The Canadian Theosophical Federation, 4673 Seventh Ave., Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

### **HEADQUARTERS**

**Executive Committee:** (1) THE PRESIDENT, (2) THE VICE-PRESIDENT, (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY, (4) THE TREASURER, (5) MR. C. JINARAJADASA, (6) MR. K. SRINIVASA AIYENGAR, (7) MRS. RUKMINI ARUNDALE, (8) RAO BAHADUR M. NARASIMHAM PANTULU, (9) MISS ANITA HENKEL and (10) MR. A. J. HAMERSTER.

## OFFICERS

**Adyar Child Welfare Centre:** SHRIMATI (MRS.) BHAGIRATHI SRI RAM.

**Adyar Library:** DR. G. SRINIVASA MURTI.

**Agricultural Department:** MR. C. KRISHNIAH, MR. N. YAGNESWARA  
SASTRI.

**Bhojanasala:** MR. C. SUBBARAMAYYA, MR. N. HARIHARA AIYER.

**Consulting Engineer:** MR. K. SRINIVASA AIYENGAR.

**Engineering Department:** MR. T. F. LAVENDER, MR. P. VENKATA-  
SUBBAIYA & MR. T. LAXMAN.

**Housekeeper of Headquarters:** SHRIMATI (MRS.) BHAGIRATHI SRI RAM.

**Laundry:** MADAME P. C. D'AMATO AND MR. C. V. SHAH.

**Leadbeater Chambers:** MR. C. V. SHAH.

**Medical and Sanitary Dept.:** DR. C. RAMA KAMATH AND DR. T. P.  
SUNDRAM.

**Post Office:** K. NATARAJAN.

**Press Department:** T. P. H. (Ex-Officio Manager).

**Publicity Department:** MR. E. M. LAVENDER,

<b>Superintendent of Buildings:</b>	}	Headquarters Area ...	Supdt., Headquarters.
		Bhojanasala Area ...	" Bhojanasala.
		Chambers Area ...	" Leadbeater Chambers.

**The Theosophical Publishing House:** MR. H. VAN DE POLL.

**The Vasanta Press:** MR. C. SUBBARAYUDU.

**Cables:** "OLCOTT, Madras."

## MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, The Theosophical Society, held at  
"Shanti Kunj" near the Headquarters of the Indian Section, T.S.,  
Benares, on December 25th, 1938, at 6 p.m.*

### PRESENT :

Dr. G. S. Arundale	...	President, and Proxy for the General Secretary of The T.S. in France, Netherlands-Indies, and for Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyer, Additional Member; in the Chair.
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	...	Vice-President.
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretary of The T.S. in Burma, and for Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar and Mr. K. Srinivasa Aiyengar, Additional Members.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	Acting Treasurer.
Shrimati Rukmini Devi	...	President, World Federation of Young Theosophists.
Mrs. Adelaide Gardner	...	General Secretary of The T.S. in England, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of The T.S. in Finland, Scotland, Belgium, Denmark and Ireland.
Mr. G. N. Gokhale	...	General Secretary, Indian Section.
Miss Clare Tracey	...	Representative for Australia.
Miss Emma Hunt	...	Representative for New Zealand.
Mr. H. van de Poll	...	Representative for Russian T.S. outside Russia, Switzerland, Rumania and Jugoslavia.

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 permission of the Council.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings of December 25th and 30th, 1937, and January 2nd, 1938, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, and adopted and signed.

2. *Matters, if any, arising out of Minutes.*—None.

3. *Propositions Circulated in September 1938.*—Votes on the propositions circulated during the year were received with the following results :

Proposition No.	No. of the Rule affected	For	Against
I	30	35	1
II	41(b)	36	1
III	43	37	Nil



All the three propositions having obtained the necessary majority were declared passed, and the respective Rules are accordingly changed as follows :

*Rule No. 30 (Proposition I).*—Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

*Rule No. 41(b) (Proposition II).*—New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their annual subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

*Rule No. 43 (Proposition III).*—Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

4. *Election of one Additional Member.*—The voting in respect of the election of Mynheer J. E. van Dissel as Additional Member was as follows :

For	... 37 votes
Against	... Nil

Mynheer J. E. van Dissel was declared elected as Additional Member of the General Council for a period of three years (1939, 1940 and 1941).

5. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer presented his Report together with the Balance Sheet and Budget for 1938-39. It was decided that their consideration be postponed to the next meeting to give time to the members to go through them at leisure.

6. *Pension for the Nieces of H.P.B.*—Mrs. Gardner brought to the notice of the Council that though only one of the nieces now survives, still the balance of the Fund required replenishing to enable the Treasurer (Mr. Digby Besant) to continue the monthly remittances. It was thereupon Resolved that a sum of £30 be granted provisionally, and that, if the donations including £30 donated from General Funds fall short of £100, a further grant be made to make up the balance.

7. *Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1939.*—The following members were elected as members of the Executive Committee for the year 1939 :

Mr. K. Srinivasa Aiyengar	}	Re-elected.
Rao Bahadur M. Narasimham Pantulu		
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa		
Shrimati Rukmini Devi	}	New elections.
Miss Anita Henkel		
Mr. A. J. Hamerster		

8. *Appointment of Auditor for 1939.*—It was Resolved that Mr. V. Soundararajan, B.A., G.D.A., R.A., be appointed Auditor, for the year 1939 on the same remuneration as that allowed to the previous Auditor, *viz.*, Rs. 200/- per annum, or an amount not exceeding Rs. 250 (in case any increase

in work would justify an increased payment). This is for auditing the accounts of all departments other than the Theosophical Publishing House.

At 6.30 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned to December 27th, 1938, at 6 p.m.

## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, The Theosophical Society, held at "Shanti Kunj" near the Headquarters of the Indian Section, T.S., Benares, on December 27th, 1938, at 6 p.m.*

## PRESENT :

Dr. G. S. Arundale	...	President, and Proxy for the General Secretary of The T.S. in France, Netherlands-Indies, and for Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyer, Additional Member; in the Chair.
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	...	Vice-President.
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretary of The T.S. in Burma, and for Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar and Mr. K. Srinivasa Aiyengar, Additional Members.
Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	Acting Treasurer.
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Miss Emma Hunt	...	Representative for New Zealand.
Mr. H. van de Poll	...	Representative for Russian T.S. outside Russia, Switzerland, Rumania and Jugoslavia.

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 permission of the Council.

9. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were explained by the Treasurer, and after some discussion, were adopted with the following decision concerning the item "President's Fund":

"Agreeing with Mrs. Adelaide Gardner that it would arouse enthusiasm and interest in donations to the President's Fund, it was decided that a summary of this account be separately given in The T.S. General Report."

10. *Budget for 1938-39.*—The Budgets for the year ending 31st October 1939, which had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee, The T.S., were adopted as shown below, after examination and discussion of various items, with the undermentioned recommendations :

*Depreciation.*—It was decided that depreciation be shown as an expenditure on the Budget.

*Publicity and Press Department Grants.*—It was left to the discretion of the Executive Committee to decide as to whether or not excess grants be made to the Publicity and Press Departments ; it was also desired that details be shown for the item " Publications to General Secretaries, etc."

### T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1938-39

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	Rs.		Rs.
Fees and Dues ... ..	12,000	Establishment ... ..	10,500
Garden Produce ... ..	7,950	Construction and Repairs ... ..	13,950
Rent ... ..	14,000	Furniture ... ..	250
Interest ... ..	5,500	Lighting and Water ... ..	2,500
Deficit to be made good by Donations ...	38,032	Olcott Cottage, Ooty Expenses ... ..	500
		Printing and Stationery ... ..	1,500
		Pensions and Gratuities ... ..	1,500
		Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ... ..	2,000
		Publicity :	
		(a) Supply of <i>The Theosophist</i> , etc., to General Secretaries ... ..	1,000
		(b) Books and Pamphlets ... ..	500
		Taxes ... ..	500
		Watch and Ward ... ..	1,800
		Garden Department ... ..	12,450
		Discretionary Grants ... ..	1,500
		Miscellaneous ... ..	2,500
		Adyar Library ... ..	5,000
		Dispensary ... ..	600
		President's Fund ... ..	6,600
		Museum and Archives ... ..	300
		Depreciation ... ..	12,032
	77,482		77,482

### ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1938-39

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	Rs.		Rs.
T.S. Contribution ... ..	5,000	Salaries ... ..	6,597
Rent ... ..	1,000	Gratuities ... ..	203
Sale of Publications ... ..	400	Books, Manuscripts and Journals ... ..	1,500
" Adyar Day " Collections ... ..	2,400	Book-binding ... ..	1,400
<i>Brahmavidya</i> Subscriptions ... ..	540	Publications :	
Interest ... ..	3,000	<i>Brahmavidya</i> and General ... ..	3,250
Deficit to be made good by Donations ..	3,320	Fire Insurance ... ..	300
		Stationery and Printing ... ..	700
		Postage ... ..	300
		Furnishing and Repairs ... ..	1,260
		Contingencies ... ..	150
	15,660		15,660

11. *World Fund for Theosophy*.—The following extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Financial Sub-Committee held on 5th November, 1938, at 50 Gloucester Place, London, England, having been previously circulated to the members present, was duly considered :

#### WORLD FUND FOR THEOSOPHY

It was Resolved in the opinion of the Sub-Committee that :

- (a) The suggested amount of £ 100,000 was too large.
- (b) A scheme of the actual requirements for which it was proposed to raise the fund should be drawn up with accurate facts and figures, Library, Schools, etc.
- (c) A general endowment Fund was not desirable, but the Fund should be in the nature of an appeal for specific purposes.
- (d) The appeal for contributions to the Fund should clearly indicate the amount required for capital expenditure, and the amount required to provide income for revenue expenditure.
- (e) A Trust should be created, registered under Indian Trust Law, to administer the Fund; the Trust to be an international body of probably seven members of whom four should be resident outside India; the Trustees to be primarily members of the General Council, but membership to be open to others when deemed advisable.
- (f) Financial transactions in connection with the Fund should be permitted up to a stated maximum amount per annum without consultation with the Trustees, but all important decisions shall only be valid on the agreement of a majority of the Trustees after consultation, if necessary by writing.

During the discussion it became very clear that one of the things which would be much appreciated was more detailed knowledge of Adyar. Apparently members would like short articles in *The Theosophical World* on the School and its methods, the way the Publishing House works, the routine of the Library, the various offices at Headquarters, etc. The members of the Committee expressed the opinion that this sort of information would go a long way towards keeping a lively interest in Adyar active amongst members of The Society.

After some discussion, it was decided that, while endorsing the views of the Financial Sub-Committee and approving of the recommendations, the Executive Committee be authorized to draw up the statement of requirements giving due regard to the suggestion of the General Secretary of The T.S. in England, *viz.*, "to have a small list of maximum needs rather than a long list of lesser needs."

12. *World Congress*.—The Recording Secretary read the invitations received from Australia and the United States of America, and reported the recommendation made by the informal Council Meeting held at Zagreb suggesting Cuba, and failing Cuba, Java; and further informed that no invitation had so far been received from Cuba.



After some discussion, it was decided that the proposal of Shrimati Rukmini Devi to explore the possibility of holding the next World Congress of 1942 in Java be accepted, and that, failing Java, Australia be approved.

13. *The International Theosophical Centre at Geneva, Switzerland.*—Resolved that the activities of the International Theosophical Centre at Geneva, Switzerland, be suspended, and that The T. S. in Switzerland be requested to continue the international work of the Centre as best as possible.

14. *Russian T.S. outside Russia.*—The following Resolution was unanimously passed :

"The General Council resolves that while for the present no action be taken regarding the continuance of the Russian Section outside Russia, it be recommended to the President, if he should see fit, to exercise his powers under Rule 36(a) if and when a General Secretary of a Section intimates that the existence of a Lodge attached to the Russian Section outside Russia is detrimental to the Section's working.

"The General Council further urges every member of the Russian Section outside Russia to remember that he has the duty of loyal co-operation with the Section within the jurisdiction of which he lives."

15. *Passports.*—The proposal of the General Secretary of The T.S. in Finland for introduction of a standard passport for the purpose of identifying members in Sections when they were visited, as recommended by the informal Council Meeting held at Zagreb on 29-8-1938, was considered. After some discussion, it was Resolved that the following decision be given due publicity in Theosophical Journals for general information :

"That members desirous of travelling request their General Secretaries to give them a letter which will identify them in foreign Sections as Theosophists in good standing, and that the General Secretaries be advised to consider such credentials as valid so long as they are dated within the year presented."

At 6.30 p.m., the Meeting was adjourned to December 28th, 1938, at 6 p.m.

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## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, The Theosophical Society, held at "Shanti Kunj" near the Headquarters of the Indian Section, T.S., Benares, on December 28th, 1938, at 6 p.m.*

### PRESENT :

Dr. G. S. Arundale

... President, and Proxy for the General Secretary of The T.S. in France, Netherlands-Indies and for Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyer, Additional Member ; in the Chair.



Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	...	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Dr. G. Srinivasa Murti	...	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretary of The T.S. in Burma, and for Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar and Mr. K. Srinivasa Aiyengar, Additional Members.</i>
Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	<i>Acting Treasurer.</i>
Shrimati Rukmini Devi	...	<i>President, World Federation of Young Theosophists.</i>
Mrs. Adelaide Gardner	...	<i>General Secretary of The T.S. in England, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of The T. S. in Finland, Belgium, Scotland, Ireland and Denmark.</i>
Mr. G. N. Gokhale	...	<i>General Secretary, Indian Section.</i>
Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Miss Clare Tracey	...	<i>Representative for Australia.</i>
Miss Emma Hunt	...	<i>Representative for New Zealand.</i>
Mr. H. van de Poll	...	<i>Representative for Russian T.S. outside Russia, Switzerland, Rumania and Jugoslavia.</i>

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 permission of the Council.

16. *Resolution on Charter of Liberties passed at the 17th Convention of The T.S. in Wales.*—The following Resolution was read :

RESOLVED "That this Annual Convention of The Theosophical Society in Wales welcomes the call of the President for International Peace and Goodwill, and urges all Members to co-operate along the lines suggested. The Convention further invites the General Council to place upon the Agenda of the next World Congress the question of World Peace, with the object of discovering the basic causes of war, the means by which these can be eradicated, and the practical steps that can be taken for the establishment of Peace and Universal Brotherhood. It is further suggested that all National Societies be asked to consider the matter beforehand, and send in a brief statement of the results of their deliberations and any decisions upon which agreement has been arrived, for the benefit of the Congress."

The general feeling of the Council was that it welcomes the Resolution as a sign of the interest and desire of the Welsh Section to improve the world situation, but felt that the whole question of basic causes is a matter for each individual to determine for himself, and he should be encouraged to study such causes and the means for eradication. Further action was referred to the President.

17. *Application from Harmony Lodge, T.S., of the Canadian Federation, and that of the St. Louis Lodge, T.S., of the American Section, for direct affiliation with Adyar Headquarters.*—The President reported that he had requested Harmony Lodge to submit their application through their Federation Secretary, and had urged both bodies to reconsider the situation so that solidarity might be preserved in these times of difficulty and disintegration in world affairs. The President also reported that he had refused such a request from a Lodge in the Icelandic Section as the General Secretary was perfectly willing to co-operate in every way with the Lodge in question. No action was taken.

18. *Additions and Alterations to Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society.*—Resolved that the following additions and alterations to Rules 31(a), 31(c) and Rule 41(a), sent by the General Secretary of the American Section for consideration, be referred to the Executive Committee :

31 (a). When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society, to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such 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.

31(c) (New Rule). When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge 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.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

41(a). 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, the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the fellow resides; or equivalents.

19. *Reconstruction of the Italian Section.*—The President reported the action taken by the General Secretary and the Section Council of the Italian Section to attempt to modify for Italy the Three Objects of The Theosophical Society to render them in conformity with the present racial policies of the Italian Government, and reported the adherence of a group of ten Lodges and 200 members to loyalty to the Objects as hitherto defined. The President also reported that to meet this crisis he had appointed Dr. Giuseppe Gasco as his Presidential Agent to reconstruct the Section in the event of its disruption at a General Assembly called by the Italian General Secretary for November 19-20. Though Dr. Gasco has reported that Signor Castellani has resigned his post with the members of his Council, and is endeavouring to set up another Society, no confirmation has been received from Signor Castellani.

The following Resolution, moved by Mrs. Gardner and seconded by the Vice-President, was unanimously passed :

“RESOLVED that the General Council do hereby ratify the action of the President with regard to steps taken concerning the Italian Section, and direct that the matter be left in his hands to take further action necessary.”

20. *The duty of The Theosophical Society concerning the treatment of the Jews in Germany.*—The following Resolution was passed and signed by the various members of the General Council as individuals.

“The undersigned members of the General Council have noticed with deep apprehension and horror that atrocities and acts of cruel aggression are being committed, and forces inimical to human liberty and progress, running counter to the great principle of UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD for which The Society stands, are gaining ascendancy in many parts of the globe and are threatening to plunge the world back into barbarism for many centuries.

“Therefore, in endorsing the opinion of the President that it is inexpedient for The Society as such to record its official condemnation of such atrocities and acts of cruelty and violence, they urge every member of The Society throughout the world to exert himself to the utmost both by example and by precept in the cause of UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

“They are further of opinion that since now, if ever, is the time for all of goodwill to be active for Brotherhood, it is therefore specially incumbent upon members of The Theosophical Society to realize that upon each depends in no small measure the safety of the world, and that neutrality in the face of the wrongs which each must perceive around him is a failure in duty towards the FIRST OBJECT OF THE SOCIETY.

“We request the President of The Society to circulate it in the usual way to all the members of the General Council inviting their votes thereon, and to convene a special meeting of the General Council at an early date after giving the requisite notice—such meeting to be held at The Society’s Headquarters at Adyar, Madras—and should the Resolution so circulated be supported by the requisite

majority to adopt it as the RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

- Sd. George S. Arundale  
 „ Hirendra Nath Datta  
 „ G. Srinivasa Murti  
 „ N. Sri Ram  
 „ Rukmini Devi  
 „ Adelaide Gardner  
 „ G. N. Gokhale  
 „ Jamshed Nusserwanji
- Sd. E. Hunt, Representative for Mr. William Crawford.  
 „ Clare Tracey, Representative for Mr. R. G. Litchfield.  
 „ H. Van de Poll, Representative for Monsieur Tripet, Madame Eugenia Vasilescu, Gospojica Jelisava Vavra and Dr. Anna Kamensky.  
 „ Adelaide Gardner, Proxy for Miss Serge Brisy, Herr Ch. Bonde Jensen, Herr A. Rankka, Mr. T. Kennedy and Mrs. Jean Allan.
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The Meeting ended at 6.30 p.m.

