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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 86TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, 26 December 1961

BY N. SRI RAM, *President*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

I welcome you all most heartily to the 86th Convention of the Theosophical Society and to this beautiful Adyar estate, its international Headquarters. I hope your days and nights here will be full of a spirit of peace, of beautiful thoughts and feelings, and unalloyed happiness. Every Convention of the Society is an opportunity for us to withdraw from the daily seemingly endless routine of our lives, to drop the burden of our usual preoccupations, worries and anxieties, and to enter into the extraordinary realm of that truth which belongs to the finer, deeper nature of ourselves. Any business we may transact, however important, is but a means to the end of sustaining the frame of the Society in its proper integrity and making it more of a channel for those forces by which the world can be renewed, uplifted and helped.

Our Society is world-wide in its extent, except for those countries where it is temporarily unable to function because of the lack of a free atmosphere and free space for mind and heart in which to move and seek the truth irrespective of any ideology imposed by religious or

political authorities. Our thoughts on such an occasion as this naturally turn to our fellow-members in every part of the world, many of whom would fain be here if they could and are present with us in spirit. Let us send them our thoughts of affection and greeting, and simultaneously turn to those Elder Brethren under whose auspices the Society had its origin and whose inner guidance is open to all who sincerely seek to forward the progress of humanity, the good of their fellow-beings. Let me here use the stirring words with which Dr. Annie Besant used to open every Convention, changing them a little. (*Rise, Brethren.*)

May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless the work initiated under Their guidance. May They inspire it with Their wisdom, strengthen it by Their power and energize it with Their activity.

I declare this 86th Convention open. (*Be seated.*)

It is a deeply significant fact that while there is much sameness and agreement in the nature of their thoughts and outlook among the members, who have a widely varying background, comprising so many different nationalities, races and religions,

there is in the Three Objects of the Society nothing of a creed except Universal Brotherhood. This Brotherhood finds its place there not as a thesis for intellectual acceptance but as a truth rooted in the very nature of a human being, and capable of expression in one's life according to the degree and depth of one's awakening to that truth and to the nature of his own fundamental being. It is our conditioning by so many factors, which we may name variously as race, upbringing, caste, nationality and so forth, which eclipses that truth, and causes us, even when we theoretically accept it, to interpret it as a mere anaemic co-existence or mutual sufferance. The word Brotherhood thus becomes just a sign, devoid of the vitality, beauty and transforming power of truth and life. The truth which will ultimately prevail and is of vital consequence is the truth of life, of the life that is in ourselves and all other beings around us. What we seek to know as Theosophists is principally the nature of life and consciousness. All else is subsidiary to this knowledge, which is important because it is inseparable from our being.

Theosophy is an undefined Wisdom, and there is no document or official paper which says how it shall be interpreted, but in so far as this Wisdom pertains to our individual being, its expression and action, it takes its rise not from any conditioning to which we are subject, but from the pure unconditioned nature of ourselves. To merit being described as Wisdom, which is different from the accumulation of knowledge, it must be the efflorescence of a truth which abides in ourselves. Brotherhood, in the sense of a deep pure relationship experienced in one's heart and filling the heart, is of the essence of that truth.

There are many things we can do in the Theosophical Society, many lines of work, each good in its way, but I feel

that more than anything else, we need to achieve a different comprehension, out of which there will flow a different way of life, including our thinking and actions. We all tend to live as we have always been doing, and add a doctrine or two, which do not make much difference to the condition of ourselves. As we look at the world today, we see everywhere a spirit of self-assertion, of dominance, exploitation and regimentation, and inevitably it is a world of tension and conflict. It is a world of restless activity, forthgoing in every direction. Along with this forthgoing, whether for knowledge, enjoyments and pleasures, advantage or gain, which is seemingly an objective attitude, there is an unconscious subjective condition, which is an involution in self-centred motives and emotions and makes us indifferent to life in whatever form, to the needs and feelings of others, not to speak of their manifest pains and sorrow. There is this hardening process along with all our mechanical achievements and progress. The world's situation at present, dreadful as it is, is a development of trends in our way of life which give more importance to power, competition in achievements and the accumulation of material goods, than to a life which is simple, non-ambitious, but rich in understanding, in its relationships and harmony. Obviously we need to move in a different direction altogether. We need to seek a different way of progress, a way which makes for increasing freedom within ourselves, a freedom which opens our being on every side, even as there is an opening out on every side of the world of knowledge. We need to stress the importance of a manner of living based on the truth of what we fundamentally are, of what life is, when looked at not superficially but in a perspective that increasingly reveals its depths.

The Society was founded eighty-six years ago when the conditions in every department of life and the climate of the world's thought were very different from what they are at present. Yet the Society's Objects are as adapted to present conditions as they were to previous times. The Objects have been so defined as to make it possible for its work to keep pace with a changing world, and to contact the minds of people as they have been modified by various developments in this century. The latter part of the nineteenth century was a time of increasing colonialism in politics, rigid social and religious orthodoxy, and an equally rigid materialism in matters of Science. The Society, besides preaching Brotherhood, which tended to alter the then existing relationship between rulers and the ruled, had the duty of combating the orthodoxy and propounding a view of life, which while strictly sensible and logical, was based not on the dead premises of matter but on something infinitely more of a reality, which can be experienced only in the depths of one's consciousness and being.

The world as a whole has since then moved into different conditions, into more open waters of thought and action, though the waters are turbulent with many problems. At the present moment there is the challenge, posed by accumulations of nuclear energy, of death or a new beginning. Our duty, as I see it, is to point the way to the truths that are eternal, not so much in terms of symbols, which are substitutes for reality, but in relation to life and our own inner consciousness, its perceptions and movements, as well as to an understanding of how our consciousness is affected by things around it.

Sometimes it is said that there must be a new presentation. The feeling of newness depends on the condition of the

mind or heart. But the presentation has to be such as to apply to the problems of individuals at the present time and in relation to the activities of their minds, which create those problems.

A new outlook on life, a new quality of consciousness, a spiritual renaissance, which is what the world needs, cannot be brought about by purely organizational means. An organization can bring together like-minded people, promote exchanges between them, and arrange for joint or co-operative activities of different sorts, such as talks, the printing of journals and books, their dissemination and so forth. But there is a work at a deeper level which has to be done by us as individuals. An organization cannot do what an individual can do, for he is capable of understanding, love, reverence, sympathy, and so forth, all of which is the action of what he is in his nature and being. The Theosophical Society is an organization, and as such it has to be kept free of those weaknesses, vested interests, and the tendencies to settle down into certain moulds and stereotypes, which every organization tends to develop. But the Society is also an association of free individuals, of members intended to be friends of one another and of the world in general, and students and centres of the Wisdom, its life-giving energy and peace. This duty rests on each and every one of us, and not only upon so-called leaders. Only to the extent that the Wisdom in this living sense is present and active in the hearts of the members, the Society, which is a movement as well as an organization, can accomplish its purpose.

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I reported last year the unexpected passing away of Mrs. Josephine Ransom who had been elected Vice-President of the Society. I had to make a fresh nomination, and I nominated this time

Mr. James S. Perkins, who had been National President of the American Section for very many years and had just retired from that office. The nomination was unanimously approved by the General Council, and he is now Vice-President of the Society. I feel that the Society has cause to be happy that it will have the benefit of his experience, advice and help in that capacity.

WORK THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Let me say that I have read all the Reports received from Sections and Federations with great interest. Having visited most of these countries, some of them more than once, I have a general understanding of their conditions, activities and problems. But I cannot refer to all of them in this address.

"The whole membership must realize that they must be part of a program of moving forward," writes Dr. Henry Smith, the National President of the American (United States) Section, in his Report. There is "need to stimulate in them zeal for study and work". He makes this observation from appraisals by lecturers sent out from the Headquarters in Wheaton. But the same is the case with the whole Theosophical Society in every country. The American Section adopts a variety of methods to maintain contact with Lodges as well as with National members, who are members attached not to any Lodge but directly to Section Headquarters, and are called in certain other countries "free members". The Lodges are supplied with material for programs in the form of tape recordings, slides, films and so forth. There are correspondence courses which can be taken up by individual members who can also borrow books from the Section Library. I mention these methods as they are capable of being adopted by

other Sections also, or by a group of Sections. Tape recordings of talks are being increasingly used by Lodges in different parts of the world. But Dr. Smith thinks, and I agree with him, that they should be supplementary to discussion and study, and not supplant "live" programs.

In the year ending 30th September, which is the official year for the Society, 65 Lodges in the United States utilized the services of the Department of Education and Research at "Olcott" (the Section Headquarters) in planning their programs. While on the subject of such planning, I might mention the fact that there are Lodges in some countries where sometimes members turn up at the Lodge, such of them as come, and then consider what they should do. When meetings are not arranged with care, but become a haphazard affair, there is bound to be loss of interest and of the Lodge membership little by little. In the United States they have a program of regional expansion. The work is intensified in a selected area, where there is a small Lodge or group of Lodges, with the help of one or more workers deputed by the Section for a period of time. These regional expansion workers are trained at "Olcott" in class and group work. They have "workshops" also in the regional expansion areas for such training. It is stated that this program has resulted in an increase of members in those areas, and the local branches have been able to sustain the heightened interest.

I might mention, in passing, that there are very many members who prefer the term "Branch" to "Lodge". In India too in the early days the word in common use was "Branch". In certain other countries they use the word "Group".

In England the membership does not increase, but the new General Secretary, Mr. Wallace Slater, writes that "there is

a definite growth of interest in Theosophical subjects by the general public and an active interest in the deeper aspects of Theosophy by the members". Dr. Bendit, the previous General Secretary, had instituted a new type of public meeting "where a subject is introduced by two speakers and then discussed in a free and easy manner, without attempting to reach formal conclusions. The subject is left in the air to continue working in the minds of the audience." The non-member who is present thus feels that he is part of the meeting and he also can help in exploring the problem or the subject. Mr. Slater reports that there is a good attendance at these meetings and "there is a healthy keenness in examining the teachings". The English Section has acquired all the shares of Tekels Park Estate in Camberley and can now freely use the facilities of the estate. A number of members and workers live there in residential houses and flats and form a Theosophical community maintaining certain activities, but as Tekel is not far from London, it serves as an admirable meeting-place for week-end camps, conferences and so forth. The Theosophical Publishing House in London, which is also owned by the English Section, is another asset of importance to its work.

A happy feature on the continent of Europe is increasing co-operation among Sections speaking the same language or languages which are closely allied. This is due largely to the work of the European Federation, with its Regional Committees. Norway, Sweden and Denmark are trying the experiment of issuing one journal jointly, instead of three separate journals, and it is edited by Mr. Ernst Nielsen, the General Secretary for Norway. In June they joined together to hold a summer school at Hornsjo in Norway, at which there was an attendance of some 126 members. Mr. Nielsen writes that this

summer school, which was attended by Miss Clara Codd and Mr. John Coats, among others, "proved the immeasurable value of co-operation and togetherness". Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark has been for many years the site for a summer school attracting not only members in Scandinavia but also members from abroad, including England. But thanks to the generosity of Mrs. Birgitte Valvanne and Mr. Jorgen Winde, who owned the place, along with Mr. Hugo Valvanne, it has been formally dedicated as a centre for Theosophical work, with a supervising Council on which the Scandinavian Sections are represented.

The General Secretary for Sweden, Mrs. Eva Ostelius, reports "a marked growth of interest for Theosophy among the public but also a strong tendency not to join any organization". There are so many organizations today everywhere for religious, spiritual or so-called spiritual purposes, all of which seek to secure adherents and strengthen themselves. The more independent thoughtful person is naturally wary of being inveigled into some new cult or sect and becoming committed to its beliefs and ways. Theosophy, being a truth that is inherent in the nature of things, our presentation, approach and methods should manifest that free, open and universal spirit which will save the Society from being mistaken for any sectarian member-seeking body. We should welcome members of course, but their coming should be in free response to the truth and a desire to help in propagating a truth which is so identified with freedom—freedom of mind and heart—and the underlying unity of all that lives and breathes. In Sweden they have been attempting to achieve a closer co-ordination of Lodges, the need for which is felt in other countries also, as for instance, in Southern Africa where the Lodges are scattered over long distances.

Mr. Nielsen, the General Secretary for Norway, makes the remark, based on his experience over very many years of work, that "it is difficult to get people interested in our ideas in Norway". The same difficulty has been experienced in Sweden and a number of other countries. As everyone is interested in his own problems, they have been trying in Sweden the experiment of "a series of lectures on subjects touching the daily problems of the average individual," and these have been much appreciated by the public and unusually well attended. The Malmo Lodge, alongside the Lodge work, has started a discussion and lecturing group called the Gnostic Society, which is completely unattached but is proving a gateway to the Society.

Netherlands too reports a decrease of membership. The General Secretary, Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen, expresses the opinion that the main cause for the dormancy of a number of Lodges there—there are other Lodges which are very lively—is that the same people stay permanently in the Lodge council and as its principal officers. Again, this is a phenomenon not confined to the Netherlands. Sometimes the members get so accustomed to the leadership of someone with an outstanding devotion or talents that the relationship thereby established continues mechanically. The tendency then, of which the members concerned may be unaware at first is to form a group or party around him, which inevitably excludes others and antagonizes them. In the Theosophical Society, where there should always be a free atmosphere and a spirit of universal friendliness, there should never be any clique, group or party around someone, however fine he may be. We have all to remember that however well one may do a particular work, a new person, even though we may think he will not do it so well—perhaps he

will not—will bring a new quality and touch which may be needed for the development of the work. Mr. van Leeuwen mentions as an outstanding event a summer school at Amersfoort which was very well attended and was devoted to a study of the Buddhist philosophy. The Section has an active publishing department and its recent publications include a book entitled "Studies in Religion, Occultism and Esotericism" by Mr. van Leeuwen himself, and a book on "Psychology and Theosophy," by Mr. D. G. Gower and Dr. A. G. Vreede. Mr. van Leeuwen has started a program of meeting members of Lodges in the Netherlands at special and exclusive meetings to talk over essential points of the esoteric philosophy. The first of these was one at Haarlem for seven Lodges in that area to study and discuss "the original program of the T.S." by H.P.B.

One of the most active Sections in Europe at present is Iceland, which has a membership of 509. Mr. Sigvaldi Hjalmarsson, the General Secretary, writes that activities of instruction have increased greatly. The Section's periodical has been improved to include matters of general intellectual interest, such as psychology and philosophy. A pamphlet introducing Theosophy has been sent to every farmer, every physician, clergyman and teacher. A new type of work that has been started is the training of workers in Lodges and giving them guidance in lecturing and group work. The Icelandic Section was forty years old this year, and to celebrate the occasion a Theosophical Publishing House has been founded. Also there is a newly started Young Theosophists organization which holds regular meetings and discussions.

Another European Section where there is much liveliness is Switzerland. Mr. Georges Tripet, who is again the General Secretary, has been taking an "inventory"

of the Section, pruning out the names of members who for years have taken no interest in the movement and also initiating a number of activities intended to vitalize the Lodges and members. During the year a course was organized for Lodge Presidents to instruct them in their duties, and two courses for instructors of study classes, one in German and the other in French. A circular letter is sent out every month in German and French, in which the General Secretary answers questions asked by members on a variety of subjects. The success of these circular letters has, it seems, greatly exceeded expectations.

The European Federation is as active as ever under the energetic guidance of Mr. John Coats, who mentions in his Report the regional summer schools held during the year: in Norway for the Scandinavian countries; at Pichl, Austria, for the German-speaking Sections; and in Milano Marittima for the French-speaking and Italian Sections; also the work of the Regional Committees. The Council of the Federation held a session at Milan in June, together with the Convention of the Italian Section, thus helping the Section by the presence and participation of leading workers from other countries in Europe.

Mrs. Radha Burnier, the General Secretary for India, writes that India has now a membership of 7,405, an increase from last year's figure by 373 members. The Section is divided into a number of Federations, as in some other countries, but largely on a linguistic basis, and each Federation consists of the Lodges in its area. The work in these Federations and Lodges continues steadily as before. A noteworthy event was the celebration of H.P.B.'s birthday in Bombay jointly by the Bombay Federation and the United Lodge of Theosophists, under the presidency of Mme. Sophia Wadia. I

might mention here that similar celebrations took place at Los Angeles and San Francisco in the United States, our Society co-operating there too with the United Lodge and other Theosophical groups. The Section Report mentions the holding of various study camps and conferences in different parts of the country, including a North Indian and South Indian Conference at Varanasi and Adyar, respectively.

Mr. Domingo Argente, the General Secretary of the Philippines Section, writes that the year has been one of the most fruitful in the history of that Section, which has now a number of new young members, full of enthusiasm and dedicated to living a Theosophical life. They help in various ways including the raising of funds for a new building for the Section Headquarters in Manila.

The activities of the Australian and New Zealand Sections continue in the usual pattern. Miss Helen Zahara, the General Secretary for Australia, reports that the Section Convention was held in a holiday home near Perth, for the first time in the Section's history as a residential gathering. As it was followed by a summer school at the same place, those who came, some from places in the eastern States thousands of miles away, were able to be together for one whole week in the atmosphere of Theosophy, discussing, listening and coming to know one another better. Miss Zahara writes as follows with regard to a change in approach to the Theosophical work which is noticeable, especially among the young people in that country: "There is a tendency toward a critical reappraisal of the purposes and functions of the Society and the methods by which they may be achieved. Many members today . . . challenge any tendency to formalism and authority, with the result that there is a move toward the breaking up of

established patterns in some directions and a defence of these in others. If we can keep a fresh, free and creative approach to the work of our Society, without losing the value of that which has gone before, then the vitality of the movement, based on the Three Objects, will be strengthened and grow. This depends on us all." We can all heartily agree.

In the Sections of South and Central America the work goes on steadily and much as usual. Mr. Nazareno Rimini, the General Secretary for Argentina, has sent out an invitation to the other Spanish-speaking Sections to co-operate in organizing a Convention of the Latin American Sections every third year. Such a Convention would of course help the work in South America greatly and bear excellent results. But the difficulty lies in the vast distances from which members will have to come, even if it is held in some geographically central place on that continent. It may be that even though the distances and the cost may prove prohibitive for some, those who attend will form a sufficiently representative gathering for the chief workers in the different Sections to come into touch with one another and plan to do certain things in co-operation. Mr. Rimini and Mr. Walter Ballesteros of Colombia have already approached the other Sections for their co-operation for the systematic translation and publication of Theosophical works into Spanish.

Brazil is a Portuguese-speaking country; but most Brazilians understand Spanish, as the two languages are very similar. In Brazil, one of the Lodges is carrying out a course of study based on the programme of the School of the Wisdom at Adyar. The attendance of those who have taken up this course is said to indicate considerable interest. Mr. Armando Sales, the General Secretary, feels that though the

Section is maintaining its strength and activities, they realize the need for "the intensification of the spiritual life, making each Lodge a real channel for the higher forces in the service of the common good".

In Mexico, the Section has a new Headquarters building on the old site. It was inaugurated last May. Mr. Vado Lopez, the General Secretary, mentions among other features of the work the formation of a Young Theosophists Lodge, which holds meetings for study sometimes in the Headquarters building, and sometimes in the parks, intercalating these activities with visits to children in hospitals.

The activities of Young Theosophist groups are mentioned by the General Secretaries of a number of Sections.

In addition to the summer schools I have mentioned already, summer schools have been held at Wheaton, following the American Convention; at Bulawayo in Southern Rhodesia preceding the Convention of the Southern African Section which includes that area; at Camberley in England; at Rendsburg, Germany; at Kreivila in Finland; and at Reykjavik in Iceland. These summer schools last usually for a week, but sometimes for a shorter period.

During the year I made an extensive tour of Central and South America, travelling from Adyar by way of the Pacific in order to visit Hong Kong and Manila which I had not visited previously. I commenced the tour of Central and South America in Mexico City, after which the next place was San José in Costa Rica. At Barranquilla in Colombia I was joined by Brother Walter Ballesteros, who accompanied me on this tour. We went south to Bogota, and then along the west coast of South America, to Lima in Peru, and places in Chile, and from there proceeded to places in Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil before reaching Caracas in

Venezuela, where Brother Ballesteros left me. He translated me at all places we visited, and his translations were much appreciated, both by the members and the public. After leaving Caracas, I was briefly at the Headquarters of the American Section, London, Huizen, Milano Marittima for the summer school, and Paris, from where I returned to India, stopping in Bombay for some meetings. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson made a prolonged and extensive tour in the United States and was present at the Convention and summer school at "Olcott". Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta devoted some time to visiting Lodges in Pakistan, and then made a four months' tour of the different territories in East Africa, visiting a number of places. Srimathi Rukmini Devi was in Holland for a few weeks and made brief visits to the German summer school at Rendsburg, and London and then proceeded to the United States on some private business. Later she presided over a Convention of the Lodges in Pakistan, which was held in Karachi. Mr. John Coats has been more or less continuously touring in Europe, presiding over various summer schools and regional meetings. Miss Clara Codd attended the Italian Convention gathering at Milan and the summer school in Norway before proceeding to "Krotona" in the United States, where she is living at present. Another person who has been touring a great deal in Europe and attending the summer schools is Mrs. Mary Elmore. Miss Helen Zahara made a six-weeks' tour in New Zealand at the beginning of this year. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pearson toured in the United Kingdom for some months, visiting many Lodges. Mr. Axel von Fielitz-Coniar lectured during the year in both Sweden and Germany. There is not space in this address to mention those who have been lecturing in their own Sections, even though their

work is as important as that of people who go abroad to other countries.

The School of the Wisdom opened its session this year with a larger number than usual. There were 33 students, coming from the United States, Australia, Belgium, England, Germany, Denmark, India, Southern Rhodesia, Indonesia, East Africa and Switzerland. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson was the Director of Studies during the first term preceding the International Convention. As he will not be available for the second term, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Perkins, who are now at Adyar, will carry on the work instead.

The Adyar Library is celebrating its 75th year Jubilee this December. It has become increasingly well known in India and abroad among Indologists, scholars and research students for its collection of manuscripts and books, its publications and its work as a research centre. During last year's Convention the foundation-stone was laid in a part of the Besant Gardens for the new Adyar Library Building, which is more than ever urgently required. The present premises are exceedingly cramping and there is no possibility of expanding the work or using the manuscripts and books to full advantage until the Library is located in the building that has been planned. Srimathi Rukmini Devi has told me that the site (on which there are at present a number of Kalākshetra cottages) will be made available before June 1962.

An important addition to our work at Adyar is the *Adyar News-Letter*, edited by Miss Katherine A. Beechey and issued quarterly. It gives news of the activities at Adyar, of visitors of note and people who come here to reside for a shorter or longer period, and each issue features some particular department or activity, giving something of its history and a summary of the part it plays in the varied work of the International Headquarters.

The News-Letter is sent to all the General Secretaries, certain other workers, and quite a number of regular subscribers. Many of the General Secretaries have welcomed this unofficial bulletin and quoted from it in their Section journals, because it gives a more informal and intimate view of Adyar's day-to-day life and work than is ordinarily possible in official correspondence and reports.

There have been some changes among the chief workers at Adyar. I have appointed Mr. Jal B. Dorab Recording Secretary, in the place of Miss Emma Hunt who had been in that office since 1953. I have also appointed him and Mrs. Radha Burnier as Joint Directors of the Adyar Library. As Miss Hunt's health has not been very satisfactory for some time, she feels she must return to New Zealand, at least for a time. Mr. M. D. Subramaniam, who was Superintendent of the Engineering Department, wished to retire from that post in order to assist in the construction of the new Kalākshetra buildings on their site at Tiruvanmiyur, and Mr. R. Balfour Clarke, who is a qualified engineer with considerable experience in various countries and who has been at Adyar off and on since 1908, has been good enough to take up the work of supervising and directing that department. Mr. Govindaraju, assisted by Mr. S. Natarajan, is now the Superintendent of the Watch and Ward, in the place of Mr. K. S. Krishnamurti who has been acting as the Head of that department since 1953. Madame P. Cazin has had to retire from the department of Sanitation after many years of service, and that department has been amalgamated with the Medical department, under Dr. S. V. Joseph as the officer in charge, with Mr. S. Krishnamurti of the dispensary assisting him. The Committee of Administration has continued to function very satisfactorily and has taken over

much of the burden of the Adyar administration from myself. All the other Heads of departments and Assistant Heads, whose names were mentioned by me last year, continue in their respective offices. I want to express to all our workers, whatever their particular place in the work, my very sincere thanks.

I must here express my grateful thanks also to all those who have helped the Society by their donations. We are especially grateful to those members whose deep devotion to the Society's work has prompted them to make bequests with which to carry on its work.

Among those who have passed away during the year I must mention Dr. Maurice Beddow Bayly and Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, both of England, Mr. Hugo Valvanne of Finland, Sri M. Subramaniam of Adyar, and Mr. Vengoechea of Colombia, all well-known workers who will be greatly missed, and I take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to all of them. There are others who have also passed on, but they are too numerous for me to mention them here. Dr. Beddow Bayly was a devoted Theosophist and a much-respected member of the English Section, active both in the Society and in work for the protection of animals. Mrs. Adelaide Gardner was also one of our stalwart workers, who was for some years the General Secretary for England and later Assistant General Secretary of the European Federation. She was always in demand for lectures and study work. Mr. Valvanne had been a life-long Theosophist, and though for many years his official duties in the diplomatic service of Finland absorbed his time, he was constantly helping the Society in one way or another. Sri M. Subramaniam was a devoted worker, much valued as a lecturer and with quite exceptional talents along other lines. He was on his way to Europe for a lecturing

tour, to which he had been invited, and passed away unexpectedly at Teheran airport. Mr. Vengoechea was a member of the Colombian Section, its founder and inspirer for years.

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Our Society is now eighty-six years old. It is only fourteen more years to its centenary, a comparatively short period. Everything old tends to get set and rigid, unable to function outside its established habits. But a Society which stands for the ageless Wisdom should in a measure

be free of that declining and deteriorating process. This is possible as its membership is constantly renewed, and the freedom which the Society as a whole declares as a cardinal principle of thought and action should help us to keep our minds and hearts free, fresh and young. Let us hope that as the Society approaches its 100th year it will be able completely to renovate itself and arise Phoenix-like with new life and vigor.

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Income and Expense Account of the Theosophical Society for the fiscal year ended 30-9-1961 closed with a deficit of Rs. 36,515.77 as summarized below:

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actuals</i>
	Rs.	Rs.
Expense including Departments ..	6,44,290	6,97,259
Income " " ..	5,66,070	5,82,908
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	78,220	1,14,351
Less Donations received after allocation to funds and accounts ..		77,836
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Net deficit ..		36,515
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The total amount received for Adyar Day inclusive of the sum of Rs. 22.77 carried forward from the previous year was Rs. 15,950.50. Bequests and other donations amounted to Rs. 71,436.37. The President allocated the amount to various funds and accounts as per details given below:

		Rs.	nP.
Olcott Harijan Free Schools ..	..	..	1,500 00
Besant Theosophical School ..	..	..	500 00
Adyar Library ..	..	..	2,000 00
Welfare Fund ..	..	..	2,500 00
Faithful Service Fund ..	..	..	3,000 00
Sum made available to General Fund:			
(a) Adyar Day Allocation	Rs. 6,400.00		
(b) Other Donations	71,436.37		
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			77,836 37
			<hr/>
			87,336 37
Retained for further allocations			73 27
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			87,409 64
			<hr/>

A.B.C. Fund.—At the commencement of the year the amount in the Fund was Rs. 14,15,292. We received during

the year a sum of Rs. 50,052 in the form of bequests and donations thus bringing the total amount to Rs. 14,65,344.

As the target level originally fixed is Rs. 20,00,000, we welcome further contributions for this fund.

The Faithful Service Fund.—At the beginning of the fiscal year the amount at credit of the fund was Rs. 56,139 and during the year the receipts for this Fund amounted to Rs. 5,627. After deducting the total amount disbursed during the year to various beneficiaries amounting to Rs. 14,968 the balance available in the fund was Rs. 46,798 at the close of the fiscal year.

Immovable Property.—During the year a sum of Rs. 17,136 was spent for major improvements to some of our buildings.

Motor Cars.—During the year we purchased two Hindustan Ambassador Motor Cars costing about Rs. 28,692. A part of this was met by special donation of Rs. 13,000.

Repairs and Renewals.—Rs. 68,897. During the year it was found necessary to spend heavy amounts to repair some of the bungalows which had not received adequate attention in the past. Therefore there has been an excess over the budgeted amount.

Engineering Department.—This department shows a loss this year as against a surplus in the previous year. This is due to restricted turnover of jobs for the T. S. and a consequent loss of recovery of departmental overhead.

Garden Department.—Owing to a smaller return from sale of Paddy, Cocoanuts, Mangoes and Citrus Fruits this department shows a loss of Rs. 3,140 as against a surplus for the previous year.

Bhojanasala.—This department shows a heavy deficit and this is ascribed to lesser number of boarders and increased cost of provisions.

Leadbeater Chambers.—The deficit is slightly more than we anticipated and it is largely due to increased cost of provisions, etc.

Laundry.—This department shows the usual deficit and it is due to increased cost of labour.

Vasanta Press.—This department has been able to show a small surplus after paying heavy compensation to the retrenched staff necessitated by the policy of printing only books and other matter for the Society.

Watch and Ward and Sanitation Departments.—These two departments have kept their expenses more or less within their respective budgets.

Retirement and Gratuities Fund.—As the amount available in the fund was very little, we have adopted the policy of charging to each department a certain percentage of their respective total payroll and thereby paving the way for creating an adequate reserve in the next few years. This will provide funds for payment of gratuity as well as retirement allowance to retiring employees in accordance with our Service Rules.

The T.S. Budget.—The budget for the new year 1961-62 shows a deficit of Rs. 74,720. It is earnestly hoped that the deficit will be made good by donations.

EDWIN N. LORD,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

BUDGET CURRENT	EXPENSES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
Rs.		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
	To Establishment:						
39,000	Salaries and Wages ...			37,644	53	45,048	09
40,000	Repairs and Renewals ...			51,422	05	68,897	31
6,000	Light and Water ...			5,443	26	7,476	52
12,000	Miscellaneous ...			11,434	45	9,724	17
	Postages, Telegrams and						
4,000	Telephones ...			5,136	80	3,002	40
5,000	Printing and Stationery ...			5,478	78	5,731	23
15,000	Taxes ...			15,048	99	15,550	40
	Publications to General						
800	Secretaries ...			780	35	705	16
2,000	Museum and Archives ...			1,619	21	3,049	32
...	Convention, 1959 ...			7,295	39		
5,000	1960					4,361	64
...	Contribution to Banaras						
	Convention, 1958 ...			3,000	00	...	
						1,63,546	24
	Departmental Results:						
1,000	Bhojanasala ...	—	570 98			—	4,062 26
...	Engineering Department ...	+	962 53			—	5,338 97
6,000	Garden ...	+	800 76			—	3,140 35
3,250	Laundry ...	—	3,240 60			—	3,060 14
2,000	Leadbeater Chambers ...	—	1,487 66			—	2,760 49
...	Vasanta Press ...	+	1,981 73			+	407 10
7,000	Dispensary ...	—	7,479 78			—	7,279 38
4,300	Sanitation ...	—	3,728 89			—	3,983 38
17,000	Watch and Ward ...	—	16,480 37			—	17,473 61
				29,243	26		46,691 48
	Appropriations:						
5,000	To Adyar Library ...	5,000	00			5,000	00
5,000	„ The School of the	5,000	00			5,000	00
	Wisdom ...						
6,600	„ The President's Travel-	6,600	00			6,600	00
	ling Fund ...						
				16,600	00		16,600 00
	Depreciation:						
	On Motor Car ...	...				2,869	84
	„ Immovable Property ...	15,541	03			16,345	16
21,400	„ Movable Property ...	5,779	14			5,926	57
				21,320	17		25,141 57
	Provision for Casuarina						
	Development Reserve ...			3,000	00	...	
	Provision for Doubt-						
	ful Debts ...			...		2,500	00
						2,500	00
				2,14,467	24		2,54,479 29

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

ADYAR
14th December, 1961

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

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
General Fund:						
As per last Balance Sheet ...	9,84,613	74	9,83,040	40		
Less: Capital Receipts in Adyar Library Capital ...	238	51	...			
Add: Transfer from Adyar Library Capital A/c ...	...		1,960	22		
	9,84,375	23	9,85,000	62		
Less: Excess of Expense over Income for the year ...	1,334	83	36,515	77	9,48,484	85
Other Funds: (see notes below)			9,83,040	40		
(i) Of the Society: Interest Bearing:						
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a) ...	66,906	01	78,381	38		
Adyar Library Building Fund(b) ...	1,95,302	56	2,34,827	30		
Cash ...	50,000	00	49,000	00		
Fixed Property ...	14,15,292	92	14,65,345	29		
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (c) ...	99,266	97	90,811	41		
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	14,526	46	14,658	34		
do. do. (d) ...					19,33,023	72
(ii) Of the Society: Non-Interest Bearing:			18,41,294	92		
President's Travelling Fund ...	6,771	84	6,020	07		
Miscellaneous Funds ...	63,163	48	73,684	49	79,704	56
			69,935	32	76,389	00
(iii) Of Others: Interest-Bearing ...			78,925	86		
Reserves:						
Electrical Line ...	6,000	00	6,000	00		
Meter and Water Line Renewal ...	4,000	00	4,000	00		
Water Tank ...	2,000	00	2,000	00		
Supplemental Welfare Fund ...	41	91	41	91		
Special Purposes Fund ...	15,035	72	15,035	72		
Adyar Day Unallocated ...	22	77	73	27		
Casuarina Development ...	3,983	68	6,221	92		
			31,084	08	33,372	82
Adyar Library: Funds and Reserves:						
Miscellaneous Funds ...	26,624	00	7,703	92		
Gratuities Reserve ...	13,829	07	12,170	59		
			40,453	07	19,874	51
Sundry Deposits ...			83,294	03	83,740	50
Sundry Creditors ...			26,015	66	27,860	82
<i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.</i>						
<i>(b) Interest available for general purposes.</i>						
<i>(c) Interest only available for general purposes.</i>						
<i>(d) Interest only available for specific purposes.</i>						
C/o			31,54,043	34	32,02,450	78

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1961

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR				Current Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Immovable Property:								
<i>Lands at Adyar:</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...			1,93,857	81			1,93,857	81
<i>Lands at Urur:</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	13,557	50			6,418	52		
Less: Sales ...	7,138	98			100	00		
			6,418	52			6,318	52
<i>Lands in Sindh:</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...			10,000	00			10,000	00
<i>Buildings at Adyar: (At Cost)</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	7,56,901	96			7,97,108	38		
Add: Additions ...	40,206	42			17,159	47		
	7,97,108	38			8,14,267	85		
Less: Refund ...	...				23	48		
	7,97,108	38			8,14,244	37		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	3,40,194	81			3,56,136	97		
			4,56,913	57			4,58,107	40
<i>"Gulistan," Kotagiri: (At Cost)</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,169	72			20,169	72		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	3,308	88			3,711	88		
			16,860	84			16,457	84
			6,84,050	74			6,84,741	57
Movable Property at Adyar:								
<i>Furniture and Fixtures: (At Cost)</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	71,290	17			77,066	14		
Add: Additions ...	6,424	73			1,965	37		
	77,714	90			79,031	51		
Less: Sales ...	648	76			10	00		
	77,066	14			79,021	51		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	59,028	17			64,954	74		
			18,037	97			14,066	77
<i>Motor Cars: (At Cost)</i>								
Purchased during the year ...					28,692	84		
Less: Depreciation @ 10 % for 6 months ...					2,869	84		
							25,823	00
Investments: (At Cost)								
Government of India Loan								
2½ % to 4 % ...	7,99,210	20			7,46,634	70		
State Govt. Loans								
2½ % to 4½ % ...	2,88,300	30			2,97,819	30		
United Kingdom Loan ...	3,02,466	92			3,03,180	90		
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	28,300	00			28,600	00		
Miscellaneous Securities ...	54,472	27			53,758	29		
Fixed Deposit ...	14,535	26			35,535	26		
			14,87,284	95			14,65,528	45
C/o			21,89,373	66			21,90,159	79

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
B/F		31,54,043 34		32,02,450 78
		31,54,043 34		32,02,450 78

ADYAR
14th December, 1961

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

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1961

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR				Current Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Interest Accrued on Investments B/f ...			21,89,373	66			21,90,159	79
Interest Accrued on Investments ...			33,120	54			33,298	00
Departmental Assets:								
Electrical Installations ...	31,230	00			29,638	00		
Tools, Equipments, etc. ...	25,160	90			23,411	58		
Printing Machinery, etc. ...	88,971	53			88,968	00		
Accounts Recoverable ...	10,699	19			11,171	28		
Standing Crops and Developments								
Account ...	66,098	74			66,936	79		
Stock on hand ...	1,72,171	82			1,98,595	41		
Cash and Stamps on hand ...	578	60			492	43		
			3,94,910	78			4,19,213	49
Adyar Library Assets ...			2,51,231	80			2,51,755	40
Sundry Assets ...			28,551	77			26,584	07
Sundry Debtors ...	1,63,001	41			1,89,815	97		
Less: Reserve for Doubtful Debts...	...				2,500	00		
			1,63,001	41			1,87,315	97
Cash:								
In Madras Banks on Current								
Account ...	77,173	67			76,473	56		
In London Bank do. ...	6,297	64			4,826	83		
On hand ...	10,382	07			12,823	67		
			93,853	38			94,124	06
			31,54,043	34			32,02,450	78

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

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR
ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1961

				Rs.	nP.
The Theosophical Society in U.S.A.	1960-61	\$	2634.27	..	12,512 78
" "	1961	\$	100.00	..	473 00
" "	1961	C\$	69.50	..	317 49
" "	1960-61	£	221-16- 2	..	2,947 14
" "	1960	£	1-13- 0	..	21 94
" "	1960	£	11-16- 0	..	156 79
" "	1960	£	8- 5- 9	..	110 13
" "		£	9- 5- 4	..	122 90
" "	1959	£	9- 8-10	..	125 45
" "		£	9- 5- 9	..	123 06
" "	1960-61	£	18-16- 6	..	249 42
" "		£	37- 7- 4	..	494 49
" "	1960	A£	68-19- 6	..	730 65
" "		NZ£	66-19- 0	..	881 49
" "	1960	Sw. Kr.	250.00	..	230 50
" "		f.	258.50	..	293 15
" "	1959-60			..	2,974 49
" "	1959-60			..	4,195 22
" "				..	317 75
" "				..	518 33
" "	1959-60			..	378 82
" "				..	3,956 66
" "				..	83 38
" "				..	56 50
Canadian Federation	..	C \$	67.80	..	310 18
Non-Sectionalized Lodges, etc.	..	..		..	1,623 52
					34,205 23

FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1961

DISBURSEMENTS		RECEIPTS	
	Rs. nP.		Rs. nP.
To Payments to Beneficiaries ...	14,968 05	By Opening Balance ...	56,139 51
„ Balance carried over ...	46,799 23	„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	4,559 43
		„ Interest ...	1,068 34
	61,767 28		61,767 28

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S
TRAVELLING FUND

RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1961

					Rs. nP.
The T.S. in England	£ 50- 0- 0	..	..	..	664 35
The T.S. in Scotland	£ 10- 0- 0	..	..	..	132 50
The T.S. in New Zealand		..	..	..	1,932 68
Action Lodge	£ 3- 0- 0	..	..	..	39 74
European Federation, T.S. Regional Committee	£ 50- 0- 0	..	..	..	664 36
Mrs. Olive Stevenson Howell	£ 5- 0- 0	..	..	..	66 45
Mr. Russell Bailey	\$ 117.00	..	..	..	548 48
Mr. Mario Cariaga Armayo, La Paz, Bolivia	\$ 20.00	..	..	..	90 00
Members in Argentina	\$ 29.80	..	..	..	139 95
Contribution from the Eastern Federation Co-Masonry		..	..	..	1,500 00
“ A Friend ” through Miss Vira Dastur		..	..	..	21 00
Mr. S. H. Vaswani		..	..	..	2 00
					5,801 51

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1961-62

EXPENSE	Budget for 1960-'61	Actuals for 1960-'61	Budget for 1961-'62	INCOME	Budget for 1960-'61	Actuals for 1960-'61	Budget for 1961-'62
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries ...	39,000	45,048	45,000	Rent ...	55,000	56,572	55,000
and Wages ...	40,000	68,897	60,000	Fees and Dues ...	25,000	34,205	30,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	6,000	7,476	7,500	Wood ...	1,000	1,903	1,000
Light and Water ...	12,000	9,724	12,000	Interest (Gross) ...	54,000	50,179	95,000
Miscellaneous ...	4,000	3,002	4,000	Administration			
Postages, Telegrams and ...	5,000	5,731	6,000	Charges ...	8,130	8,130	8,130
Telephone ...				Special Departments:			
Printing and Stationery ...				Bhojanasala ...		11,442	14,100
Publications to General				Engineering			
Secretaries ...	800	705	800	Department ...	1,69,000	1,55,692	1,62,000
Taxes ...	15,000	15,550	16,000	Garden Department ...	58,740	54,830	61,740
Interest on Funds and				Laundry ...	7,000	6,735	6,900
Accounts ...	11,000	10,864	11,000	Leadbeater Chambers...		23,079	25,000
Convention ...	5,000	4,362	5,000	Sanitary Department ...	1,200	1,326	1,200
Contributions:				Vasanta Press ...	1,87,000	1,92,396	1,91,600
To Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000	Donations ...		77,836	
„ Museum and Archives .	2,000	3,049	3,500	Deficit ...	78,220	36,516	74,720
„ President's Travelling .							
„ Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom .	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Special Departments:							
Bhojanasala ...	1,000	15,504	16,800				
Dispensary ...	7,000	7,279	7,500				
Engineering Department ...	1,69,000	1,61,030	1,62,000				
Garden Department ...	64,740	57,970	67,540				
Laundry ...	10,250	9,797	9,850				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	2,000	25,839	27,500				
Sanitary Department ...	5,500	5,309	5,500				
Vasanta Press ...	1,87,000	1,91,989	1,91,600				
Watch and Ward ...	17,000	17,474	19,700				
Depreciation ...	21,400	25,142	28,000				
Casuarina Reserve ...	3,000		3,000				
Reserve for doubtful debts		2,500					
	6,44,290	7,10,841	7,26,390		6,44,290	7,10,841	7,26,390

ADYAR

21st December, 1961

For The Theosophical Society,

EDWIN N. LORD,

Hony. Treasurer.

THE ADYAR

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENSE	LAST YEAR				This Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Opening Stock of Publications ...			29,182	34			23,544	77
„ Cost of Publications: Brahma Vidya and Other Publications ...								
„ Surplus Income carried to Income and Expense Account ...			3,146	95			5,084	51
			3,634	56			5,297	02
			35,963	85			33,926	30

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR THE

BUDGET	EXPENSE				LAST YEAR		This Year	
Rs.					Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
26,000	To Salaries and Wages ...	...	...	...	23,245	44	26,914	90
1,000	„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	...	...	...	985	25	1,079	30
600	„ Postages ...	...	...	...	574	22	758	90
3,500	„ Printing and Stationery ...	...	...	...	3,739	77	1,986	95
200	„ Fire Insurance ...	...	...	...	185	87	131	23
2,500	„ Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	2,462	81	3,242	63
900	„ Depreciation ...	...	...	...	846	33	846	33
1,500	„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	...	...	...	1,500	00	1,500	00
					33,539	69	36,460	24

ADYAR
14th December, 1961

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

LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1961

INCOME	LAST YEAR		This Year	
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Sale of Publications: Brahma Vidya and Other Publications				
		12,419 08		11,816 06
„ Closing Stock of Publications: Less: Value written down	47,089 54 23,544 77		44,220 47 22,110 23	
		23,544 77		22,110 24
		35,963 85		33,926 30

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1961

INCOME	LAST YEAR		This Year	BUDGET
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Surplus Income carried from Publications Account	3,634	56	5,297 02	3,500
„ T.S. Contribution	5,000	00	5,000 00	5,000
„ Adyar Day Allocation and Other Donations	2,010	00	9,198 67	2,000
„ Interest on Endowment Fund and Building Fund	6,079	22	6,555 21	6,200
„ Miscellaneous Receipts	2,737	94	2,752 55	2,500
„ Central Government Grant for compilation of Manuscripts	—		1,100 00	1,100
	19,461	72	29,903 45	
„ Excess of Expense over Income	14,077	97	6,556 79	15,900
	33,539	69	36,460 24	

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES	LAST YEAR				This Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Endowment Fund:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	80,720	47			66,906	01		
Add Donations Received ...	25	00			150	00		
Capital Receipts:								
Sale of Furniture ...	803	12			...			
	81,548	59			67,056	01		
<i>Less</i> Capital Expenses								
Furniture, Manuscripts and Books ...	564	61			1,960	22		
	80,983	98			65,095	79		
<i>Less</i> Excess of Expense over Income	14,77	77			6,556	79		
			66,906	01			58,539	00
* Transfer of other Funds: (in 1961)								
Publications Fund								
Books Purchase Reserve	17,814	72			17,814	72		
Donation Box	1,000	00			1,000	00		
	1,004	60			1,027	66		
			19,819	32			19,842	38
			86,725	33			78,381	38
Capital Fund:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,89,457	78			1,89,219	27		
<i>Less</i> Transfer from Endowment Fund	238	51			...			
	1,89,219	27			1,89,219	27		
Add Transfer from Endowment Fund	...				1,960	22		
			1,89,219	27			1,91,179	49
Building Fund:								
(i) Fixed Property:								
Value of Building received ...	50,000	00			...			
As per last Balance Sheet ...	...				50,000	00		
<i>Less</i> Depreciation written off ...	...				1,000	00		
			50,000	00			49,000	00
(ii) Other Donations:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,62,448	61			1,95,302	56		
Add Received during the year ...	32,853	95			5,593	24		
			1,95,302	56			2,00,895	80
Add-A-Brick Fund:								
Donations received during the year	4,314	74			...			
<i>Less</i> Expenses during the year ...	226	03			...			
			4,088	71				
As per last Balance Sheet ...					4,088	71		
Add Donations received during the year					29,842	79		
							33,931	50
C/o			5,25,335	87			5,53,388	17

* Other funds transferred to Endowment Fund at 30th September 1961.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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30TH SEPTEMBER, 1961

ASSETS	LAST YEAR				This Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Manuscripts and Books:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,50,461	81			1,50,938	53		
Add Additions ...	476	72			1,960	22		
			1,50,938	53			1,52,898	75
Movable Property at Juhu:								
Value of House Property received as Donation ...			50,000	00				
As per last Balance Sheet ...					50,000	00		
Less Depreciation ...					1,000	00		
							49,000	00
Furniture: At Cost								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	34,571	11						
Add Additions ...	87	89						
	34,659	00			33,855	88		
Less Sales ...	803	12			...			
	33,855	88			33,855	88		
Less Depreciation up-to-date ...	8,541	88			9,388	21		
			25,314	00			24,467	67
Advances:								
For Supplies ...	...				1,989	75		
Prepaid Fire Insurance ...	90	16			82	13		
			90	16			2,071	88
Deposits:								
With the Theosophical Society ...			2,90,649	11			3,21,507	28
Stock on hand:								
Publications ...	23,544	77			22,110	24		
Insecticides, etc. ...	1,274	34			1,136	86		
			24,819	11			23,247	10
Cash on hand:			70	00			70	00
C/o			5,41,880	91			5,73,262	68

LIABILITIES		LAST YEAR				This Year			
		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
	B/f			5,25,335	87			5,53,388	17
Discretionary Fund:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...			684	97			684	97
Gratuities Reserve:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	12,875	79			13,829	07		
Less Payments during the year	...	546	72			3,158	48		
		12,329	07			10,670	59		
Add Provisions this year	...	1,500	00			1,500	00		
				13,829	07			12,170	59
Book Deposits:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	1,911	00			2,031	00		
Add Receipts	...	400	00			320	00		
		2,311	00			2,351	00		
Less Refunds	...	280	00			340	00		
				2,031	00			2,011	00
Advances:									
Central Government Grant	...	...				5,000	00		
Suspense	...	...				7	95		
								5,007	95
				5,41,880	91			5,73,262	68

ADYAR
14th December, 1961

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

ASSETS	LAST YEAR				This Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
B/f			5,41,880	91			5,73,262	68
			5,41,880	91			5,73,262	68

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

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENSE

ACCOUNT FOR 1961-62

EXPENSE	Actuals for 1960-61	Budget for 1961-62	INCOME	Actuals for 1960-61	Budget for 1961-62
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Salaries and Wages ...	26,915	28,000	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,079	1,000	„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	9,199	2,000
„ Postages ...	759	1,000	„ Interest on Endowments ...	6,555	6,500
„ Printing and Stationery ...	1,987	2,000	„ Miscellaneous Receipts ...	2,753	2,000
„ Fire Insurance ...	131	150	„ Publications Account ...	5,297	5,000
„ Miscellaneous ...	3,243	3,300	„ Grant—Descriptive Catalogue Rare Manuscripts ...	1,100	5,000
„ Depreciation ...	846	850	„ Excess of Expense over Income ...	6,556	12,300
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,500	1,500			
	36,460	37,800		36,460	37,800
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
„ Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals ...		500			
„ Furniture, etc. ...		500			
		1,000			
PUBLICATIONS					
„ Brahma Vidya ...	4,000				
„ Saiva Upanishads ...	3,000				
	7,000				

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,

Librarian.

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

These reports in some instances have been translated
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the
Recording Secretary.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This marks the end of the first year of the new administration. The work of the Section has gone on smoothly and well. As this report is presented to you, you will note in it the plans of the administration that point to new trends which will later become evident. When the word "administration" is used it is intended to convey not the thinking of any single administrator, but the combined thinking of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is composed of Mrs. Dora Kunz, Northeast district, Mr. Robert Branning, Southeast district, Mr. Samuel Wylie, Central district, Mr. Emil Heintz, Southwest district, Mrs. Irene Durham, Northwest district, and Miss Joy Mills who makes a good Vice-President and counsellor. These fine devoted directors form a vital, energetic and co-operative group at the centre of our work. They bring from their regional areas their observations and evaluations, which are so essential in formulating policies and programmes. They are centres of strength for the Section, and in their districts. Also the two appointive officers, the National Secretary, Mrs. Ann Wylie, and the National Treasurer, Mr. Franklin Getz, though they do not vote, attend the Board meetings and assist in carrying out the numerous details of the Society's work.

General Outlook of Section.—During the lecturing tours an appraisal of the conditions prevailing in the Section was made by each speaker and these evaluations have been carefully considered. The structure of our Society needs to be sturdier than it appears. But there is also much apathy to be found. There

are very many devoted members and some vital and very active lodges and centres. In recent editorials the editor of *The American Theosophist* has pointed out the weaknesses and suggested how some of these needs can be met. The programme summarized in one paragraph of a recent editorial reads:

"The Society's future therefore lies in the effort to raise the achievement level of the individual members, and to stimulate in them the zeal for study and for work. The member must realize that he is bearing the torch into a world that is baffled and struggling. The Society must place at the disposal of the individual the means and techniques to bring out individual creativeness with special capacities to teach and to serve. The whole membership must be fired with zeal to make these things possible, and to be a part of the programme of moving forward."

Field Work.—This year we had the good fortune of having Mr. Geoffrey Hodson as a lecturer in the field. Mr. Hodson travelled all over the Section from November to June. He has been an inspiration in every area where he has served. There is always an added vitality when he is with us.

The National President made three long tours covering much of the Section, lecturing, evaluating conditions, and taking inventory of talent. The northwest tour covered seven cities as well as the Canadian Lodges in Vancouver and Victoria. Lectures were given both to members and to the public.

In February and March of this year he toured the southwest, giving lectures to the public and to members in a number of

places and was invited to visit the Lodge at Tijuana, Mexico. He also spent eleven days in the Los Angeles area, speaking to members and the public through arrangements made by the South California Federation. He then lectured at Ojai and Santa Barbara. His itinerary next took him to Oakland, San Francisco, Sacramento and San Jose for either public or members' talks. He took occasion to visit members and leaders of other Theosophical groups, and had a half-hour interview for one on the television programme "We Believe," sponsored by the Pacific School of Religion. It was a productive tour in many ways, especially from an administrative viewpoint.

In the spring his tour again took him through St. Louis. He then attended Federation Conventions which were held over three consecutive week-ends in New Orleans, Lakeland, and Atlanta by the respective area Federations. He gave additional lectures to the Branch in Covington, Louisiana, and to the members at the Atlanta Branch. In addition, he gave several lectures in the Chicago area.

The National Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, has made three lecture tours. In October she visited Boston and New York Branches and then was the guest speaker at the Middle Atlantic Federation Convention. *En route* to and from the National Conference in Seattle she spoke to the members and the public in seven cities.

During the winter she visited thirteen Branches in the middle-east and south-east areas concluding the tour at Pittsburgh. Later she was guest speaker at the Illinois-Wisconsin Federation meeting in Joliet.

Mr. Seymour D. Ballard has also taken part in the lecturing programme. In the fall of 1960 he travelled through

Michigan, giving public and members' talks in the Branches in five cities. In the spring of 1961 he visited Decatur and Indianapolis. He also spoke in Joliet, Chicago and Oak Park.

Mr. Samuel H. Wylie lectured in Detroit and five near-by cities, and assisted in Federation work in Ohio and Michigan. He also conducted classes and gave lectures in the Chicago area.

The Regional Expansion Programme.—The Regional Expansion Programme, designed to develop, strengthen and vitalize already existing Branches, is being sponsored in co-operation with the Federations and the Branches in the areas where it is being introduced. The programme was first started in 1959-1960 as a pilot programme in the Florida Federation and was a great success. This year we extended the programme to cover groups of Branches and study centres in co-operation with the following Federations: Ohio, Michigan, Middle-Atlantic, Mid-South, Florida and Northwest.

In each place attendance at the classes has been unusually high, indicating that with proper publicity, a well-planned programme and member support, the Regional Expansion Programme is proving itself an outstanding method of strengthening smaller Branches and for introducing Theosophy to a larger audience. There have been a number of new members as a direct result of these programmes, and many of the Branches in which the classes have been held report a sustained interest following the programme itself and a continuing increase in membership. A vital part of the entire Regional Expansion Programme is the regional workshop. These workshops concentrate on techniques of follow-up work by the local members and provide for some training in discussion and leadership techniques. All of the Regional Expansion workers have attended national workshops at Olcott,

where they have been specially trained in methods of group and class work.

Miss Joy Mills has been responsible for co-ordinating Regional Expansion Programmes this year, contacting the Federations in which programmes have been carried on and assisting the field workers in the programmes themselves.

Department of Information.—This important department is again very busy. Last year Mrs. Rutheda Osborne was unable to carry on because of illness, but we were fortunate to find Mrs. Beatrice Boroff, who was willing to assume responsibility for the department. During the year there were 955 inquiries; of these over 300 were put in contact with local Branches. Over 2,000 letters were sent out and 32 new members joined the Society through the department. Forty-five hundred leaflets were mailed to inquirers. Ten thousand *To Those Who Mourn* booklets were sent to twenty states.

Financial.—During the year we have received slightly over \$25,000, which is the balance of the Mrs. Lillian Pierre bequest. There were two additional legacies, each of \$2,500. One was from Mrs. Bonnie Kyle and the other from Mr. J. G. Phelps Stokes. These, of course, are placed into our reserves, and will serve to sustain an ever-increasing field programme.

There has been, of course, and still is an annual deficit. This year it will be about \$19,500. There are several reasons for this. Just to call your attention to two: Our regional expansion programme rose above \$8,000 in costs over the past year. This year we carried on four programmes while only one was sponsored last year. This year our lecture programmes cost almost \$3,000 over the amount spent in the previous year.

Membership.—The total membership on June 30th, 1959 was 4,521. In the year

1960 it was 4,432. This year it is 4,367, which shows a distinct downward trend.

We have this year instituted a statistical study of membership fluctuation and particularly statistics relating to people who have become inactive in the Society. Membership losses, numbering 799, were studied, with an indication that we lose 47 per cent of these in the first five years. This points to a defect in our relationship to new members on a national and local level.

On July 1, 1960, 311 members became inactive. During the year 367 members joined the Society. Eighty resigned and 113 died.

Department of Education and Research.—The Department of Education and Research is under the chairmanship of Miss Joy Mills, ably assisted by Mrs. Vera Riechers. It has developed an active programme of providing Branches with supplementary programme aids and assistance in programme planning. During the past year 65 Branches, including four study centres, utilized the services of the Department. A large number of individual members, many of them isolated in areas where there are no official Branches, have been assisted with suggestions for individual study.

The tape-recorded lectures continue to be the most popular offering of the Department, and there has been an increased demand for these.

Recently, the Department purchased from the English Section a group of tapes consisting of ten recorded talks for members and eight for public use, in addition to a series of eleven short taped-talks for members' study programmes. These will soon be available for use by the Branches. Another recent tape acquisition is a series of six study talks on the *Bhagavad Gītā* by Mr. Ernest Wood.

The tape-visuals, slides and movies are also still in demand,

Workshop.—The concept of workshop training which is a programme of leadership and worker training, has become more and more popular. This training has been featured as part of all the Regional Expansion Programmes. Two workshop sessions were held at Headquarters. The first was a new experiment in a three-day research workshop, held during the New Year week-end, with twelve members attending. This proved to be a most successful venture.

The annual spring workshop, held in March, was attended this year by fourteen members, representing ten Branches.

In addition to conducting these two workshop sessions at Headquarters, Miss Mills conducted a research workshop week-end in the St. Petersburg Branch and an abbreviated workshop in group methods in the Washington Branch during the course of her lecture tours.

Experience with the workshop type programme indicates that much can be done to expand these programmes, both at Headquarters and throughout the Section.

The possibilities for development and expansion in the Department of Education and Research are never ending. It is the thesis of the Department's chairman that the development of a sound and continuing educational programme is of immediate concern for the future growth of the Section, and that such a programme must co-ordinate efforts both at Headquarters and among the Branches in a unified endeavour to bring Theosophy to the attention of an ever-increasing audience.

Interest has continued in the work and development of the Research Division of the Department. *The Life Process* study programme has been used by a number of groups.

Many orders continue to be received for the *Theosophical Research Glossary*, indicating a real interest in furtherance of this

project of enlarging the scope of the Glossary.

This year the Research Division has been less active because of lack of special personnel. For the next year, however, we have solicited the aid of Dr. and Mrs. Laurence Bendit.

Associated Activities.—*The Theosophical Order of Service* directed by Mrs. Lois Holmes reports that the Social Service Department, the Animal Welfare Department, the Healing Department, Department of the Watcher, Division of Research in Music, the To-Those-Who-Mourn Club, and the Peace Department are all active.

The Parents' Research Group.—This work is twenty-seven years old, and is conducted under the direction of Mrs. Muriel L. Lewis. It is dedicated to help the family relationships to be integrated into Theosophical concepts. *The Parents' Bulletin* is a very interesting journal for parents with young children.

The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind has a Braille printing division and Audio department for records and tapes to enlighten the blind in Theosophy. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snyder have for very many years been deeply devoted to this project with their associates at Krotona and elsewhere.

The Theosophical Book Gift Institute.—The work of placing books on Theosophy in libraries all over the country has been a long-time project, sponsored primarily by Mr. Herbert A. Kern, and ably carried out in the field by Miss Edith Gray, this past year along slightly different lines. In the early part of the fiscal year a few libraries in Virginia and Washington were visited by Miss Gray. During the year over 150 libraries in twenty-five states were serviced through the mail. Miss Grace Porter placed books in some libraries in Alaska.

National Radio Programme.—Radio broadcasts have continued throughout the

past year. Some of the scripts have been revised.

The activities for the year indicate that seventeen stations broadcast Theosophy for varying lengths of time.

The National Radio Fund assisted in all of these broadcasts up to one-half the cost and in some cases more if special conditions prevailed.

The response to the broadcasts has varied. In the Florida area an average of 5.4 requests per week have been received for literature. This is, of course, only a partial index of the importance of this work.

The National Library.—The National Library is one of the finest of its kind in this country. It is basically a library of Theosophical and occult books. The Board is desirous of developing the library further to increase the number of books in the departments of religion, philosophy, science and psychology so that it may become a research library for members and also for educational institutions whose students may wish to utilize it for research work.

There are over 12,000 volumes on our shelves and an additional 2,000 volumes on hand for which there is no shelf space.

The Librarian furnishes reading lists along various lines of interest to help guide the inquiring reader.

This year 921 reading lists have been sent out (23 topical lists are on hand), books numbering 3,021 have been loaned out to a list of 360 borrowers and the library this year has added 195 books to its shelves.

Theosophical Camps.—It has been my experience as I travel, that an outstanding source of vitality lies in the activities that occur at the various camps. Indralaya on Orcas Island in the northwest, Pumpkin Hollow in the northeast, The Oaks in Michigan, and Far Horizons in California, have a greater impact on our

work than is at first evident. These are not merely vacation spots. These are places where the spirit of fellowship is spontaneous, where lively, vigorous and creative discussions are held, where people dream together of the eternal verities and of the work that the Society can do and their place in it. The inspiration that is evident on these occasions is carried into their localities; new life and more vital activities emerge.

The Theosophical Press.—The Theosophical Press Department has for a long time been under the management of Miss Lola Fauser. The Press inventory at the present time stands at approximately \$48,801. This includes the inventory on the most recently published book by Mr. Perkins, *Through Death to Rebirth*.

The figures of gross sales for the past five years show a definite decrease, but a marked increase in the request for publicity pamphlets indicates that the interest concerning Theosophy is not on the decline but rather on the increase. Since 1958, 5,000 more leaflets have been distributed per year.

National Theosophical Conferences.—Last November the Sixth National Theosophical Conference was held in Seattle, with Mr. Geoffrey Hodson as guest speaker. The meetings centered on the theme, "Exploring the Nature and Potentials of Man".

The Seventh National Theosophical Conference is scheduled for Washington, D. C., at Thanksgiving time 1961. The theme of this year's gathering will be "Theosophy: Toward the Frontiers of Truth". Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Bendit will be our guest speakers. Departing from our usual custom we plan to experiment this year with workshop discussion groups following the technique now being used at the summer school at Olcott.

The annual ten-day workshop at Olcott has continued to prove itself a

most popular and successful medium for assisting members in practical techniques for group and class work. Through the Regional Expansion Programmes, the workshop programme has been taken into the Section, so that many members who might not otherwise have participated in these programmes have had an opportunity to learn what is meant by the workshop experience.

It would appear that one of the major needs we face within our Branches today is the need for a vitality of leadership that will stimulate individual creativeness, responsiveness and responsibility, and thus spell growth and expansion. It is felt that there are no qualified speakers, no class leaders, no organizers, and so the work cannot continue except in a rather small, futile and even frustrating way. In a Federation, there can be a mutual banding together so that Branches within a given area may pool their resources and thus accomplish more than any individual group of members could do alone. A Federation convention provides a splendid opportunity to probe more deeply the purposes of our work and to discuss fully the means whereby the work may be developed in the individual groups.

Consideration is being given to the idea that the National Conferences now be discontinued in favour of giving greater national emphasis and assistance to Federation conventions, regional workshops and inter-Federation gatherings at which national speakers may assist with specific planning for the benefit of the member Branches and groups; thus the total work in the Section may develop and expand along ever more vital and creative lines of endeavour.

The American Theosophist.—The problems involving the publication of our monthly journal have been reviewed and studied by the editor, assistant editor, and the head of the Department of Education.

The Board of Directors have concurred in plans that call for a wider range of contributors to *The American Theosophist*. Many who have literary ability have been approached and the response has been gratifying.

Two expanded issues of *The American Theosophist* have been planned for October and April. These will deal with special subject matters written by experts in those fields. It is hoped this may eventually develop into a quarterly journal distinct from the members' monthly magazine. The semi-annual expanded issues, it is hoped, will find their way into libraries of educational institutions.

The theme around which the articles of the first expanded issue will centre is that of Consciousness.

Discovery.—This small publication is put out for the lodges for distribution and the reading material chosen so as to be of special interest to the public. A review of a popular Theosophical book also being featured provides the reader with an opportunity to look further into Theosophy. There are 83,000 copies published each year. During the coming year *Discovery* will be sent to national members.

Building and Grounds.—The Olcott estate is, of course, the home of the Theosophical Society in this country. I am sure that each one who comes here carries away with him innumerable impressions created by the building which houses the offices and workers, the beautiful estate, and, of course, an atmosphere that results from the thoughts, feelings, and aspirations of all the people who come here. Above all there is an inner strength of our movement which becomes evident and impresses itself indelibly upon us.

The beautiful grounds are maintained largely through part-time work of two deeply devoted workers, Mr. Donald

Greenwood and Mr. Fred Zeidler. During the summer the work is heavy and it is carried on by adding volunteers, as well as some people whom we need to hire. This summer Mr. Samuel H. Wylie has been made Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. Our building is now thirty-five years old. It is estimated that it would cost approximately \$5,000 annually to keep the building and grounds in good repair.

Conclusion.—A report on the external activities would not be complete without reflecting on another aspect of our work. The close ties of friendship among us and our brothers throughout the world and a greater sense of relatedness with kindred movements have been experienced and are deeply appreciated. The close tie and co-operation with our International Headquarters at Adyar is also keenly felt and appreciated.

It is interesting to note the fine spontaneous responses of all of our members in contributing to the Adyar Day Fund, the

Adyar Library Building Fund and other projects.

There is an internal unity throughout the Society which creates an inner vitality which is as yet not evinced fully in the outer structure of the Society. We need to continue to build an outer solidarity which can be achieved by the extra effort of the individual, by progressive co-operation, thereby creating better conditions for the Society's activities. The extra effort toward Brotherhood allowing for and accommodating individual opinions and attitudes, idiosyncrasies, talent and genius should bring us to a realization that we can truly be a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood. There is an inner strength to this movement which far out-balances the defects in our outer structure and in this lies the hope of the future—provided we are together with unabated and concentrated effort doing efficiently the work started by the Founders.

HENRY A. SMITH,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

Although the membership of the Section does not increase, there is a definite growth of interest in Theosophical subjects by the general public, and an active interest in the deeper aspects of Theosophy by the members. This is evinced by the good attendance at a new type of public meeting introduced by Dr. L. J. Bendit; these are open forums where a subject is introduced by two speakers and then discussed in a free and easy manner without attempting to reach formal conclusions. In fact, the subject, after discussion, is left "in the air" to continue working in the minds of the audience. In this way even a non-member can feel that he is part of the

meeting, and he goes home with a feeling that Theosophy is something which he can help to formulate. The keenness among the members may be seen in the lively correspondence in *The Theosophical Journal* and in other publications by Lodges and Centres of the English Section. There is a healthy freshness in examining the "teachings" of Theosophy.

Among the visitors to the Section during the year have been the President, who found time, in a very short visit, to spend one day at our summer school; Shrimati Rukmini Devi, who particularly visited the International Young Theosophists' Camp held in England this year; Mr. and Mrs. E. Norman Pearson, who

visited many Lodges as well as speaking at our Annual Convention; and Miss Clara Codd, as well as many other transient visitors from other European countries and from the U.S.A. and Canada—Miss Joan Morris, Mrs. Irene Durham, and others.

The Annual Convention was held at Whitsun, when the Blavatsky Lecture was given by Mr. T. H. Redfern, his subject being "Getting Ready for 1975". This lecture, which is available in booklet form, has created considerable interest, not only among members of our Section but also in some of the other branches of the Theosophical movement.

The summer school of the Section was held for ten days in August at Tekels Park, Camberley, the theme being "The Ancient Wisdom in the Modern Idiom". The talks and discussions were based on the idea of finding a really modern presentation and understanding of Theosophy, while holding fast to the fundamental teachings of the Ancient Wisdom. A special feature was an examination of Theosophical literature, classical and modern.

The General Secretary attended the European Federation Council Meetings held at Milan in conjunction with the Italian Section Convention, the other English delegate being Miss F. Kenderdine.

The Theosophical Research Centre continues to be a source of inspiration, not only to the Section but throughout the world. During the year it has published *Man's Expanding Horizons* dealing with purpose behind the universe. This transaction completes a trilogy, the other two being *This Dynamic Universe* and *This Ordered Universe*.

Publicity Department.—Mrs. Christine Scott replaced Mrs. M. Lane as publicity secretary during the year. The department has printed: *Theosophical Research*, by P. D. and L. J. Bendit, and *Spiritual*

and *Psychic Vision*, by P. D. Bendit. During the year the lecture tour secretary arranged sixty tours in the federations of the Section, as well as others in Scotland and Wales. The tape-recording department has added to its library of recorded lectures, some of which have gone to Sections overseas.

Library.—Although the number of books borrowed from the Library continues to decline, this does not mean that there is actually less interest shown by either the members or the public in Theosophy and allied subjects. Rather it is because the continued rise in postage rates makes the borrowing of books through the post prohibitive, and because the increase in the facilities of public libraries means that books are now freely borrowed from them which were previously only available from specialized libraries such as that of the Society.

Tekels Park Estate Ltd.—This estate at Camberley was started by a group of Theosophists in 1929, to be run as a Theosophical community. Since then it has been managed by the Tekels Park Estate Ltd., as a private company. On the estate are a number of leasehold houses, flats and a vegetarian guesthouse, as well as a large hall and smaller lodge hall. This year all the shares have been acquired by the English Theosophical Trust Ltd., so that the English Section now has a more clearly defined interest in the estate. This interest was initiated by the holding of the Section's summer school at Tekels Park.

The Theosophical Publishing House, Ltd., London has published the following during the year: *Man's Expanding Horizons* (Theosophical Research Centre); *The Creative Hierarchies*, compiled by E. M. Lavender; *The Work and Worth of Mme. Blavatsky*, T. H. Redfern; *Getting Ready for 1975* (Blavatsky Lecture 1961), T. H. Redfern.

The following reprints or new editions were issued: *The Zodiac and the Soul*, C.E.O. Carter; *Meditation for Beginners*, J. I. Wedgwood; *Masonic Symbolism*, A. H. Ward; *Man the Triune God*, G. Hodson; *The Miracle of Birth*, G. Hodson; *Mind and Memory Training*, E. Wood.

During the year we lost several good workers, among them Mrs. Josephine Ransom, Mrs. E. A. Gardner, and Dr. M. Beddow Bayly. We miss them, but their work lives on.

Benevolent Fund.—Since the last report the Deed of Covenant scheme has been put in motion. The result of the first appeal brought in ten Covenants, amounting to £45, on which 12s. 8d. in the pound

recovery of income-tax is realizable. It is hoped that many more members will take up Covenants.

Campaign for Unity.—At the time of writing this report we are busy preparing for a nation-wide Campaign for Unity for 1962, with specially prepared pamphlets and a national advertising programme to support lectures and discussions on all aspects of the subject arranged by Lodges, Centres and Headquarters. The campaign will centre round the Implications of man's Divinity and deal with Brotherhood, the One World, the One Life.

V. W. SLATER,
General Secretary.

INDIA

Last year the annual report of the Indian Section was presented by me in the absence, due to illness, of Sri K. Rajagopalachari. Unfortunately, he did not succeed in recovering his health sufficiently to continue his work as General Secretary. On his resignation in December 1960, I was elected by the Indian Section Council to that office and I take this opportunity to thank Sri K. Rajagopalachari for the valiant effort he made during the short time he was General Secretary to fulfil the duties of that office.

Membership, Lodges and Centres.—As in the past year, there has been again an increase in membership and a drop in the number of Lodges and Centres. This year we have 373 members more than last year, bringing the total to 7,405, and 26 Lodges and 7 Centres less, leaving the total number at 375 and 46 respectively. It is perhaps not without advantage for the time being to have members concentrated in fewer Lodges so that a larger

proportion of Lodges will be strong and more active. As the Lodges and Centres which ceased to exist had been languishing for a long time, it is not surprising that the process came to an end at last. If more attention were given to new members and Lodges, perhaps it would add to the strength of the Section, numerically and otherwise.

Passed over.—The Section has sustained a loss in the passing away of some of its most devoted members. Brother Thanoo Iyer, a veteran Theosophist, who was President of the Kerala Federation and a member of the Indian Section Council, passed away in November 1960. In April 1961, Brother M. Subramaniam died unexpectedly at Teheran on the first lap of a lecture tour he was to have made in the United Kingdom and in Europe. He also has left a gap in the ranks of the Indian Section and in the Section Council of which he was a member for many years. A further loss was caused by the passing away of Brother Rajanarain Srivastava,

who was a support to Theosophical work wherever he was posted. Among others who passed away during the year under report I might mention His Highness Jivaji Rao Scindia of Gwalior, who was a member and patron of the Gwalior Lodge, and Nawab Mansib Jung, who was the first President of the Telugu Federation.

Finance.—The finances of the Section continue to cause concern. As last year there was a net deficit of Rs. 5,659.21, all possible economy has been made in the work of the Indian Section. I am glad to say that as a result, the deficit this year has been brought down to Rs. 546.49. It is however essential that means should be found to increase the income of the Section since the rigid economy practised during the last year was to some extent at the expense of necessary maintenance at Headquarters and has prevented development of the work.

The Section would benefit very much from having an adequate Reserve Fund. Our respected Brother Panda Baijnath has offered to donate Rs. 10,000 for the Fund if it can be raised to Rs. 50,000. I would also suggest that all very substantial donations and bequests be earmarked by the Executive Committee for this Fund so that it can grow more rapidly.

I express grateful thanks, on behalf of the Section, to all those who have given donations, many of which have undoubtedly been given at a sacrifice. Particular thanks are due to Mr. A. Tavera Garcia for two very generous donations, and also to the Madhya Pradesh and Utter Pradesh Federations for substantial amounts.

Financial and other problems which had to be solved at Headquarters have taken much of my time as well as that of other workers. So I have had to spend practically all the time at my disposal at Varanasi. A number of these problems have yet to be solved and disposed of.

In December 1960, the Section Council required that a report be made on the position of the commuted dues over a number of years. This question was gone into by the Treasurer and the Auditor of the Section. Their reports show that a sum of Rs. 27,724.25 was written off, without the sanction of the Executive Committee, in 1950-51. There is only a sum of Rs. 9,374.09 in the commuted dues now which does not even correspond to the number of life members we have now.

The work of the *Indian Section Headquarters* needs improvement and development. The roads and many of the buildings in the compound are in a poor state of maintenance and when funds are available reconditioning and painting must be done to preserve the property. Among other work of this sort, attention will have to be given to the main Headquarters building. According to the opinion of an engineer who inspected it, its walls will have to be water-proofed in order to preserve this valuable property. There are not enough workers at present to carry on necessary work, although I am happy to say that the addition of two devoted members, Professor Badri Narayan of Ujjain and Brother D. V. Kanvinde from Bombay, to the community has been very helpful. I have made an appeal through *The Theosophical Review* for more workers and the response gives indication of brighter prospects during the coming year.

The Indian Bookshop has been working on a small annual deficit for several years, but fortunately this year there is a small profit. I am very grateful to Sri P. L. Bhargava, who has assisted the manager of the bookshop for several months in an honorary capacity. It would have been very difficult to run the Bookshop without his help, as Sri Ramachandra Shukla, the manager, has had a load of other duties

to fulfil. In order to lighten the burden of the latter, I have recently appointed Brother D. V. Kanvinde as manager of the bookshop.

Brother Panda Baijnath has made an endowment to enable the bookshop to publish the Hindi translations he has made of Theosophical books. Two books have already been published and a third is in the press. I hope that this will see the beginning of a greater momentum in the work of publishing and disseminating translations. This has become more necessary in view of the decline in the knowledge of English.

The Theosophical Review was reduced to sixteen pages for reasons of economy. I feel that it could be made into a much better journal if the office staff were more adequate. Varying opinions have been expressed to me about the type of material it should contain. I shall be very glad to receive and consider in consultation with my colleagues practical suggestions regarding the magazine.

This year the Section has distributed to Federations and individuals a number of copies of Brother C. Jinarājadāsa's *The Tenets of Theosophy*. I think that it is necessary that the Section should have other suitable material for distribution to inquirers. The type of study and correspondence courses used very effectively by other Sections might be gone through carefully and adapted to suit Indian members so that this type of work can be carried on usefully in our Section also.

The Library of the Section is not being sufficiently used in the opinion of the librarian, Sri V. Ramanatha Iyer. He has with great patience and assiduity made a complete inventory of the books, etc., of the Library with valuations and is doing further valuable work. Ways and means must be found to expand the lending programme of the Library throughout the country so that members

who cannot find Theosophical literature near at hand may not suffer by such a want.

The Work of the Federations and Lodges, consisting mainly of lectures, study and discussions has continued as seen from the summarized reports which follow. The Secretary of the Kerala Federation reports that this year great enthusiasm was shown by the Lodges and he feels that the Federation is entering upon a new phase of its existence. Some of the Federations, Gujarati, Karnataka, Tamil Districts and Uttar Pradesh, list in their reports the Theosophical publications and translations which have been brought out in their respective regional languages. A special feature of the Bombay Federation's programme was a function to celebrate Madame Blavatsky's birthday jointly with the United Lodge of Theosophists, Madame Sophia Wadia presiding. This is in consonance with a move made in other Sections towards the uniting of Theosophists of all affiliations. The Secretary of the Madras Federation reports that "more and more members are feeling the need for solid study of the principles of Theosophy," a need which is perhaps being felt by members in other Federations also. The Telugu, Karnataka and Gujarati Federations continue to publish vernacular journals while the Bombay Federation brings out its English magazine as usual. Other Federations send out Bulletins to their members containing news of Lodge programmes, etc.

As usual various *Camps and Conferences* have been held in different parts of the country. The International President presided over both the South India and North India Conferences and also over the annual session of the Telugu Federation at Bhimavaram. The Southern conference was followed by a workers' camp at Adyar made possible by the beneficence of Brother C. R. Kamath,

Professor M. N. Tolani was the convener of the camp. A workers' camp was also held during the summer under the auspices of the Uttar Pradesh Federation, led by Brothers S. G. Venkataramanan and Ramachandra Shukla. Apart from these two conferences and camps at the international and national headquarters, various other camps and conferences have been held at Federation level.

Lecturers.—A number of brothers have given their time to the work of lecturing. We owe particular thanks to those from other Sections who have helped us in this way. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kunz of the United States visited a number of places and gave lectures. Mr. Albert Sassi of Switzerland and Mrs. Elizabeth Warnon of Belgium, who have now joined the Indian Section, travelled in the Tamil Districts and Kerala Federations at their own expense and addressed many gatherings. They have offered to visit other Federations during the coming year.

During the year, I presided over the annual session of the Bihar Federation at Chapra and inaugurated a study camp at Coimbatore and presided over a district conference. I also visited Delhi and Calcutta and addressed some gatherings besides taking part in various activities of the Madras Federation. During the coming year I hope that more time will be available to me to contact members.

Brother S. G. Venkataramanan visited and spoke at numerous places in Bengal, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Madras, Marathi, Tamil and Telugu Federations. Sri and Shrimati Rohit Mehta addressed gatherings in Bengal, Telugu, Marathi, Bombay and Gujarati Federations. We have to thank Brother Panda Baijnath for the Endowment Fund which enables National Lecturers to travel widely. Among others who have made lecture tours besides those mentioned above are:

Shrimati Mehran Dhalla, Bro. C. D. T. Shores, Dr. C. R. Kamath and Prof. R. Srinivasan.

Other Activities.—The criticism is often made that Theosophists at present do very little. It is gratifying to see how many members and groups of members are engaged in good works of various sorts. Numerous schools are being run by members of the Society, especially in Bihar. Other activities include the running of libraries, dispensaries, work for the blind, for children, animals, scouting, etc., and allied activities such as Bharata Samaja and Healing Rituals, the Round Table and the Mystic Star. There are three educational institutions at the Indian Section Headquarters which are being run under the auspices of the Besant Education Fellowship. There is a girls' college and school with a capable and enthusiastic Principal, Shrimati Leela Sharma. There is a boys' school from which Brother N. V. Tampi has recently retired as Principal and there is a school of music and dancing. A committee has also been formed at Varanasi headquarters which is engaged in rendering aid to displaced Tibetans. In this connection I might mention that two of our members in the Nilgiris, Miss Elizabeth Preston and Miss Gladys Taylor, have done extremely useful work in helping the women of the region to acquire skill and employment in handicrafts and have also supplied many woollen garments for the use of Tibetan refugees. It is not possible to mention all the other good work which is being done. The above are merely mentioned as examples.

Conclusion.—In concluding my report I have great pleasure in thanking all those who have given their services to the Section and shared my responsibility. I am much indebted to Brother Mohanlal Velji of Bombay who has come to Varanasi a number of times at his own

expense to attend meetings of the Executive Committee and help in other ways and also to Brother S. G. Venkataramanan who has, regardless of inconvenience to himself, come to attend Executive Committee meetings and has stayed at Varanasi to carry on the work. Brother Ramachandra Shukla, the Assistant General Secretary, has given devoted help to the Section in an honorary capacity and so have Brothers Ramanatha Iyer, N. K. Bhide and others. I thank these and all

the others who have worked in the Section headquarters happily and co-operatively so that it has been a pleasure to me to work with them. I feel the Section owes particular gratitude to the Federation Secretaries, many of whom give their spare hours to this work after the day's labour is over. To them and their co-workers I offer thanks on behalf of the Section.

RADHA S. BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the year's work in Australia was the Annual Convention, which was for the first time in the Section's history a residential gathering and was combined with the Easter school. It was held at the Alfred Hines Holiday Home at Palm Beach, some thirty miles from Perth, Western Australia, from 30th March to 6th April. There were seventy-six members in residence and, in addition, a number of Perth members attended the sessions each day. The theme of the Convention was "Theosophy and Life," and the varied programme included several interesting experimental sessions.

Section Officers.—Miss Helen V. Zahara, A.A.S.A. was re-elected for a fifth year of office. Mrs. Joyce Carr continued as the Assistant General Secretary, and Mr. Brian Parry, A.A.S.A., also served at the Section Headquarters in conjunction with his duties as secretary of the T.S. Building Co. Ltd. Dr. H. S. Murdoch, A.C.A., continued to be the Hon. Treasurer of the Section.

General Secretary's Lecture Tours.—Early in November Miss Zahara made a six weeks' lecture tour of the New Zealand Section and was guest speaker at their

64th Annual Convention during Christmas week.

On her return to Australia in March she attended the Australian Convention and Easter school, following which she visited Melbourne. In May she undertook a lecture tour in Queensland with visits to Brisbane, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns, Atherton and Mareeba. She also lectured in Sydney.

Other Lecture Tours and Field Work.—Mr. Norman Hankin of Sydney undertook a lecture tour following Convention, and visited in turn Adelaide, Latrobe, Launceston, Hobart and Melbourne. Mr. J. A. Farquharson of Melbourne visited Queensland and lectured in Brisbane, Cairns, Atherton and Mareeba. He was able to make an extended stay in Townsville, where the Lodge benefited greatly. Mr. L. Wade of Sydney, Mr. G. R. Davies of Melbourne, and Mr. Brian Parry of Sydney were among those who visited Lodges.

Lodges.—Ballarat Lodge was dissolved, leaving seventeen Lodges on our rolls. Five of these are large Lodges in the State capital cities with memberships ranging from more than 100 to nearly 300 members. The others are smaller Lodges,

some being in country areas. All these Lodges carried on regular activities.

Expansion Programme.—The Section Headquarters provided various services to assist the Lodges with their programmes. Of particular importance has been the tape library, which is continually being built up and improved. Some Lodges depend almost entirely on the supply of tapes for their regular meetings. An experimental news service on tape was started. This was for use at members' meetings and contained news of Theosophical work in Australia and overseas and was prepared as a means of keeping closer contact with distant Lodges in the Section.

Pamphlets and leaflets for use by Lodges are stocked by the Section and cover an extensive range. There is a small library of elementary books on Theosophy available on loan in Dutch, French, German, Greek and Italian.

Broadcasting.—The Section continues to conduct a weekly session from Station 2GB in Sydney, and we receive gratifying evidence from time to time that this session attracts a good listening-in audience. Melbourne Lodge conducts two weekly sessions on country stations in Victoria—Station 3TR Sale and 3CV Maryborough.

Section Journal.—*Theosophy in Australia* continues to be published every two months.

Membership.—There were 66 new members during the year, 21 re-admissions and 5 transfers from other Sections. Resignations totalled 36, deaths 23, lapsings 76, and transfer to another Section 1. This means that there has been a decrease of 44 members, the

membership on 30th September being 1,229.

Young Theosophists.—In the larger Lodges there are groups of Young Theosophists who continue their activities and are linked with the Australian Federation of Young Theosophists. They issued their own journal *Fraternity* from Melbourne, and held a summer camp during Christmas week at Aldinga, South Australia.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—Groups are active in most of the larger Lodges and are affiliated with other service organizations.

Conclusion.—It is interesting to note certain changes taking place in the approach to the Theosophical work in this country, which is possibly a reflection of a change taking place in our movement throughout the world. There is a tendency toward a critical reappraisal of the purposes and functions of the Society and the methods by which they may be achieved. We have to remember that many members today are less influenced by the personalities of the past, and therefore challenge any tendency to formalism and authority, with the result that there is a move toward breaking up of established patterns in some directions and a defence of these in others. If we can keep a fresh, free and creative approach to the work of our Society, without losing the value of that which has gone before, then the vitality of the movement, based on the Three Objects, will be strengthened and grow. This depends on us all.

HELEN V. ZAHARA,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

The work goes steadily on as usual all over the country with private and public meetings and lectures.

Regarding the Capital, it seems more and more desirable to reorganize the activities to a certain extent in order to create a closer co-operation between the different Lodges and to get more time for joint efforts to contact the public. Different lines of action are being discussed. Series of lectures on subjects touching the daily problems of the average individual have been particularly appreciated by the public and unusually well attended.

The Lodge of the town of Malmö has alongside with the Lodge work started a discussion and lecturing group called "The Gnostic Society". It has proved easier to reach the public by this completely unattached organization which is used as a gateway to the Theosophical Lodge. This new line has proved very successful.

On the whole there is a marked and growing interest in Theosophy but also a strong tendency of not wanting to join any organization. The Young Theosophists form a small but keen group with quite a number of young and lively interested friends gathering around them.

There has been a continuous exchange of lecturers between Lodges in different towns and visiting lecturers from abroad have spared no effort to visit also very remote Lodges in the country.

Mr. Otto Viking visited Sweden both in the autumn of 1960 and in the spring of 1961.

Mrs. Mary Elmore has been travelling in Sweden no less than three times during the year, going right up to the very north to give much appreciated lectures.

The Chairman of the European Federation, Mr. John Coats, made an extensive tour all round the Northern countries in the beginning of this year, visiting most of the Lodges and also repeatedly gathering groups of interested non-members round him.

The former General Secretary of Germany, Mr. Axel von Fielitz Coniar, spent some weeks in Sweden in the spring, visiting Stockholm and Gothenburg, during which time he gave numerous talks to members.

The Annual Convention was held in connection with White Lotus Day, with Mrs. Mary Elmore as guest and lecturer.

No summer school was held in Sweden in 1961 as the Scandinavian Sections together had arranged a joint school at Hornsjo in Norway with Mr. John Coats, Miss Clara Codd and Mrs. Mary Elmore as guests. The school strengthened remarkably the bonds between the Northern Sections and proved once more the immeasurable value of co-operation and togetherness.

During the year under report the membership dropped by five, the count being now 340. Seventeen new members have joined, six have died and sixteen have been put off the rolls. One Lodge has been dissolved, the number of Lodges now being eleven.

EVA OSTELIUS,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The work in the New Zealand Section has been going along quietly and steadily. Miss Helen V. Zahara, General Secretary for the Australian Section, toured some of the Lodges in November and December 1960, before going to Christchurch for the Annual Convention where she was the guest speaker.

Other Lecturers.—During the year most of the Lodges have been well served with visiting lecturers. The national lecturer, Miss Georgina Boyd, visited all the Lodges. Mrs. E. M. Lavender visited Lodges in Wellington, Wanganui and New Plymouth where she gave lectures and talks and conducted classes on the Secret Doctrine. In Auckland Mrs. Lavender continues these classes. In the South Island the Lodges were visited by Miss C. G. Pollard and in the North Island Miss B. H. Darroch and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Nicholls visited the Lodges. The General Secretary spent a short time with most of the Lodges during March and April. Besides lecturers arranged from Headquarters many of the Lodges arranged for visiting lecturers.

Membership.—The membership roll is now 949, a decrease of 43 for the year; 48 members joined, 10 rejoined the Society and 2 were transferred from overseas. Against this 21 members died, 43 resigned, 33 were removed from the roll and 6 were transferred out of New Zealand.

Theosophy in New Zealand continues to be issued three times a year, and monthly newsletters are sent out to Lodges and members.

Publicity.—The distribution of *An Outline of Theosophy* has continued this

year when over 50 copies of this booklet and other smaller pamphlets were sent to people who replied to advertisements which offered the booklet. The response came from far and wide and many country people received these booklets and magazines.

Donations to Adyar.—This year donations amounting to £160 have been sent to Adyar.

Legacy.—A legacy of £750 has been received from the Estate of Mr. G. Trevithick, an old Auckland member.

Library.—The books in the Section reference library have received special attention this year. They have been cleaned and repaired, and a new catalogue made. Spare books sent in by members have been distributed among Lodge libraries.

Gifts of books in the Dutch language for the lending library were received from the Netherlands Section and from a Dutch member. We now have a selection of Theosophical books for lending to Dutch readers.

Vasanta Property.—So far only two members have arranged for leases of the sections surveyed on the Vasanta Property, and it appears as if we may have to make the sections available to the public.

General.—The main difficulty in the Section is to find efficient workers with time to spare for Lodge and Section activities. Only a limited amount of work can be done with the help at present available.

C. E. GREGORY,
General Secretary.

THE NETHERLANDS

The decrease of membership of our Section has steadily continued during the course of this year, but it does not affect the activities of our Society. Of course there are some Lodges dormant and refusing to be re-awakened to a new effort. But I suppose this will be the case in other Sections throughout the world. In my opinion the main trouble is that in too many Lodge boards the same people stay permanently as its president and its officers and that is perhaps the reason for the stagnation. On the other hand we are happy to have many Lodges that are very lively and because of their efforts the work of our Section flourishes. Outstanding events this year were the summer school at Amersfoort (better attended than the year before), which was visited twice by Shrimati Rukmini Devi, accompanied by several guests from abroad, and the National Convention at Amsterdam. The Headquarters is now in the process of being restored to its appropriate importance. The visit of Dora and Fritz Kunz was very much appreciated. Both delivered several lectures to Lodge gatherings of interested listeners. Our summer school was devoted to a study of Buddhist philosophy. Especially the closing lecture by Prof. Dr. R. van Brakell Buys, to an audience of about 130, on "The Madhyamika Philosophy of Nothingness" was warmly applauded.

Our National Convention this year celebrated the Tagore Centenary with a performance by some members of Tagore's mystical drama "The King of the Dark Chamber". Several fine lectures were delivered, which were all tuned to the theme of "Man's Spiritual Position in Human Society, in Nature as a Whole and in Cosmic Universality." The public lecture was on "The contribution

each individual is able to give for the improvement of the world conditions of today". Mr. de Pauw, the General Secretary for Belgium, was our very esteemed guest at the Convention. The General Secretary for Holland visited nearly all the Lodges of this Section and attended the gathering of the European Federation Council and the National Convention of the Italian Section at Milan. Moreover, he had the opportunity of visiting the Headquarters of the English Section in London and of being informed extensively about their organization.

Our Publishing department continued its publication of Theosophical literature by issuing five new books: "Psychology and Theosophy" by D. G. Gower and Dr. A. G. Vreede; "An Approach to Reality" by N. Sri Ram; "Correspondence Course in Theosophy" by Dr. G. S. Arundale; "Studies in Religion, Occultism and Esotericism" by Ir. A. J. H. van Leeuwen and a reprint of Alcyone's "At the feet of the Master". We are preparing a translation of the book "Because—for Children who ask Why" and of Norman Pearson's "Time, Space and Self". The latter will, however, take a long time, as all the diagrams will have to be re-drawn.

An experiment has been started by which the General Secretary will meet members at special and exclusive Lodge gatherings to talk over and discuss the essential points of our philosophy. Nearly all the Lodges are very eager to join this experiment, which has as its purpose to re-awaken and stimulate the interest for the deeper mystical truths of life. The experiment was started at a regional meeting of seven Lodges at Haarlem, where "The Original Programme of the T.S." (by H.P.B.) was studied and discussed.

The Section has changed its original rules, to make them more reasonable and up to date. Government approval has already been obtained. We have also revised our Bye-laws and all is now

ready for the printer after a great deal of correspondence and several special gatherings.

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

FRANCE

The life of the French Section has not been marked by any important event.

The usual activity consists as heretofore of private or public Lodge meetings and at Headquarters, of public lectures on two Sunday afternoons, in addition to the publication of the two reviews in French, *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique*."

An effort has been made to organize a "bank" of lectures, which has been recently created. In order to make its action more efficient, it is intended to give groups and Lodges written material from it.

At the Convention a play for the theatre written by one of our members,

Mrs. Berthe d'Yd-Delhery, was performed which has given to the public material for thought as to human destiny and the beyond. Because of its success it has been decided that this play "La Gare de Triage" ("The Marshalling Yard") shall be performed again in November as this is a means of attracting an audience who will, perhaps, not come to lectures.

The number of our members is at present 1,066. The Section has 31 Lodges of which 9 function in Paris.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

Regular work has continued during this year in our Lodges. There have been 50 new admissions and a loss of 40 members. Public lectures have been held at Milan, Trieste, Rome and Naples.

Under the presidentship of Mr. John Coats the 47th Convention was held in Milan from 1st to 4th June in conjunction with the European Council. The following Sections were represented: England, Wales, Scotland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Iceland and the Huizen Centre.

The Italian Section had another fortunate opportunity this year: from 30th August to 8th September the summer

school for the Latin countries was held in Milano Marittima. The meeting was honoured by the presence of the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and by his interesting addresses. At the meeting were present: the Chairman, Mr. John Coats, seven European General Secretaries and 109 members belonging to the following Sections: Italy, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, West Germany, Portugal and England.

The speeches of the President have been published in the Review *Alba Spirituale*.

GIUSEPPE FILIPPONIO,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

The General Secretary of the German Section, Mr. Heinrich Nagel, reports that during the year under review there were a number of visitors from other countries; Shrimati Rukmini Devi, Madame Hermine Sabatay and Mrs. Ingrid Fjellander gave lectures at the German summer school held in Rendsburg from 28th July to 5th August 1961, which was attended by 35 members. Mr. J. Coats lectured in Hamburg and Berlin. Their lectures were all very inspiring and were greatly appreciated as a really fine work for understanding and peace.

The German Section will be celebrating its 60th year, Diamond Jubilee, in 1962 and their work will be greatly strengthened by visits and lectures from distinguished visitors.

Political difficulties hamper the contacts with members from Eastern Germany but our thoughts go out to each other.

A number of members from the Section attended meetings in England, Holland,

Scandinavia, Austria, Italy and Greece, of whom quite a few were young Theosophists.

The General Secretary also reports that he attended the Council of the European Federation in Milan together with other members. He also visited and delivered lectures in Bremen, Frankfurt, Berlin and Hamburg on the theme, "What Theosophy Means". Mr. Axel von Fielitz Coniar lectured in ten lodges on the theme, "The Meaning of Being". Three week-end meetings were held at Dortmund, Inzmühlen and Seeheim near Darmstadt, which were very successful in vivifying and inspiring new groups.

Dr. G. S. Arundale's book *You* is being edited and translated into German and is expected to be published by Easter of 1962. In these days of world crisis a book like this will surely spread its message of peace and practical brotherhood.

HEINRICH NAGEL,
General Secretary.

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FINLAND

The Finnish Section has worked more or less on the same lines as before. We have been happy to welcome several new members; the number of members in the Finnish Section is now 459. The number of Lodges has diminished by one, as "Pohjantuli" lodge in Vaasa, because of difficulties regarding meeting room, etc., had to cease its work; but all its members either joined other Lodges or remained in the Society as unattached members.

The principal work of the Lodges consisted mainly of discussions at Lodge meetings on the basis of short lectures given by members or of translated articles. The Lodges often arrange public meetings with different programmes for members and friends, and these occasionally bring in new members. The General Secretary and other workers have frequently visited Lodges in different parts of Finland and delivered lectures to members and addressed public meetings.

The visit to Finland of Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation, was of very great importance. He arrived in North Finland through Sweden and visited on his way southwards most of our Lodges. The subjects of his eight public lectures were: "The missing factor in modern life" and "The whole world is my country," and those of eight members' meetings: "Seeking outwards and inwards," "The Dharma of the Theosophical Society," etc. The audience at these public meetings was usually large; the meeting in Tampere was, for instance, attended by 200 people. The visit of Mr. John Coats was, of course, of great value to the Theosophical work in Finland, both for activating the Lodges and

for making Theosophy known and appreciated in Finland. In some towns newspapers published articles about his visit. In Helsinki Mr. John Coats gave a lecture at the Adyar Day meeting on 17th February.

Public lectures were given in Helsinki every Sunday, as usual, and we were glad to note that the audience continued to increase. Last spring "Questions and Answers" evenings were arranged on Saturday nights for non-members, but were discontinued in the autumn as the interest diminished.

The summer school was again held in Kreivila from 29th July to 2nd August. It was attended by about 60 members and the programme consisted of lectures, discussions and social evenings.

Two books have been published by the Finnish Section: *Fragen an das Leben* by Norbert Lauppert, translated by Jussi Snellman, and N. Sri Ram's *Thoughts for Aspirants* translated by Magda Aspelin. The organ of the Section, *Teosofi* is being published monthly as previously, and the publication *Elonpyora* of Blavatsky Lodge in Helsinki is issued twice a year.

When thinking of the work of the Finnish Section the characteristics of the present are perhaps the faithfulness of the members to the ideals of Theosophy and an increasing interest in Theosophy among the people. Let us hope that the message of Theosophy will help us to have a right attitude to the difficult problems the world is now facing and to rely on the leadership of the Inner Government of the world.

SYLVI HORSTIO,
General Secretary.

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

The work of this Section has proceeded slowly in the face of many difficulties and disturbances but with the closer integration of the widely-flung Lodges and Centres within our large area. We look forward to continuing successful promulgation of the ideals of brotherhood in this sorely torn Continent. This integration of units and our closer link with the International Headquarters have been made possible by the regular visits of the National President to all parts of the Section.

An innovation was tried this year during the National President's tour of the Coastal Lodges. Patterned on the American Section's Spotlight Plan the Lodges of this area, all small and far from the larger centres which might assist them, were visited each week over a period of four weeks, thus making possible a series of lessons or lectures in Theosophy for each. This system was generally voted a success as it created a sustained interest in our studies in a way not possible during the usual few days' visit.

Convention this year was held in Southern Rhodesia for the first time in the history of this Section. This provided a great impetus for Bulawayo Lodge which was our host and the results of this have been evident since those

meetings over the Easter week-end. Attendance at this annual gathering was smaller than is usual since many elected not to cross the border which defines the two parts of what is erroneously called our "National Section". Also this provided tangible proof of the difficulties of working under two National Governments with their separate laws regulating passport and visa, health and monetary systems and requirements.

Another innovation this year was the summer school, three days of intensive study of Theosophy, conducted by the National President, preceding the annual Convention. This was so well attended and considered so successful that a repeat was requested for next year. Evening sessions, devoted to a symposium of: "What do we mean by 'without distinction'?", provided stimulating discussions and clarification of our ideas on the subject.

Two regional congresses and one inter-Lodge conference were held during the year, at each of which the National President was present. The annual congress of Coastal Lodges was held in early September at Grahams-town, the youngest of our Lodges. A very successful programme was conducted with the theme: "Truth Revealed Through Theosophy," running through

the three-days' sessions. Each Lodge was represented by a speaker on this subject and the National President gave the public address on: "Truth Revealed Through Music". Salisbury Lodge was host for the Fourth Annual Congress of Rhodesian Lodges, held over a long holiday week-end. Each Lodge contributed to the symposium on the subject: "The Value of Theosophy in the Modern World," and the National President spoke to members on our work. The Inter-Lodge conference of Transvaal Lodges met in Johannesburg in October for one day only at which various talks were given and fellowship renewed.

The Theosophical Order of Service, which has been dormant in this Section for many years, was re-organized with Social Service, Health and Healing, and Peace Departments active. Miss L. M. Benton was appointed organizing secretary to co-ordinate this work. The Braille Department of the National Library has been augmented by productions from one of the members working on transcription.

The Section sustained the loss of its Vice-President by transfer to the English Section. Mrs. J. E. Stakesby-Lewis, who has been a loyal and most efficient worker here for many years, will be greatly missed. She has been temporarily replaced by Dr. R. D. Hartig, committee member for the Transvaal Province. Six others were transferred to overseas countries; death claimed twelve of our number, and thirty-one were lapsed; with thirteen resignations, our totals have been reduced slightly again despite a continuous influx of new members in all parts of the Section. It seems that interests are diverted by the more spectacular types of philosophical movements which flourish in this continent, while the more austere and rigorous offerings of Theosophy can naturally appeal to the few. But we carry on with the work of promoting a "Universal Brotherhood" and forming, we hope, a tiny nucleus of that great future fulfilment of our First Object.

MARY G. PATTERSON,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

The Annual Convention of the Scottish Section was held in Glasgow during the week-end of June 24-25. Owing to the sudden death of Mr. M. Subramaniam who was to have been our guest of honour, we were obliged to alter our dates as it was somewhat difficult to find a suitable substitute speaker, but we were fortunate in being able to welcome Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, M.A., of London. In addition, we were honoured to have the presence of two distinguished visitors from the U.S.A., Mr. and Mrs. E. Norman Pearson, as well as several members from the English Section.

About 60 members attended the various meetings. We were happy to receive greetings from the Recording Secretary, from Mr. John Coats, the Chairman of the European Federation, representatives of the Centre at Huizen, General Secretaries of England, Wales, Eire, Austria, Iceland, Italy, The Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland, representatives of the Danish, French and American Sections, Professor Marcault, Miss Clara Codd, Dr. and Mrs. Bendit, Mrs. Doris Groves and several members unable to be present.

The General Secretary reported that membership now stood at 169. The

Section had suffered heavy losses by the deaths of many older members and, unfortunately, several members had resigned. Lodge reports showed a continuing interest in work and study. Public lectures had been delivered in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dunfermline by visiting lecturers and local members, and individual members were active in Church and other organizations which were already working along the lines of the Theosophical Order of Service.

Our special days were observed, and offerings taken at these meetings sent to the Hon. Treasurer at Adyar. Money raised by the special appeal for help as well as contributions towards the rebuilding of Adyar Library and the A.B.C. Fund were also sent.

Headquarters Library continued to function with a small staff, but we are still without a librarian to assume responsibility for its organization.

The new publication *Adyar News-Letter* has been circulated to all our Scottish Lodges and was much appreciated.

Owing to the generosity of a non-member who wished to remain anonymous, we have been able to write off an outstanding debt of £100, a great relief from the financial point of view.

Scotland was represented at the English Convention, and at the European Federation Council Meetings held at Milan from 1st to 4th June. The General Secretary reported that the sessions had done much to consolidate the efforts of the European Sections, and to grow together in understanding and in appreciation of each other's difficulties. A definitely closer link had been forged between individual members, and these meetings, held at the same time as the Italian Convention, had been happy and inspiring.

It was encouraging to note that one or two of our younger members have been contributing to the national Press, and also that some of these young people were forming useful links with their contemporaries by attending the international camps.

At the Annual Convention of the Section a talk was given by Mr. Leslie-Smith, "A Fleeting Show," in which stress was laid on the necessity for conscious effort towards the integrity of (a) the individual and (b) society.

This motif recurred throughout the talks given by Mr. and Mrs. Pearson and Mr. Leslie-Smith's other lectures. The closing lecture by the guest speaker summed up all that had been given out in an inspiring plea for effort towards conscious evolution, emphasizing our debt to the wonderful Society we had joined and to Those who had drawn us into Their work for humanity.

The social side of the Convention was catered for in a gently relaxed atmosphere in which light refreshments followed Mr. Lamont's showing of beautiful films of Adyar, the Rockies, and other places he had visited.

Convention closed with a short speech by the General Secretary. Members were asked to stand while the Invocation was read.

Mr. Leslie-Smith's public lecture after Convention was given before a large audience and aroused considerable interest, his subject being "Whither Mankind?"

In common with other Sections we have our difficulties, but it is hoped these will soon disappear and that this opportunity to serve will be seized before it is too late.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Statistics.—On assuming office on 1st January 1961 the General Secretary felt that an "inventory" of the Section should be made and the membership list revised. There is, indeed, no point in keeping on the lists the names of people who for years have taken absolutely no interest in our movement.

As a result of that revision and of the resignations handed in since 31st December 1960, and taking into account five deaths and nine admissions, the total number of our members, figuring at 218 in the last report, has fallen to 199.

There are 125 French-speaking members, *i.e.*, 65 per cent of the total, and 70 German-speaking members, *i.e.*, 35 per cent of the total. This proportion is abnormal since about 60 per cent of the population of Switzerland is German-speaking. But it can be explained by the fact that our Headquarters is in French Switzerland, which makes lectures, meetings and therefore the recruiting of new members easier, and also to the fact that the Anthroposophists have their international Headquarters near Basle and exercise a great influence in German Switzerland.

It is interesting to note that 32.2 per cent of our members are men and 67.8 per cent women. In French Switzerland the proportion is 28 per cent and 72 per cent, and in German Switzerland 35.7 per cent and 64.3 per cent. It would be interesting to have statistics on this question from other sections, for in certain countries the proportion is reversed.

In German Switzerland there are more members belonging to one family than in French Switzerland. The percentage is 34.3 per cent for German Switzerland and only 14.4 per cent for French Switzerland. Unfortunately I am not in a position to draw up age statistics, but the proportion of old people is certainly

very high. There are very few young people and their activity has been limited so far.

Two Lodges whose activity had ceased in the last few years have had to be dropped from the lists. Only ten Lodges are therefore left. Two centres have also disappeared.

Central Committee.—The Central Committee dealt with current matters at its usual biennial meetings.

Summer Schools.—The schools at Pichl and, this year, Milano Marittima, attracted a certain number of members. It would be good to have more members take part in these schools but the expense does not permit great hopes as far as this is concerned.

Magazines.—The members in German Switzerland continue to receive the magazine *Adyar* and those in French Switzerland *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique*.

Courses.—The General Secretary organized a course for Lodge presidents at the Convention held in Lausanne. It was attended by almost all those taking part in the Convention. Two courses for instructors, one in German and one in French, took place in Zurich and Lausanne respectively. About 15 people attended each of the meetings, in preparation for work in the autumn.

The activity of the Lodges followed the lines indicated in previous reports.

The General Secretary visited all the Lodges in the Section and contacted a certain number of non-attached members. He has made it his task to strengthen the bonds of friendship existing between members. His appeal for collaboration launched under the title "Inventory of Good-will" proved successful.

Headquarters.—Following the principle that Theosophy deserves to be presented

in a worthy setting, the General Secretary encouraged the Geneva group to have the Headquarters renovated. This work has already been completed, thanks particularly to the devoted help of Mr. and Mrs. Allenbach, and work began again in the autumn in very attractive surroundings.

Question of the Month.—Under this title a circular is sent out every month in German and in French, in which the General Secretary answers certain questions of varying importance and value asked by members on a variety of subjects. The success of these circulars has exceeded our expectations. Requests to receive them have come in from members in Germany, France, Italy, Belgium and Israel and from numerous non-attached members. The expenses are covered by donations made specially for this purpose.

Guide for the Lodges.—The General Secretary has contacted several foreign Sections, especially North America, England and New Zealand, and has obtained from them information and literature on their activity as regards the diffusion of our ideas. He takes this opportunity to thank them wholeheartedly for their collaboration with our small Section. A

guide for Lodges used by the American Section has been translated into French and each month a chapter is sent to the members. We hope that the German translation will be completed by next year.

Newsletter.—Mrs. Claire Wyss, former General Secretary, was in the habit of sending news of the Swiss Section in English to Adyar, to some other Sections and to those interested. The new General Secretary considered this an excellent idea, likely to foster good relations among all the Sections. Miss Mary Anderson, the devoted secretary of the Central Committee, has undertaken this work.

Library.—Our Headquarters Library has been put into excellent order by the indefatigable Mr. Châtelain and now provides a very good instrument for our work. Since Mr. Châtelain has had to resign for professional reasons, Mr. Zbienen will replace him in this important office.

I hope that the efforts of each and all of us will allow us in two or three years to report a greater diffusion of our philosophy in this country.

GEORGES TRIPET,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

The number of members at the date of the Annual Convention 26th June 1961 was 282, in 9 Lodges (2 Dutch-speaking and 7 French-speaking). In comparison with the annual report of last year this shows a decrease of 124, mostly due to non-payment of dues for several years. Now the situation has been clarified, so far as the real number of our members is concerned.

In a general survey the condition of the Belgian mentality can be characterized as

follows: (1) a strongly organized and powerful Roman Catholic Church on the one side; (2) a distinctly materialistic opposition to the Roman Catholic Church on the other hand—really a very challenging situation for our Section.

During the past year our activities have been largely hampered by the political difficulties connected with the Congo crisis, making it practically impossible to overcome the stagnation within the Section.

At the moment, however, there are some favourable indications and it seems as if we are making a new start; we notice a better attendance at our Lodge meetings and public lectures, although an increase in the number of our members is not to be directly expected.

Several of our Lodge presidents are very advanced in years and incapable of adapting themselves to the spirit and the tendencies of these days. The Lodges are autonomous, and as they combine offices in their Lodges, and do not think of training younger members to succeed them, it will take some time before it is possible to set the Lodges going properly.

In co-operation with some of the southern Lodges of the Netherlands Section we held a successful Convention at Antwerp with two of our Dutch-speaking Lodges participating.

The five weak Lodges at Brussels have grouped into one local federation in order to come to a better co-ordination in their activities.

It is worth mentioning that Mr. T. Chapellier continues well with his activities "Aide et Union Morale" inspired by the principles expounded in the writings of Mrs. Adelaide Gardner (*Meditation*) and of Mr. G. Hodson (*Health and Spiritual Life*).

The "Annie Besant" Lodge at Liège merits special mention, having 80 members, a building of its own, and two public lectures a week at both of which they have an average attendance of 40 persons.

The majority of our members subscribe to the magazines, *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique* or *Theosophia*.

Having cleared the number of our members, there are good indications that the Belgian Section is now in a position to make a new start for better and more enthusiastic work.

ANTOON E. DE PAUW,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

No Report

BURMA

The year may be regarded as one of standing firm with slight consolidation. The number of Lodges remains the same as in the previous year, but a slight increase from 56 to 59 is recorded in the number of members, a few lapses being more than made up by the new admissions.

The Lodges kept up their usual activities, but humanitarian work suffered somewhat owing to the long illness during the year of U San Hla, the secretary and driving

force of the Burma Humanitarian League. The Government continued to ban the slaughter of cattle for public consumption. It has also successfully introduced a bill for making Buddhism the State religion, the repercussions of which measure on humanitarian and temperance ideals is still watched with special interest.

The Burma Educational Trust School, which is under the management of the Rangoon Theosophical Society, gains

still further in strength, from about 600 students last year to about 700 students this year, making the enlarged accommodation crowded again, and an endeavour to secure more space in the hired portions of the buildings is necessary.

The Book Depot and Librarian continue to serve their useful purposes under the able management of Brothers Ramathan and Rama respectively.

PO LAT,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

No Report

NORWAY

Last year has been a happy one, with a number of interesting and stimulating events taking place.

Starting from the beginning of 1961, the new Magazine *Teosofi i Norden* (Theosophy in the North) was issued. It replaces the former three separate Scandinavian magazines, and is the result of a happy co-operation between Denmark, Sweden and Norway. The three countries share the 32 pages between them, and this arrangement saves money for all the three partners. The Scandinavian members get an even more interesting paper six times a year, and everybody is bound to feel more in contact with their neighbouring countries than ever before. The magazine is printed in Norway and distributed by the Norwegian Section.

In January the Chairman of the European Federation paid us a very stimulating visit. Mr. John Coats spoke at members' and public meetings in Bergen and Oslo, with translation into Norwegian. The lectures were tape-recorded and sent to other Lodges in Norway.

In June the Northern summer school was held at Hornsjo, Norway, with 126 persons present. Mr. John Coats, Miss

Clara Codd and Mrs. Mary Elmore gave inspiring lectures, and several Scandinavian lectures were also given. It was a very happy week where all members present felt the spirit of Brotherhood.

The Norwegian Convention in September at Oslo was privileged to have a visit of Mrs. Mary Elmore, who brought her own special atmosphere to the meetings. She gave three lectures filled with wisdom; all of them were translated and recorded for members not present.

In September last year the new headquarters room in Oscarsgt. 11 was opened, and throughout the year it has been easier to celebrate the special days of the Theosophical Society on the right dates. The 17th of November, Adyar Day, and White Lotus Day have been celebrated according to tradition. On Adyar Day we had lantern slides from Adyar, and were very happy to send £47 as Adyar Day collections from the whole country this year.

Six old members have passed to the other side this year, and some have resigned, and we have some new members. There are now 150 members in Norway. It is difficult to get people interested in

our ideas in this country. A number of public lectures, published in the newspapers, were given by the General Secretary and others, and a small number of

interested people were present at these lectures.

ERNST NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

No Report

DENMARK

The past year has been a year of quiet work for the Section. The form of work which was initiated last year as an extension of the ordinary Lodge work was in terms of joint meetings in Copenhagen and week-end meetings at Gl. Præstegaard. This has now become a permanent factor in the work of the Section, giving it fullness and breadth.

Along the same line Besantgaarden has, instead of the annual summer school, been open to visitors almost throughout the year, and there have been many guests both from Denmark and other countries, especially Sweden. It is a work which cannot be appreciated too highly by the Section.

This year there has been no summer school at Gl. Præstegaard. It was replaced by a Scandinavian summer school in Norway which was well attended by Danish members, and proved very successful as regards the quality of the meetings held.

This year all the Lodges of the country have been visited twice for some length

of time by Mrs. Mary Elmore whose presence was much appreciated as guest and speaker at the annual Convention in Copenhagen. Her unique contact with all members makes her visits a source of inestimable inspiration.

Last spring the Chairman of the European Federation, Mr. John Coats, stayed here for about a fortnight. He contacted all the Lodges, giving of the fullest measure of his warmth and power to attract the members.

The Section library which was in storage for many years, since we lost our Headquarters in Copenhagen, has now been re-opened with some members at Middelfart, and it is to be hoped that it will fulfil its mission as a factor in the work of the Section.

On the whole, the year under review has been marked by a silent warmth and fullness in the work for future growth.

J. WINDE,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

This report begins with last year's Convention. As Mrs. Leslie-Smith, who was to be guest speaker, was prevented from travelling at the last minute, the Section was fortunate that Miss Clara Codd could take her place, and it was a very happy and interesting Convention.

Lecturers.—During the year under review we welcomed the following visitors: Mr. John Coats, Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Edward Gall, and Dr. Shearman. Other speakers were the Rev. Savell Hicks, Mr. C. Parfitt, Mrs. Hornidge, Miss Emerson, Mr. Pielou, Mr. Duck, Mr. Classon, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Meally. We have had several cultural evenings open to the public and there have been some symposiums and tape recordings. For our last meeting before Christmas we had a Christmas tree with gifts for the old folks, carols were sung and tea was provided. In this country it is difficult to find good speakers and we are very grateful to those who can, and do come and help us with the work here.

Dublin Lodges.—The Dublin and Irish Lodges both entered their fifty-first year. The public meetings at Headquarters have been well attended. Members' meetings for study and discussion continue to be very interesting and friendly. The meditation group continues and is, I feel, doing good work. The General Secretary represented Ireland at the Council Meetings of the European Federation and the International week at Huizen.

Library.—Some new books have been added to the library, and we have also been presented with a number of books from Cork Lodge. Some of these have been

sold and others given to members who live far from Headquarters Library and who cannot afford to buy books.

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

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

Annual Elections.—At the Annual Business meeting of the Dublin Lodges held in January 1961, I was nominated as General Secretary and Mr. Pielou as National Treasurer. There were no other nominations.

Magazine.—Our Magazine *Theosophy in Ireland* continues with three issues yearly. The financial difficulties of keeping this magazine going are great, and I appeal to members to support it and try to enlarge its circulation.

Statistics.—Our numbers remain the same as last year. During the year Mrs. Eileen Smith (Hermes Lodge) passed to greater service; she is greatly missed and remembered with affection. One member lapsed, one resigned and three have joined.

Conclusion.—In conclusion, I want to thank those who have helped with the work of our Lodges during the year, those who have lectured and acted as chairmen, also those who have done the humbler, less spectacular though very necessary tasks without which our Lodges could not function. Of such services there can be no letting up.

EVELYN O. HORNIDGE,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

During the period under review from 1st October 1960 to 30th September 1961, the Mexican Section's activities have been more co-ordinated. The membership has increased with 56 new members, thus making a total of 663, distributed in 31 Lodges and 4 Study Centres.

On 10th September the Young Theosophists Lodge "Loto Blanco" (White Lotus) was founded in Mexico City. This Lodge is developing an interesting programme: its studies are conducted in its Lodge room in the Sectional Headquarters, but it also meets in parks near the Capital, including amongst its activities some visits to infant hospitals where the members distributed presents to the children, thus becoming messengers of love and hope. This Lodge promises fruitful labour and its members are eager to contact other Young Theosophists all around the world.

On 18th May we had the privilege of being visited by our beloved international President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. During his stay in Mexico City he delivered a public

lecture to an audience of more than 1,500 people, and a lecture for members only in our Headquarters building, leaving behind him an indelible Theosophical impression.

Every other Sunday the "Mystic Star Ritual" has been performed uninterruptedly this year. Our President, Mr. Sri Ram, attended one meeting and gave a talk about the meaning of the Ritual.

Our small Sectional Review *Dharma* has been published bi-monthly and is sent to all the Sections of the Theosophical Society, Theosophical Lodges, public libraries, and to the editors of other similar reviews.

Our National Headquarters took possession of its new building in Iturbide 28, Mexico City; the building was inaugurated by our international President; one of its departments is a public bookshop established with the aim of popularizing Theosophical works.

ARTURO VADO LÓPEZ,
General Secretary.

CANADA

First I wish to pay tribute to the memory of our late General Secretary, Lt.-Col. E. L. Thomson, D.S.O., a gallant gentleman and a devoted worker in the Theosophical cause, whose sudden death last November was deeply felt by all our members and by his many Theosophical friends in other lands.

During the past year, the Society in Canada also lost other members who had been associated with the Society for many years and whose active work contributed so much to the life of the Society.

Fifteen new members joined the organization during our fiscal year, and a quiet steady growth of interest has been observed in our more active Lodges. Our total membership is down slightly from last year, but I am happy to report that lately there has been an encouraging increase in the number of those applying for re-instatement. There has also been an increase in the number of subscribers to our official magazine *The Canadian Theosophist*, both in Canada and elsewhere.

We have noted with gratification the growing interest throughout the Movement in the writings of H. P. Blavatsky. Here in Canada these writings have always been deeply respected and regarded as the main source of Theosophical knowledge, to be kept constantly to the fore. We in Canada are also glad to see that the writings of Wm. Q. Judge, who, as H. P. Blavatsky said, "was one of the Founders of the Society," are being more widely read. Mr. Judge was held in high esteem by H.P.B.

It is encouraging to note the dying away of partisanship in the Society. Those whose Theosophical memories extend back to the early decades of this century will remember the fierce controversies which raged at that time—and which gave point to the story of the inexperienced young newspaper man reporting his first Theosophical lecture on reincarnation, and who wrote, "The main doctrines of

the Society appear to be karma and recrimination!" The quiet but effective influence of our respected President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, has undoubtedly contributed greatly to the changing attitude.

The Movement is approaching its 87th year, and only a few years remain until 1975 when some new expression of the Ancient Wisdom may be expected—perhaps not in the exact year, but sometime between then and the end of the century. Whether the new expression will come through the Theosophical Society will very likely depend on whether the Society is judged by the Great Ones to have attained the goal mentioned by H.P.B. in *The Key to Theosophy* and has remained "true to its mission, to its original impulses through the next one hundred years."

DUDLEY W. BARR,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

Our Section has for the past few years varied around fifty Lodges and 1,500 members.

In March this year Lodge "Pythagoras" commemorated its 50th anniversary, being the second Lodge in Rosario to have completed fifty years. In Buenos Aires "Dharma" Lodge has already completed sixty years.

During this year the salient feature of the work has been the visit to our country of our beloved President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. At present we are in process of mimeographing the lectures and talks which he gave in Buenos Aires, Rosario and Mendoza.

A work which will prove of great importance in the near future has been the initiation of collaboration with all

the other Spanish-speaking Sections to publish our Theosophical literature in the Spanish language; the work has been started by Bro. Ballesteros of Colombia and Bro. Rimini and we have already had replies to our first circular from some of the Sections, in which they indicate the number of copies they will take of the works to be printed. We now await replies from the rest of the Sections.

Also from our Section there has gone out an invitation to other Spanish-speaking Sections, to co-operate in organizing a Convention of the Latin-American and American Sections every third year; we have already had favourable replies from two of them. This work is being undertaken by me following the resignation of our dear Sister Julia

A. de La Gamma, who has asked me to take over this work in which she had been interested for many years.

At present our Section is preparing to make reforms in our Statutes, which will be studied by the Lodges and then a special Congress will be called for the sole purpose of agreeing on the reforms to be presented to the authorities.

Our own building in Buenos Aires continues to progress well. We are now making some alterations the better to adapt it to our needs.

There are also very many other activities being carried on in our Section.

N. E. RIMINI,
General Secretary.

CHILE

The Chilean Section continued this year the activities of earlier years, the members showing interest and constancy in the study of Theosophy and in their endeavours towards self-improvement.

The Lodges worked constantly in various ways, both in their study sessions, to increase the capacity of the members, and in the matter of public lectures, to transmit to the listeners a knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom.

There have been some changes in the human composition of the Lodges, but members who lapsed were replaced by those newly joining, so that the total number of members remains at 150.

The Chilean Section carries on its public work principally in Santiago (the capital of the Republic) and in Valparaiso (the principal port), in which two cities lectures on Theosophy are offered to the general public almost the whole year round, except for two months during the summer holidays. During 1961 this work was carried on uninterruptedly without difficulty or contretemps. The General Secretary gave three talks each week in Santiago throughout the year, and in Valparaiso the Vice-President of the Section and other members of Lodges at that Port were able to satisfy the continuing interest

of its habitual sympathizers in a similar manner.

The subjects selected for the public lectures were those preferred by the listeners but without neglecting fundamental questions, especially those contained in the classical works of Theosophy and the books and discourses of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram.

As is customary in the Chilean Section, we celebrated publicly the festivals dedicated to the full moons of Wesak and Ashadha, the Anniversary of the Founding of our Society, and the remembrances of our great leaders on the anniversary dates of their respective births.

The regular public showed continuing interest in the deepening and expanding of their knowledge of Theosophy and quite a number of new faces were seen among those present; though some people went away after listening to a few lectures, others continued to attend our meetings. This year there has been a marked increase in the number of those attending both the study sessions in the Lodges and the public lectures given by the General Secretary in Santiago and by other members in Valparaiso.

An out-of-the-ordinary event in our Section was the visit to Chile of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. He arrived

in Santiago, accompanied by Bro. Walter Ballesteros, of Colombia, on the 5th June and left on the 12th of the same month for Mendoza, Argentina, after having regaled us with his welcome company and the inestimable benefits of his wise teachings during those seven days.

Mr. Sri Ram gave four lectures to the public in Chile, and two more to members only. The public talks as well as those reserved for members were divided in brotherly fashion between Santiago and Valparaiso equally.

On the evening of the day he arrived in Santiago, Mr. Sri Ram met us at our Section headquarters, Calle Grajales 1761, and gave a beautiful and instructive address to the members of the Capital who had been eagerly awaiting him ever since they had known that he would be coming to our country.

The first public lecture in the Capital, on the 6th, on the subject of "The New World Order," was delivered in the Teatro Auditorium of the Ministry of Public Works; in the second, on the 7th, Mr. Sri Ram developed the theme "True and False Values".

At the Port of Valparaiso Mr. Sri Ram lectured on the 8th in the Great Hall of the School of Law of the University of Chile, with the title "Youth and the Future". His second lecture on the 9th

was given in the Public Library of the Municipality of Viña del Mar, the title being "What is Theosophy?".

In his final address at the above-named Port, to members only, on the 10th, in our social Salon at Calle Blanco Encalada No. 1371, our President acceded generously to the request of the General Secretary, and referred to the teachings of Mr. Krishnamurti. The simplicity, the sincerity, the depth and the masterly intelligence with which he treated this delicate subject produced a profound, decisive and lasting impression on those members who had the privilege of listening to him.

The lectures given by Mr. Sri Ram all drew a numerous public exceeding the normal capacity of the meeting places; they were listened to with interest when repeated by Bro. Ballesteros in his skilful interpretation, which proved of the greatest benefit to those attending the lectures and he received heartfelt and warm applause for his sympathetic and faithful translations. The Press paid special attention to Mr. N. Sri Ram treating him as an eminent spiritual ambassador from the age-old culture of Hindostan and a distinguished exponent of Theosophy.

RICARDO MICHELL A. P.,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

Visit of the World President.—For a second time we have had the happiness of a visit from our revered world President, Bro. N. Sri Ram. The programme originally drawn up for this illustrious visitor included the cities of Curitiba, Sao Paulo, Belo Horizonte and Rio de Janeiro, this being amplified later to

include Porto Alegre. Bro. Sri Ram was scheduled to arrive at this last-named city at the outset of his tour in Brazil, on 5th July. On the 3rd July our National President, Bro. Armando Sales, arrived at the capital of Rio Grande do Sul there to await the arrival of the world President, as it had

been arranged for him to accompany the President during the whole of his tour in Brazil. Unfortunately, due to engine trouble, the plane on which the President travelled from Montevideo to Porto Alegre was delayed for 48 hours. In view of the fact that a programme had already been arranged for the President for the 5th and 6th July at Porto Alegre and for the 7th at Curitiba, it was decided that the President should give two lectures in Porto Alegre and that, in order not to disappoint the public in Curitiba, where a public lecture and interviews with press and radio had been arranged, Bro. Armando Sales should go to Curitiba on the 7th, and carry out the programme there, explaining the non-arrival of the world President. It was, of course, a disappointment for the members of Lodge "Parana" that they missed the opportunity of seeing and hearing Mr. N. Sri Ram. The President arrived in Sao Paulo on the 8th as scheduled and carried out the programme arranged for that city. He also visited Belo Horizonte, and finally Rio de Janeiro, where his tour of Brazil ended. Both in Rio de Janeiro and in Sao Paulo there were meetings at which the audience numbered 600 or more. Happily all Bro. Sri Ram's talks were recorded and it is hoped to publish them in *O Teosofista*. Accompanying the President as his interpreter was Mr. Walter Ballesteros, F.T.S., of the Colombian Section, who won the esteem and admiration of all whom he met. Magnificent results were obtained from the visit of the President in regard to all aspects of Theosophical work in this country, and we offer him our best thanks.

Statistics.—We have twenty-five active Lodges and three Lodges, "Karma Yoga," "Rukmini" and "Tibet," which failed to send in returns. As

shown in our last report, in 1960 we had 910 members; now we have 936, making an increase of 26 members.

Members joining during the year numbered 117, while 24 members returned to activity. Losses included members lapsed 101, resigned 4, died 10. Of the 101 members who lapsed, 26 belonged to Lodge "Alcione" which was declared dormant on 30th September 1960. Fifteen out of the twenty-five active Lodges showed increased membership, six remained at the same level, and four showed reductions; three out of the four have scarcely two members each. It should be noted that in the total membership given above we have not included more than 40 members who joined after the Lodges had sent in their reports. This increase is due positively to the interest taken by some Lodges in the recent election for President and Vice-President of this Section, the results of which is to be announced on 30th October next. From the eloquent language of the figures it can be seen that there is an expansion of the Theosophical Society in this country. We trust that *pari passu* with this expansion there will be a corresponding intensification of spiritual life, making of each Lodge a real channel for the higher forces in the service of the common good, so that there may be an ever-flowing fount of peace, love, harmony and inspiration.

Lodge Activities.—The Lodges generally maintained the same rhythm of work as in previous year; some of them gave up the larger work of propaganda of Theosophical ideas in order to benefit by increasing the number of their associates and dedicating their programmes to Theosophical study. We record with pleasure the magnificent experiment being made by Lodge "Jehoshua," which is carrying out a course of study based on

the programme of the School of the Wisdom at Adyar. The number of members and sympathizers who have registered for the course is 160, and the attendance is around 85 per cent. All the material presented is mimeographed and made available to students. Unfortunately we have to record that Dr. Francisco Araujo, the President of that Lodge, has been transferred from Porto Alegre to a city in the interior; his absence will be felt in the Lodge, but the major part of the work in connection with the course will be carried on by Bro. Mario A. Costa. This Lodge on 20th December last celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, and many prominent members from Sao Paulo, including representatives from the National Section, the Sao Paulo Federation of Lodges, *O Teosofista*, various Lodges, the youth group and individual members went to Porto Alegre to take part in the magnificent programme which was carried out in an atmosphere of great enthusiasm.

Formation of New Lodge.—On the 22nd of the current month, at the National Headquarters twenty-seven members formed a new lodge, "H. P. Blavatsky," which will meet on Fridays. The officers of the new Lodge are: Bro. Virgílio Goulart Penteado, President; Dr. Pedro Brasil Bandechi, Vice-President; Bro. Belisário Cicivizzo, Secretary; and Bro. Luiz Cristone, Treasurer. The Lodge has decided to devote itself especially to a programme of Theosophical studies, taking Brotherhood as its basic note.

New Study Group.—We have pleasure in registering the functioning of a Theosophical Study Group, held at the residence of Bro. Miguel de Jesus at 1832 Avenida Queiroz dos Santos, Santo Andre, not far from this Capital, which meets every Tuesday. There are twelve members of the group who regularly attend. We can see

here the seed of a new Lodge in our country.

Propaganda Department.—This department continues to do magnificent work in spreading Theosophical ideals under the direction of Bro. Joao Batista de Brito Pinto who with as great enthusiasm as ever continues to write his column on Theosophy which is regularly published each Sunday in the journal *Diario de Sao Paulo*, in this capital. The results of his work are excellent in popularizing Theosophy in this State. This department also gives news of Theosophical activities through the press and radio.

Order of Service.—The activities of the Order take the form mainly of social service in the locality. There are twenty families whom it helps and about a hundred children are given various kinds of assistance. On festival occasions such as Christmas, the New Year, etc., sweets and toys are distributed as well as clothes and other needed articles.

Rio de Janeiro Federation of Theosophical Lodges.—This Federation, under the efficient direction of Bro. Dr. Murilo Nunes de Azevedo, had the satisfaction of seeing an increase in the activities of the Lodges which comprise it. Magnificent financial and artistic results were obtained by the Federation President through the publication and sale of his *Zen Poems*, which enabled them to settle some of the most pressing debts incurred in connection with the purchase of the Federation's headquarters. Special thanks are to Bro. Carlos de Souza Neves who has taken on the work of administering the building and caring for the interests of the Federation.

Sao Paulo Federation of Lodges.—Under the competent direction of Bro. Gastao Sales this Federation is working hard and tenaciously to meet the financial obligations contracted in the acquisition of its headquarters; they have

reduced their debt to Cr. \$ 306,735, and estimate that in two years or less the building will be completely free of debt.

Theosophical Propaganda Department.—This Department has fully justified its existence by the magnificent work accomplished under the competent direction of Sister Carmen Piza. The sale of books in the Lodges, reached a monthly average of Cr. \$ 19,213. Two books have been translated and will soon be ready for publication, viz., *Seek Out the Way*, by Rohit Mehta, and *The Seven Human Temperaments*, by Geoffrey Hodson.

“O Teosofista”.—The presentation of our journal *O Teosofista* has had to be modified and it now appears in a very modest garb. Last December, owing to increased wages for employees, printing costs rose by 40 per cent so that we were compelled to make a radical change in our review, which reduced the cost by 50 per cent. We offer our sincere thanks to Bros. J. Gervásio de Figueiredo, Alcyrr Ferreira and Luiz Cristone for their magnificent collaboration in this work.

ARMANDO SALES,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

The Theosophical activity in Iceland was fairly successful during the past year. At the beginning of the year the number of members registered with the Icelandic Section totalled 464. New members signed on during the year numbered 57, resignations, deaths and others deleted from the rolls of active membership totalled 12, so the net increase is 45 and the total active membership at the end of the year 509. The Lodges are 13 in number. At the Annual Convention, held on 24th September, I was re-elected General Secretary of the Icelandic Section.

The Executive Council held regular meetings every month, and I conducted weekly consultation meetings with members and interested non-members. Every month I sent a letter to every member, as last year, in which I discussed and described the activities of the movement,

its nature and purpose. I received a number of replies from members.

Several public lectures were held in the course of the year. These were given at the Theosophical Centre.

The Section's periodical *Gangleri*, which is now 35 years old, was enlarged in the course of the year and its looks modernized, while at the same time it now carries material on general intellectual matters, psychology, philosophy, yoga, etc., in addition to Theosophical subjects. The intention is to make this into a leading organ on intellectual matters in Iceland, and it will not restrict or limit itself to the publication of Theosophical articles alone, even though it will, of course, be published and edited in the Theosophical spirit.

Early in the year the Society published pamphlets which served as an

introduction to Theosophy for the general public, and gave information about the Society's programme. These publications were distributed to every farmer in Iceland, every physician, clergyman and teacher. It is planned to continue this publication effort.

Two study groups were active in Reykjavik, as before, but they now meet more often than previously. Instructional activities within the Lodges were also greatly increased. Many Lodges now select a special subject for the year, which is studied and discussed at the meetings; but in addition the Lodges hold general meetings offering lectures on Theosophical subjects. There seems to be a greatly increased interest among members in contemplation and independent spiritual training.

A summer school was held during the month of June with 70 participants. The principal lecturers were Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Bendit.

A meeting was held during the year for Lodge chairmen and members of the Section's Executive Council on the subject of "How to improve the Lodge work," which is a new type of activity started during the course of last year. The main emphasis is placed on training workers within the Lodges and providing them with guidance in giving lectures and working with small groups.

The Icelandic Section became 40 years old during the year, and to celebrate this occasion the Theosophical Publishing House was established. Already this year it will be publishing two books. The plan is to translate and publish books on Theosophical subjects during

the next few years, as far as financial resources will permit.

The sale of foreign books on Theosophy has greatly increased. The Section began importing these with excellent assistance from The Theosophical Bookshop in London.

The newly established Society of Young Theosophists in Iceland, which holds regular meetings and discussions twice a month, held quite an impressive book exhibition last New Year. The exhibition showed a little profit, which was given to the library of the Reykjavik Society. The library has been extended and improved considerably, mostly due to the efforts of these young men, and also with some other contributions which the library has received.

One of the tasks now to be taken into active consideration and implementation is the establishment of a correspondence school in Theosophy. This plan will soon be put into action.

The Theosophical programme of activities must be naturally co-ordinated with the needs that it meets with. Instructive information must be available in as many places as possible on the subject of what Theosophy is and how the Theosophical Society operates. Everywhere there must be opportunities available for every type of Theosophical activity and training, study and work for men who have interest and enthusiasm for Theosophical teachings. It is our duty to provide this. It is up to them how they utilize it.

SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

During the year under review, we maintained steady work with the usual activities. We celebrated all the great Theosophical festivals, such as Founders' Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, etc., and held public meetings at the Headquarters every fortnight.

The work in the Lodges has gone on also, with fortnightly or weekly meetings. Lodge "Horus" is still dormant, as stated in our last report, but we have pleasure in informing you that some young members have asked us to organize a new Lodge, called "Juventude" (Youth), which will begin its activities this month.

We must note the starting of some other important activities, organized in the year under report, which are running regularly: Courses in English and French, in order to help our members to develop their knowledge of these languages; and also a painting course, directed by the young painter who made and offered a beautiful portrait of H. P. Blavatsky to the Portuguese Theosophical Society, Mrs. Lucilia Santos Leitao.

Among the important lectures given during this year, we must refer to: "A Study on Thought-Forms" and "Yoga as a Way of Liberation," by Mr. Jorge Araujo; "Some occult aspects of Krishnamurti's mission," by Mr. Chaves Cruz and a series of lectures on "Theosophical aspects of Christianity," by the General Secretary.

An important event in 1961 was the celebration of the 40th year of our Section. Mr. Chaves Cruz, one of our best informed members and belonging to the group of founders of our Section, gave a very interesting lecture on the subject—"Outline of the history of our Section," which was published in a special issue of our Magazine: No. 115 (July-Sept. 1961).

Our library has been improved by some bequests from members, representing several lots of more than a hundred volumes each, which has made this library a more efficient instrument for learning and research.

This year, because of my official work I was unable to go abroad, but some of the Portuguese members had the opportunity of attending the summer school at Milano Marittima.

In June, our Section had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Luz Maria Durand, who gave a public lecture on "Inner Harmony," at the Headquarters.

Concerning membership, we must report that 16 new members were admitted, but against that we lost two by death and two by resignation. The number of members increased from 165 to 177.

On 6th October 1961, after the holidays, we began our Theosophical year, with public meetings every week. Mr. Jorge Araujo gave a lecture on "The Spirituality of Vegetarianism" and Mr. Martins de Almedia, who gave last year a number

of lectures about the Count de Saint German, is now conducting a course of lectures on "The Fourth Dimension".

Regarding the financial situation, the Section continues with the usual difficulties, greatly hampered by increase in expenses; financial support comes chiefly from devoted members, who are always ready to make sacrifices from their funds to help the Theosophical Society.

Nevertheless, we continue optimistic concerning the work in our Section and some members are specially devoted to the study of the occult aspects of Portuguese culture, with a view to a better understanding of its multi-racial and multi-religious nature.

DÉLIO NOBRE SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

There is little fresh to report. Our numbers have dropped slightly, from 165 in the last report to 160. We lost four faithful members by death during the year. There were six new admissions.

The work has continued steadily at Colwyn Bay and Cardiff. Study weekends are held in Cardiff which benefit the members but we find it difficult to attract the public to our lectures.

The smaller Lodges are still in a difficult state owing to present conditions and lack of leaders.

Our Golden Eagle Lodge at Pontypridd lost its president Mr. Trenchard in January and some members have left the area, so that it will be difficult now to get the Lodge working again, though there are a few members left.

Swansea has an active little group but lacks what is necessary to make it grow. The members are scattered and there has been much illness amongst them, but I am hoping to spend a little time there soon to pull it all together again. Swansea is a university town and a very go-ahead city; it ought to have a strong Lodge. There are several members, scattered in adjoining areas. Our difficulty in Wales is to bring all the scattered members together.

Our Convention, held in Colwyn Bay with Mr. Coats as our guest of honour, was a great success and was much appreciated by members in North Wales.

There is in North Wales scope for development of our work. It is not so overcome by the industrial development which has come to South Wales, and moreover there is in the north more of the spirit of the Ancient Wisdom which was in this country in the olden days.

Plas Bendith continues to be the Lodge centre in Colwyn Bay and the President, Miss Squire, lives in the house. Four members of the Colwyn Bay Lodge attended the European Congress at Milan in August.

We hope to co-operate with England in the Campaign for Unity in 1962.

The General Secretary has been somewhat harassed by difficult personal circumstances and lack of clerical assistance. She is now resident in Cardiff. The National Treasurer Mrs. Vera Wales, had to resign in the summer and Mrs. Ada James is filling the gap temporarily pending the triennial elections which take place in Wales in March 1962.

We move on hopefully in spite of very difficult times. We believe that Wales has a special work to do in the effort to

bring together the nations of the world in unity and brotherhood.

"Y Gwir yu erbyn y byd" is the motto of Wales, which roughly translated is—

"Truth will prevail against the difficulties of the world."

E. CLAUDIA OWEN,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

Our Section, continues its activities in its Branches and in a Study Group named Adyar to which belong members of the different Branches. Two events have occurred that show progress in our work. One was the visit of our President, Brother N. Sri Ram, who with his characteristic personal charm and his encouraging words was the cause of some old members coming back to our Society. The other is the continuous work of our Brothers Mario F. Mendez and Alvaro A. Araujo who have been providing our Branches and the Theosophical Society in Latin America with material for study in the form of what we call "Themes for Study".

Our drive toward providing a permanent fund that will give the Section a steady income was carried on. Up to now we have collected U.S. \$1,000. We expect to increase this amount next year.

At the beginning of this year we had 91 members and now this number has increased to 114, of which 23 are new members.

We want to express again our happiness at the visit of our President and we look forward to the future with optimism.

VICTOR ALVAREZ BISBAL,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

We closed the year 1961 with 93 members. Three of our oldest members passed away this year and we had two incomings making a total of 92 members to start this year.

Our seven Lodges, four in San Juan and three in the island, are working steadily and doing very well.

We have built this year a room we needed very badly, a sort of pantry and kitchen, quite large and with big Miami

windows and a nice hall to go with the main rooms and the pantry. That is a dream that came about almost unexpectedly. The cost of the building was \$2,400.00. A brother of one of the very active members gave us a donation of \$1,000.00, some of the old members that passed away recently left us around \$700.00 and we have a fund called "Pro Repairs of the Building" to which members who can afford it give a sum

every month according to their means. The balance was collected from voluntary donations so that we could comply with our obligations and still have some money left over for other necessary repairs.

One of our devoted members who is a fine architect made the plans and supervised the work and now our building is one of the nicest. It was built when our enrolment was about 600 but now we are a small group very conscious of our responsibility and we look after it like a precious jewel.

We celebrated our Annual Convention on 30th April, almost a month late; usually we celebrate it on Easter Day, but the repairs were not completed in time and we were forced to postpone it.

We had a nice gathering and all the Lodges from San Juan and the rest of the island were represented. We celebrated the 36th Anniversary of the Foundation of our Section and J. A. Plard one of the founders was present. He also celebrated his Golden Jubilee with the Theosophical Society which was on 10th December 1960. Many of our senior members have passed away, but we are acquiring some new members, young and capable, in whom we place our hopes that the Light of Theosophy will continue shining brighter and brighter all the time on our island and in the rest of the world.

As usual the Convention started with a beautiful violin and piano recital, the piano being played by Carlos Tio and the violin by J. A. Cadilla. After greetings from the members of San Juan to the members of the island and vice-versa, Dr. Eduardo Alfonso gave a magnificent address on "The Metaphysical Message of Theosophy". That was a masterpiece like all his lectures and was very much appreciated by the public.

Convention Day is a great day; it gives a delightful opportunity to all members to

be together, to discuss and suggest plans for the future, to realize the work each one is doing and to try to do more and better work. We always serve a vegetarian lunch on this day, a treat that the members of San Juan Lodges give to those of the island, prepared by some of our expert ladies and served at our premises. It is a jolly time when all the members have the opportunity to interchange friendly greetings. We adjourn from 1:30 p. m. to 3:30 or 4 depending on the needs of the programme and then Convention closes, when we all part happily with the best wishes to become more efficient servants, better examples to the rest of mankind.

On 23rd October 1960 Dr. M. A. Charneco gave a fine talk on the United Nations. He was then a member of the State Department; he is now a professor of the University of Puerto Rico. We have also celebrated all the festivals of the year according to their dates.

Carmen Gonzalez Lopez and I went to Olcott, Wheaton, Ill., to attend the Convention and the 75th Anniversary of the Theosophical Society in America. It was a great occasion to be with so many great leaders there. We brought the perfume of Theosophy that emanates from them, their knowledge and strength, to share with our members in Puerto Rico.

Our *Heraldo* continues its fruitful work going to all Latin-American Sections, Lodges and members. We often receive letters of appreciation for the fine articles it contains, mostly translated from the Theosophical magazines all over the world, from the *Adyar News-Letters* and other sources.

Our radio programme continues year by year in charge of our devoted Hon. Treasurer the President of Jinārājādāsa Lodge, J. Gonzalez Quinones. Our work has been slow, but gradually we are getting many people who are not Theosophists to listen to and comment on it.

It has gone on the air for many years from one of our most powerful stations at 8:45 a.m. every Sunday.

Though small in numbers we are steady and devoted, ready always to co-operate, and I feel very optimistic that in years to

come our philosophy will spread more and more so as to catch up with the developments of the era in 1975.

ESPERANZA C. HOPGOOD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

No Report

CEYLON

The Ceylon Section consists of seven Lodges. Four of these Lodges function in Colombo and three out of Colombo.

The year under review has seen a resuscitation of Theosophical activity in our Section. Our work received considerable encouragement from a visit paid to us early in the year by Brother Subramaniam from Adyar a few months before his sudden and lamented death in Iran. His passing away was a grievous loss to the Ceylon Section, as Brother Subramaniam had, in more than one visit to our Island, helped immeasurably in resuscitating our Section. His devotion to the Society, and his organizing abilities, will be remembered by all of us who came into contact with him in the work of the Ceylon Section of the Society.

As stated above, Brother Subramaniam's last visit to Ceylon took place during the year under review. He lectured to a large gathering at Headquarters, and gave an informal talk to Theosophists in

Kurunegala, seventy miles from Colombo. On his way back he spoke to Lotus Lodge, the youngest of our Lodges.

During the year under review, we had another visitor from abroad, Mr. Fred Whittle. Mr. Whittle gave us a Theosophical exposition of Buddhism which was most interesting. Mr. Whittle did not come to us as a stranger, as many years ago he was a Buddhist monk in Ceylon, before returning to Australia. He was, therefore, able to talk to us on Buddhism with an intimacy based on personal experience.

Mr. N. K. Choksy, our National President, gave us some talks which were very illuminating, and Mr. F. Rustomjee, our National Lecturer, lectured at Lotus Lodge to an appreciative gathering.

A new Group within the Section known as the Servants of the Wisdom Group came into existence this year, and has met regularly on the last Thursday of every

month at Headquarters. Its purpose is to give expression to the richness of the Ancient Wisdom in various ways, such as through the study of the Ancient Wisdom, and a form of group devotion based on the Wisdom.

We have not yet been able to form a Theosophical Order of Service in our Section, but hope to do so before long.

N. K. CHOKSY,
General Secretary.

GREECE

At a General Meeting, held in December 1961, the Greek Section revised completely its Statutes which had been in effect ever since 1946. It was decided that the General Secretary should be elected not by the members of the Administrative Board but by all the members as it is done for the other members of the Board which consists of nine members. The anticipated election will take place on 12th February 1962.

As reported in our annual report of 31st October 1961, the Greek Section consists of 230 active members. There are five Lodges in Athens dealing with the following subjects:

<i>Athena</i>	.. Greek Philosophy
<i>Vedanta</i>	.. Indian Philosophy
<i>Blavatsky</i>	.. Theosophical teachings
<i>Halcyon</i>	.. Talks of Krishnamurti
<i>Zinaradzassa</i>	.. (Consisting mostly of young University students) Theo- sophical studies.

There are four more Lodges in other towns of Greece, some of them meeting regularly, others less regularly.

The magazine *Ilisos*, which was first issued in 1956 and has been issued regularly ever since, appeals to the wider public, thus propagating the Theosophical ideas. From time to time, the *Theosophikon*

Deltion (Theosophical Bulletin) is issued for the exclusive benefit of the members of our Section. We are of the opinion that *The Theosophist* should indicate the *Theosophikon Deltion* and not *Ilisos* as the organ of the Greek Section.

The Greek Section, founded in 1928, has always had to deal with several difficulties, the most important of which are the following:

- (1) Financial difficulties—Certain rich members, who used to help before the war, have now passed away.
- (2) Ignorance of English—The majority of the members cannot read or write English and this is detrimental to their following the international Theosophical movement.
- (3) Professional occupation — which takes up most of the members' time.
- (4) Quite a number of members take an active interest in and deal with spiritualism, in spite of all our efforts to point out how useless and dangerous spiritualism is, according to what Madame Blavatsky so emphatically states in her *The Key to Theosophy*.
- (5) Likewise, some members (among whom the chairman of a Lodge) are also kept busy with the Arcane School founded by Mrs. A. Bailey, whereas they would perhaps be of

more help if they could channel their energy along strictly Theosophical lines.

- (6) We had the bad luck to be deprived of the visits of Brothers Subramaniam and Hodson, as scheduled, and thus our members lost the opportunity to become inspired by their presence.

In spite of everything, however, we have our faith in the line of action as indicated by Adyar which we follow in an effort to safeguard the principles of the

brotherhood of mankind and of the freedom of thought which we consider sacred.

For more than two years neither the Greek Section nor I as an individual have had any connection with the refugee help project known as Camp Kolokinthou for which Mr. Logofet of Washington has worked so diligently, helped by Mr. Vliamos at this end.

K. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

No Report

PARAGUAY

No Report

THE PHILIPPINES

The period under review may be regarded as one of the most fruitful in the history of the Section for various reasons, viz.: (1) in the acquisition of new members many of whom are young people who, surprisingly enough, readily and voluntarily adopted vegetarianism and embraced the teachings and the work with remarkable eagerness, zeal and sincere devotion; (2) in extraordinary opportunities which enabled the Society to come into contact with the general public, resulting in greater publicity and wider dissemination of the teachings; (3) in the growing realization among the members that we have to overcome the usual excuse given, that our progress is naturally slow

because of the predominant grip of sacerdotalism over our Catholic population, by presenting Theosophy not in the old forms which easily come into conflict with prevailing Christian theology, but in modern scientific terms in which ideas true to life can be acceptable to the people without brushing against religious prejudices; and (4) in our members having become increasingly sensitive to the present critical and distressed condition of the world. Thus, there is more activity and dedication to the Theosophical work and the life.

As a result of the recent visit of Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, during which her pupil Shrimati Sarada gave a public

demonstration of Indian classical dances, the members of the Theosophical Youth Movement were inspired to adopt the novel idea of presenting the Christmas cantata, *The Light Eternal*. This proved not only financially successful in raising funds for the present construction of the National Headquarters but also served to introduce the Theosophical Society to the public and at the same time provided an opportunity to distribute Theosophical literature.

The National Headquarters building of the Section, which was built in 1946, was found to be beyond repair and had to be demolished. Another, much larger, building, of semi-concrete material, is now under construction, the cost of which will tax the financial capacity of the members. It must be mentioned that the Martinez family, who donated the lot, is also contributing substantially towards the cost of the new building. The proposal to appeal for public support to raise the balance of the funds needed is now under consideration by the Section. Benefit shows, bazaars and other legal means permitted by the Social Welfare Department of our Government for such purposes have been suggested. Gratifying response from two or three industrial firms has already been received in the voluntary offer of help in kind once they have learned the high purposes for which the building will be used. The Theosophical Youth Movement has adopted as part of its activities the raising of funds for the building.

The usual Sunday public lectures, which were temporarily suspended when the headquarters was demolished, have been resumed at our temporary headquarters, the Martinez Compound. Capt. José Zulueta gave a well-attended lecture on "Awareness". The General Secretary gave a series of illustrated lectures under the general theme, "Man, Know Thyself,"

with emphasis on the occult and spiritual factors in human relationships. Bro. Felipe Camboa, our national librarian, also gave, under the same series, a lecture on "The Bodies of Man," with particular reference to passages in the Bible regarding the same. Mr. Pillai of Malaya gave a lecture and demonstration of Hatha Yoga followed by brief remarks by the General Secretary on the difference between Hatha and Raja Yoga.

We have had visitors from abroad: Mrs. Anna J. Lazarus, former president of Indianapolis Lodge, U.S.A., for whom a special programme was arranged under the sponsorship of the Soliman Lodge; and Dr. Satchindananda, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Rishikesh, who gave a public lecture on "Yoga and World Peace".

Our revered President of the international Theosophical Society, Bro. N. Sri Ram, paid the Section a four-day visit during which he gave three well-attended public lectures, an address to members and a talk on White Lotus Day. In between he held conferences with directors and members of the Theosophical Order of Service and the Theosophical Youth Movement. His presence gave much impetus and stimulation to our work.

Special features of the period's activity were the holding of a course in leadership training and a course in elementary Theosophy under the direction of Bro. Francisco T. Escudero, and a series of Sunday classes in vegetarian cooking and talks on its advantages conducted by Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio. This period has also seen the organization of the Theosophical Order of Service by the National Vice-President, Aguedo L. Tiqui. The Healing Department is actively carrying on its good work. An achievement of the Social Service department, under Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio, was the organization of *Friendship Incorporated*, an organization

composed of well-known citizens and civic leaders of the country with the object of helping to rehabilitate former prisoners socially, morally and economically. The Theosophical Youth Movement under the leadership of Miss Florida Ruth Pineda (now Mrs. Romero) has been actively participating in all the activities of the Section.

In closing this report we wish to pay tribute to all the old members who at one

time or another gave of their best to help the Theosophical work but who, for one reason or another, have become inactive or have followed other paths of service elsewhere. It is hoped that these former stalwarts will decide again to renew their old ties and interests and return to strengthen our ranks.

DOMINGO C. ARGENTE,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

My work during the year could not be carried out to its fullest capacity on account of the prolonged and painful illness of my husband, who passed away on 10th August of this year. My husband, Guillermo Vengoechea Umaña, was a real leader of Theosophical ideas in Colombia and for many years struggled to see that the Brotherhood of mankind should not be simply an intellectual conception, but a living reality. His personal life reflected his effort to give his Theosophical ideas a warm, uplifting meaning. As a result of his personal efforts, he left the National Section of the Theosophical Society a four-storey building located at Carrera 5a, Nos. 26-72, in this city, where within a short time the offices of the National Section will be established with all the conveniences for the Theosophical movement in this country.

During this year we had 14 new members and 11 renewals of membership; however, 33 members became inactive, leaving a total of 158 active members, which means a loss of 8 members compared with last year.

The Committee of Publications issued during the year four booklets or magazines of the *Theosophical Selection Series*, Nos.

31, 32, 33 and 34, with material excerpted very largely from *The Theosophist*, making a total of 15 articles and 128 pages. By a resolution of the Directors' Council I was appointed a member of the Committee of Publications, which at present consists of Walter Ballesteros, Corina Martinez and myself. Copies of these booklets have been sent to Adyar and to all Sections in Latin America. We have also received the magazines published by Sections all over the world and would like to express our deep appreciation to the brothers who thereby keep this Section informed of the publications issued by them.

In October 1960, I went to Medellin to visit "La Montaña" Lodge, which was experiencing difficulties for lack of a place to meet. During my 12-day stay we had daily meetings and good work was accomplished in gathering all the members together; a hall was hired and paid for by all members. Some funds were also obtained to furnish the meeting hall. This group is made up of people who have deep convictions and a strong interest in Theosophy.

In March I visited the "Morya" Lodge in Bucaramanga, which was also lacking an adequate meeting place. Since my time

was limited I did not succeed in helping them solve this problem. However, I will return as soon as possible in order to have this matter straightened out. We had several meetings at the house of one of the members and considerable propaganda material was distributed.

One of the highlights of this year's Theosophical activity was the visit to Colombia of our dear international President, Brother N. Sri Ram, during the month of May. He gave three public lectures on May 29, 30 and 31 at the Montefiore Theatre of the Israeli Association of Bogota, with an average attendance of 600 to 700 people. The public, of high intellectual level, were enthusiastic about the deep philosophical approach and clarity of thought of the lecturer, who showed his vast culture and high spiritual qualities. Apart from these lectures there was another for members of the Theosophical Society followed by a question period. This was immensely useful for everyone since we were able to clear up many concepts that perhaps we had not interpreted correctly. We only regret

that the stay of our beloved President was so short.

Brother Miguel Angel Medina is preparing a new edition of the booklet *A Los Pies Del Maestro* of 20,000 copies that he will hand over to the General Secretariat, for distribution all over the country free of cost. This generous contribution of Brother Medina has made it possible for this Section to have a good stock of propaganda material that allows active work and we trust we will obtain good results from this in a short time.

I am pleased to inform you that in the future I shall be able to devote all my time, energy and capabilities to the service of the Theosophical Society, the Theosophical movement and related organizations. I realize that my Karma has liberated me from other commitments, so that I may work better.

All the Lodges are working with great interest and their presidents are doing their best on behalf of the Theosophical ideals.

CARMEN CORREA DE VENGOECHEA,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

It gives me great happiness to record steady progress maintained by most of the Lodges comprising the East African Section. Although the incoming and outgoing process is inevitable with regard to membership figures, we are fortunate to have gained a good deal during this year, as a result of the tour of our distinguished guests Sri Rohit Mehta and Srimati Shridevi Mehta for over four months from June to September 1961.

Our estimated membership figure for this year is 683 as compared with 570 last year, giving us a clear increase of 113. We lost three veteran workers by death

and two were transferred to other Sections; but it is not the numbers that count for strength; it is the living quality of even a few, forming a powerful nucleus that can spread its influence far and wide. Area-wise considered, Kenya has the largest membership with 407, then comes Tanganyika with 176, then Zanzibar with 60, and 40 for Uganda; among the Lodges it is the Nairobi Lodge that heads the list with the membership figure of 165 in good standing. It is therefore in the fitness of things that the Headquarters of the East African Section has been shifted to Nairobi in Kenya. A

closer contact is now being established between Lodges situated in Kenya and Uganda; but the case of Lodges in Zanzibar and Tanganyika is quite peculiar. Great distances intervene, and as such, some of these Lodges hardly get an opportunity of a visit from other members or Section officers. During the year under review Sri R. H. Patel, the National President, Sri H. M. Chhaya, the National Secretary, and Sri H. S. Patel, the National Vice-President, toured twice visiting most of the Lodges in Kenya and Uganda.

Progress in Lodge Activities.—Reports received so far indicate that several Lodges conducted a concerted study of the classical books on Theosophy. The two Lodges in Mombasa also held a study camp during the Christmas holidays in 1960, which was well attended by members from the neighbouring Lodges. The topics for study were: Krishnamurti's teachings; the Plan of Evolution; You and Your Circumstances; and Search for Happiness. Zanzibar also organized a study class in May 1961 at which the subjects studied were Theosophy and the Role of the Theosophical Society. In addition, Zanzibar and Dar-es-Salaam Lodges celebrated a week for Universal Peace to which they invited outside speakers from the various groups of the resident communities.

Lodges also celebrated the Theosophical festivals with great enthusiasm: Dr. Besant's birthday, 1st October; Foundation Day, 17th November; Adyar Day, 17th February; White Lotus Day, 8th May; Vaisakh Full Moon Day; Ashadha Full Moon Day.

Some Lodges have arranged occasional documentary film shows, as well as outings and picnics, thus providing a fine opportunity for members, sympathizers, and their families to meet together and spend a happy time with meals, talks, music, games, garba dances, etc.

It is a happy sign that there is a decided improvement noticeable in the quality of the work in these Lodges both from within and from without—without in the sense that several members in their individual capacity have been quite active in running or guiding certain benevolent social institutions in their area, thereby spreading Theosophical ideals and the Theosophical outlook of life among the public. But it has to be noted that there are four Lodges which have become almost dormant for lack of leading workers; such workers have either left or have been transferred elsewhere and no one is left behind to replace them.

Annual Convention.—The Annual Convention of the Society was held during the Easter holidays of 1961 at Kisumu, a flourishing town, situated on the shores of Lake Victoria, Kisumu Lodge acting as host. Delegates from several Lodges attended and enjoyed the warm atmosphere of brotherhood that prevailed there.

The Convention lectures, given by Sri R. S. Shah of Nairobi, Sri H. S. Patel of Mombasa and Sri J. J. Amin of Eldoret, were much appreciated.

The following new Section office-bearers were elected for a period of three years:—

National President: Sri R. H. Patel
(Nairobi)

National Vice-President: Sri H. S. Patel
(Mombasa)

National Secretary: Sri H. M. Chhaya
(Nairobi)

National Treasurer: Sri B. S. Patel
(Nairobi)

Zonal Secretaries were appointed for the efficient working and guidance of the Lodges within their zones.

Section Magazine.—The Section issues a monthly magazine *Beacon*, which is distributed free to all members through their Lodge secretaries. It is a bilingual, cyclo-styled publication in English and Gujarati

and is edited by Sri J. J. Amin, B.Sc., President of the Highland Lodge, Eldoret.

Bookstall.—The Section also maintains a bookstall for the propagation of Theosophy which is well furnished with the latest as well as classical books on Theosophy; these are in English, Hindi and Gujarati. It also pushes its sales by a mobile bookstall organized at Convention gatherings, study camps, and with the tours of the Section officers and overseas visitors. The sale of books during this year is estimated at not less than shgs. 3,500/-.

Head Office Building.—Nairobi Lodge is actively engaged in the collection of its building fund. The foundation-laying ceremony of the proposed building was performed by Sri Rohit Mehta on 23rd July 1961, in the presence of a large gathering of distinguished citizens of Nairobi. The plans have been approved by the City Council and the work and supervision of the construction is in the capable hands of Sri L. N. Vadgama, the present President of the Lodge, a noted architect of the city. The Section's Head Office is to be located in the new building, which is expected to be ready early next year.

Attendance at the School of the Wisdom.—It is gratifying to record that

this Section will be represented at the School of the Wisdom at its sessions in 1961-2 by three of our veteran workers, one whom is our National Secretary, Sri H. M. Chhaya. We have every hope that after their return they will be of greater usefulness to the Section, as they have all retired from service.

This Section has been contributing for the last four years a sum of shgs. 400/- to the Gujarat Theosophical Federation to meet the deficit of the Gujarati magazine *Jyoti*.

May the Great Ones, who are the true founders of the Society, inspire all our workers in East Africa with wisdom and guide them in their activities, so that the Theosophical Society in East Africa may fruitfully carry out its responsibility towards these territories of East Africa which are on the very threshold of independence. Truly there is now a very fine opportunity and a significant role for the Society to play in the new government set-up that is emerging, so that all the races may learn to live together amicably and with brotherliness, for the betterment of all.

R. H. PATEL,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

The work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan has continued steadily throughout the year. Membership on the whole has slightly declined mainly due to a number of members lapsing for non-payment of dues. Pakistan now has seven Lodges—two at Karachi, two at Hyderabad, one at Quetta, one at Lahore and one at Comilla (East Pakistan). The

Lodge at Lahore, though holding a Charter, has fallen in its membership from twelve to seven, due to five members having been transferred to other parts of Pakistan. The Lodge at Jessore, active up to 1954, has lost some of its active workers and has almost ceased to function. It is now classed as a Centre. A new Centre in Dacca (East Pakistan) is functioning most

actively under Mr. O. W. Kamsika. The total membership in Pakistan as at 30-9-61 stands at 253.

Activities of the Lodges.—The Karachi Theosophical Society, the Besant Lodge at Hyderabad and the Comilla Lodge meet at least once a week. The Karachi Lodge especially has been most active and its annual report for the year speaks of 51 public lectures, 32 members' meetings and 40 study sessions, besides celebration of special anniversaries, work of the Theosophical Order of Service, and the Adult Education Project. The Lodge maintains a fine library of 9,571 books and a reading room in a large, well-furnished hall with a trained and qualified staff. It is gradually expanding the Islamic section of the Library and a Children's Library has been helped by UNESCO. New books added to the Library numbered 536, and 17,000 readers have taken advantage of the reading room; 920 books were issued during the year.

Other Lodges in Pakistan are much smaller in strength and need workers, lecturers and organizers.

"Theosophy in Pakistan".—The small eight-page monthly bulletin under the above caption has now been replaced by a twenty-page quarterly magazine under the same name. The magazine, while reprinting useful articles from other Theosophical magazines, also publishes original articles on Islamic and Theosophical topics.

The T.S. Islamic Association.—At the last Annual International Theosophical Convention two meetings of the T.S. Islamic Association were held, at which it was decided to revitalise the Association and to shift its headquarters to Pakistan. An *ad-hoc* Committee was formed for this purpose. During the year, the organizers at Karachi finalized the constitution of the Association, printed membership forms and outlined a plan of work.

The need for interpreting Theosophy from the Islamic point of view is obvious, especially for such countries as are predominantly Islamic. There is a great emphasis on fundamental Theosophical principles in Islam and research in the field reveals a rich store of such knowledge yet to be explored. Systematic work in this direction, resulting in a new, great literature on the subject, will prove invaluable both in bringing Theosophy to Muslims and in enriching Theosophical thought from the Islamic point of view.

Visitors.—We have had Theosophical visitors and lecturers who have greatly helped the work in Pakistan. Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta visited Karachi, Hyderabad and Quetta. Mrs. E. Marion Lavender spent two months at Karachi giving lectures, and conducting studies in the "Secret Doctrine" and other subjects. The Presidential Agent for Malaya and Singapore, Dr. C. H. Yeang, and Mrs. Yeang visited Karachi briefly for two days.

Presidential Agent's visits to Lodges.—I was able to visit the Besant Lodge at Hyderabad twice and the Quetta Lodge once during the year under report. At both these places I addressed members' meetings and gave public lectures. These Lodges need visits more often and lecturers to build up a nucleus of interested students.

I am grateful to the Theosophical Fellowship of Service for meeting the travelling cost of these visits.

Looking Ahead.—Looking forward into the new year, the first thing that needs to be done is to strengthen both in numbers and quality the position of the existing Lodges. Except for the Karachi Theosophical Society, this is the urgent need of all the Lodges. This work calls for national lecturers and Lodge organizers. It is not possible to meet this demand only from Pakistan, and any response in this direction from other countries would be

gratefully considered. Given the right impetus Theosophical work in Pakistan has great promise. The existence of two fine members in Rawalpindi and two of old standing in Shikarpur again make the possibility of Centres in those places imminent.

The work of translating Theosophical books into Urdu is another urgent necessity. Sufism, Islamic mysticism, is already richly embedded in people's hearts in Pakistan. Approached in an understandable language, Theosophical thought is nearer rather than farther from the Muslim mind. This responsibility obvi-

ously devolves on Urdu-knowing Muslim members of the sub-continent.

In spite of the many difficulties, I close this report on a note of optimism and humble gratefulness. A Theosophist cannot do less. He has always so much to look forward to and so much more to be grateful for. The vistas of Truth beckon him ever onwards to greater expression, deeper experience, more joyful dedication, and he cannot help but look ahead to the Light that he knows shines everlastingly.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYA AND SINGAPORE

No Report

NORTHERN IRELAND

So far as we know, Northern Ireland is the smallest country in the world to have its own independent Theosophical Society, a Federation of three Lodges. The scale of our work is therefore small but the work is sturdily maintained and we have had a quiet but busy year.

An unsolved problem is what we can do to bring the fellowship of the Society closer to members and potential members who live in small country towns and places remote from our regular meeting places. Travel problems have been the main factor in suspending nearly all meetings of Coleraine Lodge. A road accident in which the Organizing Secretary was seriously injured and his car wrecked also temporarily limited his capacity to keep in touch with outlying people.

Two public meetings are held regularly each week in Belfast, a lecture and a study

group meeting; there is also a weekly members' meeting and, in addition, a members' *Secret Doctrine* study group which meets twice a month. Public lectures are given monthly in Bangor and occasionally in Coleraine. Other meetings also take place from time to time, and a good library service is maintained. We had a welcome visit, in November 1960, from Mr. John Coats, who gave talks in Belfast, Bangor and Coleraine. Otherwise our lecture programmes, which have been of good quality, have been sustained entirely by local talent. In 1960 Belfast Lodge completed its first half century of continuous active work. The total membership in Northern Ireland has risen to 56.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

ISRAEL

The Theosophical Society in Israel continued its work during the year under review in the now well-established manner of members' meetings and public lectures in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa and Safad. A special occasion for the spreading of our ideas amongst our fellow-citizens promised to be the keenly awaited visit of Brother M. Subramaniam scheduled to start on 17th April, 1961. Preparations had been made for his reception, his lecture tour in our main cities and a certain amount of sight-seeing when we learned the sad news of his passing away, quite suddenly and unexpectedly, at Teheran airport while boarding his plane for Israel. Consequently though the intended lectures in Haifa had to be cancelled, the remainder were given by Mr. Hans Zeuger, the Presidential Agent, who spoke twice on the themes announced for Jerusalem and once in Tel-Aviv to large audiences which had gathered in both these cities in response to the magnetic attraction of Brother Subramaniam's name. His efforts to reach our country were, therefore, not made in vain, and the supreme sacrifice he made while extending his helping hand towards us will no doubt continue to bear karmic fruit in the years to come. May his memory be blessed.

At the request of Mrs. Josephine Ransom, our late Vice-President, Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith invited the undersigned to correct wherever necessary the Hebrew quotations in Madame Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine* about to be re-issued by The Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar—a task he gladly carried out in the course of the past year.

Another important line of our activities is the translation of Theosophical literature into the Hebrew language which started with Krishnamurti's *At the Feet of the Master* some time ago and has been

diligently and expertly continued by our young Brother Zion Gonen with Cooper's *Reincarnation—the Hope of the World*, which we shall print as soon as the necessary funds are forthcoming.

During the summer recess Mr. Zeuger was approached by "Kol Jisrael," the "Voice of Israel," to join in a broadcast programme on "The Stars and the Zodiac" by covering the astrological aspect of the theme. His interpretations were very well received by the Israeli public as shown both by lively comments in the local press as well as by many letters addressed to the radio station and Mr. Zeuger himself. In addition, a leading Hebrew weekly, *Maariv Lanoar*, published a full-page interview with him in its (Jewish) New Year issue of September last in which for the first time some of our most important Theosophical teachings were made known to a large sector of our population, especially the younger generation.

Generous gifts were again received from various quarters, viz. Mrs. Evelyn Benham Bull who made over to us the whole library of her late father, Mr. A. C. Benham, a most dedicated Theosophist; Mrs. Esther Kowit, President, The Brooklyn Theosophical Society; Mrs. Stella Rasumoff, Librarian, The Theosophical Society in Miami—all in U.S.A.; Capt. Cyril L. Paul, Honorary Secretary, The Theosophical Order of Service, London, England; Madame Marie Pradel, President, Société Théosophique, Lodge Vidya, Nice, France; Mr. Scheithauer-Behrenbeck, Surya Lodge, Berlin, Germany; and last but not least from our indefatigable friend and helper, Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Council. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all these persons.

With two new admissions, two re-admissions and one transfer to our Section

from the U.S.A. the current number of members in this country stands now at 86.

Our News-Sheet *Theosophy in Israel* which we continue to issue as heretofore in four languages (English, French,

German and Hebrew) is increasingly asked for by members of other Sections.

HANS ZEUGER,
Presidential Agent.

JAPAN

No Report

VIET-NAM

The General Council.—At the General Assembly held 16th July 1961, and in accordance with the statutes of the Theosophical Society in Viet-Nam, a new General Council was chosen for a term of three years, 1961 to 1964. The undersigned was re-elected as General Secretary.

The Council is composed of sincere and devoted workers who enjoy the confidence and collaboration of the members, and has great hopes of bringing about continued improvements in the Theosophical movement in Viet-Nam.

Activities.—After its election, the General Directive Council formed a Committee for Theosophical Propaganda. This Committee has gone to work actively to encourage the study and the diffusion of Theosophical thought.

Study Meetings are arranged twice weekly, one for the study of *The Solar System* by A. E. Powell, and another on *Commentaries on At the Feet of the Master* by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater.

Public lectures are arranged for the first Sunday of every month. A large and sympathetic audience attends each time and we think that they are becoming more and more interested in Theosophy.

The Review *Tim Hieu Thong-Thien-Hoc* (Seeking to Understand Theosophy), the

official organ of the Section, valiantly continues its mission of propagating Theosophy in Viet-Nam, and also keeping the members informed of the activities of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, of Sections throughout the world, and of our own country. This Review appears every second month, 3,000 copies being printed. The propagation of Theosophical literature is maintained through this Review, and our Section is very grateful to Mme. and M. Nguyen-Van-Huan.

In addition to our regular meetings we celebrated the commemorative festivals of the Society. These festivals keep alive in our hearts the high examples of our Theosophical leaders.

We also keep in mind the activities of our International Headquarters at Adyar, and the difficulties which they have to face. This year happily we were able to send our dues amounting to \$VN 6,000, and also a contribution of \$VN 7,000 for the new Adyar Library building.

Membership.—The vigour of our Section continues to grow, in spite of the very critical political situation of our country, and in spite of some losses, especially through death and resignations. We have at the present 636 members, an increase of 42 members over last year,

Lodges.—At present the Section has fourteen Lodges. The most active Lodges are grouped in the capital, Saigon. In the provinces, most of the Lodges remain inactive, due to the fact that effective members and workers are few, or that the Lodges are situated in places that are difficult of access.

Social Work.—Parallel with the work of spreading Theosophy the Section also works for brotherhood, taking part in such social work as help for Tibetan refugees in India (8,000 \$VN), assistance to the victims of floods in the provinces of the West (23,000 \$VN), etc.

The Theosophical Orphanage is still our main social activity. The new orphanage building is finished; it cost more than a million \$VN. The laying of the foundation stone took place on White Lotus Day, 8th May 1961, and the Orphanage was recently inaugurated by the Minister of Finance. Under the supervision and care of Drs. Cao-Van-Tri and Huynh-Cong-

Chieu, and the active participation of many other members of the Society, both in material and financial aid, the Orphanage is able to shelter, care for and educate nearly eighty orphans or abandoned children.

Conclusion.—Before closing this annual report I think it is useful to mention also our visit, in April and May 1961, to the Theosophical centres in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan.

In conclusion, the General Council and the Vietnamese Section have done all they possibly could to spread the illuminating light of Theosophy. Although facing situations which become more and more difficult in this country, the results obtained confirm our confidence in the compassion and the wisdom of our Masters of the Wisdom. May this Society, which is Their Work, progress in accordance with Their design.

NGUYEN-THI-HAI,
General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

I have pleasure in presenting this annual report relating to the eighth year of Theosophical activities in Venezuela, covering the period from 1st October 1960 to 30th September 1961.

Membership.—During the year ten new members joined and five members lapsed due to non-attendance and non-payment of annual dues. The total membership is now 168.

Activities.—The Review *Unidad* was issued four times during the year. The classic festivals of the Society, 17th November and 8th May, were celebrated in accordance with the customary ritual, the attendance on these occasions being large as usual.

Finance.—The Section contributed the sum of \$220.00 for the Adyar Library building, and \$150.00 for Adyar Day. Both cheques were handed to our President, N. Sri Ram, when he was here with us from 23rd to 28th July last.

Visit of the International President.—All the members of our Section had good reason to be truly satisfied with the visit paid to this country by our President and with his lectures at the Central University of Venezuela, which were listened to with real pleasure and appreciation by the large audiences. We trust that in the future he may be able to pay us yet another visit.

PABLO BONILLA T.,
General Secretary.

WEST AFRICA

Other than the normal activities no outstanding event took place. Study class meetings were regular except at the headquarters where they had to be suspended for the time being in consequence of the taking over by the Government of the Community Centre where its activities had for many years been held. This incident, however, served as an incentive to crystallize at Convention the intention to make provision for our own building.

Lodges and Membership.—Out of five Centres formed during the year one was chartered as *Leadbeater Lodge*, Accra. Lapsings and transfers to other Sections

excepted, the total membership is 238, a gain of 33 new members.

Library.—Once again, we have cause to place on record our very deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to Miss F. E. Goold, Ottawa, Canada, for the very pleasant surprise gift of many books and pamphlets and to the United Lodge of Theosophists, New York, and the Theosophy Company, Bombay, India, for similar gifts sent us through the instrumentality of the first named donor, and, lastly, to our Bro. E. M. Affram, London, for additions to our library.

K. BRAKATU ATEKO,
Organizing Secretary.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

The past Theosophical year has shown a gain in membership for the Canadian Federation in spite of having to write off several inactive members. Most of the Federation Lodges across Canada have been very active, each showing a gain in membership.

The highlights of the year were the Annual Convention and the election of Federation officers. A most successful Convention was held in May at Penticton, B.C., with Fiat Lux Lodge proving an excellent host. The Annual Convention provides a wonderful impetus for the work of the year ahead. The election of officers saw a change in the office of the Secretary and also in the Editor of the quarterly magazine. Our past Secretary, Miss Joan Morris, is now attending the School of the Wisdom at Adyar.

There has been a dearth of visiting lecturers this year, the one exception being a most welcome visit from Dr. and Mrs.

Henry A. Smith. Dr. Smith, National President of the American Section, gave a public lecture and also a talk to members in both Vancouver and Victoria and his talks were enjoyed and appreciated by all. We would like to hear from him more often, his approach to Theosophy being exceptionally clear and modern.

The new Secretary of the Federation paid a brief visit to Toronto early in September and later made a lecture tour of the Lodges in Western Canada (B.C. and Alberta). While the membership of these Lodges is not large, they do not lack enthusiasm and it is to be hoped that as the years pass their membership will increase considerably.

Special mention should be made of the Federation Lodge in Toronto, "H.P.B.," which is an extremely active Lodge and has recently formed an official study group to be known as the Saraswati Study Group,

The Federation looks forward to another year of work and study in promoting the ideals of Theosophy and in expanding our individual consciousness

in a world that sorely needs the peace and understanding of the Ancient Wisdom.

JOHN P. BARNES,
Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

In 1960 the Council, which was attended by representatives of over 20 countries, was the guest of the International Centre at Huizen. Srimati Rukmini Devi, who is Head of the Centre, was the guest of honour and addressed the gathering on several occasions. She came to Europe via Iceland where she took part in a most successful summer school and later visited the regional summer schools in England and Andorra. Whilst attending the International Vegetarian Congress in Germany, she visited Lodges in Hannover and Hamburg and a quick tour took her to Paris and Geneva on her way home to India. The Federation expresses its warm thanks to her for this work amongst us.

Regional summer schools were held in 1960 at Pichl in Austria, where Mrs. Scheffmacher presided over a group in which eleven countries were represented; in Ordino, where Rukmini Devi and her party were present and where we were happy to see members from Portugal; and at Swanwick in the British region, where about 150 members gathered and Srimati Sarada (Mrs. Peter Hoffman), who accompanied Rukmini Devi, gave a dance recital which was both beautiful and inspiring (as in Ordino too) — a joy to all who watched it.

The Regional Committee of the Pays-Latins met in Geneva in October 1960, where it was made clear that *Le Lotus Bleu* as well as *La Vie Théosophique* is now a Regional publication. Dr. Thorin kindly agreed to continue to act as co-ordinating editor for the present. The

British Regional Committee was able to report such a successful summer school at Swanwick that substantial donations could be made both to the Federation and to Adyar.

The Federation periodicals have appeared regularly throughout the year. Under Herr Roesch's able editorship, the German-language *Adyar* maintains its high standard and now arrangements are in hand for the General Secretaries of the Region, together with the chairman, to contribute editorials in rotation. Similar arrangements have been made for *La Vie Théosophique*. *Theosophy in Action*, which was produced for so long by Mrs. Adelaide Gardner, to whom its success in the post-war years was largely due, now appears under the most capable editorship of Mr. L. Leslie-Smith and the Federation is most grateful to him for taking over this work in which Mrs. Leslie-Smith will assist him. In Scandinavia, Denmark, Norway and Sweden have decided to issue a joint magazine *Teosofi i Norden*, in which articles in all three languages are published — a fine, new effort in co-operation.

The Young Theosophists of Europe held a very successful Camp at St. Michael's, Huizen, last summer and more young people than ever were under canvas for the week. Their new magazine *Lotos* is well produced and should have a wider circulation.

Other visitors to Europe have been: Miss Clara Codd who visited no less than seven summer schools last year and left behind her everywhere a wake of goodwill

and inspiration; Sri K. Sankara Menon who contributed much to the Council meeting in Huizen; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kunz of New York who visited both Holland and London; Mrs. Mary Elmore who toured Denmark and Sweden and recently attended the Convention in Denmark; and Miss Pascaline Mallet, who was in Belgium a short while ago. To all we offer our best thanks, and here we must pay tribute to our intended visitor, Sri M. Subramaniam, who died in Teheran on his way to a long tour in Europe. Our thoughts go to his family and friends in Adyar, where he will be much missed.

We welcome most happily several new General Secretaries; Monsieur Georges Tripet in Switzerland; Monsieur K. Melissaropoulos in Greece and Mr. V. Wallace Slater in England. But we have also to report with sorrow the passing of some of our best workers from the European scene. Notable amongst these were: Mrs. Josephine Ransom, Vice-President of the Society—particularly beloved of Scandinavia; Mrs. Adelaide Gardner—so long a stalwart of the Federation's work and who helped so much with the rehabilitation of the work in Europe after the war; and Mr. Jan Kruisheer—a one-time General Secretary of the Netherlands Section, who has spent most of his life in Theosophical work both here and in the East.

This summer in Europe has been characterized by several very successful Regional summer schools. In June 1961 the Northern countries spent a very happy ten days in the mountains of Norway. Representatives, numbering over 100, gathered, largely from Norway, Sweden, Denmark and England, with further representatives from other countries and the chief speakers were Miss Clara Codd, whose last official appearance it was before leaving for the United States, and Mrs. Mary Elmore, who has done much travelling and lecturing this summer in

various parts of Europe. Speakers included also many members from the north, including the Norwegian General Secretary, Mr. Ernst Nielsen, who so ably organized the gathering.

The German-speaking Regional summer school met again at Pichl in September 1961 in Austria. Each year there is a larger attendance, and those who have attended there are struck by the atmosphere of increasing friendliness and understanding that has been built up over the years. Austrian, Swiss and German members are usually joined by some visitors from other neighbouring countries. The summer school was again under the able chairmanship of Mrs. Scheffmacher of Basle, and all were happy to have Mr. van Dissel as a visitor once more.

The summer school of the Pays-Latins was held in September 1961 in Italy at Milano Marittima, and was the first to be held in that country. Again over 100 members attended, mostly from Italy and France, with others from every part of Latin Europe. Mr. Coats, Chairman of the Federation, acted as compere of the gathering, but the "star performer," (whose presence everyone so much appreciated and enjoyed) was none other than the international President himself, Mr. N. Sri Ram. He gave a series of deep and most inspiring addresses on the nature of consciousness; it would be difficult to describe the influence of these talks upon all his listeners, seated around him in the peace and beauty of the pine woods in which the talks were given. It will be an enduring and memorable experience for all who were fortunate enough to be there. Five General Secretaries were present, and representatives of all these countries took part also in the lectures and discussions.

There was no summer school of the British Region this year, but the English Section ran a most successful programme at Camberley over a period of two weeks,

at which many members both spoke and took part in other ways.

Srimati Rukmini Devi spent several weeks at St. Michael's Centre during the summer of 1961. She took part in the activities of the International Week (which attracted a large number of visitors), met many leading members from the different Sections, and managed to pay a visit to the German summer school at Rendsburg, as well as spend a few days in London on her way to America.

The most important item of news from the German Regional Committee is that they are now going ahead with the publication of books in the German language. Although there is a small publishing concern in Austria, supported by the European Federation and certain other individuals, who give much time and effort to the work most generously, there are not sufficient funds and scope for the publication of more than a minimum output of Theosophical books. An approach to an outside, and very large, publisher is therefore being made, and it is hoped that it will mean that more of our books become more quickly available to the reading public. The Adyar Verlag in

Austria will continue to publish as much as it can, and perhaps it will, in the future, be built up into an ever more productive concern.

The Chairman, besides attending summer schools in a number of countries, including Swanwick, Ordino and Gammel Praestergaard, and the Regional Committee in Geneva, toured Lodges in Italy, Germany, Holland and Belgium before Christmas. In January he attended the Executive Committee in Paris and afterwards spent nearly three months in Scandinavia. It is a time of change, of shaking-up, when the realization of the true purposes behind our work can be reborn. Can we possibly ask for greater backing than that which is, in fact, behind us? Can we fail, if we understand what this means and try continually to fit ourselves and our Lodges to bring leadership into the fields of our present world's most urgent needs, and increase our awareness as channels towards that "great orphan," which is the abiding interest and charge of Those who are more than men?

J. B. S. COATS,
Chairman.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

BOLIVIA

LODGE "PAZ":

During the period from 1st October 1960 to 30th September 1961, we have been engaged in our regular work of weekly meetings, which were attended not only by members but also by people who came either by invitation or spontaneously. We developed some main subjects on Theosophy and the Theosophical Society taken from well-known books such as *The Inner Life* by C. W.

Leadbeater and other authors and leaders, H. P. Blavatsky, Dr. A. Besant, C. Jinarājādāsa, our beloved N. Sri Ram, etc.; also we translate "viva voce" excerpts from the *Adyar News-Letters* or read interesting articles from several Theosophical reviews, giving always the opportunity for questions to be asked or commentaries added by the listeners. This makes the sessions somewhat alive and agreeable.

Again this year the President of our Lodge travelled to Cochabamba and tried in the course of three weekly meetings with former members of the Lodge "Inti" and some other Theosophical sympathizers, to encourage them to regularize their situation with regard to Adyar by becoming a formally attached Lodge either to the Headquarters or to the Argentine Section. They promised to discuss the question among themselves and to re-establish the official link and life of the Lodge. Anyway, they meet regularly and study Theosophical and other similar subjects. They said that they were to broadcast some Theosophy on a local station.

In La Paz, at the last "White Lotus Day," the Lodges "Paz" and "Liberacion" held a joint celebration, to which some friends were invited, with several short speeches full of love towards our ideals, making of the occasion a happy and fraternal *agapē*. As in previous years,

a resume was published in the main newspaper "El Diario," which is read in most of the important towns of Bolivia. A couple of weeks later we also got the same newspaper to publish an article on "Universal Brotherhood" as it is understood by the Theosophists.

Later on we obtained permission from a local broadcasting station to use it for several months, every Monday, to give short speeches or lectures, of 20 to 30 minutes, on easy-to-understand Theosophical subjects, which although each of them was complete in itself at the same time they were in relationship to each other, trying also to maintain some kind of incitement or suggestion to follow the series, or to study more profoundly our Theosophy by means of reading or attending our public meetings. We intend to get permission to resume this broadcasting as soon as possible.

F. IBORRA,
President.

HONG KONG

LODGE HONG KONG:

Registration of Lodge.—Formal approval of our application for registration was received from the Register of Societies, Hong Kong, with a Certificate numbered S. R. 2034.

Membership.—Membership decreased during the year from 21 to 18. Efforts are being made to get a permanent place in town for the Lodge and its library so that members can meet more frequently and the public's interest in Theosophy may be aroused. The Committee is also making preparations to give public lectures on Theosophical subjects. Inquiry for reservation of a lecture room in the new City Hall has already been made. If we can give public lectures regularly, we are

sure our membership list will be considerably lengthened.

Visit of the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram.—The President came to visit us last May. The news of his coming had come early in March when the life of our Lodge was at a very low ebb. He spent four days with us, from 2nd to 5th May, and greatly inspired and enlightened not only members of our Lodge but also those who came to listen to his public talks. Brother Wei Tat has carefully made a verbatim report of the President's second public lecture: "Buddhism in the Light of Theosophy".

Other Visitors.—We were visited on 13th April 1961, by Mrs. Kathleen S. Martin and Miss Gertrude Silberman,

who attended one of our regular meetings and gave a very interesting report of the activities of the School of the Wisdom at Adyar which they had just attended.

On 29th May we had a very happy dinner at our President's house with a group of members from Saigon, led by Mrs. Nguyen-thi-Hai, General Secretary of the Vietnamese Section. Before the dinner our president made a short but very nice speech.

"*At the Feet of the Master*".—This little book, together with its Chinese

translation, has been sent to America, England, Japan, Saigon, Australia and Taipei. We hope to make a wide circulation of this book in Hong Kong.

Meetings.—This year, 1961, we have recorded twenty regular meetings and a few special meetings. Brother S. L. Yen's talk on "Zen," Brother Clark's talk on "Japanese Judo," and Dr. R. Ching's talk on "Form, Space and Time," were all of great interest.

K. S. FUNG,
President.

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LODGE "PAZ Y AMOR":

Consistently with its membership, this Lodge has concerned itself principally with carrying on meditations for international peace, in these most difficult times for people all over the world, and also diffusing love and friendship among all, seeing that we are all parts of a single whole and that any hurt one may do to another not only hurts ourselves but also the entire world.

We held twelve meetings, one each month, with an average attendance of about seven members.

We also carried out twelve times the beautiful Ritual of the Mystic Star, with magnificent results, and at one of

them, last June, we had the good fortune to have with us Mr. Walter Ballesteros, who congratulated us on it.

We hope next year to be able to give a better account of our activities. We took advantage as much as possible of the presence of our President, our dear Brother N. Sri Ram, though his stay among us was such a short one. The magnificent lecture which he gave on "A World in Transition," we have distributed among our members and friends in good numbers, as it is magnificent propaganda material; we trust that it will produce good results and draw in new adherents and also revive interest and liberate some from the dominion that the religions exercise over their consciences.

ALFONSO REVOREDO IGLESIAS,
President.

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

The Annual Business meeting was held on 30th December 1960 at Adyar, under the chairmanship of Srimati Rukmini Devi. After greetings had been given by those present, Srimati Rukmini Devi conveyed the greetings of Young Theosophists in countries she had visited in her recent tour. The annual report was presented by the general secretary, Mrs. S. Sundaravalli and adopted. The report of the Treasurer, Miss R. Sivakami, was also received. The meeting resolved that in view of the absence of valid nominations for the office of President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists, Srimati Rukmini Devi be asked to continue in office for the present.

The election of officers followed. Mrs. Nancy Buch was unanimously elected as general secretary, and Miss R. Sivakami was re-elected treasurer. Elections to the Executive Committee were as follows: Miss G. Sundari, Mrs. S. Sankari, Mr. R. Toddywalla, Mr. Narayan Sahni (Pakistan) and Miss Anandi Advani.

The usual Youth Symposium was held during the 1960 International Convention,

the subject being "The Role of Youth in the Present World Crisis". Mr. K. Sankara Menon was in the chair. The speakers were: Mr. A. Venkataramanan, Mr. R. M. Toddywalla, Miss Anandi Advani, Mrs. A. Shroff, Miss F. P. Ayrton, and Miss Nirmala Krishnamurthy, who all spoke with vigour and enthusiasm, to a very appreciative audience.

As the election for President had not materialized the main task for the year 1961 was to call for nominations for the position, with a deadline for 7th June. However, as only one nomination had been received by the time of the executive committee meeting on 1st July, the date was extended to September 15th, by which time two nominations had come in: Srimati Rukmini Devi nominated by Brazil, and Mr. Felix Layton by Australia. These names were sent out for voting.

The chief contact with youth in various parts of the world had been through correspondence, since few regular reports were received.

NANCY A. BUCH,
General Secretary.

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1960-1961

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| (10) PROFESSOR J. B. DORAB | | |

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Post Office: SUB-POSTMASTER: MR. V. SRINIVASAN.

The School of the Wisdom: PRINCIPAL: MR. N. SRI RAM.

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

The Theosophist: (ASST. EDITOR) MISS CAROLINE TESS.

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

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

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1960-61

We are happy to present this Report on the occasion of the 75th Jubilee of the Adyar Library. During these seventy-five years, the institution has grown into an important centre for Oriental research, well known in India and abroad among Indological scholars and research institutions for its rich collection of manuscripts and books, and for its valuable publications.

To commemorate the Silver Jubilee of *Brahmavidyā*, the Adyar Library Bulletin, the Library has brought out, during the year, a Jubilee volume of more than 600 pages with contributions from 48 scholars from different countries.

There has been a fairly good response from members and friends all over the world to our appeal for the Library Building Fund through the ADD-A-BRICK Scheme. On 29th December 1960, during the International Convention of the Theosophical Society, the foundation stone for the proposed new building was well and truly laid by Mr. N. Sri Ram, the International President of the Theosophical Society. With the kind help of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Leenhouts, two American architect-members, a final plan is being prepared and we expect to start constructing the building during the coming year.

Staff.—The President of the Library Council appointed Prof. J. B. Dorab and Srimati Radha Burnier as Joint Directors of the Library in January 1961. Prof. J. B. Dorab has been an Associate Professor of Literature in St. John's College, Agra, and with his rich experience in the field of literature and allied subjects,

is a very valuable addition to the staff of the Adyar Library. Srimati Radha Burnier, an M.A. in Sanskrit of the Banaras Hindu University, has been for several years giving her full time to the work of the Adyar Library and has also been the Secretary of the Adyar Library Council.

Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, as a member of the Editorial Board, continues his valuable help in the editing of our publications and we take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to him.

During the year, Sri K. Mahadeva Sastri, retired Curator of the Oriental Manuscripts Library, Trivandrum, was appointed as a Pandit in the Research Section. He is now engaged in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of Stotra MSS. in the Library.

Srimati D. Rukmini has been appointed as an assistant in the repair section. During the year, one of our attendants, Sri J. Hridayanathan, left our services for employment elsewhere. Sri R. Lakshmanan has been appointed in his place.

MSS. Catalogue.—The catalogue of Viśiṣṭādvaita and other Vedāntas as well as the catalogues of Śrauta, Gṛhya and Dharma Śāstra MSS. were recast during the year by Sri V. Krishnamacharya and Sri K. Ramachandra Sarma according to the format prescribed by the Government of India in giving their grant. The printing was delayed due to want of suitable paper, but good paper has now been acquired and we hope to see the first-mentioned catalogue through the press during the coming year,

Dr. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma, Head of the Department of Sanskrit, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, who was formerly engaged in the preparation of a Descriptive Catalogue of the Visvabharati Collection of MSS. continues this work during his vacations. We are grateful to him for completing this work.

Book Catalogue.—Srimati A. P. Siitaa Devii continues the exacting work of revising the new card catalogue. We are glad to have the honorary assistance of Dr. Dorothy Rood in this section.

Publications.—During the year *Maṇi-kaṇa*, a Navya Nyāya manual, edited by Dr. Sreekrishna Sarma, was released as No. 88 of the Adyar Library Series. This work which gives the gist of the famous *Tattvacintāmaṇi* has been edited with an English translation and elaborate notes. The translation of the *Śākta Upaniṣads* by Dr. A. G. Krishna Warriar has yet to be completed. We hope to have it ready for distribution during the coming year. Sri V. Krishnamacharya is revising for the press the *Keśavavaijayanī*, Nanda Paṇḍita's commentary on the *Viṣṇusmṛti*, which has been edited by the late Prof. K. V. Rangaswami Iyengar. This is one of the rare works for which the Government of India has sanctioned a grant for publication.

Arrangements for exchange of publications were made during the year with the Oriental Institute of the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences, Prague; the Institute of Historical Research, Saigon; and the K. P. Jayaswal Research Institute, Patna.

Bulletin.—*Brahmavidyā*, the Adyar Library Bulletin, has 121 subscribers and is being exchanged with 130 journals. Exchanges with the following journals have been newly started or revived: *Dialog* from Antwerp; *Journal of the Gujarat Research Society*; *Indian Studies: Past and Present*; *Khao-Co Tap-San* of the

Institute of Historical Research, Saigon; the *Journal of the Maison Franco-Japonaise*, Tokyo; the *Journal of the Marathwada University*, Aurangabad; *Prabuddha Bharata* of the Advaita Asrama, Calcutta; the *Bulletin of the Psychological Research Institute*, Bombay; *Quaderni*, Università degli Studi di Bologna; the *Transactions of the Institute of Peoples of Asia*, Leningrad; the *Bulletin of the Tribal Research Institute*, Chhindwara; *Varadā* of the Rajasthan Sahitya Samiti, Visau; *Nāda Rūpa*, College of Music and Fine Arts, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; *Hindī Anuśilan*, Bharatiya Visvavidyalaya, Prayag; and *Jyauṭiṣ Vijnān*, *Journal of Astronomical and Sanskrit Research*, Delhi.

Copying.—During the year 33 transcripts were made and supplied, out of which two were from manuscripts of other institutions; two transcripts and one typed-copy of our books were also supplied; six microfilms of our MSS. were supplied to other institutions. Copies of six of our MSS. have also been made for the Library. Other forms of library service, including research work for a student of the Indiana University, U.S.A., were rendered throughout the year.

Binding and Repair.—141 books, 208 volumes of various periodicals and 7 transcripts were bound for the Library by the Vasanta Press. 300 books, 9 paper MSS. and 2 transcripts were repaired in the Library. 336 palm-leaf MSS. were cleaned, 55 varnished and 7 repaired. The repairing of palm-leaf MSS. had to be slowed down as we have been unable to obtain suitable leaves for the purpose.

Mr. C. H. Hunter has continued the work of putting boards or wood on the palm-leaf MSS. for better preservation. During the year under report 4,370 MSS. have had boards fitted on them. The Library has benefited much from Mr. Hunter's honorary services and we express

our appreciation and thanks to him and to Mr. E. F. Orfila who continues to supervise the work in the repair department honorarily.

Works Used.—The Library has now 332 Readers, 122 Resident Readers, 46 Borrowers and 9 Braille Borrowers. During the year 3,901 persons used the Library, 8,497 books were consulted, 4,061 books were borrowed, 8,618 MSS. were consulted and 11 MSS. were borrowed.

Accession.—1,050 books and 6 transcripts were accessed.

Gifts.—Mr. S. Carlyle Potter of England has given a further gift of 79 Western classics. Mrs. E. M. Lavender, 54 and Dr. N. Sivakamu, 36. Among other donors to whom we owe special thanks are: The Marathi Theosophical Federation for a gift of 35 Theosophical books in Marathi; Sri Lakshman S. Gopi; The India Book House; Sri B. C. Barai; Mr. Nelson C. Stewart; the Manager of the Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Delhi, and the Hony. Secretary of the Chief Khalsa Dewan, Amritsar, for books on Sikhism including a valuable English translation of the Guru Granth Sahib; Seth Gordhandas Soonderdas Charities, Bombay; the Director of the Tourist Information Office for travel books on India; Mr. F. Rustomjee and the Mahavir Jain Library, Madras, for books on Jainism; The Theosophist Office, Adyar; The Divine Life Society, Rishikesh; Theosophische Vereniging Nederlandse Afdeling, Amsterdam; The Karachi Theosophical Society, Karachi; Mrs. P. K. Irani, Srimati A. P. Siitaa Devii, Srimati Savitri Venkatram, Mrs. Gopi Thadhani, Miss Emma Hunt, Dr. Dorothy Rood and others. We are particularly grateful to Mr. H. A. Levinson, California, who has given a miniature edition—measuring 1/4"—of the Lord's Prayer in seven languages and to Mr. Francis Brunel

from whom we have received a beautiful illuminated MS. of Rumi's *Masnavi*.

We also express our thanks to the American Printing House for the Blind, Kentucky; the Matilda Ziegler Publishing Company for the Blind, California; The Margaret Dudley Braille Lodge of The T.S., England; the Scottish Braille Press, Edinburgh; The National Federation of the Blind, Inc., Wisconsin; Sri Manindra Krishna Kumar and Mr. G. W. Coxhead—all of whom have continued to give Braille publications to the Library.

We also thank the Academy of the Peoples Republic, Rumania; the U.S.I.S., Madras and Delhi; the British Information Service, Madras and Delhi; and the U.S.S.R. and other Embassies for various books and periodicals.

We have received 146 books from Miss Hemus, Auckland, New Zealand, and 61 books from the duplicate collections of the Commonwealth National Library, Canberra, Australia, which have still to be catalogued.

As in previous years, the Bollingen Foundation, New York, and The Theosophical Publishing Houses in London and Adyar have continued to send all their publications to the Library.

Our gratitude and thanks are also due to The Theosophical Society, U.S.A.; The Theosophical Society in Canada, Puerto Rico and Venezuela; The Institute for Eclectic Study, England; The Melbourne Theosophical Society Trustees; Mrs. Hollie Salmon, London; Miss N.M.J. Finlayson, New Zealand; Herr Johannes Klasi, Switzerland; and other members, Sections and Lodges of the Theosophical Society, who have generously contributed to the Adyar Library, both for its general work and specifically for the Building Fund.

Visitors.—Among visitors to the Library during the year were: His Holiness Pandit

Muni Sri Hiralalji Maharaj and Sri Labh Muniji Maharaj of S.S. Jain Charitable Trust, Madras; Rev. Riri Nakayama, Commissioner of the Doctrinal Committee, Ohtani Higashi-Honganji Order, Kyoto, Japan; Mr. Robert C. Lester, Yale University, U.S.A.; Mr. R. C. Swank, Director of the International Relations Office, American Library Association and of the Stanford University Libraries; Mr. M. Blancpain, Secretary-General of the Alliance Francaise, Paris; Mr. Robert Labare of the Alliance Francaise, Madras; Mr. R. London, French Consul, Madras; Prof. Paul Thieme, Tübingen University, Germany; Prince Ali Abdulla, Ruler of Qatar; Mr. B. P. Sinha, Chief Justice of India; Mr. A. B. Brohi, High Commissioner for Pakistan in India; Mr. C. P. Sinha, Chief Justice of Assam; Sir Shri Ram, New Delhi; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Stone, University of California; the Heads of the Pejawar and Sodhe Mutts, Udipi; Prof. and Mrs. Gerhard Gollwitzer, Stuttgart, Germany; Mr. and

Mrs. Laurence Kipp, Harvard University Library, U.S.A.; Mr. Pieter Kasberg, The Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam; Mr. Egaku Mayeda, University of Tokyo; Dr. J. A. McCullough, Department of Philosophy, San Jose State College, California; Dr. Daisetz T. Suzuki, Japan; Prof. Juan Carlos Pedemonte of Uruguay; Dr. V. V. Gokhale of the Department of Buddhist Studies, Delhi University; Sri Sankarasaran, New Delhi; Dr. Radhakumud Mookerjee, Calcutta; and Sri R. K. Sharma, Special Officer (Sanskrit), Ministry of Education, New Delhi.

In conclusion we express our appreciation and grateful thanks to all who have helped the Library during the year by gifts and good wishes. Our special gratitude and thanks are due to Dr. V. Raghavan of the Madras University, who continues to give his valuable advice and help in spite of his multifarious activities.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT ON 1960-61 SESSION

Seventeen students from America, Australia, Belgium, England, Germany, India, Southern Rhodesia and Switzerland assembled in Blavatsky Gardens Bungalow, with Adyar residents, on 3rd October 1960 for the opening of the 1960-61 session of the School of the Wisdom. In the absence of the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who was on tour in Australia and New Zealand, inaugural addresses were given by Miss Emma Hunt, Director of Studies, and Mr. M. Subramaniam.

The subjects of the morning studies during the first term were grouped under the following headings: Origins; Involution; Evolution; Reincarnation; Karma; The Soul's Pilgrimage; The Plan; The Inner Government; The Occult Path; Yoga; and in the second term Comparative Religion; Indian Arts and Epics; Education; Philosophy and Science; Practical Occultism; The Theosophical Society, its History and its Future; and Adyar, its place in the Society.

Mr. N. Sri Ram, Principal, Miss Emma Hunt, Director of Studies and Mr. M. Subramaniam, Lecturer, led the morning classes, assisted by the following lecturers: Mrs. Radha S. Burnier, Mr. Charles D. T. Shores, Mr. Felix Layton, Mrs. Eunice Layton, Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan, Mr. K. Sankara Menon, Mrs. E. Marion Lavender, Professor Jal B. Dorab and Miss Katherine A. Beechey. The afternoon classes on lodge administration and public speaking were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton respectively. Interesting talks on special subjects were given by the following: Mrs. Radha S. Burnier, "The Art of Living"; Miss K. A.

Beechey, "The T.S. Archives"; Mr. M. Subramaniam, "India"; Mr. R. Balfour-Clarke, "Reminiscences of the Early Days of the Society"; Mrs. Marion Lavender, "The Four Creative Hierarchies"; Professor Jal B. Dorab, "Life and Literature"; Mr. Felix Layton, "The Olcott School"; Mrs. Eunice Layton, "Modern Trends in Education".

The Heads of the various Departments warmly welcomed the students on the occasion of their visits, and through these the students gained valuable information regarding the work done on the Estate. Among Departments visited were the Adyar Library, the T.S. Archives, the Garden Department, the Museum, Dr. Annie Besant's Room, the Engineering Department and the Recording Secretary's Office. The Besant Theosophical High School, the Montessori Arundale Training Centre, and the Weaving Department at Kalakshetra were also visited.

Public lectures in the Headquarters Hall on Friday evenings are a particular activity of the School. Among the speakers this year were Srimati Rukmini Devi on India, Mr. M. Subramaniam, "Advice to Aspirants," Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap, "Some Glimpses of Christian Mysticism," Mr. Fred Whittle, "The Spread of Buddhism," Mr. and Mrs. Layton a lantern lecture on "The Theosophical Society throughout the World," Mr. Edwin N. Lord, "The Holy Grail," Mr. K. Sankara Menon, "A new Era for The Child," Mr. Albert Sassi, "The Living Fire," Mr. M. Subramaniam, "What shall we Learn and Teach?," Professor M. N. Tolani, "A Glimpse of Zen Training"

and Miss Rose Pollard (New Zealand), a lantern lecture.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kunz from U.S.A., who were visiting Indian Universities to promote the idea of Integrated Education, gave lectures at the School. Mr. Kunz spoke on "Science and Theosophy," and "Integrated Education," and Mrs. Dora van Gelder Kunz spoke on "The Angelic kingdom".

Places of historic interest visited by the students included St. Thomas's Mount and Seven Pagodas. Visits were also made to Kancheepuram and Madurai, and in both cities the students were received with great hospitality and friendliness by the members of the Lodges, who conducted them round the Temples, and in the evenings arranged special public meetings at which the students spoke about their countries and their Lodges.

At the opening and closing of the School of the Wisdom, residents at Adyar are invited to join the students in a happy social event when refreshments are served and everyone joins in friendly conversation. At the closing the Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, gave an inspiring talk, after a number of the students had given their impressions of the School and of Adyar.

This 12th Session of the School of the Wisdom was most inspiring and interesting for all who attended, and a strong feeling of unity was felt by the group, the attention of the students being led away from textbooks to the reality behind every expression of life. In this atmosphere deeper understanding came within the reach of all.

LUCY HARLOW,
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*

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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, Fried-
denau, 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 Khan-
dalvala, 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. (a) 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.

(b) 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.

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. 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.

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 (Branches) 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 (Branches) 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) 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, 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 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 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 by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable 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 by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable 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, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), 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 (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), 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 President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), 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 (Branch) 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 (Branch) 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 (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) 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 (Branch) 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 (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) 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 (Branch). 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 (Branches).

(b) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) certificates of Federation to any national group of Lodges (Branches) 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 (Branches) 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 (Branch) 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 (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) 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 (Branch) 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 (Branch) 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 (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) 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 (Branches) 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 (Branches) 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 (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), 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 (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in The Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31 (c), (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) 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 (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) 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 (Branch) 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 (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lcdges (Branches) 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 (Branch) 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 (Branches) 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 1962

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. N. SRI RAM

Vice-President: MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

Recording Secretary: PROF. JAL B. DORAB

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 ...	Mr. V. Wallace Slater	... 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	... Östermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand ...	Mr. Stuart G. Nicholls	... 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. Celestino Aguilar Mora	... 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 Hla Maung	... No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria ...	Mr. Fritz Schleifer	... Paracelsusgasse 4, Wien III
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	... 52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5, Ont.
1920	Argentina ...	Señor Nazareno E. Rímini	... 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
1923	Poland ...	...	...
1925	Uruguay ...	Señor Victor Alvarez Bisbal	... Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo

* No Section; Lodge only.

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
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. Rattanji H. Patel	P.O. Box 1565, Nairobi
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 14
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 ...		Mr. J. B. S. Coats (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)	48 Abingdon Court, London W 8, England
Canadian Federation ...		Mr. John P. Barnes (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 14, 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 1962, 1963 and 1964).

MR. C. D. T. SHORES, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1962, 1963 and 1964).

MR. SIDNEY A. COOK, Turnstile House, Wayneffle Tower Ave., Esher, 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 1962, 1963 and 1964).

MISS EMMA HUNT, 19 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S. E. 3, New Zealand (for 1962, 1963 and 1964).

MRS. DORIS GROVES, 31 Holland Villas Road, London W. 14 (for 1962, 1963 and 1964).

* Presidential Agency } Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the
 † Federation } General Council.

MINUTES

Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held in the Board Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Tuesday, 26th December 1961 at 2.00 p.m. and on Sunday, 31st December 1961 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	<i>President (in the Chair) Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in America and England, and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	..	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Cuba.</i>
Mr. Jal B. Dorab	..	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Scotland.</i>
Mr. Edwin N. Lord	..	<i>Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Chile and Southern Africa.</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India.</i>
Srimati Rukmini Devi	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>

Present by invitation as observers:

Mr. A. Tavera, for the Colombian Section.

Miss Jamni Thadani, for the Swiss Section.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Council held on 25th December 1960 and on 2nd January 1961, 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 :—**Amendments to Rules :*

(a) *Rule 1* (p. 117 in the Report of the T. S. for 1960). In view of Mr. Sidney A. Cook's letter of 30th March 1961 explaining why the words "at all times" in his proposed amendment were put in, the matter was further discussed.

DECISION: It was thought the words "at all times" were unnecessary; the proposed amendment without those words reading as follows—"*All members of the General Council shall be members of the Theosophical Society*" was approved for circulation.

(b) *Rule 10, Paragraph 8* (see p. 120 in the Report for 1960). This matter was again discussed in view of letter from Miss Helen V. Zahara, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Australia, dated 3rd February 1961, disagreeing with the General Council's decision to delete this paragraph.

DECISION: To leave the Rule as it stands at present.

(c) *Rule 10, Paragraph 9.* The following Amendment, proposed by Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Dr. L. J. Bendit (alteration in italics) was considered:

"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 *or the nomination* list, such lists shall be cancelled and the whole procedure shall be repeated beginning with the call for nominations."

DECISION: The Amendment was approved for circulation to the Members of the General Council for voting.

The Amendments proposed by Mr. N. C. Choksy and Mr. C. R. Groves (see page 121 of the Report for 1960) were considered unnecessary in view of the above Amendment.

3. *Election of Vice-President.*—The results of voting on the President's nomination of Mr. James S. Perkins as Vice-President were as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
48	Nil

4. *Amendments to the Rules in which the word "Lodge" appears in the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society.*—"That the word 'Branch' be put in brackets after the word 'Lodge' in Rules 10, 29, 30, 31 (c), 31 (d), 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 41, 44, 46."

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
42	Nil

The Amendment having obtained the required number of votes was declared adopted,

5. *Amendment to Rule 4*, proposed by Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Dr. L. J. Bendit that to enable General Council members to discuss any matters referred to them by the President, and to give their views on those matters, the present Rule 4 be 4 (a) and that 4 (b) be added as follows:

Rule 4 (b) (new Rule):

"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."

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
40	2

The amendment having obtained the required number of votes was declared adopted.

6. *Amendment to Rule 10, Paragraph 1*, proposed by Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Dr. L. J. Bendit: (alteration 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."

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
42	Nil

The amendment having obtained the required number of votes was declared adopted

7. *Amendment to Rule 11 (a)*, proposed by Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Dr. L. J. Bendit: (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. . . ."

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
39	3

The amendment having obtained the required number of votes was declared adopted.

8. *Amendment to Rule 11 (b)*, proposed by Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Dr. L. J. Bendit: Proposed that in the clause of the second sentence of Rule 11 (b) which reads: "In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President," the word "permanent" be deleted.

Rule 11 (b): Amended sentence to read:

"In case of death, resignation or 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."

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
42	Nil

The amendment having obtained the required number of votes was declared adopted.

9. *Amendment to Rule 13*, proposed by Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Dr. L. J. Bendit: that in Rule 13 the words "of his own" in the clause "the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices" be deleted.

Rule 13: Amended clause to read:

"The President shall have the authority to remove any appointee to such offices."

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
42	Nil

The amendment having obtained the required number of votes was declared adopted.

10. *Amendment to Rule 22 (a) and 22 (b)*, proposed by Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Dr. L. J. Bendit: (alterations in italics)

Rule 22 (a) and 22 (b): Amended sentence to read:

"In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is, *by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable* to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President."

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
41	1

The amendment having obtained the required number of votes was declared adopted.

11. *Amendment to Rule 28*, proposed by Mr. Sidney A. Cook and Dr. L. J. Bendit: (alteration in italics)

Rule 28: Amended to read:

"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, *and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.*"

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
42	Nil

The amendment having obtained the required number of votes was declared adopted.

12. *Election of Five (5) Additional Members to the General Council for the years 1962, 1963 and 1964.*—The undermentioned members were declared duly elected as Additional Members for a period of 3 years (1962, 1963 and 1964). The results of the voting were as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mrs. Doris Groves	42	Nil
Miss Emma Hunt	42	"
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	41	"
Mr. Geoffrey Hodson	41	"
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	42	"

(Meeting adjourned at this point, until 2 p.m. on 31st December 1961.)

MINUTES

*Of Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society,
held in the Board Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on 31st December 1961 at 2.00 p.m.*

PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	President (in the Chair) <i>Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in America and Eng- land, and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Addi- tional Member.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	..	Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Cuba.
Mr. Jal B. Dorab	..	Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Scotland.
Mr. Edwin N. Lord	..	Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secre- taries of the Theosophical Society in Chile and Southern Africa.
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	..	General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India.
Srimati Rukmini Devi	..	Additional Member.
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	..	Additional Member.
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	..	Additional Member.

Present by invitation as observers:

Mr. A. Tavera, for the Colombian Section.

Miss Jamni Thadhani, for the Swiss Section.

13. *The Treasurer's Report for 1960-61.*—The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September 1961, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his Report and recommended for adoption by the Executive Committee, were given consideration and approved.

14. *The Budget for 1961-62.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September 1962, passed by the Executive Committee at its meeting held on 23rd December 1961, were adopted as detailed below:

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1961-62

EXPENSE	Budget for 1960-'61	Actuals for 1960-'61	Budget for 1961-'62	INCOME	Budget for 1960-'61	Actuals for 1960-'61	Budget for 1961-'62
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries ...	39,000	45,048	45,000	Rent ...	55,000	56,572	55,000
and Wages ...	40,000	68,897	60,000	Fees and Dues ...	25,000	34,205	30,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	6,000	7,476	7,500	Wood ...	1,000	1,903	1,000
Light and Water ...	12,000	9,724	12,000	Interest (Gross) ...	54,000	50,179	95,000
Miscellaneous ...				Administration			
Postages, Telegrams and				Charges ...	8,130	8,130	8,130
Telephone ...	4,000	3,002	4,000				
Printing and Stationery ...	5,000	5,731	6,000	Special Departments:			
Publications to General				Bhojanasala ...		11,442	14,100
Secretaries ...	800	705	800	Engineering			
Taxes ...	15,000	15,550	16,000	Department ...	1,69,000	1,55,692	1,62,000
Interest on Funds and				Garden Department ...	58,740	54,830	61,740
Accounts ...	11,000	10,864	11,000	Laundry ...	7,000	6,735	6,900
Convention ...	5,000	4,362	5,000	Leadbeater Chambers...		23,079	25,000
Contributions:				Sanitary Department ...	1,200	1,326	1,200
To Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000	Vasanta Press ...	1,87,000	1,92,396	1,91,600
„ Museum and Archives .	2,000	3,049	3,500	Donations ...		77,836	
„ President's Travelling .				Deficit ...	78,220	36,516	74,720
„ Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom .	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Special Departments:							
Bhojanasala ...	1,000	15,504	16,800				
Dispensary ...	7,000	7,279	7,500				
Engineering Department ...	1,69,000	1,61,030	1,62,000				
Garden Department ...	64,740	57,970	67,540				
Laundry ...	10,250	9,797	9,850				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	2,000	25,839	27,500				
Sanitary Department ...	5,500	5,309	5,500				
Vasanta Press ...	1,87,000	1,91,989	1,91,600				
Watch and Ward ...	17,000	17,474	19,700				
Depreciation ...	21,400	25,142	28,000				
Casuarina Reserve ...	3,000		3,000				
Reserve for doubtful debts		2,500					
	6,44,290	7,10,841	7,26,390		6,44,290	7,10,841	7,26,390

ADYAR
21st December, 1961

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

15. *The Appointment of Auditors for 1961-62.*—Messrs. M. K. Dandeker and Co., Chartered Accountants, were re-appointed Auditors for the year 1961-62 on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

16. *The Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1962.*—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		
Miss Katherine A. Beechey		

17. *Any other Business:*—

A. *The Place of the International Convention.*

According to the present Rule 46 of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the place of the Convention shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year.

It was suggested that the place might be decided upon at an earlier date, possibly in March or April, as this would enable those members abroad who wish to attend the Convention (but only if it is held at Adyar) to make the necessary arrangements in time. It was suggested that the decision may be taken in the month of April, and communicated to the various Sections, even if the decision has to be formally confirmed by the Executive Committee in June, in accordance with Rule 46.

Another suggestion made was that the International Convention be held every year at Adyar, the International Headquarters. It was pointed out that it would become practicable for members in India to come to Adyar if concessions in railway fares could be obtained from the railway authorities.

B. *Letter from the General Secretary of the Philippine Section, Mr. D. C. Argente, with reference to the application to form "Freematheos" Lodge, (with alternative suggestions):*

- (1) To admit Master Masons only;
- (2) To admit non-Masons to membership, but at meetings where only Masonic matters are taken up, only Master Masons allowed to be present;
- (3) Membership open to all who approve of the three declared Objects of the Society, the Lodge to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Parent Society.

DECISION: Suggestions (1) and (2) were unacceptable to the General Council. Alternative (3) acceptable as the same conditions apply to all Lodges of the Society.

C. Question raised: From what date does a person become a Member of the Theosophical Society?

- (1) When he signs application and pays dues?
- (2) When his application is accepted by the Committee of the Lodge he wishes to join?
- (3) When his name is placed on the Section records or the date given on the Diploma?

DECISION: The question was discussed at some length. It was decided to submit the matter to Mr. Sidney A. Cook for his opinion.

D. North-Siegfried Legacy: The General Council considered the circular letter addressed to all Members of the General Council dated December 10th 1961 by Mr. M. Bohrer.

DECISION: The General Council reviewed the subject once again and confirming the decisions made by the Council at its meetings in 1948, 1950, 1959 and 1960, saw no justification for reconsidering the matter any further.

JAL B. DORAB,
Recording Secretary.

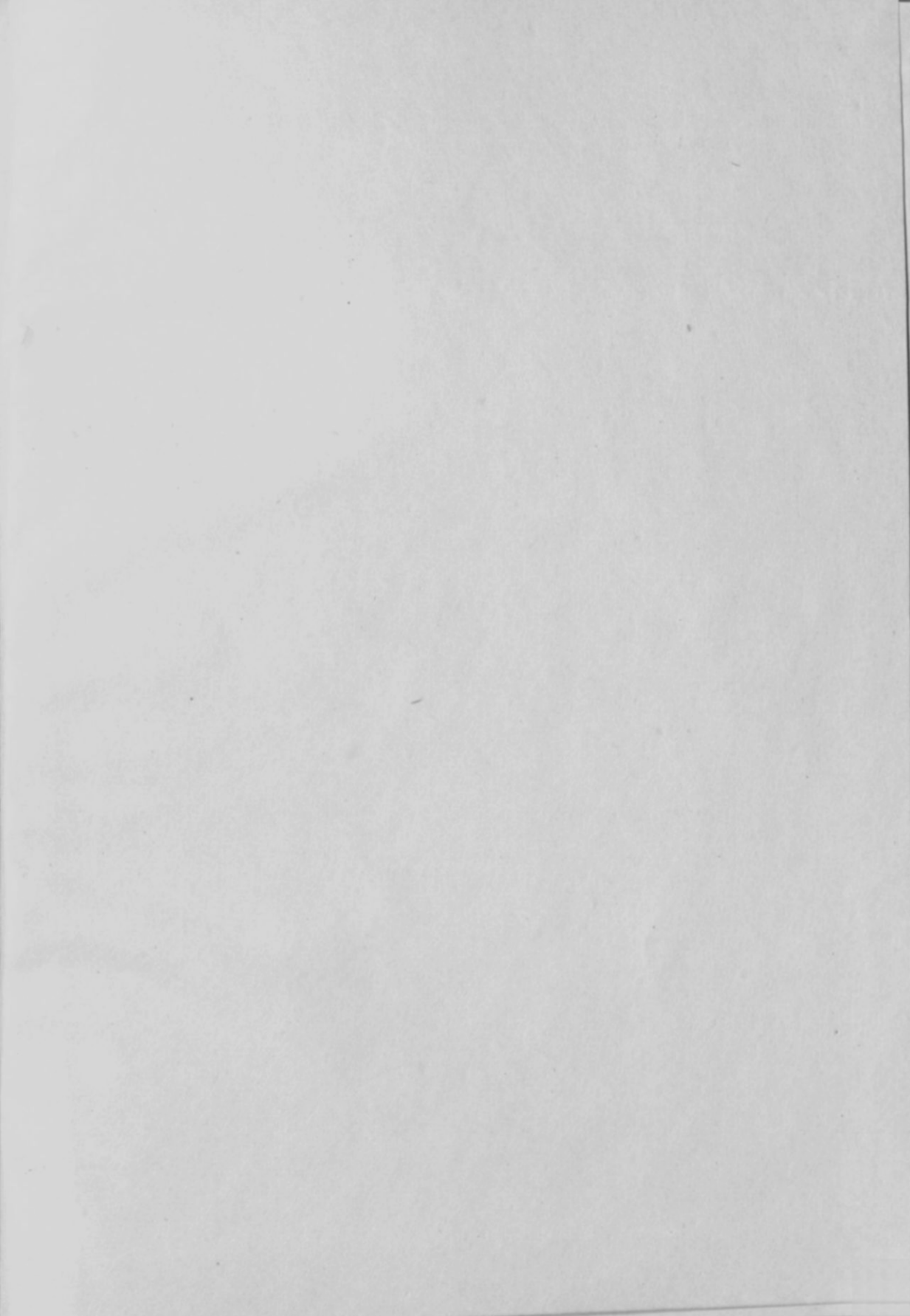
SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1961

National Sections (Active) ..	40	No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	2	Lodges	Members
Federations formed under Rule 35 (b) ..	3		
Total Lodges (1961) ..	1,283		
Total Membership:			
1960 ..	33,875		
1961 ..	33,730		
Decrease ..	145		
	No. of	No. of	
	Lodges	Members	
1. United States of America ..	148	4,140	
2. England ..	102	2,557	
3. India ..	375	7,405	
4. Australia ..	17	1,229	
5. Sweden ..	11	340	
6. New Zealand ..	18	949	
7. The Netherlands ..	37	1,420	
8. France ..	33	1,066	
9. Italy ..	30	1,054	
10. Germany ..	17	440	
11. Cuba ..	23	548	
12. Hungary ..	—	—	
13. Finland ..	23	459	
14. Russia ..	—	—	
15. Czechoslovakia ..	—	—	
16. Southern Africa ..	14	555	
17. Scotland ..	8	166	
18. Switzerland ..	10	199	
19. Belgium ..	9	282	
20. Indonesia ..	32	1,564	
21. Burma ..	4	59	
22. Austria ..	10	273	
23. Norway ..	7	150	
24. Egypt (Lodges only) ..	2	73 (1960)	
25. Denmark ..	12	297	
26. Ireland ..	4	45	
27. Mexico ..	31	663	
28. Canada ..	13	291	
29. Argentina ..	51	1,287	
30. Chile ..	9	150	
31. Brazil ..	28	936	
32. Bulgaria ..	—	—	
33. Iceland ..	13	509	
34. Spain ..	—	—	
35. Portugal ..	13	177	
36. Wales ..	6	160	
37. Poland ..	—	—	
38. Uruguay ..	7	114	
39. Puerto Rico ..	7	91	
40. Rumania ..	—	—	
41. Yugoslavia ..	—	—	
42. Ceylon ..	7	80	
43. Greece ..	9	230	
44. Central America ..	9	149 (1960)	
45. Paraguay ..	—	—	
46. Peru (Lodges attached to Adyar) ..	6	136 (1960)	
47. Philippines ..	16	226	
48. Colombia ..	16	158	
49. East Africa ..	20	683	
50. Pakistan* ..	7	253	
51. Malaya & Singapore† ..	7	177 (1960)	
52. Northern Ireland† ..	3	56	
53. Israel* ..	5	86	
54. Japan ..	—	—	
55. Viet-Nam ..	14	636	
56. Venezuela ..	7	168	
57. West Africa† ..	5	238	
58. Canadian Federation ..	9	220	
59. Fellows-at-large ..	—	30	
60. Lodges and members attached to Adyar:			
Bolivia ..	2	29 (1960)	
Hong Kong ..	1	20 (1960)	
Tunis ..	1	11 (1960)	
Others ..	12	214	
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Total ..	1,283	33,730	

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