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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 85TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, 26 December 1960

BY N. SRI RAM, *President*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

I welcome you all most cordially to this, the 85th Convention of our world-wide Society, and to Adyar, the physical location of its spiritual focus and centre. Adyar is a beautiful place to meet in, both physically and otherwise, and I sincerely hope that the days you pass here may be days full of happiness and peace. Although the whole of the Society with all its Sections cannot be adequately represented here on any occasion, it is with us in spirit. The thoughts of very many members turn to us as we come together in Convention, so that the Society is polarized to some little extent for the reception of those forces which outflow from here on such occasions. Let our thoughts be turned towards those brethren who are unable to be present here, in fraternal good-will and affection; and let us simultaneously turn upwards towards those Elder Brethren of humanity who are the Masters of the Wisdom. (*Rise brethren.*)

May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal continue to help us in all our endeavors to co-operate with Them in Their plans. May They inspire us with Their Wisdom, strengthen us with

Their power and energize us with Their activity.

I declare this 85th Convention duly opened. (*Be seated.*)

I dwelt last year on the crisis through which the world as a whole is passing. Since then this crisis has, if anything, deepened and become more tangible and solid. Events are moving so swiftly these days that one can see the fingers of Destiny pulling to pieces the erstwhile world-scene and reassembling them in a different pattern. It is not without significance that one people after another, who have been long without self-responsibility and in subjection to others, are being catapulted as if by a sudden explosion to a status of freedom and equality with their recent guardians and rulers. Those sections of humanity which have been till now inarticulate and inchoate, without a will of their own, are becoming individuated, to borrow a term from Jung, the noted psychologist. I do not use the word individualized, as it has a specific connotation in Theosophical literature, leading into the depths of the Theosophical philosophy. We are in a period when the course of events is rushing forward like a cataract, giving rise to

numerous problems on every side, but also unfolding new and wonderful possibilities.

The advances being made are along lines both of scientific thought and technology and human relations and living. What we are witnessing is really a demonstration of the capacities of the human mind in relation to the world of physical matter, and the problems it creates because of its fundamental ignorance. It is a mind which moves under strict limitations and suffers from many illusions, not a pure mind by any means; in its discursiveness, not to call it fragmentariness, it is incapable of such perceptions as are possible only in a state of wholeness or integrity purged of the propensity to create illusions pleasing to itself. Just as the highest peaks of the Himālayas tower above the regions of storms, mist and cloud as well as the plains far below, and remain bathed in eternal sunshine, so are the highest truths of the spiritual Wisdom beyond the capacities of the human mind under its present limitations. Yet it is possible to know them through a transformed understanding brought about by pure and brotherly living and freedom from the mind's addictions and agitations.

The teaching that comes down from the most ancient times, and is so well expounded in what we call Theosophy, as to the relations between the various categories or degrees of functioning of the one Universal Life, including that superior consciousness in which alone is the perception of truth in the highest sense, is a teaching most needed at the present time. The depth of this teaching, its many-aspectedness and value have first to be realized in ourselves before we can convey them to others. Theosophy is not a mere statement in so many words to be propagated mechanically. No amount of mere reproduction or relay of words can bring about

an awakening to the reality to which the words can only point.

When we use the word "propaganda" it has often the implication of a certain mechanical process, out of which it has to be lifted if it is to awaken the intelligence of those to whom it is addressed and give substance and shape to their own deeply hidden but subtly present intuitions of truth and rightness. All our wisdom and thought has to be expressed in a form of words, but the content of the Divine Wisdom which belongs to the category of life, with all of life's dynamism and beauty, has to be conveyed by means of life and thought which go beyond mechanical propagation. It is a Wisdom which requires a purified consciousness, different from that which is mostly active in the world at present, to serve as its vehicle or vessel, a type of mind which comes into play when we listen to something beautiful or significant, with wholeness of interest and attention, unalloyed by any personal reaction. Mr. J. Krishnamurti often speaks of the importance of such listening. There are some beautiful sentences in *Light on the Path* which indicate the attitude, or rather the state of consciousness, in which the truth unfolds itself, such as: "Listen to the song of life," "Regard earnestly all the life that surrounds you," "Learn to look intelligently into the hearts of men." It is thus that we enter that kingdom where all life is one, being in its diverse forms aspects of one universal Life, and we learn the true meaning of Brotherhood, which is a sharing of the riches of all men's hearts as well as their sorrows.

Before I proceed to review the work of the various Sections, let me briefly refer to the result of the elections to the office of President of the Society, which were in progress when I addressed the Convention in December 1959. The

result was announced on February 17th this year, that being the time when the previous seven years' term expired. All that I need say on this subject is that I deeply appreciate the trust which the members have expressed in me and it is my endeavor to honor it in the best way I can. To all those who have expressed their affection and good-will, whether overtly or otherwise, let me say from here that I am grateful to them all, and reciprocate their feelings.

Soon after I was re-elected President I was called upon to consider the question of whom I was to nominate as Vice-President. Mr. Sidney A. Cook, who had been Vice-President for some fourteen years, had expressed to me more than once the possible desirability of a change in that office. After much thought I decided to nominate Mrs. Josephine Ransom who by her able and devoted services in many capacities and over a long period of years, I thought, would prove acceptable to members throughout the world. The General Council of the Society confirmed this nomination, and I was hoping that we would have Mrs. Ransom with us as Vice-President for some years to give us the benefit of her counsel and inspiration from that office. But unfortunately she met with a car accident in a London street soon afterwards, and after some months in a hospital passed away on December 2nd, to the great sorrow of her daughter Dr. Shila Ransom and her many friends throughout the world. She leaves a gap in our work which it is difficult to fill, but she will continue to be surrounded by the grateful thoughts and affection of all who knew her.

I take this opportunity also of placing on record my deep sense of gratitude to Mr. Sidney Cook for his devoted services to the Society, which I know the Society

will continue to receive from him whether he is in any office or not.

The Annual Reports recently received from the Sections, along with such knowledge and information as I have from correspondence and personal contacts, enable me to say that the activities of the Society continue steadily at about the same level, though with local variations, some Sections reporting increased enthusiasm and expansion of activities and others recording a slight decline in their membership.

It is not possible for me to refer to the work in all Sections but I shall try to give you an idea of how it is proceeding.

The largest Section of all is India, with a membership of a little over seven thousand. Mr. Rohit Mehta, who had been General Secretary for fourteen years, was succeeded last December by Mr. K. Rajagopalachari. But because of the indisposition of Mr. Rajagopalachari the Annual Report is submitted by Mrs. Radha S. Burnier as officiating General Secretary. It speaks of the past year as one of transition. Although the Section is numerically large, the Report deplores the fact that there are not sufficient workers at the Federation and Lodge levels to carry on their work with as much vigor as is to be desired. A large part of the work has to be carried on by just a few members, and "often a Lodge or Centre is so dependent," says the Report, "on one or two individuals that it sinks into a dormant state as soon as the services of these individuals cease to be available." This state of affairs has existed for a long time, and periodically in the past there have been campaigns to revitalize the Lodges. Too often in India, and there are other places too, with regard to which the same remark can be made, the members wait for inspiration from

some lecturer or so-called leader. It is partly with a view to help Lodges with material for their programmes and stimulate the interest of members that a Department of Studies was created last year at the Section Headquarters at Varanasi. One of the essentials for the vitalization of the whole Society, not only India, is a different spirit in the members, with a creativeness of their own, which will enable them to find for themselves the inspiration they need, an attitude of self-reliance and of giving to the movement whatever is possible for them to give.

In the American Section also there has been a change of some consequence in the administration, which does not mean for better or worse. Mr. James S. Perkins, who had been National President since the termination of the war, retired from that office last July, and his place has been taken by Dr. Henry A. Smith, one of the leading members in Chicago, who has been Vice-President of the Section. The Report which is presented by Mr. Perkins, as it covers the last year of his office, shows a membership of over 4,400 organized into 143 Lodges. All the different branches of activity into which the Section's work, as directed from its Headquarters, is organized, such as radio broadcasting, the sending out of lecturers and study courses, regional expansion work in selected areas, the Department of Education which assists the Lodges, and other features mentioned by me in previous years, have continued in full strength. To mention in particular one distinctive feature of the Section's work, six more radio stations, increasing the total to 21, have been used to broadcast Theosophical ideas throughout the year. The activities of the Lodges are reported in *The American Theosophist* month by month, with the names of speakers as

well as the subjects of their lectures and studies. This gives, as mentioned by Mr. Perkins, a continuous and unbroken record of events and activities throughout the Section. Thanks to the widespread and continuous activity of the Section and the Lodges, the United States is increasingly permeated, says the Report, by Theosophical ideas and influences.

England, the third largest Section of the Society, is one which has been built up through the years under the powerful stimulus first of H. P. B. herself, who resided in London in the closing years of her life and wrote *The Secret Doctrine* there, and later of Dr. Annie Besant and her co-workers, followed still later by others who drew their inspiration from these early leaders. It is a Section which as the decades pass illustrates the fact that while workers come and go, the stream of the Eternal Wisdom continues to flow, bringing its life-giving waters to new generations, refreshing and inspiring them according to the needs of their times. The Section has 105 Lodges with a membership which is rather less than what it used to be. However it is as active as ever, and the General Secretary, Dr. L. J. Bendit, mentions the fact that a number of new members are coming in, young and interested in the scientific aspects of the work, particularly the work of the Theosophical Research Centre.

Mr. Paul Thorin, the General Secretary for France, reports that "after the long years of crisis" (another word for crisis is dissensions) the Section is running rather smoothly. There has been increasing co-operation with the other French-speaking areas in Europe, namely, the Belgian Section and the French-speaking part of Switzerland. This co-operation has, among other things, resulted in the adoption of a common

"double Review," *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique*, in place of *Clarté* which has now ceased publication.

Another Section where there has been a fall in membership is the Netherlands Section. Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen, the General Secretary, reports that despite this decline the enthusiasm of the members has not waned but is on the increase, and there is a new Lodge, with the name Arjuna. The Section has published five books during the year, including two volumes by the General Secretary himself entitled "The Esoteric Meaning of the Old Testament Book of Genesis".

One of the Sections where there is a growing interest and a steady expansion of activity is far-off Iceland. "The wind blows in favor of Theosophy in Iceland," says Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson, its General Secretary. Iceland has a small population of about 140,000, yet it has well over 450 members, a fact which supports Mr. Hjálmarsson's optimistic statement. Having remained more or less isolated from the rest of Europe, the country is comparatively free from those distractions which are a feature of modern life and which come in the way of any natural inclination there may be in people to consider such a philosophy as ours or generally any ideas bearing on the deeper issues in life.

Greece is another Section which reports much activity, with an increase of members from 203 to 250. The General Secretary, Mr. George Vliamos, reports as an important event of the year the formation of a new Lodge composed of young people, mostly university students, who are all active and enthusiastic workers. This Lodge has been holding meetings three times a week with large attendances. They are studying *The Secret Doctrine*, the members putting questions and discussing in a friendly manner.

The General Secretary for Denmark, Mr. Jorgen Winde, elected to that office following Mr. J. H. Möller who had been General Secretary for many years, writes that there is increased interest in the Section, thanks largely to the two Summer Schools that are held every year in Denmark, one at Gammel Praestegaard where there is a gathering of members from different Sections, and the other in Besantgaarden under the auspices of Mr. Otto Viking. The Section is "open and alive," says Mr. Winde, "to the life-side of Theosophy," which is certainly far more important than merely mental knowledge.

Mrs. Claire Wyss, General Secretary for the Swiss Section till the end of this year, when she will be succeeded by Mr. Georges Tripet, characterizes the Section's activities as lively and writes that the Groups—Group meaning Lodge or Centre—are "making a thoughtful study of the classical Theosophical books". At the same time they also discuss modern problems. A noteworthy event was the Golden Jubilee of the Section, which took place in October last at Geneva. Switzerland being centrally situated, the meetings of the French and German Regional Committees of the European Federation are often held there. These meetings are not purely business affairs but also a kind of Theosophical and international week-end, with talks, discussions and so forth. This year the Regional Committees for the French-speaking and the German-speaking Sections were held respectively at Geneva and Basel. At the meeting in Geneva, which took place along with the Golden Jubilee, there were members from several places in France, including Dr. Thorin from Paris, and also Mr. John Coats, the Chairman of the European Federation Council, and Mr. Selleger from Amsterdam.

Argentina and Brazil are the two biggest Sections in South America. Mr. N. Rimini, the General Secretary of the Argentine Section, writes that there has been a clearing-up process there, a number of Lodges not functioning at all and Lodges not acting in a manner consistent with the Objects of the Society, having been dissolved. The Section has acquired premises of its own in Buenos Aires, which can be used by the Section office as well as by the Lodges. In Brazil the Rio de Janeiro Federation has now its own Headquarters in a central part of the city. Mr. Armando Sales, the General Secretary, reports that all the Lodges of the Section have kept up their activities. He has planned to bring out booklets in Spanish for use in Spanish-speaking countries, though the language of Brazil itself is Portuguese.

Mexico reports the addition of 4 new Lodges and 57 members—quite a large increase considering its total strength of about 550 members. The General Secretary, Señor Arturo Vado Lopez, writes most hearteningly that all the members of the Section are trying to do the best they can, and there is much inner enthusiasm.

An event of importance for the Central American Section, which embraces a number of countries in that region, was the holding at San Salvador of a Convention, the second one to take place during the history of the Section. The Convention, which was an inter-State affair, was held last August, and presided over by Señora Esther de Mezerville, a veteran Theosophist from Costa Rica. The Lodge at San Salvador had its new building ready for the event; and according to reports I have received, it was an occasion of great inspiration and rejoicing among those who attended.

The Report from Colombia, sent by the General Secretary, mentions the

formation of a Centre of Theosophical activity in Guayaquil, Ecuador, with a name which means White Lotus Flower. It is the first centre to be formed in that State. The General Secretary writes that the Lodges in Colombia are all very active and work in harmony with one another. Every three months the Section issues a Theosophical booklet, entitled *Theosophical Selections*. As the title indicates, the material is selected from various sources. The number of copies sent out has been increased to 1,500. Recently the Section printed for free distribution no less than 30,000 copies of Mr. L. W. Rogers' book *What is Theosophy?* This kind of work, which takes place also in certain other Sections, especially those where the ground is still new for Theosophy, gives us an idea of the extent to which the Theosophical influence is spreading, even though there may not be many who feel the call to join the movement. The Society's influence during the 85 years of its existence has been far greater than the number of its members may signify.

Miss Helen V. Zahara, the General Secretary for Australia, gives an account of the Indo-Pacific Conference which was held from December 31st to January 8th this year at Wallacia in New South Wales. It was attended by some 200 members, including among them Mr. Soemardjo, General Secretary for Indonesia; Madame Nguyen-thi-Hai, General Secretary for Viet-Nam; Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Presidential Agent for Pakistan; and a contingent from New Zealand headed by Miss Clarice Gregory, as well as a good representation from all the Australian States. The Conference was a great success, and it adopted a Resolution to convert itself into a permanent institution, holding a Conference once in three or four years in different countries of the area, thus bringing the

different Sections closer together. The Indonesian Section, which has a steadily growing membership, has expressed its wish to arrange for the second Indo-Pacific Conference in Indonesia in 1962. Australia is a country of great distances, and in order to come into effective touch with the Lodges Miss Zahara undertook an extensive tour this year and has also been organizing at the Section Headquarters in Sydney various services to the Lodges, such as illustrated study courses, tape lectures, lists of books on different subjects, and so forth. There has been recently much immigration into Australia from different countries in Europe, and to meet the needs of the immigrants the Section keeps elementary books on Theosophy in various languages to loan to those who ask. The General Secretary sums up the trends in the Australian Section in these words: "There is evident a quickening of interest in basic Theosophical literature, with at the same time a greater spirit of questioning and challenge, a deeper approach to fundamental principles and an emphasis on the need for individual understanding." It is pleasing to note that following a policy of helping other countries in the Indo-Pacific area, the Section has been lending tapes of lectures free of charge to Lodges in Malaya and Singapore; and Miss Zahara also contributed two papers to be read at the annual Convention of the Viet-Nam Section.

Miss Clarice Gregory, the General Secretary for New Zealand, writes that the work there is being carried on with steady devotion. She remarks that many people have been coming in for a short time and then passing out of the Society. There are people in other countries, too, who have been such temporary sojourners. It might be interesting to find out, if such research can be made,

what expectations they had coming in, and what caused their leaving the Society. It is only the motive of helping the Society, in order to help humanity through it, which really endures. If the motive is of gaining something, they generally leave it, either after they have gained what they wanted or out of dissatisfaction at not having been able to gain it. The Society stands for the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth and while Truth must ultimately be equated with the highest Good, it cannot rest upon the satisfaction of the thirst for new sensations which is so strong at the present time.

The activities of the Summer Schools, at different places, are an important part of the work of the European Sections and also of other Sections where they are held. As in previous years there were Summer Schools during the year in Swanwick for the English-speaking region, in Holland, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Austria, in Andorra on the border between France and Spain, in the United States following the American Convention, and in Indonesia where the School was attended by about 100 members.

The year has been one of much Theosophical travelling and lecturing. I shall mention briefly only those who have gone from one Section to others overseas or at some distance, although such international lecturing, as it is called, is not necessarily more important or fruitful than the work of lecturers who labor within the Section itself, except for the broader interchange which takes place when people travel to other countries.

I myself made a tour of three and a half months, along with Srimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram, beginning at Colombo, Ceylon, attending the annual Convention of the Section, then stopping briefly at Singapore on the way to Australia and

New Zealand. We were again in Singapore on the way back to Adyar and also made a stay in Indonesia, visiting Djakarta and Bandung. Miss Elithe Nise-wanger, who helps me as Secretary, accompanied us in Australia and New Zealand where we visited the principal cities.

Srimati Rukmini Devi, accompanied by Sri K. Sankara Menon, and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoffman (Srimati A. Sarada), toured in the United States on the invitation of the American Section. Both Srimati Rukmini Devi and Sankara Menon spoke at all the places visited and participated in the activities of the American Section Convention and the Summer School which followed. On their way to the United States they visited Singapore, Hong Kong and Manila, and after the completion of the American tour they visited Iceland, Huizen in Holland, Hamburg and the Summer School at Swanwick in England. Srimati Rukmini Devi went on also to the Summer School at Ordino and visited Paris and Geneva before returning to India. In the course of this tour Mrs. Peter Hoffman gave dance demonstrations at various places.

Other travellers were Mr. and Mrs. Jal Dorab of Agra, India, who toured western Europe during the summer months, visiting England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Belgium, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, lecturing in all these countries. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton from U.S.A. also made visits to these Sections. Mrs. Radha S. Burnier is another traveller, who in response to an invitation from Dr. Bendit, visited England and Scotland and participated in their Conventions. Mr. John Coats has been helping all the Sections in Europe, travelling extensively in his capacity as Chairman of the European Federation Council. After the close of the School of the Wisdom early this year, Miss Clara

Codd passed through East Africa on her way back to South Africa where she visited the principal cities before returning to England. In the course of this year she was present at Summer Schools in different Sections in Europe. Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Bendit, after attending the 1959 Convention at Adyar, visited Ceylon and Greece before returning to England. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson made a short tour in South Africa, Burma and Malaya before returning to New Zealand via Adyar. He is at present on a tour in the United States. Mr. Rohit Mehta and Mrs. Shridevi Mehta devoted some time to lecturing at different places in Pakistan. Miss Pascaline Mallet of Huizen visited Iceland and Portugal. Mrs. Marion Lavender lectured in those Australian cities where her steamer called on her way from New Zealand to Pakistan for lecture work. Mrs. Gool Minwalla made a tour of Australia and Indonesia following the Indo-Pacific Conference in Australia early this year. All these tours and visits have been much appreciated by the Sections concerned and the people addressed by them.

The Order of Service has been active in all those countries where it exists. Theosophical Lodges and individual Theosophists in different countries have been giving much help for the care and re-habilitation of refugees. During this year Srimati Rukmini Devi made a special appeal for the helping of refugees from Tibet, who had come into India, and I am glad to report it has had a gratifying response.

I must mention in this Address the passing away of a number of eminent Theosophists, who have served the Society over a long period of years:

Mrs. Josephine Ransom, to whom I have already referred; Mr. Jan Kruisheer, a much respected member of the Netherlands Section who had been its General

Secretary, and also General Secretary in South Africa and Indonesia, the latter country then known as the Netherlands Indies; Señor Ramon Martinez Roderiguez, founder of the Theosophical Society in Colombia; Lt.-Col. E. L. Thomson, General Secretary of the Canadian Section, whose passing this month was quite unexpected; Felix Bermudes, a highly versatile and noteworthy figure in Portugal and one to whom the members in that Section looked for fatherly guidance; Digby Besant, son of Dr. Annie Besant, for some years the head of the Theosophical Publishing House in London; Mr. J. P. W. Schuurman, at one time General Secretary in Holland, whom I knew when he was at Adyar in 1913; Mr. John Cordes, well known in the Austrian, German and South African Sections and worker at Adyar for a while; Mr. Nriyala Mukerji, one of the stalwarts and for many years a pillar of the Theosophical Society in Bengal; Miss Gladys Craven, one of the most active workers in the Welsh Section. There must be others whose names will make too long a list to be included in this address. To those whom I have mentioned and all other friends and co-workers who have passed on, let us send our affectionate thoughts and gratitude.

The School of the Wisdom commenced its autumn session this year on October 2nd, with 17 students, representing Australia, Belgium, England, Germany, India, Southern Rhodesia, Switzerland and the United States. Miss Emma Hunt continued to direct its work with the assistance of Mr. M. Subramaniam. We are always glad to have at Adyar so many good members and workers from different parts of the world coming to stay here for a time and participate in the work of the School. I have no doubt that they all go

back to their own countries pleased they came here, greatly refreshed and with a new insight into the work of the Society, as it is reflected at the International Headquarters.

One of the Principal Officers of the Society is styled the Recording Secretary. As the designation indicates, that officer is concerned with records of membership in the various Sections, rules and regulations, the General Council and the Executive Committee of the Society. However, for many years now the Recording Secretary has, in addition to these duties, been looking after matters pertaining to the estate at Adyar, welcoming visitors, arranging accommodation for them and for workers, supervising the work of the departments, and so forth. As it has been found that this additional work was becoming increasingly heavy, this year I appointed a Committee of Administration to take over the work which is directly concerned with the estate, and I am glad to say that this arrangement has been working very satisfactorily.

As in other years I would like to place on record my gratitude for the continued help of the Society's Officers, Departmental Heads, Assistant Heads, Advisers and all the other workers at Adyar. There have been a few changes or additions in the personnel of the different departments. I give here the names of the principal workers:

Archives, Miss Katherine A. Beechey; *Adyar Library*, Mrs. Radha S. Burnier, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan; *Bhojanasala*, Mr. Balaji Rao; *Committee of Administration*, Mrs. Norma Sastry, Mrs. Radha Burnier, Miss Caroline Tess, Mr. K. S. Krishnamurti; *Dispensary*, Dr. S. V. Joseph, Mr. S. Krishnamurti; *Engineering Department*, Mr. M. D. Subramaniam, Mr. R. Balfour-Clarke; *Gardens*, Mr. N. Y. Sastry, Mr. V. R.

Manickam; *Custody of Movable Properties*, Mr. Narainji K. Kevat; *Laundry*, Mr. M. V. Gopalakrishna Iyer; *Lead-beater Chambers*, Mrs. Ruth McMyler; *Recording Secretary's Office*, Miss Emma Hunt; *Sanitation and Hygiene*, Madame P. Cazin; *Theosophical Publishing House*, Mr. K. S. Krishnamurti; *The Theosophist*, Miss Caroline Tess, Mrs. D. R. Dinshaw; *Treasurer's Office*, Mr. Edwin N. Lord, Mr. K. S. Rajagopalan, Mr. M. N. Tolani; *Vasanta Press*, Mr. K. Ramanathan, Mr. D. V. Syamala Rau; *Watch and Ward*, Mr. K. S. Krishnamurti.

The Adyar Library has steadily carried on its work of research, cataloguing and bringing out publications of old works likely to be of interest to Orientalists and scholars. Next year, 1961, will mark the 75th anniversary of the inauguration of the Library by our President-Founder, Colonel Henry Steel Olcott. One of the functions during this Convention will be the laying of the Foundation Stone for the Library's long-projected and hoped-for new building. During the course of this year a special appeal was made for substantial sums to augment the Adyar Library Building Fund, and it is hoped that before long it will be possible to commence construction of the first phase of the new building.

As regards the Society's finances, the audited accounts that are published every year as well as the Treasurer's explanatory statements show how very much the Society is dependent on donations from members to balance its budget. We are thankful to the donors as well as to those who have made bequests by their wills for their generosity, their thoughtfulness and interest in the Society's work. Bequests of any size are, as a rule, utilized as endowments from which the interest is used for the regular current expenses. In the year ending 30th September 1960, the donations received

accounted for over one-third of the total receipts, yet there was an excess of expense over income, and that is often the case. Without the donations, the excess in this particular year would have been many times as much. So, as in former years, I bring to the notice of members all over the world the need that exists for continued support to all our activities and funds, including the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund and the Fund for the new Adyar Library building.

I spoke, at the beginning of this address, of the wonderful possibilities that at the present fateful juncture lie before humanity. They depend for their realization upon reaching a state of peace, but peace in the hearts of men as well as peace in their relations. This peace can come into being only through unadulterated good-will and brotherliness, the realization that it is the same life that manifests itself in all behind the superficial differences. The gospel of universal Brotherhood is really a version of the gospel of the inner unity of all. In so far as we realize this unity, we are saved, in a very real sense. It is the same life in different forms which gives rise to all the richness that exists, which like music, is brought out by different notes in different relationships. But each note has to be pure and clear, the note being each one's true distinctiveness, his innate and true individuality, the manifestation of which depends upon his freeing himself from various artificial and extraneous influences. When each is himself in a true sense, then by a wonderful process of magnetization each comes into his true relations with all, which relations are Brotherhood, which relations will also spell a beautiful and ever-enriching peace. The possibilities are not merely the physical well-being of all humanity without the

exception of a single human being, but also the process of a change in men which will enable them to "see life whole and see life clear"—a new quality of consciousness which will make them more

perceptive of the true values of life and make the life of each one immeasurably richer than it can be otherwise.

N. SRI RAM

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Income and Expense account of the Theosophical Society for the fiscal year ended 30-9-1960 closed with a deficit of Rs. 1,334/- as given below:

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actuals</i>
	Rs.	Rs.
Expense including Departments ..	6,18,600	6,96,515
Income " " ..	5,42,900	6,21,608
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	75,700	74,907
<i>Less</i> Donations received (after allocation to funds and accounts) ..		73,573
		<hr/>
Deficit for the year ..		1,334
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The total amount received for Adyar Day (including a sum of Rs. 83.68 brought forward from previous year) was Rs. 28,539.09. The major portion amounting to Rs. 18,324.15 was donated by members in U.S.A. Bequests and other donations amounted to Rs. 58,472.86. The President allocated the amount to various funds as per details given below:

		Rs.	nP.
Olcott Harijan Free Schools ..	..	1,000	00
Besant Theosophical School ..	..	1,000	00
Adyar Library ..	..	2,000	00
Welfare Fund ..	..	3,500	00
President's Discretionary Fund ..	..	1,000	00
Faithful Service Fund ..	..	5,000	00
Sum made available to General Fund:			
(a) Adyar Day Allocation	Rs. 15,100.00		
(b) Other Donations	Rs. 58,472.86	73,572	86
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		87,072	86
Retained for further allocations	22	77
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		87,095	63
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Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund.—
At the beginning of the year the amount in the Fund was Rs. 13,25,770. During the year, a sum of Rs. 89,522 was

received in the form of bequests and donations thus bringing the total amount to Rs. 14,15,292 at the close of the year. This represents the

accumulated total contributions to the Fund since its inception fourteen years ago in 1947. The target as originally established is 20,00,000 and further contributions are of course welcome.

The Faithful Service Fund.—The amount available in the fund at the commencement of the fiscal year was Rs. 57,136.52. During the year we received a sum of Rs. 8,328.47 representing Adyar Day Allocation, Donations and Interest. After deducting a sum of Rs. 9,325.48 being the total amount disbursed to various beneficiaries the fund stood at Rs. 56,139.51 at the close of the year.

Investments.—During the year we invested about Rs. 79,000, in State Government Loans etc., yielding interest from 3% to 4½%.

Immovable Property.—Some of the buildings at Adyar required certain major improvements and for this purpose about Rs. 40,206, was spent. This is shown in the Balance Sheet as improvements under this head.

The late Mr. F. H. Dastur bequeathed his house property at Juhu and the President has fulfilled the wish of the donor by ear-marking it for the Adyar Library Building Fund. The value set up in the books is at Rs. 50,000.

Contribution to 1958 Convention at Varanasi.—During the year the Executive Committee authorized a payment of Rs. 3,000, to the Indian Section as a contribution towards the expenses of the 1958 International Convention held at Varanasi.

Repairs and Renewals.—(Rs. 51,422.05). The expense under this head for the year was more than the budgeted amount. This is again due to the continuation of our programme of rehabilitation of some of the older buildings on the Estate.

Engineering Department.—After absorbing a special provision of Rs. 2,000, for gratuities and pensions, there remains a surplus of Rs. 962. One of the major items of improvements in the Electrical Installation is a new Transformer with larger capacity which cost about Rs. 10,113.

Garden Department.—This year the revenue from cocoanuts, paddy and mango leases was better than in recent years resulting in a surplus of Rs. 800 after absorbing the following special items totalling Rs. 4,047; provision for gratuities to retired employees, Rs. 2,047, and discontinuing the practice of carrying forward the value of unharvested coconut crops, Rs. 2,000.

Casuarina Development.—Our investment in the Casuarina Development Schemes now amounts to Rs. 62,697, and since this is a long-term project, and the final outcome is somewhat uncertain, it was felt advisable to establish a Reserve for possible revaluation of our investment in these plantations. At the close of the year under review there was a small reserve of Rs. 983, to which there was added this year an additional amount of Rs. 3,000. With this provision it is felt that the net value of the Casuarina plantations is conservatively stated at Rs. 58,714.

Bhojanasala.—This department shows a small loss of Rs. 570, against a budgeted deficit of Rs. 3,000. The reduced deficit is due to increased income on account of greater number of boarders during the year.

Leadbeater Chambers.—This department shows a deficit of Rs. 1,487, and this fact is attributable to decreased number of residents during the year.

Laundry.—The excess over the budgeted deficit is due to increased cost of labor.

Vasanta Press.—After appropriating as usual Rs. 3,000 to the Pensions and Gratuities Fund, this department has been able to show a surplus of Rs. 1,981 on account of slight increase in the turnover.

Watch and Ward and Sanitation Departments.—These two departments have kept their expenses within their respective budget estimates.

T.S. Budget—1960-61.—The budget for the coming year 1960-61 shows a deficit of Rs. 78,220. It is hoped that this deficit will be largely made good by donations from members.

EDWIN N. LORD,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

<i>Budget</i>	EXPENSE						Rs.	nP.
Rs.								
43,000	To Establishment—Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	...	37,644	53
40,000	„ Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...	...	...	51,422	05
4,000	„ Light and Water	...	...	...	...	...	5,443	26
10,000	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	11,434	45
5,000	„ Postages, Telegrams and Telephones	...	...	...	...	...	5,136	80
4,000	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	5,478	78
15,000	„ Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	15,048	99
800	„ Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	...	...	...	780	35
2,000	„ Museum and Archives	...	...	...	...	...	1,619	21
4,000	„ Convention, 1959	...	...	...	...	...	7,295	39
	„ Contribution to Banaras Convention, 1958	...	...	...	...	...	3,000	00
	„ Departmental Results:							
		<i>Expense</i>		<i>Income</i>		<i>Net</i>		
		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	
3,000	Bhojanasala	16,086	93	15,515	95	—	570	98
	Engineering Department	1,73,225	15	1,74,187	68	+	962	53
5,700	Garden	61,234	13	62,034	89	+	800	76
3,000	Laundry	10,082	32	6,841	79	—	3,240	60
	Leadbeater Chambers	25,816	96	24,329	30	—	1,487	66
	Vasanta Press	1,90,924	69	1,92,906	42	+	1,981	73
6,000	Dispensary	9,459	02	1,979	24	—	7,479	78
3,800	Sanitation	4,989	89	1,261	00	—	3,728	89
16,000	Watch and Ward	19,470	90	2,990	00	—	16,480	37
		<u>5,11,290</u>	<u>06</u>	<u>4,82,046</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>29,243</u>	<u>26</u>
	„ Appropriations:							
5,000	To Adyar Library	...	...	...	...	5,000	00	
5,000	„ The School of the Wisdom	...	...	...	...	5,000	00	
6,600	„ The President's Travelling Fund	...	...	...	...	6,600	00	16,600 00
19,800	„ Depreciation:							
	On Immovable Property	...	...	...	...	15,138	03	
	„ Movable Property	...	...	...	...	5,779	14	
	„ Gulistan	...	...	...	...	403	00	21,320 17
	„ Provision for Casuarina Development Reserve	3,000	00
							<u>2,14,467</u>	<u>24</u>

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1960

INCOME							Budget	
					Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Rent (including Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers)	56,013	92
„ Fees and Dues ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,452	95
„ Interest:								
Earned ...	...	...	...	...	53,941	17		
Less: Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	...	...	...	...	10,866	02	43,075	15
„ Donations:								
Balance 1-10-1959 ...	...	...	...	...	83	68		
Add: Received during the year ...	...	...	...	...	87,011	95		
					87,095	63		
Less: Allocations and Grants ...	...	...	...	...	13,500	00		
					73,595	63		
Less: Carried forward ...	...	...	...	...	22	77	73,572	86
„ Administration Charges ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,130	00
„ Income from jungle wood (net) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	887	53
„ Profit on Sale of Van ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,000	00
							2,13,132	41
„ Excess of Expense over Income for the year ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,334	83
							2,14,467	24

Examined and found correct,
M. K. DANDEKER & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1960

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Immovable Property:							
<i>Lands at Adyar:</i> As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	1,93,857	81		
<i>Lands at Urur:</i> As per last Balance Sheet	...	13,557	50				
Less Sold during the year	...	7,138	98	6,418	52		
<i>Lands in Sindh:</i> As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	10,000	00		
<i>Buildings at Adyar:</i> At Cost							
As per last Balance Sheet	...	7,56,901	96				
Additions during the year	...	40,206	42				
		7,97,108	38				
Less Depreciation to-date	...	3,40,194	81	4,56,913	57		
"Gulistan," Kotagiri: At Cost							
As per last Balance Sheet	...	20,169	72				
Less Depreciation to-date	...	3,308	88	16,860	84	6,84,050	74
Movable Property at Adyar:							
<i>Furniture and Fixtures:</i> At Cost							
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	71,290	17		
Additions during the year	...	...	...	6,424	73		
				77,714	90		
Less Sold during the year	...	...	...	648	76		
				77,066	14		
Less Depreciation to-date							
up to last year	...	53,249	03				
for the year	...	5,779	14	59,028	17	18,037	97
T.S. Van: At Cost							
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	10,000	00		
Less Depreciation up to last year	...	...	...	8,000	00		
Written Down Value	...	...	...	2,000	00		
Sold for	...	...	...	9,000	00		
Profit on Sale w/o	...	...	...	7,000	00		
Investments at Cost:							
Government of India Loan 2½% to 4% (F. V. 8,22,200)	...	...	...	7,99,210	20		
State Govt. Loans 2½% to 4½% (F. V. 2 88,600)	...	...	...	2,88,300	30		
United Kingdom Loan	...	...	...	3,02,466	92		
Surrender Value of Life Policies	...	...	...	28,300	00		
Miscellaneous Securities	...	...	...	54,472	27		
Fixed Deposit	...	...	...	14,535	26	14,87,284	95
Interest Accrued on Investments						33,120	54
Sundry Debtors:						1,63,001	41
Departmental Assets:							
Electrical Installations	...	...	...	31,230	00		
Tools, Equipments, etc.	...	...	...	25,160	90		
Printing Machinery, etc.	...	...	...	88,971	53		
Accounts Recoverable	...	...	...	10,699	19		
Standing Crops and Developments Account	...	...	...	66,098	74		
Stock on hand	...	...	...	1,72,171	82		
Cash and Stamps on hand	...	...	...	578	60		
Sundry Assets	...	...	...	28,551	77	4,23,462	55
Adyar Library Assets:						2,51,231	80
Cash:							
In Madras Banks on Current Account	...	...	...	77,173	67		
In London Bank do.	...	...	...	6,297	64		
On hand	...	...	...	10,382	07	93,853	38
						31,54,043	34

Examined and found correct,
M. K. DANDEKER & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1960

				Rs.	nP.
The Theosophical Society in U.S.A.	1959-60	\$	2081.75	..	9,820 67
" " Cuba	1958-59	\$	122.28	..	575 61
" " Venezuela		\$	50.00	..	236 00
" " Colombia		\$	36.20	..	170 50
" " Canada	1960	\$	107.79	..	518 25
" " Argentina		\$	67.00	..	314 66
" " Mexico	1960	\$	165.00	..	776 98
" " England	1959	£	265-18- 4	..	3,533 30
" " N. Ireland	1959	£	1-12- 4	..	21 51
" " Iceland	1959	£	22-15- 2	..	302 39
" " Wales	1959	£	10-15- 1	..	142 92
" " S. Africa	1960	£	35- 6- 3	..	469 21
" " Austria	1959-60	£	18-15- 0	..	246 34
" " Uruguay		£	10- 0- 0	..	132 87
" " Ireland		£	1- 5-11	..	16 57
" " Switzerland		£	29-11- 4	..	392 85
" " Finland		£	20- 0- 0	..	265 75
" " Puerto Rico	1959-60	£	25- 0- 0	..	117 81
" " New Zealand		£	57-14- 0	..	754 94
" " Australia	1959	A£	65-10- 6	..	692 07
" " Netherlands				..	1,615 23
" " Sweden	1959			..	237 00
" " Indonesia				..	240 00
" " India	1958-59			..	1,555 27
" " Malaya and Singapore				..	62 19
Canadian Federation T.S.	..	\$	107.00	..	522 45
Non-Sectionalized Lodges, etc.	719 61
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FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1960

DISBURSEMENTS

RECEIPTS

		Rs. nP.			Rs. nP.
To Payments to Beneficiaries	...	9,325 48	By Opening Balance	...	57,136 52
„ Balance carried over	...	56,139 51	„ Donations including Adyar Day	...	
			Allocation	...	7,024 07
			„ Interest	...	1,304 40
		<u>65,464 99</u>			<u>65,464 99</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S
TRAVELLING FUND

RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1960

					Rs. nP.
The T.S. in England	£ 50- 0- 0	..	..	..	664 36
The T.S. in Sweden		..	..	..	270 00
Kerala Federation		..	..	..	200 00
Mr. G. H. Hall, U.S.A.	\$ 20.00	..	..	..	94 55
Mrs. Mary Jones, England		..	..	..	10 78
Mr. Russell Bailey, U.S.A.	\$ 156.00	..	..	..	734 15
Mr. S. H. Vaswani, Adyar		..	..	..	2 00
do. in memory of Mrs. Parwati Vaswani		..	..	..	1 00
Mrs. Gulnar Parekh, Bombay		..	..	..	25 00
					<u>2,001 84</u>

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1960-61

EXPENSE	Budget for 1959-'60	Actuals for 1959-'60	Budget for 1960-'61	INCOME	Budget for 1959-'60	Actuals for 1959-'60	Budget for 1960-'61
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages	43,000	37,645	39,000	Rent ...	54,000	56,014	55,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	40,000	51,422	40,000	Fees and Dues ...	25,000	24,453	25,000
Garden Expenses ...	55,200	61,234	64,740	Conservancy Charges ...	1,200	1,261	1,200
Light and Water ...	4,000	5,443	6,000	Garden Income ...	49,500	62,034	58,740
Miscellaneous ...	10,000	11,434	12,000	Wood ...	1,000	888	1,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...	5,000	5,137	4,000	Interest (Gross) ...	50,000	53,941	54,000
Printing and Stationery ...	4,000	5,479	5,000	Administration Charges ...	8,000	8,130	8,130
Publications to General Secretaries ...	800	780	800	Profit on Sale of Van ...		7,000	
Sanitation Expenses ...	5,000	4,990	5,500	Special Departments:			
Taxes ...	15,000	15,049	15,000	Engineering Department ...	1,53,600	1,74,188	1,69,000
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	12,000	10,866	11,000	Vasanta Press ...	1,94,000	1,92,906	1,87,000
Convention ...	4,000	10,295	5,000	Laundry ...	6,600	6,842	7,000
Watch and Ward ...	16,000	16,480	17,000	Donations ...		73,572	
Contributions:				Deficit ...	75,700	1,334	78,220
To Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
„ Dispensary ...	6,000	7,480	7,000				
„ Museum and Archives ...	2,000	1,619	2,000				
„ President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Bhojanasala ...	3,000	571	1,000				
Leadbeater Chambers ...		1,487	2,000				
Depreciation ...	19,800	21,320	21,400				
Special Departments:							
Engineering Department ...	1,53,600	1,73,225	1,69,000				
Vasanta Press ...	1,94,000	1,90,925	1,87,000				
Laundry ...	9,600	10,082	10,250				
Casuarina Reserve ...		3,000	3,000				
	6,18,600	6,62,563	6,44,290		6,18,600	6,62,563	6,44,290

For The Theosophical Society,
EDWIN N. LORD,
Hony. Treasurer.

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PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1960

	Rs.	nP.		Rs.	nP.		Rs.	nP.
To Stock on hand, 1-10-'59 ...	29,182	34	By Sales including sub-					
„ Cost of Publications in-			scriptions to Brahma					
cluding Brahma Vidya ...	3,146	95	Vidya ...				12,419	08
			„ Stock on hand					
			30-9-'60 ...	47,089	54			
„ Surplus Income Carried to			Less written down ...	23,544	77		23,544	77
Income & Expense A/C	3,634	56						
	35,963	85					35,963	85

Examined and found correct,

M. K. DANDEKER & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

ADYAR

10th December, 1960

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THE

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ADYAR
10th December, 1960

For The Theosophical Society,
EDWIN N. LORD,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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ADYAR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-60

INCOME						<i>Budget</i>	
						Rs.	nP.
By Surplus Income carried from Publications Account	3,634	56
„ T.S. Contribution	...	...	...	...	...	5,000	00
„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations	...	...	...	...	...	2,010	00
„ Interest on Endowments	...	...	...	...	...	6,079	22
„ Miscellaneous Receipts	...	...	...	...	...	2,737	94
Total Income	...	...	...	...	...	19,461	72
„ Excess of Expense over Income for the year	...	...	...	...	...	14,077	97
						33,539	69

Examined and found correct,
M. K. DANDEKER & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES						Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
<i>Endowment Fund:</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	80,720	47		
Add: Donations received	...	...	...	...	...	25	00		
						80,745	47		
<i>Add: Capital Receipts:</i>									
Sale of Furniture	...	...		Rs.	nP.	803	12		
<i>Less: Capital Expenses:</i>									
Manuscripts and Books	...		Rs.	nP.		476	72		
Furniture	...		87	89	564	61	238	51	
						80,983	98		
<i>Less: Excess of Expense over</i>									
<i>Income for the year</i>	...	...	...	...	...	14,077	97	66,906	01
<i>Capital Fund:</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	1,89,457	78		
Less: Transfer to Endowment Fund	...	...	...	...	...	238	51	1,89,219	27
<i>Building Fund:</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	1,62,448	61		
<i>Add: Donations received during the year:</i>									
Cash	...	...	...	32,853	95				
Fixed Property	...	...	...	50,000	00	82,853	95	2,45,302	56
<i>Add-A-Brick Fund:</i>									
Donations received during the year	...	...	...	...	...	4,314	74		
Less: Expenses during the year	...	...	...	...	...	226	03	4,088	71
<i>Publications Fund:</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...			17,814	72
Discretionary Fund	...	...	...	...	...			684	97
<i>Gratuities Reserve:</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	12,875	79		
Less: Payments during the year	...	...	...	...	...	546	72		
						12,329	07		
Add: Provision this year	...	...	...	...	...	1,500	00	13,829	07
<i>Books Purchase Reserve:</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...			1,000	00
<i>Book Deposit:</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	1,911	00		
Add: Receipts	...	...	...	...	...	400	00		
						2,311	00		
Less Refunds	...	...	...	...	...	280	00	2,031	00
<i>Donation Box:</i>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	986	04		
Add: Collections during the year	...	...	...	...	...	18	56	1,004	60
								5,41,880	91

ADYAR
10th December, 1960

For The Theosophical Society,
EDWIN N. LORD,
Hony. Treasurer.

ADYAR LIBRARY AS AT 30-9-1960

PROPERTY AND ASSETS					Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
<i>Manuscripts and Books:</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	1,50,461	81		
Additions during the year	...	...	...	...	476	72	1,50,938	53
<i>House Property at Juhu:</i>								
Value of House Property received as donation	...	...	...	...			50,000	00
<i>Furniture: At Cost</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	34,571	11		
Additions during the year	...	...	...	...	87	89		
					34,659	00		
Less: Sales during the year	...	...	...	...	803	12		
					33,855	88		
<i>Less: Depreciation to date:</i>								
Up to last year					Rs. 7,695	nP. 55		
For the year					846	33	25,314	00
<i>Advances:</i>								
Prepaid Fire Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	16
Stock of Publications on hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	23,544	77
Stock of Insecticides, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,274	34
Cash on hand	...	...	...	...	...	...	70	00
Balance with the Theosophical Society	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,90,649	11
							5,41,880	91

Examined and found correct,
M. K. DANDEKER & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENSE
ACCOUNT FOR 1960-61

EXPENSE	<i>Actuals for 1959-'60</i>	<i>Budget for 1960-'61</i>	INCOME	<i>Actuals for 1959-'60</i>	<i>Budget for 1960-'61</i>
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Salaries and Wages ...	23,246	26,000	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Repairs, Lighting, Water and Conservancy ...	985	1,000	„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations ...	2,010	2,000
„ Postages ...	574	600	„ Interest on Endowments ...	6,079	6,200
„ Printing and Stationery ...	3,740	3,500	„ Miscellaneous Receipts ...	2,738	2,500
„ Fire Insurance ...	186	200	„ Publications Account ...	3,634	3,500
„ Miscellaneous ...	2,462	2,500	„ Grant—Descriptive Catalogue ...		1,100
„ Depreciation ...	846	900		19,461	20,300
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,500	1,500	„ Deficit ...	14,078	15,900
	33,539	36,200		33,539	36,200
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
„ Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals ...	476	500			
„ Furniture, etc. ...	88	500			
	564	1,000			
PUBLICATIONS					
„ Brahma Vidya ...	4,000				
„ Manikana ...	3,000				
„ Saiva Upanishads ...	3,000				
	10,000				

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES, OF
FEDERATION SECRETARIES AND
OF PRESIDENTIAL AGENTS

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Recording Secretary.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The principal occurrence in our National Society this year was the election of the Section's 8th National President, together with a new National Vice-President and the five other members of the Board of Directors.

At the close of Convention last July, I announced that I would not be a candidate in the coming election, thus affording opportunity in the ensuing months for thought to crystallize regarding the coming change in administration. In March the outstanding candidates nominated for National President were Dr. Henry A. Smith and Mr. E. Norman Pearson; for National Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills and Mr. Paul O'Neal. The final election balloting, concluded last month, resulted as we know in Dr. Smith's election as National President and Miss Joy Mills as National Vice-President. The Board of Directors is composed of Mrs. Dora van Gelder Kunz representing the Northeast district, Mr. J. Robert Branning the Southeast district, Mr. Samuel H. Wylie the Central, Mrs. Irene S. Durham the Northwest, and Mr. Emil H. Heintz the Southwest. This is a splendid group of workers, one that I feel sure will become a unified and energetic team at the centre of affairs, bringing a vitalizing new flow of strength into the work of the Section.

In stepping aside from further service as your National President, I want to assure everyone that it has been with clarity of perception as to direction in the rightness of the action in which Mrs. Perkins and I may be of added usefulness at this time in the service of our Society. There has been some reference to this stepping down from office as being a

resignation, but this term with its connotations of quitting or departing from an office because of pressure does not properly describe my action. Having served through five full terms of office, the announcement that I would not be a candidate in the next election cannot of course be referred to as resigning. Rather, I was motivated by keenest interest in the Society's welfare. Mrs. Perkins and I look ahead, as I know all devoted members do, to contributing more than ever of ourselves in promoting the life and objects of the Theosophical Society.

Field Activities.—Turning now to a survey of our work, the Section has been very fortunate that during the year Srimati Rukmini Devi has returned to our country for a limited tour of the different areas, and to be the guest of honor at this year's Summer Sessions. We have looked forward for several years to the inspiration and happiness of her coming. Last year arrangements had been almost completed when they had to be cancelled at the last moment. Undoubtedly everything has worked for the best, because arrangements this year were unexpectedly expanded to include, in addition to Rukmini's inspiring lectures and presence, the dancing of her famous pupil, Srimati Sarada Devi, together with the talks of Mr. K. Sankara Menon and the efficient assistance of Mr. Peter Hoffman in making all arrangements.

Arriving on the west coast in April, Rukmini and her party took part in the Southern California Federation programme at Ojai, following it with a notable programme of events in Hollywood, then on to San Francisco and to the

Northwest, to Seattle, Denver and by way of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Chicago for lectures there by Rukmini Devi and Sankara Menon, and a dance demonstration by Sarada Devi. They proceeded then to further engagements in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, New York City and Boston, thence westward to Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Minneapolis and St. Louis. Their final engagement was in Atlanta, after which they flew to Ojai for a few days' rest before returning to Olcott to be present at the Convention and Summer School.

A noteworthy event that took place in Detroit was the presenting to Rukmini Devi of an honorary degree of Doctor of Humanities from Wayne State University for her contribution to education and cultural activities, and to her as an outstanding interpreter of the richness of the arts of India to the many nations she has visited, many of which have recognized her with highest honors.

This year we were happy to welcome the return of Mr. Seymour D. Ballard from India and abroad where he was not only active at Adyar, but also travelled in a number of countries and gave talks. He has during this season been able to visit a majority of the Lodges in our country.

Mrs. Perkins and I have been able to reach various areas through attending Federation Conferences and Conventions. In the autumn Miss Joy Mills conducted the workshop period at the Michigan Federation meeting in Ann Arbor, and was able to undertake various speaking engagements.

Dr. Henry A. Smith has continued this year, as in other years, to undertake speaking engagements in Lodges at a distance from Headquarters. These included trips to Washington, D. C., Boston, Baltimore and New York, as well as the National Conference in Miami, during the

autumn months, and the Texas Federation in the spring.

Mr. Samuel H. Wylie among other lecture engagements in Michigan and the Chicago areas visited Toronto, Canada, to participate in the Canadian Section's first Convention.

Mrs. Irene S. Durham in her trips as Director from the Northwest contacted a number of Lodges en route to and from the Sessions at Olcott.

From its Federation Aid Fund the Section assisted Mrs. Dorothy Rae, President of the Florida Federation, to make a tour in the southeast, which extended into Georgia and North Carolina.

National Radio Committee.—While less publicity has been given to radio during the past year, there has been an increase in interest in this activity and several enquiries have been received from Lodges concerning radio broadcasting.

During the past twelve months, Theosophy has been broadcast over 21 stations throughout the country, an increase of six stations over the number for last year.

Department of Information.—Due to Mrs. Rutheda Osborn's illness during the past year, this department's activities have been curtailed, fewer personal letters having been written and form letters sent out. However, 810 new enquirers were contacted during the year, resulting in 55 of them becoming borrowers at the National Library and 53 joining the Society through this Department. Many of the enquirers were referred to Lodges.

During the year almost 21,000 pamphlets were mailed by the To-Those-Who-Mourn Club to 26 States, the District of Columbia, Canada, and the Philippines.

Membership.—The Membership Department under the direction of Mrs. Margery Parks, with the able assistance of Mrs. Patricia Jefferis, has kept carefully and efficiently the Society's records. Mrs. Parks reports that 370 new members joined

the Society this year. Two new Lodges in DeLand, Florida, and Cheyenne, Wyoming, and a new study centre at Clearwater have been formed. The charters of seven defunct Lodges have been recalled, leaving the total number of Lodges now at 143. Members becoming inactive numbered 311. Deaths, resignations and transfers have accounted for 50 more, so that the total membership roll as at June 30th stands at 4,165, a decrease of 89 from last year's total membership of 4,521.

Department of Education.—The Department of Education, under Miss Joy Mills, continues its very active programme. Many individuals and 76 Lodges have received assistance in programme planning. Mrs. Vera Riechers has been most helpful in the expansion of the Department's services and the smooth functioning of the work especially when the head of the Department had to be absent on lecture tours. The tape-recorded lectures continue to be the most popular items offered by the Department. Seven taped lectures were added during the year. The 12 tape-visual lectures circulated by the Department, which offers slides as well as tapes, are also popular. In addition, the Department has available 20 sets of slides.

Library.—Mrs. Marian Bateman, our Librarian, reports that 4,000 books have been loaned, which means an increased use of the Library this year. Gifts of 113 books have been received by the Library. This brings the total number of volumes on our shelves to 11,858.

We are deeply grateful for the service so faithfully given by Mrs. Bateman in meeting the demands of this Department. I regret to announce that Mrs. Bateman is not able to continue in the Library. We must seek immediately her replacement by some qualified member.

The American Theosophist.—*The American Theosophist*, official organ of the

Society in this country, is not only the principal means of communication but is a continuous and unbroken record of the course of events and activities throughout the Section. An increasing number of Lodges have been reporting their programmes for the magazine each month. We may have to consider expanding its size to include more articles and features of special interest to Theosophical readers.

Headquarters Building and Estate.—The estate grounds become more beautiful each year with the growth of trees and shrubs. Mr. Donald Greenwood remains head of this department, assisted by Mr. Fred Zeidler. But the full care of the estate is a growing task, one that places heavier demands than can be supplied by two part-time workers. Mr. Samuel Wylie brought a group of workers from Ann Arbor two weekends to prepare beds and plant flowers that have added to the beauty surrounding the building.

In thinking of the general development of the estate, the Convention in 1958 adopted a resolution placing upon the Board a responsibility to develop a long-range plan for meeting the increasing needs at Headquarters for adequate facilities. This resolution of the Board was implemented, and the firm of Willis and Lillian Leenhouts, architects, was retained to create a master plan for general guidance in the development of the estate. This was produced and adopted by the Board, and displayed at Convention last year. Under this plan we were able to place the parking lot and garages that have been needed for many years, and to proceed with their construction.

In this connection, I remind you that in February 1956 the Society received a bequest of \$50,000 for developing the Library. Adequate space and the facilities that are first needs for the Library have had attention in the master plan, but

have not yet reached a satisfactory stage. This remains to be done.

Olcott Foundation.—Ten very interesting manuscripts were submitted to the Olcott Foundation this year. Seven were lectures and three in the Research Division. Miss Bertha Roberts, Chairman of the Foundation Committee, reported that the lecture entitled "A God Closer to Home," with its balance of heart and head qualities, was judged as taking first place, and Mrs. Viva J. Emmons received the award for the Olcott lecture. In the Research Division Mrs. Shirley J. Nicholson's contribution entitled "Selflessness in the Light of Mental Health" received the award.

Community Project Committee.—Another committee set up by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting last year was The Theosophical Community Committee, created to investigate on behalf of the Board various properties in southern California being considered for a Theosophical Retirement Home, and to review all other aspects regarding such projects. The Committee was also expected to give some thought to outlining a practical approach to the collection of funds for the creation of such a community.

The Theosophical Book Gift Institute.—Reports through Miss Lola Fauser announce an active year in the placement of books and pamphlets by T. B. G. I. Miss Edith C. Gray has contacted and placed books in libraries and institutions in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Northern Georgia and West Virginia during the winter and spring of this year, and in the fall of last year she also contacted and made placements of books in Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, a total of 3,187 books. Mrs. Ethelyn Johnston visited several cities between the states of Illinois and California making placements, and several other workers have made contacts within their own localities and surrounding areas

distributing a total of 4,206 books during the year, including those distributed by Miss Gray.

The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, Inc.—While Mrs. Flavia Snyder, President of T. B. A. B., was in Karachi, Pakistan, the Vice-President, Mrs. H. Kay Campbell, reported this department's activities during the past year. She has kept in close communication with Mrs. Snyder regarding the work and its major problems. Despite severe setbacks due to the illness of Miss Ruth Querry and Mrs. Paul Titus, both valuable workers in this department, T. B. A. B. has had another successful year of service.

The faithful attention of many workers has made possible their bi-monthly magazines *The Braille Star Theosophist* and *The Members' Supplement* being delivered as usual to all Braille Lodge members and also publication and distribution of *Eterna Sabiduria* which now reaches about 160 subscribers. Over 600 Braille volumes were loaned out during the year. One hundred and fifty new volumes have been added, making now available about 950 Braille volumes. The Soundsciber Department circulated over 700 Talking Books and several hundred tapes consisting of lectures, radio talks and books, have also been borrowed. Several persons have supplied this department with new tapes as well as tape-mailing boxes, which are very much appreciated.

Parents Theosophical Research Group.—Mrs. Muriel L. Lewis, Director of the Parents Theosophical Research Group and editor of its quarterly magazine, reports that, reinforced with volunteer helpers, the group has very actively continued throughout the year to offer inspiration and guidance to parents. Through the pages of the *Parents Bulletin* and the periodical *Newsletter* there have appeared outstanding articles and features sharing experiences

and ideas in the rearing of present-day children.

Young Theosophists.—Mr. Avarad Colby, President of the Young Theosophists, reports that contact with other young Theosophists throughout the Section has been maintained through their monthly newsletter *Young Theosophical Thoughts*.

This group of Young Theosophists began activities last summer by conducting a teen-age camp at "The Oaks," Michigan. A lively weekend of fun and work was spent at "The Oaks" over the Labor Day weekend, and later in May several of them spent the weekend at Olcott working on the estate.

The Y. T.'s of Southern California have also been participating in many Lodge activities throughout the year.

I mention especially the new magazine *Outlook*, published by younger Theosophists in New York. This quarterly journal, devoted to the study of a Theosophical statement of man's nature and relationship to the universe, is sent to anyone on request. Donations are invited to cover the cost of its publication.

Closing.—This report of our Section's activities is not complete without reflecting on the close brotherly ties and kinship we have with the world Society through the International Headquarters at Adyar. These are manifested not only as ideals but in many mundane ways, such as the annual celebration of Adyar Day, at which time thought is given to the International Centre and to the significance of Adyar in our Theosophical world. In February each year an opportunity is afforded for members to contribute small sums to an Adyar Day collection, which is remitted to the President to assist him with the expenses at the Centre. This year the sum of \$ 5,054.19 was collected and sent to him.

Much attention has been directed to a major undertaking at Adyar beginning

several years ago when Mr. Sri Ram called attention to the desperate need for adequately housing the Adyar Library. Since then, architectural plans for a modern building with the necessary facilities have been created and are being carefully considered. With the project definitely under way, funds (amounting to some \$90,000) must be sought now on a world-wide scale to erect the building. A very appealing idea has been evolved by the workers at Adyar, inviting everyone to contribute in a way that is possible for all. Every member is invited to "Add-A-Brick" which costs only five cents, so that there is no member wishing to, who cannot have some definite part in the building of the Library. Of course one might give more than a single brick—even a wall perhaps, or part of a wing! The leaflet explaining this project is being circulated to all Sections and it will be reaching you presently for your attention. I hope that the Theosophical Society in the United States will keep in mind that it was Col. Olcott, the American co-founder, who instituted the Library, conceiving that it would one day become a repository for rare and valuable manuscripts and volumes that would in time bring world attention to the Adyar Library. This is already happening to a greater extent than many of us realize. In view of Col. Olcott's great vision the American Theosophist might make an extra effort to "add bricks" to the new building.

There are several definite channels open for members who wish to contribute in such ways to the Society's world work. There is the fund I have mentioned each year—the A. B. C. Fund, or Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund—which is being collected and invested for annual income to help meet the expenses of the International Centre.

Then there is the fund that directly assists in sending international lecturers

to various Sections, the fund established by Mr. Sri Ram in memory of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa and known as The Raja Commemorative Fund. Some of you are learning for the first time through the presence of Rukmini Devi and Mr. Sankara Menon's visit to our Section this year, of Rukmini Devi's sustained and inspiring endeavor to establish a cultural and art centre at Adyar and on property near the Theosophical estate. Kalakshetra and the Besant Theosophical School are divisions of the Besant Cultural Centre to which donations are welcomed.

In many ways Theosophists have inspiring opportunities to link their lives and efforts to great vision and noble undertakings that open doorways to a better and happier world. Upon this note of deep devotion to our work, and the joy that may be ours in giving ourselves endlessly to it, I bring this report to a close. Since it is the last annual accounting that I shall be giving, I sincerely wish that I might express in adequate measure what both Mrs. Perkins and I feel in having had the happiness to work with all of you through the Society's activities, and to be linked with you in the vision that stands

behind it. This appreciation extends especially to my co-workers at Olcott, for we are as members of a family, as close together perhaps as any other of our family ties we have had in this life. In equal measure I include grateful acknowledgement of appreciation for my colleagues on the National Board of Directors. I have been a member of the National Board continuously since 1936—twenty-four years—and in my opinion the present outgoing Board has been the finest team of co-workers that I have been associated with, in their proven ability to bring strong differences together in a working unity, which is the Theosophical technique of uniting polar opposites in effective action.

It is in this same spirit that all of us may now look forward to our work under the new administration. May all personal differences and cleavages be forgotten in the general concord of purpose before us, and may the American Section enter a new era of accomplishment greater than any it has yet known.

JAMES S. PERKINS,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

During the year I am sorry to report that membership has still declined, and this year at a rather more rapid rate than last year, 15 more members being lost than were lost in the corresponding previous period. In justification it should be said that there were 8 deaths more, 13 more members lapsed; but as against that there were 29 fewer resignations. The increase in deaths may be inevitable if, as we believe, the average age of membership is increasing. The number of Lodges,

105, is the same as last year, two Lodges having been dissolved and two new ones being chartered, but the number of Centres has gone down by three. Quite a number of new members coming in are young and intelligent, some of them interested in the scientific aspects of the work, and hence in the Research Centre.

Visitors during the year have included Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab, Mrs. Radha Burnier, and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton, while the Regional Summer

School was attended by Srimati Rukmini Devi, Sarada and Peter Hoffman. There were also a number of more casual callers from many countries.

The annual Convention was held at Whitsuntide, the Blavatsky Lecture being given by Mr. Basil Howell. The Section itself held no Summer School, as the Regional group of the British Isles held its own and was as usual almost more international than purely British.

The General Secretary attended the International Convention at Adyar, this being the first time England has been directly represented for six years. He took the opportunity of visiting also the Greek Section, the Indian and Ceylon Sections during his journey. He also attended the European Federation Council meetings at Huizen, the other delegate of the Section being Mrs. L. J. Bendit, who took the place of Mrs. J. Ransom. We deeply regret that the latter should have suffered so serious an accident immediately upon her election as Vice-President of the Society both on personal grounds and because it is the first time for so long that a member of our Section has held this honorable position.

During the year Headquarters Library reports that 6,623 books were exchanged, an increase of 423 on the previous year. Books on Theosophy, Religion, Yoga and Occultism have been in demand, Fiction and Astrology coming second in order.

Quite a number of borrowers were in the younger age group.

The Publicity Department has printed two new pamphlets and reprinted some leaflets. 52 lecture tours have been arranged, and 2 At Homes, when audiences of about 100 members and non-members were invited to hear Mr. Kenneth Walker, F.R.C.S., and Mrs. Beatrice Ensor just before she left for South Africa. The tape-recording library now has 160 tapes available which are regularly used by Lodges.

Benevolent Fund Covenant forms have now been printed, the intention being to consult the National Council in the first instance to find the best means of these reaching those of the membership likely to be able to use them most effectively. By building up the capital of the Fund it is hoped to make it possible to render more substantial aid to those in need in years to come.

The Theosophical Publishing House (London) has published the following during the year: *The Metaphysics of Experience*, by B. P. Howell (the Blavatsky Lecture for 1960); *The Web of the Universe*, by E. L. Gardner (a new and revised edition); *Astrology and the Mysteries*, by W. P. Rigg; *Mme. Blavatsky on How to Study Theosophy*.

L. J. BENDIT,
General Secretary.

INDIA

It falls upon me to present this report of the work of the Indian Section because Sri K. Rajagopalachari's health has not permitted him to be at the Headquarters at Varanasi for the last three months. I am very much indebted to Sri Ramachan-

dra Shukla, the Assistant General Secretary, for preparing this report, which he could and I could not as I took charge as Officiating General Secretary on November 12, 1960, and have not been in touch with the work of the Section through the year.

At the meetings of the Indian Section Council held in December 1959, Sri K. Rajagopalachari was elected as the General Secretary and Sri Harprasad was elected as the Treasurer. Our thanks and appreciation are due to Sri Rohit Mehta who served the Section as General Secretary for a period of fifteen years from 1944 to 1959.

The year under report has naturally been one of transition. The General Secretary has had to acquaint himself with the work at Varanasi and establish contacts with the Lodges and members of the Section. To this end, he has travelled in some of the Federations and also established links through correspondence. Unfortunately, his health has not been all that we could have wished and he has not been able to carry on without breaks.

The Section owes particular thanks to the Treasurer, Sri Harprasad, who has acted as General Secretary in the absence of Sri K. Rajagopalachari, and shouldered much work and responsibility in addition to his own, with the aid of Sri Ramachandra Shukla.

The work has been going steadily on as can be seen by the reports of the various Federations. The Indian Section has a larger membership than any of the other Sections. Yet there seems to be a paucity of workers, as of funds, at all levels: in the Section, in the Federations, Lodges and Centres. The major part of the work in various places has to be carried on by just a few people. Often a Lodge or Centre is so dependent on one or two individuals that it sinks into a dormant state as soon as the services of these individuals cease to be available. Our Section has now a little more than 7,000 members, who, if they were to give of the maximum possible to them, could make the Section far more dynamic than it is at present. For this, each one must think of what he can contribute to the Society and the work

wherever he is, whether it be in terms of time, energy, thought, study, funds or simply by the influence he brings to bear on his surroundings.

The Section's finances leave much to be desired. A considerable deficit has to be faced every year which is partly met by the donations which are received and which generally amount to about Rs. 6,000. The rest of the deficit has to come from the capital fund which is not a satisfactory position for the Section. During the past year, an Economy Committee was formed at Varanasi to devise means of reducing the expenditure at Headquarters. These efforts still continue and include measures taken to reduce expenditure on staff, electricity, water, etc., and increase the income through extra contributions from residents for the amenities they receive, etc. As a result of these economies, the Treasurer has been able this year to present a budget with a deficit of Rs. 9,640 instead of Rs. 13,558 as originally expected. But economy can be made only up to a point and cannot solve the problem.

The finances of the Section are the concern not only of the officers and the governing body, but also of all the members. Ways and means have to be found for meeting the deficit and then developing the work. The help of all our members is needed and I appeal to everyone to donate what he can, whether the amount be big or small. Contributions are particularly needed for the Reserve Fund which, grown to sufficient proportions, can put the Section financially on its feet. The fund was started last year with a generous contribution of Rs. 5,000 from Bro. H. Shivalingappa. The promised anonymous donation of Rs. 10,000 has not been realized but we hope that other members will come forward to add to the fund. The offer of Sri Panda Baijnath of Varanasi to contribute Rs. 5,000 at the

rate of Rs. 1,000 for every Rs. 7,000 collected by the Indian Section should be availed of by raising the requisite amount of money for the Reserve Fund and thus gradually lay a firm foundation for the Section finance.

The President.—Bro. N. Sri Ram was re-elected as President for another term by vote of the members and his new term began with effect from February 17, 1960. The Indian Section of the Society offers its most hearty and loyal co-operation to our great President who in his quiet and unassuming manner has so greatly endeared himself to each one of us who has had the privilege of meeting him or contacting him through his writings.

The President was able to visit Bombay and a few Lodges in the Karnataka and Kerala Federations over the annual sessions of which two Federations he presided.

The General Secretary.—The General Secretary, Sri K. Rajagopalachari, presided over the Telugu Federation session at Madanapalle and was the chief guest at the Bengal Federation session at Calcutta. He made a tour of the Karnataka, Tamil and Telugu Federations and visited Asansol and Calcutta Lodges in Bengal, and Patna and Arrah in Bihar.

The National Lecturers.—(1) Sri S. G. Venkataramanan was successful in visiting 39 Lodges in the Tamil Federation, 11 in the Telugu Federation and 7 in Madras City—in all 57 Lodges—during this year. He visited some other places with a view to prepare them for future work.

(2) Sri Rohit Mehta and Srimati Shridevi Mehta visited 23 places in Bengal, Bihar, Bombay, Delhi, Gujarat, Karnataka, Telugu and Uttar Pradesh Federation areas and Sri Rohit Mehta presided over Bihar, Delhi, Marathi and Gujarati Federation annual sessions and conducted the camps at Nandi Hills and Baroda.

(3) Prof. R. Srinivasan was able to visit Lodges in Kerala and Tamil Federations besides helping the Madras City Lodges.

All our National Lecturers addressed meetings of educational institutions, Rotary Clubs and other cultural bodies.

Other Lecturers.—Srimati Mehra Dhal-la of Bombay, Sri M. Subramaniam, Dr. C. R. Kamath and Srimati Seetha Neelakantan of Adyar, Prof. and Mrs. Dorab of Agra, Sri Sitaramji of Gujarat, Sri S. P. Sharma of Poona, Sri Chandramauli Eshwar of Masulipattam, Sri Shambhu Dayal, Sri S. V. Hora and others helped the work by visiting Lodges outside their own Federation areas.

We were greatly helped by the visits of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson of New Zealand, Dr. and Mrs. Bendit of England and Mr. and Mrs. Layton of U.S.A. who visited some of the Lodges of the Section.

Passed Over.—During the year under report 68 members of the Indian Section passed away. Special mention may be made of Professor Shyamacharan De of Varanasi, a great educationist, who joined the Society on 20th February 1899 and of Dr. Nrityalal Mukerji who joined in 1903 and had worked strenuously for the Society in Bihar during his service days and later in Calcutta, after retirement. He was President of the Bengal Federation at the time of his death and had been Federation Secretary and President as also a member of the Section Council for years, in the past. Dr. J. N. Ganguly of Moradabad, Mr. M. J. Mistry of Bombay, Dr. (Miss) A. C. Johnstone of Varanasi, and Mrs. Anthony of Chunar had all completed over 50 years of membership in the Society and were “faithful unto the end”.

Membership.—We began the year with a membership of 7,162 as recorded in the last annual report. This included 371 doubtful cases which have been declared dropped after an examination of the

records, leaving the correct number of last year's membership as 6,791. During the year 783 new members joined the Society, 236 lapsed memberships were revived and 2 members were transferred from other Sections. But as against these gains, we lost 68 members by death, 32 members by resignation, 2 by transfer and as many as 645 members were dropped for non-payment of dues for two years, leaving a total membership of 7,065. Thus the net gain during the year has been only 274 members. Except in the Telugu Federation, there has been an increase in membership all round, Bengal, Gujarat and Karnataka taking the lead.

The non-payment of dues continues to take its toll and either members join without full sympathy with and understanding of the cause the Society stands for, or our activities do not sustain their interest. In either case our workers have to be more alert and more strenuous in their attention to the needs and interest of the new members. Our dues are not so heavy as to be a great burden on the resources of our members.

Lodges and Centres.—The year began with 432 Lodges on the registers of the Section Headquarters. During the year 13 new Lodges were formed and one which had ceased to function was revived. As against this, as many as 63 Lodges were declared to have been dissolved, not having even 3 members on their rolls, leaving 383 Lodges on 30th September 1960.

Similarly, out of the 50 Centres with which the year began, 4 were dissolved, 2 were raised to new Lodges and 7 new Centres were formed, bringing the total number to 51.

Thus there are 434 constituent units of the Indian Section as against the 482 of last year's report.

Camps and Conferences.—During the year there was only one camp in May

1960 at Nandi Hills on an All-India level when members from Bengal, Bombay and Gujarat also attended besides members from the South Indian Federations who usually attend the Camp at Adyar when held in continuation of the South Indian Theosophical Conference. The Camp which is run every year as a result of the munificence of our respected Brother Dr. C. R. Kamath is a very useful institution. This year it was conducted by Sri Rohit Mehta and Srimati Shridevi Mehta. *The Secret Doctrine* and the fundamentals of Theosophy were the subjects of study and methods of Lodge organization were also discussed under the guidance of Srimati Shridevi Mehta.

The South Indian Theosophical Conference met at Adyar during Easter and was presided over by Mr. N. Sri Ram. Members from the constituent Federations attended. The North India Theosophical Conference was held in the last week of September at Varanasi under the chairmanship of Srimati Radha S. Burnier. Members from U.P. and Bihar attended in good numbers and a few came from Bengal, Delhi, M.P. and Rajasthan Federations.

A Correspondence Course.—The Department of Studies under the direction of Sri Rohit Mehta has issued a Correspondence Course and some 41 members have joined the course. The first of three Lessons on "The Theosophical Society" has been taken up and the First Lesson has been issued; the two others are ready and will be sent out in due course. Other branches of the Department could not function due to the absence of the Director on extensive tours of the Federations, and later of Pakistan.

Allied Activities.—Educational, cultural and ceremonial activities taken up by members and Lodges in the different Federations are carrying on as before and there is nothing special to report.

In this connection it is to be hoped that the Theosophical Order of Service in India will become an active body. Although there are many members throughout the country who are engaged in good work of various sorts, as can be seen from previous reports, a co-ordination and a link between such groups of workers can be very useful. Such a link could be made through the T.O.S., which in addition could naturally foster and initiate other activities directly under its wing.

Theosophical Activities at the Headquarters.—The Headquarters has three T.S. Lodges on its campus. The Kashi Tattwa Sabha with a membership of over 110 celebrated its Golden Jubilee in February 1960. It meets for a members' meeting every Tuesday and arranges a public lecture every Friday. It has two study classes during the week, one for the study of H. P. B.'s books at present and the other for that of Krishnamurti's writings. The Arundale Lodge co-oper-

ates with the K. T. S. in the activities, while the Annie Besant Youth Lodge holds its weekly debates and discussions and also runs Arundale Club for games and recreation.

There is a Community Meditation every Monday morning when there is some devotional music followed by the reading of a passage in English and Hindi on the thoughts of which the people attending meditate for a few minutes. This Community Meditation group has been meeting regularly for the past few years. A children's club has started functioning since July last. It was initiated by Sri Braja Velas and is being continued by Sri C. S. Shastri and Srimati Tara Kulkarni.

Grateful thanks are due to all the Heads of Departments and their colleagues and assistants for the help and co-operation that they have given.

RADHA S. BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

The outstanding events for the Australian Section during the past year have been the Indo-Pacific Conference and the visit of our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram.

Indo-Pacific Conference.—This Conference was sponsored and arranged by the Australian Section and was held from December 31st, 1959 to January 8th, 1960, at Wallacia, N.S.W., where three guest houses were engaged to house delegates. Attended by some 200 members, it was a very special occasion for the Society in our part of the world. Overseas visitors included three General Secretaries and a Presidential Agent from Indo-Pacific countries (Miss Clarice Gregory, New Zealand; Mr. Soemardjo,

Indonesia; Madame Nguyen-thi-Hai, Vietnam; Mrs. Gool Minwalla, Pakistan) and a party of fifteen members from New Zealand. A varied programme was arranged with the theme "Theosophy and the Crisis of Man," and some very stimulating and valuable contributions were made by those who participated. As Australia and New Zealand are becoming more closely identified with the South East Asian countries, it was not without significance that we should have described our Conference as "Indo-Pacific," and the opinion was expressed that the Society should play an important part in creating bridges between the peoples of these different countries. There was general agreement as to the success of the

Conference and at the concluding session a resolution was moved urging that steps be taken by members of the Society in the respective countries in the Indo-Pacific area to sponsor and arrange a second Indo-Pacific Conference in three to five years' time, at a place to be agreed upon.

Visit by Our International President.—It was with great happiness that we welcomed once again to Australia the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who was making his first visit since 1953. Mr. Sri Ram commenced his tour on August 6th in Brisbane and then continued on to Sydney. In each place his public lectures attracted large audiences and they made a deep impression on his listeners. The talks to members were most helpful and inspiring and greatly appreciated. Mr. Sri Ram also spoke on the radio and at various functions arranged by outside bodies.

Accompanying Mr. Sri Ram for the first time to Australia was his wife, Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram, who received a very warm welcome. Mrs. Sri Ram gave informal talks to members and friends and these were much enjoyed. Also travelling with Mr. and Mrs. Sri Ram was the President's Secretary, Miss Elithe Nisewanger, who was the guest of the Lodges in each place.

On August 26th, Mr. and Mrs. Sri Ram and Miss Nisewanger left for a month's visit to New Zealand. They returned to Australia on September 28th, to continue their tour to Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

Overseas Visitors.—Mrs. Gool Minwalla of Pakistan, who had come to Australia for the Indo-Pacific Conference and had been a featured speaker, carried out a lecture tour early in 1960, visiting in turn the Lodges in Sydney, Melbourne, Launceston and Perth. Everywhere she was received with much enthusiasm and her talks to Theosophical audiences and

to outside bodies were equally well appreciated. She also appeared on television and radio programmes.

Other overseas visitors who had come to Australia for the Conference also made contact with and spoke for various Lodges before returning to their own countries.

Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, who passed through Australia early in May, made brief stops in Perth and Sydney and kindly gave lectures in each place.

Mrs. E. Marion Lavender also spoke for capital city Lodges while travelling *en route* to Pakistan from New Zealand.

The Annual Convention.—Because of the Indo-Pacific Conference, a full-scale Convention programme was not arranged, but a Convention business meeting was called during Easter time in Sydney, in order to carry out the annual business of the Section.

Section Officers.—Miss Helen V. Zahara, A.A.S.A., was re-elected for a fourth term of office. During the year she undertook an extended lecture tour, visiting in turn Newcastle, Latrobe, Launceston, Hobart, Melbourne, Ballarat, Adelaide and Perth. She also appeared on the lecture platform in Sydney.

In March the Section suffered the sudden passing of the Assistant General Secretary, Mrs. Val Bradley, who had served most efficiently in that capacity since July 1958. We were fortunate that Mrs. Joyce Carr, who had previously held that office, was available to take up the duties once more of Assistant General Secretary. Also assisting at the Section Headquarters has been Mr. Brian Parry, A.A.S.A., who was appointed Secretary of the Australian Section Theosophical Trust Ltd., the incorporated body which holds the assets of the Section. Mr. Parry's chief activity is as Secretary of the T.S. Building Co. Ltd., of which the Australian Section is chief shareholder and which controls the building, Savoy House,

in which the Section Headquarters are situated.

Dr. H. S. Murdoch, A.C.A., was again elected as Hon. Treasurer of the Section.

Field Work.—In July Mr. Brian Parry undertook a month's tour, visiting the Lodges in Queensland—Brisbane, Toowoomba, Townsville, Cairns, Mareeba and Atherton—and the group in Rockhampton. He also made several visits to Newcastle.

Mr. Charles Hankin, Secretary of Melbourne Lodge, visited Launceston and Latrobe in Tasmania and made a number of trips to Ballarat, Victoria.

As usual, some of the Lodges benefited from visits from speakers from other parts of Australia at various times.

Lodges.—During the year one new Lodge was chartered—Leadbeater Lodge, at Mareeba in North Queensland. Unfortunately two Lodges—Kuring Gai and Cooma—were dissolved. The number of Lodges at the close of the year was 18. The Lodges generally continued with their regular activities and programmes.

Expansion Programme.—Various services to assist Lodges with their activities were continued. Particularly popular was the tape library and a number of new titles were added. Also in constant demand was the illustrated study course by Paul Bauereis of U.S.A. (script accompanied by slides). Study courses, illustrated lectures and other material continued to be available for Lodge programmes. The pamphlets and leaflets stocked by the Section Headquarters were increased in range. A new feature was the establishment of a small library at Headquarters with books in foreign languages, for the use of migrants coming to Australia who are unable to speak English. Elementary books on Theosophy are now available on loan in French, German, Dutch and Italian languages.

The Section Headquarters provided publicity material for various lecture tours and also continued to carry stocks of suggested reading lists.

Broadcasting.—The Section continues to conduct a weekly session from Station 2GB in Sydney with a varied programme. Melbourne Lodge is now sponsoring two weekly sessions in Victoria—3TR Sale and 3CV Maryborough.

Section Journal.—*Theosophy in Australia.* This is published every two months, and is edited by the General Secretary.

Membership.—There were 128 new members during the year, 20 readmissions and 2 transfers from other Sections. Resignations totalled 35, deaths 27, lapsings 54 and transfer to other Section 1. The number of members at 30th September was 1,273, an increase of 33.

Indo-Pacific Area.—The Section has opened a new fund to be known as the Indo-Pacific Fund, with a view to keeping alive the spirit of the Indo-Pacific Conference, and to help promote work generally in the Indo-Pacific area. As part of the effort to have closer liaison with these countries, the Section supplied on loan without charge a number of tapes for use in the Malaya and Singapore Federation, and at the request of the Viet-Nam Section the General Secretary contributed two papers to the annual Convention of that Section. Plans are in hand for the General Secretary to accept an invitation to tour New Zealand at the end of 1960 and to be guest speaker at their annual Convention.

Young Theosophists.—Groups in the larger Lodges continue to be active and the Young Theosophists have their own journal, *Fraternity*.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—Groups continue to function in the larger Lodges and members carry on some splendid social service in various fields of activity.

General.—There is evident in this Section a quickening of interest in basic

Theosophical literature with at the same time a greater spirit of questioning and challenge, a deeper approach to fundamental principles, and an emphasis on the need for individual understanding. This is manifesting itself through a desire for new techniques and methods and the broadening of our activities on the basis of our Three Objects. Also through the Indo-Pacific Conference our members

have gained a greater realization of the international aspects of the Society's work and our growing relationships with our neighbors of the South East Asian area, which is also in accordance with the cultural and economic ties being established by Australia in international affairs.

HELEN V. ZAHARA,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

This year the Theosophical work at our Headquarters has been to a certain extent hampered for practical reasons during a prolonged period. The premises of the Headquarters have had to be rearranged and the work reorganized, all of which has taken time and forethought. Nevertheless the Lodge work has been going on much as usual with private meetings and public lectures at the Headquarters and in other parts of the capital. In Gothenburg—the second biggest town in Sweden—the Theosophical work is particularly flourishing. An exchange of lecturers has been arranged between the different Lodges in the country and the Headquarters.

Young Theosophists have a small group in Stockholm and the Round Table is working in Stockholm and Gothenburg with about 40 members.

During the year we have been happy to receive a number of lecturers from abroad. In the spring Bishop Otto Viking from Denmark gave a series of lectures and talks in Stockholm and Gothenburg.

The annual Convention was held in connection with White Lotus Day. As guests and lecturers at the Convention we were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Dorab from India.

The summer months are in Sweden considered as a dead season but against all

conventional rules the guests who visited us during that time gathered round them unexpectedly large audiences. So we had a happy and stimulating summer with Professor Haas from the Netherlands as the first visitor. He gave an extremely interesting lecture at the Headquarters and was followed by Eunice and Felix Layton, who left many new friends behind them when they went away.

The usual Summer School was this year arranged at a small place in the archipelago of Stockholm. Guests and chief lecturers were the Chairman of the European Federation, Mr. John Coats, and Miss Clara Codd. Needless to say that we had a most charming and unconventional time as well as a stimulating and deeply inspiring Summer School.

In the autumn we had another visit from Bishop Viking who as usual passed some time in Stockholm and Gothenburg.

After a last and thorough rearrangement of our members' lists, bringing them up to date, the Section now counts 345 members; 10 new members have been admitted during the year. One Lodge has been dissolved, the number of Lodges now being 12.

EVA OSTELIUS,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The special event during the past year was the visit to the New Zealand Section of the International President of the Society, Mr. N. Sri Ram, with Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram and Miss Elithe Nise-wanger. Arriving on 26th August from Australia, the President remained in our country until 28th September, and visited four of the Lodges. Members from far afield travelled to these centres to meet him. Since New Zealand is far away from other countries visits from overseas members mean much, and we were specially happy to have the President once again in our midst.

Lecturers.—During the year the National Lecturer, Miss Bertha H. Darroch has spent some considerable time with the Lodges particularly in the South Island where she remained for a long period.

Mr. H. Banks also visited some of the Lodges while travelling in the course of his work for the Church.

Mrs. E. M. Lavender spent several periods with a number of the Lodges conducting classes and lecturing, besides continuing her *Secret Doctrine* classes.

During the coming months of November and December, Miss Helen V. Zahara, General Secretary for the Australian Section, will tour the main Lodges and later will be the guest speaker at Convention.

Membership.—The membership roll is 992, a decrease of 27. During the year 52 members were admitted and 8 rejoined the Society; 22 members died and 59 were removed from the roll, while one was transferred into N.Z. and 7 transferred out.

There seems to be a steady stream both in and out of the Society, as many people come in for a short time only and then pass on.

Theosophy in New Zealand.—The Section magazine continues to be issued three times a year. Besides the magazine all

the Lodges and members who wish it receive a newsletter each month with overseas and local items of information.

Tape and Slide Library.—The Librarians continue to circulate tapes and slides to Lodges and also to individual members. The library continues to grow as fresh material is added, and some Lodges report greater interest in taped lectures than in local speakers.

Book Libraries.—The Lodge book libraries continue to form the widest contacts with non-members who are seeking information, as well as supplying members with study material.

Publicity.—During the year an experiment was made in advertising in an attempt to reach a wider public. A large advertisement embodying the Three Truths was inserted in an evening newspaper, with an invitation to apply for an *Outline of Theosophy*. About 50 people asked for this booklet. After a short period they were also sent another small pamphlet on Theosophy with an invitation to inspect the Lodge and Section libraries. Some of these enquirers seemed very interested in Theosophical ideas.

We have acquired a supply of small pamphlets printed by the American and Australian Sections and H. P. B. Lodge has also reprinted other pamphlets. The demand for leaflets and small pamphlets is increasing somewhat.

Legacies.—This year we have received £305 in legacies from members.

Donations to Adyar.—Donations amounting to £212 were sent to Adyar for various funds.

Vasanta Property.—After the closing of Vasanta Garden School the property came to the New Zealand Section and was vested in the N.Z. Theosophical Properties Trust Board which administers the various properties. It was hoped to plan a

Theosophical Centre on the Vasanta property but the bylaws of the local authority permit only residential buildings to be erected. The Trust Board is now endeavoring to arrange for leases of sections to members who wish to build houses and live on the property.

Indo-Pacific Conference.—A party of members from our Section attended the Indo-Pacific Conference in Australia during January and found the contact with members from other Sections most stimulating. The splendid organization of the Conference activities and the hospitality of the Australian Section were most appreciated by all the visitors.

On her return to New Zealand the National Lecturer was able to share some

of these experiences with our Lodges by means of slide pictures of the various personalities and activities.

General.—One of the interesting points about the work at present is the increased interest shown by men. Of the enquirers for information following the advertisement, twice as many men as women applied for literature, and in the lending library at H. P. B. Lodge the non-member subscribers are mostly youngish men. There is no doubt about the need for a deeper insight into the life around and the ideals of Theosophy should help to encourage this study.

CLARICE E. GREGORY,
General Secretary.

THE NETHERLANDS

The decrease in our membership has continued as in the preceding period, but it is substantially less than last year. We were obliged to raise our Section contribution about 30 per cent and many members took this as a reason to leave the Society. This we had expected, and so did not consider it a very serious loss. After all, it is not the number of members which decides about the success of a Section, but the enthusiasm and the understanding of the essential truths of our Society and the general Theosophical attitude of the members. As to this, I am happy to be able to report that the enthusiasm is growing and we hope to keep it growing.

The Theosophical Society was meant to become a nucleus and not a mass. A nucleus is always small in comparison with the mass. We have to become the leaven and not the dough. The Society is concerned especially with the life and not so much with the form in which the life manifests itself.

A splendid opportunity has been ours because of the annual gathering of the European Council at the Huizen Centre in connection with the International Week. Hundreds of our members assisted at the meetings and lectures, while the grounds of the Huizen Centre were covered with many tents for camping members from Holland and from abroad. A great attraction has been the visit of Srimati Rukmini Devi, with her companions, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoffman, Sri Sankara Menon and our Chairman of the European Federation, Mr. John Coats.

Our publishing department continued its publication of literature by issuing five books: a translation of *Look at Your Karma* by A. Robson; two volumes of *The Esoteric Meaning of the Old Testament Book of Genesis* by A. J. H. van Leeuwen; translations of *The Creative Power* by Clara Codd; *Seek Out the Way* by Rohit Mehta and *An Approach to the Occult* by Hugh Shearman. A very

attractive, well-prepared, and fully illustrated booklet, dealing with the Theosophical Society, its leaders, its history, its principal activities and its ideals, awaits distribution at our next annual Convention, to be held from November 5th to 7th. This booklet is intended for information for enquirers and has an output of 5,000 copies. We hope it will prove to be helpful and effective.

The Summer gathering at the International School for Philosophy was most successful; particularly so because of the visit of Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab, who spent two days with us, the former delivering a lecture on the Yoga Upanishads. The study-course lasted 5 days and was attended by 80 members, while at the closing about 130 members met to listen to a Forum and a lecture on "The Deeper Significance of Mystic Initiation".

One Lodge, calling itself Arjuna, has been formed and will be inaugurated before November 17th. Its appearance is perhaps a sign that the Society in

Holland has commenced an upward turn.

This year, for the first time for five years, we will again have a special Convention at Amsterdam, where our guest of honor will be Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation, and several distinguished members will be lecturers: Professor Ir. Selleger; Professor Dr. Ir. Haas; Professor Dr. Engel and Professor Dr. van Brakel Buys. At this Convention an effort will be made to infuse new life into the Theosophical Order of Service. Mr. Burger has taken the initiative and we shall all give him our help and our best wishes. The artistic performances at the Convention will be an experiment with a dance-demonstration of a Mystery play about St. Francis of Assisi and a performance with some very ancient musical instruments, which in olden times were used especially for mystic rituals and ceremonies.

A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

There is not much to say about the inner life of the French Section. The situation is almost the same as described in last year's report. It is mostly a routine work running rather smoothly. After the long years of crisis that shook it, it is natural that the Section's strength be still limited. There are, however, a few indications showing that amongst some of those who left our ranks during these years, without forsaking the cause of Theosophy, there is less hostility. May they soon realize that we are quite ready to put aside everything that divided us in the past and look to the future, in which we wish to see a total reconciliation

and a brotherly co-operation that would strengthen our cause.

The year has shown a tightening of the bonds between the French Section and its sister Sections. Visitors from other countries came to France, among whom special mention must be made of the Chairman of the European Federation, Mr. John Coats, who stayed for a time in Paris and visited several Lodges during his tour. Everywhere the contact he established with members was appreciated, and there is no doubt that his activity has been beneficent.

The presence of our other visitors was less important, for they were here for a

short time, and generally in such conditions that they could not get very efficiently in touch with members. They were able, however, to meet the General Secretary, and some others, and such contacts are always useful. To be mentioned: Mr. G. Vliamos, General Secretary for Greece and Mrs. Vliamos, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton of U.S.A., touring in Europe after a long stay in Adyar, Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab who lectured in Paris on Indian painting, and just recently Srimati Rukmini Devi with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoffman.

The tightening of the bonds of the French Section with others was mainly with Belgium and Switzerland and took shape with the adoption of a common double Review *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique* as the official organ of the three Sections under the auspices of the European Federation. Our wish is that this co-operation shall increase and bind us ever more strongly together.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

This year also the Italian Lodges have held important classes for study.

Public lectures have been held at Milan, Trieste, Rome, Naples, Florence and Bari.

There have been 39 new admissions and a loss of 64 members.

Much care has been given to the Review *Alba Spirituale*.

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th November, 1960, the 46th Convention was held in Naples.

GIUSEPPE FILIPPONIO,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

The German Section has 435 members, 17 Lodges, 8 Centres and 84 Section members. We had 22 incoming and 3 outgoing members, 2 new Lodges and 2 Lodges dissolved.

The regular work in our Lodges has been continued.

In the year under report the German Section had some changes in leadership. On March 6th, 1960, our well-known General Secretary, Mr. Martin Boyken, was forced to resign by illness. He was 12 years General Secretary, and has done very successful work in leading Summer Schools in Rendsburg and keeping up good contacts with our Theosophical

friends outside Germany. Mrs. Ingeborg, Baroness von Massenbach, and Mr. Ekhard Rösch, the editor of our magazine *Adyar*, attended the Annual Meeting of the German-speaking groups of the European Federation in Basle in April. On July 31st the German Annual General Meeting took place during our Summer School in Rendsburg. Mr. Heinrich Nagel was elected General Secretary. A new executive committee has been elected to give a fresh impulse to the work in Germany. Five Working Committees have been elected each consisting of at least five members in addition to the General Secretary. These are:

(1) Committee for working out new modern rules.

(2) Committee for Theosophical books, magazines and other literature. It was resolved to translate and issue five smaller books of modern Theosophical authors, namely, Mr. N. Sri Ram, Mr. Rohit Mehta, Dr. L. J. Bendit, Dr. George Arundale, and Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa.

(3) Committee for further development of our Theosophical work in Germany.

(4) Committee for furthering relations with members of brother Sections throughout the world.

(5) Committee for erecting T.S. Headquarters.

Our Summer School from July 30th to August 6th in Rendsburg was attended by 45 members; they spent harmonious, happy days. We were very glad to have Miss Clara Codd and Mr. John Coats with us for two days. They gave us very fine ideas which were greatly appreciated as a work for understanding and peace. The new General Secretary attended the Council meeting of the European Federation in August in Huizen. We were very glad to have our beloved Rukmini Devi with us in August in Hannover and Ham-

burg, where she gave lectures in her fine, inspiring manner. Many friends from abroad had come. Rukmini Devi has promised to attend, if possible, the 10th Summer School in Rendsburg in July-August, 1961.

In April Mr. Axel, Baron von Fielitz, lectured in Theosophical Lodges in ten cities of Western Germany. He spoke of the "Mastering of Life". The new General Secretary visited three Lodges in Berlin in May, giving talks and public lectures. He spoke on "The Life-Community of the Opposites" and "The Wonder of Spiritual Communities". He also visited Rendsburg Lodge and gave a talk on "Our Theosophical Tasks Today".

The undersigned is very sorry that he can speak only on behalf of the Adyar Theosophists in West Germany. For Germany, between two strong opposite world-powers, is in a very difficult situation today. Theosophical ideas and practical brotherhood are therefore more needed than ever.

HEINRICH NAGEL,
General Secretary.

CUBA

No Report

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

Our working season in the autumn of 1959 commenced with a meeting in Helsinki, when we planned the activities for the winter. The work has been carried along the usual lines—by Lodge work and public lectures.

There are in Finland 24 Lodges, of which 8 are in Helsinki. One of them is quite a new one, Lodge Saturnus, which was founded last autumn. It was given its Charter on Foundation Day with a beautiful little ceremony.

The public lectures have been arranged especially for people not belonging to the Society in order to make Theosophy more widely known in our country; it is for the moment one of the most important trends in the Finnish Section.

The small Lodges outside Helsinki have been frequently visited by lecturers from Helsinki, who have given valuable help and inspiration. Some of these lectures have been public. The General Secretary visited 16 of our 24 Lodges.

A most important lecture was the one arranged in September during the visit of Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Bendit to Finland. The public lecture with the title "Clairvoyance, its Truth and Illusion" was given by Mrs. Bendit in the Balder Hall in Helsinki to an audience of about 200, most of whom were non-members. Dr. Bendit gave two lectures for members at our Headquarters; the subjects were "Man—the Transformer," and "Healing and Healers". More than 100 members were present on each of the occasions.

In the beginning of July we had the Summer School at our summer home Kreivilä and were happy to have the Chairman of the European Federation Mr. John Coats and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton as our lecturers. About 50 members attended. Every day there were two or three meetings. Different kinds of subjects were dealt with by the members and discussions were lively. We had also social evenings with song and play. At Kreivilä members from different Lodges can meet together during the Summer School and on other occasions during the summer. Kreivilä is open to non-members also, so people who do not know Theosophy may there come into touch with its teachings.

Lodge Blavatsky has published a Finnish translation of Leander Halfdan's book on Count Saint Germain.

The Round Table and the Lotus Circle have carried on their work as formerly. Some members of these groups have reached an adult age and joined the Society, some have dropped out, but always new members have been gained so that the work has been regular.

We began the year with 514 members. During the year 30 members joined the Society. As against this 8 members died, 64 dropped out; the membership thus stands at 472.

SYLVI HORSTIO,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

At the completion of our 51st year as an organized Section of the Theosophical Society we showed an increasing stability and integration of purposes and endeavors, and gratitude was expressed to all who had helped in any way to maintain the Section as a vital part of this Society. We work under handicaps that perhaps are not present in other National Sections, but we believe that the cause of Brotherhood without distinctions has been strengthened in this part of the world. During emergency regulations in both countries represented by the name "Southern Africa," our Lodges were granted permits to continue meetings indicating that we have gained some recognition and respect as an organization.

Although our total membership has dropped again this year, five of our Lodges showed increases, and although the 64 new members and 8 re-admissions are offset by many lapsings (from lack of interest and non-payment of subscriptions for two years or more) and resignations, we believe that the additions made during the year represent a solid foundation for future building. The one new Lodge chartered brings our total to 15, and as this is a very active group in the "city of saints," the home of Rhodes University, we feel this is a very valuable accomplishment and should bring good results.

Convention this year was preceded by a three-day Workers' Training Conference, repeating in a large measure the work done in that respect last year. As Con-

vention this year was in a far-distant place, this allowed opportunity for members who were unable to attend the previous one. A three-day Summer School is planned to precede the 1961 Convention which will be held in Southern Rhodesia. This year's Convention was graced by the presence of two guest lecturers, both well known and well loved in this Section: Miss Clara Codd and Mr. Geoffrey Hodson; and both visited other Lodges and Centres here to give of their assistance and wisdom.

Two Regional Congresses and one Inter-Lodge Conference were held this year, covering the Rhodesian, Cape, and Transvaal districts. These are becoming annual affairs with beneficial results which accrue from pooling ideas and co-operative endeavors.

Field work has now been divided into four divisions with an organizer for each; this is already proving an advantage over the old system of one central organizer for the whole Section. During the year the National President also visited all Lodges, many of them more than once, giving such assistance, advice and direction as was possible. It is felt that this has done more to integrate the Section of widely scattered Lodges into one whole and to direct orientation into the deeper aspects of Theosophy than any other factor now available. Never before has it been possible to have a President able to give his time to this travel and visiting of Lodges.

The Section has now produced a Second Correspondence Course to augment the very simple introductory course issued some years ago. This second course will be a follow-up for those who wish to study more deeply the principles barely touched upon in the first course. This correspondence work is in the hands of the Publicity Officer, who also has accomplished much in the way of spreading Theosophy by advertising in both language papers in the several districts.

The Research Group, under the direction of Dr. John Robinson and assisted by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, has done some valuable corroborations of clairvoyant findings and scientific archeological data

uncovered in certain parts of Africa. The assistance of Mr. Hodson is greatly appreciated.

Efforts are now being made to re-establish the Theosophical Order of Service which has been dormant here for some years. The special interest at this time is that of the Social Service Group in refugee work for the displaced Tibetan children. Also some of our members do commendable work in the Bantu areas. "The harvest is great but the labourers are few"; more workers with more time are needed in this great field for the promotion of Brotherhood.

MARY G. PATTERSON,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

During the year under review Mrs. Jean Allan retired from the office of General Secretary after eleven and a half years' service. Although no longer in office, she is very active in Glasgow.

On March 10th 1910, the Scottish Section received its Charter and this year we have been celebrating our Golden Jubilee. As part of the celebrations, it was agreed that Edinburgh and Glasgow members should entertain representatives from organizations with ideals similar to ours. These were held in April and June, and the contacts have resulted in a more sympathetic and understanding attitude to our aims, and a closer co-operation between members of the various groups.

Convention was held in Glasgow on June 11th-12th, when we were particularly fortunate in having as guests Mr. John Coats, Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab, Mrs. Radha Burnier, and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton. Their presence among us helped to make this Jubilee Convention a

memorable occasion, and we are greatly indebted to them for all their wisdom and good fellowship.

Work has gone on quietly and fairly steadily, but apathy and lack of co-operation among members are difficult to overcome. It is hoped there will be an improvement in the near future.

Visiting lecturers have included Mr. Robert Hartley of Leeds; Professor J. B. Dorab and Mr. John Coats.

Although there are 192 members in Scotland, many are not able to attend meetings, through frailty, but they are loyal and we are conscious of their support. During the year under review several of our older members have passed over, two of these being Miss Isabelle and Miss Hilda Pagan, both devoted and energetic workers for the Society since 1902-3.

Several members attended the Regional Summer School at Swanwick and took an active part in the work of the School.

Although our membership does not increase very much, enquiries come in steadily, even from as far away as Ghana; literature has been widely distributed and a good deal of time given to individuals seeking help and information. As yet, there is no official liaison with the T.O.S., but individual members continue to send

parcels to refugees in Europe and to others in distress.

All in all, the Section is in a reasonably healthy state. New life seems to be flowing, and in time this ought to energize our activities.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Our membership figures fell once again this year. Last year we had 223 members and today we have 218. Seven members left the Section, three died and five new members joined, making an overall drop of five. Although this fall in numbers is not very gratifying in itself, it means that we now have a larger proportion of really active members than before and the activity in our Section can be described as lively. But I hope that under my successor—this is my last report—the Section will revive; a new impulse releases new power.

Our 12 groups—the Lodges and Centres and the youth group—have been making a thoughtful study of the so-called “classical” Theosophical books. At the same time, modern problems are always discussed, so that contact with the world is not lost. Activities of many kinds serve to strengthen the contact between members themselves: Summer Schools, concerts, committees, parties, etc. We could not imagine an active Theosophical life without the Summer Schools. This year we were fortunate to have visits from our new Chairman, Mr. John Coats, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton from America and Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab from India. A member from Cordoba in the Argentine also visited the Basle group. So now, thanks to Mr. Vallvé—that is his name—we have also made a contact with South America.

The two regional committees, French and German, bring a new impulse to our work each year, especially owing to the presence of so many friends from different countries. I must thank the author and protagonist of the regional activity, Mr. Van Dissel, for his idea and for his work. The former has contributed to spreading our work in Europe and the latter creates close contact between all those countries and sections which take part. This year both committees were presided over for the first time by Mr. John Coats. As from the beginning of the year—to the joy of all of us—France is taking part in the regional work. *Clarté*, the former regional magazine, has been replaced by *Le Lotus Bleu*, which is now the organ of the French-speaking Sections. *La Vie Théosophique*, a newsletter for members only, is issued six times a year along with *Le Lotus Bleu* and three times separately. *Adyar*, the German-speaking regional magazine, gives pleasure to all. The editor makes innovations from time to time. Apart from these magazines, the General Secretary issues a detailed newsletter twice a year.

At the Headquarters in Geneva public lectures were given by Mr. Albert Sassi, Mr. Georges Tripet, and Professor Haas, who also visited other towns in Switzerland and abroad. The General Secretary gave lectures in various Lodges.

Twelve children meet regularly in the Round Table.

The Order of Service works hard, as ever, striving to heal wounds and to relieve suffering. Countries behind the Iron Curtain have priority, but an attempt is also made to help where there is need inside the Section.

Six members from Switzerland took part in the German-speaking Summer School which was held for the eighth time in Pichl (Austria). Each year the atmosphere created there becomes more concentrated and perceptible. This time there was no doubt that it was there when we came. In addition to those faithful

members who attend each year, we had some new visitors, including intellectuals who are not yet very familiar with our ideas. They were rather sceptical at first, but they left the School promising to come again next year. I shall write in more detail about the School in my newsletter. It was a great success in every respect.

The undersigned hopes that the Swiss Section, in spite of its smallness, will be able to maintain its rôle within the European Federation and elsewhere.

CLAIRE WYSS,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

I report the addition of 14 new members and the resignation of one, so that the present membership of our Section is 406. It must be recognized that even if we had ten times this number it would not correspond to the number of adherents enlightened by a movement such as ours over the fifty years of its existence. It is thus evident that our methods of spreading the teachings of Theosophy must be revised and adapted to contemporary mentality. I hasten to add that both in Brussels and in the Provinces we have devoted and competent servers who consecrate their efforts wholly to organizing the work in all its branches.

Special mention should be made of members who work in the outposts: Antwerp, Ghent, Liège, and in the Order of Service. There are also generous donors who sustain our efforts financially.

Symposiums.—In accordance with the idea of the President regarding a "Spiritual Republic" in which every member should participate actively, the number of question and answer meetings, symposiums

and discussions was increased. It has to be recognized that these activities, since they demand a personal effort, have not in Belgium met with the same success as they have in England, for instance. Nevertheless we have had some good sessions, notably the one on the Congress at Hamburg.

As usual we celebrated the traditional festivals: Adyar Day; Wesak; and Christmas Eve.

The Regional Committee of the Latin countries met in October 1959 at Geneva, a city more accessible than Brussels for our members from Italy, Spain and Portugal. It was there decided to return to the unity of the French-speaking regions in the matter of the publication *Le Lotus Bleu*. The review *Clarté* ceased publication after the last number of 1959. Our first half-year's experience of collaborating in the *Lotus Bleu* has provided encouraging results, but there is one point to be put forward: we have made and are still making an appeal to members to collaborate in the publication; on the other hand,

our Assembly will have to take some decision in the matter of financing it.

“*Chain of Help and Moral Union*”.—In accordance with the decisions of the Regional Committee at Geneva, the review *Clarté* and afterwards *Le Lotus Bleu* devoted five supplements to this movement, and they were distributed to all the members. The Theosophical Section of the “Chain” should be considered as both a Theosophical presentation and as an organ of the Theosophical Order of Service. We have issued an appeal to all Lodges to study this problem, each from its own particular point of view. At Brussels Lodge Lumière has agreed to take under its wing a monthly meeting of our members and others in connection with this movement for “Help

and Moral Union”. After less than nine months of work the results obtained by the Theosophical Section are more than encouraging. We believe that there is here one of the activities which will provide the new kind of Theosophical teaching and the “Spiritual Republic” of which our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, spoke at the European Congress in Hamburg.

I end my report of four years as General Secretary by thanking all the members who have supported me with their sympathy in the very responsible mission and by assuring my successors that they will always find in me a devoted collaborator so far as my means will allow.

TH. CHAPELLIER,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

An important event for the Indonesian Section at the end of 1959 was the invitation received by the Indonesian Section to attend the first Indo-Pacific Theosophical Conference in Australia. The Indonesian Section sent Mr. Soemardjo, the General Secretary, as her representative. One of the decisions of that Conference was that the second Conference will be held in Indonesia in the year 1962. This was accepted by the Indonesian Section and now an executive committee has been formed. This Indo-Pacific Conference will be the first international Conference for the Indonesian Section.

The General Secretary's visit to Australia which lasted for one month has effected a warmer fraternal relationship between the Australian and the Indonesian Sections. It is hoped that through the Conference in 1962 this relationship will be maintained.

Another important event was the eleventh annual Convention of the Section which was held at Semarang for four days in April 1960 from the 14th till the 18th. From April 18th till April 23rd it was followed by a Summer School which was attended by more than 100 members. That Summer School gave general lectures on Theosophical teachings and rendered a stimulation of Theosophical life-discipline. All partaking members were enthusiastic and the board of the Indonesian Section has decided to hold a Summer School once every two years.

The next will be held in 1962. This will be an epoch-making year for the Indonesian Section, as she will commemorate her 50th Jubilee in that year.

Other decisions of the annual meeting at Semarang were as follows:

(a) It was suggested that every member should meditate for national and

international peace each morning at six o'clock.

(b) All Lodges are encouraged to form healing-service groups in accordance with the method advocated by the League of Healing-Service in London.

(c) The Round Table and Mystic Star services are also advocated.

(d) To revive the service in the educational field we shall make efforts to establish kindergartens. This has been done by certain Bandung members, while some members of the Blavatsky Lodge in Djakarta are working in this direction too.

(e) A plan has been made to publish a comprehensive textbook on the Theosophical teachings for the general public and also a commemoration book on the 50th Jubilee of the Section.

In March of 1960 the Section was honored by Mrs. Gool Minwalla's visit on her way back from Australia to Pakistan. She stayed for nine days in Indonesia and gave several lectures at some Lodges which were attended by a number of members.

The development of the Theosophical movement outside Java, among others in Bali, shows remarkable progress. The number of members there is increasing.

The general view of the development of the Theosophical movement in Indonesia is that it is progressing. It is intensely hoped that some leaders from Adyar will be able to come and visit Indonesia for a long period and give a guidance on the Theosophical life and teachings. This will certainly be a great stimulation for the development of the Theosophical Society in Indonesia.

Therefore the news that our President and Mrs. Sri Ram will stay for four days in Indonesia at the end of October 1960 is very rejoicing to us in Indonesia. However, it is such a pity that they cannot stay longer.

We sincerely hope that our President will be able to visit this country again during our 50th Jubilee in 1962.

SOEMARDJO,
General Secretary.

BURMA

Out of the originally chartered Lodges only four may be said to remain in existence, and out of these Olcott Lodge in Rangoon and Lotus Lodge in Mandalay only are in full function. This has more or less been the position since the termination of the last World War.

The number of members is now 56 as against 59 at the close of last year.

In addition to the usual activities, the Lodges in Rangoon and Mandalay gave a good deal of attention to the propagation of the ideals of humanitarianism and vegetarianism, thereby contributing appreciably to the progressive realization of

these ideals among the populace. Vegetarianism is slowly and surely gaining ground in Burma, thanks to the efforts of all concerned.

The most noteworthy event of the year was the visit to Rangoon of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, accompanied by his secretary Miss S. Chase. He gave two public lectures on "Reincarnation—Fact or Fallacy" and "The Spiritual Hierarchy, Solar and Planetary" and two private talks to the members of the Theosophical Society and their sympathizers on "The Mysterious Powers of the Human Mind," and "Yoga, Meeting Ground of East and West". All the

meetings were well attended and the lectures and talks well received.

The Book Depot attached to Olcott Lodge continued to do good work in the distribution of Theosophical literature among both the members and the outsiders. During the year under report *The Devachanic Plane* was added to the list of books translated and published in Burmese, making the total so far done six, the others being *At the Feet of the Master*, *Karma*, *Reincarnation*, *Man and His Bodies*, and *The Astral Plane*. Literature on vegetarianism was increased by the publication, partly in Burmese, and partly in English, by U San Hla, General Secretary of the Burma Humanitarian League, of a Handbook on Natural Food, a very comprehensive compendium on food values and the virtues of vegetarianism, together with the methods of preparing vegetable dishes.

U Kyaw Hla, Secretary of the Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, has very generously contributed Kyats 10,000 for the purpose of putting up a new Lodge building on the old site in Mandalay, but as the building, when plans and estimates were drawn up, is found likely to cost at least Kyats 25,000, construction of it has to be postponed awaiting further contributions.

The Burma Educational Trust School continued to make further progress during the year. The strength of the School rose from about 500 to 600. A Boy Scouts movement was started under the charge of a teacher, and a very successful entertainment was given by the children of the school when the birthday of the founder Dr. Annie Besant was celebrated.

PO LAT,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

No events of especial importance can be reported for the year ending 30th September 1960.

All of the ten active Lodges, as well as the two Federations of Lodges in Vienna and Graz, carried on their usual activities. The Regional Summer School for the German-speaking region at Pichl was again well attended not only by members of the German-speaking Sections, but also by members and friends of other neighbor countries, and proved again its unifying force in these difficult times. 74 members attended the Summer School. The Publishing House "Adyar-Verlag"

at Graz published a new edition of the German translation of *The Voice of the Silence*.

For the first time in ten years we can report an increase of membership. There were 17 admissions of new members, one re-admission, and one transfer from another Section; as we had only 4 resignations, 6 deaths and 2 lapsings, the total of membership on September 30th, 1960, was 296 (against 289 in the previous year) making a net increase of 7 members.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

Our period of work found a most happy beginning (I would prefer to call it an initiation of the year) with a visit of the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. He found it possible to include our small Section of Norway in his itinerary. He gave us two wonderful lectures on the Theosophical Society and the Theosophist of today, his duties and tasks in the present world situation. The time was holiday-time, but nevertheless the President acted as a magnet, a quite large audience heard him and gained a rich experience.

The next great event followed in due course. The General Secretary of the English Section, Dr. Laurence J. Bendit and his wife came on a Scandinavian tour. Dr. Bendit lectured in Oslo on "Theosophy in Transition," and Mrs. Bendit on "Clairvoyance, Insight and Illumination". Further, our guests visited our Lodge in Bergen. Dr. Bendit gave a public lecture on Parapsychology and Mrs. Bendit spoke to the members on Clairvoyance: interesting, stimulating lectures. Later we were favored with a visit by Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab from India. Professor Dorab lectured on "The Way of Silence"; he also brought greetings from Adyar. The next day he lectured on "Living Fire," where he gave us contact with his almost unlimited knowledge from the world of religion-history and religion-philosophy. These meetings and experiences we never will forget.

We have also had lectures by our own members, Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen gave a talk on our President, giving quotations from his books and lectures. In the same way I spoke about Dr. Annie Besant.

One of our friends, a well-known scientist, Dr. Thorstein Wereide, spoke at a Lodge meeting about The Essene Order and Psychic experience. Dr. Wereide has been one of the pioneers of psychic research and parapsychology in Norway. Although he is not a member of the Theosophical Society his points of view are truly Theosophical.

At the beginning of the year 1960 the rent of Arbiensgate 4, our Headquarters, was doubled and we then had to seek new quarters. In the summer we rented one big room for our Lodge room and we had our annual meeting there, on the 17th and 18th September.

The Section paid the expenses of preparing the room for the purpose in view, and it all looks very attractive. Now we may have meetings on all days in the week, if we wish, instead of—from economical reasons—only every fortnight in Arbiensgate 4.

In order to make it possible to continue the publication of our sectional magazine *Norsk Teosofisk Tidskrift* we will try to establish a Scandinavian link-up; the issue will then have 36 pages, 12 pages each of the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian Sections, 6 issues a year. But all these details have to be considered carefully by all the three Sections. We indeed hope that this plan will be realized, otherwise we will have to reduce publication to three or four issues annually instead of six, as hitherto. One member has resigned and we have three new members in Oslo. The number of our members in all is now 161.

ERNST NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

 EGYPT

 No Report

DENMARK

When I think of the Section as a whole and try to feel the tendencies and possibilities that may be perceived, there is one thing which is quite obvious, and that is that, as a whole, it is very open to inspiration.

In the course of the year we have received several inspiring visits from abroad. The visitors were, among others, Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Bendit and last spring Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton. During the Summer School at Gl. Præstegaard we also had Miss Clara Codd, Mr. John Coats, and Professor Dorab and his wife. All gave out of their rich humanity and knowledge, and I think the Section is responsive. The Summer Schools at Gl. Præstegaard and Besantgaarden are of great importance as sources of inspiration, and we can begin to trace their effect in the awakening interest in, and understanding of, the

Society as a whole and of the Section as a whole. This effect has also made itself felt, for instance, in Copenhagen where monthly joint meetings of all the Lodges have been well attended and at the monthly week-end meetings at Gl. Præstegaard which have been attended by members from almost every part of the country. At these meetings we have felt an increasing need for and interest in forming a nucleus on a broad front, through personal contact and gatherings.

The Section is open and alive to the life side of Theosophy. On the whole, the knowledge aspect may not be predominant among the members, but the interest in the life side is true and vivid.

JORGEN WINDE,
General Secretary.

 IRELAND

My report begins with last year's Convention. It was our good fortune, as well as our privilege, to have our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, as our guest of honor. Our President, as always, gave us his time, his sympathy and his wisdom. His visit remains in our memories as a joyful and deeply spiritual experience.

Lecturers.—During the year under review we welcomed the following visitors:

from overseas, Professor J. B. Dorab and Mrs. Dorab (India), Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Walker (London); from the North of Ireland, Dr. Hugh Shearman and Mrs. Alice Law.

We have also had several cultural evenings open to the public with color slides and music. There have also been several symposiums and tape recordings.

As I have said before, in this country we feel isolated and we suffer from a

serious lack of lecturers. Our means do not allow of travelling expenses for more than a limited number of speakers, so we are deeply grateful to those who can and do come to help us with the work in Ireland.

Dublin Lodges.—1960 is an interesting year for the Theosophical Society in Ireland with Dublin and Irish Lodges celebrating their fiftieth anniversaries. Both of these Lodges are still active. Of the foundation members Mr. P. L. Pielou and Mrs. Moya Bligh are still with us and have completed their fifty years or more as members of the Society.

The public meetings at Headquarters have been fairly well attended. The members' meetings for study and discussion continue to be very interesting and friendly. The meditation group also continues and I feel is doing good work.

Library.—Our librarians, Miss J. F. Hoy and Miss D. Emerson, have done good work in the library, some new books have been added and more books than usual are being taken out.

White Lotus Day.—White Lotus Day was commemorated as usual. We had the usual readings and a short talk upon H. P. B. and her work.

Funds to Adyar.—We have subscribed to the following funds at Adyar: the A. B. C. Fund, the Adyar Day Fund and the Raja Commemorative Fund. We

also presented a number of books to the Adyar Library.

Annual Elections.—At the annual business meeting of the Dublin Lodges held in January 1960, I was nominated as General Secretary and Mr. Pielou as National Treasurer. There were no other nominations.

Statistics.—Our numbers remain small and show a slight decrease.

During the year Mr. R. Merrick (Cork Lodge) passed on. He had been a valued worker and he is greatly missed in Cork Lodge.

Conclusion.—In conclusion I want to thank those who have helped in the work during the year, those who have lectured and acted as chairman and helped at our sale. Most especially I want to thank those who have done the humble and often unnoticed things which, however, have not been unnoticed.

Let us realize that as well as the outer organization of the Theosophical Society we have a more important and inner work to do, so do not let us lose sight of the purpose for which we are working and for which the Society was brought into being. We shall find that purpose in the first Object of our Society, "To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity."

EVELYN O. HORNIDGE,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

Conditions in our Section I believe are improved. All the members of the Section are trying to do their best along spiritual lines. It seems that the work is inspired by a deep enthusiasm.

Annual Convention.—Our 41st annual Convention was held in the Puerto of Veracruz (Veracruz Harbour), during De-

cember 27-29, 1959. It was attended by delegates and representatives of the Lodges of the Section. This event included officials' meetings, lectures and social functions. The General Secretary was re-elected.

A journey by boat on the sea was made to scatter in the Gulf of Mexico the ashes

of the physical body of Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil.

It was agreed that the 42nd annual Convention will be held in Merida, Yucatan State, farthest south-east of the country, in order to carry Theosophical enthusiasm to that place.

Lodges.—In this period, 1959-60, were created the Lodges Sol (Sun), Vida (Life), Hermes, all three in Mexico City, and Luz en Sonora (Light in Sonora), at Hermosillo, Sonora State.

Members.—In 1959-1960 our Section had an admission of 70 new members,

3 re-admissions, 7 deaths, 3 resignations and 6 lapsings.

Relations.—A preoccupation of the General Secretary's Office is to bring about closer relations between this Office and the Lodges, especially with those which are in need of attention.

Social Activities.—White Lotus, Adyar and Foundation Days were observed by all our Lodges.

The Mystic Star Ritual is being regularly performed every other Sunday at Headquarters, always bringing us unction and uplift.

ARTURO VADO LÓPEZ,
General Secretary.

CANADA

We have had a year of steady work with the usual activities, but nothing of real significance to bring to notice. I am disappointed in the apparent falling off in membership and somewhat concerned as to the cause. It may be what is termed seasonal, or a "lean year," and that is happily subject to change. On the other hand it may be that the increase in dues has been a deterrent and the cause of the somewhat large number of members who are still in arrears; or it may be a sign of the times.

We have much to contend with. Unusual prosperity and unlimited credit, when everybody no matter who has TV and radio in their homes. In winter-time when our activities are greatest—and our winters are severe—most people prefer listening to the above rather than face the icy blasts, which is quite understandable to a degree, nevertheless it cuts attendance down to a minimum at our lectures and meetings, not to speak of hindering any work of a spiritual nature.

To be realistic in making a report one cannot overlook such facts, thus making it sound somewhat pessimistic but in reality, in this case anyway, beneath it all there is sound optimism on the part of those who are working, for they know that this is but a passing phase.

Among other things our finances look brighter and in view of this we are debating the pros and cons of how to use it to the best advantage. We know that much interest in Theosophy lies latent in this country and ways and means must be found to augment it, and it is felt that a series of broadcasts among other things would be most efficacious. Time will tell.

I was happy to attend the Olcott Convention and was much pleased at the interest displayed in our work by our cousins south of the line. Our magazine continues to be quite popular and we have sold over forty bound volumes during the past twelve months, which speaks for itself.

For those Lodges interested in lectures we have had Dr. Alvin Kuhn,

The Rev. R. G. Kutsunoff, Mr. Wisner and others from the United States to visit them; but most of the Lodges prefer study groups centring on *The Secret Doctrine* and the *Bhagavad Gita*.

On the whole Theosophy in Canada is more than holding its own despite a lean

year and I am confident the coming one will show that the seed planted in this vast country will fructify and expand in a manner that will gladden our hearts.

E. L. THOMSON,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

We are still continuing a revision in our Section of those members and Lodges which have failed to show a real interest, or have made of our Lodges centres for meetings which have other aims, and I think that before the year ends there may still be two or three Lodges which will have to be dissolved as they have not sent in any returns or paid any dues, some of them for more than one year, in spite of various reminders. However, during the coming month a new Lodge is being constituted of members who were unattached.

At our annual Congress I was re-elected General Secretary for another term of three years.

The work in this Section during the past year has progressed, the most important event being the acquisition of a property for the Section, with a value of \$1,000,000, of which the sum of \$850,000 has already been covered. Members have contributed to this so far as their means have permitted.

This year we have not been able to publish any books, but we hope to have two new ones ready soon.

Our magazine has accomplished its mission, not only for our own members but we have also been able to send it to other Spanish-speaking countries which have no magazine of their own. Harmonious relations have been maintained with other Sections by means of correspondence.

In a few weeks we shall complete the revision of our Statutes, for submission later to a General Assembly.

At the beginning of the year the General Secretary is hoping to renew his visits to all the Lodges.

We are awaiting news from our beloved President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, regarding his tour in 1961 so that we may begin to make the necessary preparations.

N. E. RIMINI,
General Secretary.

CHILE

In the Theosophical Society in Chile normal activities have been carried on without serious difficulties or setbacks. The members have worked in harmony and brotherhood and are united in their

devotion to Theosophy and their loyalty to Adyar.

New Lodges and groups have been formed and like the older Lodges work independently; some meet in their own

premises, or in Valparaiso, and others in the homes of members. All are united in ties of brotherhood, and combined meetings are held from time to time in the principal cities of Santiago and Valparaiso.

The annual Convention in Santiago, the Capital, was attended by local members and some came from Valparaiso though because of the distance not many could make the journey. The General Secretary and the Executive Committee were re-appointed in the course of the Convention and other constitutional business was conducted.

The Section takes the view that special attention should be paid to propagating Theosophy, especially through public lectures. In Santiago there are three public lectures each week; in Valparaiso they are less frequent. The talks attract a good deal of attention on the part of the public, and people learn to appreciate and sympathize with the work of the Society. A special feature is made of questions and answers which have proved very popular both with members and the public. The newspaper *El Mercurio*, which has the largest circulation in the country, makes a special point of advertising the lectures and reporting on the work of the Lodges.

The administrative side of the work has been reduced to the utmost simplicity in order to concentrate on the spreading of Theosophy. Many young, intelligent, and even distinguished people are attracted; others are contacted who are members of respectable progressive organizations such as Rotary Clubs, Christian Science Circles and the Y.M.C.A. For purposes of talks to these organizations I have translated the works of Mr. N. Sri Ram into Spanish.

Another line of activity is participation in social work e.g., the United Nations, Vegetarianism and natural living, Animal Welfare, New Education, and so on. We feel that the Theosophical Society is an

instrument which the Masters use to initiate a new kind of society, and that its members being the advance guard of the new humanity have the duty individually and collectively of guiding mankind towards a new type and way of life, such as is depicted in the Plan of Evolution.

In Valparaiso we have a good library which is much used by members and students, but unfortunately Santiago enjoys no such facility, its former library having disintegrated and there being no funds available to replace it. Also due to lack of funds we have not been able to publish our Section organ *Fraternidad*, but fortunately we continue to receive the magazines issued by other Sections, for which we are very grateful. We are also able to obtain books from the Sections in Argentina, Mexico and Cuba.

The Secretariat maintains correspondence with isolated persons interested in Theosophy in some of the cities where there were formerly Lodges. In the south of Chile the Lodges at Valdivia, Talcahuano, Concepcion, Temuco and Los Angeles have become inactive and also in the north the Lodges at Vallenar, Coquimbo and La Serena. It is hoped to revive some of these and to form others. As General Secretary I hope to be able to undertake Theosophical lecture tours as soon as I retire from business.

The Section has its own building in Santiago which serves as the Headquarters of the Section in Chile. It contains a lecture hall, offices and library and most of the Lodges in Santiago meet and work there under the direction of the Federal Administrative Council of Santiago. There are two residential apartments in the building which produce rent, part of which is used to meet the ordinary expenses of the Section, but the greater part goes towards the rent of a building in Valparaiso in which the Lodges of the Port can meet.

The Section is greatly hampered by lack of funds and the poverty of the members generally; this causes the work to languish somewhat, but a policy is pursued of strengthening the work in the Lodges, since the Lodge is the vital unit and fundamental basis of the work of the Section. On the activity and efforts of the Lodges depends the effectiveness in depth and extension of the work in the Chilean Section and of the Society in all countries. Our aim is to preserve what

is worthwhile, to reform where possible, and to introduce what is advantageous in old forgotten truths or in new discoveries and in this way to open out new horizons and inject vitality into the body and soul of our Section, endeavoring to realize the best in ourselves and to give generously so that our fellow beings may be happy and contented.

RICARDO MICHELL A. P.,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

Statistics.—Twenty-seven Lodges sent in their annual reports which show our total membership as 910—a decrease of 20. The following Lodges failed to send in any returns: Krishna, which was constituted in the middle of the current year and Alcione, which has been inactive for a number of years and has now been declared dormant.

Department of Propaganda.—This Department, under the competent direction of Sr. Joao Batista de Brito Pinto, continues to publish articles on Theosophy and the Theosophical Society in the newspaper of this Capital “Diario de Sao Paulo”. We have already had occasion to learn of the usefulness of this publication, which information has reached us from the most diverse sources. It is this Department also that gives publicity to the work carried on in our Headquarters through the radio and the press and by distribution of Theosophical propaganda literature.

Distribution of Books Service.—This Service, now carried on under the competent direction of Sister Carmen Piza, continues to progress. We are now in process of doing the work of translating various books and other printed matter,

as follows: *The Law of Action and Reaction*, by C. Nicolls and *To the Servants of the Present Human Race*. By the Editors of *O Pensamento Ltda.* the book *The Chakras*, by C. W. Leadbeater, was printed.

We have obtained a special licence to instal a booth in Praca Clovis Bevilacqua, for the exclusive sale of Theosophical books.

O Teosofista.—Thanks to the favorable response made to the appeal at the last Convention and the circular sent to Lodges, it was possible to balance the receipts and expenditure of our official Organ *O Teosofista* which has as its purpose to unite all our members, bringing them the message of Theosophy, and at the same time serving as an excellent channel for the spread of our ideas.

Theosophical Publications.—We have lately published 90,000 leaflets, which constitutes a collection that is sufficiently appreciated for the propagation of Theosophy, namely, *Reincarnation*, *What is Theosophy*, *Man Visible and Invisible*, *Karma*, *Life after Death*, *The Power and Use of Thought*. When this work is finished we shall start printing ten booklets in the Spanish language, the translations of which are ready now.

Meetings.—The National Section, with the collaboration of Lodges which have their headquarters in this Capital, commemorated the Society's Festival Days.

We celebrated our National Convention in this Capital from 14th to 16th April, during the course of which various administrative matters were discussed relating to the life of this Section and the working of the Lodges. For a better understanding of the work relating to the Lodges this Section published a special leaflet entitled *Rules for the Functioning of a Theosophical Lodge*, with authoritative articles by Dr. Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater, and these were distributed on that occasion.

This Section has also promoted three campaigns intended to raise funds for the following purposes: Tibetan refugees in India; new Library Building at Adyar Headquarters; *O Teosofista*.

Federation of Lodges in Rio de Janeiro.—It is with great satisfaction that we note the ever-increasing activities of this Federation, which has purchased its own Headquarters. Situated in Rua Imperatriz Leopoldina, Rio de Janeiro, in one of the most central areas, it will certainly facilitate the development of Theosophical work in this former Federal Capital. Thus has been realized a dream of old and loyal servers in the cause of Theosophy. Congratulations to all those who contri-

buted to the realization of such a magnificent enterprise, which will furnish, without doubt, new and greater possibilities for the work, renew and increase the enthusiasm of all those companions who fight for the spreading of our ideals.

Federation of Theosophical Lodges in Sao Paulo.—There has definitely been during the past few months an intensification of the work of this Federation. According to the report the loan on their Headquarters has been considerably reduced. Congratulations to the Federation for their endeavor to get free of the loan which weighs so heavily on the members.

Lodges.—Reports received show that the Lodges maintain a constant activity. Some seek to extend their range of activity, endeavoring to awaken, in persons in other localities, an interest in the study of Theosophy. Magnificent is the work done in these directions. They seek also to start new Groups for the study of Theosophy, which it is hoped will later develop into new Lodges of this Section.

We wish to express the desire that the work we have outlined above may be felt to be a spiritual joy proportionate to the duty that has been accomplished.

ARMANDO SALES,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

There is a growing interest in occult and spiritual subjects in Iceland. The Theosophical Society is steadily expanding. The number of members increased from 427 to 464 during the last year of our activities that ended on the 30th of September last. New members are 50, 5 died, 4 resigned and 4 lapsed.

At the annual Convention held the 25th of September 1960, I was re-elected General Secretary. The executive council held regular meetings once each month, with the exception of two months in summer. I had regular consultation-time for members and interested friends.

Last January I started to issue regular monthly newsletters for members to strengthen the tie between the individual member and the General Secretary. These deal with our activities in general and give advice for efficient work. Members are invited to send their comments and questions.

We held a Theosophical week in the beginning of the winter when public lectures were given. Interested non-members were often invited to Lodge meetings.

But the outstanding event in our efforts to spread Theosophy and introduce our Society to the public, was the visit of Srimati Rukmini Devi and her party, in the beginning of August.

There was held a public introduction to Indian culture, at which Srimati Rukmini Devi and Sri Sankara Menon gave lectures and Srimati Sarada Devi Indian religious dances. It was very well attended and long afterwards we were receiving questions about the Society.

As usual there were two study groups, specially for those who want to study the more difficult part of the Theosophical teaching. A Summer School was held in June; Mlle. Pascaline Mallet was the main lecturer, but besides her, 5 members gave

lectures and 10 gave talks in symposiums. This school was attended by 60 to 70 members.

Twice this year the executive council and leaders of the Lodges met to discuss how the work of the Lodges could be made better and more efficient. This resulted in some changes being made, mainly to increase the part that each member takes in the work. Now each Lodge selects a special theme or subject to be studied and discussed at a special meeting once a month during the year. These meetings are intended to be less formal and the subject approached through reading, discussions, short talks and questions and answers. They are open only for members of the Lodge concerned. Other meetings are open as usual and for all members of the Theosophical Society. Not all Lodges have started this yet. Two new Lodges have been founded.

A group of Young Theosophists was formed in Iceland when Srimati Rukmini Devi was here. The young men have already started their work. They are preparing a public book-exhibition, to be held in December, of the occult and spiritual literature that has appeared during the last few decades in the Icelandic, Scandinavian and English languages. They are already also working on further projects, and have started three study-groups of six each for their members; informal meetings where they meet to discuss and learn together. All in accordance with the notion that close personal acquaintance and informal meeting of a few are most suitable for young people.

The magazine of the Section was published regularly. The Order of Service did its efficient and necessary work as usual, *e.g.*, collected money for refugees.

The wind blows in favor of Theosophy in Iceland. Never do reports fully

describe it. The real work is only written in the human soul. Our Society is a subjective whole, an edifice built up by the lives of individual members, by what they are, not what they seem to be. Organizations and modes of work are outer manifestations of that inner reality

and should be judged as such. Only an act done in the spirit of real brotherhood is of value in building up the inner whole.

SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

The year under report for our Section shows a stable and peaceful development. Unhappily, during this period, our General Secretary, Mr. Felix Bermudes, who was a great Theosophist and like a father to every member, passed away and the office of General Secretary of the Portuguese Section was taken over by the writer of this report.

During the year our Section had the honor of the visit of Miss Pascaline Mallet and Michel Caracostea, who helped our work by giving public lectures, and attending the meetings of the Lodges. They were received with the most fraternal enthusiasm by our members.

As General Secretary, I visited Huizen during the International Week in August, with the Council Secretary—my wife—and other Portuguese members. Other Portuguese members attended the Summer School at Ordino (Andorra).

Concerning the membership, we must report that during the year, 20 new members were admitted and 2 re-admitted, but against that, we lost three by death. We have now a total number of 163 members.

The work in the Section has been carried on as usual. The work in the Lodges has gone on steadily, with fortnightly or weekly meetings.

We have the pleasure to inform you that the Lodge Koot Hoomi, which was dormant during some years, was revived under my direction and continues its activities with good attendances. Unfortunately, Lodge Horus is now dormant because of the death of its President.

Our old servers are continuing to be as active as possible and many young members have shown a great enthusiasm to increase the life of our Section.

In spring, one of the best workers of our Section, Mr. Chaves Cruz, led a course of lectures called "Higher Course of Theosophy"—an introduction to the study of *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. B.—and the writer of this report held an Elementary Course on Theosophy. Both were very well attended.

On the 4th October, after the holidays, we began our Theosophical year, with public meetings every week. Mr. Chaves Cruz is continuing his Course and

another old worker, Mr. Martins de Almeida, has been giving some lectures about "Saint Germain".

We are optimistic concerning our work and we hope that our Section will prosper

in upholding the great Ideals of Theosophy.

DELIO NOBRE SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

Our total membership on September 30th, was 165 as compared with 174 in our last report. The number of out-goings (total 15) was due to the loss of 5 members by death and 7 members lapsed. The lapsings were mainly unattached members living in distant areas of the Section. Two members resigned and one transferred to England. There were only two new members during the period but four members transferred to our Section.

In an area like Wales with unattached members in districts out of touch with local Lodges or Centres, it is difficult to maintain effective contact though every effort is made through the Journal and by correspondence. We are in need of a keen F.T.S. attached to the National Staff with time and energy to travel to districts where there is a nucleus of members where, owing to lack of local leadership, little is done to spread the message of Theosophy. This would also help our weaker Lodges.

There is undoubtedly still much ignorance or misunderstanding about the work of the Society in Britain. Rarely do we hear anything about our work outside our own Lodges. We, in Britain, fail to make contact through the B.B.C. How can we remedy this? Is it not possible to publish a magazine suitable for the public? Our Journal in the British Isles in its present form is still mainly for members only.

Our Headquarters in Wales is hampered by the absence of a resident caretaker and

there is at present no clerical help. The General Secretary is not able to be at H.Q. as often as she used to be when her friend, the late National Treasurer, Gladys Craven, who had a car, worked closely with her. Miss Craven's sudden death was a serious blow to the Section. The present National Treasurer, Mrs. V. G. Wales, lives at Penarth. I hope very soon to find suitable accommodation which will be nearer to our Headquarters.

Lodges and Centres.—There is nothing fresh to report. The two active Lodges, Cardiff and Colwyn Bay, continue to do good work through regular meetings for members and for the public. Attendance of the public, however, continues to be disappointing.

Annual Convention.—This was held in Cardiff in June with Mrs. Ransom as our guest of honor. We were so happy to have her with us and she referred to the fact that she really belonged to Wales. The very successful Convention with her as our leader was I think her last engagement from London before the sad accident happened which has now taken her from this plane. She was looking so well and strong and full of life. Her memory will always live with us and her spirit will surely continue to help us.

Contact with other Organizations.—Contacts are still maintained by our members. The result of the Refugee Year in Wales was outstanding. The International Musical Eisteddfod which is now held annually in Llangollen, North Wales, is

doing splendid work in bringing together the young people of many nations through music and dance. At the 13th festival, 31 countries were represented.

I listen regularly to broadcasts in Welsh and English from the pulpits of our Churches and Chapels and from discussion groups. The message of Theosophy is often heard though not given under that name. The motto of our country which has come down the ages, "Y GWIR YN ERBYN Y BYD" (Truth will prevail against the things of this world), is not forgotten and we are hopeful that the

message of Theosophy is really spreading.

Dr. Besant said when she granted the Section the Charter in 1922, "I hope much from this banding together of our Celtic brethren in Wales, for they have a special culture of their own and a form of the Narrow Ancient Way from Druidic sources which should add a valuable ray of Light." This message continues to inspire us who belong to this nation.

E. CLAUDIA OWEN,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

Lodge Morya.—The Lodge has carried out a programme of spreading Theosophy and general information concerning world affairs. The President led the instruction course, reading and commenting on the following subjects: "The Law of Cause and Effect"; "The Cycles of Reincarnation"; "The Importance of Meditation"; using the writings of various authors.

Lodge Pallas Atenea.—Continuing the practice established at its foundation, its meetings are round-table affairs, with members and visitors participating. As our basic study we took the works of H. P. Blavatsky, Annie Besant, N. Sri Ram, *Light on the Path*, *Roso de Luna*—and other writers. We did not forget the work at the Headquarters, this being a complementary activity. We have a project for making of this Lodge a centre for circularizing the teachings to cultural centres. During the year we held 50

meetings with an average attendance of 14 persons.

Lodge Harmonia.—The principal subjects considered by the Lodge were: "The Value of a Theosophical Lodge in its Intellectual and Mystical Aspects"; "National and World Events in the Light of Theosophy". In this Lodge the feminine element has predominated, with special characteristics, which have created an atmosphere appropriate for study along the lines of mysticism.

Adyar Group.—This Group is under the patronage of Lodge Harmonia. It meets regularly with a good attendance of members. It commemorated Adyar Day on the 7th February.

Lodge Vidya.—The members meet the first and third Thursdays in each month. They read and comment on selections from Theosophical literature, as well as *Thoughts for Aspirants* and other books

by Mr. N. Sri Ram, which are found very useful for study.

Lodge Blavatsky.—Its President, Bro. Francisco Lombardo, deals with the classical themes of Theosophy. The audience listens with much attention to his expositions, readings and commentaries.

Lodge Ariel.—The members have studied and commented upon different points contained in *The Secret Doctrine* teachings, and *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, with a few other writings, finding in the works mentioned an inexhaustible well of material. To these readings they also add the articles of Mr. N. Sri Ram and other general material.

Lodge Karma-Marga.—The work of this Lodge takes the form of leadership by the

members; each month a member takes charge. Its principal work is to study carefully the fundamental doctrines of Reincarnation, Karma and the Law of Evolution.

The membership remains stationary, and the National Section continues to be made up of seven Lodges, and in each Lodge there is on their registers the regular minimum of seven members.

At the end of this period of three years I shall hand over the General Secretaryship to my successor, and I feel sure that he, with great possibilities before him, will furnish a new and vigorous impulse.

ANIBAL LISSARDY,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

At the close of the year 30th September 1960 our membership was 93. Five new members joined, two passed away and one resigned.

Our seven Lodges, four in San Juan, one in Mayaguez, one in Arecibo and one in Utuado are doing very good work. Our Journal *Heraldo* is published bi-monthly and according to letters received from South and Central America members find it very useful for their work, as we translate into Spanish the best articles from magazines received from all the Sections and thus give an opportunity to our brothers who do not speak English to benefit from their teachings.

Our radio programme continues on the air Sunday mornings without fail, conducted by our faithful brother Gonzalez Quinones.

We have celebrated all the festivals of the year including United Nations Day. One of our members, Dr. M. A. Charneco, who holds a very high position in the

Department of State, gave us a fine talk about the work of the United Nations in our country and throughout the world.

Our Convention was held April 17th. It was a most enthusiastic gathering; it is the only time in the year that members from all over the Section meet and it is really a very happy event. We had a fine attendance from all the Lodges of the Island and San Juan. Plans were proposed for improvements in our work; new ideas were brought forward by some of the members as to ways to make the meetings attractive to new-comers. At the close of the session members parted hopefully with more energy and decided to work harder in the coming year.

Carmen Lopez, President of Lodge Luz en el Sendero, Gonzalez Quinones, President of Logia Jinarjadāsa, Rafael Arabia, a member, and I visited the Arecibo Lodge on March 22nd. The members were very happy to receive us and the interchange of ideas about the work was very useful.

Carmen Lopez, her mother Lolita de Gonzalez and I attended the Convention held in Miami sponsored by the Southern Federation in U.S.A. The knowledge one acquires on these occasions and the contact with members from other Sections helps one to carry on the work in one's own Section.

Salvador Sendra and his wife, Biascochea and Mrs. Biascochea, and Amparo Arana who visited India last year visited us to give us information about the wonderful trip they had. They visited Hawaii, Japan, many towns in India and stayed in Adyar invited by our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. Sendra showed beautiful

pictures of Adyar, Kalakshetra, Krishnamurti's camp, interesting places in India, Japan and other countries; these were much enjoyed by the members. They praised very highly the courtesy that they received from our dear President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, the members of the staff and friends that they met in Adyar. They were very much impressed with the beauty and peace of our beloved Centre Adyar.

Elections for General Secretary were held this year at our Convention. I was nominated again for the fourth period.

ESPERANZA HOPGOOD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

No Report

CEYLON

It is my privilege and duty to place on record our deep sense of appreciation of the long period of devoted, self-effacing service which our late brother, Edward Kelaart, rendered to the Besant Lodge and to the Theosophical Society in Ceylon as National Secretary.

The communal disturbances in 1958, two general elections and other disturbing factors which the whole country has experienced for the past two years, have adversely affected the activities of the various Lodges and the Society as a whole. Consequently there has not been

much progress nor sustained activity to report from many of the Lodges. While some of these Lodges have remained more or less dormant, others have continued to hold regular meetings, particularly those Lodges in the out-stations which meet at the residences of their Lodge Presidents such as Lotus at Pasyala and Vasanta at Horana. The Shanti Lodge at Meepawala in the Galle District has adopted the method of keeping in contact with members who have been transferred to outlying areas, through correspondence courses in Theosophy.

It has been decided to appoint special sub-committees composed of members and office-bearers of the Section, to assist the various Lodges in reviving their activities, and revitalizing the work of the Society as a whole.

An event of outstanding interest to our members was the visit of Mr. Felix Layton and Mrs. Eunice Layton in September 1959. Dr. L. J. Bendit, General Secretary of the English Section, and Mrs. Phoebe Bendit were another couple who graced our Headquarters Hall with their presence and gave lectures to the members.

We have great pleasure in welcoming to our midst, as members of Lanka Lodge, Dr. K. P. Mukherjee and Mrs. Maya Mukherjee, who were long-standing members of the Indian Section, and have transferred their membership to the Ceylon Section, where Dr. Mukherjee has recently taken up an appointment at Vidyodaya University. Dr. Mukherjee is no stranger to this country as he served as a member of the staff of the University of Ceylon over ten years ago.

Mrs. Jeanie Bleakley is one member whose genial presence at all the meetings of the Lanka Lodge, of which she was an ardent member, and of the Section as well as at our annual Conventions, will be greatly missed by all who knew her intimately or came in contact with her. Her departure from the Island on retirement, after more than 35 years of service in this country, has caused a sense of personal loss and created a void which it would be difficult to fill.

The President accompanied by Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram arrived in Colombo on 31st July. At the airport the President was interviewed by the Tamil Section of Radio Ceylon. Later that evening he met members at a Social gathering at the residence of Mr. D. L. F. Pedris, Vice-

President of the Ceylon Section of the Society, where he addressed members informally.

The next day, an all-day Convention was held at Sri Palee, Horana, an Educational Centre situated in delightful and peaceful rural surroundings, twenty-six miles from the City of Colombo. The President opened the Convention with an inspiring address, and later in the afternoon spoke on "Freedom Within and Without". All who were present carried away memories of the Convention, inspired and elevated by Brother Sri Ram's simple yet beautiful Convention addresses.

At the Convention, we held our annual meeting of the Section Council where the following Office-bearers were elected: President, Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q.C.; Vice-President, Mr. D.L.F. Pedris; National Secretary, Mr. S.N.B. Wijeyekoon; Asst. National Secretary, Mr. F.H.P. Joseph; Treasurer, Mr. B. J. Thiedeman.

A vote of condolence on the death of Mr. E. L. Kelaart was passed at Convention. Heavy responsibilities fell on him as National Secretary of the Section which he discharged with enthusiasm and cheerfulness despite his failing health.

The President stayed in Colombo for three more days, and gave two public lectures. At the first of these lectures, which was under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., he chose as his subject the very interesting topic "East and West". The second public lecture was under the auspices of Sir James Pieris Trust. The title of this lecture was "The World at the Cross-Roads". Both lectures attracted a very large attendance.

The President's last engagement was to meet members of Lanka Lodge at an informal gathering on the eve of his departure for Singapore.

N. K. CHOKSY,
General Secretary.

GREECE

During the past 12 months the Greek Section has been very active. The Lodges have worked steadily during the whole year. New members have joined the Theosophical Society in Greece and the total of the membership amounts now to 250. The most important event of the year is the formation of a new Lodge composed of young people, mostly students of Athens University, who are very active and very enthusiastic workers. The new Lodge took the name "Allagi" which means Change with the purpose to renew the Section and the methods of work. The young people brought new energy and many hopes for the future of our Section. Meetings are held regularly three times a week with a good attendance. The members put questions and discuss in a friendly atmosphere the chosen subjects obtaining in this way a great understanding. The new Lodge took up in its programme the study of H. P. Blavatsky's work *The Secret Doctrine*.

During the year under review we had the privilege of welcoming many dis-

tinguished visitors from overseas: Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Bendit; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton; Professor and Mrs. Haas, all of whom gave fine lectures for which we were deeply grateful. I also had the privilege to welcome to Athens, Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab and Mr. Sankara Menon. Unfortunately they came at a time when the Lodges are closed and the members are dispersed due to summer vacations and for this reason they did not meet the members.

Our magazine *Ilisos* continues with four issues yearly.

Our Theosophical Publishing House brought out the little book by C. W. Leadbeater *To Those Who Mourn* translated by G. S. G. Vliamos.

The White Lotus Day was commemorated as usual in our Headquarters.

I consider the year 1959-60 most promising for the future of our Section.

G. VLIAMOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The most important event in the work of the Section was the celebration of the second Central American Theosophical Convention, held in the city of San Salvador from 4th to 6th August 1960, which was also in fact the commemoration of the Jubilee of Lodge Teotl and the inauguration of the new building which is the Lodge's own property. The success of this Convention was due to the work of each and every member of Lodge Teotl, who by their perseverance and self-sacrifice brought the affair to a happy termination. Unfortunately the General Secretary was

unable to be present but he was worthily represented by Sister Señorita Esther de Mezerville, one of the pillars of the Theosophical movement in South America, who performed the task in a most brilliant manner. Present at the Convention were also members of Lodge Teotl of Salvador, and members from Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

Señora dona Carmen Brannon, known in the world of letters as Claudia Lars, gave an interesting account of the beginnings of the Theosophical movement in Salvador, in which her father Señor Pedro

Patricio Brannon, who met H. P. B. in London, played a leading part. Brother don Salvador Sagastiza gave a brief history of the development of the movement in El Salvador and Professor don Emilio Narvaez Garcia lectured on "The Divine Plan" and "The Creation of Our Cosmos" and "The Evolution of the Human Races". Lodge Virya of San José (Costa Rica) presented a work entitled "Relation of Theosophy to the Cultural Evolution of the World".

An item of interest is that due to the persuasion of Sister Helen S. Leonholdt, of Lodge Teotl, the sum of \$26.40 was received in contributions to the Add-a-Brick fund for the Adyar Library new building.

Regarding other work done in the past year, the Lodges worked in a most efficient way. The Lodges in Costa Rica,

with which I have the most intimate contact, worked actively, as did also Lodge Virya under the direction of Sister Laudelina Longhi, and Lodge Shakti under the direction of Bro. don Arturo Jimenez Zavaleta.

Our Theosophical Bulletin deserves a special paragraph. Under the editorship of our indefatigable Brother don Miguel Monge Echandi, the Bulletin gains in popularity and prestige, not only in the Lodges in Central America but in other countries outside the Section. I wish to put on record the devoted and constant work of Brother Miguel Monge Echandi who, in spite of his indifferent health and his multiple occupations, serves our movement in this self-sacrificing manner.

JOSÉ JOAQUIN ULLOA Z.,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

No Report

THE PHILIPPINES

The Section, on this its twenty-eighth year of existence, finds itself with less than a dozen of those members who actively took part in its organization in 1933. It had lost a great number of its members during the last war and at present it has only about one-third of its original numerical strength. The Section, however, has always maintained, except during the war years, a steady activity, thanks to the tireless efforts of the few remaining old-timers, helped and supported by the eager newcomers, among whom we are fortunate to have a good number of youthful and devoted workers,

While the Theosophical movement first reached the Philippines in 1911 when the Oriental Theosophical Society was organized and had branches in the several provinces of the Islands, it was short-lived and failed to attach itself to Adyar. It was only in 1925 when two Lodges were organized in Cebu and Manila under the American Section, that the work began which culminated in the organization of the Philippines Section eight years later.

Up to the present the time during which the Section existed may be divided into three periods, viz.: 1933-1941—the pre-war period devoted mostly to the study

of Theosophy; 1942-1945—the period of the Japanese occupation during which the work went underground; and the post-war period, 1946 up to the present, when the work may be said to be more devoted to the practical application of the teachings.

Of tangible results of the work, there is very little which might be mentioned: the National Headquarters building built in 1947 out of a second-hand quonset hut on a lot donated by one of the members is now more or less dilapidated and a new semi-concrete two-storey building is under construction on the same site as the old one. We have a small library of a few hundred books, which like the old headquarters are much worn out after doing yeoman service.

Of intangible results of Theosophical work, who can definitely say? Many lives made happier and more bearable because of contact with Theosophy and the Society; a few hundred individuals who have been on the Society's rolls and no doubt made better and more civic-minded citizens because of such fortunate contact; their influence, however slight, could not but be salutary to this small country now passing through the usual growing pains of a young Republic—these among others of more occult nature may perhaps be mentioned.

It is in the firm belief that they are performing some truly beneficial work in

trying to live the Theosophical life and disseminating the teachings, that our members tirelessly follow the routine of attending Lodge meetings, holding inter-Lodge programmes, giving and attending public lectures, celebrating red-letter days in the Theosophical calendar, paying their dues and spending as much of their money as they can for the work and, holding other happy brotherly reunions, together renew their pledge of dedicated service in the cause of Universal Brotherhood.

During the year the visit of Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale and party last April had helped to place more prominently before the public Theosophy and the Theosophical Society in conjunction with her public presentation of Indian ancient dances, which attracted wide attention among the people and the press in Manila. Mrs. Arundale also gave a public lecture at the Philippines Town Hall and a members' lecture at the Masonic Temple. We are indeed very much beholden to her and her companions for the great help they gave the work here.

Mention should also be made of the work of the Theosophical Youth Movement whose activities, in co-ordination with those of the Section, have been of invaluable help to the latter.

DOMINGO ARGENTE,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

During the course of this year there were 42 new admissions and 8 re-admissions, but 29 dropped their membership and one, our dear brother Ramon Martinez R., passed away leaving a total of 166 active members, which means that we have increased our membership by 20 members.

My work this year was interrupted for six months because of my husband's illness. Notwithstanding this interruption Brothers Miguel Angel Medina and Ricardo Lopez helped me to keep up my correspondence and other work.

It is significant that our pamphlet *Theosophic Selection* has increased to

1,500 numbers for each publication. The Publications Committee, which is formed by Brothers Walter Ballesteros and Corina Martinez Sanders, have continued their very commendable work which has been to publish and issue every three months.

This year we had the wonderful news about the foundation of a new Theosophical Centre in Guayaquil (Ecuador) which will have the name White Lotus Flower.

Brother Miguel Angel Medina published 30,000 booklets *What is Theosophy?*

by L. W. Rogers and presented them to the General Secretary for free distribution. As you can see we are working actively in order to propagate the Theosophical idea, thanks to the great help of this brother.

The Lodges are all working well and in great harmony. We have very active Presidents who are true Theosophists.

CARMEN C. DE VENGOECHEA,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

The Theosophical Society in East Africa is composed of 20 Lodges spread in four territories of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar and with few communication facilities of rail, road and air being available it is a great task for the Headquarters at Zanzibar to maintain links with Lodges except by correspondence. However, with the exception of the Nile Theosophical Lodge in Uganda, all the Lodges have carried on the Theosophical work throughout the year fairly well.

It is regretted that I, as the General Secretary, have not been able to visit many Lodges during the year owing to personal reasons, and the most needy Lodges in Tanganyika in particular have had no visit from any worker of the Section.

Membership.—The membership records are not yet complete as the yearly reports from some Lodges have not been received but I estimate that our number is now 900 counting all members whose names are on the rolls.

Annual Convention.—The main event of the year was the annual Convention which was held at Eldoret during the Easter holidays and the Highland Lodge was the host for the first time. Eldoret is

situated in the Kenya Highlands—some 500 miles from the coast. About 100 delegates from nearby Lodges assembled under the leadership of Mr. J. D. Shah who presided in my absence due to the sudden demise of my nephew. The Convention was very successful and the delegates, who attended for the first time, experienced real brotherly spirit and highly spiritual influence.

Return from the School of the Wisdom.—Two prominent members, Mr. H. S. Patel and Mrs. Bapeiben M. Baria of the Unity Lodge, Mombasa, have returned to East Africa having completed their course at the School of the Wisdom and it is hoped that they will strengthen the Section by the knowledge gained by them. The Unity Lodge of Mombasa is fortunate in having these members back who will augment their already strong band of workers who can be compared with any in the world.

Overseas Visitors.—The Nairobi Lodge was singularly fortunate in having visits by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and Miss Clara M. Codd who broke their journey at Nairobi *en route* to South Africa. Both delivered public lectures and addressed members' meetings.

Donation of a Plot of Land to Nairobi Lodge.—It was a unique event for the Nairobi Lodge when one of their devoted and prominent members, Mr. R. H. Patel, donated a plot of land in a peaceful and beautiful area of Nairobi. The members of the Nairobi Lodge are now raising funds to erect a building and, although the circumstances of the country have greatly changed recently, I sincerely hope they will be successful in collecting enough funds for their requirements.

Entertainment Programmes.—Many Lodges arranged occasional film shows, picnics and other programmes in order to give opportunity to members' families and friends and general public to gather together and form bonds of friendship.

Lodge Libraries.—Each Lodge has a small Library but Nairobi, Mombasa, Zanzibar and Dar-es-Salaam Lodges have libraries from which most of our Theosophical literature may be borrowed.

Book Stall.—The book stall run by the Nairobi Lodge was once again a very successful adventure under the managership of Mr. H. E. Amrolia. From 1st October 1960, this book stall will be run by the Section and it is hoped that the cause of Theosophy will spread over a still wider field. I thank Mr. H. E. Amrolia for his splendid service.

Bulletin Beacon.—This monthly bulletin of the Highland Lodge Eldoret has been taken over by the Section from its May issue. Its size and matter have been improved by the Editor, Mr. J. J. Amin,

and it is sent to each member through his Lodge.

International Convention at Adyar 1959.—Several members attended the Convention and were able to pass on the inspiration they received to the fellow members of their Lodge on their return.

Adyar Library Building Fund.—The appeal for this fund has been responded to by almost all the Lodges and the collections have been as liberal as could be expected in the present circumstances.

Religious Forum.—The Padma Lodge of Jinja arranged a symposium on Religions when learned persons of the respective faiths spoke on the contribution of their religion to the world. The worthy President of the Padma Lodge and his colleagues are to be congratulated for their unique contribution under the second Object of the Theosophical Society.

Youth Members.—I am particularly happy to report that during the year under review several young boys and girls have joined the Society. I consider this a sure sign of progress as they will take over the work as a natural course when older members retire.

In conclusion, may I invoke the Blessings of the Great Ones on this Continent which is emerging from its long slumber. May the people of this country live in peace and harmony as members of one human family and contribute their share for the advancement of all people.

V. H. KAPADIA,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

The strength of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan for the year 1960 remains practically the same. During the year eleven new members were enrolled,

but as against that we lost 17 by death, resignation, transfers and lapses. The number of Lodges in the Section continues to be seven with two

Centres, at Jessore and Dacca in East Pakistan.

Most of the Lodges have continued their usual activities. The Karachi Lodge is the most active; during the year weekly public lectures, members' meetings, and study classes were held. The Lodge has an active programme of the Theosophical Order of Service under which it holds weekly healing and service group meetings. A number of members of the Lodge are actively engaged in social work in the city. The Adult Education project of the Lodge conducted courses in education during the year. Through the kind donation of \$500.00 by UNESCO, the Lodge is improving its Children's Library which will be one of its major projects in 1961.

A number of Theosophists visited the Section during the year under report: Mr. Albert Sassi of Switzerland; Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton of the United States; Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta of India, and Mrs. E. M. Lavender of England were among those who gave lectures on Theosophy, and were helpful in deepening the members' understanding of Theosophy. The Theosophical Society in Pakistan is most grateful to all these visitors for the help they have given to the work of the Section. Miss Savitri Advani, one of Karachi's old members, was able to revisit the city through the kind invitation of the Theosophical Fellowship of Service, and gave secretarial assistance to the Presidential Agent.

During the year I was able to visit the Hyderabad Lodge twice, but due to extensive travelling in other parts of the world during 1960 I was unable to visit other Lodges in Pakistan. Early in the year I was fortunate, again through the generosity of the Theosophical Fellowship of Service and the invitation of the Australian Section of the Theosophical Society, to attend the first Indo-Pacific Conference held in Wallacia, Australia, and to be its guest speaker. After the Conference I visited Sydney, Melbourne, Launceston, Adelaide and Perth, and gave lectures to the public and members' groups at all these places. I also contacted many social services being carried out in Australia, more particularly the work for the blind, and the Flying Doctor Service, as well as the Radio Correspondence School. The trip was a very exhilarating experience. On the return I visited Indonesia, Malaya and Singapore and lectured by invitation at their respective Lodges. Again during the year I had the pleasure of presiding over the Bombay Theosophical Federation.

The Section hopes to carry on its work with renewed zeal and faith in the coming year. Visits to all the Lodges of the Section have been planned for 1961, and it is hoped that the smaller Lodges will gain in strength during the year. The expenses of travel due to long distances continues to be the major obstacle in the development of the work in Pakistan.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYA AND SINGAPORE

The past year has been a fruitful one from the standpoint of increased membership and increased interest in Theosophy in outlying districts of Malaya.

We now have seven regular chartered Lodges: Singapore, Selangor, Penang, Seremban, Perak, Malacca and Temerloh, enough for a National Section, but

because Singapore is legally a separate national territory, and also because we want a stable foundation we expect it will be some time before we can be other than a Federation.

We have prospects for future Lodges in our Centres at Raub (Pahang), Kuantan (Pahang), Johore Bahru (Johore), Muar (Johore), and we also have an unofficial centre in Alor Star (Kedah) where the Penang Lodge President, Dato Dr. Cheah Toon Lok, is exerting his influence. We are very proud of the Dato who joined the Society about 10 years ago, and whose Theosophical knowledge stands him in good stead in his newly acquired political activities. He is the supreme head of the 3,000,000 Chinese in Malaya, with the Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman as his counterpart as head of the Malays; emphasis on his being an exemplary Theosophist will be a means of popularizing the importance of Theosophy in this part of the world.

The 1961 annual Convention will be held about the middle of March in Seremban and it is hoped it will be as successful as the one held the previous year in Malacca.

Tours of Members.—Mr. P. C. Harper, President of Selangor Lodge, went to Europe on holiday during the early part

of the year, and Mr. Kirpal Singh, Chief Radio Engineer of Radio Malaya, has recently returned from a trip round the world *via* Japan, the United States and Europe, giving quite a good number of lectures on the way on spiritual subjects. Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Yeang will be leaving Penang about the end of February on a world tour by air and will be back about mid-June.

World-wide Divine Love Radiation Service.—Directly as a result of our message to the Indo-Pacific Conference, we started this Peace project from the point of view of a private individual without involving the status of the Theosophical Society. The Peace pamphlet is so worded that there is no reference to any particular religion, creed, dogma or society. Although the original intention was to print only 10,000 copies, since May of last year more than 120,000 copies have been distributed throughout the world, and we are now dealing with the next 30,000 copies. The response from every quarter has been most enthusiastic and encouraging and, a lady in Munich has printed, entirely on her own account, 2,000 copies of an abridged edition in German.

C. H. YEANG,
Organizing Secretary.

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland has had a year of solid work, and a number of its members have had new contacts and experiences and have achieved changed points of view. In a small group, in which there is a strong family feeling, this seems valuable and important, though it produces no change in our statistics. In reviewing statistics it is interesting to note that out of the last 50

new members 27 were men, and of the last 20, 12 were men, so that there is a steadily maintained trend over a number of years towards a more even distribution of the sexes in an organization at one time very predominantly female. Twenty-three out of our current membership of 55 are men, more than 40 per cent.

We were delighted to have with us as our guests at our Convention in May

Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab. And in June we had a brief but very happy visit from Miss Clara Codd. During the summer several of our members attended

our English-speaking Regional Summer School.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

ISRAEL

Israel, being herself still in her infancy, is nevertheless rapidly becoming the trusted friend and instructress not only of scores of the newly emerging nations of the Asian and African continents but also of long-established countries like Nepal and Abyssinia. After having accomplished the "Ingathering of the Exiles" in a remarkably short amount of time—hundreds of thousands of Jews, displaced persons as well as voluntary immigrants—she succeeded in knitting them together into a close national unit in spite of their widely diverging backgrounds, cultural, economic and historic, of their previous home lands spread over all the four corners of the earth. Simultaneously, she created a modern, democratic society where a unique form of co-operative living was evolved.

Delegations from numerous far-away countries are flocking into Israel literally every day learning our new way of life. Seminaries with hundreds of scholarships granted by the Israeli Government, conventions, excursions and study-groups are continuously organized so that guest-students of many shadings of skin may become acquainted with our methods and return eventually to their respective countries as tutors of their own people and as heralds of an era of friendship and co-operation. In such a general atmosphere of Theosophy in action one cannot help feeling that Israel might be one of the instruments chosen as a sort of inter-continental training ground where new ways and means are being developed of

peaceful co-existence between individuals as well as nations.

Our Theosophical work during the year under review continued in the usual way with Lodge meetings and public lectures in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Haifa. Three new members were added to our list and one brother, Dr. Noah Braon, died, so that our total membership now stands at 83.

Upon the request of the Recording Secretary, the undersigned acted as her agent and on her behalf in carrying out the voting procedure regarding the Presidential Election, with 67 members eligible to vote and 57 voting slips returned. The re-election of Mr. N. Sri Ram to this high office was warmly welcomed by our members.

Generous donations for our library were received and gratefully accepted from Austria and from the U.S.A.: Dr. Norbert Lauppert, the Austrian General Secretary, sent us a whole set of German books, in duplicate, edited by the Adyar-Verlag, Graz, as a personal gift from the Austrian Treasurer, Mrs. Maria Gruber; Brother S. L. Flatow presented us in the name of the Brooklyn Lodge with *Isis Unveiled*, *The Kingdom of the Gods* and *Music through the Ages*. Further offers were made by Miss Ann Kerr, National Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America, and Mrs. Stella Rasumoff, Librarian of our Society in Miami, which might add in due course most valuable reading-matter to our library. In all these cases, our dear

friend, Brother John Coats, Chairman of the European Council, was no doubt instrumental by drawing the attention of our fellow-members abroad to our needs by means of requests in various Theosophical periodicals. Our heartfelt thanks to all and each of the above donors!

Two of our members, Mrs. Frieda Deutsch and Miss Mira Weisz, both hailing from Yugoslavia, visited the Huizen Centre last August, and the former was able to attend our Summer School at Pichl, Austria, as well, thus strengthening our ties with our brethren on the European continent. On the other hand, Professor Dr. Ir. A. M. Haas, Vice-Chairman

of the European Federation, visited Israel, with his wife, on the invitation of the Israel Institute of Technology but owing to adverse circumstances we were not able to make contact with him on this occasion—very much to our regret!

Our News-Bulletin *Theosophie in Israel* which we continue to issue in German, English, French and Hebrew is being distributed amongst our members and friends, here and abroad, free of charge, and as it appears to be in steadily increasing demand we had to raise the number of copies printed by approximately 20 per cent.

HANS ZEUGER,
Presidential Agent.

JAPAN

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VIET-NAM

The General Council.—This is the third and last year of the term of our General Council which has at present 12 members.

Activities.—From the various and new activities during the past year we mention our participation in the Indo-Pacific Conference and in the first Theosophical Summer School in Viet-Nam.

At the end of December 1959, following the appeal made by Miss H. V. Zahara, General Secretary of the Australian Section, and Organizer of the Indo-Pacific Conference, a delegation of the Theosophical Society of Viet-Nam went to Sydney. Its members included the General Secretary. Thanks to this Conference we had the opportunity to study the methods of work of the main Theosophical leaders in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia and

Pakistan. The exchange of ideas was most profitable.

Our first Summer School took place in Long-Hai during Easter. The main theme was "Nature and the Spiritual Life". The beauty of the hills and of the sea lifted the thoughts of the participants to a high spiritual level. After one week the 58 members of the School departed, enriched by their experiences.

The annual Convention was held in conjunction with the Summer School. Our programme included vital discussions on the progress of our Section which assisted in a fuller realization of the Objects of the Theosophical Society.

Teaching and Diffusion of Theosophy.—With the help of our best Theosophical students, we are organizing successively

three courses for our members. The study is based mainly on the following works: *Theosophy in the 20th Century*, by Mr. Marcel Bohrer; *The Ancient Wisdom* by Dr. Annie Besant; *The Solar System* by Mr. A. E. Powell.

These courses, held weekly, are regularly attended by 60 members. Public lectures are being held monthly. Weekly question and answer meetings are well attended.

Our Review *Tim Hieu Thong-Thien-Hoc* (For a better understanding of Theosophy) is appearing bi-monthly. It is much appreciated by the public and by the intellectual classes. The Review forms also a link between the Headquarters in Saigon and the far-off Lodges in the country.

In order to neutralize the handicap of our insufficient command of English, our Review publishes regularly a French translation of "Theosophists at work around the World" from the Supplement of *The Theosophist*.

This year we published a pamphlet (5,000 copies) entitled *The Mission and Realization of Theosophy in the 20th Century*, written by Mme. Nguyen-thi-Hai, and distributed free of charge. Mr. Nguyen van Huan published 5,000 copies of the pamphlet *Summary of Theosophy* (Thong-Thien-Hoc luoc giai), the total revenue of which will benefit the Theosophical Publishing Trust.

The translation of the fundamental works on Theosophy, though desirable, is not yet possible because of financial difficulties.

Membership.—Our Section, like a young tree, has plenty of new leaves. This year one of our members passed away and others left the Society. But new members are joining. Some of the older members who lived for some years in Europe returned to Saigon, and take part now in the work of the Section. There are also a few re-admissions. The total of our

membership amounts to 594, with an increase of 37.

We are glad to report that a spirit of understanding and harmony is predominant in our Section. We are also endeavoring to keep alive the enthusiasm of the new members in the study of Theosophy.

We have many promising young members. The Lodge of the Young Theosophists is organizing group discussions, living in communities, groups of service. The Round Table and the Scout Movement are also in the stage of formation.

Lodges.—The number of our Lodges is 14—the most active are in the capital, Saigon.

Social Works.—Our main activity is the maintenance of the Theosophical Orphanage. Under the active supervision and benevolence of Doctors Cao-van-Tri and Huynh-cong-Chieu this institution takes constant care of 45 little abandoned orphans.

The financial support comes partly from the Government, from the Dung-Hanh Lodge, but above all, from the donations of Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen-van-Luong, its permanent benefactors.

Our Section adopted a plan to build a two-storied new home for the Orphanage and to return the old home to Mr. Nguyen-van-Luong. The new Orphanage will be situated near Headquarters. This gives a certain importance to our Society.

Conclusion.—Our aim in the past year has been to present the Ancient Wisdom in a manner suited to inspire our brethren to live the spiritual life. This is a difficult and arduous task because of the present political events, but we have obtained some results and hope ardently that the illuminating light of Theosophy will touch more and more human hearts. Then there will be peace to all beings.

NGUYEN-THI-HAI,
General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

This is the seventh year of activity of the Venezuela Section. Our activities undertaken between the 1st October 1959 and the 30th September 1960 were as follows:

New Members.—During the year 22 new members joined the Society. Six members of Lodge Valencia were lapsed.

Lodges.—During the year Lodge Apollonia de Tyana ceased to function. I believe that the Lodge was dissolved

because I myself was not able to visit it frequently, since the city of Valencia is at a distance of 250 kilometres from Caracas. I hope that some time we may be able to revive it.

Festivals of the year.—The 17th November and 8th May were celebrated with real enthusiasm by all the members.

PABLO BONILLA T.,
General Secretary.

WEST AFRICA

The year under review has been one of trial and testing, internally and externally. The former, a grave crisis, which might have impaired the health of the Federation, passed off happily by reason of the spirit of understanding, tolerance and brotherliness brought to bear on the discussion during Convention. The latter, a sect of the Order of Cherubim and Seraphim, which emanates from Nigeria, alienated some of our members.

Membership.—There were two deaths one of which was our Publicity Officer Mr. I. K. Achiampong who, after protracted illness which baffled our local medical skill, was flown to Tel Aviv where he succumbed to an operation. We miss this brother greatly not only because of the splendid service he rendered on Radio Ghana, but also because we had hoped he would have been an independent and full-time worker.

Mr. E. M. Affram, our Assistant Secretary, left in July for the United Kingdom where he is taking a professional course. Three other members of the Blavatsky (Accra) Lodge are also abroad: two are attached to the Ghana Embassy and the U.N. representative respectively; the third

is on scholarship studying in a University in the Philippines while a fourth (Besant Lodge) entered Toronto University, Canada. All this augurs well for us in that they will return to give us the benefit of their experiences gathered from abroad.

There have been 25 admissions and no lapses, a gain of 25. In practice a delegation calls on members who absent themselves from four consecutive meetings to ascertain the cause. Unless one showed disinterestedness for a period of two years one's name remained on the register.

Activities.—With the exception of one Lodge and a Centre all activities were fully carried out. One of our problems is the absence of public or national lecturers. Our propaganda, therefore, consists mainly in the distribution of literature. The Raja Lodge issues a quarterly newsletter.

As Organizing Secretary I was unable to give to the Lodges and Centres that personal contact which in the earlier years had been a source of inspiration to the provincials; however their secretaries occasionally visited Headquarters after Convention.

Library.—Through the kind offices of Miss Ann Kerr, National Secretary of the American Section, we had a good addition to our library. Other donors have also sent us copies of their publications. We are very grateful to all of them.

In conclusion, I have no hesitation in saying that the Federation has a promising future.

K. BRAKATU ATEKO,
Organizing Secretary.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

Statistically the Canadian Federation showed a loss of six members during the past year. This was mainly caused by the writing off of members who have been inactive. However, the slight loss of six members has been more than made up since the close of the fiscal year.

We had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Seymour Ballard in Vancouver, British Columbia, in the spring of the year, and his visit and lectures were much appreciated.

A very successful Convention was held in May at Hermes Hall, Vancouver, with the North Vancouver Lodge as the host. It was voted the best that we had held and a spirit of friendliness, good-will and inspiration held throughout the Convention. We were very pleased to welcome besides members of our Federation visitors from the American Section and the Canadian Section.

In September of this year, Mrs. Edith Latimer of Bellingham Lodge in the American Section and the Secretary of her Federation visited the Lodges in Alberta and gave a series of lectures and also tried to create interest in two cities that do not have Lodges. While no special results were apparent at the time it is hoped that the foundation has been laid for future expansion in those cities.

Lodge membership seemed to be almost at a standstill during the period from September to December, 1959, but picked up in the spring and this new increase seems to be continuing. There is no lack of interest among our regular members and students and the work goes on steadily.

JOAN S. MORRIS,
Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The outstanding event of this last year was the 23rd European Congress at Hamburg, coupled with the visit to Europe of the President of the Theosophical Society, who presided over the gathering. The Congress—very well arranged by Herr Martin Boyken and his assistants—had as a general theme “Europe in an Awakening World”. About 260 members attended from 19 countries. Many able

talks were delivered and the group discussion periods were again warmly appreciated by those who took part. Most notable, of course, were the addresses of the President which were full of inspiration and wisdom. He also warmly supported the work of the Theosophical Order of Service.

After the Congress the President visited the English Summer School at High Leigh

and on his return journey to India at the beginning of September, he stayed for a day or two both in Paris and in Greece. It is with the warmest appreciation and gratitude for what he always does for our Sections that the Federation looks forward to his next visit.

It was during the Congress Council meeting that Mr. van Dissel, after over 20 years of faithful service to the Federation work—years which included both the harrowing period of the last war as well as the extremely difficult rebuilding years which followed it—relinquished his office as General Secretary of the Federation. It is meet to record once again in this report the warm and affectionate thanks of all his many co-workers in the Federation for all he has done throughout the years. The Council elected Mr. John Coats as his successor with the title of “Chairman” to replace the former one of “General Secretary”. Professor A. M. Haas was appointed Vice-Chairman, and Madame Rachel Tripet was elected Honorary Treasurer.

The Regional work has continued effectively during the year. A most successful Summer School was held at Pichl in Austria with a large number of younger workers attending. At Gammel Præstegaard in Denmark in 1959 the Summer School led by the President and Mrs. Ransom drew a large international attendance, whilst the Summer School which has just concluded there this year drew over 100 visitors from many countries. There was no French-speaking Summer School in 1959 as passport difficulties made the Federation plans for Ordino in Andorra both unwise and impracticable.

The Regional Committee of the Pays Latins met in Geneva in October and decided amongst other things to invite Greece to become a member of the regional group. This has been accepted. Another important decision was to dis-

continue the magazine *Clarté* which had been so well supported by Belgium and Switzerland, in favour of *La Vie Théosophique* which becomes the Regional paper of these two countries and of France as well. It is being edited and printed in Paris, and the General Secretaries of Switzerland and Belgium keep in touch with the General Secretary of France to whom both news and articles from these two countries are sent. *La Vie Théosophique* will appear nine times a year and the members in all the three countries will receive *Le Lotus Bleu* six times a year as well. The pioneer work of those who worked to make *Clarté* the success it was should not go unrecognized in this report—for it has led quite simply to this new attempt on an even wider basis.

The German-speaking Regional Committee met in Basle in April with a full attendance. The most important point on the agenda was the subject of how to produce more books in the German language. The matter is receiving consideration.

These Regional Committee meetings have been accompanied by other activities in both Basle and Geneva, giving a stimulus to the local work and exemplifying that international spirit which should pervade the European work.

The three periodicals of the Federation have continued to appear throughout the year—*La Vie Théosophique* as above, in French, *Adyar* under the effective editorship of Herr Rösch in German and *Theosophy in Action* in the English language most ably produced by Mrs. Adelaide Gardner.

We are happy to welcome several new General Secretaries this year—Miss Jean Carstairs in Scotland, Herr Jörgen Winde in Denmark, Mr. A. de Pauw in Belgium and Herr Nagel in Germany. The Portuguese Section lost its much-loved General Secretary Senor Felix Bermudes

who died during the year and Professor Nobre Santos has accepted to carry on the work there; while in France Dr. Paul Thorin has been confirmed officially for a new term of office. Mr. Joris Brandt is now the President of the European Federation of Young Theosophists, which is holding an International Camp at Huizen during August.

Visitors to Europe this year included Professor and Mrs. J. B. Dorab, Srimati Radha Burnier and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton. Professor and Mrs. Dorab, who come from Agra in India, have visited the British Isles, France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden and Denmark. They attended the Conventions in England, Scotland and Belgium and on their return journey to India will visit Switzerland, Italy and Greece. They also attended the Summer School at Gammel Præstegaard.

Srimati Radha Burnier attended the Conventions in England and Scotland and visited the Summer School at Gammel Præstegaard. She has spoken amongst other subjects on the work of the Adyar Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton of the United States Section have visited Denmark, England and Scotland for the Conventions in these countries. They attended the Summer Schools in Finland and Denmark and paid short visits also to Sweden, France, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and Greece.

All these visitors from overseas paid visits to the International Centre at Huizen.

Professor Haas visited Sweden and Greece, and also Israel, which, though not one of the European nations, has nevertheless many contacts with Europe and is always happy to receive visits. Mlle. Pascaline Mallet visited Portugal and Iceland, which also had a flying visit from Srimati Rukmini Devi on her way to our Council Meeting at Huizen; and Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Bendit visited Scandinavia

and Greece on their way to Adyar. To all these and also to all who helped in the various Summer Schools and other activities, the Federation offers its warmest thanks.

The Chairman, besides attending the Regional Committees in Geneva and Basle, has visited the General Secretaries, some of the Lodges and many members in France, Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany, giving talks both for the members and for the public. He has attended the Conventions in England and Scotland, and assisted at the Summer Schools in Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. Such long tours need not normally be undertaken but during this year they have served the very useful purpose of providing a close contact with the work being done in these different Sections. There is a growing sense of the reality of Europe as a wholeness but a need still exists in several countries for a stronger contact between the Lodges and members on the circumference and the General Secretary and the Sectional activities of the Headquarters at the centre. More international lecturers helping to weave the threads of the wide variety of National uniqueness into the strong and yet more beautiful fabric of a united Europe are needed in the field. The financial side of our work shows that a real sense of responsibility in Europe is still required of all Sections, for our work cannot continue as it should without their support. There is increasing interest in all that pertains to research work, and the Research Centre in London has offered to present booklets and other material to any new group which is effectively studying this aspect of the work.

The present number of members in the Federation is 10,545. Clearly this total should be larger than it is for we cannot yet say that the great message of Theosophy has reached everyone in every land

who has the ability to respond to it. Our work is never done and so, in thanking members all over this Continent for all their help throughout this first year of my Chairmanship, I conclude with the hope that in the succeeding years our work together may bring nearer the goal of a

Europe which recognizes its unity and oneness; as Dr. George Arundale so aptly said, "Together Differently". Time will show how successful we are at working together.

J. B. S. COATS,
Chairman.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

BOLIVIA

LODGE PAZ:

During the current Theosophical year Lodge Paz has carried on normally with its weekly meetings, with an attendance ordinarily of 10 to 15 persons. It has a total membership of 20 active members, our number having increased since last year. We celebrated White Lotus Day on 8th May by holding a special meeting to which many came, in addition to the officers of the Lodge, and a tea at the Sucre Palace Hotel to which 22 people came, all very enthusiastic.

At present we are studying various subjects following a plan very similar to that of the School of the Wisdom just received from Adyar, with the object of presenting during the course of some months a general view of Theosophy. This Lodge is characterized by its peaceful spirit, the predominant notes being union, brotherhood and understanding, with a lively interest in Theosophical teachings and

their study. In general the meetings are very pleasant and have plenty of vitality.

The two members, Fulgentio and Paquito de Iborra, give a collaboration which is vital and efficient in the carrying out of the activities as they are old members, enthusiastic and stable and wherever they may be they strengthen the Theosophical spirit. Also the two members who came from Lodge Urus, Oruro—Abigail Andrade and Enena Heredia—are courageous, stable and active in the Lodge.

Propaganda and the lending of books are being well carried out by individual members. Similarly the Library has been much used during the year by the members.

In addition we have been receiving visits from members of Lodge Liberacion in Bolivia and some of our members have visited there.

MARIO CARIAGA A.,
President.

HONG KONG

LODGE HONG KONG

Charter.—The new Charter for our Lodge, revived in 1959, issued to us by the Headquarters at Adyar, is kept in our Library at Shatin. Twenty-one applications for membership were sent to Head-

quarters on April 20th, 1959, and diplomas were received. Several of the members have since left Hong Kong for other countries.

Meetings and Discussions.—Since the inauguration of our Lodge we have held

39 regular meetings in town and 10 study-group meetings at Shatin. The subjects expounded and discussed were the teachings of Theosophy, of J. Krishnamurti and Buddhism. Talks by Brother S. L. Yen on Zen Buddhism were of great interest to our members. We have to thank Brother R. Ching for his kindness in allowing us to use not only his office for regular meetings but also his Shatin bungalow as our meeting place and for our Library which has many valuable books.

Visitors.—Our Lodge has been honored by visitors from other countries, among whom were Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, Mr. K. Sankara Menon, Mrs. A. R. Tuttle and Mrs. Sarada Hoffman.

Translation of Theosophical Literature.—Brother Maurice Chu who is now residing

in the U.S.A. translated Mr. J. Krishnamurti's early work *At the Feet of the Master* into Chinese in 1952. The book was printed in Shanghai but all copies have been given away long ago. The translated text was carefully revised in the summer of 1954 and we have now reprinted it together with the English text. A brief account of Mr. J. Krishnamurti's life and teaching has been added to the translation. This is perhaps our first contribution to those brothers who are interested in Theosophy but do not understand the English language. We are trying to translate other books on Theosophy and wish to have the support of all members.

K. S. FUNG,
President.

PERU

LODGE H. P. B.:

Since 1958 we have established three days a week for the work of this Lodge. On these days we have short talks prepared by the members, public addresses and meetings for members only.

Also we hold once a week meetings of the Assembly and of the Board of Directors.

The work that distinguishes the members of our Lodge is their preparation of short talks, with the object of familiarizing themselves with the work of expounding our ideals. We consider it necessary that each Theosophist should be constantly improving his capacities; persuaded as we are as to the universality of Theosophy, it is necessary that we make it accessible as much as possible to the world, through people who can expound it expertly.

Our publication series, which we call "Aportes," copies of which are sent

regularly to the Secretariat, now amounts to a large volume. Our first idea was to create a substitute for our magazine *Serenidad*, which, for reasons connected with the devaluation of our money, had to be suspended. Nevertheless we have found, to our great satisfaction, that these "Aportes" because of their brevity and variety have been more than a substitute.

In order to mark such occasions as Easter and the New Year, we have distributed to members and friends of the Lodge, 1,000 greeting cards, accompanied by the leaflet "To Live and Let Live". These cards are sent out both in this country and to people abroad. We have already distributed leaflets: "How to Ennoble One's Life," hoping thus to be doing our part in helping towards a greater understanding and justice among men.

The work of our Secretariat is extensive: we constantly exchange letters with our

neighbors in Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Argentina, Cuba, Uruguay, Colombia, Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Mexico; and we receive also magazines and other publications in exchange from countries in Europe, Asia and from the interior of our own country.

Fifteen new members were admitted during the year, eight rejoined, and ten have been crossed from the rolls. The total number of active members on September 30th, 1960 was 75.

The re-election of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, was the most important news that has reached us; it signifies the continuance of the strength and line of policy he has so happily initiated during his first term. Wherever he may be, his presence is an inspiration and a guarantee of that brotherly spirit which irradiates a true Theosophist.

JORGE TORRES UGARRIZA,
President.

LODGE EVOLUCION:

In the absence of the President, Captain Segundo Rodriguez, I have pleasure in sending you a report of the activities of our Lodge Evolucion which has seven members. It is noteworthy that all have regularly attended its meetings throughout the year, with the exception of the President, who for reasons of service required by his country, Peru, has been stationed on the northern frontier. In spite of this he regularly sends us words of encouragement.

In all its work our Lodge is identifying itself with and taking part in the work initiated by Lodge H. P. B., helping in carrying on the programme put forward by its President, Brother Jorge Torres Ugarriza, who has devoted his life as a true apostle to the noble cause of Theosophy.

ESTELA TRUJILLO ANDRADE,
Vice-President.

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

The last annual Business Meeting was held at Adyar during the 84th International Convention, December 30, 1959 under the Chairmanship of Miss Tehmina Moos of England since our President Srimati Rukmini Devi was unable to be present. Sri K. Sankara Menon conveyed the greetings of Srimati Rukmini Devi to the members. Members from Denmark, England, Pakistan, U.S.A., Australia and Viet-Nam conveyed the greetings of members from their countries. Miss R. S. Sundaravalli, proposed by Mrs. S. Sankari and seconded by Miss S. Vasantha, and Miss R. Sivakami, proposed by Miss G. Sundari and seconded by Miss S. Visalakshi, were elected as the General Secretary and the Treasurer respectively.

Those elected to the Executive Committee were: Miss Tehmina Moos of England, Mr. Toddywalla of India and Miss Thampy from Kerala, and Miss G. Sundari and Miss S. Visalakshi from Adyar. Mrs. S. Sankari was co-opted as a member of the Committee at its first meeting.

A Youth Symposium presided over by Srimati Rukmini Devi was held during the Convention. The subject of the Symposium was: "What Theosophists can do in the Present World Conditions". Miss Tehmina Moos of England, Miss Tran Kim Thanh of Viet-Nam, Mrs. Homai Toddywalla of India, and Mr. Binay Krishna and Mr. Peter Hoffman of India were the speakers.

The Office-bearers of the Federation and a few friends met Mr. K. Rajagopalachari, the newly elected General Secretary of the Indian Section at the Youth Headquarters during the Convention and discussed how youth work may be organized and encouraged by Theosophists in India. We take this opportunity to thank Mr. K. Rajagopalachari for the encouragement he has given us.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held during the year under the Chairmanship of Srimati Rukmini Devi to plan our work.

Our Work in the Past Year.—Though the correspondence between the Youth Headquarters and the different Federations was not considerable this year, I am happy to say that Young Theosophists have been doing active work of different types. Our President Srimati Rukmini Devi, accompanied by Sri K. Sankara Menon and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoffman, contacted the Young Theosophists in the Philippines, U.S.A., and Europe during their recent world tour.

We were happy to receive Miss Florida Ruth Pineda from the Philippines and Mr. Douglas Collins from New Zealand at the Headquarters during the year.

Though none of the annual reports from our Federations has reached our Headquarters, I am happy to say that the Young Theosophists are active in Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, U.S.A., Europe, Argentina and Brazil. In India, though there is no separate Federation, the young Theosophists have participated actively in the work of the local Federations of the Indian Section. In Adyar they have been organizing cultural activities, study classes, symposia and social welfare work, especially under the auspices of the Besant Lodge in the Besant Cultural Centre.

When reports are received from the different countries, they will be sent to the Federations.

I extend my grateful thanks to Srimati Rukmini Devi for her constant encouragement and guidance, and to Miss R. Sivakami, our Treasurer, and to Mrs. S. Sankari who has been taking care of the Youth Headquarters building at Adyar and to Mr. C. Seshavataram for kindly auditing the statement of accounts. I am specially grateful to Mr. Narainji Kevat for keeping the Youth Headquarters clean.

S. SUNDARAVALLI,
General Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS

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| (2) THE VICE-PRESIDENT | | |
| (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY | | |
| (4) THE TREASURER | | |
| (5) MISS KATHERINE A. BEECHEY | | |
| (6) MRS. RADHA S. BURNIER | | |
| (7) MR. N. A. NAGANATHAN | | |
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| (9) MR. C. D. T. SHORES | | |
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Adyar Library: LIBRARIAN: MRS. SEETHA NEELAKANTAN.

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Dispensary: MEDICAL OFFICER: DR. S. V. JOSEPH.

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Sanitation and Hygiene Officer: MADAME P. CAZIN.

The School of the Wisdom: PRINCIPAL AND DIRECTOR OF STUDIES: MR. N. SRI RAM.

The Theosophical Publishing House: MANAGER: MR. K. S. KRISHNAMURTI.

The Vasanta Press: MANAGER: MR. K. RAMANATHAN.

Watch and Ward Department: SUPERINTENDENT: MR. K. S. KRISHNAMURTI.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1959-60

We are happy to announce in the Report for this year that the Government of India has been pleased to give a grant for publishing the remaining volumes of the Descriptive Catalogues of the manuscripts in the Library. Due to lack of funds, the Adyar Library has so far been unable to publish these catalogues, which will be of great value to scholars and research institutions, as they bring to their notice information regarding the manuscripts available for their use in our collections. The aid now promised will be of great help in accomplishing this important work.

The Government of India has also undertaken to aid our Library in publishing four important works: the *Viṣṇusmṛti Vyākhyā* of Nanda Paṇḍita, the *Sanat-kumāra Saṁhitā*, a Pāñcarātra Āgama, a volume of unpublished South Indian commentaries on the *Amaraśloka*, and a collection of unpublished Stotras.

An "ADD-A-BRICK" scheme to collect funds for the Adyar Library Building has been launched by Mrs. M. E. Alderman and Miss Elithe Nisewanger. This scheme gives an opportunity to all members and friends to share in the construction of our new building by contributing a brick or more, a wall or room, each according to his capacity. The appeal, together with a booklet giving a brief description of the Library and its work, has been sent to all General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society. Publicity has been given to this scheme through the various Section and Federation journals and we hope many will come forward to help the Library.

Staff.—The services of Srimati R. Syamala and Mrs. Srimati Buch are no more

available to the Library. Srimati N. B. Indira is now assisting in the repair section. Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, as a member of the Editorial Board, continues to give his valuable help in the editing of our publications.

MSS. Catalogue.—Pandit V. Krishnamacharya, assisted by Pandit Ramachandra Sarma, has been engaged in preparing the Descriptive Catalogue of Sāṁkhya, Yoga and Vaiśeṣika MSS., and also in scrutinizing the Dharma Śāstra MSS.

Preparations are also under way for a new card catalogue for the manuscripts as the old catalogue is incomplete and inadequate.

Book Catalogue.—Srimati A. P. Siitaa Devii has continued the checking of the new card catalogue. Work on the Western Section is nearing the end and it is hoped to begin work soon on the catalogue of books in the Eastern Section.

Publications.—The printing of *Maṇikaṇa*, the Navya Nyāya manual edited by Dr. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma with English translation and notes, is nearly complete and the work will soon be released as No. 88 of the Adyar Library Series.

The English translation of the chapter on dancing in the *Samgītaratnākara*, commenced by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri, was revised and completed by Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja and Srimati Radha S. Burnier and was brought out as the December 1959 issue of *The Adyar Library Bulletin*.

As there have been many enquiries for an index to *The Adyar Library Bulletin*, an index for the 23 volumes published so far was prepared by the Librarian,

Srimati Seetha Neelakantan, and brought out as the May 1960 issue of the Bulletin.

The translation of the Śākta Upaniṣads made by Dr. A. G. Krishna Warriar is nearing completion and will, during the coming year, appear as Adyar Library Series No. 89.

Projected publications which are ready for the press include *Indian Theories of Meaning* by Dr. Kunjunni Raja and the commentary *Keśavavaijayantī* on the *Viṣṇusmṛti*, edited by the late Professor K. V. Rangaswami Aiyangar.

Arrangements for exchange of publications were made during the year with the Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Dr. U. V. Swaminatha Iyer's Library, Madras; Vaidika Samsodhana Mandala, Poona; and Visvesvaranand Vedic Research Institute, Punjab.

Bulletin.—*Brahmavidyā*, the Adyar Library Bulletin, has 121 subscribers and is being exchanged with 119 journals. Exchanges with the following journals have been newly initiated or revived: *Bulletin of the Institute of Traditional Cultures*, (UNESCO), Madras; *The Annual of Leeds University Oriental Society*; *The Studies in Buddhism* of the Buddhism Research Institute, Ryukoku University, Kyoto, Japan; *Journal of the Andhra Historical Research Society*, Rajahmundry; *Purāṇa*, of the All-India Kashiraj Trust, Varanasi; *Journal of Oriental Studies* of the University of Hong Kong; *Roopa-Lekha* of the All-India Fine Arts and Crafts Society, Delhi; *Wala News*, Bulletin of the West African Library Association; the publications of the Institut Français d'Indologie, Pondichery; and with duplicate books from the Commonwealth National Library, Canberra, Australia.

The coming year will see the twenty-fifth year of publication of the Adyar Library Bulletin and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Library. It is proposed to bring out a special jubilee volume of *Brahma-*

vidyā to commemorate this occasion and invitations have been sent to scholars all over the world to contribute papers.

Copying.—During the year 23 transcripts and 2 microfilms of our MSS. were made for other institutions and scholars. Two typed copies and one microfilm of material from books were supplied.

The transcript of *Śāstradīpikāvyaḥkhyā Nyāyakiraṇāvalī* has been completed for the use of the Library. Copies have also been made for the Library of five other MSS., three from the Anup Sanskrit Library and two from among our rare MSS.

Binding and Repair.—94 books and 266 issues of various periodicals were bound for the Library by the Vasanta Press and 240 books and 53 transcripts were repaired and bound in the Library. 54 palm-leaf MSS. were repaired and varnished in the Library.

Mr. Charles Hunter has continued the work of covering palm-leaf MSS. with boards of wood or masonite for better preservation. During the year 3,000 MSS. have had new boards put on them. Mr. E. F. Orfila has continued to supervise the repair work.

Works Used.—The Library has now 318 Readers, 120 Resident Readers, 54 Borrowers and 8 Braille Borrowers.

During the year 3,559 persons used the Library, 7,476 books were consulted, 3,399 books were borrowed, 3,655 MSS. were consulted and 25 MSS. borrowed.

Accession.—1,050 books and 50 MSS. (38 palm-leaf and 12 transcripts) were accessed. Out of the MSS. donated by Sri R. Santhana Sasthri during the past year and remaining to be accessed, 17 had to be discarded as valueless and 28 were accessed.

Gifts.—An appeal made through the General Secretaries of some of the Theosophical Sections to help us to fill the numerous gaps in our collection of

Western classics has met with a fairly satisfactory response.

We express our appreciation and thanks to The Theosophical Publishing House, London, for sending to our Library one copy of all their publications, and to The Theosophical Research Centre, London, for their journal and publications.

The U.S.S.R. Embassy, Delhi, have presented us with 87 Russian classics translated into English and The India Book House has donated 81 books on various subjects. Among other donors to whom we owe special thanks are: Mr. N. Sri Ram, President of the Theosophical Society, for a further donation of 51 books from the library of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa; Miss Helen Zāhara, the General Secretary of Australia, who has donated the entire collection of books of her father; Mr. S. C. Potter for a generous gift of classics; and Mr. J. Henry Starkey, Mr. C. Nelson Stewart, Mrs. L. Barkman, Mrs. Evelyn O. Hornidge and Mrs. M. A. Mellor, who have also enriched our Western classical section; Mr. B. Wouters who donated 57 books mostly consisting of Dutch translations of Theosophical and other books. Our thanks are also due to the Bollingen Foundation which continues to send us valuable publications; and to the Divine Life Society, Rishikesh; Sri Lakshman S. Gopi, Sri Babulal C. Barai, Dr. Sivakamu, Miss E. W. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thadhani, Lodge Paz, Bolivia, Dr. Reincke, U.S.A., Mr. Edward Mayer Baker, U.S.A., Mr. A. Keshav Rao, Mrs. Ravenall, Srimati Uma Devi, Miss K. A. Beechey, *The Theosophist* Office, Miss Eunice Petrie (for a rare book on the works of Flavius Josephus), Professor Emile Schaub-Koch, Miss Emma Hunt, Miss Leonie de Wet, Sri T. S. Ramachandran, and Archbishop and Mrs. Odo A. Barry. We also express our thanks to the American Printing House for the

Blind, Louisville, Kentucky, U.S.A.; Matilda Ziegler Publishing Company for the Blind, Ojai, California; The Margaret Dudley Braille Lodge of the Theosophical Society, England; The Scottish Braille Press, Edinburgh; National Federation of the Blind, Inc., Wisconsin, U.S.A.; all of whom have continued to contribute Braille books to the Library.

We also express our gratitude to Mr. Herbert Kern, Miss Elsie Walter and Miss Christine Walter, all of U.S.A., and others who have generously contributed to the Adyar Library Building Fund.

Visitors.—Among visitors to the Library during the year were Mr. Kees W. Bolle, University of Chicago; Sri M. Mariappa, Minister for Co-operation, Mysore; Sri Jatindra Bimal Chaudhri, Secretary-Director, Sanskrit Studies, Government of West Bengal; Dr. J. K. Balbir, Head of Sanskrit Department, Government College, Naini Tal; the late Dr. A. S. Altekar, K. P. Jayaswal Research Institute, Patna; Prof. Hajime Nakamura, University of Tokyo; the Yugoslav Delegation to India; Sri M. Nadarajan, University of Malaya Library; Sri. T. S. Krishnamurti, Ministry of Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs; Prof. K. A. Nilakanta Sastri, Director, Institute of Traditional Cultures, Madras University; Mr. David Bleckenstaff, U.N. Information Centre, Delhi; Mr. William Theodore de Bary of Columbia University, New York; Sardar Dastur Hormazdiar, High Priest; Miss Victoria Armstrong of the Ministry of Education, England; Dr. Joh S. Hanrath, The Hague, Holland; Dr. K. Chattopadhyaya, Director of Research, Sanskrit University, Varanasi; Sri S. P. Chaturvedi, Special Officer (Sanskrit), Ministry of Education, New Delhi; and His Holiness Śrī Śaṅkarācārya of Śrīṅgeri Maṭh.

In concluding we express our appreciation and thanks to all who have helped the Library during the year both by contributions and good wishes. We wish to express our thanks particularly to Dr.

V. Raghavan of the Madras University for all his valuable advice and help.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT FOR 1959-60

The 1959-60 session of the School of the Wisdom has been most interesting. At the opening, held in Adyar on October 2nd 1959 in the beautiful building, Blavatsky Bungalow, the students were welcomed by the President who gave an inspiring address on the value of being at Adyar and on the meaning of being a student of Theosophy.

Thirty-three students, coming from all five continents and belonging to 14 different countries were registered. Not all of them completed the whole course. Some left after Convention, others joined after Convention, thus forming two distinct different groups, bringing variety and color into the studies and discussions. They represented the following countries: Australia, England, U.S.A., Viet-Nam, New Zealand, South Africa, Malaya, East Africa, Pakistan, Ceylon, Denmark, India, Hungary and the Netherlands.

The morning sessions of the first term were devoted to lectures and discussions on Origins, Evolution, Reincarnation, Karma, The Soul's Pilgrimage, The Plan, The Inner Government, The Occult Path. In the second term the subjects of study were: Comparative Religion, Psychology, Education, Art and Culture, Practical Occultism, The Theosophical Society Today and its Future, and Adyar—Its Place in the Society.

The highlights during both terms were the talks given by the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, Principal and Director of Studies. His lectures were like shining jewels, radiating his profound knowledge and life-wisdom. Many valuable talks were given by Miss Clara Codd in her own unique way, by Miss Emma Hunt and

Mr. M. Subramaniam, all of them giving the students the benefit of their knowledge and wisdom.

The School was very fortunate in having overseas visitors who lectured on special subjects. Amongst them were Mr. Geoffrey Hodson who spoke on "Future, Immediate and Remote," on "The Spiritual Hierarchy, Solar and Planetary," "The Cosmic, Mystical and Historical Christ"; he also led some interesting "Questions and Answers" meetings. Miss Sandra Chase lectured on "The Faculty of Intuition"; Mrs. P. D. Bendit on "A Clue to Modern Science," and "Impressions of Adyar"; Dr. L. J. Bendit on "Psychology," and "Modern Science and Theosophy". Mr. Rohit Mehta during his short visit to Adyar spoke on "The Birth of the Ego".

The afternoons during both terms were devoted to different subjects. Each week one afternoon was given to the study of Lodge Work. Miss Leonie de Wet was in charge and introduced many speakers, who gave short talks on the methods used in their home Lodges. It was a most instructive course which gave to all new conceptions of Lodge work and presentation of Theosophy.

Another afternoon "A Speakers' Training Class" taken by Mrs. Eunice Layton and later by Miss Lucy Harlow proved to be helpful in developing the art of lecturing.

Of the Special Talks given on the Monday afternoons the following may be mentioned: "The Spirit of India" (Mr. Subramaniam), "Meditation" (Miss Clara Codd), "The Message of the Song Celestial" (Mr. Patel), "Radio-Theosophy"

(Miss Olga Kaufmann), "Mormonism" (Mrs. Eunice Layton), "Some Reminiscences of Adyar 1910-1913" (Mr. R. Balfour-Clarke), "Talks on Summer Schools in England, U.S.A. and Denmark" (Dr. and Mrs. Bendit, Miss Caroline Tess, Mrs. A. Viking and Mr. J. Winde), "Occult Physics" illustrated by lantern slides (Dr. Lyness), "My Life in Prison" (Miss Clara Codd), "Glimpses of Life in Captivity" (Mr. Z. de Algya-Pap).

Talks by the different Heads of Departments followed by visits to their Departments, including Headquarters Building, Archives, Museum, Garden, Power House and Vasanta Press, were very much appreciated. They gave the students an idea of the complex and intricate organization of our Theosophical Headquarters.

Inspiring lectures were given on Friday evenings under the auspices of the School by Miss Clara Codd, Mr. G. Hodson, Dr. and Mrs. Bendit, Mr. A. Sassi, Mr. and Mrs. Layton, Mr. B. Wouters, Mr. E. Lord, Mr. M. Subramaniam and Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale. On nearly all these occasions the chair was taken by the students.

Among the students were many good speakers, some well-known international lecturers. All of them made valuable contributions to the studies and discussions. Some took part in the International Convention by giving short lectures or joining symposia.

The students attended the celebration of the Foundation Day, Adyar Day, Birthday of Dr. Arundale as well as some Indian Festivals. They likewise took part in the many activities on the compound, thus becoming acquainted with life in Adyar in all its aspects.

This year there was no School excursion. The students gave preference to small private trips. Some of them went

to Kancheepuram where they were cordially received by the members of the Lodge. They visited the old temples with their fine architecture and sculpture. Mr. G. Hodson who took part in this excursion spoke on that occasion on the occult meaning of the temple structure. Others went to Mysore, Ootacamund, Kotagiri and Mahabalipuram, thus enriching their experience of the spiritual atmosphere of our International Headquarters with the beauty of the age-old art and culture of India.

At the opening and closing meetings in both sessions to which residents of the compound were invited, some students gave their impressions of the School and of Adyar while Mr. N. Sri Ram closed them with short inspiring addresses. Then they all gathered together on the balcony of Blavatsky Bungalow where refreshments were served.

Looking back on this School-year the students may feel grateful for the wonderful time they had by living on this beautiful compound in Adyar's vivifying atmosphere, listening to a variety of outstanding lectures, participating in an International Convention thus making friends with many members from other countries and enjoying the beautiful art performances of Kalakshetra. They had the opportunity to listen to the talks of Mr. J. Krishnamurti given under a banyan tree in his garden not far from the Theosophical Headquarters, and of visiting interesting places of art and culture in India.

Their grateful thanks go to our President Mr. N. Sri Ram and to all who made their stay an unforgettable time. May all of them share the beauty, the inspiration and the light they received in Adyar with others, wherever they may go.

C. DE VOGEL-VAN GOGH,
Secretary.

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.



Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jose M. Masso, 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 Khandalvala, 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, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

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

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth

in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members 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

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY	..
„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON	..
„ PYARE LAL	..
„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE	..

three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{	(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
{	„ W. A. ENGLISH
{	„ 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 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, among

whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other 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 within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call upon the members of the General Council for nominations for the office of President. Such call shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations and each member who is a General Secretary shall consult with the respective Governing Body of the Section and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Any member of the Society in good standing shall be eligible for nomination. The written consent of the member nominated shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination. Such consent, if sent by telegraph or cable, shall be confirmed by letter so as to reach the Recording Secretary within forty-five days of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of forty-five days the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations for which the written consent of the nominated member has not been received, as provided in the foregoing paragraph, shall be rejected as invalid. The others shall be counted and the names shall be

listed in the order of the number of nominations received, beginning with the largest number of such nominations. Such list shall be designated "the nominations list".

From the nominations list a second list designated the "voting list" shall be prepared on which names from the nominations list shall be placed in the following manner:

(i) The first name on the nominations list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.

(ii) If the voting list then contains less than three names, the next name, if any remain on the nominations list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.

(iii) If the voting list still contains less than three names, the next name, if any remain on the nominations list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.

(iv) There shall then be added from the nominations list in the order of the number of nominations received, beginning with the largest number, the names, if any remain, of any other nominees who have been nominated by not less than half the members of the General Council.

The voting list as so prepared and amended as hereinafter provided shall constitute the list of nominees to be voted upon and shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall immediately in writing communicate all the names on the voting list to each nominee thereon. If the nominee is not at Adyar, the communication shall be by telegraph or cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If during the succeeding twenty-eight days, any nominee withdraws his name, the Executive Committee shall cancel such name from the voting list and if such cancellations reduce the remaining names on the voting list to less than three, shall add thereto the next name if

any remain (or in the event of a tie, the next names so tied) on the nominations list.

Immediately following the expiration of the twenty-eight days the Recording Secretary shall communicate the voting list to the General Secretaries and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries shall be by telegraph or cable confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If, however, a withdrawal is received by the Recording Secretary during the last five days of the twenty-eight day period, he shall have five additional days in which to immediately notify the next nominee on the nominations list by cable and to receive his consent. In the event of his not consenting to stand for election, five additional days shall again be given for similar notification and a response in respect of each succeeding name on the nominations list until a substitute consents to stand. In the event of the nominations list thus becoming exhausted the election shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding paragraph.

If, thereafter, any nominee withdraws his name or dies, such name shall be struck from the voting list but no further substitution from the nominations list shall be made. Provided, however, that in the event of the death, at any time prior to the counting of the election votes, of any of the nominees on the voting list, such list shall be thereby cancelled and the whole procedure shall be repeated beginning with the call for nominations. In the event of such cancellation, the Recording Secretary shall immediately communicate the fact together with the call for new nominations to all members of the General Council by telegraph or cable confirmed

within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If only one name remains on the voting list the subsequent vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

Upon receipt of the voting list 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 at the close of the last official year of the Section, and whose annual dues at that time were not in arrears for more than one year, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the last official year of the Society at Adyar.

At the expiration of six months from the call for nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the largest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, the nomination and election procedure herein provided shall be repeated and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

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 in the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten

members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise 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 State 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 any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond 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 sub-delegate 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. 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 or premises in the Adyar Estate 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 of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in The Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian.

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 (Certificate) 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 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 who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. 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 reason sufficient in the opinion of the Pre-

sident 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.

(c) 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 who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

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.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of

this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge, when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) 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) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

(b) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) certificates of Federation to any national group of Lodges not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment

territorial division or other causes have made such Federation necessary or desirable. Any such Federation may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of Federation business.

A Federation shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Federations and to their chief executives.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Agents to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of The Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Agent shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas (Certificates) 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.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not situated within the territory of a National

Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

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 (Certificate) of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; 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. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulation of such National Society, but not less than 5s. and £1 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of 5s. and an Annual Subscription of £1.

43. (a) 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.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues in territories

to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge, the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge, granted by the President, shall *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest as follows:

(a) in The Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge coming under Rule 31 (c), (except where 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 delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge is situated, in the case of a Lodge within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of The Society except for the purpose of vesting in The Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges being not less than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in

number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in The Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which The Society may become entitled 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.

MEETING

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.

DIRECTORY FOR 1961

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. N. SRI RAM

Vice-President:

Recording Secretary: MISS EMMA HUNT

Treasurer: MR. EDWIN N. LORD

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	... Dr. Henry A. Smith	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois
1888	England	... Dr. L. J. Bendit	... 50 Gloucester Place, London, W.1
1891	India	... Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 1
1895	Australia	... Miss Helen V. Zahara	... 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden	... Mrs. Eva Ostelius	... Östermalmmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand	... Miss Clarice E. Gregory	... 10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S. E. 3
1897	The Netherlands	... Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen	... Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam Z.
1899	France	... Dr. Paul Thorin	... 4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy	... Dr. Giuseppe Filipponio	... Via Laurentina 622 (EUR), Rome
1902	Germany	... Mr. Heinrich Nagel	... Eilbekerweg 67a, (24a) Hamburg 22
1905	Cuba	... Mr. Alfredo Puig, Jr.	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1907	Hungary	...	...
1907	Finland	... Mrs. Sylvi Horstio	... Vironkatu 7C, Helsinki
1908	Russia	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia	...	...
1909	Southern Africa	... Mrs. Mary G. Patterson	... P. O. Box 863, Johannesburg
1910	Scotland	... Miss Jean Carstairs	... 28 Gt. King St., Edinburgh
1910	Switzerland	... Mr. Georges Tripet	... Winkelriedstrasse 21, Berne
1911	Belgium	... Mr. Antoon E. de Pauw	... Voskenslaan 141A, Ghent
1912	Indonesia	... Mr. Soemardjo	... Blavatskypark 5, Merdeka-Barat 17, Djakarta
1912	Burma	... U Po Lat	... No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Dr. N. Lauppert	... Maigasse 8, Graz
1913	Norway	... Mr. Ernst Nielsen	... Oscars gate 11, Oslo N. V.
1918	Egypt*	... Mr. Zaki Awad	... (President, "Hikmet El Kadima" Lodge), 18 Emad El Din St., Cairo
1918	Denmark	... Mr. Jørgen Winde	... Gl. Praestegaard, NR.-Aaby
1919	Ireland	... Mrs. Evelyn O. Hornidge	... 31 Pembroke Road, Dublin
1919	Mexico	... Señor Arturo Vado López	... Iturbide 28, Mexico D. F.
1919	Canada	... Mr. Dudley W. Barr (Acting)...	... 52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5, Ont.
1920	Argentina	... Señor Nazareno E. Rimini	... Casilla Correo No. 238, Rosario (Pcia. Santa Fe)
1920	Chile	... Señor Ricardo Michell A.-P.	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1920	Brazil	... Tenente Armando Sales	... Rua Anita Garibaldi 29, 11° andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria	...	...
1921	Iceland	... Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson	... Ingólfsstr. 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	...	...
1921	Portugal	... Prof. Délio Nobre Santos	... Campo Mártires Pátria 69, Lisbon
1922	Wales	... Miss E. Claudia Owen	... 10 Park Place, Cardiff

* No Section; Lodge only.

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	Señor Victor Alvarez Bisbal	Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	Señora Esperanza C. Hopgood	Box 8774, Fernandez Juncos, Santurce, San Juan
1925	Rumania	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia	...	...
1926	Ceylon	Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q.C.	Roshanara, 20 Clifford Road, Green Path, Colpetty, Colombo 3
1928	Greece	Mr. K. Melissaropoulos	Dragatsaniou str. 6, Athens (K)
1929	Central America	Señor José Joaquín Ulloa	P.O. Box 797, San José, Costa Rica
1929	Paraguay	...	...
1929	Peru	...	...
1933	Philippines	Mr. Domingo C. Argente	Corner Iba and P. Florentino Sts. Quezon City
1937	Colombia	Mrs. Carmen Correa de Vengoechea	Apartado Postal 539, Bogotá
1947	East Africa	Mr. Vallabhdas H. Kapadia	P.O. Box 354, Zanzibar
1948	Pakistan *	Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	Noonan Road, Karachi 3
1948	Malaya and Singapore †	Dr. C. H. Yeang	88 China St., Penang
1949	Northern Ireland †	Dr. Hugh Shearman	18 Brookhill Ave., Belfast
1950	State of Israel *	Mr. Hans Zeuger	P.O. Box 1264, Jerusalem
1951	Japan	...	...
1952	Viet-Nam	Mrs. Nguyen-thi-Hai	72/6 Nguyen-dinh-Chieu, Saigon
1953	Venezuela	Señor Pablo Bonilla T.	Apartado 2907, Caracas
1956	West Africa †	Mr. K. Brakatu Ateko	P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
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European Federation (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		Mr. J. B. S. Coats	48 Abingdon Court, London W. 8, England
Canadian Federation (attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)		...	2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada

Additional Members of the General Council

- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Achelsedijk 290, Valkenswaard, The Netherlands (for 1960, 1961 and 1962).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, United Kingdom (for 1960, 1961 and 1962).
- SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1961, 1962 and 1963).
- MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, The Theosophical Society, 10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand (for 1959, 1960 and 1961).
- MR. C. D. T. SHORES, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1959, 1960 and 1961).
- MR. SIDNEY A. COOK, 9 Tekels Park, Camberley, Surrey, England (for 1961, 1962 and 1963).
- MR. J. B. S. COATS, 48 Abingdon Court, London W. 8, England (for 1961, 1962 and 1963).
- MRS. GOOL K. MINWALLA, The Theosophical Society, Noonan Road, Karachi 3, Pakistan (for 1959, 1960 and 1961).

* Presidential Agency } Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the
 † Federation } General Council.

MINUTES

*Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held in the
H. P. B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Sunday, 25th December 1960
at 2.00 p.m. and on Monday, 2nd January 1961 at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	<i>President (in the Chair). Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in America, England, Finland, Scotland, and the Philippines.</i>
Miss Emma Hunt	..	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Ceylon and Chile.</i>
Mr. Edwin N. Lord	..	<i>Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secre- tary of the Theosophical Society in Southern Africa.</i>
U Po Lat	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Soci- ety in Burma.</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	..	<i>Acting General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India.</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Gool Minwalla	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>

Srimati Rukmini Devi, Additional Member, sent excuses for absence.
Present by invitation: Mr. J. D. Shah, East Africa.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Council held on 25th December 1959 and 1st January 1960, having been circulated to the Members of the General Council, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes:* None.

3. *Election of Vice-President.*—The results of voting on the President's nomination of Mrs. Josephine Ransom as Vice-President were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
42	Nil

The President expressed his regret that owing to a serious accident which took place soon after her election on 1st July 1960, Mrs. Ransom had passed away on 2nd December 1960.

4. *Election of Four (4) Additional Members to the General Council for the years 1961, 1962 and 1963.*—The undermentioned members were declared duly elected as Additional Members of the General Council for the period of 3 years (1961, 1962 and 1963). The results of the voting were as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Srimati Rukmini Devi	40	Nil
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	41	„
Mr. J. B. S. Coats	41	„
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	41	„

5. *Treasurer's Report for 1959-60.*—The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September 1960, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his Report and recommended for adoption by the Executive Committee, were given consideration and approved.

6. *The Budget for 1960-61.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September 1961, passed by the Executive Committee at its meeting held on 24th December 1960, were adopted as detailed below:

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1960-61

EXPENSE	Budget for 1959-'60	Actuals for 1959-'60	Budget for 1960-'61	INCOME	Budget for 1959-'60	Actuals for 1959-'60	Budget for 1960-'61
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages	43,000	37,645	39,000	Rent	54,000	56,014	55,000
Repairs and Renewals	40,000	51,422	40,000	Fees and Dues	25,000	24,453	25,000
Garden Expenses	55,200	61,234	64,740	Conservancy Charges	1,200	1,261	1,200
Light and Water	4,000	5,443	6,000	Garden Income	49,500	62,034	58,740
Miscellaneous	10,000	11,434	12,000	Wood	1,000	888	1,000
Postages, Telegrams and				Interest (Gross)	50,000	53,941	54,000
Telephone	5,000	5,137	4,000	Administration			
Printing and Stationery	4,000	5,479	5,000	Charges	8,000	8,130	8,130
Publications to General				Profit on Sale of Van		7,000	
Secretaries	800	780	800				
Sanitation Expenses	5,000	4,990	5,500	Special Departments:			
Taxes	15,000	15,049	15,000	Engineering			
Interest on Funds and				Department	1,53,600	1,74,188	1,69,000
Accounts	12,000	10,866	11,000	Vasanta Press	1,94,000	1,92,906	1,87,000
Convention	4,000	10,295	5,000	Laundry	6,600	6,842	7,000
Watch and Ward	16,000	16,480	17,000	Donations		73,572	
Contributions:				Deficit	75,700	1,334	78,220
To Adyar Library	5,000	5,000	5,000				
„ Dispensary	6,000	7,480	7,000				
„ Museum and Archives	2,000	1,619	2,000				
„ President's Travelling							
„ Fund	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Bhojanasala	3,000	571	1,000				
Leadbeater Chambers		1,487	2,000				
Depreciation	19,800	21,320	21,400				
Special Departments:							
Engineering Department	1,53,600	1,73,225	1,69,000				
Vasanta Press	1,94,000	1,90,925	1,87,000				
Laundry	9,600	10,082	10,250				
Casuarina Reserve		3,000	3,000				
	6,18,600	6,62,563	6,44,290		6,18,600	6,62,563	6,44,290

For The Theosophical Society,
EDWIN N. LORD,
Hony. Treasurer

7. *The Appointment of Auditors for 1960-61.*—Messrs. M. K. Dandeker and Co. Chartered Accountants, were re-appointed Auditors for the year 1960-61 on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

8. *The Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1961.*—The following members were appointed:

President	}	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President		
Recording Secretary		
Treasurer		
Srimati Rukmini Devi		
Mr. C. D. T. Shores		
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier		
Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan		
Mrs. Norma Y. Sastry		
Professor J. B. Dorab		

9. *Any other Business.*—

A. *Amendments of Rules*

(i) Proposal by the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America that the word “Branch” be substituted in the Rules in place of the word “Lodge,” as certain objections were being raised to the latter term.

DECISION: As the term “Branch” is already in use in some of the National Societies it was decided that “Branch” might be put in brackets after the word “Lodge” wherever it appears in the Rules; or, alternatively, to add a new Rule covering the position. The matter to be placed before Mr. Sidney A. Cook for his opinion and advice.

(ii) Proposals by Dr. L. J. Bendit and Mr. Sidney A. Cook:

(a) Rule 1 to be altered as follows (alterations in italics):

The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. *All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society* and not less than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

DECISION: With the omission of the words “at all times” the amendment was approved.

(b) Rule 4 to be 4 (a) and 4 (b) to be added as follows:

Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose

of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

DECISION: The Council Members present were unanimously of the opinion that such a Rule was unnecessary as the President under the present Rules could call or arrange for such meetings as the proposed amendment suggests. It was decided to refer the matter to Mr. Sidney A. Cook for any elucidation he may offer of the reasons for bringing forward the above amendment.

(c) Rule 10, Para 1 (last two sentences)—to be altered as follows (alterations in italics):

..... The written consent of the member nominated shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination. *It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that such consent reaches the Recording Secretary within the time herein provided.* Such consent if sent by telegraph or cable, shall be confirmed by letter so as to reach the Recording Secretary within forty-five days of the call for nominations.

DECISION: Approved.

(d) Rule 10, Para 11—to be altered as follows (alterations in italics):

Upon receipt of the voting list *the governing body of each National Society shall appoint two scrutineers from Fellows of the Society who are not members of such governing body and who jointly with the General Secretary, shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of the Section who are eligible to vote. Those eligible shall be members of the National Society on the rolls at the close of its last official year whose annual dues at that time were not in arrears for more than one year. The result of the voting shall be certified by the General Secretary and the two scrutineers as to its validity and accuracy and the General Secretary shall communicate such result, together with the certification, to the Recording Secretary. The votes of members of Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, whose annual dues were not in arrears for more than one year at the close of the last official year of the Society at Adyar, shall be taken and certified by the Recording Secretary.*

DECISION.—As the purpose of the proposed alteration is to ensure against irregularities in voting procedure the Council approved the proposal in a general way but directed that the views of certain other members of the Council who were well versed in the Rules of the Society be obtained.

The Meeting was adjourned.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED

Monday, 2nd January 1961 at 8.30 a.m.

In addition to the Members present on 25th December 1960, Srimati Rukmini Devi, *Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Argentina and Switzerland*, was present.

Mrs. Radha S. Burnier was present as the newly elected General Secretary of the Indian Section.

9. *Any other Business* (continued)

(ii) *Amendments of Rules*—Proposals of Dr. L. J. Bendit and Mr. Sidney A. Cook (continued)

(e) Rule 11 (a)—to be altered to read (alterations in italics):

Within three months of his election the President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty. . . .

DECISION.—The Council did not approve a specific three years' term for a Vice-President.

(f) Rule 11 (b) (second sentence)—to delete the word “ permanent ” in clause “ In case of death, resignation or permanent disability ”.

DECISION.—Agreed.

(g) Rule 13—to delete the words “ of his own ” in the clause “ the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices ”,

DECISION.—Agreed.

(h) Rule 22 (a)—to substitute for “too ill to act” the following “that he is, by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act”.

DECISION.—Agreed to make the alteration in Rule 22 (a) and 22 (b).

(i) Rule 28—to add to the last sentence “and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years”.

DECISION.—Agreed.

(iii) The Recording Secretary brought forward the following amendments to Rule 10 which had not so far come before a meeting of the General Council:

(a) Rule 10, Para. 8—Mr. N. K. Choksy, the Legal Adviser to the Society, suggested the deletion of the following paragraph as being unworkable:

If, however, a withdrawal is received by the Recording Secretary during the last five days of the twenty-eight day period, he shall have five additional days in which to immediately notify the next nominee on the nominations list by cable and to receive his consent. In the event of his not consenting to stand for election, five additional days shall again be given for similar notification and a response in respect of each succeeding name on the nominations list until a substitute consents to stand. In the event of the nominations list thus becoming exhausted the election shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding paragraph.

DECISION.—Agreed.

(b) Rule 10, Para. 9—Mr. N. K. Choksy wrote as follows: “Paragraph 9 needs amendment for it is bound to result in a great deal of confusion if a person whose name has been entered on the Voting List is permitted thereafter to withdraw his name at any time before the completion of the counting of the votes.”

Present Rule:

If thereafter, any nominee withdraws his name or dies, such name shall be struck from the voting list but no further substitution from the nominations list shall be made. Provided, however, that in the event of the death, at any time prior to the counting of the election votes, of any of the nominees on the voting list, such list shall be thereby cancelled and the whole procedure shall be repeated beginning with the call for nominations. In the event of such cancellation, the Recording Secretary shall immediately communicate the fact together with the call for new nominations to all members of the General Council by telegraph or cable confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails.

Mr. N. K. Choksy has suggested the following amendment (alterations in italics):

If after the twenty-eight days referred to in paragraph 6 above and before the completion of the counting of the election votes any nominee on the voting list were to die, then such voting list shall be thereby cancelled and the whole procedure of nomination and voting shall be repeated beginning with the call for nominations. . . .

Mr. C. R. Groves had suggested the following amendment (alterations in italics):

If thereafter, prior to the counting of the election votes any nominee withdraws his name or dies, the voting list shall thereby be cancelled and the whole procedure shall be repeated beginning with the call for nominations. . . .

DECISION.—The Council was of the opinion that some alteration is necessary and directed that the matter be referred to Mr. Sidney A. Cook.

(c) Rule 10—Mr. B. Wouters of the Netherlands Section wrote as follows: “Rule 10: Before the voting list is prepared, a nominated member who has given his written consent, may die. Such a case is not provided for in the proposed amendment.”

DECISION.—It was the opinion of the Council that this fault in the Rule needs serious attention and it was agreed to invite the opinion of members of the General Council through its inclusion in the Minutes and to refer the matter to Mr. Sidney A. Cook.

B. *North-Siegfried Legacy.*—The dispute in the matter of this Legacy was again renewed by Mr. M. Bohrer in a letter sent to all Members of the General Council, dated 17th October 1960.

The General Council decided to re-affirm the decision it had already expressed when the question was brought before the Council in December 1959.

EMMA HUNT,
Recording Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1960

National Sections (Active) ..	40
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	2
Federations formed under Rule 35 (b) ..	3
Total Lodges (1960) ..	1,304
Total Membership:	
1959 ..	33,768
1960 ..	33,875
Increase ..	107

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America ..	144	4,167
2. England ..	105	2,668
3. India ..	383	7,065
4. Australia ..	18	1,273
5. Sweden ..	12	345
6. New Zealand ..	18	992
7. Netherlands ..	37	1,477
8. France ..	33	1,130
9. Italy ..	28	1,044
10. Germany ..	17	435
11. Cuba ..	23	608
12. Hungary ..	—	—
13. Finland ..	24	472
14. Russia ..	—	—
15. Czechoslovakia ..	—	—
16. Southern Africa ..	15	587
17. Scotland ..	18	192
18. Switzerland ..	12	218
19. Belgium ..	10	406
20. Indonesia ..	28	1,346
21. Burma ..	4	56
22. Austria ..	10	296
23. Norway ..	7	160
24. Egypt (Lodges only) ..	2	73
25. Denmark ..	13	291
26. Ireland ..	4	43
27. Mexico ..	31	607
28. Canada ..	13	303

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
29. Argentina ..	53	1,320
30. Chile ..	9	150 (1956)
31. Brazil ..	29	910
32. Bulgaria ..	—	—
33. Iceland ..	13	464
34. Spain ..	—	—
35. Portugal ..	13	163
36. Wales ..	6	165
37. Poland ..	—	—
38. Uruguay ..	7	91
39. Puerto Rico ..	7	93
40. Rumania ..	—	—
41. Yugoslavia ..	—	—
42. Ceylon ..	7	84
43. Greece ..	8	250
44. Central America ..	9	149
45. Paraguay ..	—	—
46. Peru (Lodges attached to Adyar) ..	6	136
47. Philippines ..	16	200
48. Colombia ..	16	166
49. East Africa ..	20	900
50. Pakistan* ..	7	267 (1958)
51. Malaya & Singapore† ..	7	177
52. Northern Ireland† ..	3	55
53. Israel* ..	5	83
54. Japan ..	—	—
55. Viet-Nam ..	14	594
56. Venezuela ..	7	163
57. West Africa† ..	4	205
58. Canadian Federation ..	9	213
59. Fellows-at-large ..	—	21
60. Lodges and members attached to Adyar:		
Bolivia ..	2	29
Hong Kong ..	1	20
Tunis ..	1	11
Others ..	13	260
,, ..	3	282
Total	1,304	33,875

* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

EMMA HUNT,
Recording Secretary.





