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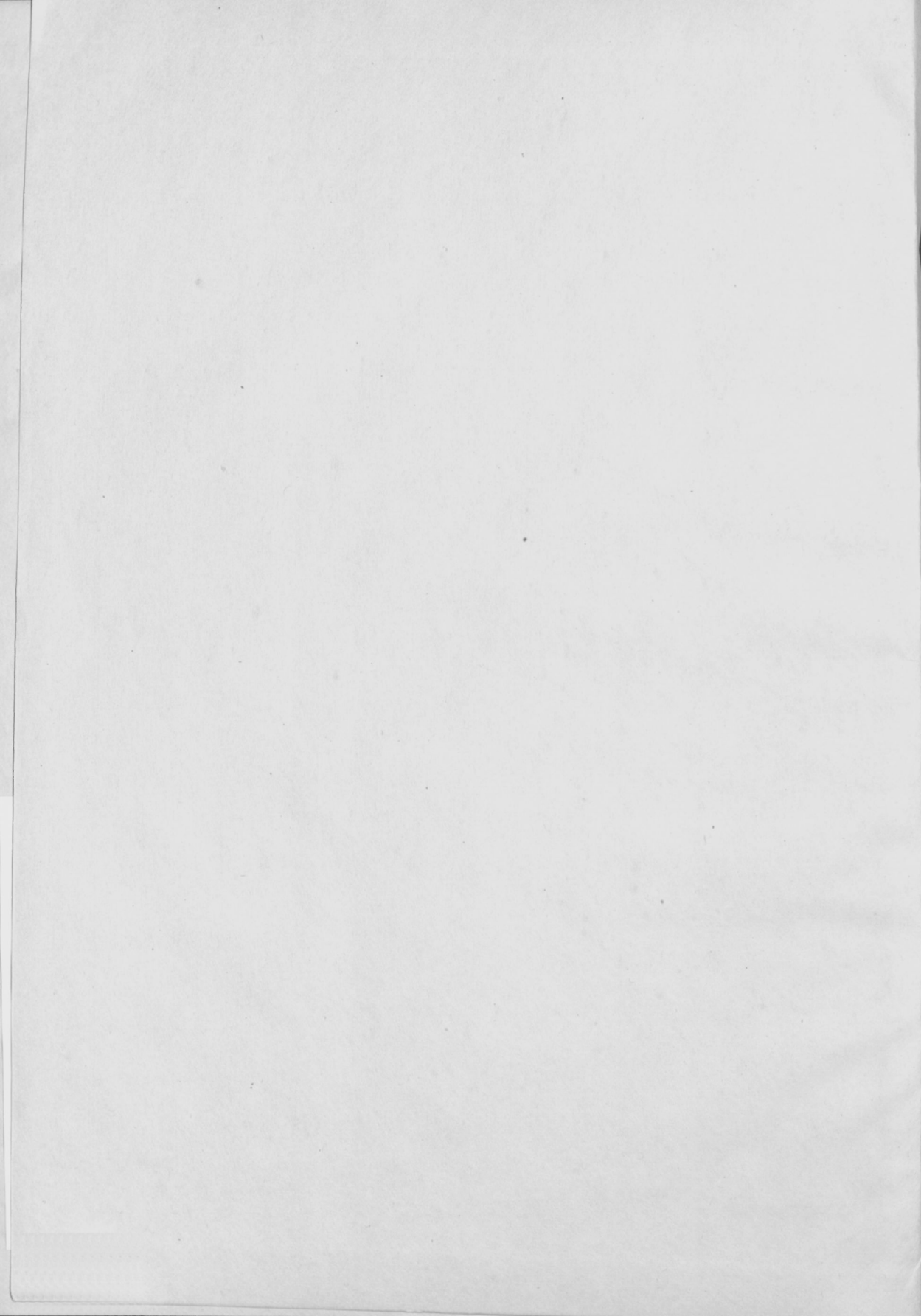
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# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## TO THE 87TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Adyar, December 26, 1962*

BY N. SRI RAM, *President*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

It is with deep joy that I welcome you all to this the 87th International Convention of the Theosophical Society, and to Adyar, its world Headquarters. Very many persons who have come here, whether for such occasions as this or as students of the School of the Wisdom, or even more casually as visitors not participating in any special event or activity, have remarked on the peace and beauty of this place, which spring not merely from its physical setting and features but even more, as I imagine, from the influences with which the place has become permeated ever since our two Founders came here and chose Adyar as the centre for the Society's world-wide activities. I am happy that you will be in this spot for a while, and I sincerely hope that while you are here your days will be filled with deep inspiration and joy, and the nights will be nights of beauty and peace.

There are many members all over the world who would be happy to be here on such an occasion as this if only they could. However, we are in their thoughts, this being especially a season of the year associated with expressions of

good-will and peace; let us send them our affectionate greetings, remembering that the work of the Society is not only here but all over the world, and each and every member should be in his measure a sharer in that work.

Let us, following the custom established by Dr. Besant, turn our thoughts to Those who are the Elder Brethren of humanity, and seek Their guidance and blessing, hoping that in so far as we are carrying out that work for humanity's enlightenment, welfare and progress for which the Society was intended by Them, we may prove worthy of Their help. (*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 87th Convention open.

(*Be seated*)

It is now 87 years and more since the Society was launched into existence to set about the task of re-proclaiming and disseminating far and wide the ageless Wisdom in a world that was soon to enter into a period of extraordinary

changes, in some respects violent and revolutionary, in almost every department of human activity and thought. Yet it is a noteworthy fact that the Wisdom then proclaimed is as needed today as ever before, whether in the world at large or by us individually. We are now living in a world in which the ways of life and perspectives of people are altering more than ever before, also a world over which there has developed the heavy cloud of a crisis which threatens to disrupt all humanity and all its institutions built up through centuries of effort, discovery and progress. Some factors of the world situation have been acutely brought home to us in India on her Himalayan frontier. It is at such times of uncertainty, confusion and strain that the Wisdom to which we look should enable us to take all things serenely in our stride with understanding and balance.

Crises, small and great, are inevitable in life, a truism that we fail to perceive when we ourselves are affected; but Life, being a divine energy, can never come to a stop but must progress to ever-new tasks and situations—life, not only as a whole but also as the individualized stream that each one of us is. It goes on, despite every temporary obstacle, expanding, branching out, blossoming and fructifying according to its innate potentialities. This being the case our concern is primarily with our living, in other words, with our own dharma and action at each present moment, action which if it is to be wise must spring not out of any habitual reactions, that is to say, our favorite prejudices, but out of an understanding of ourselves, of all things around us and our relationships with them.

In the olden days in India all knowledge was divided into two categories; that knowledge which is of external

things, of various arts and sciences, and the other knowledge of *that* by which all else is known. This latter knowledge we may regard, from our limited point of view, as knowledge of oneself as one is, of the subject as distinguished from object, of life in general. Surely the world and ourselves need this other knowledge in spite of all our modern progress. We need not only the know-how of different sorts, but also knowledge with regard to the condition of our own being, which ultimately is inseparable from that being.

Theosophy is Truth, but what we call Truth, being the truth of what exists is obviously manifold, existing at different levels. Fundamentally it is the truth of Life universal, latent in all things, experiencing and acting through diverse forms in diverse ways, with a potentiality not susceptible to any of our feeble measures, and with depths in it which can flower in our individual lives as well as in the pattern of relationships and activities that constitute our world. It is in these depths and there alone that we can experience the true nature of that universal Brotherhood which our first Object proclaims. To know the truth in its wholeness as well as in its parts, the truth which includes both life and form, there needs to be an approach which is scientific, philosophic and religious at the same time. I use the word "religious" not in the sense of any narrow pattern or blind belief, but in the sense of manifesting that quality which belongs to our uncorrupted being. To know the truth that belongs to this being, truth in the deepest sense, we have to lay ourselves open to it, that is, be sensitive to it. This openness of mind and heart alone can unlock that knowledge, both of ourselves and of the manner of our relatedness to the world, which is attainable only within ourselves.

When we study the first Object of the Society, we see it refers to the unity that underlies all the diversity we observe. In the second and third Objects, as formulated—"to study, to investigate"—we can discern the need for that open approach which is essential for comprehending the truth in whatever aspect. If the Theosophical Society can become a body of members who not merely seek to propagate the truth as declared by whatever authority, but embody in themselves the approach needed to receive the truth, an approach or a condition of mind and heart that has in it the quality of truth or truthfulness; if the members of the Society not merely proclaim brotherhood but embody it in their thought and action, free from every sectarian, racial and national prejudice; then the Society will be fulfilling the great need of the time and manifesting that Time spirit, as we may call it, which in the curve of human progress marks at each present moment the turn from the past to the future.

#### ACTIVITIES IN THE SECTIONS

From a careful reading of all the Reports received from the various Sections, there emerges, at least in my mind, the impression that the work as a whole goes on steadily and well; which is not to say that it does not need to be improved in very many respects, or even radically in its quality. But such improvement depends on each and every member, and not only on the officials of the Society or the so-called leaders, including myself. In a Society which exists to propagate the Divine Wisdom, he is a true leader whose influence is in the direction of making each man his own leader, able to guide himself by the light that is within himself.

Dr. Henry Smith, the National President of the Section in the United

States of America, writes in his Report of the need to "present a proper image of Theosophy". As one recognizes the importance of doing so, one also realizes how difficult it is to do justice to a Wisdom which is so lofty yet so practical. The image we present of Theosophy must necessarily be the image in our own minds, which in its essential nature cannot be divorced from what we are, our general outlook, our ways of thinking and acting. The character of any Society in the eyes of the world will necessarily reflect the character and quality of its members. It may be possible to trim and shape our words in communications, which is one thing, but the fire, the inspiration and the lustre that belong to truth in any deep sense is another, and it can come only from deep within ourselves. We need to experience in ourselves the truth, in order effectively to convey its force and value to others.

There are several Reports which speak of a fall in membership; happily it is not the case everywhere. What are we to do with regard to this fall? Seeking means to attract members has its dangers, for then we tend to compromise with the truth, to adapt it to the prejudices and fashionable ideas of others. It may be there has to be a new, more deeply felt and purer presentation of the Wisdom, expressing a more mature, less self-centred understanding on our part. In the measure we succeed in setting forth the truth, we can be less concerned as to how many are attracted to it.

Dr. Smith also remarks that "a real study of Theosophy needs to be encouraged," and "the achievement level of Lodge and individuals raised". In so far as this can be done by the supply of material for Lodge programs, by training and the teaching of techniques, this is being done by means of the Education Department at "Olcott," the

American Section Headquarters, and the "Workshops" which are held periodically there, at the Annual National Conferences, as part of the Regional Expansion program, and so forth. The Education Department is so called because what is collected, prepared and supplied to Lodges and members is fundamentally educational in its effect. At the Workshops those who attend study techniques of group discussion and leadership, as well as public relations and Lodge work. The Headquarters has issued a booklet containing material for a three-year Lodge program, as many Lodges, especially those recently formed, tend to carry on activities in a somewhat haphazard manner. The American Section has now over 4,300 members, the next largest to India, which has a membership of nearly 7,400.

The main effort of the year in England has been a nation-wide campaign for unity, with advertising by new methods and specially prepared pamphlets, attractively got up and widely circulated. It is said in the Report of Mr. Wallace Slater, the General Secretary, that this campaign was "centred round the implications of man's divinity—brotherhood, one world and the oneness of all life". The advertising brought increased numbers to the public lectures and four to five times the usual number of enquiries about Theosophy. It is also good to learn that there is increasing interest in Theosophical subjects among young people, judging by those who come to the Library at the London Headquarters as enquirers. I cannot but feel that Theosophy, if presented as it should be, not overloaded with detail nor in a spirit of dogmatic assertion but with that simplicity that should characterize a direct approach to essentials, should appeal to the young, unspoilt and unsophisticated mind. But we who are the elders do not always have

that approach, and then there are so many influences these days that besiege the young mind, and soon divert its energies.

An increasingly important feature of the work of the English Section is the Theosophical Research Centre and its Science Group publications, which are now circulated, we are told, in 21 countries. There is a Science Group being formed in India. There are centres of research in the Netherlands, in New Zealand and Australia, which collaborate with the Centre in England. There is also a Research Division in the Education Department at "Olcott," which at present is engaged in drafting a modern Glossary for Theosophical students. Dr. Laurence Bendit has undertaken this work. All this indicates a trend in the Society's activities, which has obviously great scope for development and expression.

Among the European Sections, Iceland is one where there is much enthusiasm and activity at present. Iceland has a population of about 150,000, but the Section has now about 550 members, of whom 63 joined during the past year. The General Secretary, Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson, writes they "fully realize that it is the Lodge work that decides how well the Society succeeds in fulfilling its mission". The Chairmen of the Lodges held two meetings during the year to discuss ways and means of improving the Lodge work. Many Lodges choose a definite subject each autumn and devote themselves entirely to its study through the whole winter. Besides this, there are two Study Groups, named the Black Rose and the White Circle, respectively, which have gone on for several years, the first under the guidance of Mr. Gretar Fells, the ex-General Secretary, and the second under the present General Secretary. Mr. Hjálmarsson records progress in many directions, in the work

of the Publishing House, the expansion of the Section journal which now contains articles suited to the general public, and so forth.

The German Section has had many vicissitudes but is now slowly consolidating itself, making a special point of establishing brotherly relations and co-operation with members in other European countries. The 60-years' Jubilee of the Section was celebrated this year at Frankfurt, and the General Secretary, Mr. Heinrich Nagel, mentions with great pleasure that there were present on the occasion delegates from a number of other European Sections and two other German Theosophical Societies. As many as 26 German members attended the European Congress which was held this summer at Swanwick in England. The German Theosophists feel, we are told, that they should "form a spiritual bridge of understanding, reconciliation and active brotherhood between the opposing powers in Europe" and work for the establishment of a United States of Europe within the body of a united world. There is evidence that these sentiments reflect an attitude which is widespread among the younger generation in that country.

Another European Section which had a Jubilee this year, having completed 50 years, is German-speaking Austria. I myself had the great pleasure of presiding over this celebration in Vienna last September, and there were then present some 32 visitors from other countries, including Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation Council, Mr. Heinrich Nagel, General Secretary of Germany, and Mrs. Radha Burnier of the Society in India. There were welcome visitors from some countries beyond the Iron Curtain, who do not have normally any opportunity of taking part in such activities or of meeting members in other

countries. Mr. Fritz Schleifer, who is again the General Secretary for Austria, gave on this occasion an interesting account of the history of the Section, with its ups and downs.

The chief event of the year in Europe was the holding of the European Federation Congress from July 26th to August 2nd at Swanwick, Derbyshire, in England. There were 388 delegates, of whom 168 were from various Sections on the Continent and abroad, the rest being members from England, Scotland, Eire, North Ireland and Wales. Among visitors to the Congress I might mention Srimati Rukmini Devi, Mrs. Gool Minwalla representing Pakistan, Mrs. Radha Burnier representing India, and Mr. Hans Zeuger, the Presidential Agent for Israel. I myself presided over this Congress, which was regarded by all present as a great success. It was in some ways better than its predecessors held in Hamburg, Baden, Montecatini and Paris, because of the fact that all the delegates were housed this time on the same premises and were able to contact one another freely and informally. The Congress was organized by Mr. John Coats, the European Federation Chairman, with the assistance of the General Secretary for England and others. Since there were no less than 19 General Secretaries present on this occasion, advantage was taken to hold a meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society, under a new Rule of the general Regulations of the Society, which specifically authorizes the President to call meetings of the Council on such occasions to discuss any matters that may be placed before them.

The General Secretary for India, Mrs. Radha Burnier, says in her Report that the work of the Section is being actively carried on in the different parts of the country. There has been much lecturing,

many study camps and conferences. Nevertheless there has been a slight decrease in membership. She explains this partly by the fact that new members are brought in not infrequently without their being sufficiently acquainted with the objects and character of the Society. Such persons lapse from membership not long afterwards.

This question of members losing interest after a time is not confined to India; it is discussed also in the Reports from the American and Australian Sections. Dr. Henry Smith says that in the American Section they have been making a study of it and have found that the greatest proportion of those who lose interest do so during the first five years of membership, which is more or less also the experience in Australia. He thinks this is partly due to the fact that some people are attracted to Theosophical lectures and literature, feeling "a vague need which they themselves do not understand," but are "never gripped by the Theosophical philosophy". Another reason given is that adequate instruction is not provided for the newer members. Mrs. Burnier has suggested in her Report a systematic effort on the part of the Section Headquarters, the Federations and the Lodges, at their different levels, to maintain personal touch with new members. She also adverts to the fact that whereas in Western countries Theosophy is something strikingly new, which changes the lives of people, it is not so in India and is often regarded with that tolerant indifference which soon extinguishes whatever spark of interest might have led them to join it at first.

Miss Helen Zahara, General Secretary for Australia, refers to the fact that although there is continued demand for our lectures and much encouraging response to the radio programs conducted from Sydney and Melbourne—a

regular feature of the work in Australia—the interest is not reflected in increase of membership. At the last Convention, at which Mr. James S. Perkins, the International Vice-President, and Mrs. Kathrine Perkins were the chief guests, there was "tremendous vitality and enthusiasm" among those who attended. Also continued efforts are being made by dedicated workers in the Lodges; nevertheless, there are not as many joining the Society as one would expect.

If it is the case that people *are* being influenced by Theosophy, although they do not care to join the Society, I wonder if that is an indication that our membership is intended to be comparatively small, but continuing to give the service that is needed. It would be foolish to think that because we are a comparatively small body we are the elect. Rather we should have the attitude that though small in numbers, we must try to reach and maintain that quality by which the world can be changed for the better. After all, it is change in the quality of life and thought which is fundamentally needed.

In Sydney they are planning to create a Home for elderly Theosophists. There is already such a Home in New Zealand, not far from Auckland. In this context, I might refer also to an effort being made by some members in Southern California in the United States to establish a community for elderly Theosophists.

Having mentioned the radio work in the Australian Section, I might say here that the use of broadcasting is coming into vogue in many places. It has expanded considerably in the American Section. Mr. Hans Zeuger, Presidential Agent in Israel, writes that he has been allowed to speak through the Government-owned radio in that country, and the talks given by him have enabled him to reach the public there as had not been

possible before. There was a panel discussion broadcast in the Netherlands, which Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen, the General Secretary, says impressed many people favorably. Perhaps there will be more such radio talks in that country. Radio talks have been given regularly in Puerto Rico and also in Brazil.

One of the Sections in which the membership has been increasing quite rapidly is Indonesia, which has now nearly 1,700 members. The 50th anniversary of the Section was celebrated during Easter this year in Solo. The Indonesian members are planning to hold the second Indo-Pacific Conference in May next year at a place not far from the famous shrine of Borobudur. It may be remembered that the first such Conference, organized by Miss Helen Zahara, was held in Sydney, Australia, in 1959.

Another Section in the Indian Ocean area which celebrated its Golden Jubilee this year is Burma. The General Secretary, Mr. Hla Maung, writes at some length about this event, as it was marked by much enthusiasm. The Burmese Section, like many other Sections and Lodges, does a good deal of ameliorative and humanitarian work, which would come under the heading of the Order of Service in places where this Order is functioning. Some years ago the Theosophists in Burma, with much support from the general public, secured an amendment of the Slaughter Prohibition Act, by which cattle were not to be slaughtered on certain sacred days of the year. But apparently the new revolutionary Government has repealed those sections, and Mr. Hla Maung says with some sorrow that cattle slaughter is no longer an offence.

I mention this to show that we need to bring about a lasting change in the hearts of the people themselves, and as I understand it, this is principally the

work of the Theosophical Society, as distinguished from so many other Societies which aim at particular reforms. It has been repeatedly the case in history that what is achieved today is undone tomorrow. But if there can be a fundamental change in the individual or the people, all the necessary outer changes will follow quickly and as a matter of course. This is not to say that we should not work for particular reforms, but rather to indicate that in addition to such work, we as Theosophists have to aim at something deeper and more lasting.

Another Section where there is much vitality and progress is The Philippines. Mr. Domingo Argente, the General Secretary, writes that they have completed the new headquarters building in Manila and it now stands as "a splendid if humble symbol in stone of the united aspirations and long-dedicated efforts of the members". In this building they have public lectures, Lodge programs, group meditations, and so forth. Two new Lodges have recently been created in the Section, and there are others in the offing. It is encouraging to read that there is a growing group of "young stalwarts from several Lodges helping in the activities of the national headquarters". People from outside are invited to speak from the Theosophical platform, but what they say is discussed in the light of Theosophy, and care is taken to see that the Theosophical platform is not exploited by other organizations for their own purposes, a point sometimes not sufficiently guarded against by members and Lodges in their eagerness to illustrate the universality and freedom of thought for which the Society fundamentally stands. There are active T.O.S. groups in The Philippines working for the rehabilitation and welfare of freed prisoners, animals, sick people, and so forth.

Turning to Central and South America, the Colombian Section records considerable progress. It has now nearly 200 members, of whom 53 joined during this year. There are three new Lodges, and it is said that the members have all come in "with excellent intellectual preparation" and with much enthusiasm. The General Secretary, Señora Carmen Vengoechea, feels that the quality of the members ensures the continuity of these new Lodges, and she says further that all Lodges are active, and there is a spirit of absolute cordiality amongst the members. Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Loenholdt, from the United States, who for a number of years were the main support of the Society in El Salvador, Central America, are now in Colombia and will no doubt help the work in that country.

An important aspect of the Theosophical work in all countries where English is not freely used is the translation of Theosophical literature into the national languages. Such work is going on in many Sections. For a number of years the necessity has been felt in the Spanish-speaking countries for co-ordinating this work of translation into Spanish. Colombia is fortunate in having at its disposal the services of Señor Walter Ballesteros, and is therefore able to bring out regularly a number of pamphlets entitled "Theosophical Selections," and these are distributed free of charge. Four such booklets were printed last year and 1,000 copies of each so distributed. One of our brothers there has printed at his own expense 5,000 copies of a book written by himself explaining Theosophy in an elementary manner, and these were also given away free.

Another country where a good deal of new ground was broken this year is Brazil, which is geographically one of the largest countries in the world, the enormous territory which constitutes the

basin of the River Amazon and its tributaries being practically undeveloped. Till now the activities of the Society in Brazil have been largely confined to the coastal belt and have centred round the cities of Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. Señor Armando Sales, the General Secretary, accompanied by his wife, paid a visit last summer to eleven State capitals in the northern region of the country, strengthening the active Lodges, founding six study groups, and reviving the Lodge at Belem near the mouth of the Amazon. His tour may result in a considerable extension of our work in Brazil. In his Report he mentions the formation of a new Lodge in Rio de Janeiro and a great deal of propaganda work through leaflets, which were also sent to Chile and Uruguay for distribution.

Quite unexpectedly, because of all the turmoil in that country, of which there have been many newspaper reports, I received recently a Report from Señor Celestino Aguilar Mora, the National President of the Cuban Section. He states that there are now 23 Lodges in that country, with approximately 470 members. The Lodges, we are told, have continued their normal rhythm of work, though with understandably small attendance at meetings.

It is not possible for me to refer here to the work in all the Sections and Federations throughout the world.

Because of the European Federation Congress held in England, some of the usual Summer Schools were not held during this year, but there were Summer Schools in Iceland where Mrs. Doris Groves of England was present as the chief speaker, at Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark, at Kreivila in Finland, and at Pichl in Austria for the German-speaking members. The attendance at these Summer Schools has ranged from 70 to 90, but the members who attend

are amongst the most earnest and active. There was also a Summer School at Amersfoort in Holland, at which the subject studied was "The Upanishads and Their Influence". As in previous years there was a Summer School following the American Section Convention at "Olcott," and a period of discussion and study following the Australian Convention held near Melbourne.

During this year I went to Europe, mainly to preside over the European Congress, but also toured the Scandinavian countries and Finland, attending the Summer Schools at Gammel Praestegaard and Kreivila. Later I presided over the Jubilee Convention in Austria and visited Huizen, Amsterdam, Paris and Athens. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins made a five-months' tour of Australia and New Zealand, and were guest speakers at the Australian Convention, as already stated. Srimati Rukmini Devi attended the European Federation Congress and visited the Netherlands Section and Denmark, and also made a short trip to the United States on personal business. Mr. and Mrs. Matt Boardman, who reside at Krotona in the United States, made an important tour through some of the Central and South American countries, which was much appreciated by the Lodges and members in that area, particularly since both of them speak Spanish. Dr. and Mrs. Laurence Bendit visited a number of places in Canada, in addition to making tours in the United States, where they are living and working at present. Mr. John Coats has been constantly touring in the European Sections and helping them in every possible way. I might also mention here Miss Edith Gray of the United States, who attended the School of the Wisdom and was present at the 1961 International Convention. After leaving Adyar she made a tour in Australia and New Zealand

and helped the work there by placing Theosophical books in the libraries of universities and other public institutions. I have not mentioned here the considerable amount of lecturing that goes on in all Sections as part of their organized work.

#### THE WORK AT ADYAR

I mentioned in last year's Address the 1961-62 session of the School of the Wisdom, but of course could refer only to its first term. There were 32 students in the second term, which began early in January. The 1962-63 session opened on October 2nd as usual, with some twenty students coming from the United States, Iceland, Australia, Viet-Nam, New Zealand, Canada, Southern Rhodesia, Germany, Poland and India. Mr. and Mrs. James S. Perkins are Directing the Studies for this session, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton.

The 75-years' Jubilee of the Adyar Library was celebrated on the 29th of December last year, Dr. C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar presiding. On that occasion there was issued a Jubilee volume of the Library's bulletin, *Brahmavidya*, containing notable articles by various scholars throughout the world.

It is hoped that the construction of the new building of the Adyar Library can be commenced fairly early in 1963. In March this year, with the support of the Executive Committee of the Society, I addressed all members of the General Council with regard to the use of the Besant and Damodar Gardens area of the Headquarters estate, occupied for over 28 years by the Besant Centenary Trust and Kalakshetra—the Besant Gardens on a year to year basis and Damodar Gardens under a lease since 1953. The Council gave its approval to the proposal that the area in the eastern

portion of Besant gardens, which is urgently needed for the construction of the Adyar Library building, be vacated at least by June 1963; and that the remainder of Besant Gardens be vacated at least by June 1964. Also, it endorsed the proposal of not renewing the lease given to the Besant Centenary Trust for occupation of Damodar Gardens after the expiry of its term and securing its termination even earlier if possible. It is intended to allow the Olcott Memorial School to use the large Bungalow there on suitable terms, so that the School may be developed into a worthy memorial to Colonel Olcott, our President-Founder. I pointed out in this communication to the General Council that inasmuch as the Besant Centenary Trust and Kalakshetra now have extensive grounds of their own, not far south of the Society's estate and have already erected a number of classrooms and other buildings, it should be possible for them to vacate the grounds occupied by them on the Theosophical Society's estate.

Our plans for the use of the grounds in Besant and Damodar Gardens include the new building for the Adyar Library, as already mentioned, and there will be need also for other buildings in which we will be able to accommodate research scholars from different countries. We are also contemplating the construction of a new Vasanta Press building, for which we have now the architect's plans, some buildings to accommodate workers and a modern laundry for the community.

The Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar wishes me to bring to the notice of members that we are producing at the Vasanta Press, Adyar, a new edition of *The Secret Doctrine* in six volumes. as before, including the index. By the time the new year is under way three of these volumes will be off the press. It is proposed, with special arrangements for

the purpose, to expedite as much as possible the printing of the remaining three volumes. We are also bringing out *The Mahatma Letters* as well as H.P.B.'s *Collected Writings*, which are being edited with great devotion, meticulous care and much patient research by Mr. Boris de Zirkoff. Volumes VII, VIII and IX have already been brought out and more are yet to come.

I would like to say here that almost everything that H.P.B. has written, even if it be only footnotes appended to the body of an article, is of value and worthy of study, except when she writes humorously which then is enjoyable. I feel that every Lodge throughout the world would do well to have a copy of the new edition of *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters* and all the volumes of the *Collected Writings*. Even if a Lodge be quite small and cannot afford to have a big Library, the money spent on these volumes would be wisely spent, provided of course the members take the trouble to read them. I am not saying this to promote the T.P.H. sales. It is my view that the T.P.H. should publish not what is most profitable but what is worth publishing.

There have been a number of changes and additions among the chief workers at Adyar this year. Following Mr. Edwin N. Lord's return to the United States, I appointed Mr. Homi M. Shroff of Bombay as Treasurer. Mr. K. N. Ramathan joined the staff of the Theosophical Publishing House as Adviser, and because of his former Press connections he is also an effective reporter in getting news coverage in local papers about various meetings and activities which take place at Headquarters. Mr. V. V. Mony is now Manager of the Engineering Department, while Mr. R. Balfour Clarke remains in that department as a valued Adviser. Other Heads and Assistant

Heads of Departments continue as in previous years. My sincere thanks are due to every worker, humble or prominent.

Amongst those who have passed on during the year I might mention here Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi, who was for a number of years Director of the Adyar Library and has also been at different times Recording Secretary and Treasurer of the Society; Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyer of Madurai, South India, a highly respected member with a record of work extending over sixty years; Bishop Lawrence W. Burt of Sydney, Australia, well known throughout that Section and as a helper of Brother C. W. Leadbeater; Bishop William Crawford, New Zealand, who had been in the past for many years the General Secretary of that Section; Mrs. Mary G. Patterson, General Secretary for South Africa, who passed away very suddenly when she was very much needed in that Section; Mr. P. L. Pielou of Dublin in Eire, a member of very long standing and a pillar of our work in that country; Mr. K. Rajagopalachari, recently General Secretary for India, who had previously been active in the Society's work in Burma and in Bihar in India; Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, who had been ill for many years in New Zealand. I have mentioned here only some of the better-known members, but our grateful thoughts and earnest wishes go to all those who have labored for the Society in one capacity or another.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to those who have made donations or bequests to the Society or to one or other of its different funds. I might mention

here a gift from members in the United States and Canada of a microfilming equipment for use in the Adyar Library and for recording the Society's archives. It is with the contributions of members that we are able to carry on our activities here at Adyar and throughout the world. There are many who cannot help otherwise, but can and do help greatly in this manner. We have always to bear in mind the duty of using in the wisest and best possible manner what comes to us out of their devoted good-will and sacrifice.

As Theosophists we have to learn to look at all things especially in these times in terms of fundamentals, in terms of what is truly good and good for all, instead of what is superficially advantageous or gratifying, the personal or partial gain, and to propagate this point of view in a world in which most people are preoccupied with aims and objectives that touch only the surface of living and even then are self-defeating because based on the play of opposites. Even a little of this true wisdom, so different from the worldly point of view as regards everything we touch in our lives, can help greatly. To help even one truly is to help all. What we do in the present will determine the future. Let us, in view of the centenary of the Society, which is only 13 short years ahead, make the intervening time a period of preparation, in which each one does his best, with no ambition, no self-magnification, according to the needs of the world, the needs of those around him, and his own opportunities of service.

N. SRI RAM



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Income and Expense Account of the Theosophical Society for the Official year ended 30-9-1962 closed with a deficit of Rs. 15,126 as per details in a summarized form as given below:

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actuals</i>
	Rs.	Rs.
Expense including Departments ..	7,26,390	6,49,407
Income       "       " ..	6,51,670	5,64,776
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	74,720	84,631
<i>Less</i> Donations received after allocation to funds and accounts ..		69,505
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Net deficit ..		15,126
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The total collections received for Adyar Day inclusive of the sum of Rs. 73-27 brought forward from the previous year amounted to Rs. 47,310-68 and other donations amounted to Rs. 43,705-70. The President allocated the amount to various funds and accounts as shown below:

			Rs. nP.
Olcott Harijan Free Schools ..	..	..	3,000 00
Adyar Library ..	..	..	3,000 00
Welfare Fund ..	..	..	3,000 00
Vice-President's Travelling Fund ..	..	..	2,500 00
Faithful Service Fund ..	..	..	10,000 00

Sum made available to General Fund:

(a) Adyar Day Allocation	Rs. 25,800-00	
(b) Other Donations	43,705-70	
	<hr/>	69,505 70
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		91,005 70
Balance retained for further allocations		83 95
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		91,089 65
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*A.B.C. Fund.*—At the beginning of the fiscal year the amount at credit of this Fund was Rs. 14,65,344. During the

year we received Rs. 1,12,453 in the form of bequests and donations thus bringing the total amount to Rs. 15,77,797.

We will be grateful for further donations to reach the target originally fixed at Rs. 20,00,000/-.

*The Faithful Service Fund.*—At the commencement of the official year the balance at credit of the Fund was Rs. 46,798 and during the year the receipts for the fund inclusive of the Adyar Day Allocation amounted to Rs. 13,026/-. After deducting the total amount of Rs. 9,010/- being the amount disbursed to various beneficiaries the balance available at close of the year was Rs. 50,815/-.

*Immovable Property.*—During the year we purchased lands on which the superstructure of the Olcott Harijan Free School building is put up, from the Arunachaleswarar Devasthanam. The cost and other expenses amounted to Rs. 38,763/-. This purchase was made possible by a generous donor who gave this amount for this purpose.

*Repairs and Renewals.*—The expenditure under this head amounted Rs. 48,955/- which is well within the budget allotment.

*Garden.*—The gross income from garden produce for the year was Rs. 25,211, and after meeting the net ornamental garden expense of Rs. 14,733, and net establishment charges, etc., amounting to Rs. 10,478, showed a surplus of Rs. 586.

*Vasanta Press.*—As usual this department shows a small surplus after meeting all its expenses.

*Investments.*—Our investments this year show a substantial increase due to very generous donations particularly from our American brethren for which we are very grateful.

*The T.S. Budget.*—The budget for the new year 1962-63 shows a deficit of Rs. 69,260. It is earnestly hoped that the deficit will be made good by donations.

HOMI M. SHROFF,  
Hon. Treasurer.



## THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

BUDGET CURRENT	EXPENSES	LAST YEAR				This Year			
Rs.		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
	<b>To Establishment:</b>								
45,000	Salaries and Wages ...	45,048	09			44,359	97		
60,000	Repairs and Renewals ...	68,897	31			48,954	68		
7,500	Light and Water ...	7,476	52			7,471	64		
12,000	Miscellaneous ...	9,724	17			11,916	30		
	Postages, Telegrams and								
4,000	Telephones ...	3,002	40			2,327	91		
6,000	Printing and Stationery ...	5,731	23			6,305	35		
...	Sales Tax ...	...				5,387	62		
16,000	Other Taxes ...	15,550	40			16,109	57		
	Publications to General								
800	Secretaries ...	705	16			688	30		
3,500	Museum and Archives ...	3,049	32			3,802	73		
...	Convention, 1960 ...	4,361	64						
5,000	„ 1961					5,252	54		
				1,63,546	24			1,52,576	61
	<b>Departmental Results:</b>								
-2,700	Bhojanasala ...	- 4,062	26			- 5,514	06		
...	Engineering Department ...	- 5,338	97			- 17,669	95		
-5,800	Garden ...	- 3,140	35			+ 586	89		
-2,950	Laundry ...	- 3,060	14			- 2,526	13		
-2,500	Leadbeater Chambers ...	- 2,760	49			- 1,394	40		
...	Vasanta Press ...	+ 407	10			+ 263	29		
-7,500	Dispensary ...	- 7,279	38			- 7,842	18		
-4,300	Sanitation ...	- 3,983	38			- 4,704	89		
-19,700	Watch and Ward ...	-17,473	61			- 21,790	72		
				46,691	48			60,592	15
	<b>Appropriations:</b>								
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
	<b>Depreciation:</b>								
28,000	On Motor Car ...	2,869	84			5,738	00		
	„ Immovable Property ...	16,345	16			16,688	00		
	„ Movable Property ...	5,926	57			6,242	00		
				25,141	57			28,668	00
	Provision for Doubt-								
	ful Debts ...			2,500	00	...		2,500	00
				2,54,479	29			2,60,936	76

ADYAR  
17th December, 1962

For The Theosophical Society,  
HOMI M. SHROFF,  
Hony. Treasurer.

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M. K. DANDEKER & CO.,  
*Chartered Accountants.*

## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	LAST YEAR		This Year	
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
<b>General Fund:</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	9,83,040	40	9,48,484	85
Add Transfer from Adyar				
Library Capital A/c ...	1,960	22	29,818	57
Value of Land Purchased ...	...		38,763	10
	9,85,000	62	10,17,066	52
Less Excess of Expense over				
Income for the year ...	36,515	77	15,126	61
			9,48,484	85
<b>General Endowment Fund</b> ...				
				10,01,939 91
				11,28,238 32
<b>Other Funds: (see notes below)</b>				
(i) <b>Of the Society: Interest Bearing:</b>				
Adyar Library Endowment				
Fund (a) ...	78,381	38	60,605	57
Adyar Library Building Fund (b)				
Cash ...	2,34,827	30	2,48,939	99
Fixed Property ...	49,000	00	48,000	00
Adyar Besant Commemorative				
Fund (c) ...	14,65,345	29	15,77,797	09
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	90,811	41	94,804	33
do. do. (d) ...	14,658	34	12,120	34
		19,33,023 72		20,42,267 32
(ii) <b>Of the Society: Non-Interest Bearing:</b>				
President's Travelling Fund ...	6,020	07	9,086	17
Miscellaneous Funds ...	73,684	49	78,039	28
		79,704 56		87,125 45
(iii) <b>Of Others: Interest-Bearing</b> ...		76,389 00		40,939 57
<b>Reserves:</b>				
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	...	
Special Purposes Fund ...	15,035	72	...	
Adyar Day Unallocated ...	73	27	83	95
Casuarina Development ...	6,221	92	6,587	56
		33,372 82		18,671 51
<b>Adyar Library: Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Miscellaneous Funds ...	7,703	92	3,043	92
Gratuities Reserve ...	12,170	59	13,670	59
		19,874 51		16,714 51
<b>Sundry Deposits</b> ...		83,740 50		82,554 78
<b>Sundry Creditors</b> ...		27,860 82		31,014 72
<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		32,02,450 78		44,49,466 09

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1962

ASSETS	LAST YEAR				This Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
<b>Immovable Properties: (At Cost)</b>								
<i>Lands at Adyar:</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...			1,93,857	81	1,93,857	81		
Add Value of land purchased during the year ...					38,763	10		
							2,32,620	91
<i>Lands at Urur:</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	6,418	52			6,318	52		
Less Sales ...	100	00			50	00		
			6,318	52			6,268	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 ...	7,97,108	38			8,14,244	37		
Add Additions ...	17,159	47			2,426	95		
					8,16,671	32		
Less Refund ...								
Less Depreciation to-date ...					3,72,421	97		
			4,58,107	40			4,44,249	35
<i>"Gulistan," Kotagiri: (At Cost)</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,169	72			20,169	72		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	3,711	88			4,114	88		
			16,457	84			16,054	84
			6,84,741	57			7,09,193	62
<b>Movable Property at Adyar:</b>								
<i>Furniture and Fixtures: (At Cost)</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	77,066	14			79,021	51		
Add Additions ...	1,965	37			4,226	85		
					83,248	36		
Less Sales ...					10	00		
					83,238	36		
Less Depreciation to-date ...					71,196	74		
			14,066	77			12,041	62
<i>Motor Cars: (At Cost)</i>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	28,692	84			28,692	84		
Less Depreciation to date ...	2,869	84			8,607	84		
			25,823	00			20,085	00
<b>Investments: (At Cost)</b>								
Government of India Loan								
2½% to 4% ...	7,46,634	70			6,61,034	70		
State Govt. Loans								
2½% to 4½% ...	2,97,819	30			6,16,318	80		
United Kingdom Loan ...	3,03,180	90			3,03,180	90		
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	28,600	00			28,900	00		
Miscellaneous Securities ...	53,758	29			53,758	29		
Fixed Deposit ...	35,535	26			10,03,535	26		
			14,65,528	45			26,66,727	95
Interest accrued on Investments ...			33,298	00			36,196	05
C/o			22,23,457	79			34,44,244	24

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	LAST YEAR		This Year	
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
B/f		32,02,450 78		44,49,466 09
		32,02,450 78		44,49,466 09

ADYAR  
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For The Theosophical Society,  
HOMI M. SHROFF,  
*Hony. Treasurer.*

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SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1962

ASSETS	LAST YEAR				This Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
B/f ...			22,23,457	79			34,44,244	24
<b>Departmental Assets:</b>								
Electrical Installations ...	29,638	00			26,674	00		
Tools, Equipments, etc. ...	23,411	58			27,008	50		
Printing Machinery, etc. ...	88,968	00			90,930	00		
Accounts Recoverable ...	11,171	28			9,468	03		
Standing Crops and Developments Account ...	66,936	79			66,666	61		
Stock on hand ...	1,98,595	41			1,63,902	73		
Cash and Stamps on hand ...	492	43			485	00		
			4,19,213	49			3,85,134	87
<b>Adyar Library Assets</b> ...			2,51,755	40			2,80,153	58
<b>Sundry Debtors</b> ...	1,89,815	97			2,35,481	21		
Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts upto date ...	2,500	00			5,000	00		
			1,87,315	97			2,30,481	21
<b>Sundry Assets</b> ...			26,584	07			20,014	14
<b>Cash:</b>								
In Madras Banks on Current Account ...	76,473	56			80,013	12		
In London Bank do. ...	4,826	83			4,503	67		
On hand ...	12,823	67			4,921	26		
			94,124	06			89,438	05
			32,02,450	78			44,49,466	09

Examined and found correct as per the books and vouchers produced.

M. K. DANDEKER & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.



## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1962

DISBURSEMENTS		RECEIPTS	
	Rs. nP.		Rs. nP.
To Payments to Beneficiaries ...	9,010 50	By Opening Balance ...	46,799 23
„ Balance carried over ...	50,815 21	„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	12,030 99
		„ Interest ...	995 49
	59,825 71		59,825 71

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S TRAVELLING FUND

RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1962

					Rs. nP.
The T.S. in England	£ 50- 0- 0	..	..	694	36
The T.S. in Scotland	£ 11- 0- 0	..	..	145	48
The T.S. in New Zealand	NZ £ 5- 0- 0	..	..	65	75
The T.S. in Australia	A £ 1- 1- 0	..	..	11	12
The T.S. in Colombia	\$ 100.00	..	..	468	75
The T.S. in Venezuela	\$ 120.00	..	..	565	80
English-speaking Region of the					
European Federation	£ 50- 0- 0	..	..	664	37
Mr. J. N. Charitos, Athens	£ 10- 0- 0	..	..	132	87
Mr. Klasi, Switzerland	\$ 40.00	..	..	187	71
Mr. Russell Bailey	\$ 163.00	..	..	762	23
Mr. B. Venkataratnam		..	..	150	00
Mr. Surendra Mehta		..	..	5	00
Mr. S. H. Vaswani		..	..	5	00
Mr. S.T. Kaliappan		..	..	10	00
				3,868	44

EXPENSE	Budget for 1961-'62	Actuals for 1961-'62	Budget for 1962-'63	INCOME	Budget for 1961-'62	Actuals for 1961-'62	Budget for 1962-'63
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	45,000	44,360	42,000	Rent ...	55,000	56,503	55,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	60,000	48,955	70,000	Fees and Dues ...	30,000	28,628	28,000
Light and Water ...	7,500	7,472	7,500	Wood ...	1,000	893	1,000
Miscellaneous ...	12,000	17,304	12,000	Interest (Gross) ...	95,000	93,200	1,15,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...	4,000	2,328	3,000	Administration Charges ...	8,130	8,130	8,130
Printing and Stationery ...	6,000	6,305	6,000	<b>Special Departments:</b>			
Publications to General Secretaries ...	800	688	700	Bhojanasala ...	14,100	15,545	14,100
Taxes ...	16,000	16,109	16,000	Engineering Department ...	1,62,000	1,05,115	1,62,800
Convention ...	5,000	5,252	4,500	Garden Department ...	61,740	67,153	66,500
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	11,000	11,051	11,000	Laundry ...	6,900	7,051	7,000
<b>Contributions:</b>				Leadbeater Chambers... ..	25,000	24,723	22,800
To Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000	Sanitary Department ...	1,200	1,360	1,200
„ Museum and Archives .	3,500	3,802	3,500	Vasanta Press ...	1,91,600	1,68,792	1,70,900
„ President's Travelling .				Donations ...		69,505	
„ Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600	Deficit ...	74,720	15,126	69,260
„ School of the Wisdom .	5,000	5,000	3,000				
<b>Special Departments:</b>							
Bhojanasala ...	16,800	21,059	17,200				
Dispensary ...	7,500	7,842	7,500				
Engineering Department ...	1,62,000	1,22,785	1,70,700				
Garden Department ...	67,540	66,567	72,690				
Laundry ...	9,850	9,577	9,600				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	27,500	26,117	24,800				
Sanitary Department ...	5,500	6,065	5,500				
Vasanta Press ...	1,91,600	1,68,529	1,70,900				
Watch and Ward ...	19,700	21,790	23,000				
Depreciation ...	28,000	28,667	29,000				
Casuarina Reserve ...	3,000						
Provision for Doubtful Debts ...		2,500					
	7,26,390	6,61,724	7,21,690		7,26,390	6,61,724	7,21,690

For The Theosophical Society,  
HOMI M. SHROFF,  
*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 ...			23,544	77			22,110	24
„ Cost of Publications:								
Including Brahma Vidya ...			5,084	51			5,195	51
„ Cost of Brahma Vidya Jubilee Number ...							6,669	75
„ Surplus Income carried to Income and Expense Account ...			5,297	02			1,462	58
			33,926	30			35,438	08

## INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR THE

BUDGET	EXPENSE				LAST YEAR		This Year	
Rs.					Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
26,000	To Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	26,914	90	26,520	10
1,000	„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	...	1,079	30	1,102	38
600	„ Postages	...	...	...	758	90	946	56
3,500	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	1,986	95	2,611	74
200	„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	131	23	123	19
2,500	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	3,242	63	2,336	64
900	„ Depreciation	...	...	...	846	33	846	33
1,500	„ Reserve for Gratuities	...	...	...	1,500	00	1,500	00
					36,460	24	35,986	94

ADYAR

14th December, 1962

For The Theosophical Society,  
HOMI M. SHROFF,  
Hony. Treasurer,

## LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1962

INCOME	LAST YEAR				This Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
By Sale of Publications:								
Including Brahma Vidya ... ..			11,816	06			13,770	30
„ Closing Stock of Publications	44,220	47			43,335	55		
Less Value written down ... ..	22,110	23			21,667	77		
			22,110	24			21,667	78
			33,926	30			35,438	08

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1962

INCOME	LAST YEAR		This Year		BUDGET
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.
By Surplus Income carried from Publications Account ...	5,297	02	1,462	58	5,000
„ T.S. Contribution ... ..	5,000	00	5,000	00	5,000
„ Adyar Day Allocation and Other Donations ...	9,198	67	4,328	20	2,000
„ Interest on Endowment Fund and Building Fund ...	6,555	21	7,685	47	6,500
„ Miscellaneous Receipts ... ..	2,752	55	1,720	15	2,000
„ Central Government Grant for Catalogues of Manuscripts	1,100	00	842	00	5,000
„ Central Government Grant for Publication of Rare Manuscripts ... ..			5,000	00	
	29,903	45	26,038	40	
„ Excess of Expense over Income ... ..	6,556	79	9,948	54	
	36,460	24	35,986	94	

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.
<b>Endowment Fund:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	66,906	01			78,381	38		
Add Donations Received ...	150	00						
	67,056	01						
<i>Less Capital Expenses</i>								
Furniture, Manuscripts and Books and Customs Duty on Microfilming Equipment ...	1,960	22			7,827	27		
	65,095	79			70,554	11		
<i>Less Excess of Expense over Income</i>	6,556	79			9,948	54		
			58,539	00			60,605	57
<b>Transfer of Funds:</b>								
Publications Fund	17,814	72						
Books Purchase Reserve	1,000	00						
Donation Box	1,027	66						
			19,842	38				
			78,381	38				
<b>Capital Fund:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,89,219	27			1,91,179	49		
Add Transfer from Endowment Fund	1,960	22			7,827	27		
			1,91,179	49				
Add Value of Microfilming Equipment gifted during the year ...					21,991	30		
							2,20,998	06
<b>Building Fund:</b>								
(i) <b>Fixed Property:</b>								
Value of Building								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	50,000	00			50,000	00		
Less Depreciation to date ...	1,000	00			2,000	00		
			49,000	00			48,000	00
(ii) <b>Other Donations:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,95,302	56			2,00,895	80		
Add Received during the year ...	5,593	24			5,577	42		
			2,00,895	80			2,06,473	22
<b>Add-A-Brick Fund:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	4,088	71			33,931	50		
Add Donations received ...	29,842	79			8,535	27		
			33,931	50			42,466	77
C/o			5,53,388	17			5,78,543	62

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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30TH SEPTEMBER, 1962

ASSETS	LAST YEAR				This Year			
	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
<b>Manuscripts and Books:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,50,938	53			1,52,898	75		
Add Additions ...	1,960	22			2,753	31		
			1,52,898	75			1,55,652	06
<b>Movable Property at Juhu:</b>								
Value of house property at Juhu gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	50,000	00			50,000	00		
Less Depreciation up-to-date ...	1,000	00			2,000	00		
			49,000	00			48,000	00
<b>Furniture: At Cost</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	33,855	88			33,855	88		
Add Purchases during the year ...	...				1,314	00		
					35,169	88		
Less Depreciation up-to-date ...	9,388	21			10,234	54		
			24,467	67			24,935	34
<b>Microfilming Equipment:</b>								
Value of Microfilming Equipment gifted during the year ...					21,991	30		
Add Customs Duty paid ...					12,759	96		
					34,751	26		
Less Refund of Customs Duty by Central Government ...					9,000	00		
							25,751	26
<b>Advances:</b>								
For Supplies ...	1,989	75						
Prepaid Fire Insurance ...	82	13						
			2,071	88			82	14
<b>Deposits:</b>								
With the Theosophical Society ...			3,21,507	28			3,15,104	55
<b>Stock on hand:</b>								
Publications ...	22,110	24			21,667	78		
Insecticides, etc. ...	1,136	86			3,995	00		
			23,247	10			25,662	78
<b>Cash on hand:</b>			70	00			70	00
C/o			5,73,262	68			5,95,258	13

## THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

LIABILITIES		LAST YEAR				This Year			
	B/f	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
				5,53,388	17			5,78,543	62
<b>Discretionary Fund:</b>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...			684	97			684	97
<b>Gratuities Reserve:</b>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	13,829	07			12,170	59		
Less Payments during the year	...	3,158	48						
		10,670	59						
Add Provisions for the year	...	1,500	00			1,500	00		
				12,170	59			13,670	59
<b>Book Deposits:</b>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	2,031	00			2,011	00		
Add Receipts	...	320	00			480	00		
		2,351	00			2,491	00		
Less Refunds	...	340	00			140	00		
				2,011	00			2,351	00
<b>Advances:</b>									
Central Government Grant									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	5,000	00						
Suspense	...	7	95			7	95		
				5,007	95			7	95
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ADYAR  
14th December, 1962

For The Theosophical Society,  
HOMI M. SHROFF,  
Hony. Treasurer.



## THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENSE  
ACCOUNT FOR 1962-63

EXPENSE	Actuals for 1961-62	Budget for 1962-63	INCOME	Actuals for 1961-62	Budget for 1962-63
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Salaries and Wages ...	26,520	27,000	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,102	1,200	„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	4,328	3,000
„ Postages ...	946	1,000	„ Interest on Endowments ...	7,686	7,000
„ Printing and Stationery ...	2,612	2,500	„ Miscellaneous Receipts ...	1,720	1,500
„ Fire Insurance ...	123	200	„ Publications Account ...	1,462	1,500
„ Miscellaneous ...	2,337	2,500	„ Central Government Grant for Publications ...	5,842	...
„ Depreciation ...	846	850	„ Excess of Expense over Income ...	9,948	18,750
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,500	1,500			
	35,986	36,750		35,986	36,750
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
„ Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals ...	2,753	1,000			
„ Furniture, etc. ...	1,314	1,000			
		2,000			
PUBLICATIONS					
„ Brahma Vidya ...	4,000				
„ Other Publications ...	3,000				
	7,000				

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,  
*Librarian.*

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

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

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## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

This is the second annual Report which this Administration has been privileged to make.

A better image of Theosophy is emerging; newer methods of teaching and communication are being used; a more strenuous effort at leadership training has been adopted; and a program of public relations has been formulated in policy and is being implemented. It must be remembered that changes in a large organization are of necessity slow, but of greatest importance are the objectives and the efforts made by the entire membership for the improvement of the Society's structure. The future depends upon these.

*General Outlook in the Section.*—Continuous appraisals of the conditions prevailing in the Section are being made. Reports of all workers and lectures are carefully studied. The Board members, lecturers and committees have given much study to the Section's problems. They find the great need is to raise the achievement level of the individual members and Lodges. A real study of Theosophy needs to be encouraged. Leadership must be stimulated. The Society must place before its membership better facilities to bring out individual creativeness with special capacities to teach, to organize, and to present Theosophy. These are the essential recommendations.

*Field Work.*—We were fortunate to have Dr. and Mrs. Bendit on our staff of speakers. Aside from a great deal of other valuable creative work for the Section, they have lectured considerably throughout the year. They toured the

Southwest, Midwest and Southern areas, were featured at Federation meetings, and lectured to both members and the public. They also lectured extensively for Lodges in the local area.

The National President, because of complications following surgery last summer, had to cancel a fall lecture tour. However, he was able to preside and lecture at the National Conference in Washington, D.C., in November. This spring he made an extensive lecture tour through Texas, California, Wyoming and Colorado. He visited most Lodges in those areas and lectured both to the members and to the public. He was also the guest of the Texas Federation in May 1962, in Dallas, Texas.

Miss Joy Mills, in addition to the work of the Department of Education, which includes the Workshops, lectured for the Lodges in the Michigan, Western New York, Northeast, Middle Atlantic, Midwest and Illinois-Wisconsin Federations. She conducted workshops in the Michigan, Midwest and Illinois-Wisconsin areas, and took an active part in the National Conference in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Seymour Ballard, who does most of the work of compiling *The American Theosophist* and reviews and edits numerous articles, pamphlets and books, gave lectures at the Lodges in Chicago, Oak Park and Joliet.

Mr. Samuel Wylie was in great demand as a speaker in addition to his work in the Regional Expansion Program. He lectured to Lodges in Florida, in New Orleans and Chattanooga, and in DuPage County and Chicago. Wherever he went the members were greatly

inspired and new members joined the Society.

Mrs. Iris White, who has been active in our Library on a part-time basis and has taken part in the Regional Expansion Program, also lectured to local Lodges on numerous occasions.

Thus, a very active lecturing program was offered to the Section during this fiscal year.

*The Regional Expansion Program.*—This activity, which was instituted as a pilot program in Florida some two years ago, and which proved so successful, has now been extended to cover a much larger territory. The program is sponsored in co-operation with local Federations and Lodges.

Mrs. Mattie Louise Moore conducted a Regional Expansion Program in the Texas Federation in the fall of 1961.

Mr. Samuel Wylie extended this program through the groups in Mobile, Gulf Port, New Orleans, and Baton Rouge, and had additional classes in Covington. A workshop was conducted in Covington. In the spring the Expansion Program was projected into the Western New York Federation through the branches at Syracuse, Rochester, Ithaca and Utica. He gave additional talks in Buffalo and conducted workshops in Syracuse and Rochester.

Mrs. Iris White carried out the Expansion Program in Des Moines, Iowa, and Lincoln and Omaha, Nebraska. In the spring the program was extended to include Joliet, Illinois.

The Expansion Program seems to be greatly appreciated by the branches in the areas in which it has been conducted, and there is a constantly growing demand for it, with definite evidence of a greater vitality and an increase in local membership.

*The National Theosophical Conference.*—In November the seventh National

Theosophical Conference was held in Washington, D.C. Dr. and Mrs. Bendit were our guest speakers. The National President also gave a public address. The theme of the Conference was "Theosophy: Towards the Frontiers of Truth".

This Conference was unusually successful. The registration was very satisfactory. There had been some doubt in the minds of some of us as to whether these Conferences should be continued, but the evidence for their need and value was rather overwhelming, and it was decided that they should continue.

The purpose of the Conference is to bring to the general membership in the local areas activities similar to the Summer School, and we have implemented this recently with a strong emphasis on workers' training. It is with this concept of the Conferences that we are going to proceed in the future.

*Library Addition.*—For some years we have been considering enlarging our library to better accommodate the books that we have on hand, since many of them are now in storage. We have had no study carrels, no conference rooms, no workshop research facilities. These will be provided by the new addition. There will also be adequate room for necessary research in conducting workshops and for workshop conferences. Our policy is to develop our library into an outstanding facility, and we hope it will ultimately be of sufficient scope to attract students from universities and colleges for research work, not only in Theosophy, but in religion and in philosophy generally, including that of the sciences.

As a matter of foresight we are also including a division for a microfilm library. It is our hope that we may receive from International Headquarters a copy of the microfilm library developed there. It will be of interest to our members that through the courtesy of the

American Section a complete unit of microfilming equipment and microfilming reading equipment was sent to Adyar as a gift for the new library there.

The new addition to our library grew out of a legacy amounting to \$51,000 received from an ardent reader, Mr. James Arnott, in 1956. Since then these funds have been earning interest for the Society, and it was necessary to add relatively little over and above the principal and interest. The contract for the new addition is \$78,935.

*Department of Education.*—The Department of Education has become more and more important and will be increasingly so in the future. It is capably administered by the Vice-President and her staff. The Department is concerned with developing and supplying educational materials to Lodges and individuals throughout the Section. These include program materials, tape lectures, slides, films and other supplementary aids. Many individuals and groups have been served in this capacity during the year.

*Audio-Visual Aids.*—Eighty-three full length tapes are now available, and these tapes have been borrowed 172 times during the year. Twenty-two additional lecture tapes, including a series on *The Secret Doctrine* entitled "Comments on the Laws of the Higher Life," have become available and have also proved to be exceedingly popular during the year.

*Supplemental Program Material.*—The Department makes available each year a number of items to assist in group techniques and program planning. A series of 20 charts has been collected from various sources and is now available through the Department for class leaders. A group of booklets published by the Adult Education Association has proved useful in describing various techniques of discussion and leadership. These booklets are now available. A new printing

of *Guides in Lodge Study*, bringing together in one booklet material for a three-year Lodge program, has recently been issued by the Department.

*Workshops.*—The Workshops have continued to be very valuable and are featured not only at Olcott and through the Regional Expansion Programs, but now also through the President's Representative for Workshops in some areas.

Two Workshop sessions were held at Headquarters during the last year under the direction of the Department.

The National Board of Directors has suggested that workshops be conducted in as many Federations as possible. In line with this policy, an abbreviated type of workshop has been presented in several Federations—some on public relations, some on methods of group action, and some on techniques of Lodge work selected and adapted to the needs of the Federation.

*Publications.*—The Department has undertaken a considerable revision of literature, particularly in the area of publicity leaflets. Three new leaflets have been made available during the year: *Theosophy, a Definition*; *Theosophy and Extra-Sensory Perception*, and *Theosophy and Science*.

Two books are in the process of being revised. Mrs. Emily Sellon is preparing a revised edition of *The Primer of Theosophy*, and Mrs. Anita Wild is working on L.W. Rogers' *Man, an Embryo God*.

Assistance was given to Dr. Laurence Bendit by this Department and the Assistant Editor of *The American Theosophist* in his compilation of a book to be called *Key Words of the Wisdom Tradition*, which will be published this year.

*Future Programs.*—A specific program is being instituted for new members under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Hanson.

Monthly letters will be sent out to new members. Study aids will be suggested to help orient them to the Society and to Theosophy, and follow-up correspondence will be carried on.

*Assistance to Lodges.*—Discussion material is in great demand by many of the smaller Lodges, and plans are under way to develop short discussion tapes. It is hoped that this program will cover topical aspects of Theosophy thoroughly and present to the Lodges material which may be discussed and which may evoke opinions and expressions from various members of the group.

*Publicity.*—Various aspects of public relations and publicity have also been channelled through this Department. A program of advertising in *The Saturday Review* has been undertaken. Quite a number of inquiries have resulted and orders for books have been placed.

*Public Relations.*—A basic policy concerning public relations may be summed up in this way: Before any extensive public relations program is undertaken, it is necessary to develop a better educational and organizational structure in a great many of our branches and Federations and in the Society as a whole. It was felt that the members and their local groups should be educated to the full program of public relations. The day-to-day relationships with the public, with everyone we meet, are of first importance. It was agreed that sound public relations can be based only on sound structure and sound training of members toward a presentation and reflection of a better basic image of Theosophy. Interest in public relations should be stimulated and an awareness of its need fostered. There should be an ever-widening approach to the public, utilizing every means of communication including radio, television and so on. Pilot programs should be initiated in

developed areas and professional help should also be considered and employed if feasible

*Research Department.*—Dr. Laurence Bendit has been placed in charge of the Research Department, and Headquarters has offered co-operation and help wherever any group wants to undertake a research project. The New York Branch, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kunz and Mrs. Emily Sellon, is doing excellent work as an independent unit.

Dr. Bendit himself undertook the drafting of a modern glossary, or word book, for Theosophical students of today. This book will include modern terms related to parapsychology, depth psychology, scientific concepts, and the like.

*Institute of Theosophy.*—In January the National President inaugurated an experimental Institute of Theosophy for the Olcott staff. Eighteen sessions, divided into two terms, have been held since the beginning of the year.

It was felt that the staff had little opportunity to do more than desk work and needed to expand their Theosophical knowledge. So they were invited to meet each week for a period of time to explore the "basic concepts of Theosophy". Evocation of individual ideas on Theosophical concepts was stressed, and the contributions to the discussions were often most unexpected, provocative and constructive.

*The American Theosophist.*—Last year we reviewed some of the problems of the official journal and also presented some of the changes that we anticipated making. Because of this policy there has been a wider range of contributors and the response of writers from various fields has been gratifying.

Two special issues of *The American Theosophist* are now published annually.

Each of these is built around a specific theme and contains articles by both members and non-member guest contributors who are outstanding exponents of their particular fields of research.

*Books to be Published.*—The following books are to be published as soon as some revisions are made: *The Primer of Theosophy*; Marie Gouffe's *The King's Son*; *Key Words of the Wisdom Tradition*; Geoffrey Hodson's *The Soul's Awakening*; and Professor Ernest Wood's book, *A Study of Pleasure and Pain*. Additional publications are already being planned.

Pamphlets written by Mrs. Phoebe Bendit on *Easter, the Myth of Man's Regeneration* and *The Reality of Christmas* were published.

*The Theosophical Press.*—The present inventory stands at approximately \$45,000. This includes all publications of recent years. The gross sales for the year were \$39,880, showing a distinct increase over the last four years. This Department also handles the subscriptions to THE THEOSOPHIST and the *Adyar Library Bulletin*. Listings of available books were published in October 1961 and June 1962.

Shipping during the year, including all shipping handled through the Press, amounted to 2,281 packages.

*Department of Information.*—Locally and by mail, 11,755 leaflets were distributed from Olcott this year. Inquiries handled amounted to 1,138 and, following the replies from the Department, many of the inquirers were referred to local branches of the Society. Thirty-seven inquiries resulted from the distribution of *To Those Who Mourn* pamphlets, 13,192 copies of which went to various individuals throughout the country. Seven hundred and forty-four library applications were mailed out, and 37 new library borrowers resulted from the activity of this Department.

The Society gained 42 new members through the Department of Information; 25 became National Members, and 17 joined local branches.

The *Discovery* was mailed each month to all National Members through this Department.

*Membership Department.*—The Membership Department maintains a high degree of efficiency. Aside from recording the details of all membership data, it handles all special mailings, including *The American Theosophist*.

Membership is naturally a vital concern for all members of the Society. There has been a fluctuation in recent years, although at the present time this is rather minor. We hope that with the marked increase in our efforts relating to leadership training programs and increased public relations, we will gradually gain in numbers.

The important thing in our estimation is that we present a proper image of Theosophy and train members to present it properly. We feel that membership increases are ultimately bound to result from such a program.

There has been a loss of 48 members in the last fiscal year, and our membership as of June 30th stood at 4,319. During the year, 331 new members were admitted; 79 were reinstated; 12 transferred to this Section; death claimed 75; 65 resigned; there were 4 transferred from other Sections.

We are continuing to make a study of the reasons for resignations and members becoming inactive. We have found that the greatest proportion of those who lose interest do so during the first five years of membership. This is probably due to several factors. One is that some people are attracted to our lectures and literature because they have a vague sense of need which they themselves do not understand. They never become gripped

by the Theosophical philosophy, although they do perhaps absorb all they can use at the time and so lose interest. Another reason, which is certainly more critical, is that we are not providing adequate instruction for newer members throughout the Section. We hope this situation will be remedied as our workshop and leadership programs make themselves felt.

*Library.*—During the fiscal year of 1961-1962, 717 packages of books were sent to 329 library borrowers in nearly every state of the Union, including Alaska, and some to Canada. One hundred and thirty-nine new borrowers were added to the list this year, 73 of whom are now members of the Society. Books have been furnished to study groups and Lodges.

Reading lists and letters concerning the services of the library have been sent to 344 new members of the Society and to many inquirers.

Three hundred and forty-eight books were added to the library, 203 of which were donated, 127 purchased, and 18 received to be reviewed by *The American Theosophist* and then placed in the library. These acquisitions bring the total number of books in our library to about 13,000 volumes. We have in the store-room in our basement now over 1,200 books for which there is no room in the library, but the new addition will of course make it possible to place these books on the shelves where they will be available to members and the public.

Reading lists are in constant demand and are classified according to subject material. More than 500 books were repaired and some bound and thus returned to circulation.

The library contains numerous Theosophical publications from various countries and other divisions of the Theosophical Society. Its services are available to all members and to non-members by special arrangement.

*By-Laws Revision.*—A committee has for several years been working on the revision of the by-laws. It consists of Mrs. Ann Wylie, Chairman; Mr. Theron Chaney; and Mr. Edward Paul Smith, attorney and a member of the National Judiciary Committee. The revised by-laws were drawn up and submitted to the National President, and a draft was submitted to the Board of Directors for suggestions. The revisions have now been considered and additional suggestions have been incorporated. These have been approved by the Board of Directors and will be referred to the Judiciary Committee, following which they will be printed and sent out to the membership for a referendum vote.

*Financial.*—The financial structure of the Society is sound. There will be the usual annual deficit, which this year will amount to an estimated \$26,000. This deficit is approximately the same as last year and is due largely to the fact that we have carried on a very heavy Regional Expansion Program. There is, of course, another factor which contributes to the deficit, and that is the continually increasing rise in costs of labor and in the materials required to carry on the work.

All major financial problems are presented to the Financial Advisory Committee for consideration.

The Society's books are examined each year by a firm of Certified Public Accountants.

The following bequests were received during the year:

Theresa Olsen .....	\$ 17,075.00
(in U.S. Steel shares)	
H. N. Rockafellow .....	27,353.41
J. H. Mason Trust ....	10,543.73
Clara Simonsen .....	500.00
Charles D. Talbott .....	500.00

TOTAL	\$ 55,972.14
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*Membership Endowment Fund.*—This Fund, which was initiated at the last Convention, is proving to be quite successful. Seventy-four members have paid up their endowment amounts in full; 43 members are paying on a time basis. This represents a very small percentage of the members, but we hope that as time goes on, more and more will become a part of this group of guarantors of the Society's future. The total amount now in the Endowment Fund is over \$ 27,000. There should be a gradual increase each year and it is hoped that ultimately, because of this Fund, the Society will be able to launch an energetic program without its usual deficit. It is interesting to note that the percentage of members who have taken part in this plan is now just under three per cent, whereas 30 per cent of the staff members are participating.

*The Theosophical Investment Trust.*—This organization proves to be of great value to the Society.

The funds held by the Investment Trust for the Theosophical Society for investment at the present time amount to \$ 419,498.07.

*National Radio Committee.*—There has been a slight decrease in the number of radio programs this year, although it is interesting to note that more free radio and television time has become available in some cities. In Denver, Colorado, for example, tape recordings of hour-long lectures by our national speakers have been accepted without any charge and have been broadcast at ten o'clock on the Sunday evening nearest to the lecturer's visit.

During the past twelve months, Theosophical broadcasts have been made from ten stations throughout the country.

*Building and Grounds.*—The Olcott Estate has been beautifully landscaped and well developed. Much of this is

due to the foresight and efforts of Mr. Donald Greenwood. The Society is deeply grateful to Mr. Greenwood for the many years of dedicated service which he has given to the development of the estate.

Each one who comes here experiences not only the external beauty, but also something of the inner vitality that exists here.

*Headquarters Staff.*—It is to be remembered that the workers on the staff are devoting their time for the purposes of the Society, making great sacrifices and surrendering their privileges of other gainful occupations in the world of today. Many of the workers have been here for many years and have made this a lifetime undertaking. Others come on a temporary basis, give a few years of their time to the work, and then return to their labors in other fields. This means that there are continuous changes occurring on the staff, which was true of this past year also.

The Administration wishes to go on record as expressing deep appreciation to all who are serving on the staff, as well as to those who have left us during the past year. The experience of living and working at Olcott can tremendously enrich one's life, and I would hope for each one a full realization of that rewarding experience.

Following the appointment of Mr. James S. Perkins as International Vice-President, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins left for India. Mr. Perkins has served also as an international lecturer, and was in charge of the 1961-1962 session of the School of the Wisdom.

The staff has been a closely co-ordinated group of workers who have demonstrated that people can work happily together. The Section is fortunate to have this corps of dedicated workers.

*The Theosophical Camps.*—These camps are developed and maintained by local

groups of Theosophists. They have a marked influence on Theosophical thinking and are a source of vitality to the Society. Fellowship, lively discussions and future planning are combined with outdoor living. The inspiration from such activities is carried into the areas of their influence.

Orcas Island, Far Horizons and Pumpkin Hollow are vital centres. The Oaks, in Michigan, was not active this year due to organizational changes in process. We hope it will again emerge with the promise of strength and vital activity.

*Theosophical Gift Book Institute.*—A number of years ago, Mr. Herbert Kern instituted The Theosophical Book Gift Institute as a separate corporation, the purpose of which was to distribute Theosophical books to libraries all over the country. This has been done in past years under the auspices of Miss Edith Gray, who has placed books in literally hundreds of libraries all over the country. During the year, 418 books were placed in libraries.

*Associated Activites.*—The various ideals inherent in Theosophy stimulate welfare activities among individual members and groups. These activities are rather diversified and as a result organizations have grown up and are rendering many services independently, with some modest support from the National Society. It is impossible to give the details of each of these activities.

*Theosophical Book Association for the Blind.*—This organization, now a corporation headed by Mrs. Flavia Snyder, has done outstanding work for many years. During the past year it circulated 1,100 volumes and 639 "Talking Books". Ninety-one new Braille volumes have been added to the Association library, and 100 "Talking Books" have been replaced. If it were not for this organi-

zation, a segment of the world's population which is blind would have no access to our Theosophical teachings. These devoted workers deserve continual sympathetic support.

*Theosophical Order of Service.*—This service organization is being supervised by Mrs. Lois Holmes. Because of the varied activities that come into this department, there are of necessity certain divisions and special unofficial organizations which carry on the work. There is a Social Service Department, a Department of Animal Welfare, Health Department, Division of Research in Music, a *To Those Who Mourn* group, and so on. The Theosophical Order of Service gives members far-reaching opportunities for participation in many special welfare activities.

*Parents' Theosophical Research Group.*—Mrs. Muriel Lewis is in charge of this group, which is now in its 28th year. It is dedicated to projecting Theosophical ideals into family relations, particularly families with children. A magazine is published at regular intervals and is available to those who are interested.

*Order of the Round Table.*—This activity is under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Jordan of Krotona, Ojai, California. It is a very particular type of program especially adapted for children, calling to their attention the various ideals for which Theosophy stands and which are incorporated into a ritual based upon the traditions of King Arthur. A number of groups are active in several of the larger cities.

*Conclusion.*—It is necessary to reflect on all the aspects of our work. This report has dealt largely with the external aspects, but it must be remembered that there are inner aspects that are extremely vital. There is no doubt that each member becomes, in a sense, an outpost and a channel for Theosophical ideals

projected into world thought to help integrate it to higher and higher levels. There is also to be remembered the innumerable ties of close friendship among us and among those who are our brothers throughout the world, not only in this Society but in other related movements which also seek to express something of the ancient wisdom.

As one travels through the Section, one experiences an internal unity which is greater by far than the outer structure of our Society. It is necessary for us to build an outer solidarity that springs from and relates most intimately to this inner vitality.

Theosophy has always stressed the individual creativeness and individual

uniqueness of its members. This allows a great feeling of individual expression and therefore puts to a test the first Object of our Society, the formation of a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood. If we are to be that nucleus, we must be tested even as a metal must be tested for its strength and endurance. It is to be remembered that brotherhood can be achieved only by the individual efforts of every member to look beyond himself and find the common denominators that exist in the Society and to co-operate aggressively in the accomplishment of the work that was started by our founders.

HENRY A. SMITH,  
*General Secretary.*

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## ENGLAND

The main effort this year has been in a nation-wide *Campaign for Unity* with specially prepared pamphlets and a national advertising programme. The Campaign has centred round the Implications of Man's Divinity--brotherhood, one world and the oneness of all life. New methods of advertising have brought increased numbers to our public lectures and four to five times as many requests for information from the general public.

The highlight of the year was the *European Congress* which was held in England at Swanwick, Derbyshire, in July. Altogether 388 members attended, of whom 168 were from abroad, including 19 General Secretaries. The President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, presided, assisted by Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation. There were many distinguished visitors from outside Europe: Srimati Rukmini Devi; Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of

India; Dr. Henry Smith, National President of the American Section; and Mrs. Gool Minwalla and Mr. Hans Zeuger, Presidential Agents respectively for Pakistan and Israel. Many of our visitors were able to see our national Headquarters during the week prior to the Congress. There can be no doubt that the visitors and the Congress have done much to inspire our English members in their service for the Society and for humanity.

The *Annual Convention* was held as usual at Whitsun. The program was arranged to give more scope for audience participation by symposia with discussion, questions and comments on *The Work of a Lodge of the Theosophical Society*, *Theosophy through Art*, *Towards One World* and *The Value of the National Headquarters*. Mr. R. Hartley delivered the Blavatsky Lecture on *The Abstract and the Concrete*.

Many *Study Week-ends* have been held in different parts of the country, particularly at Tekels Park, Camberley, where still greater Theosophical activity is being fostered by the Section.

The General Secretary represented the Section at the European Federation Council Meeting held at Swanwick, England, the other delegate being Miss F. Kenderdine. He also attended the meeting of the General Council which was held in England, the first time for it to meet outside Adyar.

*Publicity Department.*—The department has published the following general pamphlets: *Theosophy and The Theosophical Society: The Path of Fulfilment* by Basil Howell; *What the Masters Teach* by Christmas Humphreys; revised versions of *Thought the Creator* by Clara Codd and *Prayers of the Religions*. For the Unity Campaign it has published the following: *Unity out of Chaos: A Modern Theosophical Philosophy*; *The Timeless Vision: Brotherhood and the Brothers* and *Man's Role in Evolution*. These pamphlets have been printed in bright attractive styles and have had a wide circulation, including requests from many other Sections. In fact, several Sections have proposed to follow up the Unity Campaign by similar campaigns in their own countries.

*Library.*—Mrs. N. Walker replaced Mr. A. N. Relton as Librarian in January. There has been a substantial increase in the number of books borrowed this year, as well as an increase of public subscribers. Also many books are loaned to the County Public Libraries through the National Central Library. There appears to be an increasing interest in Theosophical subjects among young people, judging by the number who come

to the Library, first as inquirers, then subscribers, some then joining the Society.

*The Theosophical Publishing House (London) Ltd.* has had no new publications or reprints during the year, though a number are in process of production. Retail sales continue to show an increase and trade orders maintain their level.

*The Theosophical Research Centre* continues to be a source of inspiration throughout the world, its Science Group publication, issued monthly, being now circulated in 21 countries.

A *Young Theosophists Centre* has been formed to give young members an opportunity for getting together and collaborating with the Young Theosophists in Europe. The Centre is being run on the principle that it will not take young members away from their Lodges, where they will continue to give active support, but will be supplementary.

*The Theosophical Order of Service*, although officially outside the Theosophical Society, is a very active body in England working in close association with the Section. Its office, which it shares with Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation, is in our national Headquarters.

During the year we have lost several good workers, among them Mr. G. W. Coxhead, who did so much to spread Theosophy among the blind, and Miss Charlotte Woods, one of our last links with H.P.B. and a deep student of the Greek classics and Christian mysticism.

Mr. E. L. Gardner in his 94th year and Miss Clara Codd, although not quite so active, continue to be a great source of inspiration to our members.

V. W. SLATER,  
General Secretary.

## INDIA

The Indian Section is in the 72nd year of its work and it is my duty to present to you a Report of its activities in the past year. As each year passes one cannot help remembering the privileged position that the Section has in the Theosophical world and the responsibilities it has therefore in the cause of Theosophy. Our Section has benefited enormously by the prolonged residence and work in this land of our Founders, Dr. Annie Besant and other leaders, to all of whom this country was especially dear. We have also the extraordinary privilege of having the International Headquarters in our land and of being able to attend the annual Conventions held there in large numbers. There are many members all over the world whose thoughts turn to Adyar and who long for the privilege of visiting this great centre some time in this life. Many of us also long for this privilege. It rests upon us however to benefit to the maximum extent possible from the firm foundations laid by our leaders and open ourselves to the beauty and power that is available to us in this centre and these gatherings, so that we may be strengthened in the work we have to do in various corners of the land.

To members in many parts of the world, Theosophy is a strikingly new philosophy which radically changes their lives. But to Hindus and Buddhists, the philosophy and way of life that Theosophy represents is not so new. It comes naturally to us. Some of us therefore tend to take it casually and do not fully realize the responsibility and value of membership of the Society. But it is important for us to seek to enter into the depth and beauty of the concepts or truths which are familiar to us, and make them a living reality in our everyday lives. We should not rest satisfied with

what is familiar intellectually, with attitudes and ways of thought to which we are habituated from birth. We have to try to know and realize every truth for ourselves, to remove the dross from our lives and become pure centres through which Brahmagyda, the Ancient Wisdom, can shine. I hope that the coming years will see a greater vitality and strength in the Indian Section, so that in this era when the world is full of difficulties and confusion, we may radiate an influence that brings peace and light.

During the past year we have lost a few more stalwart members. In December 1961, Dr. Hafiz Syed of Allahabad passed away. He was a scholar and writer and a staunch member of the Society for more than fifty years. In July 1962 Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi passed on, an event which for him was a happy release from prolonged physical suffering. He was for many years a member of the Indian Section Council, and was at different times Recording Secretary and Treasurer at the International Headquarters. Dr. Srinivasa Murthi was admired and loved by many. Among others who passed away during the year were Dr. Nanda Kishor (joined 1907), a former Secretary of the U.P. Federation; Pandit Kanhaiyalal Razdan (joined 1913), a stalwart worker of Gwalior and at one time member of the Indian Section Council; Sri Braja Vilas (joined 1911), who belonged to Dr. Besant's band of workers for education in Varanasi; Mr. Ernest Kirk (joined 1916), Sri C. S. Banerji (joined 1917), Sri T. Rajam Iyengar (joined 1912), and Sri P. S. Jivanna Rao (joined 1916).

The number of members on 1st October 1962 was 7,389, as against the figure of 7,405 given last year. By oversight the latter figure did not include the unattached

life members. Including them there was a decrease of 62 members during the year under Report; the number of Lodges declined by one but the number of Centres increased by five, leaving a total of 374 Lodges and 51 Centres. The details show as usual a very large number of lapsed memberships, this year particularly in the Telugu, Gujarat and Tamil Federations. The Karnataka, Madras, Bihar, U.P. and Kerala Federations show an increase of membership.

The problem of large-scale lapses is an ever-recurring one. Some of the lapses are due to the fact that we do not have any system of keeping in personal touch with members, especially with new members, at the various organizational levels. The Executive Committee of the Section has discussed this question and is of the opinion that it would be most useful if a senior member at Headquarters could devote time to correspondence with new members and unattached members. I am hoping that as soon as we are able to obtain some additional help in the office, someone will be able to undertake this work. In addition, if each Lodge could appoint one or two members to create and maintain personal links with new members there would not be so many lapses.

Another factor which explains losses through lapsing is the admission of members who are insufficiently acquainted with the objects and character of the Society and who therefore sign application forms without any real interest or enthusiasm. In many cases, it may be good to advise applicants to learn something more about Theosophy and the Theosophical Society before they actually join.

The reports of the various Federations show that the work is being actively carried on in many parts of the country. The Gujarat Federation has started a

tape record library. They have also been collecting funds to create a memorial in the name of Sri Harjivan Mehta, one of the veteran members in that Federation. This memorial fund will be used for promoting Theosophical work in the Federation area, particularly by study camps and classes. The report of the Federation also shows that a large number of translations and books in the vernacular have been published. A notable feature in the report of the Karnataka Federation is the work done through study camps. No less than twenty-five camps have been held during the year. In this Federation also translation work has been done. The Secretary of the Kerala Federation reports that many of the new members are young and that they attract into the Society other young people. There are Lotus Circles in three Lodges of the Federation. A successful Youth Camp was also held during the year with the participation of both young and old. In the Madras Federation, almost all the Lodges have started the practice of holding regular members' meetings in addition to the open meetings. A branch of the Theosophical Order of Service has been formed in the Federation. The Joint Secretary of the Uttar Pradesh Federation was able to contact twenty-seven Lodges in the U.S. during his stay abroad, and has studied various aspects of the work there which will no doubt help him in carrying on the work of the Federation.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Dr. A. Kannan of Delhi a *Theosophy-Science Study Group* was started last year. This group has been steadily functioning and has now members in various parts of the country. The group has been issuing a bulletin and is in touch with research groups in other Sections. They also hope gradually to build up a library of books which will help them in their studies.

The regular work of holding conferences, study camps, etc., has continued. The International President presided over the South Indian Conference at Adyar, and also over the annual conferences of the U.P., Karnataka, Tamil, Gujarat, and M.P.-Rajasthan Federations. He also visited various other places including Bangalore, Thapeswaram, Surat, Indore and Calcutta. The South Indian Conference was followed as usual by the Workers' Training Camp, conducted by Dr. C. R. Kamath, assisted by Prof. M. N. Tolani, who had also organized the South Indian Conference. The North Indian Conference was held at Varanasi under the Presidentship of Prof. J. B. Dorab; he also presided over the Bombay Federation Conference. Besides the above-mentioned conferences, various other conferences and study camps were held in different parts of the country, as can be seen from the summaries of Federation reports.

During the year Sri S. G. Venkataramanan, National Lecturer, visited 63 Lodges in Bengal, Bombay, Delhi, Gujarat, Madras, Tamil and Telugu Federations. Prof. M. N. Tolani, who was also appointed as National Lecturer, could not unfortunately visit more than a few places as he had unexpectedly to accept an appointment which prevented further travelling. As in the previous year, Mr. A. Sassi and Mrs. E. Warnon undertook a tour at their own expense in order to help the Indian Section. They visited a number of places in the Telugu, Bengal and Bihar Federations. Sri and Srimati Rohit Mehta visited various Lodges in the Bihar Federation and also some places in Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Bombay. Srimati Seetha Neelakantan made a tour of the Telugu, Bengal and Bihar Federations and visited a number of places. Sri Badri Narayan visited various places in Uttar Pradesh

and Madhya Pradesh. Besides those mentioned above, a number of others, Federation Presidents and Secretaries, Group Secretaries and Lodge Organizers have travelled and visited Lodges and Centres. I express our thanks to all of them.

I was able to preside over the Telugu Federation Conference held at Prodattur, and over the Salem District conference at Krishnagiri. I was also able to meet members at various other places, including those present at the Karnataka Conference at Dodballapur, members at Thapeswaram, Delhi, and other places.

I am happy that I was able to be present at the very representative gathering of Theosophists who attended the Congress of the European Federation held in England, and also to represent the Indian Section at the General Council meetings held there.

*The Theosophical Review* is being distributed to a somewhat larger number of people. The *Review* is now being sent to those who have not paid their dues for the current year and so are given the chance of receiving the *Review* without a break even if they pay the dues late in the year. This procedure is also meant to save labor in the despatch of the *Review*. I feel that the printing and quality of paper used leave much to be desired, and that the *Review* could be improved a great deal if a suitable person were available to devote sufficient time to the editorial work. I was pleased to hear that many Sections appreciate the journal and have also reprinted and translated some of the articles from therein.

The President's talk to new members given during the last Convention has been printed and distributed to new members during the past year. Copies of this leaflet are available for use by the Federations,

The work of the Indian Bookshop has continued as in the previous year. A Hindi translation of *The Astral Plane* has been published. There has been no loss in the year's working; the shop made a small profit. Both the Manager, Sri D. V. Kanvinde, and the Assistant Manager, Sri Pyarelal Bhargava, have been giving their honorary services.

I am glad to say that two more devoted members have come to help the work at Varanasi: Sri Gosatkar and Sri P. C. Ghose. I am grateful to both of them for having offered to work here. Sri Ghose has been looking after the Library in an honorary capacity since the climate did not suit Sri V. Ramanatha Iyer and he had to leave. Sri Ghose has also taken up the work of contacting Lodges and members with a view to reviving the Theosophical Order of Service.

If the Theosophical Order of Service is revived it will probably help us to obtain railway concessions for members going to the Convention. The Recording Secretary, has been making efforts to obtain the concession, but he has not so far succeeded. A great deal of social work is being done by members but there is no organization or statistics to bring such work to the notice of the Government or the public.

Some improvements have been made to the property in Varanasi. We have started painting the woodwork in houses where painting has not been done for many years. The compound wall has also been repaired in a number of places as it was in a bad condition. The roads are also being repaired. The Indian Section has also constructed two classrooms for the use of the Girls' College, using an anonymous donation which was given for the purpose. I am grateful to Sri P. L. Bhargava who has had this work done with his customary energy in spite of his age. These rooms will benefit

the college which is in need of additional space for its degree classes and will also bring in some rent for the Section.

The Section Headquarters is handicapped by the fact that there is still a dearth of earnest members and workers. On the other hand, there are a number of people resident on the compound who are not working for the Society or allied organizations. The Headquarters is meant to accommodate, except for very temporary periods, only those who are prepared to work here or those who have worked for the Section in the past and who need to stay here. Otherwise, there is danger of the Headquarters becoming a mere colony of people pursuing their own interests and staying here for their convenience. In view of the above difficulty, with the approval of the Executive Committee, I asked certain residents to leave our premises, and since they have not done so, we have proceeded to take legal steps.

You will be glad to know that there has been no deficit this year. This was due to our continued policy of economy and the good response which came to our appeal for funds. As the financial position gradually improves, it will be necessary to spend more on publicity, study courses, essential improvements at Headquarters, more adequate salaries for the employees, etc. Our especial thanks are due to a generous friend who has given an anonymous donation of Rs. 16,000, part of which was meant for the benefit of the Girls' College.

We were fortunate in receiving a legacy of Rs. 20,000 from Dr. Hafiz Syed, who also bequeathed a number of books to the Section Library. This amount has been added to the Reserve Fund, which now stands at Rs. 25,416. I am sorry to say there has been a very poor response for contributions to the Reserve Fund, the only donation towards it being from

Sri Boda Venkataratnam who gave Rs. 300.

In December last, the Indian Section Council made various amendments to the Constitution. The proposal to raise dues was not accepted but it was decided that the responsibility of giving concessions in dues is not to be borne by the Section, as heretofore, but by the Federations. This amendment will be of great help as the Section has had to deal with large-scale recommendations for concessions from the Federations.

In accordance with another amendment, movable property in the form of shares of limited companies have been transferred to the names of three Custodians nominated by the Council for five years, namely, Sri Mohanlal Velji, Sri Harprasad and myself. Thus the complications which may arise when property is held in the name of a single individual will be avoided.

I am glad to say that the shares of the Pran Nath Trust have now been transferred to the Trustees, and Sri Rohit Mehta has paid to the Trust, since

December 1961, various amounts on account of dividends he had collected from Aug. 1959 to Jan. 1961. Payments to beneficiaries are being made again. The funds of the Trust are now kept in a separate bank account and separate books are being maintained.

Throughout the year I have benefited from the advice and continuous help of the Assistant General Secretary, Sri Ramachandra Shukla, and the Treasurer, Sri N. K. Bhide, and also from the presence of Sri Badri Narayan at Headquarters. To all of them I express my very grateful thanks, and also to Sri S. G. Venkataramanan and Sri Mohanlal Velji who have, as in the previous year, come long distances and been of great help. Many others have given their services, honorary and otherwise—members of the Executive Committee, members of the office staff, heads of departments and others. On behalf of the Section, I thank them all.

RADHA BURNIER,  
*General Secretary.*

## AUSTRALIA

Once again it is my privilege to report on the work of the Theosophical Society in Australia.

From the national point of view, the most outstanding events were the visit by the international Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, and Mrs. Kathrine G. Perkins, and the annual Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins arrived in Perth in April and spent four months visiting all States in this country. Wherever they went they impressed those they met with their modern approach and their application of Theosophical principles to present-day international and personal

problems. Their tour has been greatly appreciated, and we hope that it will not be very long before we welcome them back to our shores.

At Easter time Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were our honored guests at our annual Convention, which took place at Warburton, situated 48 miles from Melbourne in the picturesque Upper Yarra Valley. About 120 members were in residence at two guest houses, "Green Gables" and "Monomeath". "Green Gables" was well appointed for our gatherings, with a large meeting room, spacious veranda and beautiful grounds in which we held

a number of outdoor meetings. In that very pleasant setting the members met together to explore the Convention theme, "Conflict and Creation," and to discuss the work of our Society. It was a highly successful gathering and roused great enthusiasm. We were happy to welcome at the Convention members from U.S.A., Canada and New Zealand.

Melbourne Lodge, which was the host Lodge for the Convention, made a very generous financial contribution to the Society in Australia to enable us to extend the invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins to visit this country.

*A New Name.*—An important item of business at the Convention was the changing of our name *from* The Theosophical Society Australian Section *to* The Theosophical Society in Australia. The members also adopted a completely revised set of rules.

*Section Officers.*—Miss Helen V. Zahara, A.A.S.A., was re-elected for a sixth year of office. Mrs. Joyce Carr continued as the Assistant General Secretary, and Miss Ruth Beringer also served in the Headquarters in conjunction with her duties as Assistant Secretary of the T.S. Building Co. Ltd. Dr. H.S. Murdoch, A.C.A., continued to serve as Hon. Treasurer.

*Other Lecture Tours.*—The General Secretary visited and lectured in Brisbane, Toowoomba and Melbourne during the year. In Sydney she was invited to speak to several women's groups as well as appearing on the Theosophical platform.

A valuable tour to North Queensland was undertaken by Mr. Leonard Wade of Sydney, visiting the Lodges in Townsville, Cairns, Atherton and Mareeba. *En route* he also visited Brisbane and Toowoomba and in each place his contributions were of great assistance. Two members from Melbourne visited Tasmania and lectured there.

*Book Gifts to Libraries.*—Miss Edith Gray, President of the Theosophical Book Gift Institute in the U.S.A., spent some weeks in Australia and visited at her own expense Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane and Canberra. She called on about forty public, college and university libraries, accompanied by local members, and as a result hundreds of Theosophical books have been placed in circulation. In Canberra she was able to place books not only in the Capital but also arranged for sets to be sent to the Northern Territory and New Guinea. We are very grateful to Miss Gray for this service.

*Lodges.*—The number of Lodges on our rolls remains unchanged at seventeen. Five of these are large Lodges in the State capital cities, with members ranging from 100 to nearly 300 members. The others are smaller Lodges, some being in country areas. There are in addition some small drawing-room groups meeting regularly. The Lodges carry on their usual activities with lectures and study groups. The discussion method is being increasingly used in Lodge programmes. The main Lodges conduct active libraries and book depots. The Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney conducts a very busy bookshop with a full time worker. Melbourne Lodge continues to sponsor a weekly radio programme.

*Headquarters Services.*—The Headquarters continues to provide various services to assist the Lodges with their programs, the principal means being through the tape library, which is continually being built up and improved. Two new series were added during the year, one on *The Scriptures and Writings of the World's Living Religions*, from broadcasts prepared for the Theosophical session in Sydney, and another on *Creative Processes in the Universe and in Man*, with talks by Geoffrey Hodson,

plus points for discussion added by Helen V. Zahara. A large stock of pamphlets and leaflets for use by Lodges continue to be carried, including some imported from overseas and others printed in Australia. There are also stocks of study courses and a small library of elementary books on Theosophy available on loan in the French, German, Dutch, Greek and Italian languages.

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

*Broadcasting.*—The National Society continues to conduct a weekly session from Station 2GB in Sydney. There are regular requests for copies of talks given, and there is gratifying evidence that the session attracts a good listening audience. As mentioned above, Melbourne Lodge conducts a weekly session on a Station 3TR Sale, a country station in Victoria.

*Membership.*—It is with regret that we record a large decrease of membership, namely 119. It should be noted, however, that this figure covers lapsings for two years, since we have this year changed our financial year to end on 30th September. Therefore the decrease shown includes 66 for the period ending on 31st December 1961, and 53 for the period ending 30th September 1962. The total membership now stands at 1,110. We are of course concerned at this decrease, despite a busy and active year, and hope that the downward trend will not continue. An analysis of resignations and lapsings entered in the records for the last quarter of 1961 shows that the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years of membership are the times when most outgoings occur and we need to explore the reason why members lose interest in this way, so that we can develop the Society's work in the most creative way possible.

*Young Theosophists.*—In the larger Lodges there are groups of Young

Theosophists who continue with their activities and are linked together in the Australian Federation of Young Theosophists. They gave an impression of vitality and enthusiasm in their special program during the Convention. They have their own journal *Fraternity*, and at the Convention they issued a special edition. Entitled *Project*, its stated aim was to encourage active literary research and other types of study, as well as to exchange ideas and stimulate thought. The edition reflected a wide range of thinking and interests on the part of the contributors. Young Theosophists play prominent parts in Lodge activities and several are Lodge officers.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—Groups are active in most of the larger Lodges and these are affiliated with other service organizations. In Sydney, the members are working toward the establishment of a home for elderly Theosophists to be known as the McIntyre Centre. Considerable support has been given for the fund to help provide meals and amenities for the Olcott Memorial Free Schools in India.

*Conclusion.*—During the Convention, when members came from all parts of Australia and from overseas, there was evident a tremendous vitality and enthusiasm and this produced a feeling of destiny and purpose for our work. Yet the membership figures reveal that it seems difficult to sustain the enthusiasm and interest to such a large extent in the individual Lodges, despite the continued efforts of various dedicated workers. We need more trained leaders to develop the potentialities of members to study and discover for themselves and to share with others the deeper concepts of the esoteric philosophy for which our Society was intended to be a channel.

That an interest in Theosophical thought is still very much alive in the minds of

many people, who may not necessarily join or attend lectures, is evidenced by a continued demand for literature and an encouraging response to our radio program. So the Society's work and influence are still of tremendous value, even though the membership does not

necessarily grow. With the world in turmoil it is very evident that the knowledge of Theosophy was never more needed than it is today.

HELEN V. ZAHARA,  
General Secretary.

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## SWEDEN

The membership of the Swedish Section is 365, which means a net increase of 25 members over last year, 6 having passed over and 4 lapsed. Most of the new members joined in connection with the formation of a new Lodge at Uppsala, one of the university towns in Sweden.

It has been possible to give substantial support to the new Lodge at Uppsala because lecturers from the capital can go there within an hour or so. As to more distant places there is difficulty in finding lecturers who can give several days at a time for lecture tours. Only on two or three occasions during the year can such tours be arranged. On these and other similar occasions we make a point of giving the picture of Theosophy as a view of life that is of serious concern to modern man; in a way trying to change the mistaken idea of Theosophy as something peculiar and queer which, I am afraid, is not unusual with the public.

As regards Lodge meetings, there is a strong tendency to arrange more meetings with several speakers, each giving a short talk, or meetings with a short lecture followed by discussion to make it possible for more members to take an active part in the meetings.

The Theosophical Bookshop Studio has increased its surplus during the year, the main source for the printing of fresh books. One new book has been published, *A Study Course in Theosophy*

by a Swedish member, and one reprint, *At the Feet of the Master*.

A donation of 1,000 crowns has been given to the Library to renew and reorganize it.

The publication of *Teosofi i Norden*, the joint sectional magazine for Norway, Denmark and Sweden, appearing once in two months, has continued uninterrupted.

Mrs. Mary Elmore, from England, visited most of the Lodges during her tour in the autumn of 1961 which was much appreciated; but unfortunately her extensive lecture program for the spring had to be cancelled because of her illness. Mr. Otto Viking from Denmark has lectured in Stockholm and Gothenburg on two different occasions. At the annual Convention of the Section in May Dr. Phil. Juho Angervo from Finland was the guest speaker, giving two lectures.

The Scandinavian Summer School was held this year at Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark and several members from Sweden attended.

The Young Theosophists have formed a group in Stockholm which meets regularly and discusses various subjects with great interest and intensity. The Round Table continues its work and meets once a month.

We had the great joy of welcoming the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, to Stockholm at the end of August. It was a very happy and inspiring visit which gave the

members an opportunity to listen to his illuminating lectures and also to meet him personally in connection with a question-and-answer meeting. The public lecture was unusually well attended. The President's visit was a most valuable

start for the Theosophical work during autumn and winter and will carry its influence over a long time to come.

KERSTIN BERG,  
*General Secretary.*

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## NEW ZEALAND

The sixty-fifth annual Convention of the New Zealand Section, held in Auckland from 26th December to 1st January last, was considered very inspiring and harmonious. Since the host Lodge, "H.P.B.," with some 320 members on its roll, enjoys the distinction of being New Zealand's largest Lodge, it had been confidently expected that the proceedings would be lively and profitable, an expectation which must have been widespread as there was an unusually large attendance from other Lodges. Of the many delegates and visitors present over fifty were accommodated in a residential hostel, the catering being admirably carried out by a small but efficient group of voluntary workers. A strong feeling of joy and unity pervaded the gatherings, and the large Lodge hall which can seat about 200 was fully taxed on several occasions. The theme of the Convention, "The Spiritual Awakening of Modern Man," was studied with enthusiasm. Opportunities were provided and encouragement given to members to make their own individual contributions through group discussions. It was strikingly evident that this is a method which brings life and spontaneity to the discussions evoking, as it does, a sense of freedom and awakening a wider vision in those who participate.

The former General Secretary, Miss Clarice Gregory, having indicated her desire not to be re-elected, I, being the sole nominee, was declared elected. In

thanking the members I undertook to do my best to carry on the high standard of my predecessors in office.

*Vice-President's Visit.*—The outstanding event of the past year has been the visit to the Section of the Vice-President of the Society, Mr. James S. Perkins, and Mrs. Kathrine Perkins. They spent precisely one month in this country during which they covered practically its full length. Beginning with the largest centre of population, Auckland, whence a brief call was made to Hamilton, they then flew some 400 miles to the capital city of Wellington, followed with further flights of 200 miles each to the South Island centres of Christchurch and Dunedin. They were thus contacted by a large proportion of our members some of whom came from a distance to attend their meetings. Despite the prevailing wintry conditions their lectures were, on the whole, well supported by the public. However, it is possible in the case of overseas visitors who are new-comers to the country, that greater public interest and support might be aroused if a more vigorous and sustained publicity campaign could be promoted by the Lodges. For this we intend to plan. As one consequence of this visit, it was felt that the deeper knowledge gained of Theosophy and of our world-wide movement stimulated and quickened a truer understanding of the nature and purpose of the work upon which we are engaged. Also, there

is no doubt we can all be strengthened and more closely integrated in our organization through the respect and affection we entertain for our outstanding workers.

*Lectures.*—The honorary National Lecturer, Miss Georgina Boyd, B.H.Sc., has carried out two tours of the Section during the year and her lectures have been generally well attended.

Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, at home this year, has presented several lengthy series of lectures through the H.P.B. Lodge and has in addition made brief visits to several other Lodges.

Mrs. E.M. Lavender spent six weeks of very active work in Wanganui and Wellington Lodges. On behalf of the Section she has continued in Auckland two courses of a *Secret Doctrine* Study Class, weekly meetings extending over an approximate period of three months.

I, as General Secretary, accompanied and assisted by Mrs. Nicholls, carried out a two-months' tour of the Lodges giving lectures and members' talks. It is felt that these close contacts are extremely valuable in consolidating and furthering the work of the Section.

Mention should also be made of the fine work carried out by a number of members in several Lodges who from time to time willingly visit and give lectures to neighboring Lodges and even farther afield during their annual vacations.

*Membership.*—The membership during the past year has again declined slightly there being a loss of 2.8% as compared with losses of 4.3% and 2.7% during the previous two years. There have been 47 admissions including 3 rejoined and 3 transferred from other Sections. 20 members died, 29 resigned and 28 lapsed. The net loss was 27, and the roll now stands at 922.

*Valedictory.*—Reference should be made here to the passing on 1st March of the late William Crawford, a former General

Secretary and an outstanding leader for many years in our Section. Mr. Crawford succeeded his great colleague, John Ross Thomson, as General Secretary, holding this office from 1924 to 1938. Spending his last nine years in retirement he was not so well-known latterly, but there are still many members throughout New Zealand who will cherish his memory with warmth and affection for many years to come.

*Welcome.*—Back in our midst is Miss Emma Hunt, a former well-loved General Secretary, after eight years of fine work at Adyar as Recording Secretary, and concurrently for six years in charge of the School of the Wisdom under its Principal, our President. We are proud to have again the aid of her presence and her wisdom.

*50 Years of Active Work for Theosophy.*—Palmerston North Lodge, chartered on 25th December 1911, celebrated its golden jubilee last Easter with Mr. Hodson as guest speaker. Congratulatory messages were received with hearty acclamation from the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, the Recording Secretary, Professor Dorab, as well as many Lodges and General Secretaries.

This year no less than 8 members in the Section have completed 50 years of membership, amongst whom was Mr. Geoffrey Hodson. Although not within the period of review of this Report, as it is being written Mrs. Hodson (Jane) has, after many years of inactivity, passed into the greater Light. Their joint work has meant much indeed to the Cause of Theosophy.

*Newsletter and Magazine.*—The practice of sending out a Section monthly newsletter to Lodges and unattached members has continued. This contains two foolscap pages of plans for work, suggestions and aspirations. *Theosophy in New Zealand* continues to be issued three

times annually, the Editor this year being Mrs. E.M. Lavender, M.A., L.L.A. Following the change in the offices of General Secretary and Editor, it was thought to give the magazine a new and, it is hoped, attractive cover with a distinctive national motif. It has been the aim also to preserve a national note through certain of the articles and features. An attempt has been made to extend its use as a means of propaganda by launching a campaign for Lodge members to approach local public libraries, clubs, etc., in order to ascertain whether they would care to receive the magazine free of charge. This has met with a fair measure of success, most Lodges responding and there were 20 acceptances of our offer. We now send the magazine as a free issue to 31 libraries and other organizations throughout New Zealand. In addition there are 11 subscribing libraries (a total of 42).

*Section Libraries.*—The reference and lending libraries, comprising 1,025 and 590 volumes respectively, have been well patronized by unattached members and non-members. From the latter 117 books have been issued to 42 borrowers. £20 worth of new books have been purchased as additions and as replacements to stock.

*Publicity and Propaganda.*—The advertising of Theosophy in leading national periodicals has been continued this year. An advertisement in the *New Zealand Women's Weekly* evoked some 70 responses with requests for a free copy of *An Outline of Theosophy*. Subsequently a number of letters of appreciation were received, but only one new member and one library subscriber have been enrolled to date. However, the results may have been more far-reaching as each applicant was supplied with the address of the nearest Lodge with the assurance that books and information would be readily available therefrom.

For propaganda purposes it was decided to reprint a useful little leaflet, "Introducing You to the Theosophical Society".

Miss Edith Gray, President of the Theosophical Book Gift Institute of the American Section, honored us with a brief visit early in the year during which she visited the four main cities, and Hamilton and Rotorua. In each of these she contacted the Lodges and called at the main public libraries and universities checking on the number of our books available. She found that most of the libraries, especially those of the universities, were well stocked with our Theosophical publications. Dunedin University for instance had between 40 and 50 of our books, the most popular and commonly referred to by students being *The Secret Doctrine*. At her instigation several of the public libraries agreed to accept further copies of our main textbooks, the cost of these being contributed by the local Lodges. Miss Gray promised also to send to the Section a number of volumes from the Book Gift Institute. For all this valuable assistance and kindly interest on Miss Gray's part the Section is most appreciative and offers her grateful thanks.

*Vasanta Sub-Division.*—A marked advance has been made this year in the settlement of the sub-divided portion of the grounds of the former Vasanta Garden School, now administered by the Theosophical Properties Trust Board. Of the six lots available, five have been leased to members and the remaining one is expected to be completed shortly. During the year two residences have been completed and occupied and a third is in course of construction. It is most gratifying that, despite the initial hesitancy and apparent lack of interest on the part of members, the leaseholds have now all been taken up. Indeed several members were disappointed through applying too late.

*The Work of the Section.*—Although in this Section there are no spectacular developments to report, there is, nevertheless, plentiful evidence of strong interest and devotion on the part of many members. It is this spirit of dedication and steadfast loyalty which constitutes the Society's real strength in this country. This spirit is apparent in all the Lodges but especially is it noticeable in the smaller Lodges. In the larger Lodges enjoying the advantage of numbers, the work may be shared and those bearing the burden and responsibility of office from time to time be relieved and rested. In the smaller Lodges it is often the same one or two who, year in and year out, keep the interest alive and the Lodge

functioning. But, whatever the size of the Lodge, the burden of work is heavy. It is such as these who carry the burden who are the real stalwarts and leaders in our movement for they are endeavoring to apply and live the teachings, to discover what is the Theosophical Way of Life, to test and realize the great and eternal Truths of the Divine Wisdom. While there are those in the Society who are so devoted and resolute in their selfless task, can their work and influence in the community be regarded as insignificant? Through them we shall build for the future.

STUART NICHOLLS,  
General Secretary.

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## THE NETHERLANDS

The work of the Section has progressed quite satisfactorily. Though the number of our members has dropped again by 72, it does not affect the work or the enthusiasm in the least. We are sorry for members who decide to leave the Society (other than by death or transfer), but we are sure that, having once contacted our ideals, if not in this incarnation than in their next they will rejoin. Our actual membership now stands at 1,348.

My period of General Secretaryship for the Section having expired, there was an election in April 1962 when I was re-elected for another period of three years.

An outstanding event this year was the *Summer School at Amersfoort*, where lectures were given and discussions held upon the Upanishads and their influence on Theosophical ideas. We again had the benefit of the presence of Srimati Rukmini Devi, who has been so kind as to lecture to us about Indian ideals and

culture, and one evening answered several interesting questions. A splendid 'cello recital of an internationally known artist, Miss Françoise Vetter, considerably heightened the *cachet* of our gathering. It is regretted that, due to certain reasons, we will not be able to have our Summer-school gatherings at the International School for Philosophy at Amersfoort. It has raised the idea whether it is advisable to have a Conference Centre established by the Theosophical Society, in co-operation with kindred Societies, like the Sufis, the Friends of Buddhism, the Vegetarians and other Humanistic Societies. We are already on the look-out for some place in the neighborhood of the International Theosophical Centre at Huizen, in order to get the maximum benefit.

The President, Brother N. Sri Ram, visited us and delivered a lecture for members only at Amsterdam, which drew a crowded audience in one of the foremost hotels at Amsterdam. His theme was

"Theosophy and the Theosophical Society".

Another notable event was our *National Convention at Amsterdam*, with a cultural evening presented and arranged by the Young Theosophists of our Section. They gave us the pleasure of a much appreciated vocal and instrumental Concert, and performed a Mystery-play, inspired by the Old Testament book "Ruth," which attracted the interest of many people outside the Society. The keynote of the Convention was "The Path of the Seeker for Truth," and some fine talks were delivered. The public lecture was on "The Unreality of the Seen and the Reality of the Unseen".

The General Secretary visited all the Lodges of the Section, and attended the Congress of the European Federation at Swanwick (Derbyshire), which was visited by 20 members of our Section.

The tentative experiment of Lodge-group meetings for members only, presided over by the General Secretary and discussing essential Theosophical problems, has resulted in a regular *National Discussion-Group*, consisting of the members of the Board and seven other members, each one representing a definite group of Lodges and Centres. The discussion-group will meet regularly at different places throughout the country, and its participants promise to bring the ideas discussed to the Lodges and Centres they represent. In this way we hope to strengthen the tie between Lodge members and the members of the Board and the members mutually.

Our *National Library* is expanding continually, although its pre-war level of 15,000 volumes has not yet been reached; because all books were taken away and completely lost, we had to start again at the very beginning. But now we have gathered another 8,000 volumes. It is an appreciable fact that our relations with

official libraries, like the Royal National Library at The Hague and several university libraries, are growing steadily and we receive many requests for books which are available in our library only.

We had a *Radio-broadcast* this year, on invitation by one of the five organizations who have the all-inclusive monopoly of broadcasting possibilities in Holland. It seems to have impressed many people very favorably. It consisted of a spontaneous discussion by three people, one being the interviewer (Dr. J. van der Wouden), while two members of our Society Dr. C. Keus and the General Secretary) answered his questions and objections in their own personal and sometimes quite divergent ways. It has been a most interesting experience. Another notable item was a beautiful and impressive performance by one of our members, Indra Kamadjojo, of some scenes from the life of Gautama Buddha for *Television*, which drew favorable appreciation.

Our *monthly magazine "Theosofia"* is well appreciated. We now have more than 100 non-Theosophist subscribers in the country and abroad, including several university libraries; one as distant as the University at Warsaw in Poland.

Our *Publishing Department* continued its publication of Theosophical literature by issuing two books: *Because—for Children, Who Ask Why?* and *It Began in Paradise* by J.H. Bolt; four booklets: *Evolution of Man* by N. Sri Ram, *The Action Which Can Bring World-Peace Near* and *Theosophy a New Impulse* both by the General Secretary, and *The Meaning of Our Existence* by A. von Fielitz-Coniar. Several newly written leaflets for distribution at lecture-gatherings and for inquirers have been printed. The book of Norman Pearson, *Time, Space and Self*, is being printed. All the diagrams have been redrawn and we hope to issue the book

early next year. The well-known book by Evelyn Underhill, *Practical Mysticism*, is under translation. In the fall of this year one of our largest newspapers will publish an illustrated book with interviews, entitled *Leading People of Cultural Holland*. The author also interviewed the General Secretary, and a rather good article about Theosophy will be inserted. The publisher of a book, which is used very extensively at Colleges and High Schools, informing young people on the merits and demerits of (so called) spiritual organizations, has promised to alter misleading statements regarding the Theosophical Movement, having asked for right information, which was given. We hope that in this way our reputation will be improved among the young people.

Our *National Lecturers* keep busy visiting Lodges throughout the country, and more and more non-Theosophical lecturers are coming to our platforms to share with us their knowledge and ideals. On the other hand, several societies invite our lecturers

to their gatherings, which invitations are gladly accepted. The *Theosophical Research Centre* had its yearly gathering at Convention-time, where Prof. Dr. J.J. Poortman delivered a lecture on "Immanuel Kant and Parapsychology".

The *Young Theosophists* continue to be very active—with their camps, week-ends at Huizen-Centre, normal local gatherings, issuing their European periodical *Lotos*; and they worked very hard over their Convention-program.

Summing up the general situation of our Dutch Section, it can be stated that a re-appraisal of the fundamental purposes of the Theosophical Society keeps the minds busy. If this trend continues in an attitude of friendliness and openness it will sooner or later result in a fresh conception and a creative manifestation of our ideals, which will be to the benefit of our Society and Humanity in general.

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

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## FRANCE

It is always very difficult for me to make my annual Report. The life of a Section is made up of a great number of small activities that are mostly at the same level of importance, none of which deserves more than the others to be specially mentioned.

We have of course our usual routine work of lectures, magazines, library and meetings of our members and contacts with other Sections. At our Convention we decided to reprint some of our classical books by asking members to help through loans without interest. We have had a splendid response not only from France

but also from members of other French-speaking Sections. It will enrich our stock and it shows a helpful attitude from many directions.

A large group of French members attended the European Congress at Swanwick. The atmosphere there promoted a general desire to give new strength to the Section and the will to communicate that desire to all. The plan that was outlined is by degrees being put into operation and the future will speak whether the results match our hopes.

PAUL THORIN,  
*General Secretary.*

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## ITALY

The most important event during this year has been the National Convention of our Section, held in Trieste, from 31st May to 3rd June 1962. More than one hundred members attended and 26 Lodges were represented by their Presidents or Delegates. This year there was also the election of the General Secretary and of the Executive Committee for a term of three years, in accordance with the Section Rules; and Mr. Roberto Hack was elected General Secretary. The newly elected Executive Committee has many difficulties to face in consequence of the disturbances and troubles that have arisen in the Section during the past years, due partly to the general and

particular conditions of our country after the war, and partly to some internal difficulties within our Section. But we hope that with mutual fraternal understanding and goodwill a new period will begin in the life of the Theosophical Society in Italy.

During the Convention there were four interesting lectures, various short talks, and a symposium of the recently formed Theosophical Research Centre in Trieste.

There are in the Section 27 Lodges, and the members in the year under Report is 670, with an increase of 58 members.

ROBERTO HACK,  
*General Secretary.*

## GERMANY

The German Section has from year to year a slight, steady increase in membership. The German members are constantly endeavoring to establish brotherly contacts with members of neighboring countries; 26 members (including six Young Theosophists) attended the Swanwick Congress of the European Federation, and 15 stayed at Camberley before or after the Congress; 21 members visited the German Regional Summer School at Pichl; 18 members especially Young Theosophists attended the Huizen meetings; 4 members visited Adyar Headquarters and Kalakshetra. Good contact exists with members in Austria, Switzerland, Italy, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands and the Scandinavian countries.

The German General Secretary attended the Swanwick Congress, the 50-years' Jubilee Convention of the Austrian Section in Vienna, and the meeting of the

German Regional Committee of the European Federation in Basel. He also lectured in Vienna, Basel, and in the Summer School in Pichl, and visited the Lodges in Berlin, Hannover, Göttingen, Kassel, Munich and Hamburg. In the Technical High School of Berlin-Charlottenburg and in the University of Göttingen, he gave public lectures on "What Theosophy Means" and "Karma in the Service of the One Life". In Swanwick he led a study-group (in German), the subject being "Life—Community of Opposites".

During the period under Report two events were significant for the German Theosophists: 1. The 60-years' Jubilee of the German Section was celebrated from 19th to 22nd April in Frankfurt; the Chairman of Honor was our dear friend, Mr. J. van Dissel. Besides a thankfully received message from our beloved President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, 29 Sections

sent their congratulations; delegates from five European Sections attended, and representatives of two other German Theosophical Societies demonstrated that Theosophy is a real wise Mother who is always able to assemble all her children at the right moments of their Theosophical life. 2. Dr. George Arundale's inspiring book *You* has been translated into German under the auspices of the German Regional Committee of the European Federation. This edition may be regarded as the first attempt to bring non-Theosophical readers into close contact with our modern Adyar Theosophical authors—a condition most desirable, especially in Germany today.

These two events clearly show what are the real tasks facing our country—for on account of our special geographical

position in the very heart of Europe, between the strong opposite powers of the East and the West, the German Theosophists have learned that their main task is to form a spiritual bridge of understanding, reconciliation and active brotherhood. That means, for the moment, to work earnestly in founding the United States of Europe in freedom and peace in a united world. Then the day will surely come when we may shake the hands of our Theosophical brothers in Eastern Europe too.

The German Theosophists believe that they must always remain warriors in the army of Light and Unity of Life in order to serve both Humanity and the Higher Ones.

HEINRICH NAGEL,  
*General Secretary.*

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## CUBA

*Election of National President and National Vice-President.*—When nominations for the offices of National President and National Vice-President were called for in October 1961, in accordance with the Rules of the Section, it was found that there was only one nomination for each office, namely, Brother Celestino Augilar Mora as National President and Brother Manuel Martinez Mendes as Vice-President; after the voting they were declared elected at the annual Convention held in January 1962, and they took up their respective offices immediately for a period of three years. Other officers, such as Secretary-Attorney, Treasurer and so on, were appointed by the National Board for one year.

*Lodge and Membership.*—The number of Lodges, at 23, remains the same as last year, 9 of them being located in the capital city of La Habana, where the

Section's Headquarters is situated, and the others distributed in five out of the six provinces of the country. The membership on 30-9-1961 was given as 548, but a purge of inactive members has been made during the past year by which 46 names were removed from the rolls; in addition 1 member resigned, 65 lapsed, 5 died and 6 were transferred to other Sections, a total loss of 123. Against these, however, there were 38 new admittances and 9 members rejoined, so that the total membership at 30-9-1962 stood at 472.

*Lodge Activities.*—In general the Lodges continued their normal rhythm, with public and private gatherings, the variations in attendance being slight, though considering the number of members the attendance is considered small. Since 1959 activity of a Theosophical nature has been much curtailed because national

activities have absorbed most of the energies of the members. Nevertheless some of the dormant Lodges have been able to resume activity and are attracting new members. Lodge Leadbeater with 33 members is not only an active Lodge itself but is doing much to assist weaker neighboring Lodges. The Lodges in Habana have between them a total of 253 members, more than half the total Section membership. They meet regularly at Headquarters, so that there is a gathering each evening and on Sundays one in the morning as well.

A new enterprise inaugurated by the National President during the year was, for members only, a "Qualification Course for Theosophical Workers," which began in May and was to hold two sessions weekly until November, after which a more advanced course would follow. It meets from 8-30 to 10-45 p.m., and besides Theosophical subjects there are studies in mathematics, science, music, expression oral and written, each being conducted voluntarily by a member experienced in his particular domain. It is hoped to extend the course to Lodges and members by correspondence.

*Revista Teosofica Cubana.*—The Section organ continues to appear monthly with the number of pages from 16 to 24 or 28 in order to include talks given by the

International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, during his tour of Latin America in 1961. These talks are also being published separately as booklets and made available to Lodges and members.

*Tours of National President.*—Besides visiting Lodges in La Habana, the National President made tours in March and May in the Provinces of Oriente, Camaguey and Las Villas, giving lectures and contacting members personally, thus reviving their enthusiasm and stimulating the work of the Lodges. He was also present at the Conference of Central Lodges held in June at Ciego de Avila under the auspices of Lodge Maitreya.

*Conclusion.*—It will be seen from the foregoing that the situation in the Cuban Section is highly satisfactory, considering the tension under which humanity is living at present, which naturally means strong resistance to the intensification of purely Theosophical work, due to men's needs to resolve their own differences, which considerably reduces the number of workers. In spite of these difficulties there has been an increase in active membership, although some who had been active for some years have now lapsed.

CELESTINO AGUILAR MORA,  
General Secretary.

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## HUNGARY

No Report

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## FINLAND

Our activities have continued as usual in all the Lodges, which hold their meetings once a week; some smaller Lodges, once a fortnight. The principal

work of the Lodges consisted mainly of discussions based on short lectures delivered by members or on translated articles.

Public lectures were delivered in Helsinki every Sunday, and we are glad to note that the audience continued to increase steadily. The subjects for these public meetings have been carefully chosen so as to suit listeners not belonging to the Society. These meetings have brought some new members to our group.

We have also continued to visit Lodges in different parts of Finland and delivered lectures to members, and held public meetings.

Last year a new arrangement was made especially for the convenience of members from the countryside, so that they could come to Headquarters any week day in the afternoon and meet friends or just have a little rest. Coffee or tea may be served.

We have continued to hold the usual celebrations and meetings as in former years. On 17th November we celebrated the Foundation Day of the Society, and on 17th February the Adyar Day. Our Kalevala Day was celebrated on 28th February by members and friends. At this celebration we usually have, among other items, selections from the Finnish National epic, *Kalevala*.

White Lotus Day was celebrated as usual. For some years we have celebrated this day in collaboration with the Finnish Rosencruzan Society. We are of the opinion that this co-operation with a sister movement can be a blessing to both.

The John Sonck Home Foundation arranged, as every year, a function for the older members of the Society on the "Old Ones' Day" in September.

The annual Convention was held, as usual during Easter time. To this gathering many members come from Lodges in other towns and the country, and the members have an opportunity of meeting each other and discussing matters common to all.

Kreivilä, our summer residence, is a popular meeting place during summer time. Every year a summer school is held there. Last summer we were happy to welcome our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, as the main lecturer and the Guest of Honor. The summer school was held from 11th to 15th August. The President's subjects were: "To Understand Theosophy"; "The Changing of the Consciousness"; and "The Bhagavad Gita". The summer school was attended by 90 members.

At Helsinki on the last evening of his visit, the President lectured on "Our Work as Theosophists". After the lecture he also answered questions asked by members.

In Helsinki we arranged an interview for newspaper people to meet the President, and many newspapers published articles on his visit.

A Finnish reprint has been made of the book, *The Voice of the Silence*.

The number of Lodges in the Finnish Section is 23, of which 8 are situated in Helsinki; the number of members is 422.

At present the same uncertainty and ignorance of the real situation in the world are felt in Finland as in other countries. What will the future bring us, peace and welfare, or poverty and misery? It all depends on us. Let us hope that the message of Theosophy will shed its light and peace on all the people who live in the insecurity of our times. Let us also hope that we soon cease to consider only narrow, petty and personal affairs, but that we should try to think, feel and act in ever-widening vision, trying to express the Universal which is in ourselves. Thus, maybe, we will become humble servants of mankind.

SYLVI HORSTIO,  
General Secretary.

## RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

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## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

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## SOUTHERN AFRICA

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## SCOTLAND

Membership of the Scottish Section on 30th September 1962 stood at 151, and there are now 8 Lodges functioning actively.

Lodge reports show that steady work has been carried out during the year under review, and in spite of some dissatisfaction among a few members which has now happily settled, there are signs of greater enthusiasm and co-operation among members and a keener public interest.

The annual Convention of the Section was held in Edinburgh during the weekend of June 16-17 when we were delighted and privileged to welcome Mr. John Coats as our Guest of Honor, and several members from overseas. About 60 members attended the meetings, which were happy and harmonious. Greetings were received from the President, Mr. Sri Ram, the Recording Secretary at Adyar, and from many General Secretaries and friends at home and abroad. These messages of goodwill were very much appreciated.

This year the only touring lecturer was Mr. Hartley of Leeds. Public lectures were delivered in Edinburgh, Glasgow,

Dunfermline and Aberdeen by local members and friends; and the General Secretary attended the Convention in Northern Ireland, and also gave talks in Dublin.

Special days were celebrated in the usual way, and collections taken and forwarded to Adyar.

The library at Headquarters continued to function and gifts of books were made to the Edinburgh Public Library. The practical application of Theosophy was also seen in the work of the T.O.S. which dispatched parcels of clothing to persons in need; and in the visiting of the sick and reading to the blind or partially-sighted.

It was a great joy to welcome about 20 members from the European countries at the Scottish Headquarters prior to the Congress at Swanwick, and one felt that friendships made then, together with those which were formed at the Congress itself, have done much to foster the realization of Brotherhood among the nations.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## SWITZERLAND

The membership of the Swiss Section increased very slightly during the past year. There was one resignation and four of our brothers entered the Light. At the same time, we recorded three re-admissions and six new admissions, so that the total membership increased from 199 to 203.

The General Secretary paid regular visits to Geneva and Lausanne to give a series of lectures. But a car accident prevented him from completing the courses he had begun.

An interesting feature was the organization at our Headquarters, under the auspices of the Geneva Group, of several lectures on the religions. This was a revival of an old tradition. The Grand Rabbi of Geneva, a very well-known preacher, and others were asked to speak. These lectures were extremely successful.

Answers to questions asked by members and information on the work of Lodges and unattached members are sent out regularly. These innovations have proved very popular.

The General Assembly of the Section, at its meeting in Geneva, noted with satisfaction that the financial situation of the Section is healthy.

Our relationship with other Sections is excellent. We had the great pleasure of

a visit from Mrs. Hai, her husband and six other Theosophists from Vietnam. It was a wonderful demonstration of brotherhood, and listening to what these friends had to say taught us a splendid lesson of courage, perseverance, service and faithfulness to the Masters and our ideals.

We also had a visit from Miss Wadia and another member from Bombay, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Darroch and two other members from New Zealand.

Furthermore, the German-speaking Regional Committee met in Basle and different problems, connected particularly with the publication of books and pamphlets in German, were discussed.

At the request of the European Federation, the Swiss Section will organize a multi-lingual summer school in 1963 to which Theosophists from all countries are cordially invited. We hope that our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and perhaps Rukmini Devi will be present.

If I were to characterize the year which has just ended, I should say that the Section has gained inner strength but that we need to make intense efforts to maintain wider relationship with the public.

G. TRIPET,  
General Secretary.

## BELGIUM

In addition to *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique*, to which nearly every member (272) has subscribed, the Section sends to every associate and to other people interested in our work a *Bulletin Mensuel* in the two national languages; the main

purpose being to inform and enlighten the members and the Lodges of their work. It has proved useful in maintaining a link between those who for various reasons are unable to take part in the activities of their Lodges. We have started publishing in the *Bulletin Mensuel*

the most important lectures delivered at our public meetings, and suggestions of courses for further study.

Our Section is short of international lecturers, particularly in the French language. Except for the Lodges in Liège and Ghent, which have well attended meetings twice a week, and are really doing fine work—because of the choice and manner of tackling the subject of

their lectures—most of the other Lodges have on the other hand got into a rut.

As our rules do not permit us to intervene directly, it will require much patience and a good deal of tact to improve this situation and remove the stagnation into which a part of our Section has fallen.

A. E. DE PAUW,  
*General Secretary.*

## INDONESIA

I regret to begin this Report with the notice that during the period under review I was seriously ill for about seven months. The supervision of the Section's work was taken over by the Vice-Chairman, Brother Soebroto, during this period.

I was fortunate, however, that shortly before the annual gathering held during Easter Days of 1962 at Solo, Central Java, I was able to attend the Convention. I led the opening reception, while the members' meeting was led by the Vice-Chairman.

The Convention was attended by about 300 members and the local authorities were pleased to attend the opening reception. The 50th anniversary of the Theosophical Society Indonesian Section was also celebrated during this Convention.

Among other business during the Convention the most important dealt with the plan of the committee for the Indo-Pacific Conference II in Indonesia, set up by the Section's board some time ago, regarding the place, time and program of the Conference.

The committee has planned to hold the Indo-Pacific Conference at Tawangmangu, about 20 km. from Solo.

The time will be in May 1963 coinciding with the Waisak Celebrations which will be centralized at Borobudur. As the

place of the Conference is not far from Borobudur it will be a good opportunity for the participants of the Indo-Pacific Conference to attend the Waisak Celebrations.

The program of the Conference will consist of, among other items, six main lectures, namely:

- (a) Oneness of Humanity.
- (b) Towards a Universal Brotherhood.
- (c) In what way can the Theosophical Society contribute to the realization of World Peace.
- (d) The challenge of Science and the Second Object of the Theosophical Society.
- (e) Only a balanced development of both mind and heart can save the world from destruction.
- (f) New signs of the dawn of a new era.

The Committee for the Indo-Pacific Conference II will soon send formal invitations to the Sections in Australia, India, Philippines, Malaya, Singapore, Pakistan, Vietnam and other countries in Asia.

It is to be hoped that all the invited Sections will be able to send delegations to the Conference.

The Convention of the Indonesian Section 1963 will be held simultaneously

with the Conference so that many Indonesian Theosophists will also be able to attend it.

The Convention in 1963 will be an important one, as a new General Secretary will have to be elected. As I have been holding this post since 1960, I hope that the Convention of 1963 will elect a new General Secretary.

In 1962 the number of Lodges increased to 33, while the total membership increased to 1,675 from 1,564 in 1961.

The activities of the Lodges are progressing. Besides courses of study and lectures given, some Lodges also undertake social activities through the Theosophical Order of Service, such as, running a kindergarten school, a junior high-school, giving scholarships to Univer-

sity students, holding healing services, collecting contributions for the Red Cross, etc.

In connection with the struggle of the Indonesian Nation to free West Irian the Indonesian members have also a share to give. Among others, I too gave a message to the members of the Section to offer what they can, according to their own Dharma, as contribution to the state and nation in order to relieve the karma of the nation. I have suggested to all the members to meditate separately or in groups for the peaceful ending of the struggle of the Indonesian people, for the safety of the country, and for world peace.

SOEMARDJO,  
General Secretary.

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## BURMA

The year under Report was an eventful one in the sense that there were certain changes, such as the election of a new General Secretary and the change in the government of the country by a successful and bloodless *coup d'état*. There was also the Golden Jubilee of the Section which fell on 1st October 1962, and this event may be taken as the most important of all the events that go to make the year under Report an eventful one.

The number of Lodges remains the same as in previous years, but there is a slight increase in the membership from 59 to 63.

Of the two active Lodges, Lotus Lodge and Olcott Lodge, Olcott Lodge at Rangoon, the premier Lodge of the Section, maintained its standard of activities throughout the year.

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

Lodge—records steady increase in strength and usefulness. The institution as well as the Trust managing it have both been consolidated once again and are financially sound. Large sums of money have been spent on repairs to buildings of the Trust badly mauled, and in re-equipping the School which had been deprived of its entire furniture and library, during the war.

The R.T.S. Book Depot has been doing very well under the management of Brother Ramanathan. The Depot now has almost all the Theosophical books, and is in a position to cater more effectively to the needs of the members of the Theosophical Society.

During the year under Report the Lotus Lodge building at Mandalay was rebuilt entirely at a cost of K. 15,000.00 through the initiative and tireless efforts of U Kyaw Hla, one of the oldest members of the Lotus Lodge, who contributed

K.10,000.00; and U Po Lat, ex-General Secretary, gave K.5,000.00. The Lodge now requires to be furnished and the library brought up to date. The members of Olcott Lodge have undertaken to find the necessary ways and means towards these.

Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, however suffers for want of enough active members. The Lodge buildings need urgent attention. During the year, taxes amounting to K.400.00 in arrears were paid by the Section. Efforts are being made to see that this Lodge is restored to full working condition and made financially sound. Brother Maung Maung Hmin of Singaing is doing his best to assist the Section Council in this direction.

The Theosophical Society's land at Thingangyun however remains occupied by squatters, and efforts are being made to find a suitable purchaser or purchasers for the same. In the meanwhile the Council is taking steps to collect some sort of compensation from the squatters for the use of the land.

The Humanitarian work suffers considerably owing to the continued indifferent health of U San Hla, the General Secretary, who is, so to say, the soul and moving spirit of the movement and the League. The Revolutionary Government however repealed the relevant section of the Cattle Slaughter Prohibition Act so that cattle slaughtering is no longer an offence under the Act. The Government, it is reported, is motivated by the basic idea of bringing down the price of meat and other food-stuffs.

*Summarized Account of the Golden Jubilee Convention.—*

Theosophists in Burma had the unique pleasure of commemorating the Golden Jubilee of the Burma Section of the Theosophical Society on Sunday, 14th October 1962, which happily coincided

with the *Th dingyut* or the end of the Buddhist Lent. On this day it is customary for the people to illuminate their homes and streets with beautifully arranged lights in fanciful colors, in memory of the descent of the Buddha to earth from the heavenly world where he had passed one of the Lents.

The 49th Street, where the Theosophical Society is situated, was delightfully illuminated with rows of electric lights. It was amidst such gay and colorful scenes that an unusual number of members assembled for the Golden Jubilee Convention, amongst them being delegates from Mandalay.

After the usual prayers of religions, the General Secretary welcomed the delegates and gave an interesting account of the founding of the Section on 1st October 1912. Greetings received from the President, the Vice-President, National Secretaries, Theosophical leaders and ex-General Secretaries of the Burma Section were then read out. The delegates assembled personally conveyed the greetings of their Lodges. The Convention address on "The Trend of World Events in the Light of Theosophy" was delivered by U Po Lat, M.A.

After elections and discussion of the future program of work, the meeting adjourned, and the members reassembled later to witness two classical items of music and dance given by the children of the Burma Educational Trust School, run by the Society.

An interesting symposium was arranged in which the delegates from the districts were the main participants. After the farewell dinner held in the main hall, which was tastefully decorated with fifty multi-colored lanterns and festoons indicating the age of the Burma Section, the Theosophical Society, the General Secretary thanked the delegates who had come all the way to attend the Jubilee

Convention and for the splendid and spontaneous donations given by members and delegates towards the expenses. He closed the Convention with the announcement that the next Convention in 1963

would be held at Mandalay, in the new Lotus Lodge building.

HLA MAUNG,  
General Secretary.

## AUSTRIA

In July 1961 I took over again the office of General Secretary of the Austrian Section. For these last two years our Section is working actively in four towns: Vienna, Graz, Bruck a.d. Mur and Linz a.d. Donau. In Vienna it was possible to have public lectures by 26 different speakers on every Monday from the middle of October to the end of June 1962. In Graz the public activities were held fortnightly. Besides 4 Lodges in Vienna, 4 in Graz and one each in Bruck and Linz held meetings for members and guests. For the last several years the number of our members has been decreasing. The reason lies mainly in that young people are not interested in our ideas. It should also be mentioned that the condition in our country shows that the rising generation in all sections of public life are so preoccupied with the present conditions that they find no attraction in our Society. Besides there are in Vienna new movements which arrest the interest of people through sensational ideas and topics like Christian-spiritualistic healing, clairvoyant diagnosis, etc. The less intellectual types are most interested in the sport of mopeds or foot-ball, and are not at all interested in ideologies of any kind, either political, or religious, or philosophical. And that is why we seem to have no hope of getting a rising generation of leaders, lecturers or active members in our Societies and Lodges. The number of our membership in 1961 was 273. This year it is 270. Though

during the year 6 new members in Vienna, and 3 in the other three Local-Groups joined, we lost in Graz 7 by resignation, 1 by death and 4 by lapsing. The number of Lodges is still 10, but the leaders of two Lodges in Vienna are 81 years old and their presence in office was often the reason of a temporary standstill of work in their Lodges.

This year it was possible, thanks to the liberal financial assistance of a Theosophical Society member from abroad, who wishes to remain anonymous, to publish Annie Besant's book, *The Doctrine of the Heart*, in German. A good translation was done by Dr. Norbert Lauppert himself, so that it could be offered to our members and guests at the time of the Golden Jubilee Convention in Vienna on September 1st to 3rd 1962.

Last year (1960-61), the Local-Group of Vienna made it possible for a catalogue of German books to be printed and sold at a.S.20. A very efficient workers' team of elder members of the Theosophical Society in Vienna and experienced in library work, carried out this laborious work of producing catalogues of our many books in English and French. It may also be mentioned that our Groups at Graz, Bruck and Linz also possess small libraries of several hundreds of books.

The chief work our Section has been doing since 1952 seems to me to organize the annual German-Regional Summer School in the hamlet of Pichl in Austria (Styria)

—not far from the town of Salzbourgh. It was possible there, through the co-operation of the three German-speaking Sections of Austria, Switzerland and Germany, to create a true atmosphere of brotherliness and genuine friendship. We were fortunate in finding offside of the motor-road and railway and situated upon a high ground, nearest the woods of the "Dachstein-Massiv," a commodious hotel provided with a dining-hall, a nice glass-closed veranda, a great piano-room and a large terrace commanding a wonderful view into the valley of the river Enns and the mountain chains of the "Niederer Tauern". The hotel provides accommodation for about 60 guests in double and single rooms, and 30 more can be accommodated in the neighboring hamlet. The School is held during the first week of September. Every day, the School meets at half-past nine in the piano-room for daily meditation. At ten o'clock a lecture by one of the speakers is delivered on a topic chosen by the German-Regional Committee. At half-

past twelve, dinner is served (common vegetarian meal). In the afternoon if the weather is fine, people are free to dispose their time as they liked. If the weather is unpleasant other arrangements are made. At seven in the evening supper is served, after which four discussion groups meet in different rooms for discussing the lecture of the morning or—if desired by the group-members—any other subject of common interest. In the middle of the week, an excursion for all by autocars is arranged to visit a beautiful place in the Alps or the lakes. The German-Regional Summer School has won in the course of ten years a progressive popularity, which is proved by the increasing number of visitors from 44 to 84 in 1962, coming from 7 Sections of the European Federation of National Societies. It may be said that the use of the regional language only is one of the reasons why this School has gained such popularity.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,  
*General Secretary.*

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## NORWAY

Practically the work last year began with the visit by Mrs. Mary Elmore. She was the Guest of Honor at our Convention, and lectured on "The Ancient Wisdom" and "The Open Gate". As usual the lectures were received with eager interest and understanding, and were memorable for all attending members. Her lectures made our Convention what a Convention ought to be.

During the winter months we had few meetings—in all four—open to interested outsiders, on Theosophical topics giving simple introductions to the Theosophical subjects. At Questions-and-Answers, the answers were by three or four members—

dealing with Karma, Reincarnation and so on.

On Adyar Day I read a lecture by our President, and on White Lotus Day I read a lecture by Mrs. E. Ashton on classical and modern Theosophical literature.

We have also had two lectures by Docent Dr. Th. Wereide, on a book written by a Professor in psychology at the University in Oslo, Harald K. Schjelderup, *The Hidden Man*. These lectures by Dr. Wereide were attended by many, both members and sympathizers.

We were favored by the visit of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, in August.

As usual his lectures were attended by many. He lectured on "Man and the Universe"; "What is Theosophy?" and "The Crisis We Are in".

The President's visit meant, as always, a source of great inspiration to us all.

The new "incarnation" of our magazine, *Teosofi i Norden*, is now in its second year, and all the editors have received from the members and sub-

scribers favorable reports. They all seem to be very satisfied; and in Norway, our sectional Treasurer looks very favorably upon it, from her special point of view. The magazine is the result of a happy and harmonious co-operation between three "national Editors".

ERNST NIELSEN,  
*General Secretary.*

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## EGYPT

No Report

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## DENMARK

As far as I can see, it is a rather difficult thing to give a Report which is even to some extent concise and clear, for such a short period as one year, when we are concerned with a Section like Denmark which, in my opinion, especially practises the first Object of the Society, and which cannot therefore state any spiritual or outer epoch-making events which may serve as a basis for such an annual Report.

On the whole, however, I may safely say that the Section, generally speaking, is with increasing interest going in for harmonious co-operation in human relationship, and is trying to find out what may be the meaning of life within the Theosophical Society, and what may be the purpose that is to be fulfilled by the Section within this totality.

J. WINDE,  
*General Secretary.*

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## IRELAND

My Report begins with last year's Convention, held June 17th and 18th. Mr. Wallace Slater, General Secretary of the English Section, was our Guest Speaker. It was a very pleasant, interesting and informative Convention.

During the year under review we have had few visiting lecturers. We welcomed Miss Jean Carstairs, General Secretary

for Scotland, also Mrs. Walker from London; from Belfast, Dr. Hugh Shearman and Mr. Tom Sullivan. Other speakers were: Mr. R. Morrison, Miss D. Emerson, Mr. C. Parfitt, Mr. P. L. Pielou, Mr. Arland Ussher, Mr. A. Finlay, Mrs. E. Hornidge, Mr. A. Malmiri, Mr. V. Meally, Mr. E. Classon. There have also been several symposiums and tape recordings.

The public meetings at Headquarters have been fairly well attended, the attendance being composed mostly of members. Members' meetings for study and discussion continue and are both interesting and friendly. We would like to see more people from the outside world, but the steady attendance of members is very gratifying.

Our Librarian Miss Hoy has done good work in the library and a new bookcase has been put in to take an overflow of books. An attempt at reorganization and weeding out of books has been accomplished. Magazines which come to us from all over the world are available for reading at Headquarters, these are eventually forwarded to members who live in outlying districts and who can but rarely visit us.

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

We have subscribed to the usual funds at Adyar.

At the annual business meeting of the Dublin Lodges, I was nominated as General Secretary, and Mr. Richard Morrison as National Treasurer. There were no other nominations. At this meeting a warm vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Pielou who has been our National Treasurer for so many years, and has looked after the interests of the Irish Section with such unfailing devotion. He has set an example of how the office should be filled, and we feel his guiding hand will continue to be felt so long as his methods are followed. We are fortunate indeed that Mr. Morrison has been able to undertake this responsible office.

Our magazine, *Theosophy in Ireland*, continues with three issues yearly. We have had a number of letters of appreciation from abroad. The financial difficulties of keeping this magazine going continue to grow, but we feel it is necessary to continue with it for we are rather isolated and it keeps us in touch with other Sections.

We received a legacy, left to the Society by Mr. R. Merrick of Cork Lodge, for which we are deeply grateful.

There is a slight increase in our membership. During the year Mrs. Harris, Hermes Lodge, passed on. She was one of our oldest members, we miss her very much. Three new members have joined during the year which brings our membership to 47.

As we cannot afford to advertise except on special occasions, we have distributed a great many leaflets and passed on all the magazines that come to us.

In conclusion, I want to thank those who have helped so splendidly in the work of our Lodges during the year. We know that sacrifice and hard work are necessary if we are to spread the wisdom of Theosophy. What really matters is, that every member should have a great enthusiasm in the carrying on of this work. We are fortunate in having a peaceful and beautiful home for our Headquarters; it belongs to us all and it lies with each member to see that we make it a centre of peace, harmony and friendliness, a place where a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood may be nourished and grow.

EVELYN O. HORNIDGE,  
General Secretary.

## MEXICO

The 44th annual Convention of the Mexican Section was held, September 19th to 22nd, at Tijuana City, which is located 3,000 kms., north-west of Mexico City.

As part of the Convention program, four public lectures were delivered in a theatre of the locality. The addresses were announced through radio and newspapers, and the publicity promoted a large attendance of people and aroused great interest.

We were, during the Convention, visited by our brothers from the Republics of Colombia, Peru, Nicaragua and the United States of America, and this promoted the idea to celebrate in Mexico City in 1963 an Inter-American Theosophical Convention. We hope that if this idea is accepted with sympathy by the North, Central and South-American Sections, we will realize an important part of the Theosophical ideal reflected in the first Object of our Society.

The Rules and Regulations of the Mexican Section were re-formed, making them more efficient and practical.

The election of the new General Secretary was held, and Brother Arturo Vado Lopez was re-elected for one more year; the new members of the National Council who would be in charge during 1963 were also elected.

The Lodge "Luz de Occidente" of Tijuana, sponsor of the 44th Convention, arranged a collective visit to Disneyland, Calif., and all the delegates to the Convention crossed the border between Mexico and the U.S., and visited that place in an atmosphere of genuine brotherhood.

Every other Sunday, the Ritual of the Mystic Star is celebrated in its own hall in the Headquarters of the Section. I believe Theosophy is growing slowly but firmly in Mexico.

ARTURO VADO LÓPEZ,  
*General Secretary.*

## CANADA

Through the quiet, efficient work of our Lodge officers, there was an increase in our membership during the past year. The total membership now stands at 306, as compared with 291 at the end of the previous year. There has also been a noticeable increase in the number of persons who attend the public meetings and classes of the Lodges. It is hoped that their interest will eventually lead to their becoming members.

My own work for the Society has been interfered with considerably by the problem of finding a new home nearer to Headquarters. However, this problem has now been solved, and in future there should be much more time available for visits to the Lodges and classes, and for lecture tours than heretofore.

DUDLEY W. BARR,  
*General Secretary.*

## ARGENTINE

Membership has increased by 18, and the Lodges have diminished by 4; the greater number of members of the Lodges dissolved have joined other Lodges.

In general the membership movement in our country seems to remain about the same for the present; the majority of the Lodges are active at work. The great economic and political difficulties have their influence on the minds of a large number of our members, and it may seem that we have stagnation, but this is not so in reality, for as I have said above the Lodges are meeting and collaborating in the work of the Section.

The property we acquired in Buenos Aires has finished its payments, and now we have begun to pay for the other property acquired in Mendoza. The members, the greater number belonging to Buenos Aires, are helping to pay for the property of the movement called "Biblioteca Teosofica Argentina," which is legally independent of our Section, though it works for the spread of Theosophy.

This year we have held two Conventions, the regular annual Convention held in Rio Cuarto, and an Extraordinary Convention for the purpose of modifying our Statutes

and Regulations which for many years we have sought to amend due to certain deficiencies contained in the same, and which we have just finalized.

Another good piece of work done this year has been the setting in motion the printing of books for all the Spanish-speaking Sections, and we have almost ready for distribution the first book, *An Approach to Reality* by Brother N. Sri Ram.

We have had in our Section a new edition of the *History of the Theosophical Society* by Henry Steel Olcott, but for many years it has been out of print. We are reprinting it and have already communicated with all those who may be interested, in the countries which speak our language, as we are sure to exhaust the new copies soon; for there are many members who have joined our Society within the last few years who have not read this most interesting work.

We are also preparing to organize a Latin-American or American Convention, and we believe that it will be possible to arrange this next year.

NAZARENO E. RIMINI,  
*General Secretary.*

## CHILE

No Report

## BRAZIL

From 23rd April to 9th June of the year under Report, accompanied by Sister Maria Bruna Sales, I visited eleven cities, namely, Vitoria, Salvador, Aracaju,

Maceio, Recife, Joao Pessoa, Natal, Fortaleza, Sao Luiz, Belem and Manaus.

We founded six new Theosophical study groups at Vitoria, Aracaju,

Maceio, Joao Pessoa, Natal and Sao Luiz, which we named respectively: "Vitoria"; "Veritas"; "Jinarajadasa"; "Esperanca"; "Sirius"; and "Pax".

We delivered 37 lectures and five broadcast talks. We distributed a large quantity of Theosophical propaganda material. We forwarded to all the Groups a collection of Theosophical books. This extensive trip that we undertook proved, I am certain, of great assistance for the work of the Theosophical Society in Brazil.

On 9th October we left by air to visit Goiania; since we were delayed for 24 hours at Sao Jose do Rio Preto by engine trouble, we established contact with two of our members there, D. Maria Aparecida Barreto Tedeschi and Dr. Gino Martinelli, with a view to helping them to revive Lodge "Harmonia," which had been dormant for some time. After an exchange of views it was resolved that the Lodge should resume its activity. The following day we proceeded to Goiania, where we held a meeting for the purpose of forming a study group of Theosophists named "Dharma". In the evening we had a public lecture on the subject, "The Power of Thought," illustrated with colored slides. We expect that these study groups will soon transform themselves into regular Lodges of the Theosophical Society, and that they will become strong channels of spiritual power for the helping of humanity.

The same method of work as heretofore was carried on by the Lodges in this Section. It is indispensable that in all Lodge activities the principal aim should be to strengthen the links of friendship between all members and to arouse the maximum of interest in the study classes. It would be found most useful if in the work of the Lodges, we could provide three types of meetings. One, a weekly meeting, exclusively for members in which

a methodical course of study of Theosophy be followed, beginning naturally with the more elementary subjects, freely chosen by those interested. Then there should be public meetings, held either weekly or fortnightly, for a fuller exposition of our ideas through lectures on Theosophical subjects of general interest. It would be very useful if periodically we could get duly accredited representatives of other organizations—scientific, philosophical or religious—to speak, in order to give an opportunity to our members to learn something of new ideas and teachings put forward by other organizations. There could also be some work of a relatively simple nature that could help in the propagation of Theosophical ideals. Each Lodge ought to possess a collection of 20 or 30 leaflets, some copies of the book, *The Theosophist's Manual of Information*, and copies of the magazine *O Teosofista*, to be handed out to interested persons, asking them occasionally to express their opinions on the subjects studied. It would help greatly if the members in general did not lose sight of the principal work of the Lodge, which is that which concerns its occult side. A channel is formed every time the Lodge meets, that sends out spiritual power for the helping of the world. We also recommend that the officers of the Lodges periodically study the leaflet entitled "Rules for the Functioning of a Lodge of the Theosophical Society".

It is with satisfaction that we have registered the formation of Lodge "Saint Germain" in the city of Rio de Janeiro. We hope its members and officers will practise the highest Theosophical ideals. May its future bring favorable karma because of their magnificent services, individual and collective.

The Department of Public Relations under the competent direction of Brother

Alcir Ferreira, maintains a column on Theosophy published every Sunday in the newspaper, *Diario de Sao Paulo*, in the capital. It is with pleasure that we register the fact that we have published in full the small book, *At the Feet of the Master*. For the popularization of Theosophy, it is the function of this Department to give information to the public through the press and radio of the great truths. This is being done diligently by the Theosophical study group founded in the city of Sao Jose dos Campos in this State.

The Rio de Janeiro Federation of Theosophical Lodges, under the presidency of Brother Dr. Murilo Nunes de Azevedo, continues its usual program of work. It is worthy to be put on record the efforts made to pay off the debt contracted in the acquisition of its Headquarters, and we thank all for their collaboration. We put on record our gratitude to our late Sister Camille Marthe Tanguy, who in her will left the Federation the sum of cr. dollars 300,000, through the National Treasurer.

The Sao Paulo Federation of Theosophical Lodges, its President, Brother Gastao Sales, and his dedicated co-workers who have worked to purchase their Headquarters deserve congratulations, for this is a magnificent estate consisting of two storeys and situated in the heart of the city of Sao Paulo. The dream of old and dedicated Theosophists is now realized. The new generation of workers will not meet the same difficulties as encountered formerly. A fully paid up Headquarters of our own will be a better basis for the work.

The Publicity Department continues to do magnificent work under the direction of Sister Carmen Piza, especially in the sale of books for the spreading of Theosophical ideals. It is possible that in future this service will be transformed

into an independent organization. With nine branches spread over various States in Brazil, each under the charge of a member of the Society, the amount from sales has reached a high level.

The major part of the work in the Theosophical Order of Service is connected with the department of Social Assistance, and to a lesser degree with work of a devotional nature (Healing), and "Return to Nature". Many needy families have been helped, and milk provided to children under one year. The Healing Services are held regularly. The "Return to Nature" organization arranged two excursions and a public lecture.

*O Teosofista*: in spite of all difficulties this review has carried out its task of spreading Theosophical ideals, and establishing a link between members who are physically at a distance. Thanks are due to all those who have helped to maintain this publication.

When in 1956 I visited Cochabamba in Bolivia, I found that certain Lodges were experiencing difficulties because of a lack of Theosophical literature in the Spanish language. During my visit to Spain in 1959, at Madrid and Barcelona I referred to this problem, and proposals were made to help those countries and Sections who had financial difficulties in printing the material required for their work. Bro. Lorenzana gave us a magnificent collection of Theosophical leaflets to serve us as a model. We have now printed 35,000 copies of the following: *Reincarnation*; *What is Theosophy? Look at your Karma*; *Life after Death*; *Man Visible and Invisible*; and *Eight Reasons for Vegetarianism*. I forwarded to Uruguay and Chile by air 300 copies of each of the above, a total of 1,800 for each Section.

In 1959 we also took the opportunity of visiting the Portuguese Section where

we were very kindly received by the then Vice-President, Prof. Dr. Délio Nobre Santos. In Porto we visited a Lodge working under the able direction of Prof. Jose Correia, to whom we referred to our problem of lack of propaganda material. Taking advantage of the visit of Brother Jose Martins Nogueira to this country the Portuguese Section sent us the following leaflets in our language: *What is Theosophy? Reincarnation; Karma; The Power of Thought; Man Visible and Invisible; and Life after Death.*

An Art Department was organized in November 1961 by some eager and active members of the Theosophical Society. This Department is doing magnificent work, in a very harmonious manner, carrying out its mission of presenting pure art in its various forms of expression, through programs arranged for the Theosophical Lodges. In this capital, courses in music, painting, rhythmic dancing, etc., for women and children are given.

ARMANDO SALES,  
General Secretary.

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## BULGARIA

No Report

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## ICELAND

During the year Theosophical work in Iceland has greatly increased and we enrolled many new members. At the beginning of the term the membership numbered 509. New enrolments were 63; 13 people died, 4 persons left the Society, and 6 were removed from our records. The net gain this year therefore is 40 new members, which means that the Society in Iceland now has 549 members. More than half of the new members are people under forty years of age.

Two new Lodges were founded during the year, one in Reykjavik, and the other in the north of Iceland, in a district where there has never been a Theosophical Lodge before.

Last summer the Society opened an office, which serves both as a general office of the Society and as an information centre for the Theosophical work in the country.

The executive committee holds regular meetings once a month the year round, except for two months in the summer.

The monthly letters from the General Secretary appeared regularly throughout the season, and conveyed information about the work both at home and abroad, as well as instructions to the workers of the Society.

On behalf of the Theosophical Society lectures were given in one school, and at meetings of Lions and Rotary clubs.

Nine Icelandic Theosophists visited the International Congress in Swanwick. They were the largest group of Icelandic Theosophists to attend a Theosophical Congress abroad. Long distances and high travelling expenses have always been a great hindrance to our taking active part in international work.

Last December, two books were published by the newly established

Theosophical Publishing House, which bears the name "Hlíðskjalf". One of these books was *A Textbook of Theosophy* by C.W. Leadbeater, and the other was an Icelandic book on *Dreams*. About seven hundred copies were sold of each book.

*Gangleri*, the magazine of the Theosophical Society in Iceland, is now offered to the general public as a periodical specially dealing with spiritual matters; it has, in the last few years, almost doubled its circulation. The financial position of the magazine and that of the Theosophical Publishing House in Iceland is a difficult one. This is mainly due to the recent rise in printing costs and difficulties in obtaining capital. But we hope to meet the situation in about two or three years. The financial position of the Theosophical Society itself, however, is good in spite of increased expenses, and during this year the Society received a very generous donation from one of its older and most faithful members, living in a remote fishing town in the northern part of the country. He established a fund of £830-0-0, which he turned over to the Society. This fund is to be used solely for spreading Theosophical ideals in Iceland.

This year we have greatly improved on the methods of instruction in Theosophy and have tried to make it more effective. The Chairmen of Lodges held two meetings in which they discussed ways and means of improving Lodge work. We fully realize that it is the Lodge work that decides how the Society succeeds in fulfilling its mission, and therefore we should place our main stress on Lodge work.

On the whole, we try to break the common belief that the study of Theosophy lies solely in reading and listening to lectures. Some Lodges choose a definite subject each autumn and devote themselves entirely to the study of that

particular subject throughout the whole winter. Some other Lodges hold meetings for members only, and also meetings where the main stress is placed on introducing Theosophical teachings to the general public. The Chairmen of the Lodges have done their best to invite non-members to give instructive lectures, and we have thus attracted many who are not members of the Society to come and attend our meetings.

On the whole, we attempt to make Theosophical work a part of the national life, but at the same time we try and avoid becoming a separate group that strictly follows its own course.

This winter, courses were given in oratory and how to conduct Lodge meetings. This had never been tried before, and the results were very encouraging.

Two study groups were active this season as in previous years, and have now become a fixed part in our program. The first bearing the name, "The Black Rose," and directed by Mr. Gretar Fells for over twenty years, dealt this year with the subject "Esoteric Christianity". The other study group, which is called "The White Circle," and has been led by the General Secretary for the last seven years, dealt with the subject of "Karma and the Development of Man," this year. This group has also given instructions on meditation for some years. It is intended to give complete courses in the subject in the near future.

The summer school was attended by seventy members and the subject was "Yoga and Mysticism". The principal lecturer was Mrs. Doris Groves from England. Apart from the lectures given at the summer school, Mrs. Groves also gave a public lecture on "Karma" in Reykjavik.

The Young Theosophists held 28 meetings during the year. They have

already done a great deal of valuable work and many of them now rank as most valuable workers of the Theosophical Society in Iceland. Apart from this many of the Young Theosophists attend Lodge meetings and study groups.

The Theosophical Order of Service collected money which was used for humanitarian work as well as filling some of the needs of the Society.

The Theosophical Society has, in the years past, sold a lot of foreign books and has enjoyed valuable assistance rendered by the Theosophical Bookshop in London. The Society has also had on sale books on occultism in Icelandic. The profits gained therefrom have been used to purchase new books for the library of the Society in Reykjavik.

No one should try to judge whether Theosophical work in Iceland is pro-

gressing or not. Although it is easy to work for the Theosophical Society in Iceland, it does not prove that people are not working just as hard elsewhere although the results may seem to be less satisfactory.

All results belong to the future. We have no right to expect anything from them, for if we did, we would be taking back what we were trying to give. Therefore we should not even rejoice when all is going well, but we should be glad that we have an opportunity to be of help. It is in this spirit that we should try to work for the Theosophical ideals. We have to try and take the "I"-feeling out of the effort. Let us study Theosophy without distinction and work together like brothers.

SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON,  
General Secretary.

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## SPAIN

No Report

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## PORTUGAL

During the year under Report, we maintained steady work with the usual activities. We celebrated all the great festivals, such as Foundation Day, and so on, and held public meetings at the Headquarters every fortnight.

The work in the Lodges went on satisfactorily with fortnightly or weekly meetings. Unfortunately, Lodge "Horus" is still dormant, as announced in the last report, and Lodge "Pythagoras" is almost dormant too, because its members are temporarily unable to hold meetings. Nevertheless, we have pleasure to report that some old members asked us to

reorganize the Lodge at Lagos, in the south of our country, called now "*Amor, Verdade e Beleza*" (Love, Truth and Beauty), which began its activities in February.

On 23rd March, we held our annual Convention, and the election of the Executive Committee at which I was elected General Secretary, and as Vice-General Secretary Dr. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco was elected.

The list of the Executive Members was ratified by the Portuguese Government.

Among the important lectures delivered this year we must mention "Spirituality

of Mantras," by Mr. Jorge de Araujo; "Yoga," by Mr. Chaves Cruz, and a series of lectures on "The Fourth Dimension," by Mr. Bernardino Martins de Almeida.

This year, because of my official work I was unable to attend international Theosophical meetings, but other Portuguese members had the opportunity to attend the Theosophical Congress at Swanwick in England.

Concerning membership, we record the following: 35 new members were admitted, but against that we lost 2 by death, 8 resigned and 4 lapsed. The number of members increased from 177 to 198.

On 12th October 1962, after the holidays, we began our Theosophical year, with public meetings every fortnight. At the first meeting Mr. Daniel Lopes reported on the Theosophical Congress.

Regarding the financial situation, the Section continues with the usual difficulties; financial support comes chiefly from some devoted members.

Nevertheless, we continue our work with enthusiasm.

DÉLIO NOBRE SANTOS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## WALES

The Triennial Election took place in March 1962, when Miss Winifred Knowles was elected General Secretary. In June 1962, Mr. Charles James was unanimously elected National Treasurer. We are very grateful to Miss E. Claudia Owen for her loyal and devoted service as General Secretary in Wales for the past fifteen years.

Membership stands basically at 105, including three Honorary Members. We have lost two members by death and gained three new members. Scattered members are being contacted and three Centres in the south and one in the north of Wales have been opened. There is at present a financial problem, but we have found much support, much friendliness, and such understanding that we know that all will be well. Members everywhere have rallied wonderfully around us. Active members are decorating the Headquarters rooms and we feel that

our "new look" will be obvious both in the building and in the Work.

Mrs. Ada James is the Representative in Wales for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign (Theosophical Order of Service). Other members help in every way possible. Work for Displaced Persons, for the tubercular, the blind, the mentally handicapped, and against Vivisection, Animal Cruelty, etc., is actively supported by members in the Section.

We are certain that the Life that is Theosophy will grow and flow in ever-widening circles, and that in 1963 our Report will be a heartening and joyous one. Theosophy-in-Action, not only as a Convention theme but as a daily theme is our aim, remembering that "the best Service is that which makes the burden light, not that which takes it away".

WINIFRED B. KNOWLES,  
*General Secretary.*

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## POLAND

No Report

## URUGUAY

To the best of our capacity we have worked during this period, trying to strengthen our Society in its internal structure as well as in its work in our surroundings, expanding the Theosophical message in the best way possible.

It may be noted that the seven Branches which formed our Section at the beginning of September 1961, have made fruitful efforts, always with enthusiasm; each one reflecting its own characteristic quality, and in general, all attempting to offer ample opportunities to their members and enlarging their scope of action.

During the last months of the period under Report, we have strengthened our Section with the creation of two new Branches, "Kut Humi" and "Gautama". It can now be said that we have completed a period of fruitful activity as our Section now has nine active Branches.

This year we celebrated the Silver Jubilee of Branch "Harmonia" with the assistance of some of its founders, among whom we may mention Mrs. Julia Acevedo de La Gamma. On this special occasion, our Section had two special meetings, organized by Branch "Harmonia," which proved to be a source of real spiritual joy.

On the other hand, we have had some sad losses by the passing away of four members who had been with us for many years, working for our principles. As an expression of deep gratitude for their services, at the annual Convention of the year 1962, we offered them our thoughts of Love and Peace for their new lives on the superior planes where-

ever they may be; these members are Mr. Carmelo La Gamma, Mr. Alvaro A. Araujo, Mrs. Albertina de Sarthou and Mr. Conrado Soler.

A year or so ago, following up the suggestion of our General Council, we started collecting a fund from all the members of our Section which we have called the "First Financial Collection," with the idea of establishing a permanent fund for economical security which may allow us, in the near future, to receive an income sufficient to meet our indispensable expenses. The collection is being enlarged with the valuable and voluntary contributions of almost all the members of our Section, and up to date, our Bank account shows a balance in our favor of 5,553.00 Uruguayan pesos (approximately U.S. \$550.00), a sum which will increase until we obtain the necessary capital.

During this period we have also applied to our Government a request to grant us "legal recognition"; this is necessary for the best development of our activities as far as our Government and Laws are concerned. We are taking the last steps in the procedure, and we hope to be granted the recognition within a few weeks.

We started the activities of the year with 114 members and have accepted 15 new members; after deducting 4 who passed away, our roll shows up to date 125 active members.

We have tried to interpret to the best of our ability the first Object of our Society, and following the idea of a group

of young members, we decided to hold periodical meetings of all the members of the whole Section. These meetings are held in our own place; on these occasions we serve a cup of tea and fraternize for some hours without formal lectures, enjoying the presence of each other in a real friendly way.

We are in contact with all the Sections abroad, especially those of Central and South America, with whom we have exchanged publications.

Many of our members have been very helpful, performing extraordinary tasks for which they deserve our deep thanks; but we must especially mention the enthusiastic efforts made by Mrs. Dolores G. de Fuerte, who in some ways fills the place of our late brother Alvaro A. Araujo. At her own will she translates the princi-

pal articles from the English publications, prints the translations using a mimeograph, and gives a copy to all the members of our Section.

In general, during this year we have made a good job of the Work, thanks to the good collaboration of almost all the members, especially the Presidents of all the Branches, and the members of the General Council.

Finally, we must mention that our Theosophical library has been increased with 165 Theosophical books which were given to us as a donation by the heirs of Brother Alvaro A. Araujo. Thus, in his memory we have placed a bronze plate in one of the sections of our library.

VICTOR ALVAREZ BISBAL,  
*General Secretary.*

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## PUERTO RICO

We close this year with an enrolment of 133 members. We have four new Lodges: at Aguadilla and Lares, where we had Lodges in the early days of the Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico, and some members have rejoined. The other two are in Cabo-Rojo and in San Sebastian. We have 55 new members in all, 12 outgoings and 2 dead, making a total of 133 members for the year 1962-63.

The increase in membership was due to the visit of Mrs. Luz Maria Durand in January 1962. She stopped in Puerto Rico on her return trip from Europe and the East, coming direct from Hong Kong. She has been with us on two occasions formerly, when she founded the Lodges Amor and Sol. We appreciate very much the work she has done for our Section.

Our annual Convention was held on 22nd April, Easter Sunday, as usual. We

had a fine gathering this year with representatives of all the Lodges.

Our new premises we inaugurated, and it has proved very helpful to have all the conveniences we need to look after our visitors.

As usual our artists, Carlos Tio and J. A. Cadilla, played a beautiful violin and piano recital. Greetings from the members of the Island and from the Lodges in San Juan were given. The Report of the General Secretary was read giving a full account of the work done during the year. Dr. Alfonso gave a fine contribution on "The Inner Life," which was very much appreciated by all members. At 12-30 we adjourned to a vegetarian dinner prepared by the members of San Juan. This was a fine opportunity for members to meet one another and a pleasant time for them to exchange ideas and make new friendships.

United Nations Day on 4th October is always celebrated, and Dr. Charneco, a former official of the State Department, gave an interesting talk on the work they do. We celebrated White Lotus Day on 8th May, and also the 17th of November and the 17th of February.

Our *Heraldo* continues to do valuable work in our Section and in all the Spanish-speaking Sections, where it is very much appreciated. An opportunity is given to those who do not speak English to read some of the best articles which we translate from some of the magazines we receive from abroad.

The Radio also continues to broadcast every Sunday at 8-45; Brother Gonzalez who is in charge of the program prepares the material for it. At present he is in Spain, but our faithful member Stella Plard has taken over during his absence.

Dr. M. A. Charneco is in charge of the work of the Lodges on the Island, he

visits them often and guides them in their studies, besides giving a course in the Lodges of San Juan in the Fundamentals of Theosophy which is very interesting. Some of the members also have visited the Lodges on the Island. During the month of August we had a visitor, Mr. Seymour Ballard, a prominent member and of the staff at *Olcott* who gave some fine talks to the Lodges in San Juan and on the Island, accompanied by members from San Juan.

Carmen Gonzalez and I visited *Olcott* to attend the American Convention and Summer School and enjoyed our stay there very much among dear friends. I hope we will go on steadily in our work as the world of today needs the influences of the Great Ones through all the members of the Theosophical Society.

ESPERANZA C. HOPGOOD,  
*General Secretary.*

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## RUMANIA

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## YUGOSLAVIA

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## CEYLON

The Ceylon Section consists of seven Lodges and seventy members.

During the year under review there was more organized activity than in the previous year, with regular monthly programs at Headquarters, particularly during the last six months of the year.

Mr. N. K. Choksy, General Secretary, gave talks at regular intervals which were most useful.

Study classes initiated in the early half of the year by Mr. S. N. B. Wijeyekoon, as a feature of the activities of the "Servants of the Wisdom" group, are now taking

place regularly at Headquarters under the guidance of Mr. F. Rustomjee, National Lecturer of the Section. A considerable amount of interest is evinced in the work of this study group.

The last talk in the year under review was in September 1962, when Mr. S. N. B. Wijeyekoon addressed members on the theme, "Personal and Social Harmony". This lecture was intended to pave the way for the establishment of the Order of Service.

We have had the pleasure of welcoming a number of visitors from abroad during the year.

In October 1961, the Section was honored with a brief visit to Ceylon by Mr. Perkins, Vice-President of the Society, and Mrs. Perkins. Mr. Perkins gave a talk at Lanka Lodge which was most stimulating. He gave us an insight into the working of the Society in America and indicated the manner in which the American Section was dealing with problems of interest to other National Sections. Ways and means of galvanizing the interest of young people in the work of the Society was especially dealt with and discussed.

On 24th April 1962, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson from the New Zealand Section,

who were *en route* to Adyar, met some of our members informally.

On 28th April 1962, Mr. Pizzigelli of the South African Section gave a talk to members during a brief sojourn in Ceylon *en route* to Adyar.

A party of thirty-three students and teachers from the Besant High School, Varanasi, spent a short holiday in Ceylon from 4th to 14th June. At the request of Mr. Rohit Mehta of the Indian Section, arrangements were made by us for their accommodation at the Colombo Youth Hostel. A visit was arranged to meet the Minister of Education, and a courtesy call paid on the Governor-General.

In September this year, members of the Executive Committee met to plan the activities of the Section on a wider basis. It was decided to send out a circular inquiring whether members could offer their services to the Society in any particular way by placing any skill or ability at the service of the Society.

It was also decided to issue a cyclo-styled news-sheet monthly to enable members, a number of whom live out of Colombo, to keep in touch with the Society.

N. K. CHOKSY,  
*General Secretary.*

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## GREECE

This is our annual Report for the year 1961-1962.

The visit of our dear President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, to the Greek Section last September has been a great event for the members of this Section. The President gave a public lecture in a great Lecture Hall of Athens which was crowded with listeners. The following evening he came to our Centre and spoke to the members of our Section, and answered several

questions which were put to him by the members on various Theosophical subjects.

The entire text of the public lecture was published in our magazine *Ilisos*, which is read by the general public and which preaches brotherhood and freedom of thought. It has been also printed, together with the President's speech to the members with all the questions and answers, in our periodical, *The*

*Theosophical Bulletin*, which is intended for members only. The Greek Section has the following 5 Lodges in Athens:

- "Minerva," working on Greek Philosophy,
- "Vedanta," working on Indian Philosophy,
- "Blavatsky," working on Theosophical Teachings,
- "Acyone," working on Krishnamurti's speeches,
- "Jinarajadasa," working on various subjects;

and the following 4 Lodges in the provinces:

- "Pythagoras" in Salonica,
- "Love" in Kalamata,
- "Orpheus" in Komotini,
- "Truth" in Alexandropolis.

Besides we have a number of other members not attached to any particular Lodge. The total number of our members is now 243.

K. MELISSAROPOULOS,  
*General Secretary.*

## CENTRAL AMERICA

I have pleasure in submitting the annual Report on the activities of Lodges of the Central American Section for the year ending 30th September 1962. The condition of our work is improving and we hope to make better and more frequent contacts with our Headquarters at Adyar.

The work continues to be carried on in a regular manner due to the determination of the brethren to live brotherhood—the basis of a better world.

We had a number of distinguished visitors from other countries of our Section, especially from Nicaragua. The work of the Lodges in Nicaragua and El Salvador deserves all praise.

I am glad to mention the excellent work of Brother Leon Avila in Costa Rica, who, after some years' stay in Caracas, Venezuela, has now returned to his native country. In addition to his

work as President of Lodge Virya, Bro. Avila organized a Course in Theosophy for Beginners, attracting a large number of people interested in the teachings of Theosophy.

An important and outstanding event for the Lodges of our Section was the visit of Sister Luz Maria Durand, a well-known member of the Mexican Section. She began her tour at the end of March 1962 in Panama, and completed it by the end of May in Guatemala—more than two months of intensive and fruitful work. She contributed much to the benefit of our Brethren. Our Section will always remember her untimely death with deep feeling. She always followed the call to work where work was most needed.

JOSÉ JOAQUIN ULLOA,  
*General Secretary.*

## PARAGUAY

No Report

## THE PHILIPPINES

The period just closed is marked by certain important accomplishments which indicate the steady, if slow, progress of our National Section, and which give us good reasons to commence the new period with renewed enthusiasm and high hopes. The construction of our new Headquarters building, which was begun last year, has been completed. It is a noble two-storey building with a third storey penthouse and an open roof terrace. We like to think that it is a splendid, if modest, symbol in stone of the united aspirations and the long dedicated efforts of our members to bring to the people the spiritualizing influence of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. We recall that Colonel Olcott, our President-Founder, at one time expressed the desirability for a Theosophical Society branch to have its own permanent premises on which to carry on its work, and from which the forces generated by such work could be radiated for the benefit of the community. Although without the benefit of a formal inauguration, (which we hope to do later), we have already held in the fairly spacious lecture-hall of our new national Headquarters several public lectures, various inter-Lodge and other programs, and a pre-Convention gathering of members; while group meditations, particularly on full-moon evenings, are being held on the roof-garden above. We are glad to note that a growing number of our members come not only to give with their presence moral support to these Section activities, but also try to help with the power of their mind to radiate the spiritual forces

envisioned by our President-Founder, referred to above.

The keen enthusiasm of our members, led in one case by Captain Eulogio Nadal, has brought about the formation of the "Très Lucés" Lodge which recently received its charter from Adyar. The special feature of this Lodge lies not only in its symbolic name but in that the charter members belong both to the Theosophical Society and the Masonic bodies. This peculiar combination is designed to enable the Masons to delve through Theosophy into the deeper meaning of Masonic rituals and symbols, as well as to give Theosophy a wider outlet through the more extensive Masonic organization in the Islands. Another new Lodge organized through the efforts of our members led by Dr. Perry Lim is the "Agnus Dei" Lodge, composed of former "occult students" of a group bearing the same name whose leader passed away recently, and who now have turned to Theosophy to continue their studies and join the work of the Theosophical Society in order to form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood and fulfil its other declared Objects. Through these two new Lodges and some of the older and long-established Lodges, we have enrolled during the period twenty-seven new members.

We have received reports of other prospective Lodges in the offing. Our brother Romeo Velarde, who has just been appointed District Manager of an industrial life insurance district in an outlying province, has brought Theosophy to his insurance prospectors and

agents, and a good number among them have decided to form a Lodge. Another very active young member, Brother Serafin Talisayon, has formed a study group in the State University and reports that a good number of students are eager to study Theosophy. In the meantime our Lodges in and around Manila and those in the provinces continue to be active in the work, and several have reported two or three new members.

The appointment last June of a Program Committee under the Chairmanship of our Vice-President, Brother Francisco Escudero, and consisting of a group of young stalwarts from several Lodges, marked the commencement of a more vital and well-organized program of activities in our national Headquarters. Among other methods it is experimenting in inviting well-known outside speakers to our platform on subjects of public interest. The idea behind this, according to the Committee Chairman, is to establish in the public mind an astro-mental image of the Society in course of time. We think that is one way of attracting people to come into contact with Theosophy, for we take care, in the closing remarks after each public lecture, to bring the light of Theosophy to bear upon whatever salient points were raised by the guest speakers. In this way we hope to obviate the possibility of allowing our platform to be used by others for their own propaganda. The Committee has in mind of course to have more Theosophical lectures in line with our work, and it has plans also to train our younger members in public speaking. Seminars for a deeper study of Theosophy by members seriously inclined to understand and make the Wisdom a more vital factor in their life of service, are also planned.

The two active departments of the T. O. S., the Healing and the Social Service, report continued activity and

excellent results. The "Friendship, Incorporated," which looks after the welfare of freed prisoners, is making good progress. Along the same line, the T.O.S. Director, Brother Aguedo L. Tiqui, reports continuous activity in his work as an official in the Contact Department of the U. S. Veteran Administration. The Animal Welfare department is looking out for the necessary capital to organize a vegetarian restaurant; while our bio-chemist member, Brother Enrico Punzalan, is now actively engaged in developing mushroom spawns in the Martinez Home Industries Laboratory, orders for which are coming in from practically every part of the country. With mushroom grown abundantly, a lesser number of animals will perhaps be sacrificed for food in the Islands.

Our national librarian, Brother Felipe Gamboa, reports a serious lack of sufficient Theosophical books to lend and circulate among the growing number of borrowers who call at our modest library, now housed in our new Headquarters building. We need plenty of publicity literature for distribution to the public libraries maintained by the Government in practically all the cities and towns in the Islands. Our modest bookshop connected with our library had to cease activity during the monetary control imposed by the Government of the Republic. Now that the control has been lifted the work of importing Theosophical books from abroad has been resumed. And our members are now requisitioning what they need. We hope to improve our finances after we have completed the furnishing of our Headquarters, when we may be able to solve our library problem.

In closing we wish to hail the efforts of the past administration to bring the idea of Universal Brotherhood to the attention of the people when it proclaimed last year the observance by the nation of a

Brotherhood Week. We hope the present administration will follow on the same lines, and issue an executive order to establish a permanent Brotherhood Week in the same way that a United Nations

Week is being observed every year in the month of October.

DOMINGO C. ARGENTE,  
*General Secretary.*

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## COLOMBIA

During the year there were 53 new admissions, but 16 went to sleep, thus leaving 195 active members.

On 15th December 1961 a new Lodge was founded in Bucaramanga and named "Hilarion," with 14 members all prepared and ready for Theosophical studies. The Charter was presented at a solemn session called for that purpose.

On 2nd March I made a trip to Dorada in order to found another Lodge to be named "Luz de Caldas". This Lodge has 15 members. It appears the Lodge will be very active, since all the members are convinced of Theosophical ideas and all are very enthusiastic to study.

On 8th May, White Lotus Day, another Lodge was founded in Cali, but I could not attend because on that day I had to be present in Bogota. This Lodge, called "Santiago de Cali," has 13 members, all with good Theosophical background and a sense of responsibility to meet the work of the Lodge. Taking into consideration the quality of the members of this Lodge, we hope to have a great spiritual harvest and benefit the city of Cali which has been in need of a centre of this kind.

A matter of great importance to the Colombian Theosophical Section was the interesting visit of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Boardman who, coming from Krotana, visited us from 16th June to 24th July of this year. From 16th to 21st June they were in Barranquilla and from the 21st

to the 28th they were in Caracas, Venezuela; returning to Bogota, from 14th July till the 19th they visited Bucaramanga, and from 19th to 24th July they visited Cali, where I accompanied them until I bade them farewell to Bolivia and Peru, where their Theosophical tour ended. In all the cities they visited they held very interesting Theosophical meetings, which impressed greatly all the Theosophists and sympathizers. In the name of the Colombian Section, I thank them both for coming to fill us with enthusiasm and to deliver a message of fraternal love from our dear brothers of the United States.

The Publications Committee issued during the year four numbers of *Theosophical Selections*, Nos. 35, 36, 37 and 38, with a total of 128 pages and 24 articles. It should be mentioned that in numbers 36, 37 and 38 three lectures given by our dear President, Brother N. Sri Ram, on May 29th, 30th and 31st 1961, in Bogota, were published; the titles in order are as follows: "A New World Order"; "Living Creator"; and "Transformation of Man". The rest of the material which was published in these magazines was taken and translated from THE THEOSOPHIST. We are issuing 1,000 copies of each which will be distributed without any charge.

Brother Miguel Angel Medina has just published 5,000 copies of the book which he wrote, entitled *Theosophy: Elementary Studies*, and he has given them to

me for free distribution all over the country.

I am glad to inform you that all our Lodges are working very actively and that their respective Presidents are enthusiastic workers for the Theosophical Cause.

We have complete cordiality and fraternal understanding among all the members.

CARMEN C. DE VENGOECHEA,  
*General Secretary.*

## EAST AFRICA

Once again I am happy to report steady progress of the Theosophical activity in East Africa during the year 1961-62. Although there is a slight decline in membership, we have not suffered as much as we expected at the beginning of the year. We thought that the four Governments' policy of Africanization of Civil Service, Railways and other major commercial firms, and the emergence of Africans as small traders, would displace many Asians who mainly comprise our membership. Our members have not faced that situation yet, but the next few years may be difficult. Our endeavor, therefore, in the coming years, will be to make more and more Africans interested in the message of Theosophy.

*Membership.*—From the reports received from the Lodges, and estimated figures for two or three Lodges from whom reports are still awaited, the membership figure arrived at is 621 as against 683 shown in last year's report. 34 new members were enrolled during the year, whereas the names of 96 members were deleted from the registers for not paying dues for two consecutive years. Times are very hard for clerical and business people, as all development is at a standstill due to the inevitable pre-independence and post-independence uncertainties in the minds of the general public.

*Important Events of the Year.*—During the year under review four very important events took place:

(1) Two of the territories in which this Section functions, viz., Tanganyika and Uganda, became independent on 9th December 1961 and 9th October 1962 respectively. As a result of this fundamental change, we hope to establish easier contacts with the African people and thereby gain their membership gradually.

(2) Shri Krishna Lodge, Zanzibar, celebrated the Silver Jubilee of its foundation in December 1961. Two other Lodges, Mombasa and Daressalaam also completed a quarter of a century in the service of Humanity in this part of the world.

(3) The annual Convention held at Zanzibar during Easter holidays this year was a great success. Delegates assembled there re-dedicated themselves to the application of Brotherhood in the changed circumstances of the country as a whole.

(4) Inspired and encouraged by Brother Rohit Mehta, who laid the foundation-stone in July 1961, our Nairobi Lodge completed the construction of its new premises, which were formally opened by Brother H. M. Chhaya on 7th October 1962. By courtesy of Nairobi Lodge the Section Headquarters have been established on this new premises. This is a sign of the determination of members to serve the people of this country in their newly acquired independence.

*Tour of Lodges.*—(1) In the present situation, tour of Lodges has become very

essential and with this in view I toured Nakuru, Eldoret, Kitale, Jinja, Kampala, Kisumu, Kericho, Mbale and Kakamega accompanied by the National Vice-President, Brother H. S. Patel, and National Secretary, Brother H. M. Chhaya. We tried to emphasize the natural law of change and advised all Lodges to take calmly, and with the understanding that Theosophy provides us, all that comes to us. The tour made a good effect all round. A new Lodge was formed at Kakamega (in Kenya), and a few sympathizers at Mbale (in Uganda) are expected to form a Lodge in the near future.

(2) I appointed Mr. D. N. Saint who returned from the School of the Wisdom in April this year as the Section's National Lecturer, and I am glad he undertook a tour of Lodges in Tanganyika which were never visited before except by overseas visitors, viz., Tanga, Morogoro, Tabora and Mwanza. He was successful in revitalizing Morogoro Lodge and Mwanza Lodge which had been dormant for some time, and in giving new impetus to Tanga and Tabora Lodges. It is hoped that he will visit all the Lodges and keep the spirit of dedication to the Cause alive.

*Study Class.*—All the principal Lodges have held study classes for their own members, but Sitaram Lodge, Kericho, held a two and a half day study camp during the August bank holiday in which members from Nairobi, Eldoret and Kisumu Lodges also participated. From the experience gained from the Kericho study camp, we aspire to plan similar study camps in various Lodge centres to enable members to deepen their understanding of Theosophical principles.

*Section's Magazine.*—At the suggestion of Brother Rohit Mehta, the annual Convention held at Zanzibar during Easter decided to replace *Beacon* by a printed bi-monthly magazine. Accord-

ingly it has now started publication under the new name of *Theosophical Light* from October 1962. This change is expected to make a better impression of our work.

*Section's Bookstall.*—Even though there was no particular impetus, such as a lecture tour of an overseas visitor, our enthusiastic Bookstall Manager, Brother H. E. Amrolia, was able to sell Theosophical literature (English and Gujarati) worth £150/- during the year. If we have more literature that can be sold at cheaper price and which could be understood by the African population, there is a great scope for more work in this direction.

*Called Home.*—In the previous years we suffered losses through death of our leaders, Brother P. D. Master, Brother A. F. Kanga and Brother J. T. Keshani. This year two of our promising young members in the persons of Mrs. Snehlata K. Patel and Mr. Krishna Kumar H. Chhaya, both of Nairobi Lodge, and Mrs. Gajrabai Patel of Daressalaam Lodge passed away.

*Translation of "At the Feet of the Master".*—The Section has been endeavoring for some years to bring out some literature in Ki-Swahili, the language of East Africa, and has now succeeded in getting a translation of *At the Feet of the Master* made by very eminent scholars of the Ki-Swahili language. It is hoped to have it printed in the coming year.

*School of the Wisdom.*—Last year, several of our members were fortunate to visit Adyar. Brothers H. M. Chhaya, D. N. Saint, V. M. Pancholi and H. E. Amrolia attended the School of the Wisdom. (The former two attended both sessions while the latter two attended the first session only).

*Attendance at the 86th Convention at Adyar.*—About 14 members of this Section attended the 86th Convention at Adyar,

and three of them, Miss Bhadra Shah, Miss Pushpa Patel and Miss Pratima Nathwani, were fortunate to be admitted as members at the hands of our President, Brother N. Sri Ram.

*Visitors.*—Mr. Pizzighelli while going to Adyar visited Zanzibar, Daressalaam and Mombasa Lodges. Mr. C. D. T. Shores visited Nairobi Lodge on his return journey from South Africa to India. Mrs. Betty Nairn, President of Salisbury Lodge, also visited Nairobi Lodge on her way to Adyar to the School of the Wisdom.

*Appeal for subscribers to The Theosophist.*—I am glad that my appeal to the Lodge for more subscribers to THE THEOSOPHIST had a good response.

*Contribution to Sri H. K. Mehta Felicitation Fund.*—The veteran Theosophist of the Indian Section, Mr. H. K. Mehta, is being honored by the Gujarat Theosophical Federation for his services for more than 50 years, and the East African Section on being appealed to, and having considered the benefit it had received by his visit in 1953, contributed £150 to the fund.

*Activities of Lodges.*—Apart from the above-mentioned special activities, as usual the Lodges have celebrated Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday, Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Wesak Full Moon Day, Ashadha Full Moon Day,

and the death anniversary of Brother Jinarājadāsa.

Some Lodges arranged public lectures, film shows, outings and picnics, besides lectures by prominent local and overseas guests of various institutions on various subjects. The members of the Padma Lodge, Jinja, were prominent in arranging a conference of Gujarati writers, arts and crafts exhibition, etc. Members of several Lodges are engaged in humanitarian activities, such as hospitals, flood relief, social services, and so on.

A new avenue of our work this year has opened through talks on Theosophy on the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation's radio service for Asian listeners. Three talks in Gujarati and two in Hindustani have so far been relayed. We shall give talks in English also when the Corporation affords us that opportunity.

Before I conclude my brief Report, I invoke the blessings of the Great Ones, who are the true Founders of our Society, to inspire all members in East Africa, which is entering a new era of independence, to work courageously and selflessly with the understanding of Theosophy to bring peace, prosperity and harmony to the newly born nations of these territories.

R. H. PATEL,  
General Secretary.

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## PAKISTAN

The number of Lodges under the administration of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan continues to be the same, i.e., seven Lodges and two Centres. The total membership as per records received on 30th September 1962 stands at 261.

The work of the Lodges has gone on smoothly and actively according to some of the reports received. Karachi

Lodge remains by far the biggest and the most active Lodge. Its membership on 30th September 1962 is reported to be 143. This is a decline from the previous year when the membership was 164. The Lodge reports that 15 new members joined during the year but a large number of members had to be struck off due to non-payment of dues. Apart from this,

Karachi Lodge reports a year of fine and sustained activities. Public lectures and members' meetings were held on Theosophical and various other topics. Study Classes from time to time were also held. Under the Theosophical Order of Service, relief was given to the poor and needy, Adult Education Project and courses in educational and recreational topics were also conducted. Members of the Lodge work actively in Social Welfare connected with the blind, the deaf and dumb, the tuberculosis patients and in women's and children's welfare organizations. The Poor Families Welfare Association and the Poor Patients Relief Society, both Theosophically inspired over thirty years ago, have continued to find patronage on the Lodge premises. The Healing Ritual has also been regularly performed. Karachi Lodge has a library of over 10,000 books, a children's library and a free reading-room of which many persons, Theosophists and others, take advantage. The Auditorium belonging to the Lodge premises offers one of the best theatre and concert stages in the whole city and is well patronized.

Other Lodges in Pakistan are rather small and need a lot of help and attention. Besant Lodge at Hyderabad celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in November 1961. The celebrations were presided over by Srimati Rukmini Devi accompanied by Mr. Peter Hoffman. A large number of delegates from Karachi and Quetta Lodges also attended the celebrations. It was a very happy and uplifting occasion. The Lodge buildings looked fresh and clean, being newly painted. The gardens were beautiful as usual. Members of Besant Lodge worked night and day to give hospitality to their guests. The Jubilee program centred around the theme of Sufism in Sind. Very touching was the remembrance of the old founders

and workers of the Lodge, many of whom have passed on.

The Lodge at Comilla has continued its activities more regularly. Being a completely Hindu Lodge, its work centres around the study of *Bhagavad Gita* and other Hindu scriptures. The Lodge members also met daily for regular study of articles in *THE THEOSOPHIST* and other Theosophical books. The Lodges at Quetta and Lahore have no activities to report. These Lodges need the presence of permanent Lodge workers to set them again on their feet. The two Youth Lodges at Hyderabad and Karachi have also had their problems and need constant and sympathetic guidance. The Centre at Dacca continues to be a Centre and holds regular weekly meetings where serious study is carried on. No report has come from the Centre at Jessore.

The most outstanding event of the year has been the First Pakistan Theosophical Convention, held at Karachi in November 1961, under the distinguished presidentship of Srimati Rukmini Devi. This is the first time that it has been possible for us to hold such a Convention since we began our separate existence in Pakistan. All the Lodges in West Pakistan were represented at the Convention, but due to long distances and the expenses involved none of our brothers from East Pakistan could attend. They sent us messages of remembrance, affection and success. The Convention was marked by much enthusiasm and active participation of the members. Particularly useful and interesting were the business meetings where members met to discuss their problems for the first time as a national entity. Affectionate and encouraging messages were received from our beloved President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, our Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a very large number of Sections, all over the world, and from friends who were members in the Pakistan

region before partition. It was agreed to convene such a function at least once in three years.

During the year under Report, our region was visited by Dr. Meyer Dohm from Hamburg, Germany, and Miss Bertha Darroch and her sister Daphne and their friend Miss Smith from New Zealand, Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale and Mr. Peter Hoffman. The visits proved of great benefit and interest to members, and we hope that we shall continue to have more friends who may be able to stay for some time in Pakistan for Theosophical work.

Once again I was unable to visit East Pakistan much as I wanted to do so. Serious illnesses in the family and other causes prevented me from fulfilling this responsibility although such a visit was planned more than once. I, however, visited Hyderabad Lodge four times during the year and gave several lectures from the Lodge platform. During the summer of this year I was able to visit England and several countries in Europe, and was happy to contact Theosophical work in England, Holland, Belgium and Switzerland. I felt particularly privileged in being able to attend the International Congress of the European Federation held at Swanwick, where I met members from practically every Section in Europe, and benefited greatly from the deliberations of the Congress as well as by the opportunity of knowing about the work of the European Congress.

The magazine, *Theosophy in Pakistan*, has been brought out regularly for the second year in succession. Besides bringing to the members reproductions from THE THEOSOPHIST and other Section magazines, this magazine is able to fill the special need of members in Pakistan itself. Efforts are continuing to publish

research papers on Islamic studies in the light of Theosophy and this has attracted subscribers to the journal who are not Theosophists.

At the last annual International Convention the Theosophical Islamic Association was given one of its many reincarnations. The responsibility of carrying on its work and promoting its objectives has been given to us in Pakistan during the year but not much has been done as was envisaged. But the Association has now its constitution, and members have been enrolled in India and Pakistan and a few in other countries; there has been some interest and inquiry which is encouraging. Here again non-members find it an easier platform than the one offered by the Lodges.

As I look back over the year's work I am experiencing a sense of disappointment. This region needs more workers than just the few of us. I am not able to get more workers from within the country. I would, therefore, be particularly grateful if well-seasoned workers from other countries could come out to stay in Pakistan for long periods and help me with the work, specially of stirring up the smaller Lodges. The potentiality of developing Theosophical work in Pakistan is as great and rich as in any other country. The intellectual element in Pakistan is keen to study and understand truth from a broad point of view. To close on an optimistic note, I am hoping that, during the current year, with more help and more personal effort on my part and on the part of the few local workers, the work of Theosophy in Pakistan will strengthen and thereby give valuable contribution towards the general progress and happiness of the people in the country.

G. K. MINWALLA,  
Presidential Agent.

## MALAYA AND SINGAPORE

In the cyclic rhythm of waxing and waning in the activities of our Society, it seems we are still in the period of little enthusiasm and declining membership. This is partly due, as in the case of Kuala Lumpur Lodge, to the permanent departure of two European "backbones"; and in the case of Ipoh and Temerloh Lodges, to the lack of a proper foundation in the form of devoted resident members. From this we learn a lesson for all future attempts at forming new Lodges. So, in the case of Johore Bahru, we will not rush into forming a Lodge until we are assured of something solid and permanent.

Singapore, Penang, Malacca and Seremban Lodges are very steady, and maintain

their membership in spite of transfers and departures.

In view of the political changes anticipated, we have to look forward to a Federation of Malayasian Theosophical Society.

Owing to business recession and difficulty in getting supporting advertisements, our *Malayan Theosophist* could make only two appearances during the year; at the moment of writing the price of rubber is still somewhat low. We continue to maintain a free distribution of 2,000 copies per issue, and the magazine is getting very popular.

The membership for 1962 stands at 125.

C. H. YEANG.  
*Federation Secretary.*

## NORTHERN IRELAND

The year 1961-62 passed quietly but with plenty of activity. The total membership of 55 shows a drop of one. Membership decline, though occasionally halted, has been gradual and uniformly continuous during the last dozen years. It arises from a very low intake of new members. Against this, we are aware of an increasing prevalence of "Theosophical" attitudes and ideas through the community. During the half century since the Society began its active work in Northern Ireland there has been a great transformation in the public outlook, a substantial growth in religious and political tolerance, and the founding and growth of many progressive, cultural and humanitarian movements. In all this, members of the Theosophical Society have played and still play an effective and sometimes distinguished part.

We have done much to bring Theosophy out into the world, yet few have been drawn from "the world" into the Society, though we meet quite a number of people who assure us that they are in sympathy with us and are Theosophists at heart. Of the few who have lately joined us, however, several have shown themselves earnest and responsible members who have at once felt themselves at home among us.

Rising costs and the recently imposed burden of local Government taxation have made our financial position more difficult, and economies have had to be made. Our programs of lectures, discussion and study had interest, variety and vitality in spite of their almost complete dependence on our own local talent. At our annual Convention in May 1962, Miss Jean Carstairs,

General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Scotland, was our guest speaker. It proved a happy and useful gathering. Miss Carstairs was our only visiting

speaker from outside Northern Ireland during the year.

HUGH SHEARMAN,  
*Organizing Secretary.*

## ISRAEL

I am happy to state that our Theosophical activities during the past year has met with considerable success as we experienced a major "break-through" in our endeavor to reach the Israeli public at large. Mr. Hans Zeuger, the Presidential Agent, was again invited by the Government-owned broadcasting station "Kol-Israel" (the Voice of Israel), to lecture on Astrology, this time on "Astrological Evaluation of the Planetary Conjunction in Aquarius on 4-2-1962"; this afforded a very good opportunity to introduce some of our most important Theosophical ideas to a country-wide audience, especially in view of the fact that this broadcast took place on Friday evening (the beginning of Shabbath!), 9th February 1962, as part of a program which usually draws the highest possible number of listeners. Mr. Zeuger's warning, uttered on this occasion, of "danger from the sea until 20th February 1962," and the subsequent tidal wave which flooded Hamburg and its neighboring cities on February the 17th, greatly enhanced the prestige of astrological investigations in the eyes of our citizens; and as a result Mr. Zeuger was requested by "Kibbutz Nachshon" and "Kibbutz Mishmar David," two co-operative settlements with a high percentage of young people, to give similar talks—in Hebrew—to their respective communities. Another lecture on "Buddhism and Theosophy" was delivered by him in Nahariya, a seaside resort in the north of the country.

He was repeatedly interviewed by newspapermen, and extensive articles appeared therefrom—one of them with illustrations—in the Hebrew, English and German local press.

Lodge meetings and public lectures were regularly held in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Safad, and White Lotus Day was celebrated jointly with Miss Maria Moisis, a member of the "United Lodge, Los Angeles," participating, demonstrating thus the bond of real brotherhood which dwells beyond and above all organizational dissimilarities.

Membership has now reached the figure 101; with 12 new admissions, 1 re-admission, 3 transfers and 1 dead, there is an increase of 15.

This year again we had the pleasure of welcoming a number of visitors from other Sections, viz., Mrs. S. Stave, U.S.A., Madame L. Bercou, France (who gave us several lectures in French), and Frau V. Stadt, Austria. Four of our own members were fortunate to take part in some of the most important Theosophical gatherings held in Europe: Mrs. H. Glowinsky, Mr. E. Mawudeku and Mr. H. Zeuger attended the European Congress of our Society in Swanwick, England; and Mrs. F. Deutsch went to the Jubilee Convention of the Austrian Section in Vienna, and later on to the Regional Summer School in Pichl. In addition, Mr. H. Zeuger, in his capacity as Link-Officer, participated in the "International Week" in Huizen.

As in previous years, generous gifts were received for our library from various sources, first of all from our English Section (through the good offices of Brother John Coats and Capt. Cyril L. Paul), from our French Section (through Madame H. Sabetay), and—as a personal donation—from Mrs. H. Poller, a member of the English Section. We are most grateful to all these helpful friends.

As a crowning event in the manifold attainments of this year, a new Lodge Lotus has been formed in Haifa on

27-9-1962, with Mr. E. Mawudeku as its President, in time to be included in this annual Report. As this is the sixth Lodge functioning in Israel there are now good prospects for a full-fledged Section to be created in the not too distant future.

Our news-sheet, *Theosophie in Israel*, continues to be issued twice a year in English, French, German and Hebrew.

HANS ZEUGER,  
*Presidential Agent.*

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## JAPAN

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## VIET-NAM

The Directive Council has now completed its second year out of its term of three years with some changes due to the needs of the work.

Meetings for study are encouraged and held regularly at our general Headquarters and in several Lodges. Last year we completed a course of study on *The Solar System* by A. E. Powell, and we are at present making a detailed study of *A Study in Consciousness* by Dr. Annie Besant. About thirty members take part in this weekly study course actively, the subject for discussion being distributed in advance to the members.

The monthly public lectures interest a fairly good audience, and several have become active members.

The bi-monthly review, *Tim Hieu Thong Thien Hoc* ("Seeking to Understand Theosophy"), the official organ of our Section, has reached its ninth year of publication. It furnishes to the members news taken

from "Theosophists at Work around the World" from THE THEOSOPHIST; and also presents to the public, as well as to our members, good Theosophical literature. This review is able to accomplish its mission, thanks to the material and financial help supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen van Huan. At present 2,000 copies are printed.

For some time past we have been organizing each month a meeting which we call "Life in Common," where members meet during the afternoon to talk, discuss some spiritual subject, meditate as a group, and partake of refreshments informally. These meetings consolidate the existing links between members.

In addition to the regular meetings we organize also meetings to commemorate Theosophical festivals, to keep alive in our hearts the ideals of Service.

An active social work is our Theosophical Orphanage. It is now taking care

of sixty little orphans or abandoned children. Their health is looked after by Dr. Ha Thuan Hung and Mme. Nguyen thi Vien; Mme. Le thi Xang is in charge of the administration; and Mr. Nguyen van Huan, assisted by some members of the Directive Council, is occupied with the financial side of the institution, a vital part of the work. The annual costs incurred on account of the Orphanage amounts to nearly 500,000 \$ VN, = Rs. 10,000/- So it seems a reasonable figure, but the budget is stabilized, thanks to the contributions and gifts of numerous benefactors (members and non-members).

In spite of the very critical situation in our country and the economic crisis which influences all our activities, new members continue to join our Section. The number of members who are active and earnest grows, and this is an encouragement to our work. With 54 new admissions during the year, and 32 outgoing through deaths, resignations and lapsings, there is an increase of 22 making a total of 658 active members in the Section.

For the greater part the Lodges maintain their activities as in former years. The majority of Lodges are grouped in Saigon; and among the others, Lodge "Kien-Ai" has shown itself particularly

active, with meetings and weekly talks organized in a popular district.

In spite of the good results already obtained, we feel that there still remain many things that could be done for the welfare and the progress of our Section.

The study of Theosophical teachings and their diffusion constitute our principal activity, for from these comes the light which rejoices the heart; they give us an understanding as to the causes of our heavy national karma.

As a parallel to this activity we have at present a system or program of mutual aid. It is a form of Mutual Security, where each who belongs to it contributes voluntarily something, so that it may come to the aid of some other member who is in difficulties or in sorrow. The organization has as its aim the fostering of the spirit of sympathy and fraternity which exists among the members.

The Section is progressing surely though slowly. We hold to the firm hope of a brilliant future in which Theosophy will reach all hearts and bring real peace, spiritual knowledge and universal love.

May the Wisdom and the Compassion of the Masters illuminate and sustain us in Their Work.

NGUYEN THI HAI,  
*General Secretary.*

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## VENEZUELA

During the period under Report, from 1st October 1961 to 30th September 1962, we have carried out the following activities:

Because of the extreme political pressure over the whole country exerted by international forces, and reflected both in the economic order as well as in the moral and spiritual spheres, our Section has

begun implementing a plan for the propagation of our ideals, in order to restore the balance disturbed by the kârmic weight that is spreading over this nation. We work in the hope that our country will be able to save itself from the material and political stresses with which we are confronted in these precarious days of confusion.

We continue to send out four times a year our review *United* to our regular members, and also to the former members so that they may be informed of our plans of study, in which we invite them to participate. Sometimes we have good attendances at our study groups, and at other times not so good. We have begun collecting funds in order that we may, in the near future, see our own building constructed as a permanent home for the Theosophical Society.

During the year four new members have joined. In addition, a former mem-

ber of this Section, who had been transferred to the United States, has returned to this Section and become active again. One of our members, Brother German Celina, abandoned his physical body. This leaves a total membership of 172.

Finally, in the name of all the members of the Section and in my own, we should be glad if you would pass on to our beloved President and all members of the Society who, like yourself, are working for humanity at the Centre, our warmest greetings.

T. PABLO BONILLA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## WEST AFRICA

At the Easter Convention the Organizing Secretary was re-elected despite his notice to retire for reasons of age and ill-health and to hand over to a younger person who would bring new energy, life and experience to bear on the work. One of the reasons was the absence of a younger person free to devote full time to the increasing correspondence, the membership consisting mostly of Civil Service and Mercantile employees. Lack of personal contact with the regional Lodges and Centres is the result.

Judging by the influx of numerous inquiries, the year under review is a "year of plenty"—of successful activities. There has been a general public awakening to Theosophy in West Africa far surpassing all expectations. Since our Convention, over 100 leaflets have been distributed not only in response to inquirers within the Federation but also outside; for example, to the Republic of Liberia and Sierra Leone, where we have only three inactive members. About thirty per cent of these inquirers have joined our ranks.

It is a happy augury that *teen-agers* of both sexes in secondary schools both in Ghana and Nigeria are enrolling; thus fresh blood is being infused into the veins of the Federation, foreshadowing more vigorous activity. Some of these students attended the Convention, returning to their several colleges with good impressions. This presages the movement of Young Theosophists in the Federation.

In line with this general trend is the very pleasant surprise of a change of climate for a healthier atmosphere in Arundale Lodge. Made up almost exclusively of members of the Roman Catholic persuasion, it has until recently played the role of a Nicodemus. The fear of excommunication or anathema for being a heretic has gone, and public lectures have been delivered during the year; the President leading a delegation to the Convention. And the result is an addition of 2 Centres to the one already existing in this region.

There is a gain of 63 to the exclusion of 4 reinstated members. Special mention

is made of the enrolment of Mrs. Anantarama Saraswathi Subramaniam, a tutor in *Mawuli* College, by the Centre referred to in the previous paragraph. It is interesting to note the kârmic link with West Africa which decreed her admission in Ghana rather than in her country of birth, or at Adyar, where she lived from 1925 to 1930. This Centre is under the able leadership of Brother S. A. Amable, Assistant Commissioner of the Ghana Police Force. Like other Lodges and Centres in Ghana, this Centre holds weekly study courses for inquirers and members. Their program included public lectures. The textbook was *Theosophy for Beginners* by Christie for the period, July-December 1962.

Mention was made in my Convention report of the visit of our Nigerian delegate, Mr. I.O. Onwuka. The Federation has benefited therefrom by the formation of 3 Centres in the Eastern Region; 5 Centres are in the Northern Region. We cherish the hope that in due course of time a Centre will spring up in the capital of Nigeria, Lagos, Western Region, where I came in contact with the light of Theosophy, the Lodge then being moribund. There are several members in the capital to constitute a Lodge. Much as I would have desired to contact personally the

members there, the reason already stated above ruled this out.

Ever since the *Accra Bulletin*, the organ of the pre-Federation, became defunct, requests from old as well as Federation members are constantly being made for either its resuscitation or the launching of a new journal; the need is great in that there is a feeling of something missing in the life of the Federation, let alone the linking up with our far-flung and isolated members, scattered throughout the length and breadth of vast Nigeria particularly. While many factors militate against this, the conference decided to undertake the work, the proprietors of the Liberty Press having volunteered to print free of cost for us. All was ready for the setting-up when certain circumstances and conditions compelled us to hold on and to exercise caution and tact pending a more favorable time.

Meanwhile, I avail myself of this opportunity through the kind offices and the medium of this Report to extend to all Sections and Federations our sincere appreciation and grateful thanks for their supply to us of their respective periodicals.

K. BRAKATU ATEKO,  
*Organizing Secretary.*

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## CANADIAN FEDERATION

The past year has shown for the first time for a considerable period a decline in membership. It has been necessary to declare a large number of members as "lapsed"; these are people who join, come to a few meetings and then virtually disappear in spite of every effort to maintain contact with them. This type of person seems to be in the majority; there are others who, growing older, seem to

lose interest, make an occasional appearance at a public lecture, but do not pay dues.

Although there is a decreased membership, there still seems to be a real interest in Theosophy shown by the general public when a speaker of international stature is on tour. This was witnessed during the recent tour of Dr. and Mrs. Bendit. Dr. Bendit drew record audiences in Edmonton

and Calgary and Mrs. Bendit in Vancouver did the same. The Federation was most appreciative to the American Section for allowing the time to us for a visit by the Bendits. The tour by Dr. Bendit was most successful.

The Canadian Federation also sponsored recently a lecture tour by Mr. C. D. Eldridge of Seattle Lodge to Penticton, Calgary and Edmonton. While the audiences were somewhat smaller they were comparatively good for these smaller Lodges.

A successful annual Convention was held last May in Victoria, B.C., attended by some sixty members.

The study group in Toronto, attached to H.P.B. Lodge, continues to be very active, and it is expected that new members will be forthcoming to that Lodge from this group.

All the Lodges without exception are as active as they can possibly be, with continued effort made as to how to attract more members. The weekly Sunday lecture, sponsored by several Lodges, is not proving as successful as in

the past in drawing the public. A tape-recording of a well-known speaker appears to be more popular than a local speaker.

The Lodges both in Edmonton and Winnipeg are sharing their studies in part with members of the Canadian Section.

It must be said that except, as noted above, in regard to a visiting speaker, there is a definite lack of interest by the general public for Theosophy. As evidenced by the Statistical Report, great difficulty is being experienced in attracting new members. This problem is receiving the attention of all members, and in particular the Secretary and the Council, but it must be admitted that the solution is still to be arrived at. Younger people today are just not interested in occultism, although they seem to flock in large numbers to the type of churches where little or no thought is required and where they receive large doses of emotionalism.

It is hoped that next year's Report will be more optimistic.

JOHN P. BARNES,  
*Federation Secretary.*

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## EUROPEAN FEDERATION

Last year was a busy year in Europe. The Council Meeting which was held in Milan, in June, brought to Italy 9 General Secretaries and representatives from 15 countries. The General Secretary and members of the Italian Section held their National Convention at the same time and gave us a splendid welcome in the fine rooms of the Society in Milan. The theme of the meetings was in terms of the Right Publicity that we must make and many useful talks were given.

Later on in the summer and again in Italy, the Regional Summer School of the Pays Latin brought over 100 members to

Milano Marittimo and the first Summer School ever held in that country. Most participants came from Italy and France but there were others from every part of Latin Europe, including 16 from Spain and 5 from Portugal. Belgium, Switzerland and some other countries were represented. The Chairman of the Federation acted as Compere of the gathering but none other than the President himself, Mr. N. Sri Ram, was the chief guest and speaker and none more appreciated and enjoyed. He gave a series of deep and inspiring addresses on the Nature of Consciousness and it would be difficult to describe the

effect of these upon his listeners, seated around him in the peace and beauty of the pine-woods in which we met. Five General Secretaries were present and all participated in the lectures and discussions. To Dr. Thorin in particular are warmest thanks due for his excellent and untiring translations of the President's talks in French. Talks were translated also occasionally into Italian and Spanish.

During the week at Milano Marittimo, the Regional Committee of the Pays Latin met. Warm thanks were offered to Dr. Thorin for his work as Assistant Editor of *Le Lotus* and *La Vie Théosophique* in which the addresses of the non-French-speaking Sections of the Pays Latin now appear regularly, together with an acknowledgment of the European Federation's association with the publications. Dr. Thorin spoke of the great success they had in Paris in producing a Play for the public. He felt that this was a means of introducing Theosophy to a public who would not attend lectures, and it brought results. They have now in France a "Banque de Conférences," so that outlying Lodges may borrow useful lectures from the Headquarters platform.

The German Regional Committee met in Milan during the Council Meeting, and here the subject of the publication of books in the German language was usefully debated. The General Secretary of the German Section had already been making inquiries and had made provisional approaches to a publishing house in Germany. He had also been encouraging the translation of several books with the help of a few of his members. The stage was set, therefore, for the Committee to consider seriously the possibilities, and it was decided to go ahead with this project. Although there is a small publishing concern in Austria—the Adyar Verlag—supported by the European Federation and certain donors,

and individuals who give much time and efforts to the work, there are not sufficient funds and scope at present for the production of more than a minimum output of Theosophical books. Whilst an approach had to be made to an outside publisher, the Adyar Verlag would continue to publish what it could with the hope that in the future it might be built up into a more productive concern.

The Chairman reported that, at a recent meeting of the Council of the Theosophical World University, an offer had been made to assist other language groups with the translation and publication of some of the pamphlets and booklets of the Research Centre in England. It was decided to make an offer first to the German-speaking Region, and the Regional Committee expressed its very sincere thanks for this offer of funds. Arrangements are in hand.

The Summer School of the Region was held at Pichl in Austria, in September. Each year there is a larger attendance and all have been impressed 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 visitors from neighboring countries. The Summer School was under the able Chairmanship of Frau Fanny Scheffmacher of Basle, and all were happy to have again Mr. van Dissel amongst them.

There was no Regional Summer School in the British Isles this year but the English Section ran a most successful program over a period of two weeks at Camberley, at which many members both spoke and took part in other ways. The General Secretary, Mr. Wallace Slater, intimated his intention of launching a Campaign for Unity in 1962, and this is now well and successfully under way.

In June, the Sections of the North met in the mountains of Norway for a very

happy Summer School that lasted ten days. Amidst wonderful scenery, over 100 members, mainly from Sweden, Denmark, Norway and England, with further representatives from other countries, enjoyed a program arranged by the General Secretaries of these Northern lands, with Miss Clara Codd and Mrs. Mary Elmore playing a leading part. Thanks are due specially to Herr Ernst Nielsen, General Secretary of Norway, for his splendid organization. This Summer School was attended by 12 members of the English Section too.

Srimati Rukmini Devi spent several weeks at the International Theosophical Centre of St. Michael's at Huizen in Holland, during the summer. She took part in the activities of the International Week which attracted a large number of visitors; visited the German National Summer School at Rendsburg, and spent a few days in London on her way to America.

Besides the President and Rukmini Devi, Miss Clara Codd and Mrs. Mary Elmore lectured in several countries in Europe and we owe a real debt of gratitude to them and to those others who have given their time and services in this very necessary field. Prof. Haas, Vice-Chairman of the European Federation, is another whose work enables him to visit and take part in Theosophical activities in the countries he visits.

We welcome Fru Kerstin Berg as the new General Secretary of Sweden, whilst in Austria, Herr Fritz Schleifer has again taken over this work from Dr. Lauppert. The latter is still, however, continuing to assist, as Herr Schleifer has had some trouble with his eyes, which has necessitated an operation. He is well on the mend again.

The Young Theosophists of Europe have also elected a new General Secretary, Monsieur Maurice Warnon, and we

welcome him to the Council. Their magazine *Lotos* is well produced by its Editor, Mr. Henk Verhoog, and last year a very successful Camp was held at Camberley in England with an average participation of about 70.

Herr Ekhard Roesch continued his able editing of *Adyar*, the Federation's German language periodical, and this is much appreciated. The General Secretaries of the Region and the Chairman are providing editorials regularly—as they do also to *La Vie Théosophique* of the Pays Latin Region. This, together with *Le Lotus Bleu*, is sent to all members of the French-speaking Sections. A high standard has been maintained and the President's talks at Milano Marittimo have been a highlight. *Teosofi i Norden* has now completed over a year of publication; Herr Ernst Nielsen, together with helpers in Sweden and Denmark, is responsible. *Theosophy in Action* continues publication with Mr. Leslie-Smith as Assistant Editor. Our present aim is to publish a selection of articles taken from the journals of other-language Sections, so that the English-reading members throughout the world may hear of the views of members in Europe whose articles they would never otherwise see. At least a half of the circulation of *Theosophy in Action* is in countries beyond the seas.

The Theosophical Order of Service has been active in some countries, but not sufficiently in others where this very necessary part of our work seems obscured by a variety of factors. Fraulein Hedwig Balmer of Basle is doing all she can to co-ordinate this work.

The Order of the Round Table is active in about 10 countries in Europe. Fine work is being done to bring children into early touch with the high ideal of Service that we all owe to the world in which we live. It is to be

hoped that this work will continue to spread strongly throughout the European field.

The Chairman travelled fairly extensively—attending the Council Meeting in Milan, the opening of Summer School in Norway, the International Week at Huizen, and the Summer School at Milano Marittimo, with visits to other Lodges and Groups as well.

One of the chief aims of the European Federation has always been to further the United States of Europe. With the coming into being of the Common Market

this aim seems to have drawn nearer. Patterns in Europe are changing. Family life has always been recognized as the basic unit of a happy community and as of paramount importance in the composition of a stable whole. We, of the Theosophical family of Europe who are coming more and more to know each other well, are in a strong position both to pioneer and to establish firm foundations for this new Europe that is being born.

JOHN COATS,  
*Chairman.*

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## LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

### BOLIVIA

#### LODGE "PAZ":

During the past year the work of Lodge "Paz" has been normal, with members attending weekly meetings and classes for the study of classical Theosophical books, the latest magazines, and so on. In the month of July we were visited by two American members from Krotona, Ojai, California. They gave a number of lectures and showed slides of that Centre and its activities. We were thus able to have joint meetings of all the Theosophists of the locality and the public, and much enthusiasm was created during those five days.

We have also succeeded in obtaining the title of "Personeria Juridica" for

the Theosophical Society in Bolivia, which is signed by the President of the Republic granting official sanction to our meetings and activities, so that we now exist as an officially recognized institution, for the purposes of our declared Objects. This was necessary for administrative purposes.

Further, the President of Lodge "Paz" visited Brazil and Argentina, thus extending personally the fraternal links with Theosophists of different countries.

We continue in this way to maintain the splendor of the light of Theosophy in our Lodge.

MARIO CARIAGO ARAMAYO,  
*President.*

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### HONG KONG

#### HONG KONG LODGE

We take pleasure in submitting a Report on some important events of our Lodge during the year 1962.

The greater part of expenditure this year was on the booking of meeting rooms at the City Hall. Altogether we paid \$255 for such bookings. Thanks

to the generous support of all members, the deficit shown in our financial statement has been offset by members' voluntary contributions, and we are again in a position to make new bookings for 1963.

We record with regret the death of Brother P. J. Narwani who died on 5th June 1962. Some members left, and one joined our Lodge. There are 16 members on our record.

A resolution was passed at the Special Business Meeting held on 13th December 1962, that a membership campaign should be started after the 3rd Annual General Meeting on 21st February, inviting interested brethren to join our Lodge.

Altogether we held 40 meetings including 19 lectures in Chinese on Theosophical subjects and 16 in English, five being business meetings. The response from the public was unexpectedly good. For several meetings we had a full-house audience. Three talks were given by Brother K. S. Fung with photo-slides, showing Theosophical diagrams which aroused great interest among the audience. Brother S. L. Yen read and discussed with us some talks of Mr. J. Krishnamurti, while Brothers L. Clark

and A. Gaskell led discussions on papers prepared by the London Section. More and more people are attracted to such meetings, and we are now looking forward to the day when we shall have to book the big Concert Hall in the City Hall for some of our meetings. May our Elder Brethren guide us all from the higher planes.

Efforts are being made to move our books from Shatin to the town in order to facilitate the borrowing of our books by both members and the public.

Comparatively, this year was a very quiet year. We had a visit by Sri Purani from Sri Aurobindo's Ashram last April, who gave three public lectures on spiritual subjects. Mr. Mehra visited us on 24th May and gave a talk on the subject, "The Power of the Mind," with illustrative photo-slides on the teachings of the *Gita*. Brother Geoffrey Hodson had intended to visit us in May, but that visit is now cancelled due to the postponement of the 2nd Indo-Pacific Conference to which he was invited. We still hope that some day this year or next year he will visit us.

K. S. FUNG,  
*President.*

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### LODGE "ARMONIA," LIMA:

We send you, in compliance with the requirements, information regarding our work during the past year:

A course in Psychology was conducted by Brother Adalberto Linares; another in a Study of Consciousness. A study with commentary on the books, *Light of the Soul*, *Aphorisms of Patanjali*, and *The Key to Theosophy*, was also undertaken.

We hold meetings on Fridays, at which members from both Lodges "Armonia" and "Liberacion" are present, as they too are situated in this locality.

It was a source of great satisfaction to listen to lectures given by the Brothers Boardman, who spent some weeks in this country.

We observed the principal Theosophical festivals with suitable celebrations, and on 17th November we arranged a luncheon

for fraternizing, which was partaken of by a large number.

Our task was made much more difficult this year because of the political complications that prevail in this country.

FERNANDO MANTILLA,  
*President.*

#### LODGE "PAZ Y AMOR," LIMA:

Our Lodge "Paz y Amor" has had a period of much activity in its work of Theosophical instruction.

This has followed the order of studies established in the School of the Wisdom, for its systematic manner of understanding Theosophy. Formerly our students were not properly oriented to their studies; not knowing where to begin, and becoming confused, they wasted much time in elucidating and understanding concepts and facts taken from different works without the connecting links.

Ten new members have joined our Lodge, and it is our hope that, in the coming year 1963, perhaps we will be able to treble that number.

Propaganda by means of lectures, writings and the distribution of leaflets has proved very effective and will also continue in the future.

The allied activities of the Theosophical Society, such as Co-Masonry, the Liberal Catholic Church, St. Michael's Centre, and the Ritual of the Mystic Star, have been active and we can number on an average of fifty for each of these.

It is from the ranks of these subsidiary activities that the new members of our Lodge come, when little by little they have come to know of Theosophy along paths adapted to their temperaments.

We received a visit by Brothers Matt. and Vera Boardman, of Krotana, Ojai, California, who during their stay of several days gave some very interesting lectures, and showed films which were artistic and documentary and proved very instructive. There also came with them Brother German Valdetaro, from Rosario, Argentina.

ALFONSO REVOREDO IGLESIAS,  
*President.*

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## THE WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

The Annual General Body Meeting was held last year on 30th and 31st December 1961, at 2.00 p.m., in the Headquarters Hall, Adyar, under the chairmanship of Srimati Rukmini Devi. The General Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts were presented and adopted. The amendment to the Constitution circulated during the year was adopted unanimously.

The election of the President could not be concluded as both candidates had received one vote each. During the discussion on this subject Srimati Rukmini Devi informed the General Body that

Brother John Coats had been requested by a group of Young Theosophists to accept nomination for the post of WFYT President, and not wishing to stand against her he had refused to accept the nomination. She also expressed a desire to withdraw and suggested that as the current election was inconclusive, a fresh election be called so that the Young Theosophists could nominate Brother John Coats or any other person. It was decided that a fresh election be called and concluded by 1st March 1962. It was also decided that Srimati Rukmini Devi continue till this date, and that she should contact all the

Federations and inform them of the situation.

Kumari Anandamayi Advani was elected General Secretary, proposed by Miss Shailaja Shahani and seconded by Mr. R. M. Toddywalla. Miss P. K. Rajeswari was appointed Treasurer by the President. The following members were all nominated to the Executive Committee by the President: Mr. A. C. Buch, Miss Nirmala Krishnamurthi, Mr. R. M. Toddywalla, Mrs. Nancy A. Buch, Miss R. Sivakami. The appointments were accepted.

In her concluding remarks Srimati Rukmini Devi bade farewell to the members thanking them for the support they had given her, and expressed that her contact with the WFYT had been an experience full of affection and a sense of devotion to the Young Theosophists. The members expressed their gratitude to Srimati Rukmini Devi for her inspiring leadership during the past many years.

*The Executive Committee.*—The new Executive met soon after it was formed on 31st December 1961, to grant admission to new groups in India, and also to consider the affiliation of two groups applied for from Argentina.

At the meeting held on 11th February 1962, at Youth Headquarters, admission was granted to the Federation of Young Theosophists in Iceland. On behalf of the various Federations who could not vote for the election of the President as the time was insufficient to contact members, the General Secretary requested that the date for nomination of President be extended to 31st March 1962. The request was granted. It was decided to inquire into the nature of affiliation of the EFYT with the WFYT so as to conduct the current elections constitutionally.

At the third meeting held at Kalakshetra on 5th April 1962, the letter

of Miss Tehmina Wadia on the subject of the "YT Reserved Fund" Trust was presented to the Executive. All other candidates having withdrawn, Brother John Coats was declared "... as elected unopposed to the presidentship of the WFYT for the term of three years from Convention 1961 to Convention 1964, as from the 5th of April 1962".

The fourth meeting was held on 23rd October, to consider a program for Youth Day.

The fifth meeting, held on 23rd December, examined the possibility of amending the Constitution so as to eradicate the difficulties caused by the loop-holes in some of the clauses. The votes on the amendment circulated during the year were verified and found favorable.

The following amendment was moved by Mrs. Nancy A. Buch which was circulated to the various groups in the General Secretary's circular, dated May 7th 1962, with four months' notice.

*The term of office of the General Secretary shall be for three years. In the case where the General Secretary is unable to carry on the work, the Executive Committee will be empowered to call a fresh election.*

In the Circular of the General Secretary dated 29th July, a reminder was sent to all the groups. Six votes have been received for the amendment and none against.

*New Affiliations and Revivals.*—During the year two new groups were granted affiliation with the WFYT. As contact had been lost with groups in Mexico and Pakistan, an effort was made during the year to re-establish contact. A very warm response was received from Mexico whereas Pakistan YT failed to respond. The Philippines and East African groups not having replied the General Secretary sent reminders. Replies from these groups

have been received and are encouraging, but not much progress could be made as they were contacted very late in the year.

Correspondence with the groups during the year was very good. Almost all the groups have replied. It was also encouraging to have received a response from the groups that were contacted late in the year. The loss of files prior to 1956 was a great handicap. However, most groups have responded to the request to supply the necessary data. A new policy was adopted this year in order to revive interest among the affiliated groups; the General Secretary sent out circulars at approximately two months' interval, in order to make the various groups conscious of a living centre. Towards the end of the year, I feel, the enthusiasm of the various groups has mounted high. It would have been more helpful if letters and annual reports had reached me by 15th December instead of 27th December.

I would also like to put on record the fact that, had not the previous General Secretary already established a link with the various groups with her circulars during the last year, I could not possibly have forged ahead. I would like to record my gratitude to Srimati Rukmini Devi for her inspiration and guidance in the early part of the year. Brother John Coats has helped me very much though he is at such a great distance; but for his help very little could have been achieved. The Convention Program Committee has been very helpful in reviving Youth Day. I must also thank Miss Kenderdine for her help during the Convention; Mr. Narainji for looking after the cleaning of the Youth Headquarters; Miss P. K. Rajeswari, our Treasurer, for her close co-operation, and all the members of the Executive for their active support.

ANANDAMAYI ADVANI,  
*General Secretary.*

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## OFFICERS

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### Executive Committee:

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| (1) THE PRESIDENT              | } | <i>Ex-officio</i> |
| (2) THE VICE-PRESIDENT         |   |                   |
| (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY    |   |                   |
| (4) THE TREASURER              |   |                   |
| (5) SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI       |   |                   |
| (6) MR. C. D. T. SHORES        |   |                   |
| (7) MRS. RADHA S. BURNIER      |   |                   |
| (8) MR. S. G. VENKATARAMANAN   |   |                   |
| (9) MRS. NORMA Y. SASTRY       |   |                   |
| (10) MISS KATHERINE A. BEECHEY |   |                   |

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# THE ADYAR LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1961-62

Another year of steady work has gone on, and during the year the Library was able to add one more volume to the Adyar Library Series, namely, *The Thirty-Two Vidyās*.

The 75th Anniversary of the Library was celebrated on 29th December 1961, during the International Convention of the Theosophical Society, under the presidentship of Sir C. P. Ramaswami Iyer, a great friend and co-worker of Dr. Annie Besant, who released on the occasion the Jubilee Volume of *Brahmavidyā*, mentioned in our last report. Dr. Humayun Kabir, Minister for Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs, Government of India, who was to have presided was unable to do so due to sudden illness. Greetings and appreciation of the work of the Library were received from various institutions and scholars all over the world, including the then President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who has now succeeded him in that office.

We share the hope expressed by our revered President that the Library will "start from a fresh foundation and raise a superstructure which will stand dignified, facing all the corners of space, combining the dignity of the old with the newness of the modern, the young world".

*Obituary.*—In November 1961, Dr. Friedrich Otto Schrader, Director of the Library 1905-16, who was mainly responsible for establishing the scholarly traditions of this research centre, passed away. He was responsible in the early years of the Library's existence for setting on firm foundations the academic activities of the Library and for enriching its manuscript collections to a great extent.

We also record the passing away of Dr. G. Srinivasa Murthi who was on the Library committee from 1926 onwards, the Director of the Library 1934-54, and an Adviser till the end. He had been ill for a number of years and death was a welcome release to him. To him and to Dr. Schrader we owe very many of the valuable publications of the Library, and we place on record our deep-felt gratitude and thanks.

*Building.*—The plan for the new building has made progress and we take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Willis Leenhouts of the U.S. for their contribution in making a plan according to our needs and suitable to the climatic conditions prevailing here in Madras. We hope that the structure can be raised soon and the growing needs of the Library, both for more space and better equipped rooms, will be met with.

*Staff.*—Sri K. Mahadeva Sastri, appointed last year as a Pandit in the Research Section, had to leave our service owing to reasons of health. Sri K. Parameswara Aithal, a Pandit, and graduate of the Mysore University, was appointed for work in the Research Section. We are also happy to welcome on our staff Sri V. Ramanatha Iyer and Dr. D. Rood, who are giving their honorary services to the Library.

*MSS. Catalogue.*—Pt. V. Krishnamacharya, assisted by Pt. K. Ramachandra Sarma, has completed the descriptive catalogue of the Dharma Śāstra manuscripts. At present both of them are engaged in cataloguing the Itihāsa manuscripts in the Library. The cataloguing

of Stotra MSS., begun by Pt. Mahadeva Sastri, is still to be completed; so also the catalogue of the Visva Bharati MSS.

*Book Catalogue.*—During the year we bought for the nominal amount of Rs. 1,086.45, a fine collection of books numbering 2,356 in the library of the late Mr. Henry van de Poll. The accession and classification of these, many of them being very valuable art works, was one of our major concerns during the year. This collection comprises many volumes of interest to Theosophists including the Eranos Yearbooks and books on symbolism, comparative religion, etc.

The expansion of references for other already catalogued books is slowly but steadily being accomplished; as for example, the complete referencing of *International Conciliation* from 1907 to the present date, furnishing valuable data on the history of international relations and law during the century.

Thanks are due to Mr. Zoltan de Álgya-Pap, Miss Gusta Koopman, Miss Ursula Ruminski, Mrs. Peggy de Vogel-van Gogh, Mrs. Joan Galloway, and others who assisted in the classification of foreign language books.

*Publications.*—During the year *The Thirty-Two Vidyā-s*, a study by the late Sri K. Narayanaswami Aiyar, a member of the Theosophical Society, of the different kinds of meditation mentioned in the twelve major Upaniṣad-s was released as No. 90 of the Adyar Library Series. This was a reprint of the 1916 edition with an enlarged index and an introduction by Dr. V. Raghavan. The translation of the rest of the *Śākta Upaniṣad-s* has been delayed due to unforeseen circumstances and we hope this will be completed during the next year.

The publication of *Indian Theories of Meaning*, the doctoral thesis of Dr. Kunjunni Raja, being a detailed study of Meaning according to the various Indian

schools of thought, is now in progress and will be ready for distribution in the course of the next few months. The *Keśavavaijayantī*, Nanda Paṇḍita's commentary on the *Viṣṇusmṛti* has been revised by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya and the index is being prepared by Pt. K. Parameswara Aithal. We hope to start the printing of it shortly.

Arrangements for exchange of publications were made during the year with *Phma*, edited by Dr. Walter Wüst, Munich, and devoted to Vedic studies, and the Library of Congress, U.S.A., for its duplicate books. We received 91 books in exchange during the year.

*Bulletin: Brahmadevīdya.*—The Adyar Library Bulletin has 128 subscribers and is being exchanged with 132 journals. Exchanges with the following have been newly started: *Sumer*, published by the Director-General of Antiquities, Iraq; Journal of the Maharaja Sayajirao University, Baroda; and Publications of the Kannada Research Institute, Dharwar.

*Copying.*—During the year 25 transcripts were made and supplied to other institutions and 2 were made for our own use. Microfilms of 4 MSS. and 4 books were supplied on request to other institutions. Other forms of Library service, such as research work for Mr. Alan Denson, England, who is compiling a bibliography of Dr. and Mrs. Cousins' works, were rendered throughout the year.

*Binding and Repair.*—63 books, 113 volumes of various periodicals, and 5 transcripts were bound in the Vasanta Press. 306 books, 5 paper MSS., and 7 transcripts were repaired in the Library. 239 palm-leaf MSS. were cleaned, 26 were varnished, and 24 were repaired.

Mr. C. H. Hunter, during the year under report, had boards fitted on 1,903 palm-leaf manuscripts, thus almost bringing

this work to a close. Since he started this work he has bound 8,956 MSS. Our appreciation and thanks are due to him, as he has not only helped us to better preserve the MSS., but has also saved the Library a great deal of expense. We also thank Mr. E. F. Orfila who continues to supervise the work in the repair department.

*Works Used.*—The Library has now 374 readers, 122 resident readers, 54 borrowers and 11 braille borrowers. During the year 3,574 persons used the Library, 9,286 books were consulted and 3,986 were borrowed; 2,530 MSS. were consulted and 24 were borrowed.

*Accession.*—3,683 books, excluding the journals, 2 transcripts, 38 palm-leaf MSS. and 8 paper MSS. were accessed.

*Gifts.*—Sri S. Santana Sastrigal has given us a further gift of 38 MSS. The following gifts of books were received: 29 through the Ministry of Education, New Delhi; 62 from Mr. C. Nelson Stewart, Scotland; 39 from Mr. S. C. Potter, England; 47 from Sri M. G. S. Rajan; 30 from Srimati Shakuntala Devi Singh; 15 from Dr. D. Rood; 10 from Sri U. K. Sujan; 25 from Sri S. A. Govindarajan; 17 from Mrs. Jean Raymond, Australia, for the Children's Section; and 111 books from the duplicates of the Commonwealth National Library, Australia. To all these we are grateful for their generous gifts. Our thanks are also due to Sheth Devchand Lalbhai Jain Pub. Fund for books on Jainism; Sri B. C. Barai, Madras; Mr. Duncan Greenlees, Madras; Mr. Erling Havrevold, Norway; Mrs. Mary Elmore, Holland; Srimati Savitri Sahani, Bhagalpur; Swami Shri Bhagavadacharya "Pandita," Bombay; Dr. N. Sivakamu, Adyar; the U.S.I.S., Madras and Delhi; the U.S.S.R. Embassy, Delhi; the Belgian Embassy, Delhi; Max Mueller Bhavan, Madras; and other Embassies.

We also place on record our grateful 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 Theosophical Society, England; the Scottish Braille Press, Edinburgh; the National Federation of the Blind, Inc., Wisconsin—all of whom have continued to give their Braille publications to the Library.

The Library extends its appreciation and grateful thanks to the Theosophical Society in America, Australia, New Zealand and The Netherlands and to Miss Balmer for their substantial contributions to the Building Fund; our thanks are also due to Srimati Radha Burnier for donations in money and kind to the Library.

As in previous years, the Bollingen Foundation, N.Y., the Theosophical Publishing Houses, London and Adyar, and the Theosophische Vereniging Nederlandse Afdeling, Amsterdam, have continued to send all their publications to the Library.

*Visitors.*—Among visitors during the year were: Hazel S. Albertson, University of Wisconsin; Dr. C. Hooykaas of the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University; Mr. F. M. Jequier-Doge, Lausanne, Switzerland; Dr. Jeanette P. Nichole, University of Pemroc., Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Keyserling, Vienna; Mr. Kotatsu Fujita of Hokkaido University, Japan; and Mr. L. G. Parab of the Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi.

While concluding we express our appreciation and grateful thanks to all who have helped the Library during the year with gifts and good wishes. Our special thanks are due to Dr. V. Raghavan, who continues to give his valuable help in spite of his innumerable responsibilities. We also thank Dr. Kunjunni Raja, who, as a member of the Editorial

Board, is extending his help in several ways in the research section of the Library.

As expressed by our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, we hope that "the Adyar Library will be able to extend its usefulness greatly and in manifold ways, and

that it will become a source by which humanity can be increasingly enlightened, a source from which it can derive comfort, consolation and strength".

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,  
*Librarian.*

# THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

## REPORT OF FIRST TERM 1961-62

The first term of the 1962-63 School of the Wisdom was opened by the Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, on Tuesday, 2nd October 1962, about 70 people being present. The following day, the students started their studies with an outline of the program, objects and methods of study, by Mr. James S. Perkins, Mrs. Kathrine Perkins, Mr. Felix Layton and Mrs. Eunice Layton.

There are 20 students attending the School this session from various parts of the world. Two are from the United States, one each from Iceland, Australia, Viet-Nam, New Zealand, Canada, South Rhodesia, Germany, Poland, while four are local Indian residents and six are from other parts of India. Mr. Perkins, as Director of Studies, and his assistants, Mrs. Perkins and Mr. and Mrs. Layton, have given informative and instructive talks and led the students in interesting discussions on many of the subjects covered in the curriculum. The students themselves have helped towards the success of the School by contributing talks and entering enthusiastically into the discussions.

Our Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, has been very generous of his time in giving us of his wisdom on a number of subjects. We have also been privileged to have talks by Professor Jal B. Dorab, Mrs.

Seetha Neelakantan, Mr. K. Sankara Menon, Mr. Homi M. Shroff, Srimati Rukmini Devi, Mr. R. Balfour-Clarke, Mr. N. Y. Sastry, Dr. S. Dorab and Miss Katherine Beechey on various subjects in the curriculum. Visits have also been paid to many of the Departments of the Estate.

Public lectures were given at Headquarters Hall under the auspices of the School, on each of the Friday evenings during the term, the following being the speakers, Mr. James S. Perkins, Mr. Homi M. Shroff, Mrs. Nedra Brooks, Prof. Jal B. Dorab, Mrs. Eunice Layton, Mrs. Kathrine Perkins, Mr. Felix Layton, Srimati Rukmini Devi and Mr. V. W. Slater, and a Symposium by four of the students of the School. There was a good attendance at all these meetings with an average of sixty-five.

The semester concluded with a bus trip to Kancheepuram, where the students visited some of the temples and were the guests of the Lodge in that town. Some students will be leaving after the Convention, but others are joining us. Those who are leaving will do so with regret, and all are hoping to be able to return for another session of the School of the Wisdom.

JOAN S. MORRIS,  
*Secretary.*

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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.

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GENERAL COUNCIL

### *Ex-Officio*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary,  
Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

*Additional*

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for  
3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for  
3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala,  
Poona, Special Judge, [for  
3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat,  
Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author,  
[for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty,  
Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

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

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

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

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

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration

or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than

Witnesses to the signatures:

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

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

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

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

{	(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
	„ W. A. ENGLISH
	„ SUBRAMANIAM
	„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
	„ UPENDRANATH BASU
„ ANNIE BESANT	
„ N. D. KHANDALVALA	

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not less than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

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 color, 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 favor 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 Lodges (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 1963

## *Ex-Officio Members of General Council*

**President:** MR. N. SRI RAM

**Vice-President:** MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

**Recording Secretary:** JAL B. DORAB

**Treasurer:** MR. HOMI M. SHROFF

## 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. Kerstin Berg	... 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 ...	Mr. Roberto Hack	... 71 Via Leonardo Ximenes, Firenze
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 ...	...	...
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, Vienna III
1913	Norway ...	Mr. Ernst Nielsen	... Oscars gate 11, Oslo N. V.
1918	Egypt*	...	...
1918	Denmark ...	Mr. Jörgen 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 Michel 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 Winifred B. Knowles	... 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, Kenya
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 1963, 1964 and 1965).

DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36 Cliftonville Road, Belfast 14, United Kingdom (for 1963, 1964 and 1965).

SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1961, 1962 and 1963).

MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, 38 Matai Road, Green Lane, Auckland, S. E. 4, 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, Waynefflete 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  
H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Tuesday, 25th December 1962  
at 8.30 a.m., and on Monday, 31st December 1962 at 2.00 p.m.*

### PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	<i>President (in the Chair) Proxy for the General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in America, and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel and Dr. Hugh Shearman, Additional Members.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	..	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of The Theosophical Society in Cuba and Puerto Rico.</i>
Mr. Jal B. Dorab	..	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of The Theosophical Society in Scotland, Ceylon and East Africa, and for Mr. J. B. S. Coats, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. Homi M. Shroff	..	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	..	<i>General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for the General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in Sweden.</i>
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	..	<i>General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in England, and Proxy for Mrs. Doris Groves, Additional Member.</i>
Srimati Rukmini Devi	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	..	” ”

### *Present by invitation as Observers:*

Mme. B. Valvanne	for the Danish Section
Mr. S. Cuffaro	” ” Italian ”
Mr. A. Sassi	” ” Swiss ”
Miss Joan S. Morris	” ” Canadian Federation
Mrs. M. E. Nairn	” ” S. African Section
Miss Cao-thi-Lan	” ” Vietnamese ”

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 26th and 31st December 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:*

(a) *Item 2: Amendment to Rule 1.*

See under Item 3 below.

(b) *Item 17.C:*

*Question:* From what date does a person become a Member of The Theosophical Society?

See under Item 4 below.

3. *Amendment to Rule 1 of the Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society held over for further consideration (vide page 120, Annual Report 1961).*

It was originally proposed by Dr. L. J. Bendit and Mr. Sidney A. Cook in 1960 that Rule 1 be altered as follows (alteration in italics):

“The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. *All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society* and not less than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.”

At its meeting held on 31st December 1961 the General Council discussed the matter. It was thought by those present that the words “at all times” were too wide. The following amendment which would also ensure that no one continued to be a member of the General Council when he had ceased to be a member of the Society was approved for circulation to all members of the Council:

“*All members of the General Council shall be members of The Theosophical Society.*”

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
39	Nil

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

4. *Amendment to Rule 29 of the Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society regarding the question “From what date does a person become a member of The Theosophical Society?”*

At the meeting of the General Council held on the 31st December 1961 the following question was raised:

“From what date does a person become a member of The Theosophical Society?”

(1) When he signs the application or when the application is received by the Lodge along with the fees payable; or

(2) When his application is accepted by the Committee of the Lodge; or

(3) When his name is placed on the Section records or the date given on his diploma?

The question was discussed at some length. It was decided to submit the matter to Mr. Sidney A. Cook for his opinion. On receipt of his advice it was proposed to add the following to Rule 29 of the Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society:

“The date of membership will begin:

“(a) When admission has been obtained through a Lodge (Branch), from the date of acceptance by the Lodge in accordance with its by-laws and duly entered by the Section and reported by the Section to the Recording Secretary at Adyar and so recorded in his office.

“(b) When admission has been made through the General Secretary of a National Society, from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary in accordance with the Rules of the National Society and duly entered by him and reported by him to the Recording Secretary at Adyar and so recorded in his office.

“(c) When admission has been made through the Recording Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, so recorded in his office.”

Discussion of this item was postponed until the adjourned meeting to be held on 31st December 1962.

*5. Report on the meetings of the General Council Members held at Swanwick, England, on 27th and 30th July 1962.*

The President presented a report of the meeting of the General Council held, under the new Rule 4 (b) of the Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society, at Swanwick in England in July 1962. According to this Rule the President is authorized to convene a meeting of the General Council at any place where there is a probability of a number of members of the Council being present. These meetings are meant to be of a consultative nature, without power to make decisions.

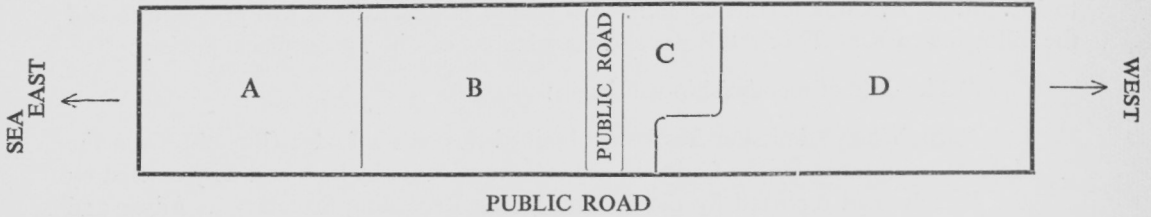
The General Secretaries present at Swanwick included most of those in Europe, and the General Secretaries of the U.S.A. and India. There were also a number of Additional Members present (see Annexure B), and a few Observers were present by invitation. The letter (dated 25th May 1962) convening the meeting had been sent to all members of the General Council and the President had received a number of replies from those who did not attend.

The President added that if time permitted and if the Council felt so disposed, the report of the Swanwick meetings could be discussed at the adjourned meeting on 31st December 1962.

It was decided that the summarized report of the Swanwick meetings be circulated to all members of the General Council. (The Report is herewith appended as Annexure A.)

*6. Regarding Besant and Damodar Gardens and the circular letter dated 28th March 1962, sent by the President to all members of the General Council, concerning them:*

The President referred to the replies he had received from the members of the General Council regarding the proposals he had made in his letter; also to the following explanatory diagram and summary of his proposals.



The parts marked A and B constitute Besant Gardens, A being the eastern portion nearer the sea. The parts marked C and D constitute Damodar Gardens, C being the area where the buildings are situated, and D consisting mostly of rice fields.

- (1) As regards the portion marked A, the Besant Centenary Trust has undertaken to do their best to vacate it by June 1963. He hoped the undertaking will be carried out.
- (2) As regards B, he had said that he would like to have it vacated soon afterwards, at least by June 1964.
- (3) As regards C, he wanted it vacated as early as possible in order that it may be used to make the Olcott School a worthy memorial to the President-Founder, raised to the High School level, with proper teachers, adequate class-rooms and so forth.

(The members of the Olcott School Board are under its constitution appointed with the approval of the President of The Theosophical Society.)

- (4) As regards D, the rice fields, permission was sought to sell the land in the best manner possible and at the best price.

The President stated that almost all the replies were in favor, supporting items (1), (2), and (3), and giving a favorable vote regarding (4).

Srimati Rukmini Devi, speaking on behalf of the Besant Centenary Trust and Kalakshetra, said that they were making every possible effort to vacate area A. Referring to area C, she said that the lease for Damodar Gardens had been given in 1953 for fifteen years, with option to renew if both parties agreed, but she will not stand in the way of anything the Society wants.

The President stated in conclusion that it was not advisable to allow bodies, over which the Society has no control, to occupy parts of the estate for indefinite periods.

7. *Election of two (2) Additional Members to the General Council for the years 1963, 1964 and 1965.*

The undermentioned members were declared duly elected as Additional Members for the period of three years (1963, 1964 and 1965). The results of the voting were as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	38	Nil
Dr. Hugh Shearman	39	„

8. *The Treasurer's Report for 1961-62.*

Discussion on this was postponed until the adjourned meeting to be held on 31st December 1962.

9. *The Budget for 1962-63.*

Discussion was postponed until the adjourned meeting to be held on 31st December 1962.

10. *The appointment of Auditors for 1962-63.*

Messrs. M. K. Dandekar and Co., Chartered Accountants, were reappointed Auditors for the year 1962-63 on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

11. *The Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1963.*

This matter was postponed until the adjourned meeting to be held on 31st December 1962.

(The meeting of the General Council was then adjourned until Monday, 31st December 1962 at 2.00 p.m.)

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## MINUTES

*Of Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of The Theosophical Society  
held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Monday,  
31st December 1962 at 2.00 p.m.*

### PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	<i>President (in the Chair)</i> <i>Proxy for the General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in America and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel and Dr. Hugh Shearman, Additional Members.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	.	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of The Theosophical Society in Cuba and Puerto Rico.</i>
Mr. Jal B. Dorab	.	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of The Theosophical Society in Scotland, East Africa and Ceylon, and for Mr. J. B. S. Coats, Additional Member.</i>

Mr. Homi M. Shroff	..	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	..	<i>General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for the General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in Sweden.</i>
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	..	<i>General Secretary of The Theosophical Society in England, and Proxy for Mrs. Doris Groves, Additional Member.</i>
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*Present by invitation as Observers:*

Mme. B. Valvanne	for the Danish Section
Mr. S. Cuffaro	” ” Italian ”
Miss Joan S. Morris	” ” Canadian Federation
Miss Cao-thi-Lan	” ” Vietnamese Section
Mr. Erlendur Haraldsson	” ” Icelandic ”

12. *Amendment to Rule 29 of the Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society regarding the question “From what date does a person become a member of the Theosophical Society?” (Item 4 of the Agenda.)*

The President stated that this question had been discussed at length at the meeting of the General Council at Swanwick, and the recommendations of that meeting were included in the report which was to be printed and circulated.

The President remarked that the date of joining was important because of the right it gave for voting purposes.

The Vice-President was in favor of the date of application being considered as the date of a person's joining the Society, as that was the important date from an inner point of view.

Mrs. Radha Burnier pointed out that in India records of Lodges and Federations were not usually kept systematically and that sometimes an interval of some months might elapse between the signing of the application form and the receipt of it properly filled in and accompanied by dues at the Section Headquarters where a record was made and a diploma issued. Thus it was not practical to consider the date of application as the date of membership.

The general feeling was that for official and business purposes the date of membership should be the date when, after the application form and dues had been received by the General Secretary, the diploma is issued and the name entered on the Section rolls, though members might themselves consider the date of signing the application form as the date commencing their membership from an inner point of view.

The Recording Secretary pointed out that all Charters and Diplomas derive their authority from the President according to Rule 36.

It was agreed that a line can be added to the diploma giving the date of application for membership. The President stated that a new Rule would have to be framed on these lines and circulated to members of the General Council for voting, and the matter could be taken up again at the next meeting of the General Council in 1963. The new Rule could be an addition to Rule 29.

13. *Report on the meetings of the General Council held at Swanwick, England, on 27th and 30th July 1962.*

There was a discussion of the four items which had been considered at the meetings held in Swanwick, to which the President referred in the following order:

“Should Theosophy be limited to any particular writings,” such as H.P.B.’s works and *The Mahatma Letters*? The decided view expressed by all present was in the negative.

With regard to the freedom of a Lodge to have its own program of activities, it was generally agreed that if the Lodge persisted in activities that were objectionable the President can under Rule 36 withdraw its Charter.

Regarding the right of a Lodge or Section to expel a member, it was generally felt that unless a member sets himself up against the principle of Brotherhood there should be no expulsion. If a member was expelled, it should be possible for him to secure direct affiliation to Adyar if the President was willing to grant it.

It was agreed at Swanwick that theoretically each Lodge and Section and the Society should have the right to refuse an application, but that, in practice, considering the principle of Brotherhood, we should admit anyone who applied and subscribed to the three Objects, whatever other organization he might belong to. But this cannot be made an invariable rule. A Lodge might refuse membership if the person seeking admission is known to do so for the purpose of causing trouble. The applicant might then be given the option of becoming an unattached member.

With regard to Rule 10 of the Rules and Regulations of The Theosophical Society, the consensus of opinion was in favor of the suggestion made at Swanwick that only two names should be on the voting list instead of three as per the present Rule. It was suggested that an amendment be proposed accordingly and circulated to members of the General Council.

8. *The Treasurer’s Report for 1961-62.*—The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September 1962, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his Report and recommended for adoption by the Executive Committee, were considered and approved.

9. *The Budget for 1962-63.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September 1963, passed by the Executive Committee at its meeting held on 21st December 1962, were adopted as detailed below:

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1962-63

EXPENSE	Budget for 1961-'62	Actuals for 1961-'62	Budget for 1962-'63	INCOME	Budget for 1961-'62	Actuals for 1961-'62	Budget for 1962-'63
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	45,000	44,360	42,000	Rent ...	55,000	56,503	55,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	60,000	48,955	70,000	Fees and Dues ...	30,000	28,628	28,000
Light and Water ...	7,500	7,472	7,500	Wood ...	1,000	893	1,000
Miscellaneous ...	12,000	17,304	12,000	Interest (Gross) ...	95,000	93,200	1,15,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...	4,000	2,328	3,000	Administration Charges ...	8,130	8,130	8,130
Printing and Stationery ...	6,000	6,305	6,000	<b>Special Departments:</b>			
Publications to General Secretaries ...	800	688	700	Bhojanasala ...	14,100	15,545	14,100
Taxes ...	16,000	16,109	16,000	Engineering Department ...	1,62,000	1,05,115	1,62,800
Convention ...	5,000	5,252	4,500	Garden Department ...	61,740	67,153	66,500
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	11,000	11,051	11,000	Laundry ...	6,900	7,051	7,000
<b>Contributions:</b>				Leadbeater Chambers ...	25,000	24,723	22,800
To Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000	Sanitary Department ...	1,200	1,360	1,200
„ Museum and Archives .	3,500	3,802	3,500	Vasanta Press ...	1,91,600	1,68,792	1,70,900
„ President's Travelling .				Donations ...		69,505	
„ Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600	Deficit ...	74,720	15,126	69,260
„ School of the Wisdom .	5,000	5,000	3,000				
<b>Special Departments:</b>							
Bhojanasala ...	16,800	21,059	17,200				
Dispensary ...	7,500	7,842	7,500				
Engineering Department ...	1,62,000	1,22,785	1,70,700				
Garden Department ...	67,540	66,567	72,690				
Laundry ...	9,850	9,577	9,600				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	27,500	26,117	24,800				
Sanitary Department ...	5,500	6,065	5,500				
Vasanta Press ...	1,91,600	1,68,529	1,70,900				
Watch and Ward ...	19,700	21,790	23,000				
Depreciation ...	28,000	28,667	29,000				
Casuarina Reserve ...	3,000						
Provision for Doubtful Debts ...		2,500					
	7,26,390	6,61,724	7,21,690		7,26,390	6,61,724	7,21,690

ADYAR  
21st December 1962

For The Theosophical Society,  
HOMI M. SHROFF,  
*Hony. Treasurer.*

11. *The Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1963.*—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		
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan		

12. *Any other Business.*

There was a discussion on the following resolution published every month in THE THEOSOPHIST as a "Resolution passed by the General Council of the Theosophical Society on 23 December 1924":

As the Theosophical Society has spread far and wide over the civilized world, and as members of all religions have become members of it without surrendering the special dogmas, teachings and beliefs of their respective faiths, it is thought desirable to emphasize the fact that there is no doctrine, no opinion, by whomsoever taught or held, that is in any way binding on any member of the Society, none which any member is not free to accept or reject. Approval of its three Objects is the sole condition of membership. No teacher or writer, from H. P. Blavatsky downwards, has any authority to impose his teachings or opinions on members. Every member has an equal right to attach himself to any teacher or to any school of thought which he may choose, but has no right to force his choice on any other. Neither a candidate for any office, nor any voter, can be rendered ineligible to stand or to vote, because of any opinion he may hold, or because of membership in any school of thought to which he may belong. Opinions or beliefs neither bestow privileges nor inflict penalties. The members of the General Council earnestly request every member of the Theosophical Society to maintain, defend and act upon these fundamental principles of the Society, and also fearlessly to exercise his own right of liberty of thought and of expression thereof, within the limits of courtesy and consideration for others.

As it was brought to the notice of the Council by the Recording Secretary that the Resolution had not been incorporated in the Minutes of the General Council at that time, apparently by oversight, the General Council re-affirmed the Resolution and directed that it should continue to be printed as a "Resolution passed by the General Council," but omitting the date.

JAL B. DORAB,  
*Recording Secretary.*

# GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## ANNEXURE A

*Meetings held on 27th and 30th July 1962, at Swanwick, Derbyshire, England.*

The President welcomed the members and stated that they were meeting under a recently passed Rule enabling the President to convene a meeting of the General Council to discuss any question placed before it by him. The meeting could make a report to him if it wanted to do so. Such a meeting had no power of decision. It could be called when there was a probability of a number of General Council members being present, for example, at a Conference.

The items on the agenda were dealt with in the following order:

*Should Theosophy be limited to any particular writings, such as H.P.B.'s, The Mahatma Letters, and/or any other book?*

In reply to a question the President stated that he had met this problem in his travels.

There followed a discussion in which the following points were made.

Reference was made to the General Council's resolution on Freedom of Thought of 23rd December 1924. Members had to accept only the three Objects.

As to what answer could be given when people asked what Theosophy was, it was the general view that different answers were possible and that no particular book should be cited as being solely authoritative.

This was also the opinion expressed by most of the members of the General Council who had written to the President, although one or two expressed the view that the writings of the past and present "leaders" of the Society might be given special consideration.

The question was raised as to what was to be the line when Mme. Blavatsky and other writers differed. The division of teachings as "Theosophy" and "neo-Theosophy" or as "Inspired" and "Uninspired" was mentioned. But the general view was that no one should be set up as inspired and infallible. Mme. Blavatsky herself said that she was only giving out a portion of the truth.

It was stated that inquirers sometimes wanted to know the "Theosophically accepted" view, for example, on reincarnation, and that certain people were frightened if they were told they must seek for themselves, they wanted to be led. One could give such people guidance and answer their queries, adding that it was only one's own view. A free and open approach should be encouraged, each accepting what he felt and understood as the truth.

It is open to individual members to recommend particular books. The President himself can only recommend. What he recommends would naturally carry weight.

The general view of the meeting was that we do in any case give out the most important teachings, but only not dogmatically.

*Is Rule 10, as at present worded, concerning election of the President of the Society, really satisfactory? There have been so many changes in the Rule and it has become so long that I wonder whether there may be any suggestions for a different approach to the whole question.*

Various General Council members who were not present had written to the President expressing their opinions. A general simplification and shortening of the Rule was recommended but no precise suggestions were made. The Brazilian General Secretary had suggested that each member make two nominations instead of three. (As the Rule stands, however, members are not *obliged* to make three nominations.)

In the discussion that followed the following points were made:

Mr. Cook said the Rule was necessarily elaborate, because all possible contingencies were provided for; it was precise but not complicated.

The suggestion was made but rejected by all others that airmail notification would be sufficient and that cabling was not necessary.

As regards the substance of the Rule, Mr. Tripet suggested that there should be no limit to the number of nominations by individual Council members and that the nominations list should be considered as the voting list, so that anyone nominated would be eligible. Nominees who were little known would probably drop out by themselves. It was, however, pointed out that if each member of the General Council could make as many nominations as he wished, it was possible that some might produce a list of prominent members about 20 long! There was also the danger that someone might pay to be nominated and elected. Mr. Tripet's suggestion was not taken up by other members.

It was pointed out incidentally that the larger Sections were not properly represented in the General Council and the President agreed that this might be changed. Dr. Bendit had suggested, when he was General Secretary for England, that if a Section had more than, say, 1,000 members, it should have two representatives on the General Council, and if it had more than 2,000 members, three representatives, and so forth. The President said that he took the numerical strength of Sections into consideration as a factor when nominating additional members.

The President said that it was a good provision that nominations for President should be made by experienced people who had proved their devotion to the Society but voting should be by all members on the nominees. The present Rule combined democracy and selection by representative and experienced men.

The question was discussed whether it would be advisable to make the voting list consist of only two and not three members, to avoid dividing votes. The general view was in favor of the suggestion.

*How far should the autonomy of a Lodge be conceived to extend? For instance, if a Lodge holds spiritualistic seances, communications from other worlds, etc., such activity would give a completely wrong impression of the*

*whole character of the Society, apart from the injury that is done. How are we to act in relation to such Lodges?*

Various members of the General Council who were not present had expressed their views in writing to the President. The General Secretaries of Indonesia and Chile thought seances should not be permitted. The East African General Secretary recommended that no activity should be undertaken save the "spreading of Theosophy in the broadest sense". If a Lodge gave the wrong impression, the President of the Society should take the necessary steps, i.e., remove its Charter. The General Secretary of Ceylon recommended that members' activities, individual or collective, should not commit The Theosophical Society to anything except the three Objects. Mr. Hodson thought that there should be no seances or "similar practices". The Mexican General Secretary stated that the autonomy of a Lodge should be respected but that the Lodge must follow the three Objects. If it failed to do so, the Charter should be withdrawn after consultation with Adyar. The Austrian General Secretary said that there should be "no contradiction of the character of The Theosophical Society" in Lodge activities. The Brazilian General Secretary thought that there should be no seances or "communications from other worlds," and that a Lodge must not oppose the general activities and leaders of the Society. A Lodge which carries on undesirable activities should have its Charter suspended by the General Secretary with the approval of his Council but the final decision must be with the President.

The following points were made in the discussion which followed:

A seance might be stated to take place under the Third Object. Rukmini Devi said there was no reason why a Lodge should not hold a seance if it wished to. The President of the American Section added that this would be in line with freedom of thought in the Society and that the matter could be left to the common sense of the members in question. If seances, etc., were to be ruled out, definitions of what exactly was forbidden would be necessary. Mr. Tripet proposed that a distinction be made between public and internal activities. For the former, the Lodges should have the approval of the General Secretary. Mr. Cook suggested that each case be judged on its own merits. In the last resort the President should deal with individual cases.

One view expressed was that seances, etc., should be discouraged officially but permitted if there were no way out. The General Secretary could give kindly advice. If this advice were not taken, he could make sure that the Lodge took the decision in a proper manner. If there were a proper meeting of the Lodge, a majority of the members would probably be against such practices, which generally arise from one person or a group. The matter might be allowed to take its own course.

The question was also discussed if a Lodge had the right to have activities which were against the First Object. The general view was that such activities should not be permitted, but even there the interpretations of the First Object might differ.

*When a person applies for membership, subscribing to the three Objects, may his application be refused? If so, on what grounds? On the ground that he belongs to some organization of which we may not approve, or any other ground?*

*Under Rule 36, the President can cancel a Charter or the diploma of a member. Has a Lodge or a Section the right to expel a member? If so, on what grounds, in what manner? Does this expulsion cancel his membership of The Theosophical Society for which he holds a diploma? In such cases, should the President be asked to cancel the diploma? If the person is regarded as a member so long as he has the diploma, but stands expelled from a Section, to what is he attached?*

Various members of the General Council who could not be present had expressed their views in writing to the President. The General Secretary for Indonesia said membership could not be refused but a member could be expelled, the Lodge asking the President to cancel his diploma. The East African General Secretary recommended that applications should not be refused, but if there were activity "derogatory to The Theosophical Society" expulsion could be recommended. The General Secretary of Chile suggested that if an applicant's behavior "contradicted the three Objects" or if he belonged to an "organization not approved," his application might be refused. A Lodge must expel a member whose conduct was not satisfactory and cancellation of the diploma must follow expulsion. The General Secretary of Ceylon thought that application could not be refused. A Lodge might expel a member for a grave breach of rules. The member might then apply for attachment to Adyar or another Section (it was here pointed out that, according to the Constitution, members living in one Section could not belong to another Section without the President's permission). Mr. Hodson stated that refusal might be desirable for "low moral character". The question here arose as to who would judge the member in question. Mr. Hodson also thought that if a member actively operated against the principles and teachings of The Theosophical Society, the Lodge should be able to expel him. But this again raised the question of what the teachings of the Society are. The Mexican General Secretary suggested that any person belonging to any movement "contrary to the principles of The Theosophical Society" must be refused admission. A Lodge could expel a member for violation of the rules and the member could then be attached to the Section or to Adyar. The Austrian General Secretary thought that refusal was "not practical" but that the Section could expel and the President could attach the expelled member to Adyar. The Brazilian General Secretary was of the view that a member might be detached from a Lodge and attached directly to the Section. If the Council of the Section decided to detach him from the Section he might be attached directly to Adyar with the President's approval. It was pointed out at the meeting that if attachment to Adyar is regarded as an open way out, every disgruntled person might want to be attached to Adyar! There was also the further danger of a second national Section, if many members of a Section were directly attached to Adyar.

The following points were made in the discussion which followed:

Those present first of all unanimously agreed that we should not refuse an application if the applicant subscribed to the three Objects of the Society and agreed to abide by the Constitution and Rules.

If a person had *in the past* been certified insane, this was no ground for refusal of his application.

An application could not be refused on the grounds that the applicant belonged to another organization. (Reference was made to the withdrawal of the German Section's Charter by Dr. Besant only because that Section was acting against the Society's Constitution in refusing to admit members of the Star in the East. Dr. Besant ruled also that Liberal Catholic clergy with regard to whom there was some questioning could hold office in The Theosophical Society.)

One view expressed was that it was necessary to differentiate between the Society and the Lodge. A Lodge had the right to refuse to have a certain member (if, e.g., the Lodge had grounds to think that he came into the Society in order to be a nuisance). He could then become a free or unattached member. If he attended a meeting and created a disturbance, the chairman of the meeting could deal with him. Because of our principle of Universal Brotherhood the Lodge should exercise the right to refuse membership as little as possible. The reason for refusal if it becomes necessary could be explained to the person concerned. But the Lodge should have the right not to give any reason.

It was pointed out that difficulties might arise when a number of members joined the Society in order to gain control of a Lodge's property and there followed a discussion on whether Lodges, or only the Section, should be allowed to hold property. If a Lodge became registered as a legal entity it could hold property, and if it left the Society it could take that property with it. It was thought that there might be a provision whereby, if the Charter of a Lodge which did things of which the Section did not approve were withdrawn, its property would be transferred to the Section. As every Lodge constitution has to be approved by the National Society, at the time of approval this point should be looked into. This danger could be averted for the future though this has not been done in the past. Since the law is different in every country, the meeting recommended that all General Secretaries look into this point to see what can be done about the existing position, to remedy it and further see that in the future steps are taken to prevent such a situation from arising as far as possible within the law of the land.

The general view, as summed up, was that theoretically each Lodge and Section and the Society should have the right to refuse an application but that in practice, considering the principle of brotherhood, it should admit anyone who applied and subscribed to the three Objects.

The members present agreed that if a Lodge expelled a member he might appeal to the Section and ask to be attached directly to it, and that if a Section expelled a member he might apply to be attached to Adyar. The President might of course refuse his application.

The grounds for expulsion were also discussed. A member should not be expelled on the ground that he was mentally ill.

It was suggested that a member could be expelled if he worked against the First Object, e.g., by fomenting race hatred. He might hold doctrines about the inferior or superior evolution of different races, the inferior being excluded for certain purposes and this might be claimed to be not against brotherhood. The difficulty lay in who was to decide that a member was against brotherhood. Proof would

be necessary. Certain facts might be adduced, but facts are difficult to judge and can be regarded from different points of view. If a member took an active part in a lynch-organization he would be obviously going against the First Object. There must in any case be a judge, who could decide on the facts. This judge would be the President.

It was mentioned that in France and Switzerland the National Council has the right without giving any reason to expel a person or take other steps against him (a court of appeal being provided) if there have been definite steps by the member against the Society or action which might be "detrimental to the honor or interest" of the Section. The President of the American Section suggested that in such cases a written charge should be submitted to the President, who should appoint a Committee to look into the matter and make recommendations. Opposition to the First Object should be the only possible ground for a charge. In Communist countries information against the Society would be a ground. As things stand at present everything is ultimately left to the President.

The suggestion that, since many members who have been expelled or have left the Society still possess diplomas, a list of cancelled diplomas (giving perhaps only the numbers) should appear periodically in the official part of THE THEOSOPHIST was made but it was rejected. It was pointed out that a diploma was not a proof of membership; it was only a proof of admission at a certain date in the past. Cases of expulsion are rare.

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Several further matters were brought up:

The question of the date when an applicant became a member was discussed. This was important, especially in the Indian Section, as it affected voting. The President stated that it should be the date of the acceptance of the application and the issuing of the diploma by the General Secretary. This should be the same date, the diploma being if necessary predated. The same date should appear in the Lodge records, the Section records and the Adyar records. A member could himself, from an esoteric point of view, regard the day on which he signed his application as his date of entry, but for exoteric matters the date of the diploma should be taken. (The "esoteric" and "exoteric" dates could be compared with those of conception and birth respectively.)

The members present did not think it advisable to accept a proposal by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson that a clear statement of the Society's teachings, offering solutions to the present problems and means to prevent these problems from arising in the future, should be issued by the General Council.

The Icelandic General Secretary's proposals for a correspondence course to be issued to all new members and for publishing a Theosophical Digest like the *Readers' Digest* were considered. It was agreed that one correspondence course for the whole world would be impracticable—but perhaps such a course could be evolved for Europe; the idea could be discussed by the European Federation Council. It was also generally agreed that a periodical Theosophical Digest was a very good idea but that there would be difficulties as to personnel and finance. This question could also be discussed by the European Federation Council.

Many members had asked for a World Congress. The President asked the Chairman and the Council of the European Federation to explore the possibility, as the best place for such a Congress, considering the number of Sections likely to be represented, communications and other facilities, would be in Europe. The members present agreed in principle that a World Congress be held at a suitable time somewhere in Europe.

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### ANNEXURE B

*General Council Meeting at Swanwick, England, on Friday,  
27th July 1962, and on Monday, 30th July 1962.*

#### PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	<i>President (in the Chair)</i>
Dr. Henry A. Smith	..	<i>National President, The Theosophical Society in America.</i>
Mr. John Coats	..	<i>Chairman of the Council, European Federation.</i>
Mr. Heinrich Nagel	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Germany.</i>
Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in The Netherlands.</i>
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in England.</i>
Mrs. Sylvi Horstio	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Finland.</i>
Mrs. Kerstin Berg	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Sweden.</i>
Miss Winifred B. Knowles	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Wales.</i>
Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Iceland.</i>
Miss Jean Carstairs	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Scotland.</i>
Dr. Paul Thorin	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in France.</i>

Mr. Antoon E. de Pauw	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Belgium.</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in India.</i>
Mr. Georges Tripet	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Switzerland.</i>
Mr. Jörgen Winde	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Denmark.</i>
Dr. Hugh Shearman	..	<i>Additional Member (Federation Secretary, The Theosophical Society in N. Ireland).</i>
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	..	<i>Additional Member (Presidential Agent, The Theosophical Society in Pakistan).</i>
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Doris Groves	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Evelyn O. Hornidge	..	<i>General Secretary, The Theosophical Society in Ireland.</i>
		<i>(present at meeting of 30-7-62 only)</i>

## PRESENT BY INVITATION:

Mr. Hans Zeuger	..	<i>Presidential Agent, The Theosophical Society in Israel.</i>
Mr. L. G. Lorenzana	..	<i>Barcelona, Spain.</i>
		<i>(present at meeting of 27-7-62 only)</i>

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ANNEXURE C

*Copy of letter to all Members of the General Council sent on 31st March 1963.*

In continuation of Annexure "A" attached to the Minutes of the meetings of the General Council held on 25th and 31st December 1962, I have to add the following:

At the meeting of the General Council at Swanwick, England, July 1962, one of the subjects brought up for discussion was the question of Lodge properties. It has been observed that Lodge properties are sometimes registered in the name of the Lodge, and in other cases registered in the name of the Section. It was the

general opinion that as far as possible and taking into consideration the prevalent conditions a policy of registering such properties in the name of the Section (the larger organization), rather than in the name of the Lodge or an individual, might prove more advisable.

It has also been observed that in some places the possession and use of the properties vested in Lodges or individual office holders of the Lodges are liable to become a cause of differences among the local members, much to the detriment of the work for which the Lodge exists; and if the Lodge loses its strength, the care and maintenance of the properties become a burden in the hands of the few members who are responsible for the functioning of the Lodge.

In certain contingencies when there are differences between the Lodge members, or some of them, and the Section authorities, the fact that the properties are in the name of the Lodge might become an important and influencing factor in favor of the Lodge seceding from the Section and functioning as an independent body, in which case, the properties would be lost to the original purpose for which they were created. The policy of such an independent Lodge might be entirely at variance with the ideas of those who bequeathed or originally contributed donations for the purpose of establishing the Lodge in proper premises and endowing it with funds to carry on its activities in a particular spirit and manner.

Lodges which already own or possess registered property in their name may not be willing to implement its transfer to the Section; but in the case of new Lodges which are to be chartered, it was the opinion of the Council, that Section authorities might well consider the advisability of having the Lodge properties registered in the name of the Section, which will then act as a trustee for the use of the property by the local Lodge. The Section will naturally become responsible for its proper use, maintenance and disposal when, for any reason, the Lodge is depleted of members or becomes dormant.

The Council meeting at Swanwick expressed a desire that this proposal should be placed before all the General Secretaries, so that they might discuss it with reference to local conditions between the members of their respective national Councils and the Lodges concerned.

JAL B. DORAB,  
*Recording Secretary.*

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1962

National Sections (Active) ..	40
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	2
Federations formed under Rule 35 (b) ..	3
Total Lodges ..	1,287
Total Membership:	
1961 ..	33,730
1962 ..	33,058
Decrease ..	672

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America ..	143	4,062
2. England ..	103	2,486
3. India ..	374	7,389
4. Australia ..	17	1,110
5. Sweden ..	12	365
6. New Zealand ..	18	922
7. The Netherlands ..	37	1,348
8. France** ..	30	994
9. Italy*** ..	27	670
10. Germany ..	18	445
11. Cuba ..	23	472
12. Hungary ..	—	—
13. Finland ..	23	422
14. Russia ..	—	—
15. Czechoslovakia ..	—	—
16. Southern Africa ..	14	511
17. Scotland ..	8	151
18. Switzerland ..	10	203
19. Belgium ..	9	272
20. Indonesia ..	33	1,675
21. Burma ..	4	63
22. Austria ..	10	270
23. Norway ..	7	142
24. Egypt (Lodges only) ..	2	73 (1960)
25. Denmark ..	12	255
26. Ireland ..	4	47
27. Mexico ..	31	690
28. Canada ..	13	306
29. Argentina ..	47	1,305

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
30. Chile ..	9	150 (1956)
31. Brazil ..	29	984
32. Bulgaria ..	—	—
33. Iceland ..	15	549
34. Spain ..	—	—
35. Portugal ..	15	198
36. Wales ..	6	105
37. Poland ..	—	—
38. Uruguay ..	9	125
39. Puerto Rico ..	11	133
40. Rumania ..	—	—
41. Yugoslavia ..	—	—
42. Ceylon ..	7	70
43. Greece ..	9	243
44. Central America ..	9	183
45. Paraguay ..	—	—
46. Peru (Lodges attached to Adyar) ..	6	136 (1960)
47. The Philippines ..	18	250
48. Colombia ..	17	195
49. East Africa ..	21	621
50. Pakistan* ..	7	261
51. Malaya & Singapore† ..	8	125
52. Northern Ireland† ..	3	55
53. Israel* ..	6	101
54. Japan ..	—	—
55. Viet-Nam ..	14	658
56. Venezuela ..	7	172
57. West Africa† ..	5	305
58. Canadian Federation ..	9	182
59. Fellows-at-large ..	—	38
60. Lodges and members attached to Adyar:		
Bolivia ..	2	29 (1960)
Hong Kong ..	1	16
Tunisia } **		
Oran }		
Algeria }		
Others ..	12	244
„ ..	3	282
Total	1,287	33,058

\* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

\*\* No report or statistics from Tunisia, Oran and Algeria where the Lodges have seceded from the French Section following independence.

\*\*\* The number of members arrived at after deducting 442 who were erroneously computed in previous years as members by the Section.

JAL B. DORAB,  
Recording Secretary.





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