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# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## TO THE 89TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Adyar, December 26, 1964*

By N. SRI RAM, *President*

I extend to you all a most cordial welcome, and devoutly hope that during your stay at Adyar, brief as it will be for most, you will experience all the peace, illumination and strengthening you may desire. We are taught and we can well believe that it is a law of Nature that each one receives in the measure and according to the nature of his giving. When there is the giving, without any expectation, out of what is best and of most value in ourselves, our goodwill, our understanding and our devotion to human welfare as understood not merely as the world understands it, but in the light of the Divine Wisdom, it may be said of such giving that this in itself is the greatest blessing.

Adyar is a place to which the thoughts of many Theosophists turn particularly at this time of year. Each visit which has been possible for them, and each Convention they attend here is for very many a beacon light in their lives. Since most of our members all over the world cannot be present here on such occasions as this, let us think of them and send them our heart-felt greetings.

May this 89th Convention of the Society, to which more members than usual have come from far distances, be as

full of blessing and upliftment as any of its predecessors.

*(Rise, Brethren) :*

**May Those who are the embodiments of love immortal bless with Their help and guidance the Society founded in furtherance of Their plans. May They inspire it with Their wisdom, strengthen it by Their power, and energize it with Their activity.**

I declare this 89th Convention open.  
*(Be seated, Brethren.)*

Brother Jinarājādāsa used often to quote from a famous letter from one of the Mahatmas, and speak of it as a letter that gave us our marching orders. It was stated there with the greatest force that the doctrine that was promulgated was intended to "re-act on the so-called moral code, the ideas of truthfulness, purity, self-denial, charity, etc." among both the intellectual portions of mankind and the masses who blindly follow them. In other words, Theosophy must not be regarded as a bundle of metaphysical verities divorced from life and action. This statement does not mean that we should lose ourselves in so-called practical action along certain set lines of a superficial nature. There are many good

people all over the world who labor most earnestly yet with the feeling that all that is done is to touch the fringe of the problem, because the problem is so vast. How to make our action effective and remove the root causes of the evils we find around us, this is the question. Our Theosophy must be made practical in the sense that we permit no divorce between truth as we perceive it, and the action that should result therefrom. It is the truth which frees people from false ideas, from every wrong impulse and obsession. All metaphysics that is an expression of truth must be related to truth in our own living. If it is made into an abstraction, it ceases to have any relevance to life. True metaphysics is in understanding those deeper and more subtle aspects of truth which govern the outer facts that present themselves to our superficial view.

The motto of the Theosophical Society is "There is no religion higher than Truth". But then, what is Truth? Surely it is obvious that the word has manifold meanings; Truth includes different levels of experience and existence. But essentially it is the truth of the One Life, which is ever in action, in innumerable modes and aspects. It is the Life which is in us and Life in every other form. When life is understood thus, in terms of every conscious and unconscious movement which constitutes its action, then the understanding of life, starting with ourselves, must include both ourselves, the changes that take place within ourselves, as well as what exists and takes place in the external world, these two sides of it being obviously related. Therefore, to bring about a radical, sweeping change in the world, in society, there has to be first such a change in ourselves. That change, if it is to bring about a better world, and more harmony, must be in the direction of an orientation to truth understood in no superficial

sense, and a turning away from fancies and ideas that take their rise from factors within ourselves of which we are hardly aware, and forces acting from without to which we lend ourselves blindly in a state of unawareness.

Surely this is the needed awakening that must precede the redemption of ourselves and our fellow-beings. It is really awakening from a state in which, though we are physically awake, we are inwardly asleep or dreaming. There are many things wrong in the world, here in India as much as elsewhere. There are of course good people, intelligent people, who are doing their best to abolish those things which are evil and bad and rectify matters in one field or another. And it is the duty of all of us as Theosophists to help them in any way possible or join with them in their endeavors. But at the same time, we have to ask ourselves: Is there not something we can do, from which all else that is needed will follow, something by which a whole host of false ideas, fears and practices can be rooted out simultaneously? Such a change can take place only in that centre which is the individual, that is, in you and me. When we face the light, which is the light of Truth, all shadows must vanish, the shadows being caused by the cutting off of the light.

Whether it is war, despotism of State, cruelty to man and animals, corruption, decadence or anything else, before that whole brood of darkness can disappear, if not completely at least in large measure, there has to be the will or desire to get rid of them, and it is this will which will usher in the new era, the new cycle, which so many people in the world talk about and long for either consciously or unconsciously. It is to bring about this fundamental change that the Theosophical Society was launched into existence and still exists. The understanding we seek,

when it is right understanding, will ring out all that is false in ourselves and ring in the true. If in the Society we seek to base all our efforts on Universal Brotherhood, it is because either intuitively or through reasoning and enquiry we believe in that central truth as to the nature of Life of which Brotherhood is a pragmatic expression, a truth both profound, as involving in its realization the depths that are in ourselves, and at the same time practical, as determining our attitude, conduct and action in relation to our fellow-beings.

Given a knowledge of the One Life, knowledge that is intimate and true, all other knowledge will be seen to either follow as its expression or as related to it in one way or another. All Science, Philosophy and Religion are but aspects of a unity that synthesizes the diverse understandings they represent. In religion we speak of things intangible, Soul and Spirit, as realities of a transcendental nature, but in so far as our concepts are valid, they must also be realizations of a truth deep within ourselves. It is when the light within us is caused to shine, that life assumes its proper colors, and brings to pass that beauty which it must be the hope and dream and effort of every true Theosophist to realize.

Our whole approach to this Wisdom, this Truth, which we call Theosophy, has perhaps to be different from what it has been for many of us, if it is to become a living, flowing reality with beauty and significance. The approach—I use this word advisedly, as it suggests movement, openness and understanding—has to be such that it in no way fetters the mind and heart, or diminishes that freedom in which alone there can be the revelation of what is truest within ourselves, a release of those sensibilities and capacity which are needed to embrace the truth of all things in Nature and life. It has to be

an approach to Truth or Life in which there is a constant newness, the feeling of intimacy that lies in direct knowing and experiencing, in which, because it is experiencing and not mere formal recording, there is ever a fresh depth and progress.

The wisdom which is released through living will be life itself in its purity. The extraordinary value of Theosophy, seen in its true nature, lies in the fact that whatever the conditions of a particular time or the mentality of people at that time, it touches them where they are. It has as much meaning today for our lives and thinking as it had for the generations of yore. It seems to me that Theosophy can become dated only if it is a set of ideas that have been once propounded and are now carried on, even though they have no relevance to our present life and problems; *not* if it is equated with the nature of life itself, when it becomes an inexhaustible truth, expressed in certain terms in the past, full of suggestiveness and beauty even now to those who go behind the words, but at the same time a truth that must be discovered anew and understood by each individual and each generation in terms of its own experiencing.

If we make Theosophy into something we have learned, stored, put by, a verbal statement of facts, laws and beliefs, then it is bound to become stale after a time. It then represents a past which has been too long our companion, not the advancing present which spells fresh life, learning, moving forward. If Theosophy or *Brahma Vidya* is, as was said of old, primarily the knowledge of that by which all else is known, the nature of knowing that is ourselves, using the word “knowing” to include every subtle intuition and response, then it must be as ageless as that nature, and whatever has been uttered as an expression of truth



arising from it must be as valid now as it ever was. In so far as Theosophy stands for a knowledge of what is to be learnt by ourselves within ourselves, and along with this learning a clarification of ourselves, for the seeing and the relating of all things to ourselves in a new and different manner because of that clarity, then it must be always new and fresh. It was said once by a medieval knight: "The world is my oyster, which I with my sword will open." We might understand this declaration otherwise: The sword is the penetrating ray of intelligence, and the oyster is the mystery of life, of individuality, the mystery of Nature, of the other man, the other woman, of oneself. In the enterprise of knowing this world and expanding into it, there must ever be freshness, stimulation and joy. In short, Theosophy must mean to us not any formal knowing; it must be that form of knowing which is also life in its proper flow and freedom.

I have read with much interest and attention all the Reports received so far from the different Sections; and knowing the conditions in them through personal visits and correspondence, in addition to reading the annual Reports, I feel the work in them is going on satisfactorily, on the whole. The satisfaction that one can feel or express in such a matter as this, pertaining to conditions diverse and changing, has to be relative to what might reasonably be expected.

Dr. Henry A. Smith, National President of the United States Section, which now has 4,185 members and 136 Lodges, writes that "many of the old problems still prevail". He refers particularly to the confusion that exists in some places between Theosophy in its pure form, and other movements that either seek to express it in their particular colors and idiom or base their activities on certain of the Theosophical truths. This is a

kind of confusion which can and should be avoided.

Dr. Smith also says: "In our Society we are moving forward from doctrines to concepts, from authority to freedom of thought, and to a greater individual experience of truth." Not only in the United States but also in various other countries there is this trend towards more open-mindedness, individual enquiry and understanding, a trend which is very much to be welcomed and encouraged. It seems to me personally that what is important is not so much the opinions or the conclusions to which one comes—these may be right, wrong, or partially right—as the whole attitude of mind and the spirit in which one approaches questions, whether matters which we as Theosophists generally discuss, or any other matters. Whatever is wrong will be righted if there is an attitude which is open, truth-seeking, friendly and dispassionate. "Weigh all matters and hold fast to that which is good" is a dictum which is as good today as when it was first uttered. But this weighing of any matter which touches us closely, and perhaps in ways we hardly understand, is possible only when there is no prejudice, no narrow predilections, or any disposition to maintain one's personal opinions and prevail over others. Of course there has to be freedom of thought but to come to the truth one has to go further and find out *why* he thinks as he does, the factors that inwardly shape his thinking.

In previous years I have referred to the manner in which the work of the American Section is organized and carried on in various departments. I will not refer this time in detail to its features, such as the Radio propaganda, the Department of Education, Research, and so forth. All this goes on as usual. Regarding the work of Research, Dr. Henry Smith

says that the aim is to "put emphasis upon balance so that all approaches to Theosophy become valid," implying of course that there can be differences in approach, each appealing to a certain type of mind or temperament.

There has been an increase of 106 members in the English Section. Mr. V. Wallace Slater, the General Secretary, reports that the number of letters from enquirers continues to increase, being several hundred more than during the previous year. The attendance at public lectures held at the Headquarters in London has increased, often necessitating arrangements with microphone and loud speakers for the overflow audience. Mr. Slater records an increasing response from the general public and particularly from young people who he finds are attracted by the fact that "Theosophy gives meaning and purpose to living, untrammelled by partisan or religious dogma or intolerance". The week-end meetings at Tekels Park in Camberley continue to be a much enjoyed and appreciated feature of the work in the English Section.

India has at present the highest membership in the Section's history, exceeding even the peak figure in Dr. Annie Besant's time. There are now 7,663 members, 391 Lodges and 52 Centres. Six new Lodges have been formed in the Bengal Federation, an area where Theosophy has not been able previously to make as much headway as in certain other parts of the country. The General Secretary, Mrs. Radha Burnier, says that the present membership is "symptomatic of the increasing interest in Theosophy and the need which people feel for a satisfactory understanding of the mysteries of life in the midst of the confusion and misery that exist in the world". She suggests the wide adoption of the discussion method in connection with Theosophical studies, and on subjects of fundamental

and topical interest, in addition to the lectures and study classes which are held in the Lodges. She points out at the same time that the discussions "have to be well guided and not dominated by or dependent on a few". I might add here that the discussion method is being increasingly favored in many Lodges in different Sections.

The following observations by her on the need to formulate a Lodge program not limited to some particular special interest are pertinent to the work, not only in India but also in other Sections: "The Objects of The Theosophical Society invite the study of a wide range of subjects, in fact, embracing all that concerns man and the universe. In cases where Lodges concentrate exclusively and for long periods of time on just one theme, religion or book, the Lodge work becomes so identified with that one aspect that it fails to make that universal appeal to people of different temperaments and approaches which the Theosophical Society is meant to do."

However, there are some countries such as Greece, Cuba, Viet-Nam and Uruguay where the members in a particular city are sufficiently numerous to be divided into a number of Lodges, and each of the Lodges has its special type of work. For instance, one Lodge in Athens carries on its studies along the lines of Plato; another concentrates on the teachings of Krishnaji; a third follows a scientific line. But then, it is well understood by all of them that these are specializations. Now and then all the Lodges meet for a joint program.

Referring to the importance of the Society maintaining its own identity, apart from other organizations and movements, however good in themselves, Mrs. Radha Burnier deprecates the practice she has observed in some places of allowing the Lodge building to be used a great deal or

exclusively by some particular group or organization, with the result that the Theosophical Society becomes identified, in the minds of the public and even perhaps of some of the members, with that organization, to the detriment of its own broad character and universality.

Signor Roberto Hack, General Secretary of the Italian Section, refers to their last annual Convention which was held in Perugia, where he reviewed at some length the problems which exist in Italy and how they are being dealt with. He speaks of the "atmosphere of thorough bewilderment" which existed last year, from which the Section is now emerging. The Section magazine, *Alba Spirituale*, is being used to give the needed help to the members by offering material reflecting the thought of the Founders of the Society. The original teachings, as given in the *Mahatma Letters* and the writings of H. P. B., are, he says, unknown to the majority of the members in Italy. Signor Hack has made it clear that each Lodge is free to have its own program of work and there is no imposition of ideas; nevertheless, some guidance had to be given, which he is doing through the journal and otherwise.

The Netherlands Section has now a membership of 1,296, and the General Secretary, Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen, records with some satisfaction the fact that there has been no further fall in membership. He mentions also some radio broadcasts which were possible during the year, one of which was devoted to the Theosophical work in the Section and the other to subsidiary activities of the same nature as those of the Theosophical Order of Service. In this Section there is a National Discussion Group which meets periodically to discuss such questions as: How is the Theosophical Society to cope with the tensions in the world? What is the esoteric meaning of

Viveka? to mention some questions discussed during the year.

The South African Section covers the territories of the Union and Rhodesia, which Mrs. Betty Nairn, the National President, points out is an area larger than India but there are only 450 members and 13 Lodges. The area, being so huge, is covered by regional field workers of whom there are four, and Regional Congresses are held every year, as it is not possible for members from every part of the area to attend the annual Conventions. The main work in the past year has been, in her own words, "to re-assess our approach to Theosophy and bring to life in our hearts and minds a true concept of Universal Brotherhood." Mrs. Nairn also says that there has been a great deal of questioning and re-evaluating of Theosophy in all the Lodges, and members "have had to do some deep and fresh thinking on the whole subject because of the special ethical nature of the problems in the territory". In South Africa, as everywhere else, there has to be an awakening to the fact that it is our duty as Theosophists to indicate to the world at large a new way of life with values different from those which commonly obtain, and not drift with the prevailing current.

It is heartening to find that the activities of the Society continue uninterruptedly in Cuba, in spite of difficult and limiting conditions. One of the difficulties is indicated by the fact that there is no import of Theosophical publications into Cuba, but some translations of booklets have been published there and distributed. Apparently there have also been difficulties arising from requests from non-members for permission to use the Lodge rooms or buildings for activities other than Theosophical, possibly manifesting a contrary spirit. Therefore, the Board of Directors of the Section are considering a

ruling to prohibit the use of Theosophical Lodges for non-Theosophical meetings or activities, and discourage the holding of meetings of the Lodges in premises where other organizations hold their meetings except the Masonic Lodges. The General Secretary, Señor Celestino Aguilar, writes that the devotion and enthusiasm of the members is proved by the fact that every time help is needed for some special purpose or activity a great number of members contribute very readily.

Another Section where conditions are even more difficult is Viet-Nam, but all the activities of the Section are carried on with much enthusiasm. Madame Nguyen-thi-Hai, the General Secretary, says that the Society commands the esteem of the people. The present membership is 710.

Señor Armando Sales had to retire from the office of General Secretary of the Brazilian Section after many years of devoted work, and Señora Cinira Figueiredo has been elected to that office. Brother Sales has been for some time devoting his efforts specially to the creation of a Centre near Sao Paulo to be named "Raja Theosophical Centre," in which there will be resident a number of members carrying on Theosophical and other activities, and to which members from Sao Paulo can go during week-ends and on special occasions. It is hoped to have the Centre inaugurated in September next year.

The Second Inter-American Congress is to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, also in the second half of next year. Preparations are being made for it by Señor N. E. Rimini, General Secretary, and others assisting him in the Argentine Section.

It is not possible to mention here the work in every Section and Federation but at Adyar we are interested equally in all of them; for it is all one work carried on

under different conditions. Those who call themselves Theosophists ought to belong to what might be called the crest wave of human progress, the word "progress" understood not conventionally, but what it should mean in reality; whether they do so or how far they do so, it is not necessary for me to discuss. Progress in any one Section is progress which helps all. Similarly any set-back anywhere is a set-back for the Society as a whole, the set-back consisting in my view not in any fall in popularity but in a fall in our standards, in the rightness of our aims and methods.

Apart from the annual Conventions of Sections which in some countries are practically confined to business, Summer Schools usually extending over a week, Study Week-ends and Camps for Theosophical studies and discussion are becoming increasingly popular as means by which the active workers and earnest Theosophists come together for exchange of ideas and also come to know one another better. During the past year Summer Schools were held: At Swanwick in England, in July for the English-speaking region in Europe (attended by some 207 members); at "Olcott," the headquarters of the American Section, following its Annual Convention in July; at Kreivila in Finland; at Stensund in Sweden, in August; at Pichl, Austria, for the German-speaking members; at St. Nectaire in France, where there were some 90 French-speaking members from some ten countries; as usual, at Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark; in Iceland; in Argentina for ten days in February and March, with 120 members present; and in the Netherlands. There have been a number of Camps and Conferences in India, besides the usual South Indian and North Indian Conferences, and there was a Young Theosophists' Camp in West Germany.



At this point I might mention also the meetings of the Council of the European Federation held in Athens towards the end of April. These Council meetings are usually occasions not only for discussing matters of business, but also talks and discussions on different subjects.

I made a tour of somewhat over three months during the year, visiting Greece for the Council of the European Federation just mentioned, a number of places in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Eire, then on the continent of Europe, Brussels, Amsterdam and other places in the Netherlands, West Berlin, Gammel Praestegaard for the Summer School, and finally the Summer School at Swanwick. In May I attended the annual Convention of the English Section, and at the request of the English Section authorities delivered the annual Blavatsky Lecture.

Srimati Rukmini Devi toured in Australia and New Zealand, visiting the principal cities, and also attended the Australian Section Convention as its guest of honor. Mr. and Mrs. James S. Perkins toured in England for some weeks, visiting a number of Lodges, and both were speakers at the English Section Convention. From there they went to the United States where they have been touring extensively and were guests of honor at the American Convention and Summer School. They also visited some Lodges in Canada. Miss Helen Zahara, on her way back to Australia after attending the 1963 Convention at Varanasi, devoted some time to lecturing in Viet-Nam and Malaysia. Mr. B. C. Sutaria of Gujerat in India made an extensive tour of Lodges in East Africa, and also toured in Rhodesia. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and Mrs. Sandra Hodson, following a tour of the Lodges in Australia, visited the Philippines, Viet-Nam and Israel, contacted members in

Cairo, and on their way back to New Zealand spent a month at Adyar, during which period Mr. Hodson gave a number of talks at the School of the Wisdom. The Scandinavian countries had visits from Dr. Hugh Shearman from the Northern Ireland Federation and Mrs. Mary Elmore of England, both of whom lectured in a number of places. Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation has, as usual, been to many Sections in Europe, helping the various Summer Schools and other large gatherings. Mr. Stuart Nicholls, recently General Secretary in New Zealand, and Mrs. Nicholls have been round the world and in the course of their travels contacted many Lodges and members, and spoke at some places. I do not mention here the work of lecturing that goes on within the different Sections, though that work is no less valuable than the tours I have mentioned above.

The different Section reports mention the work of the groups of Young Theosophists in their areas. In Australia there is a Federation of Young Theosophists which publishes a journal *Fraternity* and they also issue News Letters to keep contact with one another. Early this year a group of Young Theosophists from Europe and England spent several weeks at Adyar after attending the World Vegetarian Congress at Bombay and touring and speaking at various places in North India in the interests of vegetarianism and humane treatment of animals.

The Theosophical Order of Service has carried on its activities in a number of the Sections. Much help has been given by groups of this Order to the Tibetan refugees in India, on whose behalf I had made an appeal in *The Theosophist* and in response to similar appeals in the News Letters circulated from Upper Dharmasala in the Punjab.

I have to record the passing away during the year of a number of very

devoted workers, many of whom have been pillars of support to the Society for a long time in their respective countries: Mrs. Doris Groves, who was for a number of years General Secretary of the English Section and also a leading worker in other ways. (Last year she was Director of Studies in the School of the Wisdom at Adyar); Mrs. Evelyn Hornidge who has been General Secretary of the Society in Eire for many years; Mrs. Alice Law, General Secretary in Eire preceding Mrs. Hornidge; Mrs. Carmen Vengoechea, General Secretary of the Colombian Section, who along with her husband (who had predeceased her) had been long enthusiastic workers in that Section; Mrs. E. M. Lavender who was active in the work at Adyar during the 1940s, but later made her home in New Zealand where she gave her time to travelling and lecturing for that Section; Mr. V. L. Chiplunker well known in the Maharashtra area in India; General Michael Tokarzewski, before the War a leading worker in Poland and later among the Polish people in London; Mrs. Maude Couch, a veteran worker in the United States; Madame P. Cazin, a most efficient worker at Adyar in a number of departments since she came from Italy for the Golden Jubilee in 1925; Capt. A.G. Pape, well known to members in Scotland. I am unable to mention here all who have passed away, but I am sure we would like to express to them all our gratitude and follow them with thoughts of affection and good wishes.

The last year's session of the School of the Wisdom concluded its work in March this year, Mrs. Doris Groves staying on as Director also for the second term. This year's session opened on October 2nd, as usual, with Dr. I. K. Taimni of Allahabad as Director of Studies. He was asked to take up that post at very short notice, and I am all the more grateful

to him for accepting it. The students who attended during the first term, which concluded on December 18th, represented Australia, New Zealand, Rhodesia, the United States and India. Dr. Taimni chose "The concept of Reality and its discovery within ourselves" as the special theme round which the work was centred. His method of conducting the work of the School, which included many opportunities to the students to study and prepare papers on subjects selected by them out of a list pertaining to the general theme, has been much appreciated.

During the year under review there have been perhaps more changes than usual in the various offices and departments at the Adyar Headquarters. Professor J. B. Dorab resigned as Recording Secretary on August 17th and I appointed Miss Katherine A. Beechey of England to that post. Miss Beechey has been a resident and worker at Adyar for many years. She has been acting Recording Secretary at various times in the past and was therefore familiar with the responsibilities of this office, which is a very important link between all the Sections of the Society and the International Headquarters. Miss Beechey continues to be in charge of the Society's Archives, and to edit the quarterly *Adyar News Letter* which is much appreciated by a growing circle of readers in different parts of the world. With the retirement of Mr. K. S. Krishnamurti in July this year after thirty years of service. Mr. K. N. Ramanathan was appointed Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House, and he continues to be in charge of our Department of Information and Publicity. Miss Caroline Tess from the United States, who had been assisting me in the editorial work of *The Theosophist* since 1960, left Adyar in April this year to take up work at the Melbourne Lodge of the Society in Australia. Mr. Zoltan

de Algya-Pap has been good enough to take up this editorial work for *The Theosophist*, in addition to handling the microfilming work for the Archives and the Adyar Library. With the departure from Adyar of Miss Caroline Tess and Mr. K. S. Krishnamurti, Miss Annie Tjioe and Mr. K. N. Ramanathan now constitute the Committee of Administration along with Mrs. N. Y. Sastry who is its Secretary. Mrs. Iris Murphet of Sydney, Australia, who came to Adyar with her husband, Mr. Howard Murphet, in September, is now the Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers, relieving Mrs. Ruth McMyler who has returned to the United States after serving in that post since January 1960. Mr. Naranji Kevat retired as Superintendent of Movable Properties this past spring, but kindly consented to return to Adyar to assist Mrs. Murphet in the accounts and records branch of her work as well as to assist in supervision of the kitchen staff. Mr. Naranji Kevat's post in the Movable Properties Department has been taken over by Mr. P. Govindarajulu. There has also been a change in the office of Superintendent at the Bhojanasala, Mr. K. Sundaraswamy taking the place of Mr. D. V. Syamala Rau who also retired but is helping honorarily in the T. P. H. book shop. Other Heads and Assistant Heads of Departments continue as in other years. I do not single out by name any particular workers or employees, but sincerely thank one and all for their continued services and assistance.

The Adyar Library has completed 78 years of its work. The Madras Corporation has approved of the plan for the new building for the Library, and it is hoped that its construction will be started soon. In this connection, Mr. George Linton has given much time to the work of soil-testing on the site, revising the original plan to suit the funds available, and in

various other ways helping to materialize the project. He has also made a complete survey of the whole Adyar estate, which will be of great help to the Society for very many purposes.

The Theosophical Society has now completed 89 years. Although the membership is comparatively small, the influence of the teachings propagated through the Society has spread far and wide. We see evidence of it even in places where the word "Theosophy" has never been heard. But then, it may be asked: What about the future? There are those who, as they speculate as to the future, wonder whether the Society has not outlived its usefulness; there are others who think its future is absolutely assured, basing that view on some prediction or premise; there are many members whose hopes turn round H. P. B.'s statement that in the last quarter of this century, as in that of previous centuries, there will be a fresh impetus given to the world from those Sources which H. P. B. herself represented. It is assumed that the Society would be the medium through which the new life will flow, an assumption not made by H. P. B. herself, though she indicated that possibility, by pointing out the necessary condition for it.

It seems to me that the wisest and most practical line for us to take is to concentrate on what we can do *now* in a selfless spirit, with no expectations, using our best intelligence to help our fellow-members and the world at large, and acting in all ways—in the transaction of business, in deciding practical questions, in Lodge activities, and in how we understand and propagate Theosophy—in such a manner that whatever is the best that can happen, will happen. While we do our best in the present we can forget the future, taking in our stride whatever comes. The future is made in the present,

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

(1) The Income and Expenditure Account of the Theosophical Society for the year ended 30-9-1964 closed with a deficit of Rs. 52,158 against a deficit of Rs. 89,201 in the previous year and Rs. 36,516 in 1961-1962. The main reasons for the decrease of Rs. 37,043 in deficit are given below:

	Rs.	Rs.
<i>Increased Income:</i>		
Fees and Dues	... 21,300	(Please see para. 7 of this Report)
Interest	... 7,600	
Donations	... 37,800	
<i>Decreased Expenditure:</i>		
Repairs and Renewals	... 11,500	
Miscellaneous Expenditure	... 6,000	
	<hr/>	84,200
COUNTERBALANCED BY:		
<i>Decreased Income:</i>		
Rent	... 1,700	
Sale of Jungewood	... 2,600	
<i>Increased Expenditure:</i>		
Gratuities and Retirement Allowances in all Departments	... 31,000	
T.P.H. Management	... 6,000	(Represents amount placed at President's disposal and which he has credited to T.P.H. a/c)
Departmental Expenditure (other than gratuities)	... 5,900	
	<hr/>	47,200
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		37,000
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(2) *Donations (a) Adyar Day Collections:* The Adyar Day Collections during the year amounted to Rs. 23,908, as compared with Rs. 28,714 in the previous year. This collection together with a sum of Rs. 592 from previous balance was allocated by the President as follows:

	Rs.
Adyar Library	... 3,000
Vice-President's Travelling Fund	... 3,000
Welfare Fund	... 1,000
Olcott Harijan Schools	... 500
Faithful Service Fund	... 500
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	8,000
Towards Deficit	16,500
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	24,500
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(b) *General Donations:* General Donations amounting to Rs. 45,574 (against Rs. 12,725 in the previous year) was utilized for reducing the current deficit.

(c) *Special Donations:* The following two special Donations have to be mentioned.

(i) £2,000. (Rs. 26,574) from Mrs. Dora Crockford, England for an Animal Welfare Centre in the Society's estate at Adyar.

(ii) \$2,000. (Rs. 9,700) from Mrs. Maud Ebert Ott of Texas for Theosophical Propaganda.

The question as to how to carry out the donor's wishes is under consideration.

(3) *General Endowment Fund:* This Fund which was created in 1961 out of a substantial donation from U.S.A. is not intended for any specific purpose. It can therefore be merged in the "General Fund" from next year. The total of the "General Fund" and "General Endowment Fund" stands at Rs. 20,13,391 which is represented partly by our immovable property on the Asset side of the Balance Sheet. Deficits every year go to reduce this fund. A sum of Rs. 5973.80 representing the difference between the book value and sale value of certain U. S. Securities which was outstanding under 'Investments' for several years was written off this year by debit to General Endowment Fund.

(4) *A. B. C. Fund:* The amount at credit has increased from Rs. 16,46,597 to Rs. 17,23,489. A major portion of this increase was due to the half-yearly payments from the J. H. Mason's Trust in U.S.A. which are likely to cease in a few years. A list showing investments of this Fund is appended.

(5) *Adyar Library Building Fund:* The cash portion of this Fund on 30-9-1964 was Rs. 2,71,214. As in October, 1964 a sum of Rs. 43,241 was received for this

purpose as a bequest from the late Mrs. E. M. Lavender, the present balance is about 3.15 lakhs. This amount together with the value of the Juhu house (Rs. 46,000) will enable the Society to spend Rs. 3.61 lakhs for this purpose. As it has recently been decided to construct a smaller building on the Main estate to the north of Besant Avenue estimated to cost not more than 5 lakhs and as we expect a Central Government grant as well as a grant from private sources, no difficulty in financing the project is expected.

(6) *Faithful Service Fund:* The opening balance was Rs. 45,388. Receipts during the year on account of Adyar Day Allocation was Rs. 500/- and interest Rs. 986. A sum of Rs. 375 was received as donation for this fund. Payments to beneficiaries amounted to Rs. 6,329/- and the closing balance was Rs. 40,920.

(7) *Fees and Dues:* The receipts this year amounted to Rs. 38,896 against Rs. 17,594 last year. This was mainly due to the dues from U.S.A. Rs. 10,630/- for last year having been received during the current year.

(8) *Sundry Debtors:* The amount outstanding was reduced from Rs. 86,000/- on 30-9-1963 to Rs. 48,052 on 30-9-1964. Out of the balance on 30-9-1964 the Besant Centenary Trust, Kalakshetra and allied organizations owe Rs. 20,766. No payment has been received even up to the middle of December, 1964 in spite of reminders. On the other hand a further debt of about Rs. 2,700/- has accumulated. The rents fixed over ten years back for these organizations have not been increased. Our actual maintenance costs and taxes on these buildings are just covered by the rent due to be recovered. Further, last year we had to spend about Rs. 4,000/- on special repairs and strengthening of the Damodar Gardens Bungalow in order to carry out the orders

of the Madras Government that the buildings in which educational institutions are housed should come up to certain minimum standards of safety for children. Although the full expenditure on this account is the responsibility of the lessees, we requested the Besant Centenary Trust that at least half of this special expenditure might be borne by the Trust. But there has been no favourable response.

As regards dues from individuals the position mentioned in last year's report that 3 individuals owe about Rs. 10,800/- remains more or less the same.

(9) *Bhojanasala*: The deficit this year was Rs. 4,778 against Rs. 8,284 last year. The rates were increased in April, 1964. The saving was partly due to the pay of the Superintendent having been debited to General Establishment. The increase in income of Rs. 3,800/- was offset by increase in expenditure on provision (Rs. 1,700/-) and a gratuity payment of Rs. 2,000/-.

(10) *Leadbeater Chambers*: The deficit this year was Rs. 508 only against Rs. 3,437 last year mainly due to increase of Rs. 2,800/- in income and debit of the allowance of the Superintendent direct to "General Establishment".

(11) *Laundry*: The deficit this year was Rs. 3,491 against Rs. 3,481 last year. Some increases in rates are being considered.

(12) *Garden*: The deficit this year was Rs. 8,786 against Rs. 841 last year. The increase in loss was mainly due to stoppage of paddy cultivation (1,800), increased cost of cocoanut cultivation (1,400), increased cost of ornamental Garden (1,000), increase in gratuities and retirement allowance (1,500), Boundary Plantation expenditure (2,100). (Will be debited to Casuarina capital Account next year.) The net ornamental Garden expenditure amounts to about Rs. 14,000/- per annum. In view of the stoppage of paddy cultiva-

tion and in view of the increase in the cost of our ornamental expenditure there will be increase in the loss in Garden Department and our future programme and policy in the matter of departmental maintenance of the extensive garden merits careful reconsideration.

(13) *Maintenance Department*: The Engineering Department has now been renamed as "Maintenance Department" as the old name was giving the outside public the erroneous idea that we have a manufacturing concern. The deficit this year was Rs. 24,962 against Rs. 18,803 last year. The increase was mainly due to increased payment of gratuities and retirement allowances to staff.

(14) *Vasanta Press*: The deficit this year was Rs. 16,250/- against Rs. 88 last year. This was mainly due to an increase of Rs. 7,000/- under Gratuities and Rs. 7,000/- under Retirement Allowances. Recently the Vasanta Press Council has been formed on the same lines as the T.P.H. Council with a view to administer the Press in a more efficient and economical manner.

(15) *Adyar Library*: (a) *Publications Account*: This year the Publication Account resulted in a deficit of Rs. 611 against a surplus of Rs. 9,844 in the previous year. This was partly due to increase in the cost of publications (4,200) and decrease in the value of the closing stock (4,000). The question whether the present procedure of valuing the closing stock should be altered is under consideration.

(b) *Income and Expenditure Account*: The deficit this year was Rs. 20,860 against Rs. 6,741 last year. This increase was mainly due to increase in the loss in publications account (Rs. 10,400), decrease in interest (Rs. 4,000) as it was decided by the General Council last year that interest on the Adyar Library Building Fund

should be added to the Building Fund and not taken as a revenue income.

(c) *Balance Sheet*: The Endowment Fund which stood at Rs. 65,297 at the end of last year has now come down to Rs. 40,801 due to the adjustment of the current year's deficit of Rs. 20,868 and an adjustment of Rs. 5,200 on account of interest on Library Building Fund for last year. For satisfactory working of the Library after it shifts to the new building it is quite necessary to take steps to increase our Endowment Fund as the present balance is likely to be exhausted in two or three years.

(16) *The Theosophical Publishing House*: As the management of the T.P.H. was transferred from the President to the Society with effect from 1-4-1964, this is the first year in which the annual accounts of the Publishing House are printed along with the accounts of the Society. The book value of the T.P.H. Publications was taken at Rs. 2,54,067 after writing down their value by about Rs. 21,000 in accounts for September, 1964. The net loss during the year which amounted to Rs. 2,027 was taken as a reduction of capital which now stands at Rs. 93,790/-. Against the total value of the stock of books, viz. Rs. 2.67 lakhs the capital is Rs. 93,790 and the debt due to the Society is Rs. 1,63,250 (total Rs. 2,57,040). However some further write down of the value of the stock will be necessary next year. With careful management and special steps to promote sales the debt of Rs. 1.63 lakhs (since reduced to 1.53 lakhs after the closing of the accounts) can be reduced to about 1 lakh in 3 or 4 years. It would however be helpful if the different sections publicize and help the sale of such works as "The Secret Doctrine" the "Collected writings of H.P.B." etc. and encourage Lodges to obtain and keep them in their Libraries.

(17) *Expenditure on Staff*: Owing to increase in the cost of living and also with a view to standardise the scales of pay in the different departments certain revisions in the scales of pay have recently been sanctioned by the Executive Committee and this revision will shortly be brought into force with retrospective effect from 1st October, 1964. This will result in an increase of expenditure. Other conditions of service like leave, retirement allowance, gratuity etc., will also shortly be revised. A number of old employees have recently retired resulting in heavy payments of gratuities and increased monthly commitments of retirement allowances.

(18) *Properties of the Society*: (a) Last year an isolated piece of land measuring 2.1 acres near the Beach which was not being used by the Society was compulsorily acquired by the Government. We have received notices of acquisition of another 2½ acres in the Damodar Gardens area with a view to enable Government to construct a wide road from Besant Avenue to the new housing area known as "South Madras Neighbourhood Area". In accordance with the decision of the General Council that the rice fields can be disposed of, a scheme for converting about 10 acres of land into a housing area (about 34 sites) has been approved by the Executive Committee and forwarded to the Madras Corporation for approval. This matter is still under consideration.

(b) In the concluding para of last year's report mention was made of the possible adverse effect on the Society due to the urban land tax Act. Recently we have received notices from the Government that Society's lands will be included in the list for assessment. We have sent a petition to the concerned Minister pointing out that if the Society has to pay

urban land tax on the same basis as small house sites in the neighbouring area, the finances of the Society will be wrecked. We have also pointed out that ours is a spiritual, cultural and philanthropic institution with no profit motive and that according to our Constitution we are prohibited from selling the lands on our Main Estate. We have therefore requested the Government to grant total exemption to the Society from the operation of the Urban Land Tax Act. A reply from the Government is awaited.

Adyar,  
21-12-1964.

(c) As the Olcott School has no playground of its own and has to pay rent for the playground in the Gandhinagar area, it has been decided that an area in the Besant Gardens should be allotted to the Olcott School for use as playground.

(19) *General:* With the increase in expenditure due to inflation, the financial position of the Society may deteriorate. If this happens, and in addition we do not succeed in getting full exemption from Urban Land Tax Act, ways and means of meeting the situation will have to be considered.

S. SOMASUNDARAM,  
*Hony. Treasurer.*

# DETAILS OF A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

## Particulars

No.			Amount
			Rs.
1.	3%	Conversion Loan 1986	... 2,60,200
2.	4%	Loan 1980-90	... 1,13,900
3.	3%	First Development Loan 1970-75	... 80,000
4.	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ %	National Plan Loan 1974	... 60,000
5.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	National Plan Loan 1967	... 52,000
6.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	Madras Loan 1972	... 10,000
7.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debenture 1969-76	... 1,00,000
8.		do 1970-80	... 19,000
9.		do 1966-73	... 25,000
10.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Andhra Land Mortgage Bank 1971-76	... 30,000
11.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	Andhra Land Mortgage Bank	... 20,000
12.	4%	do	... 25,000
13.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ %	do	... 1,00,000
14.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	do	... 1,00,000
15.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	do	... 20,100
16.	4%	Mysore Land Mortgage Bank	... 15,000
17.		Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit	... 83,000
18.		do	... 1,00,000
19.		do	... 1,00,000
20.		do	... 50,000
21.		12 Year National Savings Certificates	... 89,400
22.		Treasury Savings Deposit Certificates	... 38,000
23.	4%	Funding Stock (Sterling) 1970,	£ 11,297
24.	4%	Government of Australia 55-70	£ 1,049
25.	4%	Canadian Pacific Railway	£ 3,000
26.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Queensland Government 50-70	£ 1,400
27.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	Kenya Government Loan	£ 500
			... 6,670
			<hr/> 17,20,610 <hr/>



# FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1964

			1963-64		1962-63	
			Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
The Theosophical Society in U.S.A.	...	...	21,213	25		
"	"	Mexico			521	12
"	"	Colombia	167	79		
"	"	Venezuela	236	50	710	00
"	"	Puerto Rico	142	16		
"	"	Canada	999	47		
"	"	England	3,720	17	3,315	06
"	"	Scotland	106	30	147	65
"	"	Southern Africa	401	53	418	68
"	"	Ireland	20	25	18	23
"	"	Norway	79	22	65	94
"	"	West Africa	203	97	238	92
"	"	N. Ireland	21	91	21	92
"	"	Italy			222	93
"	"	Wales			111	38
"	"	Sweden	469	02		
"	"	Iceland			280	60
"	"	Australia	643	53	528	25
"	"	New Zealand	888	09	840	20
"	"	Netherlands	2,314	39	2,326	81
"	"	India	11	11*	1,962	87
"	"	Switzerland	679	34	323	88
"	"	E. Africa	153	85	214	33
"	"	Finland	429	76	505	12
"	"	Uruguay			265	25
"	"	Austria	187	48	275	19
"	"	France	1,542	58	1,558	48
"	"	Denmark	179	32		
"	"	Cuba			473	15
"	"	Belgium			302	21
Canadian Federation	...	...			203	00
Non-Sectionalized Lodges, etc.	...	...	4,084	80	1,742	65
			<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
			38,895	79	17,593	82

\* Note: Rs. 1,890.63 Received on 9-10-1964.

*Hony. Treasurer.*

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INCOME	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Rent (including Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers) ...			58,361	63			56,624	03
„ Fees and Dues ...			17,593	82			38,895	79
„ Interest:								
Earned ( <i>Less I. T. De-</i> <i>ducted</i> ) ...	1,00,326	45			1,12,267	77		
<i>Less</i> Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	9,840	77			14,251	28		
			90,485	68			98,016	49
„ Donations:								
Balance b/f. ...	83	95			714	06		
Add Received during the year ...	41,354	79			69,482	49		
	41,438	74			70,196	55		
<i>Less</i> Allocations and Grants ...	16,500	00			8,000	00		
	24,938	74			62,196	55		
<i>Less</i> Balance c/f ...	714	06			125	66		
			24,224	68			62,070	89
„ Administration Charges ...			8,130	00			4,000	00
„ Income from Jungle wood (net) ...			3,048	43			546	32
„ Profit on Redemption of Investment ...			1,104	00			92	28
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...			89,201	45			52,157	92
			2,92,149	69			3,12,403	72

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*Chartered Accountants.*

## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
<b>General Fund:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	10,01,939	91			9,41,800	10		
Add Further Receipts this year ...	...				368	18		
Add Transfer from Adyar								
Library Capital Account ...	1,606	21			1,116	47		
Add compensation from Kovurpad Estate ...	5,677	11			...			
Add profit on Acquisition of land by Madras Government ...	21,778	32			...			
	10,31,001	55			9,43,284	75		
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...	89,201	45			52,157	92		
			9,41,800	10			8,91,126	83
<b>General Endowment Fund:</b>								
As per last balance sheet ...	11,28,238	32			11,28,238	32		
Less Loss in Sale of Investment ...	...				5,973	80		
			11,28,238	32			11,22,264	52
<b>Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund: (b)</b>			16,46,597	07			17,23,488	57
<b>Other Funds: (see notes below)</b>								
<b>(i) Of the Society: Interest Bearing:</b>								
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a) ...	65,296	88			40,800	64		
Adyar Library Building Fund								
Cash (c) ...	2,52,742	36			2,71,213	81		
Fixed Property ...	47,000	00			46,000	00		
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	89,139	57			65,229	01		
do. do. (c) ...	12,200	78			12,415	60		
			4,66,379	59			4,35,659	06
<b>(ii) Of the Society: Non-Interest Bearing:</b>								
President's Travelling Fund ...	5,201	78			6,654	69		
Miscellaneous Funds ...	75,789	20			1,10,980	01		
			80,990	98			1,17,634	70
<b>(iii) Of Others: Interest-Bearing</b> ...			39,644	07			60,277	17
<b>(iv) Of Others: Non-Interest Bearing:</b>			...				2,884	51
<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		
Adyar Day Unallocated ...	714	06			125	66		
Casuarina Development ...	7,544	10			8,247	04		
			20,258	16			20,372	70
<b>Adyar Library: Funds and Reserves:</b>								
Miscellaneous Funds ...	3,175	97			3,315	97		
Gratuities Reserve ...	15,170	59			16,670	59		
			18,346	56			19,986	56
<b>Sundry Deposits</b> ...			80,230	76			80,865	98
<b>Sundry Creditors:</b>								
For Departments ...	11,812	63			14,552	78		
For Others ...	22,370	36			30,163	58		
			34,182	99			44,716	36
<b>Liabilities for Expenses</b>			...				2,270	00
C/o			44,56,668	60			45,21,546	96

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1964

ASSETS	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
<b>Immovable Properties: (At Cost)</b>								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,32,620	91			2,29,220	91		
Add Damodar Gardens Expenses. (Project for sale)	...				2,269	15		
	2,32,620	91			2,31,490	06		
Less value of land acquired by Madras Government ...	3,400	00			...			
			2,29,220	91			2,31,490	06
<b>Lands at Urur: (At Cost)</b>								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	6,268	52			5,382	40		
Less Sales ...	886	12			1,600	00		
			5,382	40			3,782	40
<b>Lands in Sindh: (As per books)</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...			10,000	00			10,000	00
<b>Buildings at Adyar: (At Cost)</b>								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	8,16,671	32			8,16,671	32		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	3,88,754	97			4,05,087	97		
			4,27,916	35			4,11,583	35
<b>"Gulistan," Kotagiri: (At Cost)</b>								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,169	72			20,169	72		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	4,517	88			4,920	88		
			15,651	84			15,248	84
<b>Movable Property at Adyar:</b>								
<b>Furniture and Fixtures: (At Cost)</b>								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	83,238	36			83,833	45		
Add Additions ...	595	09			410	20		
	83,833	45			84,243	65		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	77,483	45			83,801	75		
			6,350	00			441	90
<b>Motor Cars: (At Cost)</b>								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	28,692	84			28,692	84		
Add Value of Austin purchased.	...				5,000	00		
	28,692	84			33,692	84		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	14,345	84			20,167	17		
			14,347	00			13,525	67
<b>Investments: (At Cost)</b>								
(As per books)								
Government of India Loan ...	6,75,938	70			6,77,674	48		
State Govt. Loans ...	5,96,418	80			5,30,870	30		
United Kingdom Loan ...	2,85,877	53			2,85,877	53		
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	29,200	00			29,500	00		
Miscellaneous Securities ...	54,758	49			48,487	21		
Fixed Deposit ...	10,28,070	52			12,68,000	00		
			26,70,264	04			28,40,409	52
Interest accrued on Investments ...			42,080	00			30,020	00
C/o			34,21,212	54			35,56,501	74



## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f			44,56,668	60			45,21,546	96
<i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.            (b) Interest only available for general purposes.            (c) Interest only available for specific purposes.</i>								
			44,56,668	60			45,21,546	96

ADYAR  
19th December, 1964

For The Theosophical Society,  
S. SOMASUNDARAM,  
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1964

ASSETS	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f ...			34,21,212	54			35,56,501	74
<b>Departmental Assets:</b>								
(As valued and Certified by the Management)								
Water Line Meter Installations ...	...				484	32		
Electrical Installations ...	31,556	00			28,400	40		
Telephones Installations ...	...				1,312	60		
Tools, Equipments, etc. ...	25,218	11			25,848	69		
Printing Machinery, etc. ...	85,715	49			75,661	86		
Accounts Recoverable ...	9,651	25			9,187	16		
Standing Crops and Developments Account ...	66,207	11			64,531	53		
Stock on hand ...	1,90,636	45			1,88,219	82		
Cash and Stamps on hand ...	580	00			...			
			4,09,564	41			3,93,646	38
<b>Adyar Library Assets</b> ...			2,89,244	71			2,89,491	92
<b>Sundry Assets (As per Books)</b> ...			3,399	06			1,196	49
Loans and Advances ...			9,846	60			12,012	76
Security Deposit ...			280	00			280	00
<b>Sundry Debtors (As per Books)</b>								
Considered good by Management								
Due by T.P.H. ...	1,49,287	10			1,63,971	05		
Due by Others ...	86,348	01			48,052	32		
	2,35,635	11			2,12,023	37		
Less Reserve for Doubtful Debts ...	800	61			...			
			2,34,834	50			2,12,023	37
Gratuity Advance to Employees ...			16,138	72			8,162	41
Prepaid expenses			1,085	69			1,821	37
<b>Cash:</b>								
In Madras Banks on Current A/c.	62,347	94			41,139	15		
„ London Bank „ „ ...	6,268	03			4,353	78		
„ on hand ...	2,446	40			917	59		
			71,062	37			46,410	52
			44,56,668	60			45,21,546	96

Examined and found correct.

N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

## THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1964-65

EXPENDITURE	Budget for 1963-64	Actuals for 1963-64	Budget for 1964-65	INCOME	Budget for 1963-64	Actuals for 1963-64	Budget for 1964-65
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	50,000	43,327	46,000	Rent ...	56,000	56,624	56,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	80,000	58,373	60,000	Fees and Dues ...	28,000	38,896	30,000
Light and Water ...	8,500	8,008	8,500	Wood ...	1,000	546	500
Miscellaneous ...	14,000	10,736	11,000	Interest (Gross) ...	1,00,000	1,12,267	1,10,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones ...	2,500	3,160	3,200	Administration Charges ...	4,000	4,000	4,000
Printing and Stationery ...	6,700	5,556	6,000	<b>Special Departments:</b>			
Publications to General Secretaries ...	700	699	700	Bhojanasala ...	16,000	19,351	20,000
Bad Debts Written off ...	...	692	1,000	Maintenance Department ...	1,10,500	98,738	1,00,000
Taxes ...	16,500	16,558	16,600	Garden Department ...	57,000	51,290	50,000
Convention ...	2,000	737	5,000	Laundry ...	6,000	5,810	6,000
Museum and Archives ...	4,000	4,750	4,800	Leadbeater Chambers... ..	21,000	23,836	25,000
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	11,000	14,251	12,000	Sanitary Department ...	1,200	1,083	1,000
Retirement Allowance ...	8,000	1,717	2,400	Vasanta Press ...	1,61,000	1,56,312	1,60,000
Gratuities Account ...	...	15,292	...	Donations ...	...	62,071	...
Dispensary ...	8,000	7,695	8,200	Deficit ...	1,29,300	52,376	1,49,600
Sanitary Department ...	5,500	6,174	6,500				
Watch and Ward ...	22,500	21,731	23,000				
T. P. H. Management ...	...	6,000	12,000				
<b>Contributions:</b>							
To The Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
„ President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom .	3,000	3,000	3,000				
<b>Special Departments:</b>							
Bhojanasala ...	20,000	24,128	24,000				
Maintenance Department	1,32,500	1,23,699	1,28,000				
Garden Department ...	61,000	60,075	60,000				
Laundry ...	9,000	9,459	10,000				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	22,000	24,344	25,000				
Vasanta Press ...	1,63,000	1,72,563	1,94,600				
Depreciation ...	29,000	28,876	29,000				
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>							
Vasanta Press 12,000.							
	6,91,000	6,83,200	7,12,100		6,91,000	6,83,200	7,12,100

ADYAR

19th December, 1964

For The Theosophical Society,  
S. SOMASUNDARAM,  
Hony. Treasurer

The Adyar Library  
Accounts for the year ended  
30th September 1964

## THE ADYAR

## PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Opening Stock of Publications ...			21,667	78			23,965	37
„ Cost of Publications:								
Including Brahnavidya ...			8,656	67			12,812	85
„ Surplus Income carried to Income and Expenditure Account ...			9,843	64				
			40,168	09			36,778	22

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE	Previous Year		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Excess Expenditure over Income from Publication Account			611	02
„ Salaries and Wages ...	26,168	99	25,509	69
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	979	92	1,044	35
„ Postages ...	582	21	484	21
„ Printing and Stationery ...	744	42	2,083	53
„ Fire Insurance ...	117	44	105	90
„ Miscellaneous ...	1,254	14	2,741	25
„ Depreciation ...	2,207	19	2,173	53
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,500	00	1,500	00
„ War Risk Insurance ...	176	00	33	00
„ Retirement Allowance ...			759	75
	33,730	31	37,046	23

ADYAR

19th December, 1964

For The Theosophical Society,  
S. SOMASUNDARAM,

Hony. Treasurer.



## LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1964

INCOME	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Sale of Publications:								
Including Brahavidya ...			16,202	72			16,257	77
„ Closing Stock of Publications	47,930	73			39,818	86		
Less Value written down ...	23,965	36			19,909	43		
			23,965	37			19,909	43
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...				...			611	02
			40,168	09			36,778	22

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1964

INCOME	Previous Year		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Surplus Income carried from Publications Account ...	9,843	64	...	...
„ T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	00	5,000	00
„ Adyar Day Allocation and Other Donations ...	3,472	55	4,848	65
„ Interest on Endowment Fund and Building Fund ...	6,727	64	2,710	58
„ Miscellaneous Receipts ...	1,945	50	3,627	70
	26,989	33	16,186	93
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income...	6,740	98	20,859	30
	33,730	31	37,046	23

Examined and found correct,  
N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

## THE ADYAR

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
<b>Endowment Fund:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	60,605	57			65,296	88		
Add Donations Received ...	13,038	50			2,692	03		
	73,644	07			67,988	91		
Add Capital Receipts ...	400	00			...			
	74,044	07			67,988	91		
Less Adjustments ...	...				5,212	50		
	74,044	07			62,776	41		
Less Capital Expenditure								
Furniture, Manuscripts, Books and								
Customs Duty on Microfilming								
Equipment ...	2,006	21			1,116	47		
	72,037	86			61,659	94		
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	6,740	98			20,859	30		
			65,296	88			40,800	64
<b>Capital Fund:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,20,998	06			2,22,604	27		
Add Transfer from Endowment Fund ...	1,606	21			1,116	47		
			2,22,604	27			2,23,720	74
<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 ...	3,000	00			4,000	00		
			47,000	00			46,000	00
(ii) <b>Other Donations:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,06,473	22			2,09,626	84		
Add Received during the year ...	3,153	62			17,811	86		
			2,09,626	84			2,27,438	70
<b>Add-A-Brick Fund:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	42,466	77			43,115	52		
Add Donations received during the year...	648	75			659	59		
			43,115	52			43,775	11
C/o			5,87,643	51			5,81,735	19

## LIBRARY

30TH SEPTEMBER, 1964

ASSETS	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
<b>Manuscripts and Books:</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,55,652	06			1,57,168	67		
Add Additions ...	1,516	61			517	03		
			1,57,168	67			1,57,685	70
<b>Movable Property at Juhu:</b>								
Value of house property gifted					50,000	00		
As per last Balance Sheet ...	50,000	00			4,000	00		
Less Depreciation up-to-date ...	3,000	00	47,000	00			46,000	00
<b>Microfilming Equipment:</b>								
Value of Microfilming Equipment gifted					24,464	00		
As per last Balance Sheet ...	25,751	26			599	44		
Add Expenditure ...								
	25,751	26			25,063	44		
Less Depreciation ...	1,287	26	24,464	00	1,223	20	23,840	24
<b>Furniture: At Cost</b>								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	35,169	88			34,769	88		
Less Sales ...	400	00						
	34,769	88			34,769	88		
Less Depreciation up-to-date ...	11,080	87	23,689	01	11,927	20	22,842	68
<b>Furnishings:</b>	489	60			416	00		
Less Depreciation ...	73	60	416	00	104	00	312	00
Sundry Debtors ...			6,153	00			6,233	88
<b>Advances:</b>								
Prepaid Fire Insurance ...	70	60			70	60		
For Gratuity ...	2,445	06			2,445	06		
Deepavali Advance ...	4	50	2,520	16			2,515	66
Director's Discretionary Fund: ...							50	00
Adyar Library Building Construction Account ...							5,188	87
<b>Deposits:</b>								
With The Theosophical Society ...			3,16,945	36			3,12,322	86
<b>Stock on hand:</b>								
Publications ...	23,965	37			19,909	43		
Insecticides, etc. ...	3,797	00	27,762	37	4,913	46	24,822	89
C/o			6,06,118	57			6,01,814	78

LIABILITIES		Previous Year				Current Year			
	B/f	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
				5,87,643	51			5,81,735	19
<b>Discretionary Fund:</b>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...			684	97			684	97
<b>Gratuities Reserve:</b>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	13,670	59			15,170	59		
Add Provisions for the year	...	1,500	00	15,170	59	1,500	00	16,670	59
<b>Book Deposits:</b>									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	2,351	00			2,491	00		
Add Receipts	...	440	00			320	00		
Less Refunds	...	2,791	00	2,491	00	2,811	00	2,631	00
		300	00			180	00		
<b>Advances:</b>									
Suspense	...							42	38
Sundry Creditors	...			200	00			50	65
				6,06,190	07			6,01,814	78

ADYAR  
19th December, 1964

For The Theosophical Society,  
S. SOMASUNDARAM,  
Hony. Treasurer.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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ASSETS	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Cash on hand			6,06,118	57			6,01,814	78
B/f			71	50				
			<u>6,06,190</u>	<u>07</u>			<u>6,01,814</u>	<u>78</u>

Examined and found correct,  
N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,  
*Chartered Accountants,*



## THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE  
ACCOUNT FOR 1964-65

EXPENDITURE	<i>Actuals for 1963-64</i>	<i>Budget for 1964-65</i>	INCOME	<i>Actuals for 1963-64</i>	<i>Budget for 1964-65</i>
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Salaries and Wages ...	25,510	27,000	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,044	1,100	„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	4,849	4,000
„ Postages ...	484	600	„ Interest on Endowments ...	2,711	2,000
„ Printing and Stationery ...	2,084	1,000	„ Miscellaneous Receipts ...	3,628	2,000
„ Fire Insurance ...	106	100	„ Publications Account* ...	— 611	...
„ Miscellaneous ...	2,741	2,000	„ Central Government Grant for Publications ...	...	18,000
„ Depreciation ...	2,174	2,200	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	20,859	6,000
„ War Risk Insurance ...	33	...			
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,500	1,500			
„ Retirement Allowance ...	760	1,500			
	36,436	37,000		36,436	37,000
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
„ Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals ...	517	2,000			
„ Adyar Library Building ...	5,189	2,00,000			
PUBLICATIONS					
„ Brahavidya ...	5,269	7,000			
„ Other Publications ...	263	20,000			

\* Please refer to para. 15 of Treasurer's Report.

(Sd.) S. SOMASUNDARAM,  
Hony. Treasurer,

Theosophical Publishing House  
Accounts for the year ended  
30th September 1964

## THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF "THE THEOSOPHIST "

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Printing & Blocks ...	16,795	58	17,593	37
Postage and Packing ...	4,815	26	5,290	16
Establishment ...	2,399	70	2,135	81
Editorial ...	3,001	50	1,500	00
General Expenses ...	327	48	93	92
Depreciation ...	235	54	195	54
Overhead and Administration Charges ...	1,100	00	1,200	00
Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	75	76	...	
	28,750	82	28,008	80

MADRAS  
14th December, 1964

(Sd.) K. N. RAMANATHAN  
Manager

(Sd.) S. SOMASUNDARAM  
Treasurer

## HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1964

INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Subscriptions:				
Unexpired on October 1, 1963	...		11,467	04
Add: Receipts during the year	...		26,995	46
			38,462	50
Less: Unexpired on 30th September 1964	...		10,996	55
	28,008	65		27,465
Miscellaneous Income	...	19 85		...
Reserve	...	722 32		...
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	...		542 85
	28,750	82		28,008 80

(Sd.) R. JANAKIRAMAN & CO.  
Chartered Accountants

## THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Stock 1-10-1963				
T.P.H. Publications	2,18,608	48	2,48,176	68
Agency & Other books	2,036	46	1,298	49
Photos & Pictures	5,352	67	3,186	80
Incense Sticks, etc.	441	16	518	45
Stationery	1,110	18	1,474	00
Packing Materials	3,214	02	3,524	77
			2,58,179	19
„ Books Published (inclusive of binding charges on old stock)	1,04,396	45	1,07,982	94
Less: Transfer from Reserves			24,143	34
			83,839	60
„ Purchases:				
Books: Agency & Other publications	19,727	65	18,987	26
Photos & pictures	90	78	387	35
Incense Sticks, etc.	4,334	55	4,948	11
Stationery	499	32	1,378	11
Packing Materials	3,962	91	5,726	37
			31,427	20
„ Gross Profit Carried down	54,294	73	51,781	87
	4,18,069	36	4,25,227	86
To Establishment	21,391	45	19,901	92
Retirement allowance			222	58
Royalty on Sale of books, etc.	15,066	59	12,845	50
Trade Expenses	2,094	78	1,691	63
Postage & Telegram	1,160	00	1,272	82
Audit Fees	750	00	750	00
Office Printing & Stationery	991	69	1,168	54
Advertisement & Catalogue	465	14	542	37
Motor Car maintenance Expenses	3,200	76	5,766	50
Water, Electricity & Conservancy	855	99	897	80
Repairs & upkeep	275	20	340	17
Fire Insurance Premium	132	00	190	27
Emergency Risk Insurance	730	00		
Depreciation—Furniture, etc.	263	77	233	90
Car	833	07	...	
			233	90
Ex gratia Payment	...		192	03
Conveyance	17	63	...	
Sales Tax	...		78	80
Theosophical Lecturing & Propaganda	1,500	00	...	
Gratuity Fund	5,000	00	11,137	47
Net Profit transferred to Capital	678	66	...	
	55,406	73	57,232	30

ADYAR

(Sd.) K. N. RAMANATHAN

(Sd.) S. SOMASUNDARAM,

14th December, 1964

Manager.

Treasurer.

## HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1964

INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
<b>By Sales:</b>						
T.P.H. Publications ...	1,23,239	58			1,23,015	26
Agency Publications: Adyar Library ...	18,107	52	17,174	69		
Others ...	2,890	20	1,665	70		
Other Publications ...	5,692	29			18,840	39
Photos & Pictures ...	841	87			4,212	58
Incense Sticks ...	5,566	90			738	58
Stationery ...	682	97			5,848	50
					793	77
						1,53,449 08
„ Packing Charges recovered from Customers ...	2,868	84				4,685 67
„ Stock on 30-9-1964						
T.P.H. Publications ...	2,48,176	68			2,54,067	32
Agency & Other books ...	1,298	49			4,127	69
Photos & Pictures ...	3,186	80			2,958	98
Incense Sticks ...	518	45			1,197	43
Stationery ...	1,474	00			1,063	48
Packing Materials ...	3,524	77			3,678	21
						2,67,093 11
	4,18,069	36				4,25,227 86
<b>By Gross Profit brought down</b> ...	54,294	73				51,781 87
Royalty on Translation Received ...	...					499 84
Miscellaneous Income ...	12	00				43 00
Overhead & Administration charged to <i>The Theosophist</i> ...	1,100	00				1,200 00
Conveyance recovered ...	...				503 58	
Less Expenses incurred ...	...				490 99	
						12 59
Profit on Sale of Car ...	...					1,667 69
Net Loss transferred to Capital ...	...					2,027 31
	55,406	73				57,232 30

(Sd.) R. JANAKIRAMAN & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.



## THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
<b>Capital:</b>						
Balance as per last Balance Sheet					90,572	92
Add Amount received from President towards reduction of previous year debits of <i>Theosophical Society</i> ...					5,244	00
					95,816	92
Less Net loss transferred from Profit and Loss A/c ...					2,027	31
	90,572	92				93,789 61
<b>Reserves &amp; Surplus:</b>						
(i) Blavatsky Publication Fund ...	13,750	42			...	
(ii) Kale Memorial Fund ...	300	00			300	00
(iii) Gratuity Fund ...	6,603	80			...	
(iv) Editorial and Publication Fund ...	6,000	00			...	
(v) Special Publication Reserve ...					15,000	00
(vi) "Secret Doctrine" 2nd Edition Cost Equalization ...	10,000	00			...	
(vii) Theosophical lecturing and propaganda ...	1,552	53			...	
(viii) General Contingency Reserve ...	2,337	95			2,337	95
(ix) Reserve for Doubtful debts ...	1,129	30			1,129	30
						18,767 25
<b>Current Liabilities, etc.</b>						
<b>Sundry Creditors:</b>						
(a) Royalty ...	15,204	01			13,316	35
(b) Purchase & Publication						
(i) Theosophical Society ...	1,49,194	05	1,63,249	64		
(ii) Others ...	10,098	57	7,270	42		
					1,70,520	06
(c) Customers' Credit Balances ...	3,836	92			3,830	49
(d) Sundry deposits ...	1,258	04			1,347	05
						1,89,013 95
<b>THE THEOSOPHIST:</b>						
(i) Contingency Reserve ...	1,690	86				
(ii) Unexpired subscriptions ...	11,467	04			10,996	55
C/o	3,24,996	41			10,996	55
						3,01,570 81

## HOUSE, ADYAR

30TH SEPTEMBER 1964

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year			
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
(i) Motor Car					
As per last Balance Sheet ...		3,332	31		
Less Deductions ...		3,332	31		
	3,332 31			...	
(ii) Furniture					
As per last Balance Sheet ...				2,136	76
Less Depreciation for the year				233	90
	2,136 76				1,902 86
<b>Investment:</b>					
Deposit with The Theosophical Society bearing 3% Interest ...	300 00				300 00
<b>Current Assets etc.</b>					
(i) Stock on 30-9-1964 as per inventory taken, valued, and certified by the Manager ...	2,61,120 82			2,70,094	62
(ii) Prepaid expenses ...	60 00			137	13
(iii) Sundry Debtors considered good	26,398 51			25,562	53
(iv) Advance for books, Royalty, etc.	10,108 29			27	87
(v) V.P.P. Outstanding ...	436 70			498	60
(vi) Books in transit ...	...			188	85
(vii) Deposits ...	30 00			55	00
					2,96,564 60
<b>Cash and Bank Balances</b>					
(i) Cash on hand: <i>Imprest</i> ...	1,696 83			828	37
(ii) Balances in Current Account with:					
STATE BANK OF INDIA, Mount Road ...	5,614 09			4,634	22
NATIONAL AND GRINDLAYS BANK, LTD., Madras ...	2,586 23			5,283	35
					10,745 94
<b>THE THEOSOPHIST</b>					
(i) Equipment and Furniture as per last Balance Sheet ...		1,431	46		
Less Depreciation for the year ...		195	54		
	1,431 46			1,235	92
(ii) Stock on 30-9-1964 as per inventories taken valued and certified by Manager ...	3,965 34			3,186	98
(iii) <b>Income &amp; Expenditure A/c</b> ...	5,779 07			...	
					4,422 90
C/o	3,24,996 41				3,13,936 30

## THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f ...	3,24,996	41			10,996	55
(iii) Income and Expenditure Account:						
Transfer from Contingency Reserve ...			1,690	86		
Transfer from Editorial and Publication Reserve ...			6,000	00		
			7,690	86		
Less:						
Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...			5,779	07		
			1,911	79		
Less:						
Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...			542	85	1,368	94
					12,365	49
	3,24,996	41			3,13,936	30

## NOTES:

## (1) Blavatsky Publication Fund:

Rs. 13,750.42. This amount in the above fund has been transferred to Publication charges towards the cost of "H.P.B. Collected Writings" volumes printed during the year.

## (2) "Secret Doctrine" 2nd Edition Cost Equalization Fund:

Balance on 1-10-1963	...	Rs. 10,000	00
Receipts during the year towards the Fund	...	Rs. 392	92
		Rs. 10,392	92

This amount has been transferred to Publication Charges towards the cost of "Secret Doctrine" 2nd Edition brought out during the year.

ADYAR

14th December 1964

(Sd.) K. N. RAMANATHAN

Manager,

(Sd.) S. SOMASUNDARAM

Treasurer.

## 30TH SEPTEMBER 1964

(3) **Gratuity Fund:**

(4) Investment Rs. 300:

Vide our Report of even date.

(Sd.) R. JANAKIRAMAN & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

## THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR

## BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1964-65

EXPENDITURE	<i>Actual for 1963-64</i>	<i>Budget for 1964-65</i>	INCOME	<i>Actual for 1963-64</i>	<i>Budget for 1964-65</i>
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Establishment ...	19,902	19,000	By Gross Profit *	51,781	44,795
Retirement allowance ...	223	1,200	Royalty on translation ...		
Royalty on sale of Books ...	12,845	13,500	received ...	499	450
Trade expenses ...	1,691	1,500	Miscellaneous ...	52	...
Postage and Telegrams ...	1,272	1,300	Overhead and Adm. Charges ...	1,200	1,200
Audit Fee ...	750	750	Profit on sale of car ...	1,667	...
Office printing and Stationery ...	1,168	1,200	Nett loss ...	2,027	...
Advertisement and Catalogue ...	542	1,200			
Motor Car expenses ...	5,766	...			
Water, Elect. & Conservancy ...	897	900			
Repairs and upkeep ...	340	400			
Insurance Premium ...	190	200			
Depreciation ...	233	220			
Ex Gratia ...	192	...			
Sales Tax ...	78	75			
Gratuity Fund ...	11,137	5,000			
	57,226	46,445		57,226	46,445

\* Although sales are expected to be the same next year, gross profit is likely to be less, due to more trade discount and increased write down of value of old books.

ADYAR

December, 14th 1964

S. SOMASUNDARAM,

Hony. Treasurer.

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

Another annual milestone in The Theosophical Society has been passed, and I have again the privilege of submitting to the members my fourth annual report.

Since the Law of Change is the most certain principle or law of Nature, one can most assuredly also note its effects in the Theosophical Movement. Attitudes, doctrines and personalities must eventually give way to the forward movement of the esoteric philosophy and the changes that it requires for the new facets of Truth that it exposes. Much of this has been in evidence in recent years.

There is evidence that we are entering new phases of Theosophical study and research. Modern culture with advances in science has shed considerable light on the universal concepts. It is equally true that prevailing thought in some of its phases comes more and more in line with Theosophical principles. It appears that the Great Ones who have presented the Esoteric Philosophy through the Founders of the Society are activating and guiding the present civilization towards the more basic truths that Theosophy represents. Breakthroughs are in the making for the future, and deeper and deeper researches are evident in all directions. The immaterial world has become the real; the unseen is being cognized. Change thus constantly prevails.

In our Society we are moving from doctrines to concepts, from authority to freedom of thought and to a greater individual experience of Truth because of the stress of this freedom. This freedom will not destroy the "roots" of Theosophy as presented by the Founders—but will bring the individual much closer to

that selfsame reality which the Founders were allowed to see and to present.

Thus, study and individual or collective research of the archaic symbols, truths and concepts of the ancient wisdom are more consistently pursued in the light of modern scientific discovery. The realization in modern culture of the reality of the immaterial worlds about us, as well as the cognizance of Theosophists that every dedicated individual becomes a channel according to his own dedication, can lead to a breakthrough in modern thought. It is indeed true that an individual's dedication brings to him a reflection of the Light from his own higher self, and can even reach to the Light of the Masters and allow that to reflect through him. Let the individual, then, tie these threads of understanding to modern cultural advances, and he becomes the catalyst to new insights on the frontier of world thinking.

*General Outlook in the Section.*—It is quite obvious to those who travel and visit the branches and Lodges of the Section, that many of the old problems still prevail. There are weak Lodges and strong Lodges; there is apathy and there is vivacious activity. There is orthodoxy, and there is rebellion to it. There is still also the confusion in some areas with "associated" movements that tend to disturb the pure light of Theosophical presentation. Members of the Society and Lodge organizations should stand aside from these in their work so that the issues may be clear. If one takes a deeper and more studious view, one becomes aware of an expectancy in the Society of something about to happen. There is a

feeling of a possible breakthrough of the barriers that have contained us in a semi-dormant state. One becomes more certain that the inner Founders of our Society continue to exert their influence and guidance of the Theosophical Movement, individually and collectively, consciously or unconsciously, as the case may be.

The need for an adventurous overall program is quite in evidence. This is obvious if the dharma of the twentieth century is to be fulfilled; and many members are now becoming aware of this. Progressive planning and competent execution of such a program might well usher in a new age of dynamism for our Society.

The events of the last year with its confusion and tests for freedom of thought, and the principles of brotherhood have proved to be a clearing of the decks in preparation for the beginning of a bright new era of effort in Theosophy. There may well be, behind this new upsurge of change, tests, confusion, an influence more far-reaching than that which meets the eye; for it is well known that this Society has, from its beginning, been directed by those Great Ones whom we call the Masters. When we reckon that the Society is approaching the end of its first hundred year cycle, we might well conjecture the Masters themselves may wish to reopen old doors, and help us to discover new ones.

A widening of the cultural horizons in science, religion and philosophy, and a world-wide cognition of the powers latent in man reach out from a questioning world and become a plea to Theosophists to examine themselves, to explore more deeply the full meaning of the concepts and Objects of the Society, and to use them as a code to live by. It is inevitable that a re-awakening will occur in our Society only when we return to the origin-

al depths of our philosophy; and when the individual freedom of exploration is fully encouraged.

*Special Events in the Section.*—This Section was greatly honored in 1963 by the visit of our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. He toured and lectured in some of the more important cities. It is to be regretted that he was not able to cover the entire Section, but there was limited time at his disposal.

He was the guest of honor at the Convention and Summer School in 1963 in the American Section. The broadness of his views, the depths of his insight, and the great compassion with which he spoke inspired all who came to hear him, as well as all in the localities where he toured.

He left for Europe late in the summer after visiting Canada.

The Convention and Summer School of 1963 were well attended and bespoke an appreciation of our International President, who gave a series of important addresses during that period.

The theme for the year was "The Roots of Theosophy". Mr. Fritz Kunz gave several expositions interpreting the theme from a scientific point of view.

The Summer School stressed the scientific approach as one of the essential approaches to Theosophy in a scientific age, when some of the foremost discoveries of this time move in the direction of corroborating the Esoteric Philosophy.

In late May of 1964, this Section was delighted to welcome back our former President and now International Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, and his wife, Mrs. Kathrine Perkins. They were guests and speakers at the Gulf Coast Federation which met late in May in New Orleans. Following that they returned "home" to the National Headquarters in preparation for the work to come as guest speakers and guests of

honor at the Convention and Summer School of 1964.

During the last year members of the Section raised sufficient funds to present to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins a lifetime membership in The Theosophical Society. This presentation is made in gratitude and appreciation for the many years of service rendered to this Section.

*The Inter-American Conference.*—The Inter-American Conference was held in Mexico City. Eighty delegates from the United States were present. Canada was represented and most of the South American Sections. The registration was more than 300. It was an excellent Conference and established a link of brotherhood and co-operation with our Spanish-speaking brothers. It was decided that the next meeting will be held in Argentina and the permanent committee composed of four of the National Presidents (including this Section) will decide on its date and plan the Conference.

The primary purpose of this Conference was to draw together the many and various members of the western hemisphere for greater solidarity in the work. It well achieved its aim.

*Resumé of Field Work.*—The Board policy for field work, which stressed the Expansion Program this year, was carried out. It was found, however, that a more energetic lecture program should be undertaken in the future in order to balance the methods of presentation.

*Lecture Tours.*—My itinerary, as National President, included two Olcott lectures, as well as lectures to members and the public in various Lodges in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, and Iowa. There were also three lectures given to church groups requesting Theosophical lectures; lectures were also given to a Business Club, and at the Texas Federation Conference. It was also my privilege to speak at the Inter-American

Conference in Mexico City; and, to carry through a series of discussions at the Orcas and Far Horizons Camps during a summer visit.

Miss Joy Mills lectured in Lodges in the New York area, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington, D.C., and Baltimore. In the spring she carried out a short lecture tour in Michigan, Toronto, Canada, Buffalo and Cleveland. She also lectured at the Ohio Federation Conference in the spring, and took part in a symposium at the Inter-American Conference in Mexico City last November.

Mr. Samuel Wylie, in addition to the Regional Expansion Program, gave about twenty lectures. These were in Lodges adjacent to or en route to and from the areas covered by the expansion program. He also lectured in the Northwest Federation area and in the Chicago area.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton visited and lectured in sixty-one Lodges. In twenty-seven Lodges they lectured together, while the lectures in thirty-four Lodges were divided between them.

*Regional Expansion Programs.*—Mr. Samuel Wylie carried out two intensive expansion programs during the year. The expansion program is designed to strengthen, activate, or assist Lodges in a specially selected area. In the fall his expansion program covered the Rocky Mountain area including such cities as Denver, Boulder, Casper, and Billings, Montana. In the spring an intensive program was carried out in four Lodges of the San Francisco area.

*Workshops.*—The workshop seminars conducted here in the month of March each year have been under the direction of the Education Department. This year valuable assistance was rendered to the March workshop by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton. These workshops are designed to help train members to work more efficiently in their particular areas of the

Section. Some nine members participated in the ten day period of work. These workshops have generally proven to be very valuable.

One or two day workshop seminars were carried out in connection with each expansion program, as well as some special workshops that were carried out in a few isolated parts of the Section where it was especially requested in connection with a lecture tour.

In April Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kunz carried out a five-day workshop seminar for the members of the staff and a few nearby members who were able to attend. This seminar carried the theme "Theosophical Realism".

*Federations.*—The Federations in recent years have bettered their programming with a new concept. The approach has evolved to a conference type meeting. This type of program, which offers much more than just a business meeting, has done much to stimulate interest and enthusiasm as well as the activities in areas where these conferences were adequately planned. It is felt that even more enthusiasm could be engendered if a strong co-ordinated program could be presented to all Federations with the full co-operation and participation of the Lodges in the Federation area. The National President, or such other national lecturers as are available, can be utilized for such meetings to help give them a greater impetus.

*Membership Department and Statistics.*—The membership department is under the capable direction of Mrs. Margery Parks assisted by Mrs. Bea Boroff. Its function is to keep the membership statistical records, send out notices of dues, and receive and record the national dues. It keeps a special record of the membership endowment group, and is in charge of all special mailings throughout the year.

The following is a summary of membership status during the last fiscal year:

**Report on membership :**

Active members on June 30, 1963	... 4,292
New members in 1963-64	... 283
Reinstatements, 1963-64	... 52
Transfers to Section, 1963-64	... 6
	<hr/> 4,633

Deaths during the year	... 93
Resignations	... 48
Transfer from Section	... 1
Inactivated	... 306
	<hr/> 448

Total active members June 30, 1964 ... 4,185

**Report of Lodges, 1963-64**

Total Lodges June 30, 1963	... 143
Chartered June 10, 1964	... 1
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Lodges dissolved	... 144
	<hr/> 8

Total June 30, 1964 ... 136

The members of the Board of Directors wished to clear the records during this year of all Lodges that have been inactive for many years. The following inactive Lodges were dissolved: Phoenix, Pomona, Jackson, Clearwater, Cheyenne, Little Rock, Toledo, and San Mateo. Some of these Lodges have been reviewed for as long as eight years with the object in mind of dissolving them, but they were retained on our records because it was felt that some special work done there might reactivate them. Some have had one or two workers, who requested time in order to activate their centres. But a critical appraisal in the case of each of the above-mentioned Lodges indicated that it was proper to dissolve them and bring our records up to date. The by-laws are precise in these matters and the procedure was necessary to comply with them.

*The Department of Information.*—This department, under the capable management of Mrs. Estelle Case since November 1, 1963, has received and answered all the enquiries for information concerning Theosophy and the Society. Extensive correspondence was carried out, over 1,400 letters having been mailed. In addition over

9,000 pamphlets "To Those Who Mourn" were distributed to groups engaged in this project, and over 6,600 publicity leaflets were sent out as well. Study course folders and reading lists were sent out to enquirers. The department also sent out information concerning the National Library and encouraged its use. As a result of the work in this department forty-five new members joined the Society in the last year.

*The Department of Education.*—This department collects, reviews and classifies materials that will serve in the educational program of the Society. It has become a reservoir of much valuable material which is utilized throughout the Section to serve Lodges and individuals in their study programs. Program materials are listed and reading lists provided for individuals and Lodges.

One of its important functions is to help Lodges develop programs when requested and to furnish program material and reading lists for lectures and discussions, as well as to advise and suggest an overall Lodge-work program. Letters to Lodge presidents apprise the Lodges of the facilities and services available. Thus there is available in the department program materials, study courses and lecture tapes for members and the public. Short discussion tapes are in process of being developed. Charts, slides, diagrams, and a variety of supplemental aids are available.

The department is in charge of the archives of the Society which comprise data material related to it, and the various important personages and events connected with it.

The department employed Mr. Roy Zuvers to copy tapes, check them and bring this aspect of the department into good condition. With his own equipment he also recorded the entire Convention proceedings in 1963.

This department continues under the direction of Miss Joy Mills with the expert assistance of Mrs. Virginia Hanson and others.

*The Department of Research.*—Many recent requests concerning research and an implementation of this phase of the work have resulted in a well-considered plan for the expansion of this department. The aims for this department accrue from the urgency of its needs, for it must develop within itself a core of trained research workers, and methods that will amplify and co-ordinate this work in the Section. While on the surface considerable confusion has existed regarding this work during the past year, nevertheless much planning and development has been accomplished, the results of which are forthcoming. It is most needful that a well-balanced section-wide co-ordinated program of Theosophical research be established. A preliminary inventory of talent has been achieved that promises much in the future. Several research papers have already been submitted, some of which have been published in *The American Theosophist*. Other projects have been undertaken for the ensuing year.

It is the objective aim of this department, now under the National President's supervision, to reach the scientific and cultural people of the world and enlarge upon Theosophical concepts and embellish them in the light of this day. It is also aimed to utilize all students of Theosophy for research in basic Theosophical concepts, so as to simplify them for a more understandable presentation and dissemination of the teachings of the Ancient Wisdom. Likewise it is the aim of the department to put emphasis upon balance so that all approaches to Theosophy become valid.

*The Library.*—The library, which is so essential to our work, has been actively



functioning throughout the year under the capable management of Miss Lola Fauser, assisted by Mrs. Iris White.

Reading lists of classified material as well as basic Theosophical material are sent out to enquirers. They are of great value to readers and enquirers. A complete detailed list is in the process of being compiled.

Members and non-members who comply with certain basic requirements have access to the books either personally or through the mails.

Book repair and rebinding is constantly being done through the capable hands of Mrs. Iris White.

Many gifts of books have been received and greatly appreciated—either as direct gifts or through donations throughout the year.

*The Theosophical Press.*—The Press this year has again been ably managed by Mr. Edwin Lord. Greater efforts for distribution of book sales through wholesale dealers have been initiated. This has brought about good results with appreciable increase noted. The total sales amounted to \$40,524 and the net profit approximately \$2,000. The profit was only slightly less than that of last year and was due primarily to two factors, namely: there has been an increase in the total discount allowed because of the increased wholesale business, and to Lodges there has also been a marked effort to move old overstocked publications from the storerooms at lower prices. The inventory now stands at \$56,997.

The Press has this year participated in the Exhibit held by the American Theosophical Association. Two new catalogues were issued. Advertisements were maintained on the back page of *The American Theosophist* and book reviews were also printed.

The following new publications were issued: Norman Pearson's *The Lord's*

*Prayer in the Light of Theosophy* and Edward Gall's *The Seven Divine Promises*. Also new editions and reprints of the following books were made: A. Besant's *Talks to a Class*; J. Krishnamurti's *At the Feet of the Master*; Emogene Simon's *Introductory Course in Theosophy*, Parts I and II, and the Study Course *The Laws of Manu*. These were all published here by the Press Department.

*The American Theosophist.*—Our official magazine requires constant attention and considerable planning to keep it the vital changing organ that it is. We are continually on the alert for new writers with a broad vision, who embrace in that vision our Theosophical concepts as seen in their eyes. It will therefore be noted in our special issues that we do not confine ourselves only to members of our Society as contributors, but include those whose researches and philosophic concepts are concordant.

The continuance of the project of the special issues which was begun several years ago is assured, since the project was received with considerable enthusiasm. The themes of these issues in the last year were "Mysticism" and "Ethics and Morals".

The format of such an organ is always freshened with change and revision; this is being studied and ideas accepted for review. Any suggestion is of course helpful. The Editor of the magazine is the National President with Mrs. Virginia Hanson as Assistant Editor.

*Public Relations and Publicity.*—Adequate publicity for the purpose of establishing a truer image of Theosophy, spreading Theosophy and implementing our lectures and expansion work has been constantly reviewed. The need for greater efforts in public relations is quite in evidence. Much has been accomplished, but it requires even greater consideration. It is my opinion that a Public

Relations department at Headquarters would expedite the work, pay for itself, and soon show an increase in activities and in membership. Such efforts should be of primary consideration.

The radio work has been successful as will be noted under Radio activities. Releases for news of the speakers and their lectures and background as they travel through their areas are furnished to Lodge officers. The speakers are often invited for television interviews, but such efforts need to be greatly increased.

*Advertising.*—Selected books have been advertised in the *New York Times* for twelve weeks in the book magazine section. The result has been quite successful, and many books have been ordered, and many enquiries made for information about Theosophy.

*Reading Rooms.*—Theosophical reading rooms have been under consideration, and the possibility of experimental tests in well-selected areas is receiving favorable consideration. When our budget situation permits, it is reasonably sure that such a project will be launched.

*Finances of the Society.*—A Financial Advisory Committee has been appointed by the Board of Directors to consider and advise on all major financial problems of the administration and assist in drawing up the annual budget. It consists of three capable business men: Mr. Edwin Lord, chairman, Mr. John Sellon, and Mr. Paul Dunakin.

In a meeting this spring the committee reviewed the expenditures for the past year and considered that sufficient funds were available to permit further expansion in field activities during the coming year.

A preliminary review of the accounts indicates that the total income for the year was approximately \$71,000. The total expenditures, exclusive of the provision for depreciation, were about \$92,000. Thus a resulting operating deficit of about

\$21,000 is noted. However, it should be borne in mind that in accordance with our accounting procedure all donations individually amounting to over \$1,000 are treated as reserve funds which are placed with the Theosophical Investment Trust for investment. During the past year this amounted to approximately \$19,000. Had these funds been placed directly into the general operating funds the resulting deficit would have amounted to about \$2,000. This is comparable in the net result with figures of recent years.

The Membership Endowment Fund has been set up as a segregated fund by the Theosophical Investment Trust and is administered by it. At the end of the fiscal year this fund amounted to \$48,843, an increase of nearly \$10,000 for the year. The fund has brought in about \$12.60 per person participating. It is a permanent and steadily growing fund, only the income from which may be expended. Over 150 members are now on the list for paying their permanent endowment of \$300.

The Theosophical Investment Trust consisting of four capable business men (all of whom are now members of the Society) including the three officers of the Society, manage the bulk of our resources. The income has been approximately 4.02% and this does not include unrealized capital gains. The organization meets every three months in consultation with the investment advisors of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank. The total assets in the Trust at the present time are in excess of \$441,000. This includes all funds of The Theosophical Society in America, including those especially earmarked and also the Membership Endowment Fund.

The financial structure of the Society is sound but must be continuously reinforced by the generosity of the members and by bequests. Legacies and annuities received



during the fiscal year amounted to about \$20,000. Some of the Annuities are soon to be exhausted.

Modest appropriations have been made to the Associated Activities that have carried out allied activities approved as implementing the aims and objects of the Society. Among these are The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, The Theosophical Order of Service and The Parents Research Group.

*Maintenance of Olcott Estate.*—The responsibility for maintaining the buildings and grounds of Olcott falls to two capable men, Mr. Samuel Wylie and Mr. Lee Roed. An enormous amount of work is required to maintain it. The Headquarters building, which is now 38 years old, requires much attention in repair and some replacement. Most of these have fortunately not been major this year, but the attention must be constant.

During the summer considerable extra help is needed, and especially is this so during and before Convention. The major portion of the work of this department is performed by members of the staff.

The important business of feeding the staff, visitors and members who come to Convention and Summer School, comes under the direction of Mrs. Nellie Scranton Getz.

*The Staff.*—The staff at Olcott consists of about 25 regular members. At times, due to necessity, it is temporarily increased. Mrs. Ann Wylie is in charge of personnel. There are always many changes on the staff, but at its centre is a core of workers who have devoted their lives to this work. This of course means a deep dedication, and consequently through this a deep interest in the Society, each in his own way.

The members of the staff are to be congratulated for their loyalty to the work, their ability to adapt and to adjust. With each one there is a special contribution

which sustains the solidarity of Olcott as a Centre, not only for business aspects, but as a channel to be utilized by the Great Ones.

*The Institute of Theosophy.*—The Institute of Theosophy has carried on an excellent program this year under the theme of cosmogenesis. It was studied from different angles, i.e. the scientific, *The Secret Doctrine* and through myths and symbols.

The purpose of the Institute is to give members of the staff a good foundation in basic Theosophical concepts. Whenever one leaves the staff he then has had some good basic approaches and will by experience know how to explore and express these subjects.

The original intent of this Institute was to train a nucleus of students, not only on the staff, but also in drawing upon those members in the Section who were ready to be trained for field work and research. This aim will be upheld in the future.

*The Board of Directors.*—The Board of Directors has had three Board meetings to conduct the business of the Section this year. The members of the Board are the elected national officers and members of the various districts of the Section. The northwest district is represented by Mrs. Irene Durham, southwest by Mr. Emil Heintz, southern by Mr. Robert Branning, northeast by Mrs. Dora Kunz and the central district by Mr. Samuel Wylie. These, with the National Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, and myself as National President are the present members.

The function of such an important body is impartially to view the projects and problems of the organization, and by their resolutions and policies concerning these to maintain a balanced, just and progressive plan and control in the Section. This vital body, more than any other aspect of an organization, can make or break it. The members of our Society are called upon to see that such a Board

maintains its perspective. When imbalance occurs and this body loses its perspective, the administration becomes greatly hampered and the vital work of the Section slows down.

This last year such an imbalance did temporarily occur. The by-laws were misunderstood, and the Objects of the Society were for the time being obscured due to a lack of a deeper understanding. Fortunately, the situation righted itself in the April meeting through a new understanding. A vote of confidence was passed and every effort in the future will be jointly made to ensure progress in the Society.

*By-laws.*—After many years of study and revision, the new By-laws were finally approved by the Board and recommended to the 1963 Convention. The Convention approved the resolution for a referendum vote and on October 30, 1963, the new By-laws became effective.

*Letters to New Members.*—A series of letters to new members that introduces the basic concepts of Theosophy has been developed by Mrs. Virginia Hanson. These letters to the new student serve as guide lines of study for a two-year period, and form a direct link of communication with Headquarters. About 600 letters are sent out monthly.

*Discovery.*—This little pamphlet continues to be of great value and service throughout the Section. With a distribution in the past year of nearly 80,000 copies it continues to be far reaching, and its messages of various phases of Theosophy are well received. It is distributed through the Lodges for the major part and is sent to the national members. It forms also a part of the information sent to enquirers.

*Foundation for Radio Theosophy.*—The work of the Foundation for Radio Theosophy has continued along the same lines as in previous years. Mrs. Belle William-

son has been made Chairman, and Mrs. Arleen Heintz, Executive Secretary.

During the last year seven cities had radio programs connected with the Foundation: Miami, Orlando and Tampa in Florida; Meridian, Miss.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Austin, Texas; and a ten-week program of 5-minute tapes was carried on in Agawam, Mass. Boston carried out another 26-week program of 5-minute broadcasts which they produced themselves. Three other cities were broadcasting independently: New Orleans, La., Trenton, N.J., and Oxnard, California.

Thirteen new radio scripts have been submitted by Dr. Alfred Taylor. These were enthusiastically received and contained very fine material.

It is interesting to note that Boston reports very excellent results from their 5-minute talks and that their membership has grown considerably since these were instituted. They also note that the audience is made up more of college and university students.

It would be encouraging to see Radio Theosophy more widely utilized. The funds have been provided by Mr. Herbert Kern and a certain amount is available each year for this project.

*Affiliated Activities.*—The Theosophical Camps, Orcas Island, Pumpkin Hollow and Far Horizons, are three Theosophical camps where members may go for a change of air and a re-vitalizing, with open discussion groups and meetings with friends and acquaintances. These camps serve as a pleasant and economical vacation area.

*Theosophical Book Gift Institute.*—This organization was sponsored and endowed by Mr. Herbert Kern. Many thousands of books have been distributed to libraries throughout this country. It continues to function, but since Miss Edith Gray's retirement from the project in this country, the work is carried on largely through the

mail. This year nearly 800 books were placed. Miss Edith Gray, the President of this organization, travelled abroad and placed books in many libraries, financing the foreign book placement herself.

*Theosophical Book Association for the Blind.*—This work is carried on at their Headquarters in Krotana, Ojai, California. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Snyder, with a core of workers, publish books and articles for the blind. The volume of work performed by this group is extensive and cannot be valued for the great good it does. Books are published in several languages and this group has now expanded its work and good influence into several countries.

*The Theosophical Order of Service and The Parents Theosophical Research Group.*—The Theosophical Order of Service, of which Mrs. Lois Holmes is the head, has continued to serve many ideals for which the Society stands. Its activities vary. The Parents Theosophical Research Group continues to publish a magazine for parents, giving valuable help to those who are interested.

*Conclusion.*—In reviewing the preceding points in the Annual Report, it becomes obvious that the undercurrent of the *new* is here. It is also obvious that the time has come to remove the fixed attitudes and methods of presentation that have encrusted the Wisdom Teachings throughout the years. Such freedom from restrictions and taboos will help the Society to return to the purpose of its original intent as stated in the Objects of the Society and in its motto. This freedom will usher in a renaissance to Theosophy with respect to a free flow of thought and true emotion. Importantly, it will encourage freedom of exploration for the individual, any group, or the Society as a whole.

An adventurous overall new program needs to be instituted to meet the pressing needs of a new age. It is necessary for Theosophy to return to its position in the vanguard of human thought. An effort must be made to reach the modern man in every walk of life, rather than the small segment of society that is attracted to our present presentation. Whether it be by controversy, as it was in the beginning, or communion, by inspiration or demonstration, or by every ethical means, the world at large needs to be contacted.

It is my opinion that our Society urgently needs a completely new overall program that stresses adequate public relations, extensive work in the field, and greater communication with Headquarters. The program's keynote should be the development of the talent needed by the Society and existing within it. A program of developing more and better trained writers, speakers, students, researchers and field workers is urgently needed. It is my firm belief that the Institute of Theosophy, which I began several years ago, should be augmented and revised to accommodate a monitor training school for those talents required. Such a school could also present an extensive course of study in the Wisdom Teachings to those seeking such training in the Section.

The Headquarters of the Section should and can become the live Centre that it needs to be in order to fulfil its destiny. The ability, the talents, the necessary funds, are all available within the Society. We need only to utilize these possibilities, presently lying fallow, and channel them into positive action. I shall henceforth devote myself to this aim.

HENRY A. SMITH,  
General Secretary.

## ENGLAND

A review of the year's work shows that there has been throughout the Section a general review of the relation between Theosophy and the Theosophical Society with particular emphasis on the value of membership. The response from the general public, particularly from young people, seems to indicate that they are attracted by the fact that Theosophy gives meaning and purpose to living, untrammelled by partisan or religious dogma or intolerance.

Mr. E. L. Gardner's booklet, *There is no religion higher than Truth*, published in October 1963, caused members to re-examine some episodes in the history of the Society. Opinion was divided on the wisdom of having published the booklet but, looking back after a year, one cannot help thinking that it has achieved its purpose of making members re-examine their own position with regard to the principles of Theosophy on the one hand and to the personality of the Society's leaders on the other. One result has been a greater interest in the study of the early literature, accompanied by a more liberal approach to an examination of Theosophical thought in the light of modern scholarship.

Once more I am able to report an increase in membership, a net gain of 106 this year. This compares with 94 for the previous year.

*Visit of the President and Vice-President.*—A highlight of the year has been the visits by both the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and the Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, with Mrs. Perkins. The President was in England in May and June for six weeks, the week-ends being given to Conferences, Study Week-ends or Convention, including Conventions of other Sections in the British Isles. In the periods during the week he visited

Lodges in the London, Midland, Northern, North-Western, Southern and South-Eastern Federations. After visiting the Continent he returned to England in July for the British Regional Summer School. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were in England for seven weeks in April and May visiting Lodges in the London, Midland, Northern, Southern and South-Eastern Federations.

*The Annual Convention.*—This was held at Whitsun, May 15-18, Mr. N. Sri Ram presiding, supported by the Vice-President. The President delivered the Blavatsky Lecture on "Consciousness, its Nature and Action". Other speakers were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Perkins, Mr. John Coats and Mrs. Doris Groves, and there was a symposium on "The Theosophical Concept of Evolution" by Dr. C. G. Trew, Mr. I. A. Hawliczek and Mr. L. C. Soper. Mr. Sri Ram's public lecture on "The Present World Crisis" was particularly well received by a large audience. The Theosophical Order of Service had a symposium and arranged a special meeting on "The Forgotten Allies Trust" addressed by Miss Sue Ryder.

*The British Regional Summer School.*—This was held at The Hayes, Swanwick, Derbyshire, from July 24-31, with Mr. John Coats as Chairman, assisted by Mr. V. W. Slater. We were fortunate in having the President with us for the first few days. The five Sections in the British Isles were well represented, including Miss Winifred Knowles, Miss Jean Carstairs and Dr. Hugh Shearman, and there were also members from further afield, from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, France, Italy, South Africa, India, New Zealand, the United States and Colombia, making a total of 207. The theme of the week was "The Open Field of the Third Object," the lectures including such

aspects as the mysteries today, seership, alchemy, the nature of the mind, the chakras, mysticism and the communication of experience.

The General Secretary attended the Council meeting of the European Federation, which this year was held in Athens.

The 75th Anniversary of the English Section was celebrated on Founders' Day, November 17, 1963, at Headquarters, when Miss Clara Codd and Mr. John Coats and Mr. V. W. Slater spoke on "The Torch Bearers".

*Publicity Department.*—This Department has published *First Steps in Modern Yoga* by K. Chodkiewicz (a 90-page booklet), a leaflet on *The Objects of the Society* by N. Sri Ram, and reprints of *The Mystery of Life* by Clara Codd (revised), *The Christian Church and its Master* by Adelaide Gardner, and *The Evolution of Mind* by L. J. Bendit. As a whole the year has been another progressive one for publicity. The number of enquirers' letters continues to increase, being several hundred more than for the previous year. Experiment has shown that, in general, enquirers do not like to be bothered by second or follow-up letters. They prefer to be left free, particularly with regard to local Lodges. Public lecture attendances at Headquarters have also increased, often necessitating overflow meetings with microphone and extension loudspeakers. Courses on Theosophy (e.g. six weeks on the Ancient Wisdom and eight weeks on

Basic Theosophy for Beginners) seem to be the most popular, with Comparative Religion coming second.

*Library.*—The Library has also continued with an increased demand, the number of books loaned being 7,126 compared with 6,823 for the previous year. The Reference Library has 225 books of H. P. Blavatsky's own collection, many of them being rare copies of works going back to the sixteenth century. The collection is now being renovated, including some essential rebinding.

*Theosophical Publishing House (London) Ltd.*—The following new books have been published: *There is no religion higher than Truth* by E. L. Gardner; *Consciousness, its Nature and Action* by N. Sri Ram; and *During Sleep* by Dr. Crookall; and the following new editions or reprints: *An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology* by C. E. O. Carter; *The Voice of the Silence* (pocket edition) by H. P. Blavatsky and *Introductory Studies in Theosophy* by A. Gardner.

*Tekels Park.*—Tekels Park, Camberley, continues with its week-end activities for study, the training of workers, etc. There have also been a number of Camp meetings, including one for the Round Table and several for the Young Theosophists. Plans are in hand to extend the accommodation in Dormy House, the vegetarian guest-house on the estate.

V. W. SLATER,  
General Secretary.

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## INDIA

My report for 1963-64 is presented in the course of the 75th year of the Section's work. The Indian Section was chartered in 1890 and on Foundation Day, November 17 of next year, the Section

will complete three-quarters of a century of its existence. It will be but fitting if during the coming year we review the work which has been so far accomplished and envisage plans for carrying on the



work more effectively, with greater wisdom and comprehension.

The membership of the Section has now risen to 7,663. This is the highest figure so far reached in the history of the Indian Section. During Dr. Annie Besant's presidentship a peak of 7,051 was attained in 1919-20. Then the membership gradually fell to about 4,000 in 1934 and remained around that figure for several years. There was an upward trend which culminated in a membership of 7,364 in 1947-48. Next year the membership fell again and continued to decrease for some years. During the last few years there has been a steady augmentation towards the present number.

Perhaps this is an indication of the scope there is for Theosophical work at the present moment. Some members have the impression that the heyday of the Theosophical Society in India is over and that there has been a gradual decline since Dr. Besant's time. Naturally her greatness and magnetic personality enthused and attracted into the Theosophical Society a large number of people. But there is no need to look back with nostalgia and pessimism. The present membership is symptomatic of the increasing interest in Theosophy and the need that people feel for a satisfactory understanding of the mysteries of life in the midst of the confusion and misery that exist in the world. Whether we respond adequately and are able to give a helping hand to fellow-seekers is dependent on us. We have reason to be happy if more and more turn towards the Wisdom, but we must not rest satisfied there. We have to work strenuously so that that Wisdom will become part of ourselves and our fellow-seekers and radiate forth in spontaneous and useful service.

In the present time of stress and change the wisdom of Theosophy is perhaps more needed than ever before. The coming

years will surely be critical ones both for India and the rest of the world. We have a part to play at this time—the privilege if we want to avail ourselves of it of adding our strength to the forces of true progress, which will turn man from the present turmoil to the life of the Spirit, established in true brotherhood and love.

Theosophy's message is not a limited one suited to one era or century but it is a message of altruism, so deep and enlightened that it is for all times. We have to learn to hear it rightly in order to pass it on. It is a message which cannot be learnt easily by rote nor can it be communicated at a superficial level, as are many theories and creeds. Only those who strive and sacrifice and who prepare themselves in a selfless spirit are given the honor and happiness of giving forth this message in its glory. But even while we are not fully prepared, we can set our ideals high and endeavor to be true messengers devoted to the good of all and not of the self.

The number of Lodges in the Indian Section this year is 391 as against 384 last year. The number of Centres has also increased by 3 to 52. It has so far been the custom in the Section's office to arrive at the totals by adding to and subtracting from the figures of the previous year. This year, Sri S. Z. Haider, who is in charge of the membership department, has taken the trouble to count all the membership cards as a result of which somewhat different totals have had to be adopted.

The work in the various Federations has been going on as usual. Six new Lodges have come into existence in the Bengal Federation and there is a request to form a separate Federation consisting of the Lodges in Orissa. Much of the work in the different regions consists of study and lectures. I myself would like

to see the method of discussion adopted more widely in the Lodges on subjects of fundamental and topical interest and in connection with the study of Theosophical books. Discussions conducted along constructive lines could stimulate members to study and reflect more deeply instead of just going through a book or passively hearing what is said or read and then forgetting about it. If many more members had the opportunity of participating and contributing to the Lodge work through discussions which are well guided but not dominated by or dependent on a few, I am inclined to feel that the Lodges will be much benefited and perhaps be the training ground of more workers and speakers.

Although much splendid work is done in various places we have to regret the fact that there are few in our Section who work hard enough to be able to contribute thoughtful articles to *The Theosophical Review* or *The Theosophist*. There is also a dearth of workers who can speak with some feeling, after having studied and thought over the truths of Theosophy. We have to depend on an extremely small number of members to lecture. I feel that potential students, speakers, discussion leaders, etc. do exist, but opportunities and methods of work must be created to elicit the best out of each member and Lodge.

In addition to encouraging more participation in Lodge programs, I feel that there is a need to formulate programs with a wider appeal in various places. The Objects of the Theosophical Society envisage the study of a wide range of subjects, in fact embracing all that concerns man and the universe. In the cases where Lodges concentrate exclusively and for very long periods of time on just one theme, or religion, or book, the Lodge work becomes so identified with the one aspect that it fails to make that

universal appeal to people of different temperaments and approaches which the Theosophical Society is meant to do. It is naturally not possible for any group or individual to delve into all subjects, nor would it be advisable. But it is necessary through the Lodge program to attempt gradually to widen outlooks and sympathies and not restrict them entirely to specialized local interests.

It is also important that Lodge buildings should not become too much identified with movements and activities other than those of the Theosophical Society. There are undoubtedly many good organizations, and some of them are interested in spiritual development. Although we may appreciate them, the Theosophical Society has to maintain a character which is universal and unidentified with any one group or way, much less with dogmas, authoritative personalities, etc. When a Lodge building is used a great deal or exclusively by any particular organization or group, naturally it is to the detriment of the universality and broad character of the Theosophical Society.

As usual during the year under report a number of conferences and camps have been held, all of them a source of inspiration and strength to the participants. The International Convention took place in December 1963 in Varanasi after an interval of five years. It was a well-attended and happy event which brought together many members who had not found it possible to travel to Adyar for the Conventions held there, and gave them an opportunity to benefit from the presence of the President and a number of foreign delegates.

The South Indian Conference was held at Adyar during Easter under the chairmanship of Prof. J. B. Dorab. The conference was followed by a Workers' Training Camp organized under Dr. C. R. Kamath's Trust which drew



participants from a number of Federations, including the distant ones such as Bihar and U. P.

The U.P. Federation is planning to have a similar camp every year during the summer at Bhowali, a hill-station in the Himalayas, where the Indian Section has three cottages. A small camp was organized there in May 1963 as a preliminary experiment and the cottages electrified for greater comfort. As the experiment gave promise of useful developments, the Federation has taken over the management of the property and is planning to lay on running water and make other improvements which will convert it into an attractive centre of study and meditation.

During the year, in spite of his numerous engagements and heavy duties, the International President found time to preside over the Telugu Federation conference at Anakapalli, the Karnataka conference at Kollegal, the Tamil Districts conference at Kanchipuram and the Rayalaseema conference at Hyderabad.

I had the privilege of presiding over the Kerala Federation conference at Ernakulam, the Bengal Federation conference at Shillong, the M. P. and Rajasthan Federation conference in Ujjain and the U. P. Federation conference at Kora-Jahanabad. I also participated in the Telugu and Rayalaseema Federation conferences and visited a number of Lodges in Bengal, Rayalaseema, U.P. and other places.

The National Lecturers have covered a very wide area. Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan visited sixty Lodges in the Bengal, Delhi, Kerala, Madras, Tamil Districts, Telugu and other Federations. Professor M. N. Tolani also visited many Lodges in Bihar, Bengal, Assam and Orissa. Mr. Ramjivan Sinha was unfortunately unable to travel as he would have wished because of serious illness in his family.

Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation of the Theosophical Society offered to visit various places in Kerala and the Telugu areas, which he did. I am thankful to him for this. Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta travelled and lectured in the Marathi and Telugu Federations. Others who visited and spoke at many places are Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu of Adyar and Mr. Badri Narayan of Varanasi. It is not possible in a brief report to mention all those who have helped by such activity.

There seems to be more interest in the work of the Theosophical Order of Service. There have been enquiries from a few places and a few groups have been formed although there is no central organization to which they can be affiliated. It is very necessary that someone should take up the work of organizing the Order on a national basis and encourage groups to grow under its auspices.

The Theosophy Science Group has continued its work. Three issues of its Bulletin have been published and a small library has been created. The Secretary of the Group, Dr. A. Kannan of Delhi, calls for more support to the Group through enrolment as members, gifts of books, journals, money, etc.

The Library at the Headquarters in Varanasi now contains about 9,500 books. Theosophical books are available on loan to any members who do not have access to such books in Lodge libraries or near at hand. We would like this facility to be made better use of by members.

The Indian Bookshop has shown some profit this year as was the case last year. Plans are being made to invest the capital available in improving stocks and enlarging the business. I am grateful to Mr. P. L. Bhargava who, as in the previous year, has assisted the Manager, Mr. D. V. Kanvinde, in an honorary capacity.

Miss Joan Morris, formerly Secretary of the Canadian Federation of the Theosophical Society, has very kindly consented to stay in our Headquarters in spite of the Indian conditions and help the work. She has been of great help in bringing out *The Theosophical Review*, has been preparing material to send to new members and has done various other things including conducting the study camp in Bhowali. I am grateful to her and also to Mr. S. Z. Haider who readily took over much of the office work when a member of the staff, Mr. M. D. Dapurkar, fell ill.

Owing to the expense incurred through the prolonged illness of Mr. Dapurkar, unexpected emergency repairs to buildings, and rising costs, there is a deficit of Rs. 2,299/- this year. As I have pointed out earlier, the Section's work will have to improve and expand and from time to time unforeseen expenditures will have to be met. Ways and means must be found to increase income as costs and wages are not likely to go down, and we cannot economize continuously to such an extent that the work is stultified and static.

Contributions to the Reserve Fund have been disappointing. If this Fund were built up at a satisfactory rate it would be a regular source of income and eventually we may avoid making yearly appeals to members for donations. I would request every member who has the means to contribute Rs. 1,000/- to this Fund. It would then soon be possible to have a capital of one lakh of rupees.

In concluding my report I once again thank my fellow officers and members of

the Executive Committee who have given unfailing co-operation and have been a source of strength to me. Some of them have travelled long distances as in previous years at their own expense to attend the meetings of the Committee. I also thank the members of the Staff and others at Headquarters who have worked with me in harmony and friendship.

As each year passes we lose a few pillars of support but others have to take their place and carry on. The past year saw the departure to a well-earned rest after many years of faithful service to the Theosophical Society of the following among others: Bros. Venishankar G. Bhatt of Bhavnagar, G. V. Subbarao of the Telugu Federation, W. L. Chiplunkar to whose credit stand many Theosophical publications in Marathi, H. C. Mathur who was Secretary of the U.P. Federation for a number of years, N. A. Naganathan of Madras, J. H. Bilimoria of Bombay who was resident at Varanasi during the last few years of his life and N. V. Tampi of Kerala who was Principal of the Besant Theosophical School at Varanasi for many years. Let us hope that many equally devoted workers will arise from our ranks during the next quarter of a century and that as the centenaries of the Theosophical Society and of the Indian Section approach the new impetus towards the end of each century which Madame Blavatsky and others have spoken of will find a channel through our work to shed Wisdom and Love upon the world.

RADHA BURNIER,  
General Secretary.

## AUSTRALIA

*Tour by Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale.*—The outstanding event of the year was the tour by Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale. This was her first visit after about thirty years and it was most successful. Her tour commenced in Perth in April and then continued to Adelaide, where she was guest speaker at our Convention. Following this she went to Melbourne and from there she flew to New Zealand. After a tour of that country she returned to Australia to conclude her tour here with visits to Sydney and Brisbane. She was received in each place with great enthusiasm and aroused interest not only among the members but also with the public. Her lectures attracted large audiences and she was most generous in speaking not only for the Lodges but for various cultural and humanitarian organizations. There were radio and press interviews and appearances on television. She also made a brief visit to Canberra. Srimati Rukmini Devi was unsparing of her time and energy and she has made a valuable contribution to the life and work of the Society in Australia.

*Convention.*—The annual Convention was held at Adelaide during Easter with Srimati Rukmini Devi as guest speaker. The gatherings were held in the flower bedecked premises of Adelaide Lodge, the members of which were most thoughtful in the arrangements they had made for visiting members. Delegates attended from Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, as well as from South Australia. The theme for our discussions was taken from a quotation by our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, "To live in constant communion with all life. . ." We hope that together we gained an experience as well as some understanding of the depth and meaning of this theme.

*Headquarters Staff.*—Continuing in the office of General Secretary, I was ably supported in my work by Miss Ruth Beringer, the Assistant General Secretary, and Mrs. Shirley Miller, the Office Assistant. We have been a very happy team together. Dr. H. S. Murdoch, A.C.A., continued to give his valued expert advice as Hon. Treasurer. Our work involves not only the usual administration relating to the Society's affairs in Australia, but the business of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd., a company formed by the Society, which owns and controls on behalf of the Society and component Lodges a nine-storey city building in Sydney, Savoy House. The Hon. Chairman of this company is Mr. Norman Hankin.

*General Secretary's Tours.*—It had been decided at the 1963 Convention in Queensland that I should represent the Australian Society at the 88th International Convention of the Society at Varanasi in India, and this I had the privilege of doing. This also enabled me to spend some time visiting our world Headquarters at Adyar. Before arriving in India, I flew across the Pacific in order to participate in the first Inter-American Theosophical Congress of the Society in Mexico City, which was attended by representatives of eighteen countries. In the course of the journey to Mexico and then en route to India I visited and spoke for Lodges in Fiji, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Ojai, San Diego, Wheaton and London, and made brief stays at the two communities, "Krotona" at Ojai, California, and "Olcott" at Wheaton, Illinois. Following my stay in India I made a lecture tour to South Viet-Nam and Malaysia, returning to Australia in February. It was an honor to have had the opportunity to represent the Australian National Society during this journey.

During the year I have also made tours within Australia. In October there was a tour to Latrobe, Launceston and Hobart in Tasmania and Melbourne, Victoria. In April, after the Convention in Adelaide there was a visit to Melbourne on the way back to Sydney. In May there was a visit to the Brisbane and Toowoomba Lodges in Queensland and to the group in Maclean, northern New South Wales.

*Other Tours.*—The extended tour by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson which was mentioned in the last report, overlapped into the year now under report, concluding in November. It was most helpful, Mr. Hodson having given many lectures, talks and broadcasts, and recorded many tapes. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Sandra Hodson.

Mr. Leonard Wade, President of Isis Lodge, Sydney, has made two very valuable tours during the year. In March, together with Mrs. Wade, he undertook a three weeks tour of Tasmania, visiting Latrobe, Launceston and Hobart. The contacts made with the members were most helpful, as well as the lectures. In August Mr. Wade flew to North Queensland and organized formal and informal meetings with members and friends in Townsville, Cairns, Atherton and Mareeba. This tour was especially valuable, as the activities in the area were very nebulous and owing to his untiring effort Mr. Wade was able to assist the Lodges to revive their work.

Mr. Wade's tour in North Queensland was followed by a tour to the same centres by Mrs. Alice McKenzie, President of Melbourne Lodge. This helped to consolidate the work which Mr. Wade had done and was also very useful. On her way back Mrs. McKenzie also visited the Brisbane and Toowoomba Lodges.

Another tour arranged by the Headquarters in August was made by Miss

Shirley Macpherson, President of Adelaide Lodge, who visited Tasmania and spoke for the Lodges in Launceston and Hobart, and for the group at Latrobe. Her friendly talks were much appreciated by the members.

As usual there were some interchanges of local speakers among the different Lodges.

*Lodges.*—The number of Lodges on the rolls as at 30th September was 16. This is a reduction of one, owing to the return of the Charter from Leadbeater Lodge, Mareeba, Queensland, which we record with regret. Five Lodges in the State capital cities are large Lodges, the membership ranging from 95 in Perth to 297 in Sydney. The other Lodges are smaller in numbers and include those in distant country areas. There are also some drawing-room groups meeting regularly. We are happy to report that a group has started to meet at our national capital, Canberra, and we hope that this will eventually grow into a Lodge.

*Membership.*—The membership at the end of the year totalled 1,099, a decrease of three. The figures show that resignations and lapsings have decreased and the number of new members has increased, but owing to the death of 35 members, compared with 20 in the previous year, there is a slight decrease in the total number. We are encouraged to hope that the coming year will show an upward trend.

*Services to Lodges.*—The scheme of sending monthly letters to new members which commenced last year and is based on the plan started in the American Section, has continued to be a very worthwhile activity. The number of letters being sent out has grown in volume, and by the end of the financial year 222 letters were being sent monthly. Many expressions of appreciation for these letters have been received.

The Headquarters continues to provide program material and other aids for Lodge work, including tape recordings, study courses, publicity material, pamphlets, leaflets, lecture announcements and reading lists.

*Books for Public Libraries.*—Miss Edith Gray, President of the Theosophical Book Gift Institute in U.S.A., came again to Australia in order to promote and assist the placing of Theosophical books in public libraries. She visited Sydney, Brisbane, Toowoomba, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Launceston, Newcastle and Darwin, all at her own expense, and was successful in placing hundreds of books in public, teachers' colleges, high school, adult education, art school and other libraries. She was also able to interview prison authorities and arrange for books to be placed in prison libraries. The Headquarters supplied the books for the smaller centres while Blavatsky, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Brisbane Lodges undertook to supply the books for the libraries in their cities. We are grateful for the tremendous service rendered by Miss Gray in promoting this scheme.

*Journal.*—As usual, *Theosophy in Australia* edited by the General Secretary has been published every two months.

*Broadcasting.*—The National Society continues to conduct a weekly session from Broadcasting Station 2GB in Sydney, with every attempt made to provide a varied and interesting program. Melbourne Lodge commenced sponsoring a weekly radio session from a city station, 3XY Melbourne, as well as conducting their weekly session from station 3GL, Geelong.

*Young Theosophists.*—There are groups of Young Theosophists meeting in each of the larger Lodges with study and social activities. The Australian Federation of Young Theosophists has its own journal *Fraternity*. The Brisbane group organized a camp at Maroochydore, Queensland,

during their Christmas vacation. They have had newsletters to keep contact between the different groups and also interchange of correspondence with groups overseas.

*Theosophical Order of Service.*—There are several very active groups working in Australia to assist various worthy causes, as well as being affiliated with other service organizations. Brisbane Lodge has for many years conducted the Hospice, a home for elderly ladies. A Sydney group has been successful, after much work and effort, in purchasing a property and house and has now established an elderly people's home known as the McIntyre Centre for Senior Citizens. Not only have collections and donations been made for needy causes in Australia, but also for appeals from abroad, including the Olcott Memorial Free Schools, Tibetan refugees, and the Orphanage conducted by the Theosophical Society in Viet-Nam.

*Conclusion.*—The work in Australia has always to contend with the fact that the Lodges are spread out over huge distances, covering thousands of miles, and it is difficult to keep continuous and close contact between them. Whilst each Lodge receives a visiting lecturer once or twice a year, they are very much dependent on their own resources for carrying on the major part of their work. For this reason there is need for members to develop much more the discussion technique, being prepared to think and study for themselves and contribute to the general interchange of ideas, and depend less on lectures by others. There is a rich store of knowledge available for consideration by those who are genuinely seeking to understand the Theosophical philosophy and who are willing to make the effort. The practical application of that understanding will help immensely in daily life.

HELEN V. ZAHARA,  
General Secretary.



## SWEDEN

This year we have been happy to receive many visitors from abroad, which is stimulating for such a small Section as the Swedish. In October Dr. Hugh Shearman, Northern Ireland, gave three appreciated lectures in Stockholm which helped us to understand that we have to become active from within to be able to realize something of what Theosophy can be in our lives. He also visited the Lodges at Uppsala, Gothenburg and Malmö. In the spring Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, England, combined a business journey to Stockholm with Theosophical lecturing. Mr. Farthing's inspiring talks encouraged one of the Lodges to take up the study of H. P. Blavatsky's writings again. Mr. Otto Viking, Denmark, talked on White Lotus Day in Stockholm and visited also Uppsala and Gothenburg. Unexpectedly Mrs. Mary Elmore came to Sweden in September and we enjoyed very much to have her among us and listen to her valuable talks.

A summer school was held from August 9-16 at the beautifully situated place Stensund on the Baltic sea. The motto was: "Our opportunity in the world crisis". Mrs. Doris Groves, England, gave a series of very much appreciated lectures. We were happy that Mrs. Sylvi Horstio, General Secretary for Finland, together with some Finnish members, joined us at the summer school. Mrs. Horstio spoke on: "Sacrifice and self-sacrifice". The Swedish

Section's Convention was combined with this Summer School.

In the Swedish T.V. program an interview with Mrs. Eva Ostelius was sent under the title "To be a Theosophist". Several enquiries and some new members were the result of the program, which formed part of a series of similar interviews with representatives of different religious and philosophical minorities.

We are very happy to have received a donation of £700 from two members, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Bergman. The donors have expressed the wish that the money be used to promote Swedish summer schools.

The Theosophical Bookshop increased its surplus during the year; it is the main source for the printing of new books. A booklet called "On Meditation," containing several articles by different authors has been published.

A collection of money was arranged for the Tibetan refugees in the North of India the result of which was £118.

The Section is still in difficulties in finding lecturers who can travel around and also people to help in the practical work. This of course is felt to hamper the work.

The Young Theosophists and the Round Table have active groups in Sweden.

KERSTIN BERG,  
*General Secretary.*

## NEW ZEALAND

There are 18 Lodges on the roll of the Section. Two Lodges have returned their charters and two new Lodges have received charters.

The Section magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand* continues to be issued three

times yearly under the able editorship of Mrs. Roma Dunningham who voluntarily came forward to do this very onerous work after the sudden demise of the previous editor, Mrs. E. M. Lavender. I wish to place on record New Zealand's

deep and sincere appreciation of the Theosophical work accomplished by Mrs. Lavender during her residence in our country.

This year I have regularly despatched a monthly newsletter to every member in New Zealand. Judging by the warm response of many this has proved of value.

To assist in the furtherance of propaganda work a large and costly Theosophical advertisement featuring *The Divine Wisdom in the Christian Scriptures* was placed in a popular magazine which proved of interest to 100 enquirers requesting the free literature offered. In the month of November another such advertisement will be inserted in a different weekly.

Probably the largest propaganda drive ever embarked upon in New Zealand has been the "Free Books in Libraries" scheme, due to the efforts and generosity of Miss Edith Gray of U.S.A., together with the assistance of a small group of members.

Miss Georgina Boyd, our National Lecturer, has successfully operated several "Spot-light" campaigns throughout the Section and in such places, not necessarily where there is a Lodge, increased interest in Theosophy is markedly in evidence, a few new members joining, classes started and sustained.

The Section was privileged to receive a visit this year from Mrs. Rukmini Arundale. She visited the five largest Lodges giving members' meetings, public lectures, talks to various clubs, T.V. and radio interviews. New Zealand members and public were decidedly impressed and inspired by the presence in our midst of this gracious and talented visitor.

At the annual Convention of 1964-65 which is to be held in our capital city,

Wellington, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson will be our guest speaker. The theme is "The Importance of Discrimination in this Changing Climate of Opinion".

A feature of our Section work at Headquarters this year has been the "open door, walk in" invitation to all members both abroad and within our Section. This has proved a very worthwhile attempt to knit together the interest of the Lodge members with Headquarters activities, and encourage the idea that the "Section is yours" amongst the members.

The Free Lending Library and Tape Library at Headquarters have been patronized fairly satisfactorily during the year, 77 tapes and 74 books having been borrowed; 15 new books have been placed on our shelves.

In view of our theme for this coming Convention, I cannot do better in my closing remarks than to quote the words of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, given at the conclusion of his Presidential Address at the 88th International Convention of The Theosophical Society, December 26th 1963: "Change in what direction? I should say in very general terms, a greater depth, universality and wholeheartedness in our comprehension and work. Brother Argente asks: Are we too much preoccupied with the fruit of action, the results we can perceive and enjoy? 'What should preoccupy us is to give our best to the act of sowing, leaving the fruit and the time of reaping to the Good Law.' But what we sow must be the Truth, the seed that falls out of the ripeness of our minds and hearts. We are concerned only with the call of the here and now, and with giving all that is waiting in us to be given without any thought of return."

BERTHA H. DARROCH,  
General Secretary.



## THE NETHERLANDS

This year has not been a very eventful one for the Dutch Section of the Society, though perhaps this may prove to be a good omen for times to come. In my opinion there are great and important things in store for the nearby future and a period of rest can be a period for preparation.

The membership of our Society in Holland seems to have stopped dropping and it looks as if a turning point has been reached. Last year I had to report a fall of 52, which was already a minimum, but now we have not to deplore any decrease of membership at all. Our number stays at 1,296.

The fees for membership have been raised slightly by some 15 per cent, in order to meet the steadily increasing expenses, which is a universal phenomenon. It has not affected the number of our membership.

This year our Section had the benefit of a somewhat prolonged visit of the International President, who remained with us for 8 days and gave us the benefit of four lectures at the Lodges at Amsterdam, The Hague, Atnhem and Naarden with a good attendance. At Amsterdam the big hall of the Municipal Museum was occupied until the last seat and several late-comers had to content themselves with seats on the stairs and the balustrade. The Dutch Section is not very much favored by prominent guests from abroad, perhaps because of the language barrier.

Our National Discussion group, which was started as an attempt last year, continued its gatherings and discussed the following problems:

- (a) The esoteric meaning of Viveka,
- (b) Are grief and sorrow unavoidable for Evolution?
- (c) How is the T.S. to cope with the present tensions in the world?

The National Study-week at Oosterbeek was again quite successful. We put 3 questions to 9 members who introduced and discussed these afterwards in 5 smaller groups of some 20 participants each. At the end of the gatherings we had an inspiring general resumé and an overall discussion. The problems were:

- (a) Is it right that the Path which can be trodden is not the Real Path?
- (b) Is it right that we cannot proceed without the help of a guru?
- (c) What is the real esoteric meaning of Vairāgya?

Furthermore we enjoyed a very interesting lecture by Prof. Dr. F. Weinreb, the author of the book *The Bible as a Creation*, who spoke about the 4 essential periods in their occult aspects and how these correspond with our well-known Yugas. The lecture was followed by a lively discussion.

An activity, inaugurated last year, intended to improve the co-operation with the Theosophical Centre, St. Michaels, at Huizen, looks still to be too difficult to realize. A lecture by Swami Nikilananda of the Ramakrishna Mission of Geneva had to be cancelled and a lecture of Prof. Dr. Sharma (from Madras and Heidelberg) had to be organized at Amsterdam, without the co-operation of the Huizen Centre. So we dropped any further attempts.

Another attempt for stimulating this co-operation which has been started tries to organize week-end gatherings of Lodge presidents at St. Michaels. The first one had to be cancelled, due to some slight misunderstanding. The second could take place after some difficulties and objections of the Centre had been overcome and was quite successful. The third was nearly wrecked again, but it could be saved from drowning and was successful

also. We shall try to proceed in this way.

As a token of mutual appreciation and goodwill, the National Convention of the Dutch Section in October next, will be held at the Huizen Centre and we hope that it will strengthen the very much needed link between both organizations, which can help each other so much and in so many ways.

Our Publishing Department published a translation of *Mystery Teachings of the Bible* by Daisy Grove. Three booklets were printed by our Propaganda Department entitled: *The Reality of the Invisible and the Invisibility of the Real* by the General Secretary, *The Path to Harmony* by A. von Fielitz Coniar and *The Mystery of Life* by Clara Codd.

Two officers of the board undertook privately the publication in book form of some nine lectures and articles by our President.

Our monthly magazine *Theosofia* reprinted in book form a series of articles by one of our members, entitled: "Theosophical-Astrological Essays".

Our Section magazine *Theosofia* has been improved. An attractively colored and modernized cover has replaced the former one. Its size has been increased from 360 to 480 pages a year and incidentally we put in some illustrations. These improvements are appreciated by our readers as proved by an enquiry among our members, where they were asked to give their opinion on four important questions and enter into some detail. These questions were about: (1) The activities in the Lodges, (2) The magazine *Theosofia*, (3) The general level

and the quality of the activities of our Section, including the T.O.S. and the Research Centre and (4) The Propaganda Department, the Library and the Publishing House. Only 21 per cent of our members showed any interest, so we did not get a satisfactory and clear impression. Nevertheless many good suggestions were given and we will take advantage of those.

We had some Radio broadcastings this year. One especially was about our Theosophical work, while the others were concerning the subsidiary activities where the Society's members do most of the work, as for example the Vegetarian Society, the Anti-Tobacco Foundation and the Brotherhood Federation. They all stated that Theosophy is the driving power behind their activity and enthusiasm.

The General Secretary represented the Dutch Section at the Conference of the Federation of European Theosophical Societies at Leysin (Switzerland) and at the Convention of the Greek Section at Athens. Some of our members assisted at the Summer School at Swanwick and the one at Pichl and quite a number were present at the gatherings of the International Week at St. Michaels Centre, Huizen.

In finishing this report, which will be my last, as I will resign in May 1965 from my post as the General Secretary of the Netherlands Theosophical Society, I am happy to express, on behalf of the members of the Dutch Section, our full loyalty to the ideals of our Society and our gratefulness to its International President.

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

## FRANCE

The life of the Society in France has been without very marked events. Its activity follows the same lines as in previous years. But it is encouraging to see that the slight increase in the number of our members, already mentioned last year, has grown larger this year.

The usual lectures have been regularly given in Headquarters, some of them by members coming from nearby foreign countries. Unfortunately, the short stay of the International President in France occurred at a time when a gathering of members was not possible. Two new performances of the Theosophical play *La Conquête des Trésors* have been given.

Our journals *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique* continue to fulfil their part both as Sectional organs and as magazines of the European Federation.

Lodges in Paris and in the country carry on their study and lecture cycles.

The Order of Service consolidates its existence and thanks to it several Tibetan refugee children in Kalakshetra are helped by regular gifts from France. The Friends of Kalakshetra, who have now a legal status, have given their help on several occasions in adorning our hall with flowers and works of art.

The Young Theosophists have made a new start and it may be hoped that their group will increase and develop. Several of them attended the youth camp at Waake in Federal Germany.

The Round Table also keeps its few active centres.

France was the place of a Summer School for the Latin countries, under the patronage of the European Federation. It took place at Saint-Nectaire (Puy de Dôme) from 5th to 12th September and was a great success, gathering 90 people from ten countries.

As last year, we tried to work for friendship between various Theosophical organizations by associating, through an exchange of messages, the United Lodge of Theosophists in Paris with our celebration of White Lotus Day; and by inviting and welcoming members of the Centre d'Etudes Théosophiques to our Summer School. In several towns where there exist side by side Lodges of our Society and groups of the C.E.T. there has been co-operation between them.

PAUL THORIN,  
*General Secretary.*

## ITALY

Our Annual National Convention was held this year in Perugia from May 1st to 3rd, and the Guest of Honor was our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. There was also present Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation Council. A good number of members of our Section took part in the Convention. The theme of the Congress was "There is no Religion higher than

Truth"; and in the Report of the General Secretary he examined at length particularly the new trends in the Society, the critical revision of many things that were considered fundamental during many past years, and the increasing appreciation of the original spirit of Theosophy, as we find it in *The Mahatma Letters*, in the writings of H. P. Blavatsky, W. Q. Judge, A. P. Sinnett, etc.

The publication of E. L. Gardner's booklet, *There is no Religion higher than Truth*, has called forth the most varied reactions among our members, both pro and contra; but we are of the opinion that the Society can continue to exist as a vital organization only if its members are prepared to re-examine, where necessary, the expositions of their leaders, no matter who they may be; basing constantly ourselves on the concept that principles are far more important than personalities. We think that the duty which is incumbent on Theosophists is to be ready, if necessary, to recognize and to admit errors honestly, in order to eliminate them if possible, and restore to the Theosophical teachings their pristine purity and their consequent spiritual penetration. In all of this there is no question of going "back to Blavatsky" or "against others"; it is only a matter of respecting the Truth, before all and above all. Only in this way will the Theosophical Society be able to accomplish its mission and avoid the danger against which H.P.B. warned it, of drifting off on to some sandbank of thought or another and there remaining a stranded carcass to moulder and die.

If we love Theosophy and the Theosophical Society itself more than every or any personality, lofty though it may appear to us, let us never forget the words of Master K.H.: "... the best corrective of errors is an honest and broad-minded examination of all facts both subjective and objective".

Even though we have different ideas, even though our tendencies may be profoundly different, let us do what is possible in order that our discernment may lead us to realize what is actually the present situation in our Italian Theosophical Society; this demands that we should not, in the name of freedom of thought, destroy that very same freedom,

thereby setting up in our Society a spirit diametrically opposed to the spirit of free research and courageous individual investigation—the sole effective safeguard of real freedom of conscience. We must have the courage to look Truth in the face if we wish it really to become installed in human hearts and minds.

And now, a few brief statistical notes concerning our Section. Our Vice-Secretary-General, Mr. Roberto Fantechi, was the Representative of the Italian Theosophical Society to the multilingual Summer School held at Leysin (Switzerland) in September 1963, and he also attended the meeting of the Council of the European Theosophical Federation which took place at Athens from 24th to 28th April.

Our very active members in Trieste have been untiring in the editorial activities of the SIRIO publishing house, in conjunction and co-operating with the Secretariat General of the Italian Section. I wish to convey to them the heartfelt appreciation and sincere gratitude of our whole Italian Section. We owe to SIRIO the publication of the first Italian version of *An Approach to Reality* by our President, N. Sri Ram; the reprint of *The Voice of the Silence*, in accordance with the most recent Adyar edition; the printing of the *Letters of the Masters of the Wisdom*, 1st Series, edited by C. Jinarājādāsa, translated from the second English (Adyar 1923) edition. But above all I wish to draw attention to the fact that the SIRIO and the Italian Section apart from being engaged in printing the Italian version of *The Key to Theosophy* by H.P.B., are at present preparing for publication in Italian a work of exceptional importance, frequently quoted in *Alba Spirituale*, *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, the third edition of which was published at Adyar as recently as the end of 1962. It may be said that this work is unknown

to practically all of our members, notwithstanding its fundamental importance. Another work, which is completely unknown in Italy, namely *The Ocean of Theosophy* by William Q. Judge, a classic of authentic Theosophy, which has been widely read in America and in England, and which forms perhaps one of the best elementary expositions of Theosophy according to the original lines, is also under way.

Mr. Bernardino del Boca, is particularly engaged in the activity and work done by the Theosophical Order of Service.

Our Theosophical Lodges have carried out regularly their normal activities each one working in accordance with its own especial direction and good judgment. During the present year a new group calling itself "C. W. Leadbeater" has been formed at Rovigo, under the presidency of Col. Giuseppe Crapa; and within the last few weeks the Bolzano Theosophical Centre has come into being at Bolzano, mainly owing to the efforts of Mr. M. T. Greifenegg. To both of these go our heartiest good wishes for energetic and constructive activity.

The number of our members who have fulfilled their administrative duties amounted on 30th April of this year

to 597, as against 582 last year. Of these, 582 are distributed among the 27 Lodges and two Centres of Treviso and Bolzano, the remaining 69 being independent members. Losses through death or failure to renew subscriptions amount altogether to 29 members; while during the same period 44 new members have been admitted into the Italian Theosophical Society. We hope that the new wave of vitality which is becoming manifest in various parts of the world Theosophical Movement may prove a good omen for its future; and that each one of our Italian members may be well aware of the high mission which rests with the Theosophical Society for the gradual realization of an effective Universal Brotherhood, as well as of the responsibility which devolves upon each one of us.

I have spoken sufficiently above of the specific activity connected with the editing of our magazine *Alba Spirituale*. I would only like to draw the attention of our members to the *duty*, which each one of them ought to *feel deeply*, of supporting the periodical of our Section by at least all subscribing to it.

ROBERTO HACK,  
General Secretary.

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## GERMANY

The German Section, which is still able to work only in Western Germany, enjoyed a year of quiet working in 24 Lodges. The total membership was nearly balanced between incoming and outgoing members.

We were very happy to have some visitors from abroad. We had especially the great pleasure to have our beloved President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, with us at Berlin from 2nd-6th July 1964. It was his own free will to come and see us, and we

are very thankful and full of joy for his strong, spiritual help which our members here are needing so much. Indeed he offered his precious, uplifting teachings in two eloquent public lectures and we were very happy to ascertain again their wonderful clarity, luminosity and fine architecture, supported by true feelings of love and kindness. Our well-known friends Mr. J. E. van Dissel and his wife from Holland, Mr. John Coats from



England, and Mr. Axel von Fielitz-Coniar from Switzerland lectured in some cities of Western Germany renewing old friendships.

The German General Secretary attended the Federation Council meeting in April 1964 at Athens and the meeting of the European Federation German Regional Committee in May 1964 at Basel. Three German Young Theosophists went on a lecture tour for vegetarianism throughout India with some other friends from Europe, including a visit to Adyar. Two well-attended camps of Young Theosophists were held at Waake near Göttingen with remarkable success. Numerous

German members of the Society attended the inspiring Summer Schools at Gammel Praestegaard and Pichl and also visited the Huizen Centre again. As I said before in my last report we are very happy about all these uplifting contacts, and both our younger and elder members are constantly trying to revitalize Theosophical work in quiet confidence and peace in co-operative activities between the German and other Sections of the Theosophical Society, endeavoring to extinguish all hindering resentments throughout the world.

HEINRICH NAGEL,  
*General Secretary.*

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## CUBA

*Lodges and Members.*—In addition to the 23 existing Lodges of the Cuban Section, whose names and localities have not changed, this year we have a new Lodge, Pitagoras, in Manzanillo, Oriente Province. This Lodge was founded on 5th February 1936, and declared dormant in January 1956 for lack of members. From that date up to now in that locality there had not been a single member affiliated to the Cuban Section. Last year we contacted some of the old members of Pitagoras Lodge residing in Manzanillo, who formed part of a Philosophical and Spiritual Study Group. Theosophical literature was sent to them, and after a visit by the National President and other members of the Cuban Section, the old members decided to reincorporate as members, and the other members of the study group asked for their admission to the Cuban Section, in order to reopen the Pitagoras Lodge. This was done by Resolution of the National President on 1st August 1964; and on 27th September was inaugurated the new Board

of Directors for 1964, with 18 active members.

The list of membership of the Cuban Section had a small drop compared to last year's report. In the period reported there have been 41 new admissions, 17 reincorporations, 53 lapsings for non-payment of the annual dues, 7 deaths, one resignation, and one transferred to another Section. This left our membership at 472, compared to last year's 476. The lapses for non-payment are not due generally to economic difficulties. The By-laws of the Section provide for cases like this, allowing for the condonation of the lapsed dues, and an ample use of this provision has been made by the National President. Generally these cases are of members who since 1960 have lost interest in the Society and its teachings.

*Theosophical Publications.*—Our publishing limitations and difficulties persist. In spite of that, during the present year we finished printing *An Elementary Course of Theosophy* by Mrs. Emogene S. Simons, which was published in two parts or

booklets, with six lessons in each and a total of 75 pages. This publication was awaited with interest and had a very good welcome among the members of the Section, especially the new members, for their own study as well as for distribution among their interested friends.

Two other booklets have been published with three works by Miss Clara Codd, with the Spanish title *Comprendiendo la Vida* (*Understanding Life*), reproduced from the Mexican publication *Dharma*. These were distributed free through the Lodges of the Section. Another booklet by Mr. C. W. Leadbeater *To those who Mourn* is in the press. Besides this, a group of members of Marie Poutz and Annie Besant Lodges, Havana, have published an interesting booklet taken from Mrs. Annie Besant's book *Karma*.

Possibly during December of this year or January next, the printing of Mr. Jinarājādāsa's book *The Seven Veils over Consciousness* will be finished.

These limited publications help us to satisfy in part the needs of members and sympathizers for Theosophical literature, due to the fact that at present no importation of Theosophical publications is being made.

*Revista Teosófica Cubana*.—Our *Revista Teosófica Cubana* (Section's official organ) suffers from the same difficulties as other Theosophical publications, and during this period we have been able to publish only the numbers corresponding to September-October and November-December 1963 and January-February 1964. The March-April 1964 number, now in the press, is anxiously awaited by members and non-member subscribers. We have been forced to increase the edition in order to fulfil the demand.

*The School of the Wisdom Study Course*.—In our previous report we mentioned the agreement by all the

Havana Lodges to develop at the same time as in Adyar, the subjects of the School of the Wisdom 1963-64 course. All these subjects were developed in their respective days, from Monday to Friday, every week. All Havana Lodges, specially the five who hold their meetings on those days, with the participation of the National President, co-operated to the best development of the course, not missing a single subject in the program, and rendering great benefit to those who attended the course as well as to the expositors.

This year the program for the 1964-65 course was received late, and as this report is being prepared, the necessary arrangements for the Lodges to consider and adopt the program have not been possible because of the requirements of its previous translation into Spanish and reproduction. Nevertheless every effort will be made in order that the consideration by the Lodges of the program and its development may be possible, if not all at least in part. Anyway the program will serve the Lodges as a pool of suggestive subjects to be developed during the year.

We consider it to be of great importance for the Section to have the program every year with ample time to permit the necessary arrangements for its development by the Lodges. Of course we have to consider the mail. Besides being a marvellously suggestive pool of subjects, it is of great inspiration if it can be developed at the same time as in Adyar.

*Use of the Lodges for other Activities*.—The By-laws of our Section have no regulations concerning the specific activities to be developed in the Lodges, and only the inner regulations for the Section Building in Havana prohibits its use for non-Theosophical activities. This leaves the Lodges whose activities are developed outside of the Section building in Havana, and those located in the rest



of the country, free to permit other organizations to have their meetings in the Lodges, or in the case of Lodges who do not own the houses where they meet, to allow them to share the meeting place, in many cases with non-similar organizations. In the past this has been a cause of difficulties among members of the Lodges, as well as with the other organizations.

This year as well as the past, some Lodges were requested by members and by persons not members of the Theosophical Society, for permission to use the Lodges for activities other than Theosophical, some of them with spiritual motives. The Presidents of these Lodges discreetly asked and were recommended not to use their Lodges in non-Theosophical activities, explaining to them the reasons why, which they found satisfactory and accepted.

With this antecedent and in order to prevent doubts or difficulties in the future, the following agreement was submitted for consideration and adoption to the Board of Directors.

“To prohibit the use, or in any other way the cession, of the meeting places of the Theosophical Lodges, for non-Theosophical meetings or activities; and furthermore, not to allow the meetings of Theosophical Lodges in places where other organizations have their meetings, with the only exception of regular Masonic Lodges.”

“This agreement will be submitted to the next Convention in order that it may be included in the By-laws of the Section, as a modification.”

*Festivals.*—This year, as is customary in the Section, the three official festivals of the Society took place: 17th November, 1963, 17th February and 8th May, 1964. They were celebrated with great enthusiasm, specially in Havana, because of its being the National Headquarters and

having several Lodges which permits the President to more directly sponsor the festivals with the co-operation of all the Havana Lodges.

*Inter-Sectional Relations and First Inter-American Theosophical Convention.*—So far as has been possible, this year we have maintained ourselves in contact with other Sections, especially with the Americas. We took part in the First Inter-American Convention of the Theosophical Society, celebrated in Mexico D.F. in November 1963; and as we were not able to be present at the Convention with a Cuban delegation because of official difficulties beyond our power to resolve, a sister resident in Mexico City was appointed to represent the Cuban Section.

*Visit to Lodges outside Havana.*—During the present year the following Lodges, located outside the city of Havana, were visited by the National President: Luz del Maestro in the city of Camagüey; Refael de Albear in Moron and Maitreya in Ciego de Avila, all in Camagüey Province, during the month of March.

In April, accompanied by Mr. Juan Cruz Bustillo and Dr. Dana Cruz Bustillo, we visited Lodge Loto Blanco in the city of Santiago de Cuba, Oriente Province, where we attended one of their regular Saturday meetings and an extraordinary meeting that took place the following Sunday, with the assistance of a good number of members and Mr. J. C. Bustillo gave a lecture.

In June Loto Blanco of Santiago de Cuba, José Julián Martí of Holguin, Esperanza of Victoria de las Tunas, and Unidad of Banes, all of these Lodges in Oriente Province, were visited. In Loto Blanco Lodge we attended one of their regular sessions, at which we had a talk with the members concerning different Theosophical subjects; and the

next Monday, in an extraordinary session, we had the opportunity to hand over their diplomas to two new members. Dr. Manuel Veranes, Magistrate to the Provincial High Court of Santiago de Cuba, gave a Theosophical lecture.

Accompanied by Mr. Oscar de Granados, President of Loto Blanco Lodge, and relatives of his, members of that Lodge, we visited a group of brothers (not members) in the city of Manzanillo, Oriente, who for long had been meeting freely for philosophical-spiritual studies, without being affiliated to any kind of organization. We had a talk with them on Theosophical subjects at their request, with which they were pleased. Mr. Granados invited them to be present at a meeting of the Loto Blanco Lodge in Santiago de Cuba, which took place two weeks after, Sunday, June 28th, and in which a great number of members of the said group participated. Brother Manuel Veranes answered all the questions (Theosophical) which had been previously presented by the visitors.

In September, accompanied by Miss Carmen Segon, National Secretary; Mr. Alvaro Iglesias, member of José Julián Martí Lodge, Mr. Reyes Mora of Heracles, and Mr. Gaspar Torres, President of Matanzas Lodge Dharma, we went to the city of Manzanillo (Oriente), to reopen the recently rehabilitated Pitagoras Lodge, hand over their diplomas to ten new members and welcome eight old members who had been reincorporated, and install the new Board of Directors of the Lodge for 1964. Besides the National President, speakers on this occasion were Miss Carmen Segón, Mr. Gaspar Torres and Mr. Francisco Navarro on behalf of Pitagoras Lodge, as well as other members. Invited, apart of those coming from Havana, were Mr. Oscar de Granados, President of Loto Blanco Lodge, with

several members of the same, and two ex-members of Rayos de Luz Lodge, which existed in the city of Bayamo, Oriente.

*Our Section's Economy.*—The income from annual and diploma fees, during the twelve months period from 1st October 1963 to 30th September 1964, amounts to \$1,414.20, of which 10 per cent or \$151.42 is due to the International Theosophical Society, Adyar, which is held in reserve until exportation of foreign exchange can be effected.

*Election of Sectional Executives.*—For 1st October 1964, in accordance with the By-laws of the Section, it is provided to convoke for the presentation of the list of candidates for National President and Vice-President, for the period 1965-67, which has already been done; and on 1st November the voting will start in the Lodges; the final results will be known at the National Convention to be held in January 1965.

*Conclusion.*—In the last months there has been a drop in attendance at the meetings of some Havana Lodges, in part due, possibly, to differences of opinion with reference to the order of the work or the work to be developed in the Lodges; and also due to difficulties in transportation; but it can be assured that this is only partial and temporary, because the work of the Section has improved; apart from maintaining unity in the work, and the positive increase of members interested in the teachings of the Theosophical Society, there exists great firmness and enthusiasm among the greater number of members to maintain and propagate the principles and teachings of Theosophy.

That firmness and enthusiasm is corroborated by the fact that in spite of a slight fall in membership, there exists a significant increase in the income coming

from annual shares, as compared to the previous years or periods, and that every time economic co-operation is asked for extraordinary expenses, a great number of members contribute with their voluntary shares.

All this makes us assume that the reductions in the list of members due to lack of interest of those who are easily influenced by negative ideas, will be surpassed with new members and reincorporation of old members in the coming year.

As this Report is being finished and translated, the list of Candidates who will figure in the official ballots for the coming elections has been received, and is as follows: No. 1. For National President: Celestino Aguilar Mora; and for Vice-President: Dana Cruz Bustillo Artigas. No. 2. For National President: Alfredo Puig Figueroa; and for Vice-President: Raquel Catalá Orbea.

CELESTINO AGUILAR MORA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## HUNGARY

No Report

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## FINLAND

The Finnish Section has now 417 members, which means an increase of 29 members from last year. We received 43 new members, one member died and 13 lapsed. I do hope that the Finnish Section will continue to grow both as to number of members and activity, after so many years of decrease of membership. Two new Lodges were founded, one in the eastern part of Finland, Varkaus, and the other Nuorten Looshi in Helsinki for young people. The number of Lodges is thus 25 of which 10 are situated in Helsinki.

Our activities have continued as before in all Lodges. They hold their meetings once a week; some smaller Lodges meet once a fortnight. The work in the Lodges consists mainly of discussions based on short lectures delivered by members, or translated articles.

Public lectures, for people not belonging to the Theosophical Society, were delivered in Helsinki every Sunday and the audience continued to be 40 to 70.

One new form of activity is being put into practice. Members of the Lodges in Helsinki have made trips to the Lodges situated in the countryside thus giving strength and help for the work of the Lodge they are visiting. Usually we have two meetings during such trips, one public and another for members only. We have the intention of continuing these trips both from Helsinki and to Helsinki from the countryside.

We have continued to celebrate as in former years the Foundation Day of the Society, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. Our Kalevala Day was celebrated in February and "Old Ones Day" in September. The Annual Convention was held, as usual, during Easter time in Helsinki. Members from all Lodges in different parts of Finland usually take a great part in these meetings.

A Summer School was held last summer, as before, at our summer residence Kreivilä. This year we did not have any visitors from abroad. Finnish members

delivered lectures and after every lecture we had a discussion. This is, I think, the best way to make people think and express their own opinion about the subject of the lecture. And to make people think is most important for themselves and for other people.

The Blavatsky Library at the Headquarters of the Finnish Section in Helsinki is at the disposal of all members. The Theosophical literature both in Finnish and in other languages has been eagerly used by many members.

One of the problems that has worried us for many years, which was that the

majority of the members is rather old, has now been at least a little helped, because of the foundation of the Lodge for young people. We all hope that many young people will in the future join their own Lodge.

These days all people in the world sincerely wish that peace should continue in the world. Let us hope that the message of Theosophy will enable us to help people living near us and that we ourselves have a right attitude to the difficulties the world is facing.

SYLVI HORSTIO,  
*General Secretary.*

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## RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

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## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

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## SOUTHERN AFRICA

Once more this Section has faced a considerable change in its National Officers. At the Convention at Easter 1963 Miss L. de Wet was elected General Secretary, with officers of the Executive Committee grouped around her in Johannesburg and Pretoria. However, at the end of that year she and several other officers found it impossible to carry on that work, and for the first time in the history of this Section, the General Secretary and several officers were elected from members in Southern Rhodesia. This took place at the Convention in 1964 held in Durban, Natal, in the Republic of South Africa.

Perhaps this Section is unique in two respects. With less than 450 members and with thirteen Lodges, we cover an

area larger than India, from Cape Town in the south to Northern Rhodesia.

Also we have three National boundaries within our working territory. In the Republic of South Africa we have nine Lodges. In Southern Rhodesia we have four, and in Northern Rhodesia (now the independent African state soon to be known as Zambia) we have several members but no Lodges as yet. There is great scope for our work in the north, and in anticipation of expanding there the Rhodesian Lodges had on the agenda at Convention 1964, a resolution which would have made possible the formation of a Central African Theosophical Federation of Lodges, within the Section, whose work would have been largely directed towards spreading Theosophy in

the northern areas. However, the resolution was dropped when the National President and several executive officers were elected from Rhodesia, as it was seen that for the time being expansion work of this nature would have placed too big a burden on the same workers.

It was also realized that for some years our membership had been falling, and it was felt that our first need was to consolidate. In the face of change there is usually a shaking out, but there should also be a re-attraction if the work of the Section is properly orientated, and if we are truly "nuclei". This I think has been our work in the past year, to reassess our own approach to Theosophy and to bring to life in our hearts and minds a true concept of Universal Brotherhood.

The change to Southern Rhodesia has also entailed the transfer of the printing of our official magazine *The Link* from Johannesburg to Salisbury. Until this change was effected I was assisted by a committee in Johannesburg, Miss L. de Wet and Mrs. P. S. Lean, whom I thank most gratefully.

I also wish to pay tribute to and offer my thanks to the outgoing National President, Miss L. de Wet, for her assistance and co-operation in every department of the work which it has been my lot to take over from her.

A Section covering a territory of this size depends largely on regional field work officers, of whom we have four. I wish to thank these officers for their splendid work on behalf of the Section and Theosophy.

A feature of the work of the Section now is Regional Congresses. The Congress of Rhodesian Lodges was held this year in May, in Salisbury, with Mr. B. C. Sutaria of the Indian Section present as Guest of Honor. The theme was "Clarity

leads to illumination". The Congress of Coastal Lodges was held in George, Cape Province, in September. The theme was "Growth and Evolution," and the Guest of Honor, the National President. Both these gatherings, though small, had considerable vitality and much useful work was done, which I think sets the tone for the next few months until members can meet again either at Convention or at the next Congress.

Since assuming office I have been able to visit twelve out of our thirteen Lodges. It was possible to cover by road an area from Salisbury via the Rhodesian Lodges to Northern Rhodesia, and by air to visit the Lodges in the Republic, and be present at the Coastal Congress.

*Lodge work.*—I have found a great deal of questioning and re-evaluating of Theosophy in all Lodges, and members are frequently forced to do some fresh and deep thinking on the whole subject, because of the special ethical nature of the problems posed by the territory in which we work. In most Lodges the meetings take the form of study groups and short talks which draw discussion. In spite of many difficulties Lodges have continued regular meetings.

Last year we launched a small monthly publication *Lodge of the Air*, which was designed to link scattered members in thought and meditation. This has continued its work in spite of many difficulties, and has been much appreciated by a number of people.

Perhaps the greatest need of this Section is to overcome a sense of isolation, and this we can do best by having faith in ourselves, and by strengthening our ties with other Sections and with our International Headquarters.

M. E. NAIRN,  
General Secretary.



## SCOTLAND

On 30th September there were 142 members on the register of the Scottish Section, with eight active Lodges and one Centre.

Generally speaking, reports from Lodges show that there is keener public interest in Theosophy and in the work and activities of the Theosophical Society. Enquiries from the public derive mainly from non-church-goers or from people who have found orthodox religion unsatisfying.

The Annual Convention was held in Edinburgh, and we were particularly delighted to have our beloved President as Guest of Honor. His lectures to members were inspiring, searching and encouraging, whilst his public lecture made a deep impression on those who attended, especially on some who have been seeking for Truth.

Although only one of these enquirers has been prompted to join the Society, she is a useful member, with a concrete knowledge of librarianship and a willingness to undertake responsibility in the Library at Headquarters where we are in dire need of assistance.

Membership in Edinburgh remains about the same, and although many of these members are frail and old their interest in the Society is keen and unwavering. Lodges are small and one or two have not the requisite number of seven members. The idea of amalgamation of the five Edinburgh Lodges has been aired from time to time, but personality problems stand in the way, to the detriment of Scotland's work in the Society.

Public lectures continue to be delivered every Sunday evening at Headquarters from October until June, and the Enquirers Group which was introduced last year still attracts younger people who

come because their curiosity regarding Yoga has been aroused.

Lodges in Aberdeen and Glasgow report steady progress in their studies and Aberdeen is keenly aware of new life flowing throughout the Society.

It is good to report that a group of young people in Dundee have formed a Centre and are in process of forming a Lodge with the help of a few isolated members who live near to the County of Angus.

Our only touring lecturer this year was Dr. Hugh Shearman, who gave lively talks to all our Lodges. Our local talent has had to be drawn upon more than usual, and members from Glasgow Lodge have helped to keep our work in the public mind.

The Theosophical Order of Service is expanding, more members undertaking sick-visiting, animal welfare, interest in the United Nations Association and Racial Relationship.

The General Secretary attended the Convention of the English Section in London at Whitsuntide as well as the British Regional Summer School at Swanwick. She was also present during International Week at St. Michael's Centre, Huizen, where she was able to renew friendships and contact members from other European countries and from Cuba.

The over-all impression of the work of this Section is that we are holding our own. There is room for improvement in the attitude of members to a deeper awareness of our concepts and obligations, and to tune in to the newer consciousness that is coming into being. The swing forward to H.P.B.'s teachings is welcome, and it is hoped that this will take on greater momentum in the year ahead.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,  
*General Secretary.*

## SWITZERLAND

The number of members in the Swiss Section fell slightly by six during the year 1963-64.

There are at present a great number of foreign workers in Switzerland. Seven of them, of Italian nationality, have formed a new Lodge in Bienne, under the presidency of Mr. Brambilla. We hope that it will prosper and if our new friends are called upon to leave Switzerland in the next few years, we are sure that they will take home with them a fine harvest of knowledge and increased spirituality.

The General Secretary continues to send out regularly not only to Swiss members but also to quite a large number of Lodges and members in France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Israel, etc. what he calls "The Question of the Month," a duplicated circular in which he treats vital questions put to him. This

helps to strengthen his link with the members.

A questionnaire sent to all members revealed their tendencies and wishes, and it will also help the General Secretary to plan his policy with a view to increasing co-operation between the different Lodges and members. We hope in this way to find adequate means for spreading our wonderful philosophy.

The Lodges have been asked to study the subject of "Tolerance," which will be taken up at our next General Assembly.

We take the opportunity offered us by this report to thank the President, Adyar, Huizen and all the other Sections for the help which they give the Swiss Section by sharing with it their writings and their experiences.

G. TRIPET,  
*General Secretary.*

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## BELGIUM

The number of our members is 238, a decrease of 13. This slight decrease is due to the deletion from our rolls of those members (25) who failed to pay their contributions.

In general the activities of our eight Lodges are going on as usual, with public lectures, study classes and so on.

A new Centre has been started at Bruges, with fortnightly public lectures.

We note with regret a falling off in the activities of our Lodge libraries, as if readers are taking less interest in the books that are available.

The Theosophical Order of Service is doing very well, particularly as regards anti-vivisection and aid for Tibetan children.

At the several activities of our Lodges the average regular attendance is 45 per cent.

A monthly bulletin is issued which gives information and particulars of activities to members and the officials of the Lodges.

One of our Lodges has started a regular correspondence service, with questions and answers, mainly for members who for various reasons are not able to participate in the meetings.

Beginning with 1964-65 the *Bulletin Mensuel* will be conceived as a Theosophical Digest, giving the essentials of the most important articles printed in various Theosophical publications.

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



## INDONESIA

Section Suspended

## BURMA

I am glad to report that the year under review was one of quiet all-round consolidation. For the first time since the War, the Burma Section Convention was held at "The Lotus Lodge," Mandalay, on 6th October 1963, when a large number of delegates from the various parts of the country participated in the proceedings. The Convention in its wake brought a small increase in membership to the Lodge at Mandalay. Again, through the generous financial assistance of an earnest member, the Lodge was able to print 5,000 copies of the latest Burmese translation of *At the Feet of the Master* by U Po Lat, M.A., our Ex-General Secretary and President of the Olcott Lodge, for distribution.

The Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, which was revitalized and revived once again with the co-operation of the old members and with the addition of eight to their strength, is slowly heading its way to active life. Efforts are being made to rebuild the war-damaged Lodge buildings and fence the compound to safeguard the property. As a first step, the existing portion of the building has been repaired, painted and whitewashed by the generous and spontaneous donation of K500/- made by one of our earnest Rangoon members. We feel sure that before long, with the assurance of financial support and active co-operation of the local members, the Blavatsky Lodge building plan will materialize. With the welcome donation of 124 new Theosophical books valued at K532.50 from the Olcott Lodge Book Depot, the Blavatsky Lodge

possesses the nucleus of a Lodge Library now.

The Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, as usual, continued to be the most active of the Lodges of the Section. Further donations amounting to K25,000/- were received from generous donors from Mandalay and Rangoon during the year and the Lodge Building Fund now stands at K45,000/-. For want of the municipal sanction, the work of reconstruction is kept in abeyance. It is earnestly hoped that before long the necessary sanction will be accorded for the construction.

As required by the rules, applications for registration of the Burma Section of the Theosophical Society as well as the three constituent Lodges of the Section, namely the Olcott Lodge, the Lotus Lodge and the Blavatsky Lodge, have been made to the appropriate authorities in time and it is hoped that the registration will be accorded in due course. Similarly, applications for the registration of the Lodge libraries have also been made to the authorities in the prescribed form, with the hope that these also would be duly registered.

On the eve of the Convention, on Saturday 5th October 1963 at 6 p.m. U Maung Maung Hmin, President of the Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, welcomed the delegates at a pleasant reception at the Lodge. Thereafter U San Mya of Taung-dwingyi delivered a lecture in Burmese. The meeting was quite a success. The main Convention address on "Man, His Origin, Nature and Destiny" in English was delivered by U Po Lat, M.A., with

U Hla On, M.Sc., Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Mandalay, in the chair. The afternoon symposium on "How I Came to the Theosophical Society" turned out very interesting as more and more delegates participated in the discussion. The Convention's last lecture was on "Theosophy as seen through the eyes of a Burmese Buddhist," again in Burmese by U San Mya on the evening of 6th October. Thereafter the Convention was formally closed by the President, U Maung Maung Hmin. The Convention at Mandalay was a success and the credit for it goes entirely to the members of the Lotus Lodge, who worked round the clock as a team. Our sincere thanks are also due to all the delegates who came from different parts of the country at great expense and also liberally contributed towards the cost of the Convention. The event stirred up great enthusiasm in members both at Mandalay and Maymyo for Theosophical work and the delegates in their turn returned to their own centres with greater resolve and dedication, to work for the spread of the message of Theosophy.

Immediately on arrival at Mandalay, the delegates from Rangoon and U Mg Mg Hmin, motored up to Maymyo in two batches to visit Blavatsky Lodge and meet the old members there. They were warmly received at the Lodge premises by Mr. Beatson, Mr. Shaffee, U Lu Din, Mr. Swarup and others. After a prayer meeting at the Lodge premises and an inspiring short talk by U Po Lat to those assembled, they were guests of honor at a luncheon party got up by the Blavatsky Lodge members. A business meeting was also convened immediately, to devise ways and means to revive the Lodge and rebuild the war-damaged buildings. The local members evinced keen enthusiasm for the revival of the Lodge and formed a special committee to raise funds for

the purpose. The delegates from Rangoon promised substantial financial assistance for the project. A campaign to enlist new members was also undertaken. The party returned to Mandalay the same evening, to be in time for the Convention eve lecture at the Lotus Lodge.

Though the number of Lodges remains the same as in the previous year, there were 18 new admissions and 3 lapses in membership.

During the year there has, however, been a grave set-back in the progress of the B.E.T. Co-Educational School run by the Olcott Lodge. Due to the introduction of Burmese as the sole medium of instruction in schools by the Revolutionary Government, the strength suddenly dropped to about 250 from the original 750, resulting in large-scale retrenchment of staff, paying of retirement benefits, etc., at a time when the income of the School was not even sufficient to cover the running cost. In the meanwhile, it is also not known clearly, what the policy of the Government towards private schools is likely to be. The School, which has been doing useful service in the field of education in the country in the name of the Society for over 50 years, is now faced with the prospect of closing down. However, as in previous years, this year also, the School celebrated Dr. Annie Besant's birthday anniversary as School day, when prizes were given to children.

U San Hla continues to do his best for the Burma Humanitarian League. Members of the Olcott Lodge are, as usual, giving their co-operation to U San Hla in the League's work.

The Society's land in Thingangyun is still in the occupation of squatters, with no immediate prospect of finding suitable purchasers for the same.

Due to restrictions on foreign exchange, the Book Depot could not import fresh books to augment their stock. The depot,

however, continues to do its best to cater to the needs of the members of the Society and sympathisers.

It is however hoped that when the authorities accord registration for the Burma Section and its constituent Lodges, the present suspense and attendant confusion will clear and in its place positive

enthusiasm will emerge once again resulting in more members taking initiative in Theosophical work in Burma. May the Great Ones continue to guide and help us in this hour of our trial.

HLA MAUNG,  
*General Secretary.*

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## AUSTRIA

With the end of June, the period of administration for the General Secretary of our Section was over. Hence Herr Fritz Schleifer, who held this office for the last three years, renouncing a new candidature, instead proposed Dr. Norbert Lauppert as his successor; since four other nominated candidates declined their nomination, Dr. Lauppert as the only candidate, was chosen as General Secretary for the ensuing period of three years, from 1st July 1964.

The Austrian Section is divided into four local Groups of which 5 Lodges are working in Vienna with 127 members, 4 Lodges in Graz with 100 members, 1 Lodge in Bruck a.d. Mur with 13 members and 1 Lodge in Linz a.d. Donau with 13 members. Besides regular activities, public lectures took place in Vienna and Graz. In these meetings in Vienna ten different speakers delivered, from October till the end of June, twenty-four lectures and six different speakers lectured in Graz.

In Vienna, the new Lodge "Innere Wandlung" was founded. This year we had again the pleasure to get some inspiring lectures by our old friend Karl Schmid from Passau who once belonged (forty years ago) to the Young Theosophists of that time.

The organizing of the German Regional Summer School has become one

of the most important activities of our Section for many years. It was arranged again this year in the first week of September in Pichl, near Schladming (Styria). As the leading topic of this 12th Summer School in the series was selected the theme: "The Theosophist, A Bridge-BUILDER". The holding of this Summer School demonstrated, by the attendance of 80 students, the growing interest of the German-speaking members year by year. Thanks to the inauguration of "School Funds" which were built up with booking-dues and assisted by generous donors, it was possible to invite friends beyond the political Iron Curtain in Europe, so that this year again nine persons from Eastern zones could be present with us as guests. The Chairman of the European Federation, Mr. John Coats, as well as the General Secretaries of Germany and Switzerland were regrettably absent, so the Vice-Chairman of the German Regional Committee, Frau Fanny Scheffmacher, presided over the School. In the course of the Summer School, 7 different members (3 from Germany, 3 from Austria, 1 from Israel) delivered talks on the selected chief topics with Herr Fritz Schleifer's introductory comments. In the evening meetings all the visitors had the opportunity to co-operate, taking part in the discussion on the topic of the day.

In the midst of the School Week the weather had become wonderful again so that a collective excursion by autocars could be arranged in the nearby mountain chain of the Dachstein-Massiv, 5,300 feet, from where most people made further excursions on foot in the well-prepared ways for tourists. On the same evening two members of the German Section—former visitors to Adyar, Huizen and the last Summer School in Leysin—showed beautiful colored slides taken at those places.

*The Adyar-Verlag.*—The publishing institution of the Adyar-Verlag in Graz published in June 1963 a translation of *Man, His Origin and Evolution* by N. Sri Ram, and in September 1963 another translation in German of the Theosophical Research Centre publication

*This Ordered Universe* by Dr. Corona Trew. From 1st July 1963 till 31st March 1964 (9 months) about 1,600 books were sold, amongst them 270 copies of the book by the President, 226 copies of the book *The Doctrine of the Heart*, 224 of *At The Feet of the Master*, 201 of *The Voice of the Silence*. On the whole it can be said that the affairs of the Adyar-Verlag run well. They were managed, as always, by Dr. Norbert Lauppert, the new General Secretary of the Austrian Section, from 1st July 1964.

I am sending this Report as the last activity in my function as the General Secretary of our Section.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,  
General Secretary.

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## NORWAY

The Norwegian Section had a quiet year with interesting and varied programs. During the year we were happy to welcome two visiting lecturers, Mrs. Doris Groves in August, speaking to members and others interested on "Yoga for the West," and at the Annual Convention in September Mrs. Mary Elmore was our Guest Speaker. She spoke on "Beyond Understanding" and "The Strength of Silence". Both these visits were very inspiring to the Section, and the lectures were warmly appreciated by all who attended the meetings.

We had a specially interesting Adyar Day on 17th February in Oslo, when two

members of the Indian Embassy showed us four beautiful culture films on India, and a Norwegian actress read poems by Tagore.

Our magazine *Teosofi i Norden* has continued along the same lines in co-operation with Denmark and Sweden, and is very much appreciated in our Section.

Membership on 30th September 1964, was 130. Our seven active Lodges have had well-attended meetings, and the open meetings usually attract a number of interested people.

RUTH WESSEL NIELSEN,  
General Secretary.

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## EGYPT

No Report

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## DENMARK

This report will quite naturally be also an account of the Convention of the Danish Section at Aarhus on the 5th and 6th September 1964, and as the newly elected General Secretary I find that the best way of writing it is to give an extract from the report given on that occasion by the former General Secretary, Mr. Jorgen Winde.

Among other things Mr. Jorgen Winde said: "The principal events in the Danish Section coincide with the work in the two centres, 'Besantgaarden' and Gl. Præstegaard. Summer Schools, presided over by Otto and Anna Viking, have been held for a great many years at 'Besantgaarden,' and in this way many people got in touch with Theosophy.

"An exceedingly valuable Summer School has again been held this year in the other centre, Gl. Præstegaard. It was attended by people from many countries, especially from Scandinavia. The President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, was present most of the time, and the same was the case with Miss Clara Codd, Mr. John Coats, Mrs. Doris Groves, and several good speakers from the Scandinavian countries, who all contributed to create the wholeness which a Summer School should be."

Mr. Jorgen Winde went on to mention the work of the Lodges which follows the same lines and creates the connection that makes it possible for the centres to be born.

We are also on the lookout for new fresh shoots, for when the tension of life in a Section culminates, new shoots will break out from the trunk. The Research Group, which was started last year, may be such a new shoot.

After the meeting of representatives the participants gathered in the evening for a public meeting with Mrs. Mary Elmore as speaker. The subject was: "In my Father's house are many mansions".

On Sunday in the morning there was a meeting of members at which Mrs. Mary Elmore again shared her rich experience of life with us. The title of her lecture was: "Dynamic Peace".

Here the new General Secretary closed the Convention with the following words:

"A Convention is a nice event, because you feel that you are surrounded by serious workers for the Theosophical Society, workers who meet year after year, not because there are fame and honors to be won here (for this is certainly not the case), but because they have lost their hearts to Theosophy—and in almost all countries all over the world there are thousands of women and men working for the same cause—and behind them Adyar, our President, Sri Ram, and the Great Ones who are behind him. Let us therefore go away after these delightful days—each to his own place and work—with this knowledge in our hearts."

N. SORENSEN,  
*General Secretary.*

## IRELAND

My report dates from last year's Convention held on 15th and 16th June. Our Guest Speaker was Mrs. Doris Groves. Mrs. Groves made our Convention a memorable one, not only by the vivid presentation of her message, but also by her sympathetic attitude to our Lodges and to individual members.

*Lecturers.*—The highlight of the year was the visit of our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, on 15th and 16th June. It was not only what he said but the spiritual nature of what he brought to us which we valued so greatly. We feel that his visit here gave a stimulus to the work of the Irish Section and was in the nature of a great blessing.

During the year under review we have had few visiting lecturers. We welcomed Mr. Charles Shores, Mr. Edward Gall and Miss Ianthe Hoskins; from Belfast, Dr. Hugh Shearman and Mr. T. Sullivan. Other speakers were Mr. R. Morrison, Mr. E. Classon, Mrs. E. O. Hornidge, Miss Emerson, Mr. C. Parfitt, Mr. R. Duck and Mrs. Deering. We have also had symposia and tape recordings.

*Dublin Lodges.*—The attendance at the public meetings of the Dublin Lodges indicates that an enquiring mind causes people to visit the public lectures. We welcome such visitors for we hope they may eventually join the Society or even communicate to their friends the teaching that we offer. Members' meetings for study and discussion continue and seem to be much appreciated. Freedom of speech and animated discussion create a social environment which makes an atmosphere of greater understanding amongst us.

*Library.*—The Library continues its valuable work as demonstrated by the increased number of books taken out, those of a deeper nature as well as

those of a lighter aspect. We have a particularly valuable library not only numerically but of deep value for study material.

*Sale.*—Our Christmas sale took place as usual and was very successful. We are very grateful for the efforts of members and friends who supported us.

*White Lotus Day.*—White Lotus Day meeting was held as usual and was especially lovely and quite well attended. The room was decorated with white flowers; we had the usual readings and a short talk.

*Funds to Adyar.*—We have subscribed to the usual funds at Adyar.

*Annual Nominations.*—At the Annual Business Meeting of the Dublin Lodges I was nominated as General Secretary and Mr. Richard Morrison as National Treasurer.

*Magazine.*—Our magazine *Theosophy in Ireland* continues with three issues yearly. I would like to remind subscribers that this magazine is run by substantial donations as the subscriptions do not nearly cover the cost of printing. I urge members to try to increase its circulation and to add a donation to their subscription, which is very low. Our magazine is very much appreciated not only in Ireland but in many other countries in the world with which it keeps us in touch. It has been in circulation for a great many years and I feel that, at all costs, it should continue.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—The Theosophical Order of Service has been carried on by individual members in their own way more than by any combined effort. There has been activity in the departments of animal welfare, anti-vivisection, vegetarianism and healing.

*Membership.*—During the year two members resigned, one lapsed and we have



two new members, which leaves us with a loss of one.

*Propaganda.*—As we can afford very little advertising we have distributed many free leaflets. We have also a book table on which many of the cheaper books are sold.

*Conclusion.*—I would like to thank all those who have helped so splendidly with the work during the year, and I would especially like to express my gratitude to Mrs. Gladys Dollard for the efficient way in which she has done the General Secretary's work during my illness. I

would also like to thank the National Treasurer, Mr. R. Morrison, and the Dublin Lodges' Treasurer, Miss D. Emerson, for their work and help and co-operation. The evidence of the work being done should impress upon us the need to go forward armed with the understanding that Theosophy gives us, an understanding in which life and death acquire a meaning and purpose, and we can see the evidence of the divine scheme in the universe.

EVELYN O. HORNIDGE,  
*General Secretary.*

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## MEXICO

The work of the Mexican Section continues as usual and, with a few exceptions, all Lodges have solved their problems.

It is generally recognized here in Mexico, and we believe this is so elsewhere as well, that there is a decided intensification of emphasis on human values. We must accept this as a striving for life on a wider plane of consciousness. Theosophy is witnessing the coming of the new era and it cannot remain inactive; it must rise to the occasion, participating in the work and applying effectively the basic objectives of our beloved Society.

Mexico City was the site of the First Inter-American Theosophical Congress held from 27th to 30th November 1963, at which seventeen countries of America were represented. There was also a delegation from Australia and New Zealand which strengthened the basic unity. The keynote of fraternity set the tone for the tremendous strength which was experienced during this event.

Rather than enumerate the many experiences of the Congress, we will group them as follows:

(1) The force of Universal Fraternity, always working on behalf of humanity, was unmistakably active;

(2) The strength which is inherent in the Theosophical Society was manifested quite definitely;

(3) The path was clearly defined upon which more light must be poured, if we would assist the coming race.

It is worthy of note that bringing together various Sections greatly increases the strength; the spiritual and material support of brothers from North, Central and South America made possible the success of this Congress. There was also a renewal of faith in the future of the Society by the demonstration of common ideals within the Theosophical family.

Naturally this reunion will result in others; the next will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, which Section eagerly pressed its claim for the privilege of being the seat of the Second Inter-American Congress. Everything indicates the increasing strength of the Theosophical Society.

It is often said that the work proceeds slowly but with definite aims. We will

mention certain practical accomplishments within our own Section.

The following books have been published in Spanish through the united efforts of various Latin-American sections: *Un Acceso a la Realidad* by N. Sri Ram; *Técnica de la Vida Espiritual* by Clara M. Codd; *Meditaciones sobre la Vida Oculta* by Geoffrey Hodson; and the Mexican Section has published Volume III of *Pláticas sobre el Sendero del Ocultismo* by Dr. Besant and C. W. Leadbeater.

One of our Mexican sisters, in collaboration with the Association for Books on Theosophy for the Blind in Krotona, has been carrying on a rewarding work on behalf of Mexicans who have lost their sight.

The Theosophical Order of Service has been re-organized, and includes medical care together with medicines free of charge for members and friends who are in need.

The Young Theosophists have added to their ranks and show great enthusiasm in their activities.

One of our members has started the publication of a new Theosophical magazine, *Karma*.

Also, under the direction of one of the oldest members of the Mexican Section, a group has been organized to receive instruction in the practice of meditation, with the object of training for greater service.

The Mexican Section was represented at the 78th Annual Convention of the United States of the North American Section, thus strengthening our ties of cordiality.

The ritual of the Mystic Star has been celebrated without interruption.

ARTURO VADO LOPEZ,  
*General Secretary.*

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## CANADA

I am happy to report that interest in Theosophy has been steadily maintained during the past year and that there have been many enquiries for books and pamphlets. There has been a small increase in membership from 307 last year to 333 this year, and also an increase in the number of subscribers to *The Canadian Theosophist*.

Canada is a land of vast distances, and this renders somewhat difficult personal meetings between the members of Lodges in the east and those on the west coast who are some 2,500 miles from Headquarters. We have very few members in Central Canada, and a National Convention for western and eastern members has not taken place as there is no active centre of Theosophy which would be convenient

for all. But this year two visits were made to the western Lodges, one by the co-editors of our magazine, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Davy, who used part of their annual vacation time to visit the Lodges, and the other by the General Secretary and Mrs. Barr later in the year. Both these visits helped to cement closer ties among our members.

Canada has a large French-speaking population, and to help to introduce Theosophy among French Canadians, a number of Theosophical books and pamphlets in the French language were purchased. Most of these were sent to a member who now resides in the Province of Quebec, and who maintains an outpost of Theosophical thought there,

Last year the Canadian Society published an attractive booklet on Reincarnation, *You Will Come Back*. This is in question and answer form, and is proving very popular. Copies of Mr. Gardner's *There is no religion higher than Truth* have been distributed, and also copies of *Obituary: The Hodgson Report on Madame Blavatsky*. A donation was sent to the author to help with free distribution.

The visits of Dr. and Mrs. Laurence J. Bendit in September, and of the Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, in October, drew large audiences to the Toronto Lodge, and many newcomers attended. Other visiting speakers during the past year included Mr. Joseph Head, one of the co-compilers of *Reincarnation—An East-West Anthology* and Mr. Gordon Clough one of the editors of the magazine, *Manas*. Both these gentlemen

are members of the United Lodge of Theosophists.

The First Inter-American Theosophical Congress held in Mexico City in November 1963 was attended by Mrs. H. Barthelmes and her report of the Congress was published in our magazine.

On my western trip through the Lodges I was much impressed by the devotion and earnestness of the members. The work proceeds steadily in all centres, and in several Lodges *The Secret Doctrine* is the principal study book. There is a general acceptance of the idea that a thorough grounding in the teachings of that great work is essential in establishing right directions and principles, which are unfailing guide lines for all who seek to understand the elements of true Theosophy.

DUDLEY W. BARR,  
General Secretary.

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## ARGENTINA

The Theosophical movement in our Section grows day by day, in spite of the disappearance of another Lodge (Argentina), and there are three more which will probably be closed after this report, for they have for a long time been working very irregularly, and in fact they do not really exist as such. But although the number of Lodges has decreased, the number of members has not decreased in the same proportion. Generally all the Lodges are active and meet regularly; they work normally and their membership increases. There is good co-operation between the Council and the Lodges in all administrative matters where that has been necessary and useful. This year each Lodge has received a large quantity of material for distribution in its neighborhood. Visits to Lodges have also been

made by members of the Secretariat, though not as much visiting has been possible as might be desired.

*Work Abroad.*—Through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Boardman and with the help of the Argentine Section and some of its members, the General Secretary, Mr. N. E. Rimini, visited Krotona in Ojai, California, staying 25 days and attending various meetings and giving talks. He also attended the First Inter-American Theosophical Congress in Mexico, and taking the opportunity of his travels accepted the invitation to attend the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Mexican Lodge in Tijuana "Lux de Occidente," giving the greetings of the Argentine Section.

In spite of difficulties encountered since 1958 and at the request of Sister Julia

A. de La Gamma, I was able to carry out the idea of the Inter-American Congress, which was held in Mexico, at which I was the only delegate from Argentina.

The 46th Annual Convention of the Argentine Section and the second Summer School were held from 29th February to 8th March 1964 at Embalse del Rio Tercero, Province of Cordoba. This second Summer School proved to be a great success. Specially invited to be present was Mrs. Vera Boardman, who gave some beautiful lectures and each morning guided the meditation, uniting the members in great fraternal love. Also present were three members from the Uruguayan Section and one from Brazil, so it will be seen that this Summer School already has a certain international character. This convention of 120 members who lived together for ten days was truly an attempt at Theosophical community living, and a good example of what is to come in future.

After the Summer School Mrs. Vera Boardman made a tour of the groups in this country, accompanied by the General Secretary, first to Buenos Aires, then to Embalse for the Summer School and from there to Rosario, Rio Cuarto, Mendoza. We went also to our sister Section Chile where we visited Valparaiso and Santiago, fraternizing with our Chilean members.

Later in the year the General Secretary visited Buenos Aires again and also Mar del Plata and Bahia Blanca, where a slight difficulty existed in one of the Lodges, but with a spirit of brotherhood this was overcome and the Lodge is working normally and increasing its membership.

The Lodge at Cordoba was also visited. It has been working very well during the past few years. From there I went to Bell-Ville where there is the possibility of forming a new Lodge. I hope to return there shortly.

An important event in this year's work has been the approval by the Fiscalia de Estado of the reforms made in our statutes. Also important this year has been the registration of our new properties in Buenos Aires, Mendoza and Rio Cuarto.

I consider important too the work done by this Section in printing or mimeographing 7,500 leaflets containing articles on Theosophy and their distribution throughout the whole of America.

With reference to books, we continue to share in the co-operative printing of books with other Sections which speak Spanish, though at present we owe some dollars to Mr. Ballesteros because we are not permitted to send money out of the country. As an exchange we are hoping to receive from Peru copies of the book they are publishing, *The Masters and the Path*, in return for 100 copies of our *History of the Theosophical Society*.

In general it is evident that our Section is active, alive and that Theosophical work is being done strongly and regularly. The Lodges are active and meet regularly and carry out their functions. Already we have begun to organize the second Inter-American Congress.

With enthusiasm shown for our future we offer our humble collaboration in the Work.

NAZARENO E. RIMINI,  
General Secretary.

## CHILE

## No Report

## BRAZIL

The General Secretary for Brazil reports that the membership of the Section is now 865, with 29 Lodges and 4 study groups. While the Theosophical work does not seem to contribute in any appreciable manner to the progress of humanity, the Theosophical thought is constructive at the mental level, radiating a more positive influence there and contributing to many changes which are favorable to collectivity. While it does not seek to proselytize, we as Theosophists seek to spread the true Wisdom, so that our teachings may provide religions and other movements with a new dimension, approximating more to the Truth and the real significance of spirituality. We think there is important work to be done in Brazil in disseminating a knowledge of the three great laws: Evolution, Karma and Reincarnation.

One cannot judge of the work of a Lodge by the number of its members; sometimes the best results can be achieved by a small Lodge whose members are linked together in sincere friendship and who are more interested in the welfare of others than in their own. An important aspect of Lodge work is to maintain the spirit of brotherhood, for where there is criticism the work is likely to be hindered. But traditionally in our Lodges there is a large credit balance of good work done. We congratulate especially Lodge Dharma and the Ipê group on the work done by them.

The Rio de Janeiro Federation of Lodges has concentrated largely on paying off the sums borrowed to erect their head-

quarters building and have achieved much success. The Federation of Lodges in Sao Paulo is taking care that the substantial property owned by them shall be administered for the benefit of the Section and the Society and not allowed to pass into the hands of people who have ceased to identify themselves with the objects of the Society. With the transfer of some sections of the work to the new Raja Theosophical Centre two of the halls at the Headquarters will be available for letting, which will help to solve our financial problems, but this will be done without detriment to the activities of the departments which constitute the Section.

At the recent elections Señora Cinira R. de Figueiredo was elected as National President as from 17th November 1964, and Señora Carmen Piza as Vice President. We offer grateful thanks to our retiring National President Tenente Armando Sales.

The Department for the spread of Theosophical books has done magnificent work, co-operating in their publications with the Argentine, Mexican, Colombian, Peruvian, Uruguayan and Venezuelan Sections. Books printed included *An Approach to Reality* by N. Sri Ram and *The Technique of the Spiritual Life* by Clara Codd. From Portugal copies of *The New Humanity of Intuition* and other books have been purchased, while books on Theosophy published by the editors of *O Pensamento* include *The Brotherhood of Angels and of Men*, *Invisible Helpers*, *Esoteric Christianity*, *Man and his Bodies* and *The Fire of Creation*.

Other departments which have done good work were the Department of Public Relations which distributed copies of Mr. C. W. Leadbeater's *To Those who Mourn* to families which had suffered bereavements. It also regularly contributed accounts of Theosophical activities in the capital to the Sunday newspaper *Diario de Sao Paulo* which is widely read in distant parts of the country. The Arts Department organized a fine dance festival in aid of the new Raja Theosophical Centre and was able to hand over a substantial sum towards its expenses. The Theosophical Order of Service, which derives its funds partly from monthly contributions and partly from special collections, has been able to do much good work in helping the poor and in distributing gifts, especially at Christmas, while the Devotional section holds its regular meetings.

The national organ *O Teosofista* in spite of many difficulties continues to appear regularly and is a valuable medium for uniting the members of the Section and for spreading the Light of Theosophy to all who seek to lead the spiritual life. It is hoped that members will lend their co-operation to overcome the financial difficulties which it has to face.

The Raja Theosophical Centre is progressing well. In spite of the rise in prices members are co-operating to meet the expenses of construction, and we look forward to the time when this Centre will serve as a magnificent channel for spiritual forces. It is hoped that during next year some of the Theosophical Sectional activities may be transferred to this Centre, which owes its origin to our retiring National President, Tenente Armando Sales.

ARMANDO SALES,  
General Secretary.

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## BULGARIA

No Report

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## ICELAND

During the term which ended September 30th, 1964, 35 new members joined the Icelandic Section, but at the same time 15 have left, so the net numerical gain is 20 newcomers, which raises the total membership from 581, at the beginning of the term, to 601 at term's end.

The General Secretary was absent throughout the whole term, so to speak, touring India and Europe. In the meantime his duties were taken over by Mr. Grétar Fells, former General Secretary of our Section.

The Executive Committee held regular monthly meetings and organized two

meetings of the chairmen of the Lodges, where the theme "How to improve the Lodge work" was discussed; these meetings of the chairmen have been held regularly since 1960 and have proved to be very useful.

The General Secretary continued to send his monthly letters to the Section throughout the time he was away on travel.

*Gangleri*, the Theosophical magazine of the Icelandic Section, was published as usual.

The instructional work of the Lodges was carried out in the same way as



previously and was divided into two main activities: On the one hand, weekly public lectures every Friday night, which have become a popular factor in the cultural life of our capital. On the other hand, organized study and self-instruction in small groups, where a given subject is treated for a certain time and where an attempt is made to create a strong spirit of unity and to penetrate deep into the subject under discussion. This latter form of instruction is still in its experimental stages, but has proved to be a success in a number of Lodges.

Furthermore a group under the direction of Mr. Grétar Fells studied the subjects of reincarnation and karma throughout the term.

The annual Summer School was held in the month of June. The guest lecturer was Mr. E. Gall from England, former General Secretary for Scotland. The Summer School was attended by fifty people.

The young theosophists were very active during the term. Their members are now 53. They have begun issuing their own bulletin.

The Theosophical Book service greatly increased its activities during this term. Nowhere in Iceland is there such a vast choice of books on the subject of occultism and mysticism to be found. The Theosophical Book Service is in contact with many publishing houses both in America and Europe, as well as the various Theosophical publishing houses and bookshops, and it charges itself with obtaining such literature for those who wish, members and non-members alike. The T.B.S. also gives information and advice regarding books to those who so desire.

The Theosophical Order of Service undertook a collection for the aid of Tibetan refugee children and held gatherings for children, imbued with the spirit of Theosophy. Apart from this the Theosophical Order of Service also attended to welfare matters here in Iceland.

The financial status of the Section, which has been rather poor in the past, has now been somewhat improved. A generous member has donated 260,000.00 Icelandic Crowns in two years in order to establish a fund for the spreading of Theosophical work in Iceland. Making use of the fund for this purpose has already begun.

The annual Convention of the Icelandic Section was held between the 10th and the 20th of September.

It is the desire of the members of the Section to try and improve as much as possible the standard of Theosophical instruction by increasing and encouraging serious studies, by trying to increase the interest in the fundamental truths of Theosophy, to stress the need for every member to do his best to serve the interests of the Society and the Theosophical cause and thereby the whole of humanity.

Every year more new members join the Icelandic Section, which keeps growing. About half of the present members came into our Society during the last seven years. However, it is not the numbers that count but the contribution each and everyone brings, for only by considering the quality before the quantity can we arrive at a right understanding of Theosophy.

SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON,  
*General Secretary.*

## SPAIN

No Report

## PORTUGAL

This year the General Secretary of the Portuguese Section, Professor Délio Nobre Santos, was away in Angola (Portuguese Africa) and he was replaced in his functions by the Vice General Secretary.

We began our Theosophical year on 19th October, and the activities were carried on with enthusiasm and devotion.

The traditional festivals of the Society—Founders' Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day—were celebrated, and another small festival was dedicated to the commemoration of Christmas.

As usual, public meetings were held at the Headquarters every fortnight.

Lodge work proceeded regularly, with fortnightly or weekly meetings.

As already announced in the last report, two of the Lodges, "Horus" and "Pitágoras" and another one, this year, "Alcyone," were still dormant, but Lodge "Pitágoras" is being helped to return to activity and the program of study for next year has been planned.

The work in three other towns in the country is firmly going on.

Professor Délio Santos, the General Secretary, and his wife were able to go to Huizen, where he delivered a lecture during the International Week. And six other members had the opportunity to attend the French Summer School.

The Vice General Secretary and the Assistant Secretary of the Section visited the south of the country, to stimulate and participate in the work that is going on there.

The Assistant Secretary of the Section, Dr. Maria da Glória Firmino, organized

a series of meetings to initiate new members in the study of Theosophy and she was helped in this work by two young devoted members. This initiative proves very useful, since it is very important to give to new members a right approach to the Theosophical Society and to the study of Theosophy. This prevents a lot of misconceptions about the Society and its real aims. Moreover, these first personal contacts increase the interest of new members and encourage them to study, to work and to love each other.

The same intention and the need to stimulate a dynamic attitude and approach to Theosophy, preventing stagnation and dogmatism, led the Vice General Secretary to start a series of symposia that were held monthly, at the Headquarters, on "Theosophical Thought Today".

We had the pleasure of hearing the Vice-President of the Instituição Cultural Krishnamurti in Brazil, who, in two meetings gave us information about the most recent lectures by Mr. J. Krishnamurti in Saanen (Switzerland).

This year, the greater part of the lectures were intentionally dedicated to Theosophy and Art, as interest in all forms of Art is a feature of our times. Among this set of lectures we would like to draw attention to one delivered by the famous educationist, Mr. Edgar Willems, a member of the Theosophical Society in Switzerland. These lectures were a complement to the educational efforts made by a group of members of the Section towards the education of sensibility through Beauty.

Some members and their children held a summer camp as part of that Theosophical educational work, and as a preparation for Round Table activities.

Concerning membership, we mention that 17 new members were admitted and 16 dropped out by resignation. The total number of members increased from 214 to 215.

Regarding the financial situation, the Section continues with the usual difficulties. A few devoted members continue

to give their financial support whenever it is needed. There are, however, better prospects owing to a legacy to be received in the near future.

The keynote of this year's activities was the need to create in all members the sense of individual responsibility to the work, and the urgency to present Theosophical ideals to the world through the *living* of Theosophy.

MARIA BEATRIZ SERPA BRANCO,  
*Vice General Secretary.*

## WALES

The Section, though small, continues its work in many ways. During the year there have been ten new members and the return of a former member.

A Convention was held in Colwyn Bay, North Wales, in October 1963, with Mr. Wallace Slater, General Secretary of the English Section, as Guest Speaker. In May 1964, being given the opportunity of having the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, to speak, the 1964 Convention was held at the Headquarters, in Cardiff, South Wales.

Members in outlying districts are visited whenever possible; correspondence links

other members. There is a steady flow of life in the small Centres, which is encouraged and fostered by the members.

Through sincere and active service, the work of the Theosophical Society in Wales is becoming better known and interest is being stimulated in widening fields. May the members of the Section, through the deepening of their own Theosophical life, be ready to take their part in the work ahead of them.

WINIFRED B. KNOWLES,  
*General Secretary.*

## POLAND

No Report

## URUGUAY

Through the period covered by the present report the eight Lodges that form our Section worked normally, each one keeping its tonic and typical way of working. We must mention the special

work of three young members who during this year took under their responsibility three Lodges and worked enthusiastically showing efficiency as any older member. It is our hope that their help becomes an

example and that in a short time we might renew our leaders and consequently increase our diffusion work.

The most important events which took place during the period September 1963 to August 1964 were few and are the following.

The First Inter-American Theosophical Congress which took place in Mexico City last November 1963 was attended by two of our members as delegates of our Section and it meant for us a better relationship among the Theosophical leaders of other countries, establishing a basis of co-operative work in order to increase in all its forms the real aspect of our first Object.

The second Summer School which took place in Argentina was also attended by three of our members as delegates of our Section, and it represented increased fraternal relations which no doubt will be larger still. The immediate result was the visit to our Section of a big delegation of members of the Argentine Section who came at the end of May 1963 presided over by Mrs. Andrea Pondé. Mr. Juan Viñas and Mr. Luis Spairani not only helped us with their new forms of Theosophical thought, but we also enjoyed their expressions of real brotherhood.

The second campaign to obtain funds for our own house started last September 1963 and we are glad to see all the members interested and willing to offer their contribution. In total we have collected up to the present date 533/- dollars and 2,000/- Uruguayan pesos (around 100 dollars). We have also arranged a raffle for next January 1965 which, if all the numbers are sold, will represent 2,000/- dollars with which we shall be able to consider the possibility of buying a house. Twenty important prizes have been donated among which there are some valuable pieces of art.

The obtaining of our legal status has been delayed due to an inconceivable fact—the files of papers bearing on the case were lost in the governmental office; but we have been recently informed that we shall have a favorable resolution by the end of next October.

On September 1963, our eight Lodges started their activities with 133 members. During the year 13 new members were added and 9 were dropped; therefore at present we have 137 members in total.

VICTOR ALVAREZ BISBAL,  
*General Secretary.*

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## PUERTO RICO

In the past year we have given special attention to the study of the fundamentals of Theosophy. We have followed prepared courses written by students in England and the United States of America. A number of our members have shared the responsibility of giving these courses. The weekly afternoon discussion group continues to meet.

At Easter time, as usual, we had our annual Convention at our main head-

quarters at San Juan. During the course of the Convention several members participated in a symposium on "The Message of Theosophy to the Modern World". We were pleased to receive greetings from the Theosophical Society in East Africa.

An improvement has been the installation of three large electric ceiling fans in our lecture hall (we have very hot weather). We may sit comfortably in our back patio on a stone terrace which was made

possible through the efforts of our member Mr. Heladio Lopez who is an architect.

The policy of visiting Lodges in other parts of the island was followed in the past year. The number of Lodges remains unchanged though there is a decrease of membership. Though we are ten fewer (2 deaths, 1 resignation, 11 lapsings) four new members joined during the year which is somewhat encouraging.

The radio program once a week has continued without interruption. Señoritā Stella Plard sees to the arrangement of the program. One of the new members joined as a result of hearing these broadcasts.

Book sales have been very good. We have sold a good number of books in English in addition to titles translated into Spanish. An interesting example has been the tastefully printed translation of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's *Meditations on the Occult Life*. That Latin American printing and designing standards are high is evidenced in this volume. Printed in Mexico for eight co-operating Latin-American Sections, the run of 3,000 copies enables us to sell this very useful book at a profit though the retail cost is fifty cents in American money.

Also the lending library has acquired lately a number of books from members, some of whom have passed on. We are trying to add to it modern publications of Theosophical literature.

The Section journal, *Heraldo Teosofico*, is published bi-monthly. Three hundred copies are sent free to members in the Section and to Spanish-speaking countries. We try to have in it translations of articles of current trends in Theosophical thinking taken from other Theosophical magazines.

We are also publishing translations of the series of letters prepared in the U.S. Section and sent each month to all new members. They are being used in other Sections in South America.

Four of us were able to go to the American Section's Convention and Summer School. It is a great opportunity to meet new members and renew our friendships in addition to bringing back fresh ideas to try in our work.

It was a very busy year for our workers; being a small Section, all work had to be done among a few. But the co-operation and friendly atmosphere was very good.

CARMEN G. BALLARD,  
*General Secretary.*

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## RUMANIA

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## YUGOSLAVIA

No Report

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## CEYLON

The Society consists of seven Lodges—Besant, Lanka, Olcott, Sathiyamarg, Shanti, Lotus and Vasantha. Lotus Lodge is at Veyangoda and Vasantha Lodge at Horana. Shanti Lodge, which was at Galle, has now changed its address to Colombo where most members reside. The rest of the Lodges mentioned above all function in Colombo.

The year under review has seen more activity than in recent years.

On 18th October, Lanka Lodge commenced study classes on *The Secret Doctrine* which continued throughout the year under the guidance of Mr. F. Rustomjee.

On 18th November, the Society celebrated Foundation Day with a meeting at Besant Lodge. Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q.C., was the chief speaker. We had a good turnout of members for the occasion.

On 6th December Mr. Choksy gave an interesting talk on his reminiscences of Theosophical leaders, dealing in particular with such pioneers of the movement as Mrs. Annie Besant and Bishop Leadbeater with whom he had valuable contacts during their lifetime.

In the month of December a group of members organized a public lecture at the Tea Board Hall on the Buddhist and Hindu views of reality. Dr. Balendra spoke as a Hindu and Mr. V. F. Gunaratne as a Buddhist. The Hall was filled to capacity by an appreciative audience.

The same group held a meeting of the adherents of all religions on 23rd December to celebrate the advent of Christmas. The Mayor of Colombo presided and all speakers were non-Christians. Christmas carols were sung at the end of this festival meeting.

On 17th February a meeting at the Tea Board Hall took place to celebrate Adyar Day. Mr. Choksy, Q.C., was the chief speaker and referred in particular to the

international role of the Society, and to the fact that it was composed of adherents of all the world religions.

In the months that followed two Lodges which were rather dormant were revived. Shanti Lodge was, as stated earlier, reconstituted in Colombo, with the National Secretary as its President. Sathiyamarga Lodge under Mr. K. Somasuntheram's effective leadership now has regular meetings, and members evince much enthusiasm for Lodge activities.

On 9th May the Society celebrated White Lotus Day with a talk by Mr. F. Rustomjee, followed by a meeting of the Sathiyamarga Lodge where Mr. K. Somasuntheram was the chief speaker. Mr. Somasuntheram continues to give a series of talks at his Lodge on the interesting subject "Science and Evolution in Religion".

The annual Convention of our Section was held on the 10th of May at the CNAPT Hall. Mr. D. L. F. Pedris, who was elected National President, welcomed the delegates in a short address. The chief speakers were Mr. K. Ramachandra, editor of the Religious Digest, and Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q.C., President of the Ceylon Section for many years. Mr. Ramachandra spoke on "Practical Religion" and Mr. Choksy on "Theosophy—Knowing it and Living it".

This annual Convention was quite a success affording many members an opportunity of contacting each other after quite some time. It also afforded an opportunity of enrolling some new members.

The occasion was also availed of to launch a Religious Harmony Movement, so necessary in our heterogeneous community. It is however resolved that this movement will proceed on its own momentum and will not commit the Section to any line of activity.



We had the pleasure of welcoming quite a few visitors in the course of last year:

Miss Jeanne Dumas was with us in July and August and gave more than one talk on subjects of psychological interest which were much appreciated.

Mr. S. H. Bhide Shastri of Sangli Lodge, Maharashtra, India, who was in Ceylon at the same time as Miss Dumas, gave illuminating talks on the *Gita*.

On 27th May, Mr. C. D. Shores gave a talk on his travels in East Africa and Australia illustrated by lantern slides.

The last meeting for the year under review was held at Besant Lodge when Mr. and Mrs. H. Murphet and Miss J. Dumas addressed members.

D. L. F. PEDRIS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## GREECE

This year activities of the Greek Section continued in the usual manner in the five Lodges of Athens as well as in the four Lodges in the provinces.

The membership of our Section is now 212 which means a decrease of 33 members from last year. There were 8 resignations, 36 lapsings and 4 entered the Light. At the same time we recorded two readmissions and 13 new admissions.

Our magazine *Ilisos* is issued regularly with success every three months. The same with our bulletin which is for members only.

Last August we had the great pleasure of having a distinguished visitor, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson with Mrs. Hodson. Though at this time of the year the Lodges are closed due to summer vacations we held an extra meeting which was attended by a great number of members. Mr. Hodson delivered a wonderful lecture of a high standard and answered questions.

The great event during this year was the Council Meeting of the Federation of

European Theosophical Societies which was held in Athens in April. President Sri Ram presided and addressed the assembled members more than once with his usual beautiful and inspiring speeches. Other speakers were the Chairman of the Federation, Mr. J. Coats, Mr. G. Tripet of the Swiss Section, Mr. Nagel of the German Section, Mr. Slater of the English Section, Mr. van Leeuwen of the Netherlands Section, Mme. Sabetay of the French Section, Dr. Fantechi of the Italian Section, Mr. Lorenzana of the Spanish Section, Mr. Melissaropoulos, Mr. Joannidis and Mr. Haritos of the Greek Section and others.

The meeting was a very happy event for the members of the Greek Section and many thanks are due to the organizer, Mr. John Coats, who had the kindness to propose Athens for this meeting.

K. MELISSAROPOULOS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## CENTRAL AMERICA

*GUATEMALA: Lodges Kuthumi and Gnosis.*—There has been great activity in the Lodges during this year, since they have formed "The Theosophical Association of Guatemala". Both Lodges work in intimate collaboration in the matter of studies and also socially. They have in hand a project to publish a Theosophical bulletin.

*EL SALVADOR: Lodge Teotl.*—This Lodge is always very active in Theosophical work. A special work is the Round Table activities conducted by the Lodge.

*HONDURAS.*—This country has had to reduce its work as it has not been possible to revive Lodge Subirana, but it is hoped to found a new Lodge.

*NICARAGUA: Lodges Blavatsky, Prati-bha and Darlu.*—These three Lodges have been actively engaged in preparing for the holding of the third Central American

Theosophical Convention at Managua in November next.

*COSTA RICA: Lodges Virya and Shakti.*—Study work has been intensely carried on in both these Lodges, and attracts the attendance of many people, not only members but also visitors. The Theosophical School conducted by Mr. Leon Avila works throughout the year with fruitful results. We must especially felicitate the Presidents of these two Lodges on their work.

*PANAMA: Luz Lodge.*—Although this Lodge has seventeen members the number of those who attend has been much reduced. This year they received a visit from Mr. Osberto Cuellar of Guatemala.

*Membership.*—The total number of members in the nine Lodges of the Section is 157.

JOSE JOAQUIN ULLOA,  
General Secretary.

## PARAGUAY

No Report

## THE PHILIPPINES

*Our Local Field of Action.*—The Philippine Section, being located as it is geographically in South-east Asia, where the newly emergent nations are generally in a state of political and social ferment and economic imbalance, our members feel with natural concern the adverse impact of these troubled conditions upon the people they aim to help Theosophically in their local field of action. They note that here where there is comparative peace and economic stability, the people

cannot escape sharing in the general more or less oppressive feeling of distress in this area of so-called under-developed nations, where as usual the poor masses suffer the most. What is truly more lamentable in this connection is the evident contagious tendency towards moral deterioration in almost all walks of life, particularly observable among those in high places where it should be least expected.

A relieving aspect, however, in these undesirable conditions in which the general

scramble for the grossly material and illusory things of life negates usually every consideration of human brotherhood, is the quiet rise and practically unnoticed activity of a few organizations, such for example as the Moral Rearmament Movement integrated by a few well-known local civic leaders; the "Operation Brotherhood" organized by some doctors and nurses and other social workers who, on their own initiative and expense, sailed to South Viet-Nam to help relieve the sufferings of the poor refugees from the local war in that country, and continue to extend succor to the victims of natural calamities in other places; the "Friendship, Inc." which we reported before was started by some of our members with Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio, our Section Vice-President, and now taken up by prominent members of the community who have interested the government to help in the rehabilitation of freed prisoners from the national penitentiary; and other humanitarian and spiritually oriented movements.

*The Theosophical Society and the T.O.S.*—In the midst of the unfavorable environing conditions, within and without themselves, in which our workers have to carry on their Theosophical activities, they are prone to virtually isolate themselves from the rest of the world as they make the effort to raise themselves above these circumstances in order that they can more effectively serve in the realm where they can help correct the wrong causes which afflict mankind. In thus concentrating themselves in such laudable efforts they are apt to forget that they are also in duty bound to do what they can to help ameliorate and minimize the evil on the objective plane of precipitated effects in which they as all else are inescapably involved. In this connection we have of course the Theosophical Order of Service which provides a wide field wherein our

members individually can work and apply their Theosophical knowledge in a practical way to help solve the problems of men in the work-a-day world. While it is also open to non-members, the T.O.S., which according to our Section By-Laws is under the directorship of the National Vice-President, has so far not been able to attract more of our members or outsiders, except in the Healing Department, which at present is doing a very fine work. We hope that more of our members will embrace this wonderful opportunity for service.

*Group Study and Research.*—A group of our members, following the suggestion in one of the Mahatma Letters that "one has to get a knowledge of spiritual facts by personal experience and from actual observation," has for sometime now been engaged in experimenting at our National Headquarters, in deep and concentrated study and research in Theosophy and the Theosophical life. They are now inviting more of our members to join and actively participate in the project. Sensing that life expresses itself from within outward, they believe that they can work more creatively and be able to project truly helpful and uplifting ideas if they can establish within themselves the proper launching base, as it were, for such spiritualizing forces. They hope that by deep study and strenuously seeking the evidence of Theosophical truths within themselves as they live the life, they will realize the true basis of Universal Brotherhood and be able to express it spontaneously in their daily relationship with all that lives. They propose to interest in this experiment and research not only members but also others who are seeking to live a more meaningful life than that which the ordinary modern way of living provides.

*Section Activities.*—The work of the Section during the period under report

proceeded steadily both at the National Headquarters and in practically all our Lodges. A good number of interested enquirers attended the meetings, and fifteen new members joined the Society. It has been observed, however, that while attendance in Lodge meetings was fairly good, there are still a good number of regular absentees. Some Lodge officers suggest that a deeper realization by the general membership of their moral obligation which they voluntarily assumed when they joined the Society would redound to the awakening of the proper enthusiasm for the highly altruistic work in which our Society is engaged in both the Lodges and general Headquarters. It is also believed that a closer relationship and co-ordination of work between the Lodges and Headquarters than at present obtains should be striven for. While practically all the Lodges in and around Manila were almost constantly visited by the National President and other members, the provincial Lodges should likewise receive more often the visits of our national officers or of specially assigned lecturers.

It may be worth while recording that during the period we were invited to give lectures on Theosophy and related Masonic subjects before Lodges of the local Masonic bodies. Some of our members have been attracted to Masonry, while a good number of Freemasons have joined our Society. At the special request of two or three Masonic Lodges, our lecture hall at Headquarters is temporarily rented by them for their Lodge meetings.

*The Theosophical Youth Movement.*—This movement has been active during the year round, holding its regular weekly meetings on the roof garden of our National Headquarters. The members have done yeoman service co-operating with and supporting the Section in its varied activities. Under its

President, Miss Adi P. Manalad, plans are being drawn up as to how they can help raise funds for the Section. They are expected to participate actively in the coming national annual Convention to be held on December 13, 1964, which is planned to be in the form of an outing in the country, during which there will be open-air lectures, literary-musical programs and games. The usual Christmas party where the children of members are entertained will take place on 20th December. The T.Y.M. members are even now beginning to practise the usual Christmas carols to be sung during the party and making the usual gift solicitations from members and friends during the season, the proceeds of which they intend to donate to the Section.

*Visitors from Abroad.*—On January 11, 1964, we were happily surprised by the unexpected visit of Mr. John Coats, President of the Federation of Theosophical Societies of Europe. His brief visit consisted of almost twenty-four hours of constant activity. He left giving our members the gratifying impression of one who appears to be a truly dedicated Theosophist. It is hoped that he will come back for a longer visit.

During last May/June, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson were with us for almost thirty days of strenuous activity. During that period Mr. Hodson gave in his forceful and illuminating delivery twelve public lectures, including the one he gave before the Scottish Rite luncheon meeting, and another at the Cosmopolitan Church, all of which were numerous attended and well received. His talks during members' meetings were highly and gratefully appreciated. His charming wife, Sandra, was always present in all gatherings and both have become dearly beloved by our members. Their visit, which we hope will be repeated soon, gave our Section the opportunity to advertise the Theosophical

Society and its work very widely. The local press gave Mr. Hodson's lectures copious space.

In July Miss Edith Gray, president of the Theosophical Book Gift Institute of Wheaton, Illinois, U.S.A., came to Manila and very generously donated Theosophical books to the Library of the University of the Philippines, the libraries of the City of Manila, eighteen in number around the city, and to the national penitentiary. Our modest Section library also received from Miss Gray a valuable donation of Theosophical books, for which we are indeed very grateful.

Last September we also received for a very brief visit a long-standing member of the Society, Bishop Sten von Krusenstierna of the L.C.C. of Australia. He gave a short illustrated lecture in our Headquarters.

We are happily expecting the visit early next year of our International Vice-President, Mr. James Perkins and his wife Kathrine. Unless present plans as last advised are modified, they will arrive at Manila on January 28, 1965, and will stay with us up to 3rd February. We are now preparing a full program for both of them based on the schedule of their lectures kindly furnished to us by the American Section.

*Our Section Library.*—As mentioned above our library has been augmented with some forty-eight new Theosophical books donated by Miss Edith Gray of the U.S.A. Our National Librarian, Mr. Carlos Ripoll, has already received the books from the Adyar Publishing House; the rest from America have not yet arrived. Mr. Ripoll appeals to members for donations of books which they can spare from their private collections, in order that others may benefit from them.

*Our Theosophical Bookshop.*—Mr. Felipe Gambao of the Lotus Lodge is in

charge of this important activity of our Section. He orders Theosophical books, manuals, pamphlets, etc. from the several Theosophical Publishing Houses abroad, and sells them to members at a nominal margin of profit which he adds to the revolving capital of the Bookshop. He also accepts orders for incense sticks, sandal wood blocks, and subscriptions to *The Theosophist*. A pocket edition of *At the Feet of the Master* may also be obtained from him.

*Our Finances.*—In our last Financial Report as at June 30, 1964, we showed a deficit in our Section's treasury. Although a part of the deficit has been at this writing covered from voluntary contributions and annual fees of the members, much is still needed to place our treasury in sound standing. The greater part of the existing deficit pertains to the Foreign Visitors' Special Fund, and this needs replenishing.

*The Executive Committee.*—With a view to a better and more comprehensive planning of our Theosophical projects and other activities, as well as to provide greater opportunities to our members to serve in the different departments of the work of our Section, we have suggested the creation of an Executive Committee under the Office of the National President. The following have agreed to have their names submitted to the Board of Trustees to constitute the Committee:

Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio,	<i>Chairman</i>
Mr. Francisco Escudero,	<i>Member</i>
Mr. Aguedo L. Tiqui,	"
Atty. Mario Zapata,	"
Dr. Perry S. Lim,	"
Miss Adi P. Manalad,	"
Mr. Romeo Velarde,	"

DOMINGO C. ARGENTE,  
*General Secretary.*

## COLOMBIA

Señora Carmen Correa de Vengoechea, our General Secretary for several years, died on the 17th August, after a long and painful sickness. She fell ill shortly after her return from the Inter-American Congress held in Mexico a year ago.

There was an election and at a meeting of the Council, I was elected General Secretary. In this position I will try to do my very best to serve the interests of the Society, as well as of the Section, its Lodges and members.

Due to the long illness of Sister Carmen, I found a lot of work lagging behind, and it is only now that I am able to make this report and that only in a very condensed way.

I find that on 30th September 1963 the total membership here in Colombia was 177; 30 new members were admitted,

two died and there were 88 lapsings, leaving an active membership on 30th September 1964 of 177 distributed over 11 Lodges.

Thanks to the activities of our Bro. Walter Ballesteros as translator, we have been able to maintain the publication of our quarterly *Seleccion Teosofica*, a 32-page pamphlet with articles from *The Theosophist* and other Theosophical magazines in English. Four thousand copies were distributed free through all our Lodges and to other Sections in Latin America. Also 2,000 copies of the book *Meditations on the Occult Life* by G. Hodson were printed in Spanish in co-operation with some of the Latin American Sections.

GABRIEL BURGOS S.,  
General Secretary.

## EAST AFRICA

Once again, it is my privilege to report a steady progress of the activities of the Theosophical Society in East Africa during the year 1963-64. The interest in Theosophy and the Theosophical Society can be evidenced in the formation of two new Lodges during the year under report. If we can muster more workers and visitors, there is a vast potentiality of approaching the educated African population, who, having won their political freedom, are looking for a philosophy of life which only can equip them to face the problems created by mere political freedom.

*Independent Status.*—The year under report saw all the territories of East Africa—Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika and Zanzibar—attaining complete freedom from foreign rule. As a result of this,

the sons of the soil have replaced the immigrant people in all responsible jobs which is a proof of the existence of the evolutionary law which it is said, gives opportunities to all people to achieve a higher and better status. It is our earnest prayer that this opportunity enables the leaders of each country to govern righteously and fairly all races residing within it. As members of the Theosophical Society we pledge to do our best to help all people to live in unity, peace and harmony with each other.

*Membership.*—As a result of the policy of Africanization in civil service and also in several large business concerns, hundreds of persons in the East African Common Services Organization (Railways, Post & Telecommunications, Customs, etc.) became out of jobs this year, many



of whom have already left the area. There have been difficulties in Zanzibar and Pemba. But in spite of all these factors, we have not suffered as much loss in membership as we expected. Our membership on 30th September 1964 stands at 587 as against 613 last year, 621 in 1961-62 and 683 in 1960-61. It would seem that the trend is on the decline but nevertheless the progress of the Society is evidenced by the new members who joined during the year; 84 new members joined in 1963-64 and 50 new members joined right at the beginning of the new year 1964-65 at Mbale to offset the loss suffered during the year, but this figure will be accounted for in next year's statistics.

The names of 119 members were removed from the register for not paying their dues for two consecutive years. As has been mentioned in previous reports, unless we get African membership in large numbers, there is likelihood of still further decrease in membership next year as many more Asians will be replaced by Africans in civil services and commercial business and are likely to leave the country for want of means of maintenance. We intend to go to African centres to acquaint them with the teachings of Theosophy and the work of the Theosophical Society.

*Annual Convention.*—Our 14th annual Convention was held at Nairobi, the headquarters of the Section, under the auspices of the Nairobi Lodge during the Easter holidays from 27th to 30th March 1964. It was a unique event for three reasons: (1) that the Convention was held in an independent country for the first time; (2) two overseas visitors were guest speakers at the Convention; (3) it was held in our own newly-built premises of the Nairobi Lodge—the first of its kind in East Africa. The Convention was attended by over 100 delegates from all

parts of East Africa. The guest speakers, Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla and Mr. B. C. Sutaria, gave two Convention lectures each. The Convention was a great success in all respects. The symposium on "The Future of the T. S. in East Africa" provided several original ideas about our future work in this country. The questions and answers meeting was, as usual, a very interesting item of the program. At the Annual General Meeting all the office-bearers, including myself as National President, were re-elected for another term of three years. A spirit of brotherliness and dedication to the cause was the keynote of the Convention.

*Visit of Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla.*—On receiving the news that Mrs. Minwalla was going to Amsterdam to attend a Montessori Congress, the East African Section requested her to go via East Africa and be a guest speaker at our 14th Convention. She was kind enough to agree to do so at her own expense. She arrived a few days before our Convention and delivered two public lectures on "Destiny of Man" and "Our Social Problems". The lectures were presided over by the first African judges, Sir Samuel Quashie-Idun, the President, and Justice Crabb, the Judge of the Court of Appeal for Eastern Africa. Sir Samuel was so much impressed by the Theosophical ideas that he attended Mrs. Minwalla's other lecture at our Convention also. The East African Section is very grateful to Mrs. Minwalla for her visit and wonderful lectures delivered by her prior to our Convention, as a result of which many interested persons attended our Convention program also.

*Visit of Mr. Bachubhai C. Sutaria.*—At the Annual General Meeting held at Nakuru in 1963, it was decided to invite Mr. B. C. Sutaria, Secretary of the Gujarat Theosophical Federation (India), to visit East Africa on a lecture tour. Mr. Sutaria

accepted our invitation and arrived at Mombasa on 24th March 1964, a day before the start of our Convention. He toured all the Lodges in East Africa after attending our Convention and also visited Rhodesia at the invitation of the Southern African Section. He popularized the Theosophical Society through his public lectures and individual contacts with people of all races. He strengthened the Lodges by giving talks to members and sympathizers on the history of the Theosophical Society's work, the lives of its leaders and the approach of Theosophy to present-day problems. He conducted study classes on Theosophy at almost every Lodge. His audience comprised hundreds of Africans in addition to Asians and Europeans. At many places his meetings were presided over by distinguished sons of the soil and as a result, special meetings in African locations were demanded in order to benefit those Africans who could not attend other meetings. The effectiveness of his exposition of Theosophy and the work of the Theosophical Society is evidenced in the formation of a new Lodge at Mbale, Uganda, with 50 new members after only one lecture that he delivered there. His one day's visit to Mbale brought very useful members and the Lodge into the Theosophical work. The East African Section is very grateful to Mr. Sutaria for his arduous work which will be remembered for many years.

*New Lodges at Thomson's Falls (Kenya) and Mbale (Uganda).*—I am very glad to report that with the single-handed efforts of Mr. N. M. Vishawadia, a former member of the Jai Jalaram Lodge at Thika, a new Lodge at Thomson's Falls was formed and inaugurated by me on 1st March 1964. I was accompanied by the National Secretary, Mr. H. M. Chhaya and the Zonal Secretary, Mr. A. B. Patel, and a member of the Nairobi Lodge, Mr. H. C. Patel. On this occasion five

members of the Nakuru Lodge came to Thomson's Falls to witness the ceremony and give their fraternal greetings. All the members there are young and enthusiastic and are giving their services to the people of the town in various ways. The Lodge was duly put on a sound foundation by Mr. B. C. Sutaria, who stayed and worked there for a week.

Another Lodge was formed at Mbale (as reported above) by Mr. B. C. Sutaria who was helped by Mr. Shanabhai N. Patel, a former member of the Padma Lodge, Jinja (Uganda). Mr. S. N. Patel became a nucleus of the new Lodge and was able to inspire as many as 50 members from all walks of life including the Mayor of the town. The Lodge, named "Mount Elgon Lodge" was formally inaugurated on 4th October 1964, at a special function, by Dr. J. M. Amin, President of the Nile Lodge, Kampala, who went there as my representative, with Mr. C. G. Patel, V. M. Yajnik, Y. G. Patel and Mrs. Amin of the Nile Lodge, Kampala, at the invitation of the Mount Elgon Lodge, Mbale. I trust this Lodge will be a beacon light for the people of Uganda.

*Tour of Lodges.*—Apart from Mr. B. C. Sutaria's visit to all Lodges except Bharat Lodge at Chake-Chake, Pemba, where conditions were not favorable for a visit, Mr. H. M. Chhaya visited Lodges at Moshi, Dar-es-Salaam and Zanzibar. I visited the Unity Lodge, Mombasa, and also visited Sitaram Lodge at Kericho with Mr. H. M. Chhaya and the Thomson's Falls Lodge at Thomson's Falls. I also visited Lodges at Ruiru and Thika. Several other members visited other Lodges. Frequent visits to Lodges are difficult in a vast country like ours but an effort is made to visit each Lodge at least once a year.

*Studies.*—Mr. Sutaria conducted study classes at several Lodges on *A Textbook*

of Theosophy by Mr. C. W. Leadbeater. Apart from this several Lodges conducted studies of various Theosophical books in their weekly meetings.

*Section's Journal.*—The *Theosophical Light* was published quarterly in English and Gujarati during the year and linked members all over East Africa together in thought through its articles, news and notes appearing in each issue.

*Section's Bookstall.*—Our enthusiastic bookstall manager, Mr. H. E. Amrolia, retired after seven continuous years of honorary service. He was instrumental in selling books worth thousands of shillings to members and the general public all over East Africa. He has been relieved and replaced at his own wish by a young and enthusiastic member of the Nairobi Lodge, Mr. R. D. Mistry, who, it is hoped, will also do his best to spread the wisdom of Theosophy to all corners of the country. Last year we sold books worth approximately 4,000 shillings.

*The School of the Wisdom.*—Mr. T. Edmonds of Narayan Lodge, Dar-es-Salaam, attended both sessions of the School of the Wisdom in 1963-64.

*88th International Convention at Varanasi.*—Two of our members were fortunate in being able to attend the 88th International Convention at Varanasi in December 1963. They were Mr. T. Edmonds of Narayan Lodge, Dar-es-Salaam, and Mrs. Bapai M. Baria of Unity Lodge, Mombasa. Mrs. Baria had the privilege of conveying greetings to the assembly on our behalf.

*Visitors.*—Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla of Pakistan visited Nairobi and Thika Lodges. Mr. B. C. Sutaria was a visitor to all Lodges. Mr. Robert G. Nairn of Salisbury Lodge, Southern Rhodesia, stopped at Nairobi on his way to India. He gave a talk at the Nairobi Lodge on "Living Theosophy".

*Collaboration with the Southern African Section.*—Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta's visit to Rhodesia was followed up by a visit by Mr. B. C. Sutaria while he was on a tour of East Africa. In this way, both Sections will be benefited and linked together by similar visits in future.

*Visit to Adyar.*—Mr. C. G. Patel, the Vice-President of the Nile Lodge, Kampala, visited Adyar while he was on holiday in India. He was very well looked after at Leadbeater Chambers where he had put up and we thank the staff and inmates of Leadbeater Chambers.

*Invitation to the President to visit East and Central Africa.*—At the instance of Mrs. M. E. Nairn the National President of the Southern African Section, we have invited the President, Bro. N. Sri Ram, to visit East Africa once again, in 1965. It is hoped that he will agree to do so in view of the long time that has elapsed since he visited East Africa last and in view also of the settled condition of the newly independent states of East Africa. His visit this time will be of great help to us, and will give great impetus to inspire African brothers to join the Society whose principal aim is to foster brotherhood amongst all races.

*Activities of the Lodges and General Progress.*—All the Lodges except Mwanza, Morogoro, Kitale, Chake-Chake, Ruiru and Thika have been very active throughout the year. Regular and pre-chalked-out programs of lectures, symposia, study classes, discussions, questions and answers, picnics, entertainments, musical programs, cinema shows, social gatherings, etc. were carried out by most Lodges. In nearly all Lodges young members take keen interest and hold some offices. All the meetings are open for all who are interested and it is very gratifying that many sympathizers attend our meetings regularly and join the Society eventually

of their own accord—we never ask anyone to join but do invite them to come to our meetings without any obligation.

Mr. Sutaria's recent visit has aroused some interest in the African educated people. The Nakuru Lodge has followed up this newly-created interest by inviting African brothers to their meetings and to speak on some subject in which they are interested. Nakuru Lodge is also having non-Theosophists come to our Lodge and speak on different religions. The Highland Lodge, Eldoret, is also following up the interest of African brothers by sending them information regarding Theosophy and the Theosophical Society and inviting them to its weekly meetings. The Tabora Lodge is issuing every month a bulletin in which small articles on Theosophical topics are given by various members.

Most Lodges celebrated the usual Theosophical days, namely Dr. Besant's birthday, Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Wesak Full Moon Day, Ashadha Full Moon Day, death anniversary of Bro. C. Jinarājādāsa, birthdays of Dr. G. S. Arundale and J. Krishnamurti, etc.

Local and overseas visitors of other institutions of importance were invited to speak at the Lodges. Many members, in their individual capacities, are actively engaged in humanitarian work, such as hospitals, youth work, social services, work for the deaf, dumb, blind and disabled, animal welfare, and they try to inculcate Theosophical attitudes to all human problems.

*Brave Theosophists.*—This report will be incomplete if tributes are not paid to Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah of Krishna Lodge, Zanzibar, our former National President, with whose courageous guidance, inspiration and understanding of Laws of Nature, i.e. Theosophy in practice, the members of the Krishna

Lodge, Zanzibar, and the other Asian public have been able to withstand the trouble in Zanzibar in January this year. He was assisted by Mr. V. H. Kapadia, Mrs. H. M. Pandya and others in this task of encouraging people to face the situation with calmness and understanding of the justness of the Law. May they all be blessed and guided to act in the Theosophical spirit in future also.

*Dormant Lodges.*—It will be noted that for the last three years, I have shown Lodges at Chake-Chake, Pemba, Morogoro, Mwanza, Kitale, Ruiru and Thika as dormant and have not closed them down. This is because I have a hope that they will be revitalized when someone can give sufficient time to these places as there are some persons who are still interested in Theosophy and only an impetus is needed to rouse them up. Local members are unable to pay a visit and stay for some days at these places, so we expect the work to be done by visitors in future.

*Conclusion.*—On the whole, the Theosophical movement has gone forward in spite of the slight decline in membership. The membership figures reflect only a part of the work. We have hundreds of sympathizers gained during the year and the proof of the interest in our work and in our ideals is the attendances at our lectures even with only slight publicity. There are not many members on the roll but there are many hundreds who appreciate and sympathize with our objects.

We are passing through a transition and our efforts are to hold on and watch for the opportunity to push on according to the circumstances. The ensuing year may be more difficult but it is my earnest hope that our members throughout East Africa may have the determination to carry on our work as best as is possible. My hopes are on the younger ones—the older ones also are surely

doing their best but the main responsibility lies with the younger ones below 45 years of age, who I am sure, will hold the banner of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society in all circumstances. My earnest prayer is that all races may be blessed and guided to fulfil the task entrusted to this age!

Finally, I invoke the blessings of the Great Ones, who are the true founders of our Society to inspire, guide and help us all in the carrying out of our duty to the cause, to the country and to the Society.

H. S. PATEL,  
*General Secretary.*

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## PAKISTAN

This year completes 16 years since the founding of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan as a separate entity, Lodges in Pakistan having been previously attached to the Indian Section. The year has seen no increase of Lodges or Centres except that the Youth Group which had ceased working as a Lodge has picked up its activities very well during the year and is well on its way to becoming an active Lodge again.

*Membership.*—The year closed in September 1963 with 277 members spread over 6 Lodges and 2 centres. During the year under report 53 new members have been enrolled. But on the other hand we have lost 46 members through lapsings, resignations and deaths. The membership on 30th September 1964 stands at 284.

*Activities.*—Lodges in Karachi, Comilla and Hyderabad have continued to work quite actively during the year. The work in other Lodges has suffered due to lack of workers, i.e. lecturers and organizers. The report of the Karachi Lodge shows steady and worthwhile activities consisting of regular public lectures, members' meetings, study classes and activities of the Theosophical Order of Service. An addition this year has been a special study of Krishnaji's books *Commentaries on Living*. The Youth Group has had very steady and well planned activities

every week throughout the year. The Lodge has observed the anniversaries of the Founders of all religions as well as the leaders of the Theosophical Society. Days of special significance such as Remembrance Day, United Nations Day and World Animal Day were observed.

The library of the Lodge has shown further improvement and expansion. A number of new books have been added. A special budget was made for the purchase of Islamic books and books in the Urdu language. The children's library also shows increased use. A full-time trained librarian has been employed and under him the library is becoming better organized and better used day by day. This library as well as smaller libraries of other Lodges would gratefully receive gifts of books and magazines, Theosophical and otherwise.

The Besant Lodge in Hyderabad under a new management has begun to show more activity recently. Membership has increased considerably in the past two years. During the year under report 34 new members joined the Lodge but 32 members were lost through lapsings, resignations and deaths. The Lodge has now 75 members on its roll. A very special celebration of Shah Abdul Latif Day was organized which was attended by some members of the Karachi Lodge also. The function was a very great success and



was participated in by a large number of non-members as well.

The Youth Lodge at Hyderabad also continues to function satisfactorily. There are occasional public lectures and members' meetings and a number of members are engaged in the service of the community. The Lodge has some good leadership and enthusiastic speakers.

The Comilla Lodge in East Pakistan continues to work very steadily but with a very small membership of nine persons. While two new members joined the Lodge during the year, four were lost due to resignation, lapsing and transfers. One such valuable member who has been transferred to a Lodge in India was Mr. Umesh Chandra Datta, who was the life of the Lodge and its secretary for very many years. He will be missed very much by the Lodge as a whole. A great support to the Lodge is Mr. Rash Mohan Chakraborty, a prolific speaker and a deep student of the Eastern wisdom. He lectures to the Lodge and public every Sunday whilst members gather daily in the Lodge premises for informal talks and studies.

Lodges in Lahore and Quetta have hardly held any activities. The centre at Dacca continues its work but due to lack of speakers and proper premises wherein to meet, it is unable to make much progress.

*The Second Pakistan Convention.*—The second National Convention of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan was held in Hyderabad in March 1964. About 40 members from Karachi attended and one member from East Pakistan made a special attempt to come all the way from Dacca. The rest of the delegates were all from Hyderabad. Professor Jal. B. Dorab and Mrs. Sherine J. Dorab came as Guests of Honor. There was the inauguration address, public lectures, members' meetings, a business meeting and a special

symposium on "The Light of Islam in the Dark Ages". The Convention was a great success and stimulated a great deal of interest and enquiry in Theosophy and the work of the Theosophical Society. One of the important decisions taken was to produce Theosophical literature in Urdu and other vernacular languages of Pakistan. A beginning was made of a small fund for publications.

*Visitors.*—We have been fortunate during the year to have a number of visitors to Pakistan, although mostly, unfortunately, to Karachi only. Professor and Mrs. Jal B. Dorab, besides participating in the second National Convention, spent some weeks in Karachi, giving a number of public lectures and taking members' meetings and study courses. Having worked for many years in Agra and Aligarh, centres of Muslim culture and learning, they were able to contribute much in attracting Muslims to their lectures. Their visit was deeply appreciated by members and non-members alike and already members are looking forward to another visit by these good friends. Mr. John B. S. Coats, Chairman of the European Theosophical Federation, spent three days in Karachi and gave two public lectures and a members' meeting. Bringing with him his natural warmth, understanding and affection as well as wide experience of Theosophical work in Europe and other places, Mr. Coats brought a most valuable contribution to the Theosophical work in Pakistan. Miss Jeanne Dumas spent a few months with us in West Pakistan and was able to visit Lodges in Karachi, Hyderabad and Quetta. Her visit to the last place was of special value as hardly anyone is able to visit this far-off north-western outpost of our work, and the Lodge badly needs workers. Both in West Pakistan and in East Pakistan where she went originally as a member of the U.S.A. Peace Corps,



Miss Dumas was able to influence the individual member, stimulating enquiry and helping with her deep study on sociology, psychology and anthropology. We are very grateful to Miss Dumas for having spent so much time with us in Pakistan. Miss Daphne Darroch spent the whole year at Karachi and will be there till December 1964. She has with her willing sacrifice and strong sense of service taken up a number of activities in the Lodge work. She has taken most of the study courses during the year, given public lectures and helped the work of the library and the office of the Presidential Agent. Work in Pakistan needs her type of workers who can stay over a significant period and help to build up sustained interest among members. She will be greatly missed by the workers of the Karachi Lodge.

We had a brief visit once again from Dr. Cecile de Sweemer and her mother, Mrs. Mathilde de Sweemer-Cornand. They were returning to Belgium after their stay in India for six months. Members were happy to greet these old friends and to have their presence at some of their meetings.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—The work of the Theosophical Order of Service in Pakistan, mainly centred in Karachi, continues to bring help and joy to a number of under-privileged persons. The work in Karachi is active in the field of relief and rehabilitation and the activities for blind adults. The number of blind persons attending the club meeting has increased considerably. The Education Committee also became active with group discussions on papers submitted by the London Research Group. The Healing Ceremonies continued to be regularly held. There are now nearly a hundred children being helped by the Sponsorship Department of the Save the Children Fund, London. This enables the children

to continue their education and be helped in their other needs. A number of individual members work with other important welfare agencies and make a significant contribution to their work, holding responsible positions on the committees.

*Theosophy in Pakistan.*—The journal has been published every quarter and sent out to every member in the country and to other interested persons. The magazine carries reproductions of important Theosophical articles appearing in *The Theosophist* and other Theosophical magazines. It also publishes Theosophical news from other parts of the world as well as the International Centre. The journal makes a special effort to carry articles on Islam and interpretations of Islam from the Theosophical point of view. From time to time there has come a word of appreciation for the journal from members and others who have been able to read it.

*Publicity and Field Work.*—It is still difficult to obtain Theosophical books from places outside Pakistan due to non-availability of foreign exchange. An individual can import books annually worth Rs. 150/- but it becomes difficult to place individual orders. Efforts are still continued to obtain licences or permits to import books through the K.T.S. Book Depot. Nevertheless we have been fortunate in obtaining some books during the year. The libraries of the Lodges are used as well as they can be. They need to be continually replenished with new books and new additions.

Efforts are being made to translate very important Theosophical works into Urdu and we hope that during the current year some advance in this direction will be made.

As mentioned above Karachi, Hyderabad and Quetta Lodges were visited by some of our overseas visitors.

The Presidential Agent visited Hyderabad three times during the year and gave lectures on Theosophical subjects to members and to the public. Groups of Karachi members visited Hyderabad during the National Convention and the observance of Shah Abdul Latif Day. During this time some of the members gave lectures and participated in Theosophical activities. Much more needs to be done in strengthening field-work and we hope that help will be forthcoming from members as well as overseas visitors. Mr. K. D. Shahani and Mr. M. H. Abdi have offered to visit Hyderabad Lodge periodically and it is hoped that they will be able to do so.

*Conclusion.*—The most urgent need for promoting Theosophical work in Pakistan is that of workers. It is difficult to have more than one or two Theosophical

lecturers from within the country and the need is for spotlight lecturers, workers who could travel to chosen centres and pay frequent visits in order to consolidate the work in those areas. It is difficult to find such workers in Pakistan. On the other hand we would be happy to have workers from other Sections who could come and stay in the country for a length of time and help in the work. We would be glad if the President could make this fact known in his Presidential Address. Our other very great need is that of books. We would be grateful for gifts of books to our libraries specially in the smaller places. We hope that with added co-operation the work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan will advance during the coming year.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,  
*Presidential Agent.*

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## MALAYA AND SINGAPORE

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## NORTHERN IRELAND

The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland had a satisfactory year, with good programs of meetings, lively and earnest interest among members, fresh contacts with the public and a very cordial and friendly atmosphere. We had lecturing visits from two friends from across the sea, Mr. Edward Gall and Miss Ianthe Hoskins. The speaker at our Annual Convention in June 1964 was our President himself, for whose helpful visit we are very grateful. All our three

Lodges were represented at the English-speaking Regional Summer School held in England in July, and we were also represented at the International Week at Huizen in August. Our membership has risen slightly to 55. It is almost certainly a healthy sign, in a Society with our First Object, that the sexes are now almost equally represented in our current membership register.

HUGH SHEARMAN,  
*Organizing Secretary.*

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## ISRAEL

It appears that the initial period of "ground-breaking" which characterized our Theosophical work in Israel during the decade of our activities is now slowly turning into a new phase of evolution in which the "seed" planted in 1953 is beginning to show signs of having taken firm roots so that a rather hopeful "branching out" can be observed.

In spite of the illness of the Presidential Agent, Mr. Hans Zeuger, of several months' duration last winter the work continued regularly in all our Lodges whereby new speaker-talents came promisingly to the fore. As in previous years, Mr. Zeuger was again invited to give a talk over our government-owned broadcasting station, and—as a new development—received an invitation from one of the Lodges of the international Jewish Order "Bnei-Brith" ("Sons of the Covenant") to lecture on a Theosophical theme, as a result of which another Lodge has now asked for a similar lecture during October 1964, in our new working year. Furthermore, an English-speaking study group has been organized for a number of young people in Tel-Aviv, and it is hoped that as a consequence a new Lodge will emerge there in the very near future. A new Centre at Ness-Ziona has also been formed in recent months which deals mainly with the question of helping Tibetan refugees, particularly young students for whom the Israel Government very kindly has granted five scholarships.

On the other hand, we very regrettably did not succeed this year in publishing our first Theosophical book in the Hebrew language, a translation of Cooper's *Reincarnation, the Hope of the World* owing to financial and technical hitches, but this item is now high up on our list of activities envisaged for the coming year. Our

news-sheet *Theosophie in Israel*, however, does come out regularly in the same form as heretofore, with articles in English, German, French and Hebrew, and seems to be much appreciated in Israel as well as abroad. Preparations are now well advanced concerning the formation of a Federation of Lodges in Israel, and this, too, is one of the transactions we hope to be able to carry out in the course of 1964-65.

Quite a number of our Theosophical friends visited Israel during the year just ended, some of them for the second time. First of all Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Council; and furthermore Mr. Michael Godby, a Young Theosophist from Australia, Mrs. Vally Stadt from Austria, Dr. Cecile de Sweemer and her mother, Mrs. Mathilde de Sweemer from Belgium, Miss Jessie Hamer, a Young Theosophist, too, from Holland and, last but not least, Mr. Geoffrey and Mrs. Sandra Hodson whose week-long stay in Israel during September 1964 constituted most decidedly the highlight of the past year. Some of them, Mr. John Coats, Mrs. Vally Stadt, Dr. Cecile de Sweemer and Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, gave one or more lectures during their visit which were all very much appreciated by members and visitors alike. Although we were looking forward very keenly to a visit by our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, indicated as a possibility in the report of the European Council meeting held at Athens this year, we very much regretted that this hope was not fulfilled.

Some of our own members went to a number of Theosophical gatherings in Greece, Holland, Austria and the U.S.A., strengthening considerably thus our links with our sisters and brothers living in those parts of the globe.

We added six new members to our lists, bringing the current figure to 109, but as in previous years, some of them are not in good standing. In the course of our re-organization—the transition from a Presidential Agency to a Federa-

tion of Lodges—we intend to clarify the status of each member and to reach thus a clear synopsis of our actual membership.

HANS ZEUGER,  
*Presidential Agent.*

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## JAPAN

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## VIET-NAM

*Directive Council.*—In July 1964 a new Directive Council was elected for a term of three years, consisting of twelve members: General Secretary: Mme. Nguyen thi Hai; Asst. General Secretaries: Mr. Nguyen van Huan and Mr. Nguyen van Luong; National Secretary: Mr. Nguon-Har. The other members include two assistant secretaries, a Treasurer and two assistant treasurers, and four Council members.

*Activities.*—The Theosophical Society in Viet-Nam carries on its regular activities without hindrance and is generally esteemed. The changing situation in our country makes us concentrate our efforts on consolidating our ranks, offering to our members and to the public our Theosophy which is so useful and precious. There are three aspects to our programme: (1) the physical side: increasing brotherly activities between members and philanthropic work towards society; (2) the intellectual side: the propagation of Theosophy by books and through our magazine, as well as by lectures and talks on Theosophy; (3) the spiritual side: encouragement of the study and practice of spiritual living.

On Sunday mornings we organize at our Headquarters lectures on Theosophy

in general endeavoring to throw a clear light on the problems of daily life. The talks are concerned with occultism and its practical application. They are followed by discussions or question-and-answer sessions. Many members and sympathizers take part in these meetings.

In addition, during the past year we have had a weekly course on Dr. Annie Besant's *A Study in Consciousness*. Many members attended it, but unfortunately these evening meetings are temporarily suspended because of the curfew.

Great benefit was derived from the visit of Miss Helen Zahara, General Secretary of the Australian Section, who came to Saigon in February 1964, bringing with her a vivid feeling of brotherhood which united us to all the Theosophical Sections of the world. She gave two public lectures and met members at various Lodges in the capital. Her talks were greatly appreciated.

In June 1964 Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson toured the Section for a month, giving a number of lectures in Saigon at the Headquarters and to some of the Lodges there. Mr. Hodson also lectured to a numerous and enthusiastic audience, and inspired many persons in search of the Light to live and work for Theosophy,

during this time when the country has to meet a heavy karma.

We also have happy memories of Miss Edith Gray, President of the Theosophical Book Gift Institute in America. She donated valuable Theosophical books to our library, and also visited our orphanage. We are always glad to receive visits of members passing through Saigon who bring us into touch with Theosophists throughout the world, giving a feeling of real unity with them.

In addition to the lectures and talks on Theosophy we publish our magazine *Tim Hieu Thong-Thien-Hoc* bi-monthly, which plays an equal part in the spread of Theosophy. With a circulation of 2,000 to 3,000 each month it is well received by the intellectual public and in religious circles.

In the field of brotherhood among members and towards the public we have organized a system of mutual help and relationship, and we maintain an orphanage which cares for sixty young children, towards which many members contribute money and gifts of milk, clothing and medicine. We have also organized an annual distribution of approximately \$20,000 to the poor, and made special collections for people who suffered from the recent floods in central Viet-Nam. At Dalat, a spiritual Theosophical centre is in course of being established, where several houses will be built for Theosophical families around a proposed central meditation temple, while a large building will be reserved for visiting members. The idea is to form a nucleus of Theosophical brotherhood which will radiate the benediction of the Masters. The Centre is named "Centre Spirituel Théosophique Djwal Kul". It will serve as

the headquarters of a Lodge which it is hoped to form at Dalat.

*Membership.*—We received during the year 98 new members, many of whom hope to become workers for the Society. There were two re-joinings. Losses amounted to 5 resignations, 4 deaths, 47 lapsings and one transferred to another Section. The present membership stands at 710.

*Lodges.*—Lodges in the capital are most favorably situated and have furnished the greater number of workers. Each follows its own line, concentrating on public lectures, study talks to members, or participation in social work as the case may be. All join in the meetings at Headquarters for the Annual Convention, celebration of Theosophical festivals, and so on. The Lodges in the provinces are not able to make much progress, though some of them are able to hold study classes for the members.

*Conclusion.*—In spite of the difficulties which oppress our country and the critical situation generally we are still able to carry on our usual activities, and we hope to undertake further useful work. In working for the Theosophical Society and for the well-being (material as well as spiritual) of the members we feel the inner inspiration of the Masters of the Wisdom. May these Holy Ones, in the work consecrated in Their names, continue to enlighten us with Their Wisdom and inspire us with Their Compassion. And may the light of Theosophy illumine us so that we are the better able to serve Them in the Society and in our own country.

NGUYEN THI HAI,  
General Secretary.



## VENEZUELA

*New Members.*—During the year just ended the following members joined the Society: Danial Gamez Calcano and Francisco Alejandro Vargas D.

*Activities.*—We celebrated all the principal Theosophical festivals: 17th November, 17th February, and 8th May, White Lotus Day. On Adyar Day collections were made both for the

Adyar Headquarters and for Tibetan children.

Our study has continued throughout the year, in sequential form, in spite of the political difficulties experienced by this country. When will this karma end for Venezuela?

PABLO BONILLA T.,  
*General Secretary.*

## WEST AFRICA

For the second time in succession the Federation did not find it possible to hold its annual Easter Convention. This was because there was reason to feel that conditions were not propitious and although the 1964 Convention promised to be one of the largest, yet wisdom dictated that arrangements for the get-together should be called off at the last moment.

Last year we reported the formation of a new Centre in Northern Ghana. This Centre has qualified for the status of a Lodge and has been chartered. With at least seven Lodges now within the Federation, the question of constituting the Federation into a Section is under consideration.

This year we were greatly blessed in having a visiting lecturer in the person of Dr. Raghavan N. Iyer, an Indian Fellow of the United Lodge of Theosophists and a professor at Oxford University, England. Prof. Iyer was in Ghana for a short period on a lecturing tour as visiting professor to the University of Ghana, Legon, Accra. Immediately on his arrival Prof. Iyer contacted the writer and was invited to our White Lotus Day celebration, which, however, he missed, having gone to visit another university in the country on that occasion. From his first impromptu talk

to one of the Lodges in Accra he impressed us with his power as a lecturer and on our invitation gave from our platform a series of six public lectures on Theosophy, the *Philosophia perennis* as he described it.

Professor Iyer's brief work among us had a tremendous effect and served, among other things, to sell the Ancient Wisdom—as no one else could have sold it—to a small group of his intellectual friends who, on his account, attended his lectures.

Another special event of the year was the visit of Bishop Sten von Krusenstierna to this country from 10th to 16th September. Bishop von Krusenstierna came expressly for the Liberal Catholic Church in Accra but was able to fit into his program a meeting with the Theosophical Lodges in Accra and another with the Lodge in Kumasi in the heart of the country. The meeting with the Accra Lodges was attended by members from the provinces; and Mrs. Krusenstierna, who lived some time ago at Adyar and accompanied her husband, also spoke to the members about the spirit and work at Adyar.

The Bishop on his return from Kumasi expressed great hopes in the young membership of the Kumasi Lodge "Raja" and



felt that these young members, mostly secondary school students, hold great promise for the future.

The lack of effective leadership, as also of the knowledge of Theosophy and the ability to put it across, is a handicap to our work. As a result, certain Centres in Ghana of many years' standing have yet to attain the status of a Lodge, while five Centres in the northern region of Nigeria are moribund. Sometimes a keen and enthusiastic leader comes on the scene, attracts enquirers and a Centre is

formed. When, however, unforeseen circumstances deprive this embryonic nucleus of such a leader, it collapses in consequence of the absence of a "one-eyed king" so to speak "among the blind" with relative knowledge of the fundamentals of Theosophy to hold the fort.

The soil is fertile and the time is ripe for the tilling but technicians (trained laborers) are unavailable for the field.

K. BRAKATU ATEKO,  
*Organizing Secretary.*

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## CANADIAN FEDERATION

As in the report for 1962-63, the past year has again shown a small decrease in membership; however it is pleasant to report the formation of a new Lodge in Toronto, the "York Lodge".

All Lodges report a fairly active year of study, and in some Lodges a number of public lectures.

As is always the case, a visiting speaker attracts good audiences which shows that a large number of the public are interested in Theosophy. The Lodges in western Canada were fortunate and happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. James Perkins last September. Mr. Perkins lectured both in Vancouver and in Calgary, while Mrs. Perkins gave a public lecture in Edmonton and also a radio interview in that city.

A small but successful Convention was held in Edmonton last May with representation from all five of the Lodges in Western Canada.

The old problem of attracting new members is still with us in spite of efforts

by Hermes Lodge in particular to diversify its Sunday evening program. Quite a good number of people attend, are interested, but do not join. With the older members gradually leaving us for other planes, the problem becomes not only one of finding members to take the various offices, but one of much more importance: Who is going to carry on at all in a very few years?

The Federation Lodges, although in most cases small in membership, are very active and are looking forward to another year of study and of bringing before the public whenever possible the knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom.

I regret that I have been obliged to announce my resignation to the Federation Council, as I am being transferred by my company to Calgary, Alberta, early in 1965 and therefore will be unable to continue in office as Federation Secretary.

JOHN P. BARNES,  
*Federation Secretary.*

## EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The annual Council Meeting of the Federation was held in Finland in June 1963 following the Council's decision to hold such meetings in years between Congresses or other special gatherings in the more outlying Sections. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Sylvi Horstio and her very able helpers for arranging a most delightful week in the midst of the lake and forest scenery which surrounds Helsinki, the capital city. The theme of the meeting was "Are we doing our job?" and many interesting talks were given both by members of the host-Section and by General Secretaries and others who had come from other countries. About 160 people attended a tour arranged to Kreivila, the beautiful estate in the country which belongs in part to the Finnish Section and where many of their summer activities are held, and as a result of these contacts a real fillip was given to the already considerable enthusiasm of the Finnish Section for our Theosophical work.

This year was characterized by a great number of Summer Schools and the family feeling engendered in these gatherings seems often to provide exactly the field we need for the deepening of our understanding of life. The first was in Iceland, under the title "Theosophy and the Future" and was followed by Summer Schools in Denmark, Germany, Holland and England. The usual Regional Summer School was held in Pichl in Austria in the German language with 65 to 70 attending and a theme: "How to form a Nucleus of Universal Brotherhood". Most noteworthy of all was the large joint regional and multi-lingual Summer School held in Leysin in Switzerland under the theme "Where do we stand?" when over 250 members representing more than 20 countries gathered in this beauty-

spot of the Swiss Alps. The General Secretary of the Swiss Section—Monsieur Georges Tripet and Mme. Tripet, treasurer of the Federation—had been engaged in preparations for many months and arrangements for the translation of all talks into 4 other languages (French, German, Italian, Spanish or English) and all went smoothly from start to finish. Both M. and Mme. Tripet are to be congratulated on a highly successful piece of work. It was delightful to be able to welcome a number of American members to the Summer School and some of them, together with representatives of many countries, took part in the talks and discussions. The "great outdoors" was all about us and evoked such response from within as each participant must through experience himself know. What has been called "The Spirit of Leysin" may live a long time as a force in the European work.

The Young Theosophists of Europe—50 strong—met in camp at Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark and discussed a great many subjects under the general heading of "Theosophy through Creative Work". More than at any previous time did these younger members feel the reality of their togetherness, a sense of unity in their work and an upwelling strength to go ahead with many activities that they all felt impelled to pursue. It was a memorable occasion both for hard work and deepening experience.

The International Week in Huizen also drew our members together with the theme "Towards a United Europe". Members from 22 countries enjoyed a fruitful week, initiated by Miss Pascaline Mallet, acting Head of the Centre, and closed by the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who managed to arrive from America, via Iceland where he spent

a few days with the members, in time for the final sessions—a most happy and quasi-unexpected happiness for all present.

Previously the President had visited Paris and London on his way to the United States, whilst Srimati Rukmini Devi, who had been invited to be the Guest of Honor at the English Convention, toured the British Sections for six weeks and paid a rapid visit to Huizen also on her way back to India.

The Regional Committees have been active during the year—the German-speaking Committee meeting both in Basle in May and in Pichl in September, the Pays-Latin Committee meeting in Leysin, the British Region in London at Whitsun and from the North there is the good news that a Northern Regional Group was formed during the Council meeting in Helsinki. This will be on a geographical basis and include Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, with Mrs. Blichfeldt of Denmark as secretary to start with.

We welcome Mrs. Ruth Nielsen as General Secretary of Norway; this country celebrated its 50 year Jubilee in 1963. The Scandinavian Sections also received a visit from Dr. Hugh Shearman this year and his lectures were received everywhere with acclaim and appreciation.

Once again we should congratulate the editors of the different Federation magazines on the good work they do. The members in the different Regions are appreciative of the material offered.

The Theosophical Order of Service sent out a report this year which was most encouraging, showing as it does the wide variety of work undertaken and a growing interest in most countries. Discussions have taken place on the possibility of issuing a small news-letter at regular intervals.

Mrs. Ingrid Nyborg-Fjellander who is Chief Secretary of the Order of the

Round Table has also sent in a report which shows that the Order is active already in 9 European Sections. It is to be hoped that this splendid and imaginative work for children will continue to spread; camps were held in both Holland and England.

The Chairman had a busy year spending most of the year travelling. He visited Summer Schools, Committees and Lodges in Iceland, Spain, Portugal, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Holland and France. Executive Committees were held in Helsinki, Leysin and Paris, the last being presided over by the Vice-Chairman, Prof. A. M. Haas, owing to the absence of the Chairman in India where he had attended the International Convention in Benares, visited a number of Lodges in India and spent several weeks at Adyar. He also visited members in Hong Kong, the Philippines and Australia.

The Federation is becoming more conscious each year of itself as a truly European institution but we should not forget that we stand for the wholeness of our continent and not only for one half of it. The Iron Curtain—so-called—must one day disappear and the resultant union of east and west will doubtless bring situations for everyone that no one at present suspects. May we be prepared throughout our lands with open and loving hearts for this fulfilment of the ideal of a unified Europe which this Federation has ever sought to uphold.

The 1964 Council Meeting of the Federation was held much earlier than usual this year. It took place at Athens in late April and was arranged to fit in with the plans of our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who presided. It was not a very large gathering as many could not travel so far, but it was representative in that 13 countries were represented there, together with a delegate of

the European Young Theosophists and observers from several other countries including Israel. It was a very happy gathering and our hosts, the General Secretary and members of the Greek Section, made a great number of arrangements for our entertainment and comfort. Certainly without their help, it would have been difficult to arrange a meeting so far from "home". It was, however, in accordance with the Council's previous decision to hold its meetings in some of the more outlying countries that the decision to meet in Greece was taken. It was fully justified.

The President spoke on more than one occasion and with translations was enabled to make a good contact not only with the members in Greece but with the public of Athens as well. Several Lodge presidents from Greece spoke about the particular work of their Lodges and other speakers included Mr. Wallace Slater, General Secretary of the English Section, and Dr. Fantecchi who represented Italy.

Summer Schools have been held this year at Gammel Praestegaard and at Sainte Nectaire in central France. All the former members from the countries of Scandinavia attended and the President was able to be there for the last few days of the School. About 88 members of the Pays-Latin countries met at St. Nectaire under the Presidency of Dr. Thorin, the General Secretary of France, who was responsible for organizing a most effective week of study and refreshment. Members came from Portugal on the one hand and from Germany on the other to make it a truly international occasion. In England, too, there was a fine regional Summer School at Swanwick where the President again could preside over about 200 members. An interesting and varied program occupied a week that seemed to make all the participants happy to have attended. National Summer Schools were held in

Sweden and in Holland, whilst the usual Regional Summer School was held at Pichl in Austria and attracted not only Austrian, Swiss and German members but also some visitors from countries where our work is not at present active. The Young Theosophists held a camp at Göttingen in Germany and over 80 young people from many European countries attended. Really fine discussion groups characterized nearly two weeks under canvas with camp fires each evening.

The International Week at Huizen attracted many visitors and here again a week of activities brought members from all over Europe. Mlle. Pascaline Mallet, Vice-Chairman of the Centre, arranged an interesting program and was the kindly hostess to all who came.

The President, who arrived in Greece in time for the Council Meeting, went on from there to Italy to attend the Convention of the Italian Section in Perugia. Afterwards he stayed a day or two in Rome where he visited the Headquarters to give an address and left there for a short stay in Geneva before arriving in England for a visit of about six weeks, during which he presided over the Conventions of the English, Scottish, and Welsh Sections and Northern Ireland Federation, toured several of the English Section Federations and attended the special Research Centre week-end in Camberley. From England he went to Brussels for the Belgian Convention, and then on to Holland where he visited quite a number of Lodges and spent some time at the Huizen Centre. Berlin was the next place visited and after a busy three days in those curious and unique surroundings, left for the Summer School in Denmark. He returned to London, presided over the Regional Summer School for the English-speaking group, left for a few days in Paris and so back to India. The Federation as always

is deeply grateful to him for sparing it so much of his time.

The Vice-President and Mrs. Perkins spent some weeks in England and attended the English Section's Convention.

Other visitors to the Federation this year included Dr. and Mrs. Bendit who came over from America for a few weeks and attended the Summer School in Swanwick.

The German-speaking Regional Committee met as usual in Basle in May and the Pays-Latin Committee in Paris in November. The British Committee met at Swanwick. At all these, plans for the future work in Europe were discussed and specially with regard to the World Congress in 1966 for which plans are already being made.

We welcome Mr. Niels Sorensen as the new General Secretary in Denmark.

Dr. Norbert Lauppert has again been elected General Secretary in Austria in place of Herr Fritz Schleifer and we are glad to see him on the Council again.

We mention with great regret the death of Mrs. Evelyn Hornidge, who as General Secretary of the Irish Section has for many years done all she could to promote Theosophy in that rather difficult religious

atmosphere. A great worker, she will be much missed.

The Treasurer of the Federation, Madame Rachel Tripet, has had to be in hospital for some months with a rather serious heart condition but I am pleased to be able to report that she is now home again. She will have to take life a little easier but I think we all feel very grateful to her for carrying on her work in spite of these difficulties.

Preparations for the World Congress in Salzburg are going ahead. The final dates fixed are from 14th to 22nd July 1966. These dates are two days earlier than originally planned due to the fact that the Musical Festival starts on 26th July and we should be finished by then.

The Chairman has had a busy summer, visiting summer schools in Denmark, England and France; attending the International Week in Huizen and the Regional meeting of the Pays-Latin Committee in Paris. He also attended the Young Theosophists Summer Camp in Germany and recently completed a 5-week tour of Lodges in Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

JOHN COATS,  
*Chairman.*

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## LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR PERU

### LODGE "H.P.B."

*Activities.*—During the period mentioned, we have carried on a methodical work for intensive Theosophical diffusion, on our three weekly working days: Tuesday dedicated to visitors, with simple, didactic expositions; Wednesday, members' work, training and preparation; Friday, exclusively dedicated to deep subjects, and only for members of the Society. Average attendance has been 33 per cent of

members and a variable number of visitors and sympathizers.

During this year, we have kept to a well-organized lecture plan, comprising a study of the principal laws such as Evolution, Cause and Effect, Dharma, etc. which are studied in a general way; also, for Tuesday meetings we have sketched out a study on Cosmogogenesis, a short course on Raja Yoga and another on Comparative religions.



We were fortunate to have a visit from Mrs. Vera Boardman, from Krotana, Ojai, who favored us with a lecture on "Faith and Forgiveness," which delighted the audience and brought to our centre many members who had been absent.

*Mexican Congress.*—Our Section delegated our President as representative to the First Inter-American Theosophical Congress which was held in Mexico City. He also visited Puerto Rico and the U.S.A., and in Mexico he had an active role in the deliberations. He later went to Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

*Publications.*—Since 1957 a printing service has been created in order to distribute material among Theosophical associates and friends. At the Assembly held on 1st March 1960, it was resolved not to load the Society's economy with such publications. Consequently, the Lodge President undertook responsibility for printing and distribution, which responsibility he is still today carrying on. Without undermining the Society's economy they circulate under the Lodge's seal and they have been and are the most effective means of communication.

The publications are distributed to 56 active members, 52 friends, and together with Theosophical institutions and persons abroad, a total of 1,318 printed items are distributed monthly. In the latter group there is some interchange, principally with Theosophical Sections abroad.

*Theosophical Publications.*—Bearing in mind that many of the classical books on philosophy, Theosophy, etc. were not available locally, and moreover, such imported works had prohibitive prices,

our Lodge decided to meet such lack by publishing some mimeographs.

*Conclusion.*—We are in a condition to assert that, as never before, the spirit of investigation and brotherly affection reigns in our midst.

Regarding collaboration with the Sections abroad, we have been pleased to contribute to the fund for Theosophical publications fostered by our world President and seconded by Mr. Ballesteros and Mr. N. E. Rimini, which permits the Spanish-speaking Sections to keep up to date with the new currents of Theosophical thought in English. Likewise we have carried on an exchange of books between the Argentine Section and our Lodge, which we consider beneficial to both parties.

JORGE TORRES UGARRIZA,  
*President.*

#### LODGE "PAZ Y AMOR"

The report we are able to make regarding our work is very little, because since last January we have been without our Headquarters up to this day, when we have found a new one due to the kindness of Señor Sassone Sarfaty, who has been good enough to allow us to use the basement of his own dwelling house.

On my own account I have been doing some propaganda by means of mimeographed leaflets and in conversations with friends at my home. In addition I have distributed leaflets to people more or less sympathetic whose reviews I receive.

ALFONSO REVOREDO IGLESIAS,  
*President.*



## HONG KONG

## HONG KONG LODGE:

*General Committee.*—The following were elected as members of the General Committee at the meeting held on 27th February 1964: *President:* Mr. K. S. Fung; *Vice-Presidents:* Mr. L. Clark and Mr. S. L. Yen; *Secretary-Treasurer:* Mr. P. Y. Ko; *Librarian:* Mr. R. Ching.

*Membership.*—The increased membership this year at 32 is double the number as compared with last year, largely as the result of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson in May and June 1964. It is the biggest membership since the revival of the Lodge.

*Meetings and Lectures.*—During the year meetings were held regularly. The main subjects studied were Zen Buddhism with discussions led by Mr. S. L. Yen and Agni Yoga led by Mr. H. O. Parrish. Although the attendance of members was small, great interest was aroused, and the committee wishes to draw the attention of the members to these meetings as the only activity the Lodge can now achieve.

*Visit of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson.*—The most stimulating event of the year was the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson who arrived on 21st May and departed for Saigon on 11th June 1964. Mr. Hodson's lectures were so valuable that they attracted not only our members but also a great number of the public of the Colony, some of whom became members after attending the lectures. There were over a hundred in

the audience at each session and sometimes about three hundred. Six public lectures on a variety of subjects were given by Mr. Hodson, and in addition he spoke at four members' meetings, one of them being a question and answer session. All the lectures were recorded on tapes and are available on loan to members. In addition three important gatherings were held during their visit: a welcome party and vegetarian dinner at a local restaurant; a sight-seeing trip of the New Territories and a reception which was attended by fifteen members and friends; a birthday dinner party at the Hilton Hotel, when Mr. Fung, on behalf of the Lodge, presented an ivory gift to Mrs. Hodson in a congratulatory speech.

*Visitors.*—On 31st May, Mr. T. Winter of Divine Life of Norway visited the Lodge, and on 24th June we had a visit from Miss Edith Gray, of the Theosophical Books Institute of America, when a vegetarian dinner was arranged.

*Expression of thanks.*—Grateful thanks are due to Mr. R. Ching for his generous dinner party on 31st May, and for allowing the Lodge the use of his office for meetings; also to Mr. Fung for interpreting Mr. Hodson's lectures. We thank also those who supplied their assembly halls for Mr. Hodson's lectures and allowed us the use of rooms for a meeting place.

K. S. FUNG,  
*President.*

## THE WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

Since the 88th International Convention was held at Varanasi and it was realized that a quorum would be lacking, our annual business meeting was postponed to March. However, an informal meeting was held at Varanasi to discuss general ideas and plans.

The Annual Business Meeting was held at Adyar on the 9th, 15th and 25th March 1964. The General Secretary's report and the annual statement of accounts were presented. Miss Cornelia Müller was elected Treasurer. The members of the Executive are Miss Mira Brandt, Mr. Henk Verhoog, Mr. Jan Fjellander and Miss Sarojini Srinivasan.

*Convention.*—A youth symposium was held on 29th December 1963, on "The Real Work of The Theosophical Society". Mr. John Coats took the chair, the speakers were Michael Godby of Australia, Viraln Kendulkar and Anand Chaudhry of Varanasi and Timothy Edmonds of Tanganyika. All spoke with force and enthusiasm. The next day we had another session "The Role of the Young Theosophists," the speakers being all adults.

*The Work During the Year.*—The executive met a few times to discuss how we could make our work more successful. We also formed a Constitution Committee and met many times in an effort to frame a simpler Constitution.

*Election of the President.*—Nominations were called for the President of the W.F.Y.T. and Mr. John Coats was nominated and elected.

During the year John Coats visited India, Australia and Pakistan, meeting many young people in these countries; he also met young people in countries with no official groups such as the Philippines, and was present at the annual Camp of the European Y.T.s held in Germany.

A group of European Y.T.s touring India under the auspices of the Indian Vegetarian Congress and contacting Indian Y.T.s wherever possible created great enthusiasm.

*The 1st International Y.T. Conference.*—This was held at Adyar on 8th March 1964. Delegates came from Australia, England, Germany, Holland, India, Nigeria and Sweden. Good wishes from Rukmini Devi and other well-wishers, greetings from all countries, and reports were received. We also had the opportunity to make friends with each other over lunch and during a swim. A discussion followed on "The Role of the Youth Movement in the T.S." After tea there followed group singing, slides, dinner and a campfire.

*Argentina.*—There are four active groups in Argentina, with 44 full members and 8 associates. They took a great part in the Section's Summer School held in March. Young Theosophists from Mendoza took part in anniversary celebrations of the Buenos Aires group, and members also toured in Argentina and in Uruguay where they had last year helped to form an active new group. They meet regularly. Some of their topics were: "Is Brotherhood the inner force of our actions?", "How can we help the development of children?", "What the T.S. is contributing", "What the Young Theosophists are pursuing", "Theosophy and the world today". They have been exchanging tape-recordings. The group in Mendoza performed dances at an orphanage and provided refreshments for the children; another group contributes monthly articles to the newspapers, helps older members with translation of T.S. pamphlets, distributes books in hospitals and gaols.

*Australia.*—A two-week camp was held at Maroochydore on the sea-shore from 4th January and another will be held from 26th December at Terrigal, N.S.W. The January camp was a great success; the topic was "Theosophy in Human life". Discussions were held on the relationship between Theosophy and religion, sociology, world politics and science. There are five groups who meet for fortnightly meetings and also some social activities. Patricia Bradley was elected the new President last Easter during the Section Convention, where the Y.T.s played an active part. *Fraternity* is their quarterly magazine, edited by Isobel Morellato from Sydney.

*Europe.*—Europe has seven national groups, five of which are very active. In Holland there are four groups that meet regularly; during week-ends they meet at Huizen to help with splitting wood and painting. A Youth Centre will be built there soon. There are 24 Y.T.s in Germany scattered all over the country who meet twice a year; contact is maintained by newsletters. This year the European camp was held in Germany when about 80 delegates took part from 12 different countries. The camp was a great success; one of the outcomes was to hold a work camp in England in 1965 besides the usual camp. There are 40 members in England and camps are held often at Tekels Park. They also helped to build wash houses there. They have four newsletters a year and collect funds for Tibetan refugees. In France the group is still having teething troubles. Jean Claude was planning to start a French Y.T. magazine *Enthusiasm*. In Sweden there are about seven members but nearly a hundred young people come to the meetings and take an active part; they have been helping at a home for physically and mentally handicapped children. There are a few members in Denmark and Italy

also. Their quarterly magazine *Lotos* is edited by Adrian and Terry Dennis from England.

*Iceland.*—This group consisting of about 40 members is engrossed in a very deep study of Raja Yoga; we look forward to hearing more about their progress.

*India.*—India has ceased to function as a group but we have an increase in the number of individual members. The future is hopeful.

*Mexico.*—A small but very sincere group is working hard here. They have now acquired new force from the First Inter-American Theosophical Congress held there last year, and there is a close contact with other Spanish-speaking groups such as Argentina. This group visits older people and sick people to help them with their needs. They meet regularly every Sunday morning.

*New Zealand.*—Though talking for many years of going into recession this has become an alive and active group, consisting of nearly 30 members mostly in Auckland. They meet regularly at the residence of one of the members for talks, discussions and tape-recordings. Last May a week-end was spent at Arundale Park as a result of an earlier interesting meeting there during the Easter School held there. Enthusiasm was increased by the visit of Rukmini Devi. Isobel Morellato also visited the group last Christmas.

*Pakistan:*—A very enthusiastic group is working in Karachi. They meet twice a week, one meeting being for social work with the T.O.S. members. They have worked in co-operation with other organizations. Dara Mirza is their leader and we look forward to the group expanding further.

*Uruguay.*—A very active group was formed last year with the help of the Argentine Y.T.s. The anniversary was celebrated this year with visitors from

Argentina and the camp was very successful. The group meets regularly for study and discussions and also does social work.

*U.S.A.*—One of the largest groups was silent last year. One member present at Adyar reports there are more than a dozen groups in the different States; the largest and most active is in New York. Annual camps are held at Wheaton. The Young Theosophists headquarters is at Ann Arbor; about two newsletters came out last year. Western American Y.T.s have a magazine called *Buzz*.

There are many interested young people in East Africa, Brazil, and Southern Rhodesia, and we hope to contact them during the coming year.

*Annual Dues.*—Dues were received only from Australia, during this year. We could use more funds and would like to buy a Gestetner duplicator.

*General Secretary's Remarks.*—The year has been a great success and also a great failure. The success has been in widespread personal contacts. Many young people have come to Adyar from almost all the Y.T. groups; successful camps and gatherings have been organized widely. The visit of John Coats to Australia, India, Pakistan, the European camp and the Philippines; Rukmini Devi to Australia and New Zealand; my visit to

Varanasi and other northern parts of India have helped personal contact but correspondence has suffered while I was away.

Miss Cornelia Müller of Germany who was elected Treasurer was suddenly recalled to Germany and thus the Treasurership has remained in the hands of the General Secretary since she took over from Mrs. Vidya Tahilramani on 1st October 1963.

I would like to thank the President, Treasurer and all the members of the Executive for their co-operation and all those who have helped during the year to make our work a success though I am unable to name each individual. I also owe thanks to the Vasanta Youth Lodge, Adyar, for making all arrangements for the first International Y.T. camp held at Adyar and all the Y.T. group Presidents who have sent news and reports, especially Luis Spairani of Argentina who kept me up to date even when I failed to write or reply. I look forward to next year with the hope of greater enthusiasm and co-operation among the groups and greater all-round activity, both in correspondence and personal contacts.

ANANDAMAYI ADVANI,  
*General Secretary.*

# HEADQUARTERS

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1 October 1964

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| (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY  |   |                   |
| (4) THE TREASURER            |   |                   |
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**The Theosophical Publishing House:** MANAGER: MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN.

**The Theosophist:** ASST. EDITOR: MR. Z. DE ALGYA-PAP.

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**Watch and Ward Department:** SUPERINTENDENT: MR. S. NATARAJAN.

# THE ADYAR LIBRARY

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1963-64

The Adyar Library has completed 78 years of useful work in the field of Indology as we present this report for 1963-64. During the year under report two more works have been added to the Adyar Library publications: The *Cānakya Rāja-nīti* in the Adyar Library Series and the *Āśvalāyana-Grhya-Pariśiṣṭha* in the Adyar Library Pamphlet Series.

**Building.**—The Madras Corporation has approved the revised plan for the new building and as soon as the necessary permit for cement is received, the construction will be started. Mr. George Linton has devoted considerable time to the project and we extend to him our thanks for all his help.

**Staff.**—Sri G. Harihara Sastri due to ill health has been unable to continue the work in the research department. The services of Sri V. Narayanaswami Sastri, copyist, were discontinued due to old age.

Prof. Jal B. Dorab resigned his office of Joint Director in September. We take this opportunity to express our thanks to him for help rendered by him. Srimati Radha S. Burnier continues as Director and our appreciation and thanks go to her for the able way in which she has supervised especially the Editorial Department of the Library in spite of her other onerous duties.

**MSS. Catalogue.**—The Descriptive Catalogue of *Viśiṣṭhādvaita*, *Dvaita*, *Śuddhādvaita*, etc. manuscripts has been revised and sent to the press for printing. The editing of the Stotra MSS. catalogue, begun by Pandit K. Mahadeva Sastri, is continued now by Pandit K. Parameswara Aithal. The cataloguing of the Visva-bharati MSS. still remains to be completed.

**MSS. Register.**—As the old MSS. registers are not in a condition to be handled, a new register of MSS. giving all details is being prepared by Sri K. T. Venkatarama Sarma under the supervision of Pandit K. Parameswara Aithal.

**Book Catalogue.**—The detailed indexing of books has gone on steadily under the able guidance of Srimati A. P. Siitaa Devii, assisted by Dr. Dorothy Rood. During the year under report in the western section some four thousand books and pamphlets on philosophy, psychology and general occultism have been indexed with many additional references, thus bringing the work in this section to completion. The books in the Theosophy section are now being attended to. There is now available in the Library a subject index for many of the standard works on Theosophy. The Library also undertook a survey to compile a bibliography on some 28 Theosophical subjects for the benefit of the students of the School of the Wisdom, 1964-65 session. The books on economics, labor, etc. presented to the Library by Sri Kanji Dwarkadas were also fully catalogued and indexed.

**Publications.**—During the year under report the *Cānakya Rāja-nīti* edited by Mr. Ludwik Sternbach was brought out as Adyar Library Series No. 92; and the *Āśvalāyana-Grhya-Pariśiṣṭha*, an authentic and so far unpublished supplement to the *Āśvalāyanasūtra-s*, being a manual on domestic rituals, edited by Pandit K. Parameswara Aithal, was published as Adyar Library Pamphlet Series No. 36.

The *Keśava-Vaijayanī* commentary on the *Viṣṇusmṛti*, an important Dharmasāstra



work is almost complete and will be released shortly as No. 93 in the Adyar Library Series. This was one of the rare works for the publication of which the Government of India, Ministry of Education, has given grant in aid.

The editing of South Indian commentaries on *Nāmaṅgānuśāsana* of Amara could not progress due to the ill-health of Pandit G. Harihara Sastri.

Arrangements for exchange of publications were made during the year with the Museum für Volkerkunde, Dresden, for *Abhandlungen und Berichte des Staatlichen*; and the University of Stockholm, for the Stockholm Oriental Studies. During the year 45 books were received on exchange.

*Bulletin*.—The subscription for the Adyar Library Bulletin had to be increased, commencing from 1 January 1964, due to the increased cost of printing, paper and postage. It has now 133 subscribers and is being exchanged with 130 journals.

*Copying*.—During the year 70 transcripts of MSS. were made for other institutions and research scholars; 3 were made for our own use. Microfilms of 12 MSS. and 7 books and journals were supplied on request to other institutions and scholars.

*Binding and Repair*.—15 books and 78 volumes of periodicals were bound in the Vasanta Press; 896 books and 3 palm-leaf MSS. were repaired; while 10 books were covered with tissue, using cellulose acetate foil, in the Library Binding and Repair department. Due to the generosity of members of the American Section of the Theosophical Society it has been made possible for us to do hand-lamination of books and manuscripts using cellulose acetate foil. This has very much quickened the repair work.

Mr. E. F. Orfila and Mr. C. H. Hunter continue to give their honorary services in this department.

*Works used*.—The Library has 408 Readers, 170 Resident Readers cum Borrowers and 67 Borrowers (from the city) and 12 Braille Borrowers. During the year 3,185 persons used the Library; 10,789 books and 2,737 manuscripts were consulted; and 3,535 books and 13 manuscripts were lent.

*Accession*: 2,108 books excluding the journals, 1 paper manuscript and 3 transcripts were accessed.

*Gifts*.—The following gifts of books have been received: 679 on Labor and Economics from Sri Kanji Dwarkadas, Bombay; 425 from Mr. Duncan Greenlees, Madras; 87 from the late Mme. Cazin, Adyar; 83 from The Theosophist Office, Adyar; 68 through the Ministry of Education, New Delhi; 65 from the Theosophical Publishing House, London; 64 duplicate journals and Telugu books from the Indian Section Library, Varanasi; 42 from the President's Office; 31 from Dr. D. Rood including some valuable biographical and other dictionaries; 31 from Srimati A. P. Siitaa Devii; 29 as review books; 21 from Panditaraja Swami Bhagavadacharya, Ahmedabad; 13 books of Alice and Foster Bailey from Lucis Press, London; 21 from Miss Caroline Tess, Melbourne; 15 Sindhi books from Mrs. J. T. Thadhani; 12 Russian Theosophical books from D. & N. Renke, U.S.A.; 11 from the Recording Secretary's Office; 7 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar; 7 from Srimati Radha Burnier; 8 from the late Mrs. Bastian, New Zealand; 13 from the Bollingen Foundation, New York; and from Mr. V. G. Barpute, Indore, an illustrated *Bhagavadgītā* manuscript. To all these donors we extend our grateful thanks for their generous gifts.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. John B. Coats, London; Miss Simonson, Denmark; Mr. E. Haraldsson, Iceland; Mr. B. C. Barai, Madras; Mrs. Doris

Groves, London; Mr. Nelson C. Stewart, Scotland; Miss K. A. Beechey, Adyar; Mr. & Mrs. Rhoden, U.S.A.; Mr. F. Rustomjee, Ceylon; Mr. Sharif Ahmed Amini, Islamic Centre, Madras; and Miss Tjioe Siang Nio, Adyar.

Srimati Radha Burnier, during the year under report, has contributed Rs. 2,489.44 worth of books and Rs. 1,200 as cash donation to the Library and we extend our grateful thanks to her for all this, and for her honorary services as the Director of the Adyar Library.

During the year, as mentioned above, the Theosophical Society in America has contributed about Rs. 750 worth of accessories to the microfilm equipment already donated by them last year, and 10 rolls of raw film. They have also enabled us to get cellulose acetate foil from America so that our repair work goes on more rapidly and efficiently. We take this opportunity to express our grateful thanks to the members of the American Section and to others who have contributed in money and kind to the Adyar Library, including members in New Zealand and Australia who have given several feet of raw film for the microfilming project, besides money to the building fund.

*Visitors.*—Among visitors during the year were: Mr. Anantalal Thakur, Mithila Institute of Post Graduate and Research Studies, Dharbanga; Sri C. Sivaramamurti, Asst. Director, National Museum, Delhi; Mr. James L. Martin, Denison University, Ohio, U.S.A.; Sri J. B. Bhattacharya, Calcutta University; Mr. M. Neog, Gauhati University; Mr. Ake Noren, Uppsala University, Sweden; Mr. Louis Jacob, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of California, Berkeley; Mr. Shunkyo Katsumata, Toyo University, Tokyo; Mr. Shoichi Kats, Taisho University, Tokyo; Swami Paramanand Saraswati, Delhi; Mr. S.C. Sutton,

India Office Library, London; Mrs. Tsering Dolma, sister of H.H. the Dalai Lama of Tibet; Muni Shree Maganmalji Swamiji, Shree Dharimichandji and Shree Fatechandji of the Jaina Order; Sri Y. M. Mulay, Librarian, National Library, Calcutta; Prof. Dr. Yu. V. Gankovsky, and V. N. Moskadonov of the Institute of Asia, Academy of Science, U.S.S.R., Moscow; and H.H. the Maharaja and the Maharani of Porbandar.

Among the overseas research scholars who used the Library were: Mr. Richard Brooks, Minnesota University, U.S.A.; Miss Francis Wilson, California, U.S.A.; Prof. and Mrs. Alex Wayman of Madison University, Wisconsin, U.S.A.; Mme. Ingrid Hall, Norway; Prof. and Mrs. R. D. Haworth, Sheffield University, England; Mr. Shoj Ito of the Institute of Asian Economic Affairs, Tokyo; Mr. and Mrs. Rene Jurgenson, attached to Benares Hindu University; Sri Ram Mehrotra, School of Oriental and African Studies, London; and Dr. G. T. Artola, Hawaii University, Honolulu.

Among other scholars from research institutions and universities in India who used the Library were: Sri R. Tripathi, Mandasur, M.P.; Sri G. Parathasaradhy and Sri P. Sriramamurthi, Andhra University; Sri Ram Gopal Mishra, Saugar University; Sri I. Hanumanlu, Osmania University; Sri H. P. Malledevaru, Karnataka University; Sri Yadu Nandan Mishra, University of Gorakhpur; Pandit S. G. Goswami, Bharatiya Vidya Mandir Research Institute, Bikaner; Sri Goswami Govindalalji Radha Vallabhacharya, Surat; and Sri R. C. Jaitley, Rajasthan University, Jodhpur.

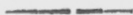
While concluding we express our appreciation and thanks to all who have helped the Library in various ways. As in the past years Dr. V. Raghavan, as Adviser and member of the Adyar Library Council and Editorial Board, continues to

give his valuable advice and our grateful thanks go to him. We also thank Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, another member of the Council and Editorial Board, who is extending his help in the research section, as in the past years.

The Adyar Library and Research Centre is becoming more and more known in the world for its contribution in the field of

Indology and is drawing a number of scholars, both from India and abroad. It is hoped that housing it soon in a better and more spacious building will enable us to offer better facilities to research scholars and others.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,  
*Librarian.*



# THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

## REPORT FOR 1963-64

The 1963-64 session of the School of the Wisdom opened on 2nd October, 1963, with twenty students who came from widely scattered parts of the world—four from England including the Director of Studies, Mrs. Doris Groves, one from Iceland, one from Tanganyika, five from the United States of America, one from Canada, one from Belgium, three from India and four from Adyar. This became a well integrated group, keenly interested in their studies and in the program covered during the first term. The term ended on December 6th with a function to which residents and members were invited. The Secretary of the School presented her report, short talks were given by four of the students, and an address by the Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram.

A break of about a month followed which allowed eleven of the students and Mrs. Doris Groves, Director of Studies, to attend the International Convention which this year was held at Varanasi, the headquarters of the Indian Section, and also enabled them to visit places of interest on their journey including Agra and the Taj Mahal. The second term of the School commenced on 13th January. Most of the first term's students continued their studies with the addition of three new members from Australia, one from Viet-Nam, and three from India. Studies for the first week were based on Yoga. During the following weeks the principal religions

of the world were studied as well as mysticism, ancient and modern, Indian and Western culture, psychology, art, education, world problems, etc. and the classic books, *The Voice of the Silence*, *Light on the Path*, *At the Feet of the Master*, and *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*.

The session closed on 13th March with a gathering attended by some 65 residents and students of the School. Four of the students gave their impressions of the work of the School, following which the Director of Studies, Mrs. Doris Groves, spoke of what had been accomplished during the session. Certificates of attendance were presented to the students by the Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who expressed his pleasure that students had been able to come from so many countries to forge links between their various Sections and Adyar; he reminded the students that though they had come to the end of their studies in the School, they should continue to study for themselves, for no matter how deep one plunges into the ocean of Theosophy the bottom is never reached. The students of the School then presented the Director of Studies with a small token as an expression of their appreciation of her leadership and the assistance she had given them during the time she had conducted the work of the School.

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 Secre-  
tary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St.,  
London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Aus-  
tralasian Section, 42, Margaret Street,  
Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandi-  
navian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7,  
Stockholm, Sweden.

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

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

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

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

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary,  
German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Frie-  
denau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary,  
Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

#### *Additional*

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for  
3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for  
3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khan-  
dalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for  
3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat,  
Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author,  
[for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty,  
Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

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

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

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

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

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration

or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than

Witnesses to the signatures:

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

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

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

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

{	(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
	„ W. A. ENGLISH
{	„ SUBRAMANIAM
	„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
{	„ UPENDRANATH BASU
	„ ANNIE BESANT
	„ N. D. KHANDALVALA

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. 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 there is no tie, the next name, if any remain on the nominations list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.

(iii) 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 two, 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 busi-

ness 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. (a) 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.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Federation Secretary or Presidential Agent from

the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Federation Secretary or Presidential Agent, as entered by him and duly reported to the Recording Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Recording Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

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) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not

sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate 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.

(d) 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 regulations 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

AT

1 JANUARY, 1965

## *Ex-Officio Members of General Council*

**President:** MR. N. SRI RAM

**Vice-President:** MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

**Recording Secretary:** MISS KATHERINE A. BEECHEY

**Treasurer:** MR. S. SOMASUNDARAM

## 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-60188
1888	England ...	Mr. V. Wallace Slater	50 Gloucester Place, London, W.1
1891	India ...	Mrs. Radha 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 ...	Miss Bertha H. Darroch	10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S. E. 3
1897	The Netherlands ...	Ir. A. J. H. van Leeuwen	Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam Z
1899	France ...	Dr. Paul Thorin	4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy ...	Sigr. Roberto Hack	71 Via Leonardo Ximenes, Firenze
1902	Germany ...	Herr Heinrich Nagel	Eilbekerweg 67a, (24a) Hamburg 22
1905	Cuba ...	Señor Celestino Aguilar Mora	P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1907	Hungary ...	...	...
1907	Finland ...	Mrs. Sylvi Horstio	Vironkatu 7C, Helsinki
1908	Russia ...	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia ...	...	...
1909	Southern Africa ...	Mrs. M. E. Nairn	P.O. Box 3320, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia
1910	Scotland ...	Miss Jean Carstairs	28 Gt. King St., Edinburgh
1910	Switzerland ...	M. Georges Tripet	Winkelriedstrasse 21, Berne
1911	Belgium ...	M. Antoon E. de Pauw	Voskenslaan 141a, Ghent
1912	Indonesia* ...	...	...
1912	Burma ...	U Po Lat	No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria ...	Dr. N. Lauppert	Maygasse 8, Graz
1913	Norway ...	Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen	Oscars gate 11, Oslo N. V.
1918	Egypt† ...	Mr. Zaki Awad	(President, "Hikmet El Kadima" Lodge), 18 Emad El Din St., Cairo
1918	Denmark ...	Mr. N. Sörensen	Hagesvej 5, Nakskov
1919	Ireland ...	...	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. Rimini	Casilla Correo No. 238, Rosario (Pcia. Santa Fe)
1920	Chile ...	Señor Ricardo Michel A.-P.	Casilla 3603, Santiago
1920	Brazil ...	Señora Cinira R. Figueiredo	Rua Anita Garibaldi 29, 11° andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria ...	...	...
1921	Iceland ...	Hr. 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 ...	...	...

\* The T.S. in Indonesia prohibited by order of President Sukarno in May 1963—33 Lodges suspended,

† No Section; Lodge only.

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1925	Uruguay ...	Señor Victor Alvarez Bisbal ...	Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico ...	Señora Carmen G. Ballard ...	Apartado 534, Estacion Roosevelt, Puerto Rico-00929
1925	Rumania ...	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia ...	...	...
1926	Ceylon ...	Mr. D. L. F. Pedris ...	Alfred Place, Colpetty, Colombo
1928	Greece ...	Mr. K. Melissaropoulos ...	Dragatsaniou str. 6, Athens 122
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 ...	Señor Gabriel Burgos ...	Apartado Postal 539, Bogotá
1947	East Africa ...	Mr. Rattanji H. Patel ...	P.O. Box 1565, Nairobi, Kenya
1948	Pakistan * ...	Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla ...	47 Maqbool-Abad, Alamgir Road, Karachi 5
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
European Federation (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		Mr. J. B. S. Coats ...	The Old Rectory, Poulshot, Devizes, Wilts, England
Canadian Federation (attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)		Mrs. Gladys M. Cooper ...	2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada

#### Additional Members of the General Council

- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, MAASTRICHTERWEG 168, 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 1964, 1965 and 1966).
- MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, 38 Matai Road, Green Lane, Auckland, S. E. 4, New Zealand (for 1965, 1966 and 1967).
- MR. C. D. T. SHORES, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1965, 1966 and 1967).
- MR. SIDNEY A. COOK, Turnstile House, Wayneflete Tower Ave., Esher, Surrey, England (for 1964, 1965 and 1966).
- MR. J. B. S. COATS, The Old Rectory, Poulshot, Devizes, Wilts, England (for 1964, 1965 and 1966).
- MRS. GOOL K. MINWALLA, 47 Maqbool-Abad, Alamgir Road, Karachi 5, Pakistan (for 1965, 1966 and 1967).
- MISS EMMA HUNT, 19 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S. E. 3, New Zealand (for 1965, 1966 and 1967).

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

## EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held in  
the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Friday,  
25th December 1964 at 8.30 a.m.*

### PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	<i>President (in the Chair) Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in U.S.A., Ceylon, England and the Philippines.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	...	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Cuba and Mexico.</i>
Miss Katherine A. Beechey	...	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Burma.</i>
Mr. S. Somasundaram	...	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	...	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India.</i>
Mrs. Kerstin Berg	...	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Sweden and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Finland.</i>
Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen	...	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Belgium.</i>
Miss Jean Carstairs	...	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Scotland.</i>
Mr. R. H. Patel	...	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in East Africa.</i>
Smt. Rukmini Devi	...	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>

Mr. C. D. T. Shores	...	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. J. B. S. Coats	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>

Miss Joan S. Morris was present as Minutes Secretary, by invitation.

#### PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Mr. Stuart G. Nicholls	...	New Zealand
Mr. Robert Nairn	...	Southern Africa
Mr. George Linton	...	Adviser, Engineering Department

1. *Confirmation of Minutes:* The Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council, held on 25th and 31st December 1963, 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) *Confirmation of the Voting Results regarding the taking over of the Management of the Theosophical Publishing House by the Society (vide President's Circular, dated 22nd February 1964).*

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared confirmed and adopted. (The actual date of the taking over of the Theosophical Publishing House by the Society was 1st April 1964.)

(b) *To confirm Amendment to Rule 10 (vide Minutes, Item 4, on pp. 124 and 125 of the Annual Report of 1963).*

Time having been given to Miss Helen Zahara to discuss the motion with her National Council and vote, the Amendment was declared adopted, in accordance with the voting result given in the Annual Report of 1963 (p. 125), i.e. 32 for and 1 against.

(c) *The Malayan Theosophist (vide Minutes, p. 133 of the Annual Report of 1963).*

Miss Helen Zahara, in a letter to the Recording Secretary dated 26th November 1964, stated that she visited Malaya in February 1964 and at the President's request put forward the view expressed by the General Council regarding *The Malayan Theosophist*. Dr. Yeang did not accept this view, and has continued to publish the journal in the same form. In view of this, and of a supplement published in *The Malayan Theosophist* entitled "A Catechism of Light and Life," containing matter issued by an organization called "Magnificent Consummation, Inc." of Arizona, U.S.A., she asked that the Council might consider reaffirming the Society's policy of disassociation and draw the specific attention of Dr. Yeang to it.

After some discussion, during which attention was drawn to the fact that Dr. Yeang himself has printed a statement in *The Malayan Theosophist* in a prominent position that the T.S. is not responsible for the articles in that journal, the President said

he would write in *The Theosophist* and point out the necessity for exercising great care and discretion in publishing in Theosophical journals material sent by other organizations.

(f) *Adyar Library Building* (vide Minutes, Item 6 (4), on p. 133 of the Annual Report of 1963).

The President asked Mr. George Linton, who is advising the Society on construction matters, to explain the position regarding the new Adyar Library building. For various reasons it has been decided to change the site of the building, putting it north of Besant Avenue between the Hindu Temple and the Maintenance Department. The original circular plan for the library was found to be too costly and therefore a rectangular plan which will cost much less had been decided upon. It will be built in two parts. Construction of the first part, costing about five lakhs, will begin in January 1965; the remaining portion will be completed later when funds are available. Both the circular plan and the rectangular design were shown to the Council and the part which is to be constructed in 1965 was indicated.

(g) *Theosophical Books in non-English Languages* (vide Minutes, Item 6 (6), on p. 133 of the Annual Report of 1963).

The President said that the question had been considered carefully but that it was not possible to publish such books at Adyar due to various difficulties, nor was it possible to send money out of India for this purpose.

(h) *Help to Young Workers Abroad* (vide Minutes, Item 6 (7), on p. 133 of the Annual Report of 1963).

It was stated that whatever was possible would be done.

3. *Amendment to Rule 35 of the Rules and Regulations* (vide Minutes, Items 6 and 1, on pp. 125-126 and p. 129 of the Annual Report of 1963).

The Amendment was declared adopted.

4. *To consider suggestions made by Mr. V. Wallace Slater regarding Life Membership.*

In a letter dated 21st July 1964, Mr. Slater pointed out that there is nothing in the International Rules about Life Membership, but that at least two Sections, U.S.A. and India, do accept Life Membership. This made it difficult for members to transfer to another Section and if a Life Member lost interest in the Society or even became antagonistic, he would still continue to be a member and might even use his voting rights to the detriment of the Society.

Dr. Henry Smith of the United States had written about the advantages derived from Life Membership and suggested that Life Members should annually reaffirm their interest in the Society by signing a declaration to this effect.

After discussion, a Sub-Committee consisting of the Vice-President (Chairman), Mr. John Coats and Mrs. Radha Burnier was formed to examine Rules 30 and 31 of the Rules and Regulations and make recommendations, if any, to the Adjourned Meeting of the Council.

5. *Appointment of Vice-President:*

The term of office of the Vice-President having expired on 30th April 1964, the President re-nominated Mr. James S. Perkins to that office.

Mr. James S. Perkins was declared re-elected as Vice-President, his term of office to begin from 1st May 1964.

6. *Election of Five Additional Members to the General Council for the Years 1965, 1966, 1967, in place of (1) Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, (2) Mr. C. D. T. Shores, (3) Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla, (4) Miss Emma Hunt, (5) Mrs. Doris Groves:*

Under Rule 2 (b) the President re-nominated all of the above as Additional Members of the Council for the years 1965, 1966, 1967. The names were circulated for voting.

After the voting papers had been returned, it was learnt that Mrs. Doris Groves had died on 24th November 1964. A Resolution expressing regret at the passing of Mrs. Groves and placing on record deep appreciation of her services to the Society in her own and in other Sections was passed.

The four other Additional Members were declared duly elected.

(The meeting of the General Council was then adjourned to Thursday, 31st December 1964.)

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## EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society  
held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Thursday,  
31st December 1964, at 2.30 p.m.*

### PRESENT:

All the members who were present at the meeting held on 25th December 1964 were present.

Miss Joan S. Morris was present as Minutes Secretary, by invitation.

### PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Mr. Stuart G. Nicholls	...	New Zealand
Mrs. Alice McKenzie	...	Australia
Mme. A. de Berg	...	Switzerland
Mme. H. Sabetay	...	France
Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio	...	Assistant Treasurer
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	...	Manager, T.P.H.



1. *To consider the Treasurer's Report for 1963-1964:*

The Treasurer, Mr. S. Somasundaram, read his Report for the year 1963-1964, pointing out salient facts.

The Treasurer's report, having been considered, was adopted.

Mr. J. E. van Dissel expressed concern over the Society's financial position, in view of the large annual deficit which has to be met either from donations or from capital. He proposed that a special Appeal should be made for donations to the Parent Society from members all over the world informing them of the needs of the Society. He also suggested that the dues payable by the Sections be increased from ten per cent to fifteen per cent; also that the General Secretaries should be invited to publish the Appeal in their official organs and otherwise circulate it. A further suggestion was made that the Treasurer should furnish an abstract of the finances of the Society once a year to be published in *The Theosophist* and other journals.

The Council approved the suggestions. It was decided to circulate for voting the following amendment to Rule 43 (a), proposed by Mr. J. E. van Dissel and seconded by Mr. R. H. Patel of East Africa:

The words "fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section" to be substituted for the words "ten per cent of the total amount received for its own national dues," so that the Rule will read: "Each National Society shall pay into the general treasury *fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section*, 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."

A Sub-Committee consisting of the Vice-President, the Treasurer and Mr. J. E. van Dissel, was formed to draft an appeal and make further recommendations towards attaining a satisfactory financial position by 1975 when the Centenary of the Society will be celebrated.

2. *To consider the Budget for 1964-1965.*

The Budget was reviewed and adopted.

3. *Appointment of Auditors for 1964-1965.*

Messrs. Naganathan and Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were reappointed as Auditors for 1964-1965, on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

4. *Mr. E. L. Gardner's Resolution.*

The Council considered the Resolution placed before it by Mr. E. L. Gardner (through the Recording Secretary), reading as follows:

"That the Sections and Lodges of the Society be advised to dissociate themselves from the Liberal Catholic Church. It is very advisable that the altars and services of the Church should not be in the halls or rooms used by the Lodges of the Society."

## THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1964-65

EXPENDITURE	Budget for 1963-64	Actuals for 1963-64	Budget for 1964-65	INCOME	Budget for 1963-64	Actuals for 1963-64	Budget for 1964-65
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	50,000	43,327	46,000	Rent ...	56,000	56,624	56,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	80,000	58,373	60,000	Fees and Dues ...	28,000	38,896	30,000
Light and Water ...	8,500	8,008	8,500	Wood ...	1,000	546	500
Miscellaneous ...	14,000	10,736	11,000	Interest (Gross) ...	1,00,000	1,12,267	1,10,000
Postages, Telegrams and ...				Administration			
Telephones ...	2,500	3,160	3,200	Charges ...	4,000	4,000	4,000
Printing and Stationery ...	6,700	5,556	6,000				
Publications to General Secretaries ...	700	699	700	<b>Special Departments:</b>			
Bad Debts Written off ...		692	1,000	Bhojanasala ...	16,000	19,351	20,000
Taxes ...	16,500	16,558	16,600	Maintenance			
Convention ...	2,000	737	5,000	Department ...	1,10,500	98,738	1,00,000
Museum and Archives ...	4,000	4,750	4,800	Garden Department ...	57,000	51,290	50,000
Interest on Funds and				Laundry ...	6,000	5,810	6,000
Accounts ...	11,000	14,251	12,000	Leadbeater Chambers...	21,000	23,836	25,000
Retirement Allowance ...	8,000	1,717	2,400	Sanitary Department ...	1,200	1,083	1,000
Gratuities Account ...		15,292		Vasanta Press ...	1,61,000	1,56,312	1,60,000
Dispensary ...	8,000	7,695	8,200				
Sanitary Department ...	5,500	6,174	6,500	Donations ...		62,071	
Watch and Ward ...	22,500	21,731	23,000	Deficit ...	1,29,300	52,376	1,49,600
T. P. H. Management ...		6,000	12,000				
<b>Contributions:</b>							
To The Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
„ President's Travelling							
Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom.	3,000	3,000	3,000				
<b>Special Departments:</b>							
Bhojanasala ...	20,000	24,128	24,000				
Maintenance Department	1,32,500	1,23,699	1,28,000				
Garden Department ...	61,000	60,075	60,000				
Laundry ...	9,000	9,459	10,000				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	22,000	24,344	25,000				
Vasanta Press ...	1,63,000	1,72,563	1,94,600				
Depreciation ...	29,000	28,876	29,000				
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>							
Vasanta Press 12,000.							
	6,91,000	6,83,200	7,12,100		6,91,000	6,83,200	7,12,100

ADYAR

19th December, 1964

For The Theosophical Society,

S. SOMASUNDARAM,

Hony. Treasurer.

In the course of the discussion, reference was made to the General Council's Resolution, passed on 30th December 1950; also the view was expressed that it would not be advisable to single out a particular organization, for the reason that it professes a particular creed, as this would, by implication, commit the Society to a repudiation of the doctrines expressed in that creed. Further it was considered that any Resolution the General Council might adopt should not be open to the construction that it inhibits the Lodge's autonomy, even when couched in the form of advice.

The General Council then passed a Resolution as follows:

This Council reaffirms the Resolution passed on 30th December 1950 on the policy which the Society should follow in relation to other movements and bodies, and urges all Lodges, Federations and Sections, in allowing their premises to be used by other bodies, and in all other matters, to act in such a manner that the identity of the Society is maintained and confusion is avoided between its own policies and objectives and the ideas of the other bodies.

(The Meeting of the General Council was then adjourned to Sunday, 3rd January 1965 at 2 p.m.)

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## EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society  
held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Sunday,  
3rd January 1965 at 2 p.m.*

### PRESENT:

All the members who were present at the Meeting held on 31st December 1964 were present.

Miss Joan S. Morris was present as Minutes Secretary, by invitation.

### PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Mr. Stuart G. Nicholls	...	New Zealand
Mrs. Alice McKenzie	...	Australia
Mme. A. de Berg	...	Switzerland
Mme. H. Sabetay	...	France

1. *To consider Amendments to Rules 30 and 31 with reference to suggestions made by Mr. V. Wallace Slater.*

The Sub-Committee consisting of the Vice-President, Mr. John Coats and Mrs. Radha Burnier, appointed on 25th December 1964, proposed the following Amendments to Rule 30 of the Rules and Regulations:

Paragraph One to be numbered 30 (a). The word "must" to be changed to "shall normally," so that the Rule will read ". . . residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society. . ."

Paragraph Two to be numbered 30 (b). The word "sanction" to be changed to "consent" and the word "President" to be changed to "General Secretaries concerned," so that the Rule will read: "Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member. . ."

A new paragraph to be added, numbered 30 (c), reading: "Where a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted."

This proposal was adopted for circulation to all the Members of the General Council for voting.

2. *Amendment to Rule 10, proposed by Miss Emma Hunt.*

Miss Emma Hunt proposed the following Amendment to Rule 10 of the Rules and Regulations:

That in Paragraph Nine (*i.e.*, Paragraph One, Page Seven, Column One of the Memorandum of Association and Rules, 1964) the words "Provided, however, that in the event of the death . . ." up to the end of the paragraph, be deleted.

That in the last paragraph of Rule 10, *i.e.* Paragraph Thirteen (Paragraph One, Page Seven, Column Two of the Memorandum of Association and Rules, 1964) the following words be added after "the one member receiving nomination": "or if at any stage after the call for nominations and before the counting of the votes, any of the nominees dies".

The paragraph will then read: "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 nominations, *or if at any stage after the call for nominations and before the counting of the votes, any of the nominees dies* 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."

(The alteration to the Rule is shown in italics.)

It was resolved to circulate Miss Hunt's Amendment to Rule 10 to all members of the Council for voting.

3. *To consider suggestion made by Dr. L. J. Bendit for the creation of an Electoral College to elect the President and a further proposal by Miss Helen Zahara regarding Voting under Rule 10.*

Both the proposals were discussed. Letters had been received from Mr. V. W. Slater and Miss Helen Zahara who were both against the creation of an Electoral College. The proposal to create such a college was not accepted.

Miss Helen Zahara's proposal for introducing the system of preferential votes was as follows:

The portion of the Rule providing for a voting list of up to three names—or more if the nominations are tied—would remain. After the paragraph specifying that the vote shall be taken by the General Secretary of each Section, and by the Recording Secretary in the case of Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, the following to be added:

“Where not less than three names remain on the voting list the voting shall be taken on the preferential system. Each voting paper shall provide for voter members to enter their votes showing their order of preference against the name of the candidate. In counting the ballot the General Secretary of each National Society, and the Recording Secretary in the case of Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, shall compile a list showing the total number of first preference votes received by each candidate and also how the second preference votes have been recorded (third preference votes shall be counted only where a tie in nominations results in more than three names appearing on the voting list).”

Rule 10 already states that each General Secretary shall communicate the results to the Recording Secretary and that at the expiration of six months the results of the voting shall be counted by the Recording Secretary and that two members (of the Executive Committee) shall be appointed as scrutineers. The following to be inserted showing how the Recording Secretary shall count the voting:

“After the total first preference votes have been counted any candidate who receives an absolute majority of votes shall be declared elected. If no candidate receives an absolute majority, then the candidate receiving the lowest number of first preference votes shall be eliminated from the list and the second preference votes of those who voted for him shall be added to the first preference votes cast for the remaining candidates as the votes indicate, and the results counted. If any candidate now holds an absolute majority he shall be declared elected. If a tie on the nominations list had resulted in more than three names appearing on the original voting list and if no candidate received an absolute majority on the second count, then the candidate holding the lowest number of votes among those still remaining shall be eliminated from the list and the second preference votes of those who voted for him and the third preference votes of those who voted for the candidate previously eliminated shall be added to the first preference votes cast for the remaining candidates as the votes indicate. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes on the final list shall then be declared elected.”

It was resolved that Miss Zahara's proposal should be circulated to all Members of the General Council for their comment. (Miss Zahara's proposal implies that there are more than two candidates. See Amendment to Rule 10 in 1963 Minutes.)

5. *Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1965:*

The following were appointed as Members of the Executive Committee for 1965:

President	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President	"
Recording Secretary	"
Treasurer	"
Srimati Rukmini Devi	<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mrs. Radha Burnier	<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan	
Mrs. Norma Y. Sastry	
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	
Mr. George Linton.	

6. *Any Other Business:*(a) *World Congress in 1966.*

Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the Council of the Federation of European National Societies, reported that it had been decided to hold the 1966 World Congress of the Theosophical Society at Salzburg in Austria from 14th to 22nd July 1966. Arrangements were being made by the European Federation for accommodation in various hotels. Lists of prices will be sent out in due course.

Mr. Coats asked how any loss would be met. The President said that no funds are allowed to be sent out of India except for purposes considered essential by the Indian Government. It was suggested that members could make donations for the purpose which could be retained in Europe.

It was decided that the program for the Congress be made in Adyar.

(b) *Resolution of Confidence:*

The President having vacated the Chair and withdrawn from the General Council, the Vice-President took the Chair and proposed that:

"The Members attending this Meeting of the General Council held at Adyar on 3rd January 1965 go on record as declaring confidence in the President's leadership of the Theosophical Society and expressing their deepest appreciation of his services, both to Adyar and to the work throughout the world."

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. John Coats and passed unanimously.

(The General Council Meeting was then adjourned to Monday, 4th January 1965 at 9 a.m.)



## EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society  
held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Monday,  
4th January 1965 at 9 a.m.*

## PRESENT:

All the members who were present at the Meeting held on 3rd January 1965 were present with the exception of Mr. R. H. Patel who had left Adyar.

## PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVER

Mr. Stuart G. Nicholls ... New Zealand

1. *Any Other Business:*(a) *Financial Position of the Theosophical Society.*

The Treasurer presented a Memorandum on the present financial position of the Theosophical Society, showing the receipts, expenditures, net deficits, etc. for the past ten years. Mr. J. E. van Dissel also placed before the Council a draft, suggested by the Sub-Committee appointed on 31st December 1964, of the appeal for donations.

The Council decided to appoint a Committee to act over a period of time, consisting of the Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, the Treasurer, Mr. S. Somasundaram, and Mr. J. E. van Dissel. The Committee was requested to circulate the Appeal to members of the General Council for their recommendations and/or approval if agreed; and to take all necessary steps to implement the Appeal for funds sufficient to cover annual deficits and ensure the satisfactory maintenance of the Headquarters at Adyar.

(b) *Report on a new Indonesian Organization to continue the work of the T.S.*

The President reported that Mr. Soemardjo of Indonesia was hopeful that the constitution of a new Indonesian organization which had been formed in the place of the Indonesian Section would be acceptable to the Indonesian Government, and that this would enable them to retain the various properties that belonged to the Theosophical Society in Indonesia.

(d) *The Question as to Whether or Not the Theosophical Society is a Religious Body.*

A letter from Srimati Rukmini Devi to the Recording Secretary, dated 14th September 1964, raised the question whether the Theosophical Society is a religious body or not. She said: "There should be a general resolution on the part of the General Council, so that we all agree what it is."

It was explained that the question arose out of an application from the Theosophical Society for railway travel concessions in India in connection with the Annual Conventions of the Society.

The President said that while the Society had an essentially religious character it was not a religious organization in the ordinary sense. To call it religious might be advantageous in one context but not in another. The Council thought it not advisable to pass a resolution on the subject.

(f) *General Council Minutes.*

There was a suggestion from Miss Helen Zahara that the Minutes of the General Council Meetings need not be printed in the Annual Report of the Theosophical Society. It was decided that only extracts be printed in the Report.

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# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1964

National Sections (Active) ..	39	No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	2	Lodges	Members
Federations formed under Rule			
35 (c) ..	3	29. Argentina ..	45 854
Total Lodges ..	1,256	30. Chile ..	9 150 (1956)
Total Membership:		31. Brazil ..	29 865
1963 ..	30,973	32. Bulgaria ..	— —
1964 ..	31,174	33. Iceland ..	13 601
		34. Spain ..	— —
Increase ..	201	35. Portugal ..	15 215
		36. Wales ..	6 113
		37. Poland ..	— —
		38. Uruguay ..	8 137
		39. Puerto Rico ..	7 88
		40. Rumania ..	— —
		41. Yugoslavia ..	— —
		42. Ceylon ..	7 84
		43. Greece ..	9 212
		44. Central America ..	9 157
		45. Paraguay ..	— —
		46. Peru (Lodges at-	
		tached to Adyar) ..	6 136 (1960)
		47. The Philippines ..	20 305
		48. Colombia ..	11 117
		49. East Africa ..	22 587
		50. Pakistan* ..	6 284
		51. Malaya & Singapore†	8 125 (1962)
		52. Northern Ireland†	3 55
		53. Israel* ..	5 109
		54. Japan ..	— —
		55. Viet-Nam ..	16 710
		56. Venezuela ..	7 177 (1963)
		57. West Africa† ..	8 334
		58. Canadian Federation	10 168
		59. Fellows-at-large ..	— 27
		60. Lodges and Members	
		attached to Adyar:	
		Bolivia ..	2 45
		Hong Kong ..	1 32
		Others ..	12 266
		" ..	3 282
		Total	1,256 31,174

KATHERINE A. BEECHY,  
Recording Secretary.

\* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

\*\* The Indonesian Section consisting of 33 Lodges and 1,675 members (1962) was prohibited by order of the President of the Indonesian Republic in May 1963.



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