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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 90TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1965

By N. SRI RAM, *President*

I welcome you all most cordially to the 90th annual Convention of the Theosophical Society and to Adyar, its international Headquarters, where it is being held. I pray that each one of you may find here all the peace, enlightenment and strength you may desire. Let us, before beginning our proceedings, think of all our brothers and sisters throughout the world as being with us here in spirit and extend to them our greeting. Let us also turn to those Sources of eternal inspiration and help, which we invoke on such special occasions.

(Rise, Brethren.)

May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless with Their guidance and help the Society founded in furtherance of Their plans. May They inspire it with Their wisdom, strengthen it with Their power and energize it with Their life-giving forces.

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

On November 17th, 1965, the Society completed 90 years of its existence and work, and entered the last phase of its cycle of one hundred years. While those of us who realize the importance of its

character and mission—what it is meant to achieve—may well look back on the events and achievements of its past, we should, I think, look also and much more towards the future—not in mere wishfulness or vague hope that something will happen by itself to change all things in a miraculous manner, but realizing that the future will be a product of the present plus whatever new forces are set in motion in the present. The responsibility for what that future shall be cannot be laid altogether on a cold abstract destiny, but must rest largely upon ourselves.

Therefore, how we act now and the quality of our action is important. Of what nature should that action be? Should we, as Lodges and individuals, merely do more of what we have been doing, move more energetically in the ways to which we are habituated, or should there be action of a different nature, with a new quality, manifesting a truer understanding? If we are to aim at a change of consequence in the human condition, it must be born out of a comprehension deeper and truer than what that condition implies at present, a comprehension which goes down to the root of our natures and can generate the appropriate action at all levels of being. Failing this, whatever we

attempt to do will be but a stale continuation of the same old ways of thought and activity, perhaps in new forms but not rising to a new level or gradient.

Such a new comprehension has necessarily to be reached by each one of us individually. For it is only the individual who can go deep into all things which concern him and originate something of real significance. In him is the fountain of that energy which is life, with all the possibilities latent in it. Apart from his free initiative and intelligence, any organization, however well-designed, with whatever aims and objectives, must necessarily turn into a mechanism operating on limited lines with a blind continuity. An organization embodies a certain consensus on the part of its members; basing itself on this, it can set its seal on particular acts; it can duplicate what exists and falls within its capacity and its mode of functioning. It can demarcate areas of responsibility and set limits to observable actions. It serves the important purpose of bringing together persons who have the same interests, aim and outlook, and in general can do whatever falls within the formal aspect of things. But it cannot create the vital spark needed to transform the existing condition, whether of the Society or of the body of humanity. It cannot make a desert blossom as the rose.

The Society's well-known Three Objects are so worded as to have the same value and relevance in the conditions of today as in those of any previous time. Theosophy, left undefined for various deeply valid reasons, is by its very nature a Wisdom or Truth capable of a progressive understanding. The Founders based their initiative on the view that modern man, just entering the beginnings of that condition in which the world finds itself today, a world which is largely a creation of modern Science, needed that enlighten-

ment which Theosophy could give him, both to save himself from the extinction of his spiritual, that is to say, his purest and truest instincts and for the creation of a free, happy human society. The vital basis for this aim was indicated by the words "Universal Brotherhood of Humanity," words that have an extraordinary depth of meaning which we have hardly begun to plumb and spell out in action.

We have an indication of the nature of the enlightenment that the Founders had in view, in the version of the Second Object as it stood while H. P. Blavatsky was still alive, referring specifically to the study of Eastern literatures and philosophies. The change to the more general form in which the Second Object is expressed at present was obviously intended to give it the character of universality towards which the Society has steadily aimed from the beginning. What distinguishes Eastern and generally ancient thought from that of the modern world is that approach to Truth which we may call philosophy and religion rather than an observation of superficial facts.

Philosophy pursued purely intellectually has often meant arid abstractions, mere verbal play, dialectics divorced from life, vain speculation. But it can also mean, and in its true character does mean, self-knowledge, Wisdom as distinguished from knowledge, love of Wisdom or Truth, and a comprehension that includes the reality which is in Life, its unfoldment and expressions. The capacity to know oneself and thus to discover all that life means, to understand life in every form it wears, as well as the meaning and significance of all outer events in relation to one's inner self and experience, all this, which exists in man, can unlock a whole realm which Science, with its particular outlook and methods, does not and cannot cover. Modern Science and the scientific

standpoint have their great importance and value. The quality we may describe as scientific cannot be excluded from any branch of human thought or activity. For it represents that aspect of Truth which is in the basic structure of things. But in Nature as well as man there is both structure and life, the vessel and its contents, structure which is static, however changing, and life ever flowing and unfolding. That aspect of Truth which pertains to Life, life's movements and meaning, both as found in oneself and other beings, must therefore be the most vital part of any understanding that enriches life and endows it with the value inherent in the truth of things.

It is in oneself alone, the uncontaminated inmost part of oneself, that the essence of all true religion lies. It is not to be found in any organization, dogma or authority. It is the unearthly quality of that inmost nature, a quality with many tones and colors, that is evoked by religion at its best. All goodness and beauty, which arise from that source, are also forms of Truth. Theosophy, the Divine Wisdom, must include those aspects of Truth which pertain to Life in its unconditioned state, expressing its own nature in unfettered freedom and manifesting its highest capability and quality. Theosophy can mean other things at other levels; for it is the truth which exists at every level, pertaining to all that we can touch, perceive or experience. It is only the wisdom, based on an understanding of oneself, which is an expression of Life, capable of embracing every form, and illuminating all things to which it is related, that can bring order out of chaos, whether in the individual or in society, peace out of our present conflicts, and freedom out of our self-created bondage.

Generally speaking, the work of the Society as a whole goes on steadily on the usual lines. In a Society so widely

extended and non-authoritarian in character, basing its activities largely on the initiative and understanding of its members wherever they are situated, in which the Lodges everywhere have freedom to devise and carry out their own programs of study and other work, there must inevitably be varying methods and activities and also ups and downs in particular areas and centres. This has been the case throughout the Society's history. But its constitution ensures that even when there are difficulties or lack of progress in particular Sections or Lodges, there can be others which carry on more satisfactorily, affording cause for encouragement and hope for the progress of the movement as a whole.

The United States Section has had difficulties during the year, arising from cleavages within its executive machinery, as a result of which its National President, Dr. Henry A. Smith, withdrew from office at the time of the Section's Convention in July last on leave of absence granted by the National Board of Directors for the remainder of his term. The Vice-President, Miss Joy Mills, is now Acting National President for that period. The total membership of the Section on May 31st this year was 4,075. The Report received by us is that presented at the Section's Convention, before the above-mentioned change. As usual, the work in the Section is described under different heads such as the organization of lecture tours, regional expansion programs, the Department of Education (which supplies material to the Lodges, including tape recordings of talks and lectures, some specially intended for discussion), the propagation of Theosophy through the medium of the radio, the transcription of Theosophical literature into Braille, and book gifts to libraries and colleges, all features which I have mentioned in various previous years.

Mr. Leslie Leslie-Smith, the new General Secretary of the English Section, states in his report that "increasing interest has been shown throughout the Section in getting clear ideas of the basic principles of Theosophy, with emphasis on the Three Objects of the Society and special reference to the three Fundamental Principles of *The Secret Doctrine*". Linked with this, he says, has been the policy of the 1950 Resolution of the General Council of the Society, which asks that the Society should be kept "free of identification or affiliation with any other organization". There cannot be a better basis than what is briefly indicated thus, for building up the Society's activities in a manner which will evoke individual initiative and enquiry, and at the same time maintain the Society's distinctive character. There has been a small increase in the Section membership, which is a good sign, especially considering the nature of the appeal above referred to.

There has been an increase of membership in the Indian Section, which now stands at nearly 7,700. Mrs. Radha Burnier, the General Secretary, commenting on the above fact, remarks: "Although we might not assess the true strength of the Society or its potentiality for doing good merely by counting numbers, if membership is an indication of an attraction felt by people for the lofty and altruistic aims of the Theosophical Society, it is certainly a matter for rejoicing that there are more members. When new members come into the Society, it is always hoped that it is because they have begun to feel deep within themselves, if not entirely at the conscious level, that sense of unity with all which is the beginning of spiritual perception and that they will dedicate themselves to the service of humanity in a selfless spirit." With reference to the state of war which unfortunately exists between India and

Pakistan, she observes: "Every crisis, whether individual, national or otherwise, is a test evolved by our karmic destiny which offers us the opportunity to make the spiritual part of ourselves shine forth in expressions of brotherhood and truth, untainted by darker influences which might impinge from without. We as Theosophists should stand by the principles to which we declare our affiliation, and we should actively promote attitudes of goodwill and warm brotherhood towards all nations and peoples without any distinction whatsoever, however trying the circumstances may be." Unfortunately there is no communication at present between India and Pakistan but I have no doubt that the members in Pakistan have very similar feelings. I understand the work there goes on much as usual. The Indian Section is divided into a number of Federations, as is the case in England and the United States. Mrs. Burnier reports the creation of a new Federation for the Utkal area. The Section completed this year 75 years of its existence, and a special number of the Indian *Theosophical Review* has been brought out in commemoration of the event. Appropriately enough, it contains articles on all the religions that have adherents in India.

That there is a change taking place in the thinking and attitude of members, in different parts of the Society, is evidenced in some of the Reports received. Dr. Norbert Lauppert, the General Secretary of Austria, writes that "the responsibility of each individual member to find his or her individual path, and the necessity of always maintaining an open mind is more and more accepted amongst the members of the Section". He also mentions the fact that many members study Mr. J. Krishnamurti's books, and there are others working along the lines of the publications of the Research Centre in London, and

the comparative study of contemporary scientific literature.

Mr. Niels Sorenson, the General Secretary of the Danish Section, reports that in several Lodges "old warriors" are being replaced by younger people, who do not possess experience but "go cheerfully ahead, often along new lines and with great strength". This, he remarks, is a healthy development which should be encouraged and helped. In the Danish Section, as in some others, there is a tendency to make Theosophy more scientific and the feeling that there should not be any confusion between "side-tracks" and "the principal line". As Mr. Sorenson remarks, "Theosophy has existed in all ages. It is now our task to explain it in an intelligent and unorthodox way so that it may inspire those who will have to contribute to the great problems of our time".

Mrs. Kirsten Berg, the General Secretary for Sweden, makes a similar observation. She says: "The difficulty is in presenting the fundamental truths in a way that does justice to the logical and broad lines, as well as to its aspect of harmony and beauty, something which has more to do with what we are than what we say." It seems to me a most welcome sign that the problem is formulated in these terms. If each member will address himself individually to it, we will find ere long that there is fresh life in the Society and many new currents are set in motion.

Dr. Roberto Hack, who has been re-elected General Secretary for Italy, writes of the special effort being made in that Section to diffuse the original teachings contained in *The Mahatma Letters* and H. P. Blavatsky's writings, which he says are unknown in Italy. He adds, "We are always respectful of the ideas of others, but feel the necessity to prevent the tendency to fall into sectarian habits of thought." He truly observes that the first and fundamental aim is Universal

Brotherhood, and it is that fact which "can awaken the inmost spiritual resources latent in man in a way that no lesser ideal would be capable of doing".

The General Secretary for Brazil, Señora Cinira Figueiredo, reports the completion of the Raja Theosophical Centre near Sao Paulo, which has been brought into existence through the efforts, devotion and generosity of the ex-General Secretary, Señor Armando Sales and Señora Sales. The extent of the country, lack of communications and transport, and the high cost of utilities make the carrying on of the Theosophical work very difficult, except in a few centres. In the General Secretary's words, it is a case of "maximum effort with minimum results". Nevertheless there is a Lodge in Manaus which is far in the interior in the midst of country still largely undeveloped, and there are also some active study centres which have been established recently in the north and north-east. The work had been previously confined to the coastal areas and southern parts of the country.

The General Secretary for Colombia, Señor Gabriel Burgos, is happy to report that the Section now owns in Bogotá a handsome building which has greatly facilitated its work. The acquisition of the building was made possible by the generosity and help of Señor and Señora Walter Ballesteros. The General Secretary writes that although there are only ten Lodges, they are all "valiant in action," and among the majority of members there is a spirit of collaboration and keen desire to serve. The Lodge Councils have endeavored to make each member feel responsible for the good working of the Lodge, thus making the work more "balanced". The Section continues to bring out regularly *Selección Teosofía*, consisting of translations by Señor Ballesteros, and it is distributed throughout the country free of charge and sent to

other Sections. He also sends out a monthly letter to members, which has been much appreciated.

The chief event for all the Central and South American Sections this year was the holding of the Second Inter-American Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina, during the closing week of October. A number of members from the American Section also attended the Congress, which was presided over by Señor N. Rimini who has been its moving spirit. He was planning to create a Federation to include all the Latin American Sections, but it was felt at the Congress that there has to be some further preparation and study before that project can be realized.

Many of the Section reports mention the activities of Young Theosophists' groups. The Canadian General Secretary, Mr. Dudley W. Barr, reports the formation of a young people's group in Toronto Lodge, and remarks, "Orthodoxy and fundamentalism have always been strong in Canada, but among the young people particularly there is a move away from old forms and rigid beliefs." The Philippines Section is one of those in which the Young Theosophists are particularly active, showing interest in study meetings. Miss Ruth Beringer, the new General Secretary for Australia, mentions the existence of three active Young Theosophists' Groups in that country. The Irish Section mentions with pleasure the interest shown by a number of young people and students who come regularly to Lodge meetings. In Iceland, too, Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson the General Secretary, makes special mention of the Young Theosophists, who are very active there.

Summer Schools have been held during the year in the United States, following their annual Convention, and in Finland, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark and South Africa. Many camps have been held in India, having the same general character.

Week-end camps for study are a feature of the work also in England.

It is not possible here to refer to all Sections and Federations but at Adyar we are glad to be informed of the features of their work as well as their difficulties.

A number of Sections make particular mention of the Theosophical Order of Service activities. These include work for Animal Welfare, the helping of Tibetan refugees, help to organizations, such as the Oxfam, which are endeavoring to bring relief to starving children and orphans in different parts of the world. Much humanitarian and educational work is carried on by Lodges and individual members, outside the T.O.S.

In Ceylon the Society has been concentrating on the promotion of harmony amongst the various religious groups in that country. Mr. D. L. F. Pedris, the National President, mentions the fact that a Religious Congress has been brought into existence by the Theosophists as a permanent institution for that purpose, and the Congress has met with the support of all religious groups in the island.

In the earlier part of this year I made a tour of Australia and New Zealand, visiting the main centres in each of these countries. I was accompanied by Sri-mathi S. Bhagirathi and Miss Elithe Nise-wanger. We attended also the Australian Convention which was held at Broken Bay on the east coast of Australia not far from Sydney. Srimathi Rukmini Devi visited some places in Europe, including Huizen, and also was for several weeks in the United States, chiefly at Krotana and in New York. Mr. John Coats, in addition to his work as Chairman of the European Federation Council, in which capacity he does a good deal of touring throughout Europe, made a trip to South America in the spring and later attended the annual Sessions at Olcott in the United States. Mr. Harry Banks of New

Zealand made an extended tour of most Lodges in Australia. Mrs. Radha Burnier made a trip to Europe at the invitation of some of the Scandinavian Sections. She was guest speaker at the Summer Schools in Sweden, Finland and Denmark, and along with Dr. Hugh Shearman, at the English Convention. Although such tours attract attention, a great deal of touring and lecturing takes place within Sections, which is of equal value.

The Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, has been able to remain at Adyar this year, and I took advantage of this fact to request him to act on my behalf in all matters concerning the Adyar estate. He has been assisted in this work by the Estate Administration Committee, at present consisting of Mrs. Norma Sastry, its Secretary, Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, and Miss Annie Tjioe, Joint Treasurer.

In May this year I appointed Mr. Stuart G. Nicholls from New Zealand as Treasurer, and Miss Annie Tjioe as Joint Treasurer. These appointments were made because Mr. S. Somasundaram's health did not permit him to continue the demanding work as Treasurer. He has however agreed to remain as Financial Consultant for the Treasurer's Office. Miss Daphne Darroch, also from New Zealand, was available to assist in the editorial work of *THE THEOSOPHIST*, and it has been possible therefore to allow Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap to take-over the work in the Archives Department and do micro-filming of some of the Society's important papers and historical documents.

We feel particularly fortunate that Mrs. Kathrine Perkins has been able this year to give much time as receptionist in the Headquarters Hall, where she is available to meet the hundreds, if not thousands, of visitors who come to the Hall and the Adyar Library, answer their many questions about Theosophy, the Society's work and history, explain the symbols of the

religions in the Hall, and to direct and often to accompany such visitors to other points of interest in the estate. After his retirement in the spring as Correspondent for the Olcott Memorial School, Mr. P. M. Advani relieved Mr. K. N. Ramanathan of the work in the Department of Information, in which post he also makes helpful contacts with both the public and visiting members of the Society. Mrs. Janet Nicholls has been giving some much-needed assistance and relief to Mrs. Iris Murphet, who is in charge of Lead-beater Chambers. The Heads and Assistants in other departments at Adyar remain as mentioned in previous years.

The 17th session of the School of the Wisdom, which opened early in October, had Dr. I. K. Taimni as its Director again, and Miss Clarice Gregory of New Zealand as its Secretary. India was well represented this time, with 12 students, and there were one each from the U.S.A., England and Sweden, two each from Viet-Nam and New Zealand, and three from Australia. In addition to regular bi-weekly morning lectures by Dr. Taimni, research papers on topics from a comprehensive list of 100 subjects were presented by students. A number of morning talks were given by some of the workers in and near Adyar, and three Friday evening public lectures were presented under the auspices of the School. The students also enjoyed the usual visits to various working departments at Headquarters.

During the year at long last we were able to commence the construction of the new building for the Adyar Library. This has remained as a project for quite a long number of years. We have been fortunate in having with us Mr. George Linton from the United States to supervise the construction and discuss and settle all necessary matters with the architect and the building contractor. It was originally planned to locate the building in Besant

Gardens on the south side of the public highway which bisects the Adyar estate, but various considerations made it desirable finally to erect the building in the Blavatsky Gardens area near the entrance from the public road. Unfortunately Mr. and Mrs. Linton had to return to the United States early in October, before the building could be completed, which it is hoped will be possible some time next year. Mrs. Linton's work as Secretary for the School of the Wisdom during the 1964-65 session was much appreciated by Dr. Taimni and the students.

I have to record the passing away during this year of a number of well-known and devoted workers: Mr. Sidney A. Cook, Vice-President of the Society from 1946 to 1960, and before that National President of the American Section for fourteen years; Miss Emma Hunt, a member for nearly sixty years, who was Recording Secretary from 1953 to 1961, and prior to that General Secretary for New Zealand for very many years; Mr. Ernest Wood, well known throughout the Theosophical world, a worker at Adyar during the time of Dr. Annie Besant and Mr. C. W. Leadbeater, and author of a number of Theosophical works; Mr. J. L. Davidge of Australia, assistant Editor of *THE THEOSOPHIST* during Dr. G. S. Arundale's Presidentship; Mlle. Serge Brisys for sixteen years General Secretary for Belgium and since 1955 at Adyar, helping Srimathi Rukmini Devi; Miss Nettie Ockenden of New Zealand, for 61 years steadily devoted to the work there; U Po Lat, for a long period the mainstay of the work in Burma; Mr. Jacob Christenson, the first General Secretary of the Icelandic Section and a member of the Society for more than fifty years; Miss Edith Gray of the United States, well known for her indefatigable work and travels in placing Theosophical books in public and college libraries; Mrs. Alice Law, a devoted

member of long standing and for many years General Secretary for Eire; Mr. A. R. Hemsted, head of the Engineering Department at Adyar for some years during Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa's Presidentship; Mr. R. M. Alpawalla of Bombay, a highly respected member who was active unremittingly in spite of having lost his eyesight at an early age; Mr. Duncan Greenlees, best known perhaps for his painstaking work in publishing his series on the Gospels of various religions; Mr. B. Sanjiva Rao, an educationist, who for many years was closely associated with Dr. Annie Besant and the work of the Indian Section. It is not possible to mention here all who have passed away, but I am sure we would like to express our gratitude to all of them.

The Rules and Regulations of the Society provide for the holding of a World Congress outside India at a place and date which would not interfere with the annual Convention. It has not been possible, because of the War and conditions obtaining later, to hold such a Congress since 1936, but steps are now being taken to hold a World Congress at Salzburg, Austria, from July 14 to 22, 1966. The European Federation Council has undertaken the responsibility of making the necessary arrangements.

I might mention here that at the meeting of the General Council last December at Adyar, a meeting which was particularly well attended because of the presence of an unusual number of members from Europe, it was decided to make an Appeal to members all over the world for help to build up the finances of the Adyar Headquarters in a satisfactory manner in the ten years preceding the Society's Centenary in 1975. The General Council appointed a committee consisting of the Vice-President, Mr. S. Somasundaram and Mr. J. E. van Dissel to draft and send out this Appeal. Since the above decision

was taken, the Government of Madras State has introduced an Urban Land Tax, basing the tax upon the current market value of all lands within the municipal area and designating the Society's estate as one of the sub-zones for tax purposes. If this tax is levied, it will be a crushing additional burden upon the Society's finances. We have, however, applied for exemption from the tax on the ground that the Society is a philanthropic body with an international standing, the leaders of which have rendered signal service to India in the fields of religion, culture and the cause of India's freedom.

I do hope that there will be a generous

response from members all over the world to the Centenary Fund Appeal sent out by the committee appointed for the purpose. Adyar has a beauty and an atmosphere all its own, which strikes very many visitors, Theosophists as well as others. To refer to just one recent impression of it, many of the members who came from Europe for the 1964 Convention have spoken of their visit to Adyar as an unforgettable experience. It is of the greatest importance that Adyar should be helped to remain a Centre of influence and help to the whole world, giving the Society's message and work that quality which has always been associated with it.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

(1) *Income and Expenditure Account*: The deficit this year is Rs. 61,065, or Rs. 8,908, higher than last year. Thanks to higher donations and refund of income tax, the deficit, in comparison with last year, is not so very heavy. The details below give an explanation of the increase.

	Rs.	Rs.
<i>Decreased Income:</i>		
Rent	... 5,100	
Fees and Dues	... 8,418	
Other	... 640	
<i>Increased Expenditure:</i>		
Gratuities, pensions and provision for gratuities	... 64,727	
T.P.H. Management	... 6,000	
Departmental expenditure other than gratuities	... 5,906	
	<hr/>	90,791
COUNTERBALANCED BY:		
<i>Increased Income:</i>		
Interest (mainly refund of Income Tax)	... 29,033	
Donations	... 35,167	
Admin. Contributions by Departments	... 6,240	
<i>Decreased Expenditure:</i>		
Depreciation	... 5,088	
Miscellaneous	... 6,355	
	<hr/>	81,883
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		8,908
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Although all departments without exception were showing a deficit, we were obliged this year to create a "Reserve for Gratuities" as such a reserve did not previously exist (except in the Adyar Library and T.P.H.).

On retirement every permanent worker on the Adyar Estate and in the Vasanta Press is paid as gratuity a lump sum which depends on the number of years of his service and the emoluments he last drew. To meet these payments a small gratuity reserve was created some years ago. In 1963, however, this reserve was exhausted owing to the increased number of retirements. The following statement gives the payments made during the last 5 years:

1960-61	—	13,655
1961-62	—	22,511
1962-63	—	20,511
1963-64	—	35,497
1964-65	—	59,548

These heavy payments are mainly responsible for The Society's increasing deficits in recent years and the sudden variations in the financial results of the working of some departments. With a view to avoiding such wide fluctuations of payments this "Gratuities Reserve" has again been started by debit to the different departments. In future, every year each department will provide one month's emoluments of each monthly paid worker to be credited to this central "Gratuities Reserve". Payments of gratuity will be made out of this Central Reserve.

Just how heavy has become the burden of gratuities for retired workers will be seen when the payments this year by all departments of both gratuities and Gratuities Reserve are totalled. It comes to no less than Rs. 91,090—considerably more than the whole year's deficit!

(2) *Donations*: As a result of the appeal early in 1965 there was an increase in donations amounting to Rs. 35,166. It is hoped that as the Appeal for the Century Fund gathers impetus the total of donations will still further increase to enable the Society to meet the growing cost of administering the activities of the Theosophical Society including its Headquarters Estate.

(a) *Adyar Day Collections*: The total collections received for Adyar Day Collections amounted to Rs. 31,118.

This amount was allocated by the President as follows:

	Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Library	... 3,000	
Vice-President's Travelling Fund	... 6,500	
Welfare Fund	... 1,000	
Faithful Service Fund	... 500	
President's Discretionary Fund	... 500	
Olcott Harijan Schools	... 500	
	—	12,000
Towards Deficit		19,000
		—
		31,000
		—

(b) *General Donations*: The General Donations amounting to Rs. 78,237 (Rs. 45,574 the previous year) were utilised to diminish the current deficit. Noteworthy donations were received as follows:

Miss Gladys D. Newberry, £1000 (Rs. 13,287.)

Estate of late Bertha C. Rosine, \$ 2193 (Rs. 10,409.)

Theos. Investment Trust, U. S. A. \$ 4163 (Rs. 19,763.)

(3) *A. B. C. Fund*: This Fund was increased by Rs. 77,297 mainly due to the annual distribution from the J. H. Mason

Trust (U.S.A.) of Rs. 52,533. Mr. Dastur Khurshed S. Dabu of Bombay also contributed Rs. 15,000.

The Fund now stands at Rs. 18,00,785.

(4) *Adyar Library Building Fund*: A total of Rs. 3,38,430 has been collected in this Fund, an increase of Rs. 67,217 on the previous year. As mentioned in last year's report, this increase is partly due to a legacy of Rs. 43,241 from the Estate of the late Mrs. E. M. Lavender. The sum of Rs. 2,35,500 has been expended during the year on the construction of the new building.

(5) *Faithful Service Fund*: This Fund now stands at Rs. 38,989 having diminished slightly from the previous year's balance of Rs. 40,920. The usual allocation of Rs. 500/- has been credited from Adyar Day Collections.

(6) *Fees and Dues*: Rs. 30,477 was received during the year, compared with last year's total of Rs. 38,896. This decrease is explained by the fact that in 1964 an extra payment of Rs. 10,630 was accredited from U.S.A. representing dues in respect of the previous period.

(7) *Sundry Debtors*: The amount due by T.P.H. has been considerably reduced during the year from Rs. 1,63,971 to Rs. 1,05,325. This is referred to under the main heading of T.P.H.

Of the other Sundry Debtors totalling Rs. 50,470 at 30-9-65 it is pleasing to report that a substantial portion has since been cleared, more than Rs. 35,000 of this total having been subsequently paid.

(8) *Bhojanasala*: While the mess income in comparison with last year has been decreased by Rs. 4,371 the "Provisions consumed" remains nearly unchanged due to higher prices. No Reserve for Gratuity has been provided as there are no permanent workers in this department. This year's deficit is Rs. 7,246 as against last year's deficit of Rs. 4,777.

(9) *Leadbeater Chambers*: The deficit is Rs. 5,096 as compared with last year's Rs. 508. While the income increased by Rs. 4,440 the expenses on all lines rose from Rs. 24,344 to Rs. 33,373.

(10) *Maintenance Department*: The deficit this year is Rs. 37,921 (last year Rs. 24,961) showing an increase of Rs. 12,959 due partly to the levy of Administration charges, Rs. 3,600, creation of Reserve for Gratuities, Rs. 3,784, and increased cost of casual labour.

(11) *Garden Department*: The deficit in this Department has increased from Rs. 8,785 to Rs. 12,034 the main items being the levy of Administration charges, Rs. 2,400 and provision for Gratuity Reserve, Rs. 5,924. The gross income from Cultivation Account has increased by Rs. 1,853. This year the paddy cultivation has been resumed.

(12) *Laundry*: Despite an increase in laundry charges the deficit this year was Rs. 4,122 compared with Rs. 3,491 the previous year. This increase was due to the payment of Rs. 362 for gratuity and Rs. 393 for provision of Gratuities Reserve.

(13) *Vasanta Press*: The out-turn for the year at Rs. 1,67,064 shows an increase of Rs. 10,751 over that of the previous year mainly due to increased output in the Printing Section. The cost of production during the year, viz. Rs. 1,03,290 increased by only Rs. 2,035 as compared with last year, resulting in an increase of gross income by Rs. 8,716 from Rs. 55,057 to Rs. 63,773.

The Supervision and other overhead expenses (excluding the retirement allowance and gratuities) amounted to Rs. 47,420 during the year against Rs. 52,128 in the previous year. The net income, excluding retirement allowances and gratuity, during the year was Rs. 16,343 against Rs. 2,929 in the previous year. The satisfactory result was brought about mainly by earlier retirement of senior staff and economies.

Due to retirement of 12 senior men this year the expenses on gratuities, Rs. 47,982, was very heavy. In addition to these direct expenses on gratuity a sum of Rs. 9,971 has been allocated to Gratuities Reserve for meeting future payments. The expenses on retirement allowance during the year was Rs. 16,254 against Rs. 8,568 last year.

(14) *Adyar Library: (a) Publications Accounts:* shows a deficit of Rs. 5,161 entirely due to the cost of a publication for which a grant of Rs. 11,400 sanctioned by Government had not been received at closing of books.

(b) *Endowment Fund:* This has again been reduced with the charging of the current year's deficit Rs. 26,829, leaving a balance of only Rs. 13,000.

(15) *The Theosophical Publishing House:* The cost of new Publications during the year was Rs. 68,980 against Rs. 1,07,983 in the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 39,000 was mainly due to the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* and *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings* in the previous year. The sales of T.P.H. Publications in 1964-65 amounted to Rs. 1,44,648 against Rs. 1,23,015 in the previous year. The reasons for the increase of Rs. 21,633 were (1) revenue from *The Secret Doctrine* sales, (2) larger sales arising from advertising and larger discounts. Sales of other Publications, Photos, Incense, etc. at Rs. 31,063 did not show appreciable increase. The closing stock was Rs. 2,18,363 against Rs. 2,67,093 in the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 48,730 was due to reduction in book value (Rs. 29,200), increase in sales, etc.

Establishment and other expenditure during the year was Rs. 51,563 against Rs. 57,233 in the previous year. The reduction of Rs. 5,670 was mainly due to savings on the maintenance of car. The net result of the working for the year was a profit of Rs. 1,140 against a loss of Rs. 2,027 in the previous year. The

amount owing to the Theosophical Society which was Rs. 1,63,250 in the previous year was reduced to Rs. 1,05,326 at the end of the year.

(16) *Expenditure on Staff:* New scales for the remuneration of Staff came into effect from 1st October 1964. However, already by 1st October 1965 the Executive Committee had been obliged to raise the Dearness Allowance and further increases to meet the steady rise in living costs will doubtless have to be met. Also provision of gratuity reserve (approximately Rs. 31,000) will be a recurring feature for a few years.

On the other hand, the Revised Service Rules for employees recently approved by the Executive Committee should ultimately result in some saving of expenditure to reduce this burden on the Society.

(17) *Properties of the Society:* It has been decided that the sale of land in the Paddy Field area should be postponed for the present. In view of the food shortage emergency the cultivation of paddy has been resumed.

(18) *Urban Land Tax:* The Society's petition for total exemption of its lands from the operation of the Urban Land Tax Act is still under consideration by the State Government.

(19) *General:* The Executive Committee is most concerned with the growing annual deficits and has appointed a Special Committee to review the position.

Adyar,
21-12-1965

S. G. NICHOLLS,
Hony. Treasurer.

A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

Particulars

No.		<i>Amount</i> 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.	3½% National Plan Loan 1974	... 60,000
5.	3½% National Plan Loan 1967	... 52,000
6.	4¼% Madras Loan 1972	... 10,000
7.	4½% Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debenture 1969-76	... 1,00,000
8.	do 1970-80	... 15,000
9.	do 1966-73	... 25,000
10.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank 1971-76	... 30,000
11.	4¼% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank 1970-75	... 20,000
12.	4% do 1966-68	... 25,000
13.	4¼% do 1967-69	... 1,00,000
14.	4½% do 1971-76	... 1,00,000
15.	4¼% do 1967-69	... 20,100
16.	4% Mysore Land Mortgage Bank	... 20,000
17.	Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit	... 83,000
18.	do	... 1,00,000
19.	do	... 1,00,000
20.	do	... 25,000
21.	do	... 50,000
22.	do	... 25,000
23.	12 Year National Savings Certificates	... 89,400
24.	Treasury Savings Deposit Certificates	... 38,000
25.	4% Funding Stock (Sterling) 1970	£ 11,297 ... 1,50,640
26.	4% Government of Australia 55-70	£ 1,049 ... 14,000
27.	3½% do 61-56	£ 1,800 ... 24,000
28.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway	£ 3,000 ... 40,000
29.	3½% Queensland Government 50-70	£ 1,400 ... 18,700
30.	4½% Kenya Government Loan	£ 500 ... 6,670
		<hr/> 17,95,610 <hr/>

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

				1964-65		1963-64	
				Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
The Theosophical Society in U.S.A.	...			10,182	20	21,213	25
"	"	Mexico	...	522	98	...	
"	"	Colombia	...	148	45	167	79
"	"	Venezuela	...	238	25	236	50
"	"	Puerto Rico	...	...		142	16
"	"	Brazil	...	247	52	...	
"	"	Canada	...	434	66	999	47
"	"	England	...	3,359	51	3,720	17
"	"	Scotland	...	285	07	106	30
"	"	Southern Africa	...	351	13	401	53
"	"	Ireland	...	20	74	20	25
"	"	Norway	...	69	50	79	22
"	"	West Africa	...	7	40	203	97
"	"	N. Ireland	...	21	91	21	91
"	"	Italy	...	225	00	...	
"	"	Wales	...	130	42	...	
"	"	Sweden	...	254	05	469	02
"	"	Iceland	...	782	29	...	
"	"	Australia	...	622	56	643	53
"	"	New Zealand	...	843	43	888	09
"	"	Netherlands	...	3,171	33	2,314	39
"	"	India	...	* 3,767	77	11	11
"	"	Switzerland	...	77	67	679	34
"	"	East Africa	...	222	00	153	85
"	"	Finland	...	427	00	429	76
"	"	Uruguay	...	132	86	...	
"	"	Austria	...	228	65	187	48
"	"	France	...	1,343	98	1,542	58
"	"	Denmark	...	166	68	179	32
"	"	Argentina	...	311	87	...	
"	"	Germany	...	277	68	...	
Canadian Federation	...			216	87	...	
From Spanish-speaking Members through N. S. R.	...			633	52	...	
Non-Sectionalized Lodges, etc.	...			752	55	4,084	80
				30,477	50	38,895	79

* Includes Rs. 1,890.63 relating to previous year.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Establishment and Other Expenses:								
Dr. Annie Besant Com. stamp								
Function ...	31	29						
Bad debts written off ...	692	24			146	04		
Convention 1963 and Support Convention ...	736	83						
Convention 1964 ...					2,973	79		
Dispensary ...	7,695	08			8,608	67		
Emergency Risk Insurance ...					18	00		
Gratuities Account ...	15,292	26			2,426	19		
Gulistan House Property Expenditure Account ...					833	87		
Legal and Audit Fees ...					4,107	00		
Light and Water ...	8,007	75			7,623	27		
Miscellaneous ...	10,736	05			9,510	54		
Museum and Archives ...	4,750	45			3,584	26		
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones...	3,160	32			3,809	09		
Printing and Stationery ...	5,556	01			6,826	82		
Publications to General Secretaries ...	698	83			695	99		
Repairs and Renewals ...	58,373	52			54,804	96		
Retirement Allowances ...	1,717	00			2,587	28		
Salaries and Wages ...	43,327	16			39,542	83		
Sanitation ...	5,089	82			6,207	02		
Taxes ...	16,557	69			16,515	26		
T. P. H. Management ...	6,000	00			12,000	00		
Watch and Ward ...	21,731	16			24,998	64		
Expenses for Jungle Wood			2,10,153	46			2,07,819	52
							136	38
Departmental Results:								
Bhojanasala ...	— 4,777	55			— 7,246	69		
Maintenance Department ...	— 24,961	70			— 37,921	48		
Garden Department ...	— 8,785	73			— 12,034	63		
Laundry ...	— 3,491	29			— 4,122	89		
Leadbeater Chambers ...	— 508	03			— 5,096	97		
Vasanta Press ...	— 16,250	33			— 57,853	38		
			58,774	63			1,24,276	04
Appropriations:								
To Adyar Library ...	5,000	00			5,000	00		
„ The School of the Wisdom ...	3,000	00			3,000	00		
„ President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	00			6,600	00		
			14,600	00			14,600	00
Depreciation:								
On Motor Cars ...	5,821	33			6,738	56		
„ Immovable Property ...	16,736	00			16,333	42		
„ Gulistan ...					403	38		
„ Movable Property ...	6,318	30			312	12		
			28,875	63			23,787	48
Reserve for Gratuity							6,974	00
			3,12,403	72			3,77,593	42

ADYAR

16th December 1965

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

STUART G. NICHOLLS

Treasurer

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO

Joint Treasurer

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

INCOME	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Rent (including Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers) ...			56,624	03			51,523	55
„ Fees and Dues: ...			38,895	79			30,477	50
„ Interest:								
Earned (Less I. T. deducted) ...	1,12,267	77			1,39,617	78		
Less Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	14,251	28			12,568	58		
			98,016	49			1,27,049	20
„ Donations:								
Balance b/f. ...	714	06			125	66		
Add Received during the year ...	69,482	49			1,09,229	49		
	70,196	55			1,09,355	15		
Less Allocations and Grants ...	8,000	00			12,000	00		
	62,196	55			97,355	15		
Less Balance c/f ...	125	66			117	58		
			62,070	89			97,237	57
„ Administration Charges ...			4,000	00			10,240	00
„ Income from Jungle wood (net) ...			546	32			...	
„ Profit on Redemption of Investment ...			92	28			...	
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...			52,157	92			61,065	60
			3,12,403	72			3,77,593	42

Examined and found correct.

N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountant.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
General Fund:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	9,41,800	10			8,91,126	83		
Add Further Receipts this year ...	368	18			...			
Add Transfer from Adyar Library Capital Account ...	1,116	47			966	07		
Add Transfer from General Endowment Fund ...	...				11,22,264	52		
	9,43,284	75			20,14,357	42		
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...	52,157	92	8,91,126	83	61,065	60	19,53,291	82
General Endowment Fund:								
As per last balance sheet ...	11,28,238	32			11,22,264	52		
Less Loss in Sale of Investment ...	5,973	80			...			
Less Transfer to General Fund ...	...		11,22,264	52	11,22,264	52	...	
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund: (b)			17,23,488	57			18,00,785	94
Other Funds: (see notes below)								
(i) Of the Society: Interest Bearing:								
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a) ...	40,800	64			13,005	24		
Adyar Library Building Fund ...	2,71,213	81			3,38,430	98		
Cash (c) ...	46,000	00			45,000	00		
Fixed Property ...	65,229	01			90,574	59		
Miscellaneous Funds (a) do. do. (c) ...	12,415	60			12,539	14		
			4,35,659	06			4,99,549	95
(ii) Of the Society: Non-Interest Bearing:								
President's Travelling Fund ...	6,654	69			12,147	35		
Miscellaneous Funds ...	1,10,980	01			90,832	06		
			1,17,634	70			1,02,979	41
(iii) Of Others: Interest-Bearing ...			60,277	17			60,370	38
(iv) Of Others: Non-Interest Bearing:			2,884	51			8,850	88
Reserves:								
Electrical Line ...	6,000	00			6,000	00		
Meter and Water Line Renewal ...	4,000	00			4,000	00		
Water Tank ...	2,000	00			2,000	00		
Adyar Day Unallocated ...	125	66			117	58		
Casuarina Development ...	8,247	04			8,665	86		
			20,372	70			20,783	44
Adyar Library: Funds and Reserves:								
Miscellaneous Funds ...	3,315	97			3,495	97		
Gratuities Reserve ...	16,670	59			13,492	59		
			19,986	56			16,988	56
Sundry Deposits ...			80,865	98			65,686	09
Sundry Creditors:								
For Departments ...	14,552	78			24,731	59		
For Others ...	30,163	58			48,580	79		
			44,716	36			73,312	38
Liabilities for Expenses:			2,270	00			2,250	00
Gratuities Reserve: ...			...				31,542	00
C/o			45,21,546	96			46,36,390	85

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

ASSETS	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Immovable Properties: (At Cost)								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,29,220	91			2,29,220	91		
Add Damodar Gardens Expenses. (Project for sale)	2,269	15			2,269	15		
„ Eastern Border Boundary Account ...	...				4,369	91		
			2,31,490	06			2,35,859	97
Lands at Urur: (At Cost)								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	5,382	40	*		3,782	40		
Less Sales ...	1,600	00			...			
			3,782	40			3,782	40
Lands in Sindh: (As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...			10,000	00			10,000	00
Buildings at Adyar: (At Cost)								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	8,16,671	32			8,16,671	32		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	4,05,087	97			4,21,421	39		
			4,11,583	35			3,95,249	93
“Gulistan,” Kotagiri: (At Cost)								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,169	72			20,169	72		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	4,920	88			5,324	26		
			15,248	84			14,845	46
Movable Property at Adyar:								
Furniture and Fixtures: (At Cost)								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	83,833	45			84,243	65		
Add Additions ...	410	20			150	00		
	84,243	65			84,393	65		
Less Sales ...	...				167	28		
	84,243	65			84,226	37		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	83,801	75			84,113	87		
			441	90			112	50
Motor Cars: (At Cost)								
(As per books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	28,692	84			33,692	84		
Add Value of Austin purchased.	5,000	00			...			
	33,692	84			33,692	84		
Less Depreciation to-date ...	20,167	17			26,905	73		
			13,525	67			6,787	11
Investments: (At Cost)								
(As per books)								
Government of India Loans ...	6,77,674	48			6,74,304	98		
State Govt. Loans ...	5,30,870	30			5,32,865	30		
United Kingdom Loans ...	2,85,877	53			2,75,229	85		
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	29,500	00			29,500	00		
Miscellaneous Securities ...	48,487	21			56,412	69		
Fixed Deposit ...	12,68,000	00			12,23,000	00		
			28,40,409	52			27,91,312	82
Interest accrued on Investments ...			30,020	00			33,015	26
C/o			35,56,501	74			34,90,965	45

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f			45,21,546	96			46,36,390	85
<p><i>Note.</i>—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes. (b) Interest only available for general purposes. (c) Interest only available for specific purposes.</p>								
			45,21,546	96			46,36,390	85

ADYAR

16th December, 1965

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

STUART G. NICHOLLS,

Treasurer

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO

Joint Treasurer

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

ASSETS	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f ...			35,56,501	74			34,90,965	45
Departmental Assets:								
(As valued and Certified by the Management)								
Water Line Meter Installations ...	484	32			436	00		
Electrical Installations ...	28,400	40			25,560	00		
Telephone Installations ...	1,312	60			1,358	00		
Tools, Equipments, etc. ...	25,848	69			26,415	70		
Printing Machinery, etc. ...	75,661	86			74,132	00		
Accounts Recoverable ...	9,187	16			9,394	18		
Standing Crops and Developments Account ...	64,531	53			65,823	50		
Stock on hand ...	1,88,219	82			1,51,469	43		
			3,93,646	38			3,54,588	81
Adyar Library Assets: ...			2,89,491	92			5,24,687	75
Sundry Assets: (As per Books) ...			1,196	49			1,160	49
Loans and Advances: ...			12,012	76			10,736	89
Security Deposit: ...			280	00			280	00
Sundry Debtors (As per Books)								
Considered good by Management								
Due by T.P.H. ...	1,63,971	05			1,05,325	80		
Due by Others ...	48,052	32			50,470	21		
			2,12,023	37			1,55,796	01
Gratuity Advances to Employees: ...			8,162	41			7,239	64
Prepaid Expenses: ...			1,821	37			1,641	14
Cheque Cashed: ...			...				132	00
Cash:								
In Madras Banks on Current A/c. ...	41,139	15			69,282	95		
„ London Bank „ „ ...	4,353	78			12,073	62		
On Hand ...	917	59			7,806	10		
			46,410	52			89,162	67
			45,21,546	96			46,36,390	85

Examined and found correct.

N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1965-66

EXPENSES	Budget for 1964-65	Actuals for 1964-65	Budget for 1965-66	INCOME	Budget for 1964-65	Actuals for 1964-65	Budget for 1965-66
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	46,000	39,543	41,000	Rent ...	56,000	51,524	52,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	60,000	55,005	45,000	Fees and Dues ...	30,000	30,478	35,000
Light and Water ...	8,500	7,623	8,000	Wood ...	500	...	500
Miscellaneous ...	11,000	9,510	10,100	Interest (Gross) ...	1,10,000	1,39,617	1,30,000
Legal and Audit Fees ...	...	4,107	5,000	Administration Charges ...	4,000	10,240	10,300
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones ...	3,200	3,809	4,000	Special Departments:			
Printing and Stationery ...	6,000	6,827	7,000	Bhojanasala ...	20,000	15,056	15,000
Publications to General Secretaries ...	700	696	700	Maintenance Department ...	1,00,000	1,01,873	1,08,500
Bad Debts Written off ...	1,000	146	200	Garden Department ...	50,000	50,675	68,000
Taxes ...	16,600	16,515	17,000	Laundry ...	6,000	6,279	6,000
Emergency Risk Insurance ...	...	18	100	Leadbeater Chambers ...	25,000	28,277	30,000
Gulistan House Property Expenditure ...	...	834	800	Sanitary Department ...	1,000	893	1,000
Convention ...	5,000	2,974	4,000	Vasanta Press ...	1,60,000	1,67,064	1,60,000
Museum and Archives ...	4,800	3,584	4,000	Donations ...	...	97,238	...
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	12,000	12,568	10,000	Deficit ...	1,49,600	61,066	1,18,100
Retirement Allowance ...	2,400	2,587	3,000				
Gratuities Account ...	...	2,426	...				
Provision for Gratuity ...	...	6,974	7,000				
Dispensary ...	8,200	8,609	8,700				
Sanitary Department ...	6,500	7,099	7,200				
Watch and Ward ...	23,000	24,999	26,000				
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	12,000	12,000				
Contributions:							
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				
Special Departments:							
Bhojanasala ...	24,000	22,302	23,000				
Maintenance Department ...	1,28,000	1,39,736	1,55,000				
Garden Department ...	60,000	62,709	77,000				
Laundry ...	10,000	10,402	10,500				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	25,000	33,374	35,000				
Vasanta Press ...	1,94,600	2,24,917	1,74,500				
Depreciation ...	29,000	23,787	24,000				
Capital Expenditure: Vasanta Press Rs. 15,000.							
	7,12,100	7,60,280	7,34,400		7,12,100	7,60,280	7,34,400

ADYAR

16th December, 1965

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

STUART G. NICHOLLS

Treasurer

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO

Joint Treasurer

The Adyar Library
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1965

THE ADYAR

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE

DEBIT	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Opening Stock of Publications ...			23,965	37			19,909	43
„ Cost of Publications: Including <i>Brahmavidya</i> ...			12,812	85			22,929	31
			36,778	22			42,838	74

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE	Previous Year		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Excess Debit over Credit from Publications Account ...	611	02	5,161	29
„ Salaries and Wages ...	25,509	69	23,621	82
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,044	35	1,081	89
„ Postages ...	484	21	459	73
„ Printing and Stationery ...	2,083	53	592	25
„ Fire Insurance ...	105	90	105	90
„ Miscellaneous ...	2,741	25	3,184	89
„ Depreciation ...	2,173	53	2,116	37
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,500	00	1,000	00
„ War Risk Insurance ...	33	00	...	...
„ Retirement Allowance ...	759	75	1,472	76
	37,046	23	38,796	90

ADYAR

December, 1965

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

STUART G. NICHOLLS

Treasurer

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO

Joint Treasurer

LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

CREDIT	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Sale of Publications:								
Including <i>Brahmavidya</i> ...			16,257	77			11,048	77
„ Closing Stock of Publications	39,818	86			26,628	68		
Less Value written down ...	19,909	43			...			
			19,909	43			26,628	68
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...			611	02			5,161	29
			36,778	22			42,838	74

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

INCOME	Previous Year		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	00	5,000	00
„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations ...	4,848	65	3,593	52
„ Interest on Endowment Fund and Building Fund ...	2,710	58	1,632	02
„ Miscellaneous Receipts ...	3,627	70	1,742	03
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income...	16,186	93	11,967	57
	20,859	30	26,829	33
	37,046	23	38,796	90

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.
Endowment Fund:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	65,296	88			40,800	64		
Add Donations Received ...	2,692	03			...			
	67,988	91			40,800	64		
Less Adjustments ...	5,212	50			...			
	62,776	41			40,800	64		
Less Capital Expenditure								
Furniture, Manuscripts, Books and								
Customs Duty on Microfilming								
Equipment ...	1,116	47			966	07		
	61,659	94			39,834	57		
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income	20,859	30			26,829	33		
			40,800	64			13,005	24
Capital Fund:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,22,604	27			2,23,720	74		
Add Transfer from Endowment Fund ...	1,116	47			966	07		
			2,23,720	74			2,24,686	81
Building Fund:								
(i) Fixed Property:								
Value of Building								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	50,000	00			50,000	00		
Less Depreciation to date ...	4,000	00			5,000	00		
			46,000	00			45,000	00
(ii) Other Donations:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,09,626	84			2,27,438	70		
Add Received during the year ...	17,811	86			67,217	17		
			2,27,438	70			2,94,655	87
Add-A-Brick Fund:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	43,115	52			43,775	11		
Add Donations received during the year...	659	59			...			
			43,775	11			43,775	11
C/o			5,81,735	19			6,21,123	03

LIBRARY

30TH SEPTEMBER, 1965

ASSETS	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Manuscripts and Books:								
As per last Balance Sheet	1,57,168	67			1,57,685	70		
Add Additions	517	03			987	27		
			1,57,685	70			1,58,672	97
Movable Property at Juhu:								
Value of house property gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet	50,000	00			50,000	00		
Less Depreciation up-to-date	4,000	00			5,000	00		
			46,000	00			45,000	00
Microfilming Equipment:								
Value of Microfilming Equipment gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet	24,464	00			23,840	24		
Add Expenditure	599	44			...			
	25,063	44			23,840	24		
Less Sales	...				21	20		
	25,063	44			23,819	04		
Less Depreciation	1,223	20			1,192	04		
			23,840	24			22,627	00
Furniture: At Cost								
As per last Balance Sheet	34,769	88			34,769	88		
Less Depreciation up-to-date	11,927	20			12,773	53		
			22,842	68			21,996	35
Furnishings:	416	00			312	00		
Less Depreciation	104	00			78	00		
			312	00			234	00
Sundry Debtors			6,233	88			4,969	13
Advances:								
Prepaid Fire Insurance	70	60			70	60		
For Gratuity	2,445	06			...			
			2,515	66			70	60
Director's Discretionary Fund:			50	00			...	
Adyar Library Building Construction Account			5,188	87			2,40,684	01
Deposits:								
With The Theosophical Society			3,12,322	86			1,16,716	22
Stock on hand:								
Publications	19,909	43			26,628	68		
Insecticides, etc.	4,913	46			3,805	01		
			24,822	89			30,433	69
C/o			6,01,814	78			6,41,403	97

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

LIABILITIES		Previous Year				Current Year			
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
	B/f			5,81,735	19			6,21,123	03
Discretionary Fund:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...			684	97			684	97
Gratuities Reserve:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	15,170	59			16,670	59		
Add Provisions for the year	...	1,500	00			1,000	00		
		16,670	59			17,670	59		
Less Payments made		...		16,670	59	4,178	00	13,492	59
Book Deposits:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	2,491	00			2,631	00		
Add Receipts	...	320	00			460	00		
		2,811	00			3,091	00		
Less Refunds	...	180	00	2,631	00	280	00	2,811	00
Advances:									
Suspense	...			42	38			42	38
Sundry Creditors	...			50	65			3,250	00
				6,01,814	78			6,41,403	97

ADYAR
December, 1965

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
STUART G. NICHOLLS, ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Treasurer. Joint Treasurer.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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ASSETS	Previous Year				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f			6,01,814	78			6,41,403	97
			6,01,814	78			6,41,403	97

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

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT FOR 1965-66

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 1964-65	Budget for 1965-66	INCOME	Actuals for 1964-65	Budget for 1965-66
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Salaries and Wages ...	23,622	24,000	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,082	1,100	„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	3,594	4,000
„ Postages ...	460	500	Interest on Endowments ...	1,632	500
„ Printing and Stationery ...	592	600	„ Miscellaneous Receipts ...	1,742	2,000
„ Fire Insurance ...	106	100	(Including supply of trans- cripts and Microfilms)		
„ Miscellaneous ...	3,185	3,000	„ Publications Account ...	-5,161	15,000
(Including cost of transcripts and Microfilms)			Including Central Gov- ernment Grant for Publications		
„ Depreciation ...	2,116	2,200	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	26,829	7,500
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,000	1,000			
„ Retirement Allowance ...	1,473	1,500			
	33,636	34,000		33,636	34,000
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
„ Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals ...	443	1,000			
„ Adyar Library Building ...	2,40,684	5,00,000			
PUBLICATIONS					
„ <i>Brahmavidya</i> ...	...	6,000			
„ Other Publications ...	21,290	15,000			

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

Theosophical Publishing House
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1965

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF "THE THEOSOPHIST"

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Printing & Blocks ...	17,593	00	16,848	13
Postage and Packing ...	5,290	00	6,915	07
Establishment ...	2,136	00	2,338	58
Editorial ...	1,500	00	2,000	00
General Expenses ...	94	00	90	83
Depreciation ...	196	00	163	52
Overhead and Administration Charges ...	1,200	00	1,200	00
	28,009	00	29,556	13

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9th December, 1965

K. N. RAMANATHAN

Manager

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1965

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

STUART G. NICHOLLS ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO

Treasurer *Joint Treasurer*

R. JANAKIRAMAN & CO.

Chartered Accountants

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Stock 1-10-1964						
T.P.H. Publications ...	2,48,177	00	2,54,067	32		
Agency & Other books ...	1,299	00	4,127	69		
Photos & Pictures ...	3,187	00	2,958	98		
Incense Sticks, etc. ...	518	00	1,197	43		
Stationery ...	1,474	00	1,063	48		
Packing Materials ...	3,525	00	3,678	21		
					2,67,093	11
„ Books Published (inclusive of binding charges on old stock) ...			68,980	41		
Less: Transfer from Special Publication Reserves ...			6,000	00		
	83,840	00			62,980	41
„ Purchases:						
Books: Agency & Other Publications ...	18,987	00	16,041	90		
Photos & Pictures ...	387	00	472	02		
Incense Sticks, etc. ...	4,948	00	2,113	29		
Stationery ...	1,378	00	809	28		
Packing Materials ...	5,726	00	3,725	83		
Sandalwood Oil ...			13	20		
					23,175	52
„ Gross Profit Carried down ...	51,782	00			45,643	12
	4,25,228	00			3,98,892	16
To Establishment ...	19,902	00			18,897	08
Retirement Allowance ...	223	00			1,274	05
Royalty on Sale of books, etc. ...	12,846	00			14,642	37
Trade Expenses ...	1,692	00			1,689	07
Postage & Telegrams ...	1,273	00			1,378	83
Audit Fees ...	750	00			750	00
Office Printing & Stationery ...	1,169	00			1,471	63
Advertisement & Catalogue ...	541	00			914	68
Motor Car Maintenance Expenses ...	5,767	00				
Water, Electricity & Conservancy ...	898	00			1,016	01
Repairs & Upkeep ...	340	00			550	02
Fire Insurance Premium ...	190	00			180	13
Emergency Risk Insurance ...					73	00
Depreciation—Furniture, etc. ...	234	00			206	79
Ex gratia Payment ...	192	00			36	00
Conveyance ...					289	67
Sales Tax ...	79	00			53	12
Amount transferred to Gratuity Reserve ...	11,137	00			7,000	00
Net Profit transferred to Capital A/c ...					1,140	06
	57,233	00			51,562	51

ADYAR

9th December, 1965

K. N. RAMANATHAN

Manager

HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1965

INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Sales:						
T.P.H. Publications ...	1,23,015	00			1,44,647	65
Agency Publications:						
Adyar Library ...	17,175	00	12,356	57		
Others ...	1,666	00	2,705	07		
					15,061	64
Non-Theosophical Books ...	4,213	00			8,562	39
Photos & Pictures ...	739	00			2,153	75
Incense Sticks ...	5,849	00			3,775	85
Stationery ...	794	00			1,505	36
Sandalwood oil ...	...				4	50
						1,75,711 14
„ Packing Charges recovered from Customers ...	4,686	00				4,818 28
„ Stock on 30-9-1965						
T.P.H. Publications ...	2,54,067	00			2,12,637	17
Agency & Other books ...	4,128	00			1,056	46
Photos & Pictures ...	2,959	00			1,173	55
Incense Sticks ...	1,197	00			148	52
Stationery ...	1,062	00			184	16
Packing Materials ...	3,678	00			3,162	88
						2,18,362 74
	4,25,228	00				3,98,892 16
By Gross Profit brought down ...	51,782	00				45,643 12
Copyright ...	...					100 00
Royalty on Translations Received ...	500	00				3,716 23
Miscellaneous Income ...	43	00				283 19
Overhead & Administration charged to <i>The Theosophist</i> ...	1,200	00				1,200 00
Interest on Investments ...	...					619 97
Conveyance recovered						
Less Expenses incurred ...	13	00				...
Profit on Sale of Car ...	1,668	00				...
Net Loss transferred to Capital A/c.	2,027	00				...
	57,233	00				51,562 51

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

STUART G. NICHOLLS
TreasurerANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO
Joint TreasurerR. JANAKIRAMAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Capital:						
Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...					93,789	61
Add Amount received from President towards reduction of previous year debits of <i>Theosophical Society</i> ...					10,000	00
					1,03,789	61
Add Net Profit transferred from Profit and Loss Account ...					1,140	06
	93,790	00			1,04,929	67
Reserves & Surplus:						
(i) Blavatsky Publication Fund ...					132	46
(ii) Kale Memorial Fund ...	300	00			300	00
(iii) Gratuity Reserve (Transfer from Profit and Loss Account) ...			7,000	00		
Less Payments ...			911	20		
					6,088	80
(iv) Special Publication Reserve	15,000	00				
Balance as per Last Balance Sheet ...			15,000	00		
Add: Amount received as aid from President ...			13,000	00		
			28,000	00		
Less Subsidy for Publication of <i>Damodar</i> ...			6,000	00		
					22,000	00
(v) General contingency Reserve: Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...	2,338	00			2,337	95
(vi) Reserve for doubtful debts: Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...	1,129	00			1,129	30
					31,988	51
Current Liabilities, etc.						
Sundry Creditors:						
(a) Royalties ...	13,316	00			15,044	45
(b) Purchase & Publication						
(i) Theosophical Society ...	1,63,250	00			1,05,325	80
(ii) Others ...	7,270	00			8,019	54
(c) Customers' Credit Balances ...	3,830	00			2,783	66
(d) Sundry deposits ...	1,347	00			1,560	11
					1,32,733	56
THE THEOSOPHIST:						
(i) Unexpired Subscriptions ...	10,997	00			12,053	99
(ii) Income and Expenditure Account ...	1,369	00				
					12,053	99
	3,13,936	00			2,81,705	73

MADRAS

9th December, 1965

K. N. RAMANATHAN

Manager

HOUSE, ADYAR

30TH SEPTEMBER 1965

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Fixed Assets:						
Furniture						
As per last Balance Sheet ...					1,902	86
Less Depreciation for the year ...					206	79
	1,903	00				1,696 07
Investment:						
Fixed Deposit with The Indian Bank Ltd. ...					13,000	00
Interest accrued but not due ...					166	56
Deposit with Theosophical Society bearing 3% Interest ...	300	00			300	00
						13,466 56
Current Assets etc.						
(i) Stock on 30-9-1965 as per inventory taken, valued, and certified by the Manager ...	2,70,095	00			2,22,609	40
(ii) Prepaid expenses ...	137	00			147	80
(iii) Sundry debtors considered good ...	25,563	00			28,781	47
(iv) Advance for Books, Royalty etc. ...	28	00			26	88
(v) V.P.P. Outstanding ...	499	00			144	70
(vi) Books in transit ...	189	00			...	
(vii) Deposits ...	55	00			45	00
						2,51,755 25
Cash and Bank Balances:						
(i) Cash on hand: <i>Imprest</i> ...	828	00			895	80
(ii) Balances in Current Account with:						
STATE BANK OF INDIA, Adyar ...	4,634	00			4,616	53
NATIONAL AND GRINDLAYS BANK, LTD., Madras ...	5,282	00			3,987	27
UNITED COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD., Adyar ...	...				1,426	06
						10,925 66
THE THEOSOPHIST:						
(i) Equipment and Furniture as per last Balance Sheet ...			1,235	92		
Less Depreciation for the year ...			163	52		
	1,236	00			1,072	40
(ii) Stock on 30-9-1965 as per inventories taken valued and certified by Manager ...	3,187	00			1,513	77
(iii) Income & Expenditure A/c ...						
Excess of expenditure over income ...			2,644	96		
Less: Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...			1,368	94	1,276	02
						3,862 19
	3,13,936	00				2,81,705 73

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

STUART G. NICHOLLS
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THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1965-66

EXPENDITURE	<i>Actuals for 1964-65</i>	<i>Budget for 1965-66</i>	INCOME	<i>Actuals for 1964-65</i>	<i>Budget for 1965-66</i>
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Establishment ...	18,897	21,000	Gross Profit ...	45,643	49,000
Retirement Allowance ...	1,274	2,000	Royalties ...	3,717	1,000
Royalties on Sales of Books etc. ...	14,642	15,100	Miscellaneous ...	283	200
Trade Expenses ...	1,689	1,800	Overhead & Administration. ...	1,200	1,200
Postage and Telegrams ...	1,379	1,500	Copyright ...	100	...
Audit Fees ...	750	750	Interest on Investment ...	620	780
Office Printing and Stationery ...	1,472	1,600			
Advertisement and Catalogue ...	915	1,000			
Water, Elect. & Conservancy ...	1,016	1,100			
Insurance Premiums (Fire & E.R.). ...	253	500			
Depreciation ...	207	200			
Sales Tax ...	53	75			
Gratuity Reserve ...	7,000	3,000			
Conveyance and Transit ...	290	300			
Repairs and Upkeep ...	550	500			
Ex Gratia ...	36	...			
Net Profit ...	1,140	1,755			
	51,563	52,180		51,563	52,180

ADYAR
9th December, 1965

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

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

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

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Introductory Comments.—The great problem which concerns the Society is humanity. Other issues and factors are but shadows which we tend to over-emphasize. A fuller stress on humanity, not only from a philosophic angle, but a fuller relationship through the membership with mankind will likely awaken the "Nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood" into real activity. This should be our aim. We must move more and more into the ethical and practical living aspects of the teachings of the Ageless Wisdom in co-operation with mankind as an important aspect of our membership. We need to stress also the mystic aspects because such aspect of our philosophy can give to mankind the expression of highest devotion, aspiration and idealism.

There is a great crisis in the world today, so universal that it reaches into all aspects of humanity's various organizations—even into the Society and into the life of every person in it. It is only the true ethics provided by the Society, such as freedom of thought and expression, a true spirit of brotherhood, and the devotion and aspiration to the ideals as they may be applied to the immediate needs of humanity, that can give us a new impetus and a rise to new levels of achievement.

In the restlessness experienced in the world one can hear the cry for a deeper, truer approach to the needs of humanity. In the disturbances we ourselves feel in our organizations and our personal lives we too can fathom the need for a fuller appreciation of the ethics provided in the objects and ideals of the Society and the esoteric philosophy.

It is the urge for this deeper and truer understanding that has drawn us into Theosophy. But this feeling exists in humanity also.

Never before, in recent times, has humanity so basically shown its needs, and never before have the audiences universally sought for the message which Theosophy can give.

This places us in a unique position. As Mr. Sri Ram says: "This whole matter of Theosophy is that of finding expression for the truth in us, so that it may blossom forth to fill the world with its fragrance and happiness." This requires a profound realization of truth in ourselves so that we may be able to profoundly influence all about us. This is the way in which the Society will become more and more dynamic in the world.

General Outlook in the Section.—The officers, speakers and workers of the Society, in making their evaluations, report a stratum of vitality throughout the Society. This does not mean that we might not have a sturdier structure in the organization throughout our Section, or that we have not faced difficult times and situations. But it does mean that there is in Theosophy itself a soundness and an inherent vitality that is capable of surmounting many outward circumstances and of being remedial to all its adversities. There is in Theosophy the basis of search for Reality and Truth; there is in it the power of integrating our thinking to the core of the fundamental principles giving a true basis for Theosophical work, progress and action.

Individual effort, and the combined effort of all, carry within them the promise

of the future of the Society, and give it a potency equivalent to that effort and dedication. The Society stands as a beacon light shedding the light of the Ancient Wisdom into the world of culture and into our lives.

Special Events in the Section.—During the last year the Section was honored by having the international Vice-President and his wife as guests of the Section. He, having been formerly the National President, was heartily welcomed with his wife throughout the Section. Their generous, gracious and helpful assistance in the Convention and Summer School contributed much to the success of these events. In the fall they made an extensive tour of the Section and were very well received.

The Annual Convention and Summer School were both successful and stimulating events. The Summer School had as its theme "Man as Personality Rooted in the Universal". The outstanding need for greater integration of Theosophical concepts into the culture of a modern era was well received by the members. The movement of science towards metaphysical and Theosophical thinking was quite in evidence, presented both by Mr. F. L. Kunz and those who took part in the discussion.

The study of our own literature was also stressed, for certainly the writings of the Founders of the Society contain vital hints for the metaphysical approaches of the culture of today towards basic Theosophical concepts.

Field Work.—The field programs carried into the Section during the year were a series of lecture tours and the regional expansion programs. A marked increase in the budget was provided for this purpose. The lecture stops are of necessity of short duration and include usually a members' talk and an address to the public which give an impetus to the local work as well as maintaining a better

liaison with Headquarters. The regional expansion program is designed to have the speakers visit a group of Lodges, or cities with a Lodge potential, within a region, for six to eight weeks consecutively, and in this manner to help strengthen and build up local groups—or to organize them where no organization exists.

Lecture Tours.—Mr. and Mrs. Perkins arrived in New Orleans and first visited the Gulf Coast Federation meeting. Then after their valued participation at the Convention and Summer School and a short period of rest they travelled through the Northwest area including important cities in northern California, Oregon, Washington, western Canada and later in Toronto as guests of the Canadian Section. After stopping in scheduled cities in Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri they continued the tour through Michigan, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, Georgia, Florida and Texas. A total of over 100 lectures were given to the public and to the members. Their very successful tour was shortened by a request from Adyar to return there due to the call of other duties.

Aside from a heavy regional expansion program Mr. Wylie lectured in Vancouver, Milwaukee, and in the nearby Illinois area.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton, as well as lecturing at some Federation meetings and in the nearby branches of the Society, mainly concentrated their efforts on the regional expansion program.

The National Vice-President lectured in the fall throughout the Gulf Coast Federation area and in the spring in the Texas Federation area. She also gave lectures for nearby branches and at the spring meetings of the Florida and Texas Federations and in Lodges in those areas.

The National President lectured for branches in Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin,

Ohio and western New York, and was the guest of the Canadian Section where he gave a public lecture. He also gave a lecture to the members representing both the Section and the Federation.

Regional Expansion Programs.—Four regional expansion programs were conducted during the past year by Mr. Samuel Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton. These programs consist of two public lectures followed by a series of classes and workshop seminars. Special emphasis was given in training members in presenting a follow-up program. This program continues to meet with considerable success and the audiences have been steadily increasing. Mrs. Eunice Layton effectively took over the responsibility for advertising which was done in all the cities prior to the presentation of the programs.

Mr. Samuel Wylie carried out the fall expansion program series in Missoula, Montana, and Spokane, Washington, and later in five cities in the Northwest Federation, where considerable interest was aroused, follow-up classes were organized and new members were gained.

In the spring of 1965 Mr. Wylie conducted a regional expansion program in the Midwest Federation. Here also considerable interest was aroused and new members gained.

In the fall of 1964 Mr. and Mrs. Layton conducted their program of expansion in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester and Duluth, Minnesota. Special advertising was done in some of this area with good results. St. Paul Lodge added eleven members, seven of whom were new, while four demitted from national membership to join the Lodge. In the spring of this year they projected the regional expansion program in the Mid-Atlantic Federation area with lectures and classes in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Wilmington, Delaware, Philadelphia and Richmond,

Virginia, where there is no Lodge. A special experiment in introducing the program in these cities, was a radio program consisting of eight five-minute radio broadcasts from Washington and Richmond.

The attendance in this area was unusually and surprisingly large. Great interest was in evidence with a good number of new members. Much interest in books was also noted. Radio and TV interviews had been arranged wherever an opportunity presented itself. Follow-up programs were carefully arranged in each area.

The total cost of all the field work was \$20,591.57.

Federations.—The Federations in the various areas of the Section now number fourteen. There has been considerable activity in the regional organizations with very fine programs. A more integrated relationship with the Lodges as well as with the National Society can be noted over a period of years. The various conference programs were well planned. They consisted not only of discussions of a Theosophical nature, but included many items of great interest for Lodge work and organizational activities. Numerous workshop programs were conducted. Such efforts are always effective as they depict and demonstrate ways and means of better regional programs and Lodge activities.

Membership Department and Statistics.—This department compiles statistics for the national and international Societies besides keeping an accurate membership record. The mailings of the Section, including *The American Theosophist* and the leaflet *Discovery*, are under its supervision.

The year now reported is a transition year, since our By-laws changed the fiscal year from closing on 30th June to closing on 31st May. Future reports will again reflect 12-month periods, from 1st June to the following 31st May inclusive. The

summary of this 11-month period is as follows:

Membership as on June 30, 1964	4,185
New members	262
Reinstated members	54
Transfers to Section, 1964-65 year	5

4,506

Deaths	70
Resignations	57
Transfers from Section	3
Inactives on July 1, 1964	301

431

Total active membership as of May 31, 1965	4,075
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Total number of Lodges on June 30, 1964	136
Dissolved during the year	2

Number of Lodges on May 31, 1965	134
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Study Centres on June 30, 1964	6
Study Centre Dissolved	1

Total Study Centres May 31, 1965	5
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Although the overall activities of the Society have not decreased, a distinct trend toward youthful enquirers is noted from the workers' reports. This indicates that our presentations of Theosophy should lend themselves to this type of enquiring mind. Orthodoxy is an abomination to the enquiring mind, and it becomes more and more evident that the student attitude of exploring a subject needs to be adopted by field workers in the future as some are already doing. Truth thus presented will find its mark. It is evident that the whole of the cultural approach to subjects is

changing. This is a period of transition. New methods of teaching mathematics, sciences, arts, etc. are evolving rapidly during this epoch. We need to adopt this attitude of transition and new methods in presenting Theosophy.

Department of Education.—The Department of Education, which is under the direction of Miss Joy Mills with the capable assistance of Mrs. Virginia Hanson and Mr. and Mrs. Layton, serves the Lodges with program materials including taped lectures, slides, films and other supplemental and educational aids. Taped lectures are still in demand. The tape library of this Department consists of more than 50 taped lectures for members and over 40 taped lectures for public presentation. In addition there are now available 60 shorter taped talks for discussion purposes. Twelve to fifteen minute tapes are being developed by Mr. and Mrs. Layton, as the need for such short tapes for discussion is evident, especially in smaller Lodges where they can introduce lively group discussions.

The Department has prepared two new programs during the year, one based on a publication of the English Section, *A Reading Guide on the Third Object*. In this area there is a tremendous wealth of material for study. The other, compiled by Mrs. Evelyn Bull, is a project to pursue the subject of "Awareness".

Workshops.—The annual Workshop was again held March 22nd to April 1st with nine members in attendance. Mrs. Edith Schlosser, who recently attended the School of the Wisdom at Adyar, capably assisted Miss Mills in conducting the program.

Workshop Seminars are designed to train and give experience to those who are ready to do Theosophical work in their areas of the Section and they have proved to be valuable assets to the work.

New Member Letters Program.—The program of sending monthly letters to all new members has been efficiently carried out under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Hanson. These letters continue to bring a very fine response. A full 2-year series has been completed and are being sent out. Between 500 and 600 members are receiving this monthly communication each year. This letter proves to be not only an introduction to Theosophy but also a guide for study. The last letter has a questionnaire enclosed for evaluation and comments. Nearly all questionnaires that have been returned express a real appreciation for the introduction thus given to the study of Theosophy. Copies of the entire series have been sent to all Lodge presidents, to the International Headquarters, and to seven other Sections throughout the International Society.

The American Theosophist.—*The American Theosophist* is the official organ of the Society in this country, and continues to serve the members by providing official information, original articles, and news of various Theosophical activities in the Section as well as important international Theosophical news. It also devotes a section to vital statistics.

Challenging articles of non-members are also published although the majority of articles are directly from Theosophical students. There is always a need for good original articles on Theosophy relating to all areas of life.

Two special issues are published each year. This year the June issue concerned itself with the theme "Some Approaches to Ethics and Morals". The November issue dealt with the theme "Creative Potentials of Man".

This year a section of the magazine was set aside for a Lodge Dynamics Laboratory.

In January 1965, Mrs. Virginia Hanson was appointed Editor.

Discovery.—This leaflet is published monthly from September to June. Its articles are chosen for their special interest to the public. The Membership Department which is in charge of its distribution reports a distribution of over 71,000, mostly to Lodges, although more than 6,000 are sent out to the national members.

Department of Research.—This is a department wherein should be co-ordinated all research efforts throughout the Section. Contact was made with a number of interested persons willing to participate in and encourage such efforts. Some projects were undertaken. It is evident that further development of this work is required. A clearer definition of what constitutes research work is necessary and the criteria of research work need to be further defined and amplified. Certainly the Three Objects of the Society provide a broad base for many divisions of research.

The Department of Information.—This department engages in many activities relating specifically to enquiries. Over 2,300 letters were sent out during the year. Though average enquirers may receive form letters, over 600 were written personally to enquirers on special matters. About 55 persons who had contact with this department became members. Many contacts have been made also with people who borrow books from the Library. Those whose enquiries relate to the conditions of membership receive the booklet *You Are Invited*. More than 13,000 informative leaflets on various subjects have been distributed.

Finances of the Society.—The funds of the Society have been capably managed by the Treasurer, Mr. Franklin Getz, who has devoted over 20 years of his life to the Society.

The Financial Advisory Committee consists of Mr. Edwin Lord, Chairman,

with Mr. John Sellon and Mr. Paul Dunakin.

The Membership Endowment Fund.—The Membership Endowment Fund of the Society is only four years old. It has grown slowly but steadily and now has in it the handsome amount of \$54,985.00 as of May 31, 1965. Each year this fund grows considerably. The income from the investments of this fund for the eleven months of this fiscal year amounted to \$2,115, which in effect represents the dues of 186 participating members, including 15 who have now passed on.

This fund affords an excellent opportunity for building up a truly valuable endowment to assist in the perpetuity of the Society.

The Theosophical Investment Trust.—This trust, which was established in 1955 by Mr. Sidney Cook and later approved by the Board of Directors, has as its primary purpose to receive donations and bequests for supervised investment for the Theosophical Society in America. Reserve funds are also placed in the Trust for investment. The total proceeds of income are returned to the Society monthly. The seven Trustees who supervise the investments are members of the Society.

The acquisition value of the funds held by the Trust as of May 31, 1965, totalled \$493,703. This does not include capital gains. The income to the Society from these funds amounted to \$16,283 for the 11-month fiscal year ended May 31.

The Theosophical Press.—The Theosophical Press, under the capable direction of Miss Clarice Richie since November 1964, has made a good record for itself. There has been a distinct increase in sales and profit over the previous years since 1961. The net profit after operating expenses was \$3,670.

The packages shipped by the Press totalled 5,338. Over 46,000 pamphlets

were dispatched. This exceeds all records since 1961.

The following publications as new editions or reprints appeared during the year: *Theosophy Simplified and Reincarnation: The Hope of the World* by I. S. Cooper; *The Transition Called Death* by Charles Hampton; *The Hidden Side of Lodge Meetings* (revised) by C. W. Leadbeater and *Man's Inner Center of Calm* by Gladys Lawler.

The Press inventory stands at \$61,827.75

Press advertising has been promoted through catalogue listings, and reviews and listings in *The American Theosophist*. Special advertising and promotion was done in *The New York Herald Tribune*, *The Washington Post*, *The San Francisco Examiner* and *The Kansas City Star*. Thirty-one titles are listed in the *Publisher's Trade Lists Annual* and *Books in Print*.

The Theosophist, the international magazine of the Society, subscriptions to which may be secured through the Press, should be greatly encouraged as less than 400 subscriptions are current.

Public Relations and Publicity.—Adequate publicity for the purpose of presenting a truer image of Theosophy and implementing our public presentations are constantly being considered. This work is now carried out on a limited scale through the various departments at Olcott. However, one can realize that this is only an incomplete effort at solving the whole problem of publicity. The stress on radio work, TV presentations and interviews with newspaper reporters all need to be carefully studied. A department at Olcott to correlate all these and other activities would prove to be of inestimable value.

The purpose of further extension of any publicity efforts need not be primarily for propaganda or for acquiring new members. The real purpose should be to find greater listening and reading audiences to come into touch with the esoteric philosophy.

There is no question but that this would result in a wider knowledge of Theosophy and a greater membership. The real advantage would be to present Theosophy's ideals and ethics as well as its philosophy in a better position to help set the cultural patterns of the day. There has never been a more momentous time than this for the presentation of Theosophy.

In reality this requires, in my opinion, a special Department of Publicity and Public Relations. In such a department a true correlation of all efforts could be made. Direct contacts and efforts would be possible. A long range program of publicity could be planned. It would be of inestimable help in public programs presented from Headquarters.

For local groups excellent hints on publicity are available in the Lodge Handbook. It might be hoped that such hints would be utilized to the fullest possible extent, and also that a fully developed publicity department at Headquarters could be of special help to local groups.

Radio Programs and the Foundation for Radio Theosophy.—The Chairman of the National Radio Committee, Miss Joy Mills, reports that in addition to the special radio programs in connection with the expansion program, special broadcasting was carried on in Austin, Texas; Meridian, Miss.; New Orleans, La.; Orlando, Fla.; Pittsburgh, Penn.; Tampa, Fla.; Trenton, N. J.; and Wichita, Kansas. In Glendale, California, a 12-month program was sponsored by the Southern California Federation. Six broadcastings were on a full year basis; two on a 39-week basis; one for 26 weeks and still another for 13 weeks.

The Foundation for Radio Theosophy has functioned efficiently throughout the year with Mrs. Arleen Heintz as Executive Secretary. Radio tapes were produced and distributed. Six tapes written by Dr.

Alfred Taylor were produced with Dr. Douglas Wild as speaker. Twelve tapes by Geoffrey Hodson were added to the tape library. The Foundation has financed the radio programs throughout the year on the Oxnard experimental station near Ventura, California, which the Foundation uses. They also report a sale of almost 800 booklets of radio talks during the year.

The National Library.—The library has been under the very capable management of Miss Lola Fauser. We regret that her long period of service is coming to an end as she will be leaving her post because of family obligations. She has had the valuable assistance of Mrs. Iris White who has not only been assistant librarian, but has specialized in book repair and re-binding old volumes.

The use of the National Library is free to all members, and also to non-members for an annual fee of \$3.00. Over 3,000 withdrawals and more than two hundred new enquiries have been recorded. The enquirers are supplied with information and reading lists.

This year the valuable 13-volume set of the *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics* by James Hastings has been added to the library.

Gift books to the library have been received and are greatly appreciated, as are also donations which provide such valuable acquisitions.

Allied Activities.—The Theosophical Order of Service has the following departments: Social Service, Animal Welfare, World Peace, Arts and Crafts, Healing and Right Citizenship. A sincere attempt is made to reach existing needs in the world today by individuals and groups.

Another allied activity is the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind. This organization brings Theosophy to the sightless in Braille through its books and publications and *The Braille Star*

Theosophist. It makes available numerous tapes for the use of recipients and has now extended itself to aid other countries to help the blind learn about Theosophy in their own languages.

The Theosophical Book Gift Institute which, though previously founded, has been sponsored and in recent years financed largely by the late Mr. Herbert Kern, continues to supply libraries throughout this country with many books. Many thousands of Theosophical books have thus been made available to students and the general public.

Radio Theosophy, also founded and sponsored previously by a group in California, has recently been financed largely by funds supplied by the late Mr. Herbert Kern, and is carrying on an extensive program projecting Theosophy within the range of thousands. This means of presenting Theosophy is invaluable because of the number of people thus reached. Its value cannot be measured by membership statistics, but the ideas become a stratum in world culture.

The Parents Research Group through its magazine is reaching into the lives of many Theosophically and liberal minded parents projecting Theosophical concepts and ideals as an ethic of living.

The Order of the Round Table in its turn is training children in the basic idealistic concepts of right and good relationships with fellow man.

The Staff.—The regular staff at Olcott consists of about twenty-five members. At times, due to necessity, and especially prior to and during the Convention, additional members are temporarily added to the staff as helpers. Mrs. Ann Wylie is in charge of staff personnel.

Maintenance of Olcott Estate.—Mr. Sam Wylie has served in the capacity of

Superintendent of buildings and grounds for some years. The work has been most ably carried on with the assistance of Mr. Lee Roed who bore much of the load and responsibility. Others assisted from time to time on a more temporary basis.

Conclusion.—The work of the Society has been conducted conscientiously as reported in its various departments and in the field. The budgetary increase this year allowed a more concentrated effort in the field. The great need of more field workers to carry on effective programs is keenly felt by the Directors. The future of the Society lies in greater efforts not only in field work, but in publicity and in the department of new literature introducing the material which presents Theosophical concepts and ideals to the world and its culture.

It is apparent that we need to explore more fully the ethics contained in the Objects of the Society. As stated, every member should "fearlessly exercise his own right of liberty of thought and of expression thereof, within the limits of courtesy and consideration for others". Such a principle of ethic to be fearlessly exercised requires of all a special understanding and a compassionate attitude to all mankind. Only on such understanding and attitude can we activate the nucleus of brotherhood for which the Society was founded. All objects need more fully to be explored to discover the depths and possibilities contained in our movement, for only then can we attain more fully to intents and purposes of the Society and become better channels for the great Founders of the Society.

HENRY A. SMITH,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

Half way through the period under review Mr. V. W. Slater retired from the position of General Secretary, after four years of hard and devoted service. His excellent plans continue to be steadily put into operation. Increasing interest has been shown throughout the Section in getting clear ideas of the basic principles of Theosophy, with emphasis on the three Objects of the Society, and special reference to the three Fundamental Principles of *The Secret Doctrine*. Linked with this has been the 1950 dissociation resolution of the General Council and the present need for disentanglement from possible identification of the Theosophical Society with any other organization. There is in general a greater openness of attitude among the majority of members than existed some years ago.

There is a further increase in membership: a net gain of 103, as against 106 last year and 94 the year before.

The Annual Convention was held from 4th to 7th June, the guests of honor being Dr. Hugh Shearman, Organizing Secretary of the Society in Northern Ireland, and Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, whom members were particularly pleased to welcome again from Adyar. Several other speakers took part. A Research Centre panel discussed "Members' Problems"; there was a T.O.S. symposium on "The Theosophical Attitude to Service"; and a refreshingly original entertainment was given by a group of Young Theosophists—this raised a considerable sum for a specific charity.

No full-scale Summer School was held in view of the International Congress next year, but by request an informal one has been arranged at Camberley for members who in any case would not be able to go to Salzburg, the theme being "Aspects of Personal Theosophy".

The present General Secretary attended the Council Meeting of the European Federation at Huizen in August.

The Publicity Department has published the following booklets: *Undiscovered Powers in Man and Nature* by N. Sri Ram; *The Eternal Doctrine: A Christian Viewpoint* by R. Prior; *Reincarnation and Karma*, articles by E. L. Gardner, A. Besant and H. Shearman; and leaflets on *Group Meditation* by the Study and Training Committee, and *The Objects and the Members* by N. Sri Ram. Reprints have been issued of two booklets: *Reincarnation: Some Testimony from Nature* by E. L. Gardner, and *Death and Beyond* by C. W. Leadbeater; and of six leaflets, *The Theosophical Society* and *A Statement of Theosophical Principles* by L. J. Bendit, *Unity out of Chaos* by L. H. Leslie-Smith, *The Law of Cyclic Growth and Karma* by H. Shearman, and *Theosophy and The Theosophical Society* by I. H. Hoskins.

The Study and Training Committee published *A Reading Guide on the Second Object of the Society*.

The Library continues to meet an increasing demand for books, the number lent being 7,325, as against 7,126 for the previous year. In spite of dearer postage the number of parcels sent out has also gone up by 222. Theosophy is by far the most popular subject. Nearly 200 members of the public have taken out subscriptions to the Library.

The Theosophical Publishing House (London) Ltd. has published one new book, *Thyself both Heaven and Hell* by E. L. Gardner, and the following new editions or reprints: *A Mind to Embrace the Universe* by E. L. Gardner; *Meditation, A Practical Study* by A. Gardner; and *The Astral Body* by A. E. Powell.

Tekels Park, Camberley, has been the scene of much activity, material and

spiritual. Additional bedrooms have been built to Dormy House, the vegetarian guest house on the estate; the kitchen has been remodelled; the heating system modernized and other improvements made.

Apart from the informal Summer School, several further Study and Training Week-ends for members were held, which proved popular as well as useful for the work of the Society.

Several camps were also held during the summer, as well as a Round Table camp for about 50 children. There was also a special camp for Young Theosophists, who did building and redecoration work at a recuperative home for problem families run by Theosophists; some 70 took part.

L. H. LESLIE-SMITH,
General Secretary.

INDIA

The year under report has again seen a slight increase in the number of members, the total number on October 1, 1965 being 7,688 as compared with 7,663 last year. The number of Lodges has increased by 3, the total number being 394. The number of Centres has decreased by 5 to 47.

We naturally feel a certain pleasure when the membership remains on the increase, or does not fall, although we might not assess the true strength of the Society or its potentiality for doing good merely by counting numbers. But if membership is an indication of an attraction felt by people for the lofty and altruistic aims of the Theosophical Society, then it is certainly a matter of rejoicing that there are more members. When new members come into the Society, it is always hoped that it is because they have begun to feel deep within themselves, if not entirely at the conscious level, that sense of unity with all which is the beginning of spiritual perception, and that they will dedicate themselves to the service of humanity in a selfless spirit.

The work throughout the country has gone on as usual. Lodges have continued their activities with ups and downs here and there as has always been the case. In May 1965 a new Federation, the Utkal

Federation, was inaugurated in Bhubaneswar by the international President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. Several members from the Bengal Federation, including its Secretary, Mr. C. Seshadri, and also some members of the Telugu and Bihar Federations were present on that occasion to extend their good wishes to this new endeavor in Utkal. An enthusiastic and friendly atmosphere prevailed. The members of the new Utkal Federation were happy to receive the Chief Minister of the State, Mr. S. M. Tripathy, who attended two functions and has also encouraged the work of the members in Cuttack, where a grant of Rs. 25,000 has been received from the Government for the construction of a Theosophical Lodge. In his speech Sri Tripathy expressed the thought that the present world tension would be removed to a great extent if the ideals of the Theosophical Society gained ground amongst the nations of the world, and if men could learn to view each other's difficulties in a brotherly way and develop the virtues of tolerance and genuine goodwill to cure the maladies of mankind, rather than wasting energies and resources in total war.

Since these remarks were made, unfortunately tension has increased in this area of the world and our nation was plunged into

a state of war and of intensified military preparedness. At a time of crisis or of stress, there is a greater need than ever before that we, as Theosophists, should stand by the principles to which we declare our affiliation and that we should actively promote attitudes of goodwill and warm brotherliness towards all nations and peoples, without any distinction whatsoever, however trying the circumstances may be. Every crisis, whether individual, national or otherwise, is a test evolved by our karmic destiny, which offers us the opportunity to make the spiritual part of ourselves shine forth in expressions of brotherhood and truth, untainted by darker influences which might impinge from without. Let us hope that during this time of trial we shall be true to the knowledge which has been given to us and that, free of passions and prejudices, we shall be able to spread around beneficent influences which will bring about peace and goodwill among men.

Consequent upon the outbreak of hostilities and the state of emergency existing at the time, some conferences which had been scheduled were cancelled. The President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, was to have presided over the Gujarat Federation conference and Mr. James Perkins, the Vice-President, over the Bombay Federation conference, but in both cases other arrangements had to be made. The Annual Conference of the Rayalascema Federation which was to have been held at the end of September was also postponed.

The international President as usual spared time, in spite of his numerous and heavy duties, to preside over the annual conference of the Bengal Federation, which was held in Bhubaneswar, concurrently with the inauguration of the Utkal Federation. He also presided over the Madras Federation conference and visited Cuttack, Bangalore and other places.

I was also able to be present at the above-mentioned gatherings in Orissa and at the annual conference of the Telugu Federation held at Rajahmundry. I was unable to visit as many places as I would have liked to this year because of heavy work and also because of being away in Europe for some time. I had the privilege there of participating in the Summer Schools held in Finland, Sweden and Denmark, at the invitation of the Sections concerned, and also of meeting members and speaking at the English Convention. In India, I was invited to preside over the annual conference of the Karnataka Federation and over the joint conference arranged under the auspices of the Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh Federations. I also visited some Lodges in the Telugu Federation and elsewhere.

I was happy to learn that in the village of Halepalya where the Karnataka conference was held and where a number of members and non-members participated in the conference, the influence of the local Lodge, consisting of about a hundred members, had been largely responsible for creating a spirit of harmlessness towards animals as evidenced by increasing vegetarianism and the ending of animal sacrifice. This, once again, goes to contradict the idea that members of the Society are absorbed exclusively with ideas and do not actively render service in their environments. In many places, members are working unknown to others for the benefit of those around them.

The South Indian Theosophical Conference was held at Easter in Adyar with the international Vice-President presiding. This was followed as usual by the Theosophical Workers' Training Camp in which members from several Federations participated under the guidance of Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu and Dr. C. R. Kamath. A North Indian conference was held at Nasik in October. For the

second year in succession, a study and training camp, conducted by the Assistant General Secretary, Miss Joan S. Morris, was organized by Mr. S. N. Saksena at the hill station of Bhowali in the Himalayas. It gave an opportunity to several members who could not travel to South India to participate. The two above-mentioned camps as well as a third one held in Nasik in October 1964, under the direction of Mr. S. G. Venkataraman, all benefited from the Trust generously endowed by Dr. C. R. Kamath.

We are happy to have with us at the headquarters in Varanasi Mrs. Mary Elmore, who was appointed one of the National Lecturers. During the few months since her appointment she has visited various Lodges in Utkal Federation, Calcutta and Asansol in Bengal and a number of Lodges in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

Mr. S. G. Venkataraman has as usual travelled widely. He visited a number of Lodges in Kerala and presided over the annual conference of that Federation. He also visited twenty-two places in the Tamil area, ten places in Karnataka and various other Lodges in Madras, Maharashtra, etc.

Others who travelled and lectured during the year were Miss Jeanne Dumas who visited a number of Lodges in Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Federations; Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta who visited Lodges in Utkal, Bengal and Gujarat Federations and conducted some camps; and Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu who as usual visited Lodges in the Telugu-speaking Federations. It is not, of course, possible to mention the lecturing work done by everyone. There are many who have travelled in the different Federations to try and help the work of the Lodges. There are many more who have been doing other types of work which are equally, if not more, important. We are grateful to all of them for their aid.

Several study and training camps have been held in different parts of the country in addition to those mentioned previously in this report. As in previous years, the Karnataka Federation organized the largest number of camps. In Tapeswar in the Telugu Federation, it is reported that a study camp was held for the record period of forty-five days. Each such attempt to promote study and give training undoubtedly helps. All the same, there is a great need everywhere for more devoted workers and for persons capable of speaking and writing in a truly helpful manner, as I mentioned in my last report. Mr. Venkataraman writes in connection with his visits: "There is need for Lodges and Federations to devote special attention to train workers." Everyone who is himself devoted and working hard, whether in a Lodge or Federation, has this responsibility to bring others into the work and give them opportunities to learn and prepare themselves to carry on.

In commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Indian Section, a special issue of *The Theosophical Review* containing articles on several great religions has been prepared. I am grateful for the work done in this connection, and in connection with the regular appearance of the *Review*, by Miss Joan Morris. She has also revised and republished the booklet containing information for enquirers which is available at 15 paise per copy to Lodges and Federations which would like to have it.

A course in nine monthly letters outlining the fundamental concepts of Theosophy is being sent to every new English-knowing member. The basic material is taken from the course prepared in England, for permission to use which we are grateful. This course seems to be appreciated and follow-up correspondence is being carried on by the Assistant General Secretary.

The Theosophy-Science Group has published its Bulletin regularly and is carrying on good work. The sub-group in Adyar has been very active in organizing talks and discussions of interest.

A branch of the Theosophical Order of Service was formed in Bihar where, as has been reported previously, much philanthropical work has been done. There are also some smaller branches in other places, but the Order has not yet been organized on a country-wide basis.

Mrs. Mary Elmore, who is now Librarian of the Indian Section Library, has made many improvements. She is at present engaged in checking and revising the card catalogue.

The Indian Bookshop, under the care of Mr. D. V. Kanvinde and Mr. P. L. Bhargava, has been busy and has again made a small profit.

I have to point out once more that contributions to the Reserve Fund have been far from adequate. Only a few members have thought of this fund, although probably there are many more who might be able to contribute to it. This fund could be a regular source of income to the Section and make it possible to avoid having to make yearly appeals to members for donations.

During the year, among members of the Section who passed away were Mr.

R. M. Alpaiwalla and Mr. S. B. Vaidya of Bombay, Mr. Ernest Wood and Mr. S. A. Hazare. Mr. Alpaiwalla was a strong pillar of the Society in India for many years in spite of the lack of physical vision from which he suffered. He was Vice-President of the International Association for the Blind and much respected for his work and life. Mr. Vaidya was a member of the Society for sixty-one years. Mr. Ernest Wood, a well-known figure in the Theosophical Society and author of various books, was residing in California for many years but continued to be a member of the Adyar Lodge and of the Indian Section. Mr. S. A. Hazare was a familiar personality in the Headquarters at Varanasi where he lived and worked during the latter part of his life. Earlier he had worked at the International Headquarters at Adyar and was always much devoted to the Theosophical Society.

I express my most sincere thanks to all those who have helped me in my work. The responsibility of holding such an office as that of General Secretary is great from many points of view and I am grateful to all the colleagues who have been good enough to share the responsibility and the work.

RADHA BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

President's Tour.—We were privileged in welcoming once more our world President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, to Australia. He arrived in Perth accompanied by Mrs. Sri Ram and his secretary, Miss Elithe Nisewanger, early in February. During this month Mr. Sri Ram lectured to large and appreciative audiences in Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne. After his visit

to Melbourne the President undertook a tour of New Zealand, while Mrs. Sri Ram stayed in Sydney during this time. Returning from New Zealand at the end of March Mr. Sri Ram visited Brisbane and Sydney, where, as in the other cities of Australia, his profound and practical expositions of the Ancient Wisdom were much appreciated by all. There were

interviews with radio and press in the five cities as well as lectures to the public and members. Mrs. Sri Ram also contributed to the success of the tour by giving talks to afternoon groups. It was unfortunate that lack of time did not permit the President to visit the smaller Lodges in outlying areas of our continent; nevertheless his tour of Australia has brought new strength and inspiration to our work.

Convention.—An important and very stimulating event during the year was our annual Convention, with the President and his wife as guests of honor. It was held at Easter at the National Fitness Camp, Broken Bay, 30 miles from Sydney. The camp was situated in bushland extending to the shores of Broken Bay, near the mouth of the beautiful Hawkesbury River. There was a private beach and magnificent views to the open sea. We have had many residential Conventions in Australia but this one was outstanding in quality and quantity. We were fortunate to count Mr. and Mrs. Sri Ram and Miss Elithe Nisewanger from Adyar as our guests. A record number of more than 180 members attended from many parts of Australia and some members had even come from New Zealand. This record attendance was mainly due to the great enthusiasm and energy with which Miss Zahara had organized this Convention, for the last time in her capacity of General Secretary.

Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, the host Lodge of Convention, together with members from Isis and Mosman Lodges in Sydney, looked after the many tasks and services that make a gathering like this a success. Highlights of the program were the deeply inspiring morning talks by Mr. Sri Ram delivered in the open under the gum trees. There were discussion sessions on the Convention theme "Seek out the Way" for everyone to join in. Two experimental sessions proved to be successful and are worth pursuing at future

Conventions and Lodge programs: these were group thinking on the subject "The Ascent of Man," and a group participation session which gave members an opportunity to take part in different forms of creative expression. A farewell address by the retiring General Secretary, Miss Helen Zahara, was a particularly fine contribution, but left with us the sad note of her impending departure in June to U. S. A. where she has since taken up work for the Society.

Headquarters Staff.—With the retirement of Miss Zahara which had been accepted with deep regret the election of the new General Secretary took place at Convention. There had been two candidates, Mr. Leonard Wade and myself. Over the years the work has expanded considerably and it became necessary to engage more office staff. Mrs. Gladys MacCartie joined the team in March. Other re-arrangements on the Headquarters staff following Miss Zahara's departure were the appointment of Mr. David Esplin as Assistant Secretary of the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. Mr. Esplin also helps with the general office work, particularly with the editing of the national Society's publication *Theosophy in Australia*. I have been most ably supported in the work by Mrs. Shirley Miller who continued in her position as office assistant. We were a very happy team together. Dr. Hugh Murdoch, A.C.A., continued to serve as Hon. Treasurer, giving his valuable advice to the work. At Convention Mr. Leonard Wade was appointed Hon. National Lecturer. As well as the administration of the Society in Australia our work includes the business known as the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. This company owns and controls on behalf of the Society Savoy House in Sydney. The Hon. Chairman of this company is Mr. Norman Hankin.

Overseas Lecturers.—Melbourne Lodge had invited Mr. Harry Banks from New Zealand to lecture in Melbourne during the month of May. Taking advantage of Mr. Banks' visit to Australia an extended tour of most Lodges in Australia was arranged. He made short visits to the Lodges and groups in Tasmania and then lectured in Adelaide and Perth. Returning to the Eastern states Mr. Banks spoke to the Lodges in Sydney and Brisbane and also Toowoomba. He was particularly welcomed by the Lodges and groups in North Queensland. Mr. Banks' friendly approach and his willingness to give unstintingly of his time and effort have greatly helped our work.

In October Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson passed through Sydney on their return from India to New Zealand. Mr. Hodson gave a lecture each to members and to the public.

General Secretary's Tours.—The former General Secretary, Miss Zahara, undertook a five weeks' lecture tour to Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth in October, and in November she visited the group in Canberra. These visits and the lectures Miss Zahara gave in the different cities were much appreciated and most helpful.

After my election I made short visits to Brisbane, Toowoomba, Adelaide and Melbourne Lodges which had the purpose of getting to know the members and establishing contact with the Lodge workers.

Hon. National Lecturer's Tours.—Since his appointment as Hon. National Lecturer, Mr. Wade accompanied by Mrs. Wade visited Brisbane and Toowoomba lecturing in both these Lodges. At the end of the year under review Mr. and Mr. Wade are away in Tasmania where he is addressing the Lodges and groups in Hobart, Launceston and Latrobe. His contacts with the members are very useful and his untiring effort in stimulating

activities especially in the smaller Lodges and groups is of great value. In November on the invitation of Melbourne Lodge Mr. and Mrs. Wade spent a month in Melbourne where Mr. Wade gave a series of lectures to the public and members.

Other Tours.—During October, November and December there were monthly visits to Newcastle Lodge by the following members from Sydney: Dr. Jean Raymond, Mr. Norman Hankin and myself. Mrs. Edna Jenks, President of Brisbane Lodge, visited Toowoomba Lodge frequently during the year helping and encouraging the work there.

Lodges.—The number of Lodges on the roll remained unchanged at 16. The larger Lodges in the five state capitals have a membership ranging from 106 to 308. The smaller Lodges, mainly in the outlying country areas, continue to meet regularly with discussions and study. There is a continuous need to provide stimulus and assistance with program materials and visits of speakers to these Lodges in distant country areas. As well as drawing room groups in some of the larger cities there are groups meeting in Canberra and Mareeba. Perth Lodge has a successful and growing group called the Perth School of the Wisdom, studying some of the deeper philosophical aspects of Theosophy.

Membership.—There has been an encouraging upward trend in membership and at the end of the year it totalled 1,163. The increase of 64 over last year's membership is not only due to fewer lapsings, resignations and deaths but also to a fair increase in new members. Most Lodges can be congratulated on these definite signs of growth. Much, however, remains to be done now and in the future by intensification of our activities and keeping in contact with our new members, to ensure that the present upward trend can be maintained.

Service to Lodges.—Headquarters continues to send out a monthly letter to new members. This service was introduced two years ago and has shown good results. At present over 200 letters are being sent out every month. Each new member receives this monthly contact for a period of 18 months, and appreciative response has been received from many new members. A new illustrated study course "Man in the Universe" compiled by Miss Zahara has been circulated amongst the smaller Lodges. Other aids for Lodge work and program material were provided, amongst them lecture and discussion tapes, study courses, publicity material, pamphlets, leaflets, suggestions for advertisements, lecture announcements and library reading lists. A new pictorial art program on the "Universal Declaration of Human Rights" has been offered for exhibition to the larger Lodges. Books were provided to some of the more recently established groups.

Books to Antarctica.—Under the scheme for providing books to public libraries a number of books were made available to libraries of three Australian Stations in Antarctica.

Journal.—*Theosophy in Australia* has been published every two months. Formerly edited by Miss Helen Zahara, during the last six months it has been prepared and brought out by the editorial staff of the national Headquarters.

Broadcasting.—The national Society maintained its weekly session from Station 2GB in Sydney. A variety of speakers presented many aspects of Theosophy and there is a regular response from the listening public for broadcast scripts. Melbourne continued to sponsor weekly sessions on Station 3XY Melbourne.

Young Theosophists.—This year three active groups of Young Theosophists have been holding regular meetings in Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney with varied pro-

grams of study and social activities. The Sydney group organized a camp at Terrigal, N.S.W., over the Christmas holidays which was well attended. Contact was maintained with some of the overseas groups. The Australian Federation of Young Theosophists continues to produce its own journal, *Fraternity*.

Theosophical Order of Service.—A buoyant note was sounded throughout the year, both Brisbane and Sydney having raised considerable sums of money for an orphanage operated by Theosophists in Vietnam and also for the Tibetan refugees. The Order in Adelaide and Perth has been re-oriented and new impetus given to the work; and, as usual, the Tasmanian helper has worked untiringly. The aid given to Miss Preston's Kotagiri centre for relief for Tibetan refugees was augmented by a gift of 3,500 babies' woollen garments, as well as by generous donations of wool from all states. The Hospice in Brisbane and the McIntyre Centre in Sydney, both homes for senior citizens, have been aided and many charities received strong support from the Order throughout the year. Judging by the increased activities of the Order bright hopes are held for its future usefulness.

Conclusion.—It has been a busy year for all our workers and much that has been achieved is due to the magnificent organization and leadership of the former General Secretary, Miss Helen V. Zahara. In closing this report I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all who have so patiently assisted me in taking over the duties. May our work together continue to grow and gain wider purpose and usefulness so that the ideals of Theosophy become a true inspiration in our lives.

RUTH M. BERINGER,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

Although we are not able to attract large audiences there seems to be an increasing interest for the Theosophical view of life. The difficulty is to be able to present the fundamental truths in a way that does justice to the logical and broad lines of Theosophy as well as to its aspect of harmony and beauty, something which has more to do, perhaps, with what we are than what we say.

The Summer School this year was held from June 27th to July 4th at the adult education school, Stensund, where several Swedish Summer Schools have been arranged. The guest speaker was Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary for the Indian Section, who gave five very illuminating lectures entitled: Who is a Theosophical Student?; The Art of Living; Man's Role in Evolution; Perfection through Freedom; and Yoga in Action. Mrs. Burnier presented in a clear way the depth and beauty of Theosophy as applied to our way of living. We were indeed grateful to have her among us during the week. Swedish contributions included lectures and talks on Tibetan Buddhism; Religion and Spirituality; Martin Buber, Life as a Dialogue; The Inner Side of our Daily Work; as well as talks on the keynote of the Summer School, which was "To be open to life". It was a very happy gathering with more than fifty attending, including some

members from Norway. The Convention of the Swedish Section took place during this week.

In the beginning of the autumn Mr. John Coats visited Lodges in Stockholm, Uppsala, Göthenburg and Malmö. We all appreciated his talks and his visits.

Swedish members have gone lecturing to different Lodges in Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway. A further co-operation between Scandinavian Sections is the joint magazine *Teosofi i Norden*, appearing bi-monthly since 1961.

The Theosophical Bookshop Studio has continued its progress and has further increased its selling of literature to members and the public.

Eight members of the Section participated in the flight arranged by the European Federation to Adyar and to the International Convention last December-January. To many of the participants this visit to our International Headquarters had a deep significance and we are grateful for this tour and hope that more members can have the same opportunity before too long.

The Section had 26 new members during the year but the membership increased by only 5 as 15 have lapsed and 6 passed over. The membership is now 383.

KERSTIN BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The highlight of this year was the visit to our Section of the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, accompanied by his secretary, Miss Nisewanger. They arrived in New Zealand, Christchurch, on 3rd March and remained with us until 29th March, during

which time they visited the four main cities, Christchurch, Dunedin, Wellington, Auckland, with a brief stay in Hamilton. Mr. Sri Ram was greeted enthusiastically by the members, some of whom had travelled many miles to attend his talks.

The public lectures were very well attended as also the talk to the Auckland Rotary Club. We in New Zealand are indebted to the President for this visit, an outstanding success, one long to be remembered by many Theosophists.

Statistics.—There are 18 Lodges on the roll of the Section; new admissions 53; re-admissions 11; transfers from other Sections 4; resignations 20; deaths 22; lapsings 13; transfers to other Sections 5; number of members as in last report 892; number of members in the year under report 900, an increase of 8.

Rest in Peace.—It is fitting that our annual report should note the passing this year of two ardent workers in the Theosophical field, Miss Emma Hunt and Miss Nettie E. Ockenden, both of whom rendered our movement dedicated service in India as well as in New Zealand. Miss Hunt joined the Society in October 1905, Miss Ockenden in October 1904, both members having served the Society continuously.

Headquarters Staff.—The Section Headquarters at No. 10 Belvedere Street is the meeting place for overseas visitors, non-members, enquirers and members of the Society, where it is the General Secretary's hope that all may feel at home. We have been a united staff, each pursuing his task in a spirit of dedicated service, and each one co-operating in an attitude of trust and goodwill. We have a group of casual helpers who come when called upon to stamp envelopes, fold newsletters and magazines; we are indebted to them for this "chore".

Propaganda.—By public magazine advertisements the Section endeavors to make the spread of Theosophical ideas a special feature and we have been rewarded for our efforts and expense by response from a number, asking either to join the Society or to become members of the Section Library. This year we have

received 253 replies, each of which has been answered by a reply letter and a follow-up as well, offering more free literature. This literature was in the one instance *The Divine Wisdom in the Christian Scriptures*, in the other *Theosophy in a Nutshell*. The returns indicated that enquirers are really seeking "Straight Theosophy," for the number asking for *Theosophy in a Nutshell* more than doubled the requests for *The Divine Wisdom in the Christian Scriptures*.

Miss Gray's Free Books in Libraries scheme has also revealed a desire by the public for our literature; during the last year approximately 1,000 books have been donated to libraries throughout New Zealand in connection with this scheme. Miss Gray made an exhaustive tour of prisons, colleges, public libraries, schools and other organizations. She generously financed the launching of this scheme in New Zealand, and Section Headquarters is continuing this work which is a magnificent monument to Miss Gray's dedication to Theosophy. Books have been placed in important centres, such as the General Assembly Library of Parliament House, Wellington, and in the Department of Justice for distribution to various Borstal institutions and prisons. We have received letters expressing appreciation of this scheme, borrowers of these books having written to us for further information and in some cases having joined our Section Library. At least one inmate of our local prison has been helped through these books for he has now become a subscriber to our Section Library. Lodges have representatives visiting public libraries and books on our gift list are being continually despatched from Headquarters in response to requests.

Section Library.—Thirty books have recently been added to our shelves. Through placing book reviews in the Section Newsletter members have been

informed of our latest acquisitions. We are trying also to stimulate interest in some of the older Theosophical works by comparing them with trends in modern thought and suggesting possible avenues of valuable research on various topics. A few of our newer library subscribers have joined the Theosophical Society through discovering and reading books on Theosophy.

Tapes.—During the year 70 tape recorded lectures have been loaned from the National Tape Recorded Lecture Library. Most subscribers are Theosophical Lodges or groups.

Theosophical Social Activities.—The various Lodges endeavor to make a feature of social work, bringing members and non-members together on occasion. A monthly worthwhile "get-together" is organized by one president, a group of mothers and their very young children being invited to lunch in her home where informality and goodwill are the keynote. In one Lodge senior Theosophists are collected and taken back home by car once monthly. On an average there are about 15 present on each occasion when a home-made tea and a friendly chat are enjoyed. Although the members of this group are always changing, many friendships have been renewed and new ones made.

A member in one area has started a Golden Chain group. There are many children who come a long way for this event. I think that one of the unusual features about it is that the parents and older friends join in the circle too. In one Lodge the Women's Auxilliary, which sends a delegate to the National Council of Women, has taken its turn in providing afternoon tea to the inmates of a mental ward with 100-130 patients. This service gives joy to these poor people, some of whom rarely see the outside world.

Entertaining in our spacious drawing room at Section Headquarters is a most rewarding social activity; we came together to say *au revoir* to Helen Zahara (past General Secretary in Australia) as she travelled through Auckland en route to America; we sadly said farewell to Clarice Gregory (past General Secretary, New Zealand) as she set forth on her visit to Adyar; and we frequently welcome members and friends from various parts of New Zealand and elsewhere. Drawing room groups in private homes are also a well worthwhile endeavor, both Theosophically and socially.

Suva Lodge, isolated by distance from our Section, was visited by Mr. Robert Westwood, President of Wanganui Lodge, who reports he was cordially received by the President.

Free-lance Lecturers.—This year the Lodges, especially the smaller Lodges, have been sent lecturers as frequently as possible, a scheme that has been much appreciated with rewarding results.

Theosophy in New Zealand has been ably edited by Mrs. Roma Dunningham who has brought to our magazine her unique quality of presenting and choosing articles of both topical and Theosophical interest. It is felt by appreciative readers that *Theosophy in New Zealand* is endeavoring to give a modern "image" of the Ancient Wisdom, thought by some to be long overdue.

In conclusion I wish to thank New Zealand members for electing me their General Secretary for the years 1964-65. It is an honour conferred on me, one I regard with a deep sense of gratitude. I know that in the future we Theosophists in New Zealand will endeavor to be worthy to serve the Great Cause to which each one is dedicated.

BERTHA H. DARROCH,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

With the election of the new General Secretary the Netherlands Section of the Theosophical Society is continuing its life with the same activity as before.

In July we had a Summer School in Oosterbeek, devoted to "Psychic Hygiene". The speakers were two doctors, a professional psychologist and a young Theosophist. There were lively discussions. The new General Secretary laid stress on the necessity of studying "straight" Theosophy. He announced that he would in his work concentrate on the stimulating of the Lodges, attracting the young Theosophists and strengthening the bond of friendship with Flemish Theosophists of Belgium. In the Summer School at the Dutch Convention held during the International Week at Huizen there were some Belgian guests. On the South Netherlands "landdag" in Flushing there was also an enthusiastic Belgian group, where Mr. A. E. de Pauw, the Belgian General Secretary, gave a fine speech.

The General Secretary began his work by visiting several Lodges which had been

in existence 40, 50 and 60 years. All members enjoyed the celebration of their several jubilees. There were also visits to smaller Lodges which had had some difficulties. Lodge Bussum has been revived, and Lodge Den Helder, a naval station, which was split in former years, is now reunited.

So there is a feeling of new enthusiasm which one could sense during the Convention, though it was a disappointment that our guest-speaker, Mrs. Rukmini Devi, had to cancel her visit because she had to return to India suddenly. However, we found two splendid speakers, and three young Theosophists told us about their experiences during their trip to propagate vegetarianism in India, with beautiful slides. Though there have been 46 new admissions, the present number of members decreased again owing to the death of several old workers. But younger members are now coming to the forefront, so we are full of optimism for the near future.

WIL BURGER,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

The report that we made last year could well be used for this year.

Of course, there have been small changes; the lectures given were different and studies in Lodges may have been changed.

We had a French-speaking week in Huizen, instead of a Summer School in France. But all this does not deeply change the life of the Section, and it follows the same lines as previously.

We look eagerly for new means to spread the spirit of Theosophy in the country, but we must use the same old ones: books, magazines, lectures.

As may be seen in the statistics our membership has increased very slightly during the year; but the difference is so slight that it can only be interpreted as stability.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

Our Annual National Convention was held this year in Rapallo from May 27th to 29th. As in Italy this year there have been everywhere celebrations of the 7th Centenary of the birth of Dante Alighieri, we held it would be useful to put in evidence the esoteric side of Dante's greatest poem, "La Divina Commedia," and four lectures were given about it, one of them a public lecture. Moreover, this year there were again the elections of the General Secretary and of the members of the Executive Committee, as the term of office here in Italy is three years. The nominations received were two. The system of voting is through individual vote of each member belonging to the Section. This time I was re-elected General Secretary with a much greater majority of votes than in the preceding election in the year 1962.

During the first day of the Convention I read my report as General Secretary; the reports of the T.O.S., of the Publishing House SIRIO, and of the activities of Lodges were also presented. The report of the General Secretary examined at length particularly the results of the new trends in the Society in Italy based essentially on the greatest diffusion of the *original teachings* of Theosophy as given by the Mahatmas through the pioneers of the Theosophical movement, and particularly through H. P. B., nearly unknown to the majority of our members. However, our action, though always respectful of the ideas of others, has been frequently interpreted in a manner which by no means corresponded to truth. During these three years of my secretaryship we have adhered faithfully and loyally to the principles put before our members *before* the election of the year 1962, which principles have been and still are our own closest and most profound convictions,

having been developed through living experiences in a wholehearted, sincere and loyal devotion to the grand ideal placed before us by Theosophy and by Those who were its original inspirers. It is quite comprehensible that the work in our Section during these years has been particularly difficult to manage. For the reasons already said, we felt that it was urgently necessary to give our members the opportunity to acquire as much as possible of the fundamental knowledge, so as to prevent them from falling back into sectarian habits of mind. So we have concentrated our efforts on the most careful selection of articles for publication in our monthly magazine *Alba Spirituale*, that our members might follow as much as possible the actual trend of thought manifesting itself in the Theosophical movement. We also published a regular series of articles about the history of the Theosophical movement since its beginnings. Our Publishing House SIRIO in strict and brotherly co-operation with the General Secretary, published during these years, among others: *First step in Occultism* by H. P. B.; a third Italian edition of *The Occult World* by Sinnett; a new revised edition of *The Voice of the Silence*; *The Ocean of Theosophy* by William Q. Judge, completely unknown till now in Italy; *An Approach to Reality* by our President, N. Sri Ram. In preparation is a new translation in Italian of *The Key to Theosophy*, by H. P. B.; while the translation has been completed of the first part of that exceptional work, *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*. We hope that it will be published during the coming year.

We consider that students of Theosophy, if they really attain to a genuine understanding of the Theosophical principles, ought no more to fall back into sectarian

mental habits. The first and fundamental aim of our Society, namely that of forming a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, truly constitutes a powerful dynamic impulse which awakens the inmost spiritual resources latent in man in a way that no lesser ideal would be capable of doing. Besides, the idea of acquiring knowledge of the inexhaustible book of Nature by means of experience, is directly opposed to the moral and intellectual passivity which characterizes western religions and constitutes the main cause of sectarianism. And finally, the combination of metaphysical study with religious mysticism introduces the gradual development of the mind; and this will lead the sincere and dispassionate seeker in the Theosophical field to a progress marked by continually ascending steps.

It is true that nowadays Brotherhood as a universal ideal is spoken of in various quarters, and this has occurred mainly because of the enormous sufferings brought to the human race by distinctions of race, creed and color, even in the last few decades. It should, however, not be forgotten that the Theosophical movement endeavored to make the ideal of universal brotherhood the essential basis of human relationships long before the world wars of the twentieth century broke out in all their fury; and that 90 years ago, when the Theosophical Society was founded, the objects which it proclaimed represented revolutionary ideas, that have had a notable occult influence on modern thought, both in the social field and in the philosophical and cultural ones generally, as well as in the psychological one, anticipating complex psychological problems of our present times. It can therefore be said as an actual fact that in its three Objects the Theosophical Society had formulated clearly *fundamental requirements of the future*, capable of

promoting the welfare of the whole of humanity; and in this age of coarse and illogical materialism only the esoteric philosophy can oppose an adequate resistance to the continual attacks upon all that each man regards as the dearest and most sacred portion of his inner spiritual life.

To close my report here are a few statistics concerning the year 1965. In April of this year a new Theosophical Centre was started at Esine (Brescia), which has taken the name of "Cosmic Unity Centre"; and a new Lodge has been established in Milan, with the name of "William Q. Judge". At Palermo, the two existing Lodges, "Friends of Truth" and "Towards the Light," have joined together to form a single Lodge called "United Groups: Friends of Truth—Towards the Light," while the Lodge "C. Jinarajadasa" in Genoa was dissolved.

The number of members on the 20th of May 1965, a week before the beginning of our Convention, amounted to 590. From that day to the 30th September 1965 the number of active members of the Italian Section reached 609, of whom 530 belong to the 27 Lodges and three Centres while 79 are members-at-large. During this year 9 members have passed "beyond the veil," while 27 members have up to the present not renewed their subscriptions. On the other hand 48 new members have joined the Society in Italy.

In closing this report, we repeat as our own the wish expressed some years ago by our world President, Mr. N. Sri Ram: "Let us hope that with the approaching of our hundredth year, the Society will be capable of renewing itself completely and of rising once more, like a phoenix, endowed with new life and new vigor."

ROBERTO HACK,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

In the year under report the membership of the German Section showed a slight increase. The Lodge work went on as usual. Some Lodges in Berlin, Dortmund, Frankfurt, Darmstadt and Hamburg had public lectures with good success. Our friends, Mr. Axel Fielitz-Coniar, Mr. Johannes Meyer and Professor Karl Schmid-Passan, were on lecture tours again. From 17th to 24th July 1965 we had our regular Summer School at Hustedt near Celle, with an attendance of fifty. Our daily discussions were very successfully arranged, following the inspiring methods of Dr. Taimni at Adyar.

Some Lodges and individual members regularly gave donations to various institutions of welfare, for instance, the Olcott Schools, Tibetan children, etc.

Good connections exist with members of other Sections of the Theosophical Society. Now we are making preparations for the 1966 World Congress at Salzburg. Already 50 members of our Section have declared their intention to attend it. We hope to have finally 80 members or more.

HEINRICH NAGEL,
General Secretary.

CUBA

In accordance with the By-Laws of this Section, on October 1st, 1964, it was announced that 30 days later the election for National President and National Vice-President would open, so that in the following 20 days lists of candidates could be presented. Two were presented: No. 1, Sr. Celestino Aguilar Mora, for National President and Sr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo Artigas, for National Vice-President; No. 2, Sr. Alfredo Puig Figueroa, for National President and Sr. Raquel Catalá Orbea, for National Vice-President.

The election resulted in candidacy No. 1, attaining 235 votes for the President and 233 for the Vice-President, and candidacy No. 2, 102 votes for the President and 103 votes for the Vice-President. Sr. Celestino Aguilar Mora as President and Sr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo Artigas as Vice-President assumed office at the Convention.

Lodges and Members.—At the end of the year there are 22 active Lodges of the 24 we had last year. Two Lodges were

dissolved: Esperanza of Victoria de las Tunas, Oriente Province, and Luz de Cabaiguán of Cabaiguán, Las Villas Province; these two Lodges were inactive and had not had the required number of members since 1960.

The list of members of the Cuban Section, as compared to last year's report, had a drop from 472 to 425, on September 30, 1965. Many members, most of them young, who were admitted in the years 1958-1959, moved perhaps by their youthful restlessness, found in the Theosophical Society new ideas that awoke their enthusiasm and activity; but in connecting themselves with new lines of thought have been absorbed by them, causing some to submit their resignations and others to do it tacitly by failing to pay their annual fees. In first taking charge of the presidency, in January 1962, it was found that a large number of members did not pay their annual fees to the Society and did not attend their Lodge meetings. I tried to promote interest among the failing members, and at the same time to

adjust the list of members free from those who did not respond and succeeded, in spite of many drops in membership, in increasing the number of members who paid their fees thus strengthening the Section's economy. This year the new members were only 18 plus 5 rejoinings and the decreases were 9 resignations, 4 deceased, 56 lapsed for lack of payment and 1 transfer to another Section.

Theosophical Publications.—This year it was possible to publish 2,000 copies of the booklet *To those who Mourn* by Mr. C. W. Leadbeater for free distribution; and also Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa's *The Seven Veils Over Consciousness*. The printing house has for publication the translation of the book *Reincarnation* by I. S. Cooper, which is now awaiting authorization by the official authorities of the Government, because all private publications were suspended by the interventor of all Havana Printing Houses.

Revista Teosofica Cubana.—Our Section's official organ was not published during the present year 1965; the last number published, in the first months of this year, corresponded to May-December 1964; our publishing limitations persisted, and the two numbers, January-March and April-June 1965 could not be published due to the suspension for the moment of all non-official publications, until they are newly authorized by the government officials.

Theosophical Festivities.—In our Section it has been established as a standard that the Society's official festivals (November 17th, February 17th and May 8th) be organized by the National Secretary, in Havana, due to the existence of several Lodges which have their meetings at the same place; the other Lodges which have their meeting places outside the city of Havana celebrating them individually.

In this period from October 1st, 1964 to September 30th, 1965, these festivities were celebrated as usual, the programs

combining art and Theosophical themes, to the satisfaction of the many present. Also, as usual, the annual National Convention, took place on January, 22nd, 23rd and 24th, each day with a large attendance, many enthusiastic members coming from Lodges outside the city of Havana.

Other Section Activities.—During the first half of 1965, the Board of Directors adopted some rules relating to the work of the Section Library for, the Librarian being ill, the President was forced to take charge of the work with the co-operation of several members. Some useful work was done in preparing an inventory of all the books, double catalogue indexes, classification, etc.

The Section's By-Laws and Rules were revised to better comply with the legal requirements of the country, under the direction of the Vice-President, Dr. Cruz Bustillo. They were discussed with other members of the National Presidency and after being approved by the Board of Directors were submitted to ballot by the Lodges and National Members, and obtained the favorable vote of more than 60 per cent of all active members. They are awaiting now the approval of the Government Associations' Record Office.

Against our will and best hopes, it was impossible for our Section to be represented personally last year at the First Inter-American Convention at Mexico City, and this year at the Convention that is taking place at Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic. Nevertheless we did our best by being represented by members of this Section resident in both places.

Construction and repair work done in the Section buildings.—The Section building in the city of Banes, Oriente Province (occupied by Lodge Unidad), which suffered great damage from the cyclone of October 1963, to the extent that it was left uninhabitable, was reconstructed. The second floor and the big meeting room that

had existed were not rebuilt due to difficulties in finding the necessary materials; so the building had to be reduced to a larger single floor, where a smaller room has been adapted for the meetings of the Lodge. The cost was covered almost in full with voluntary contributions from the members. The rest of the building is occupied by a Theosophical family who take care of the building. The Havana building has also been improved with better amenities.

The Section Economy.—In spite of the fall in the number of members our finances are satisfactory. Against our will and best wishes, we are not able to fulfil our financial obligation to The Theosophical Society at Adyar, as according to the law, it is not possible at present to send

money abroad. We are making a reserve fund to fulfil our obligation as soon as it is possible.

Conclusion.—Comparing the work done during this period with that of preceding years, a fall is noted represented by the smaller membership of Lodges and members, but this has not discouraged us, for we know the cause, which is not due to the policy of the Section, or the work done by its valuable collaborators and much less by the orientation of the International Headquarters to which we have always given full support.

We work confident in the triumph of the Law of Love, Harmony and Unity.

CELESTINO AGUILAR MORA,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The membership of the Finnish Section is now 408, which means a decrease of 9 members from last year, 12 having died and 23 lapsed. There were 26 new members. The number of Lodges is 24 of which 9 are situated in Helsinki. I am sorry to report that Lodge Saturnus which was formed during the year 1959 is dissolved. The members of Saturnus Lodge now belong to other Lodges.

The work of our Section has continued during the past year as before. Lodges held their meetings once a week, some smaller Lodges once a fortnight. Their work consisted mainly of discussions based on lectures given by members or translated articles,

Public lectures for non-members were delivered in Helsinki every Sunday and the audience continued to increase steadily, being between 40 to 70. Many of these later became members of the Society.

A Summer School was held last summer as before at our summer residence Kreivila. We were happy to receive Mrs. Radha Burnier as our guest and main lecturer there. Mr. Olle Wedholm from Sweden was our guest at the Annual Convention. I think it is very good to have contacts with as many Sections from abroad as possible; perhaps it can in some way help us to widen our view of life.

The publication of the monthly magazine *Teosofi* has continued its work.

We have also another publication *Elonpyörä*, which is meant to bring the Theosophical message to persons not yet belonging to the Theosophical Society. This year saw the reprint of *Light on the Path* and *The Doctrine of the Heart*.

In order to promote a closer contact between the Headquarters in Helsinki and the rather small Lodges in the countryside or in small towns we have continued to make trips to these places. On these occasions we have usually had one public lecture and one for members only. I hope these occasions have strengthened the

work of these small Lodges and at the same time brought the message of Theosophy to many persons who perhaps have never heard of Theosophy.

Young Theosophists have a rather active group in Helsinki with a number of interested young people attending their meetings.

I hope that we are starting our new season with a growing understanding of the splendid task given to us by the Founders of our Society.

SYLVI HORSTIO,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Probably it was inevitable that, with a very considerable change in the personnel actively responsible for the work of this Section, there would be a new note apparent at the end of the year 1964, when the Lodges went into recess for a few weeks over the Christmas season. The problems of the year have been reorganization, finance and falling membership, and how to work as a team, over the large area of territory which we cover.

It was decided to hold the 1965 Convention in Pretoria, as this would be more central and would also coincide with the Golden Jubilee of Pretoria Lodge. The Convention was very well attended, being

one of the largest in this Section for some years. A pre-Convention Summer School conducted by the National President, based on some of the work of Dr. Taimni, and presented under the title "Re-thinking Theosophy," proved to be very popular, so much so that some of the Lodges have subsequently used the papers as a base for Lodge study groups. Some of the subjects raised for discussion included the possibility or wisdom of sending a thoughtfully worded letter of condolence to bereaved people, mentioning the existence of the Theosophical Society and its philosophy.

Advertising of lectures and use of public halls, and some opposition to our

ideals in certain quarters, also came up for discussion, with the object of considering the wisest manner in which to face these situations when they arise, as it appeared there was much public misunderstanding of the meaning of the word "Brotherhood" in our objects.

It was noted with appreciation that Mrs. B. Hofstra, president of Pretoria Lodge, sends out a monthly news-letter, linking many people, and attracting others of a variety of types of thought to the Lodge. The Lodge membership had shown an increase over the year.

The publication *Lodge of the Air*, which has been in existence for nearly two years, and is directed to linking people interested in the subject of meditation, had been run for the past year almost entirely by the National President and Miss Benton. This proved too much work, and Mrs. Mitford-Barberton offered to do the publication from Cape Town, with helpers in that part of the Section. After some growing pains as a result of the transfer, this publication has now taken on a very attractive new lease of life.

Mrs. Phyllis Scarnell-Lean, who was elected National Vice-President, and also appointed to the office of National Publicity officer, has done yeoman work during the year. She has seen to the publication of single-sheet pamphlets dealing with such subjects as "Reincarnation," "Karma," "What is Theosophy?" and these have been available to Lodges for a very small sum, for distribution at meetings. She has also had two articles dealing with subjects allied to Theosophy accepted in South African magazines. In co-operation with the National President and Treasurer, she designed and sent out an amusing and unusual appeal for funds to the members in the Section, which softened the blow and brought very good results.

Many Lodges are attracting an increasing number of young people, and Johannes-

burg admitted seven young people at one ceremony, who were told that if they wished they could "go away and form their own Lodge"! They have preferred to stay, and infuse new enthusiasm into the activities of the parent Lodge.

Durban Lodge has been having open lunch hour meetings, which have proved successful.

Pretoria Lodge is one of the few which is able to remain open most of the time and, having a fine library and a well organized committee in attendance, is attracting people for Library afternoons and tea.

Salisbury Lodge has been conducting most of its meetings on the group dynamics and discussion lines, which has brought a resurgence of life, and many new members.

In far away Basutoland a small group have been studying with Mrs. Naude, and it is to be hoped that in this small African territory a truly multi-racial group may grow up in the town of Maseru. So far, their members have joined Salisbury Lodge, 1,000 miles away!

A successful Rhodesian congress was held this year in Bulawayo. Mrs. Hofstra was invited to attend from Pretoria, and the National President and other members travelled from Salisbury, Gwelo and Que Que to attend. Bulawayo Lodge has a well-situated Lodge room in the centre of the town but finds difficulty in meeting its expenses.

The National Executive committee, being well scattered over the territory of South Africa and Rhodesia, decided to try and meet each other as often as possible during the year. The result was that one committee meeting was arranged in a small beauty spot in the mountains in the northern Transvaal, about half way between Johannesburg and Pretoria, and the Rhodesian towns of Bulawayo and Salisbury. The distances

which had to be covered were considerable, the National President and Secretary travelling from Salisbury the most northerly point, covered 450 miles each way, over a long week-end. The result was worth the journey, and members have been able to keep in touch far more this year. The committee was also able to meet in Bulawayo and in Johannesburg.

In October the National President was able to make a short visit to South Africa. A very pleasant party was held in Johannesburg to mark the fact that two ladies had been members of the Theosophical Society for over 50 years. The National President was also able to meet and address members of both Johannesburg and Pretoria Lodges, before flying down to Cape Town for a few days, there to meet and talk to members and public in the Cape Town Lodge.

The present year-end impressions are that, for one thing the Section membership is increasing. This is not evident in the official figures, but should become apparent next year. A second impression is that the problem of the work in the Section is being taken more seriously by individual members, as we begin to realize more clearly the individual responsibility we each have to ourselves, our world and our Society. The interesting

result is that more individual types of expression *within* the Society are becoming evident, and greater vitality is resulting. Different qualities are being drawn out and therefore a greater range of people are being attracted to our Lodges.

The Convention in 1966 will be held in Cape Town, the most southerly Lodge, and in 1967 in Salisbury, the most northerly. This has been arranged in order to give people more time to plan their journeys. Some members from this Section are also hoping to be present in Salzburg in 1966.

As I write this report from Salisbury, the eyes of the world are focused on us, and one is acutely aware that decisions taken now will affect the lives of millions of people for many years to come, and perhaps the whole course of the development of the Plan in this part of the world. It is also remarkable that many ideas, expressed both in the press and by individuals, reflect the growth in the public mind of what we might choose to call Theosophical concepts, but which are really indicative of a growing basic awareness of the Great Law of the Oneness of Life.

M. E. NAIRN,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

On September 30th the membership stood at 118, a grievous drop in numbers on the previous year and due, in the main, to resignations and lapsings.

There are eleven Lodges and two Centres. Glasgow Lodge includes four smaller Lodges—Annie Besant, Giffnock, Langside and Rutherglen for the time being, and these smaller Lodges hope to

revive and return to their own districts. Three Lodges were dissolved—Falkirk, Portobello and Rosyth.

The changes which have taken place in Scotland reflect the general uneasiness and uncertainty in the world, disturbances which have thrown up much that was not in the best interests of the Society, but it is good to report that the revolution seems to be settling down into a more

constructive pattern and a new cycle coming into action.

At our Convention in June the guest of honor was Mr. V. Wallace Slater, a former General Secretary of the English Section. His scholarly lectures and talks were highly appreciated and stimulating, and brought in enquiries from men engaged in scientific work. Some of these have the intention of going more fully into the subject of Theosophy from this scientific aspect.

Public lectures have been given throughout the year in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen. Aberdeen in particular reports larger attendances and an increasing number of enquiries. Study groups have been held in some of the smaller Lodges and these appear to be doing good work.

Dr. Hugh Shearman, Mr. Edward Gall and Mrs. Irina Tweedie were our visiting lecturers, each bringing a different approach and interpretation of Theosophy to the audience.

In Edinburgh and Glasgow speakers were occasionally drawn from non-members who are in sympathy with our aims and who give us support. Shakespeare's

400th anniversary was celebrated in Edinburgh by an evening devoted to this genius, and much unusual material was produced by those taking part.

Although the T.O.S. in Scotland is not highly organized, individual members do magnificent work in a quiet, unassuming way. Parcels of warm clothing, blankets, etc. have been sent to the Tibetan refugees and to Oxfam. Other activities include money-raising by a sale of work; sick-visiting; reading to the blind; writing letters for partially-sighted members; helping the aged in their domestic difficulties; animal welfare; etc.

Four members from Scotland were privileged to attend the International Convention at Adyar in 1964, an unforgettable and far-reaching experience and one which has deepened the debt we already owe to Those who founded the Society and whose hospitality we may be able to repay, even a little, by trying to carry out Their wishes for the human family.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

There has been little change this last year in the life of the Swiss Section. The number of our members is more or less stationary. We still have the same difficulties: the lack of young people, three national languages, too few lecturers, the shortage of leaders in the Lodges, etc.

There is a tendency for different Lodges in the same town to draw closer together and this may later result in fusions. In any case we hope that it will strengthen the Lodges. Several of the latter are

composed only of old people, which makes work difficult.

When the subject of Tolerance was treated at our Convention in 1965, many interesting aspects of the question were revealed and we shall repeat the experiment of asking several members to treat a subject. The subject chosen for the next Convention is Intuition.

The Central Committee of our Section has taken a very important decision—not to hold a Convention in 1966, so that

members' efforts can be concentrated on the World Congress, from which we await great inspiration.

The Swiss Section enjoys all the privileges offered by the European Federation; in particular we receive the magazine *Adyar* in the German-speaking part of the country and in the French-speaking part *La Vie Théosophique* and *Le Lotus Bleu*. We are very thankful to be able to benefit thus.

In 1965 the undersigned, along with his wife, visited the Huizen Centre and very much appreciated the hospitality offered him.

The General Secretary has decided to send members each month one chapter of Mrs. Gardner's book on *Meditation* in French translation. German-speaking members regularly receive a circular entitled *Kontakt*, as well as the "Question of the Month" which continues to be very much appreciated.

We in the Swiss Section would like to assure our President Sri Ram of our respect for him and our attachment to the great principles of Theosophy.

G. TRIPET,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

Statistics.—Membership of the Section numbers 245, an increase of 7. There are eight Lodges, five of them in Brussels and one each in Liège, Antwerp and Ghent. There is one Centre, at Bruges.

Activities.—The activities of the Lodges in the provinces (Liège, Antwerp, Ghent and Bruges) are going on quite well, with weekly meetings and weekly public lectures. The local committee of the Lodges in Brussels has not yet succeeded in arousing more interest in its public lectures, though there is a weekly attendance of 25. In addition, it might be added that the attendance at the five Lodges in Brussels does not exceed 5 to 6 members at each. The lack of interest seems mainly due to routine and lack of

enthusiasm on the part of the presidents, and want of methodical handling of the studies.

As there is no longer available an edition of H. P. Blavatsky's *Key to Theosophy*, the Lodges at Ghent and Antwerp and the Centre at Bruges are joining together to publish a Flemish edition of a textbook to supply the members with a translation of *The Key to Theosophy*, enlarged with footnotes from *The Mahatma Letters* and an index.

The Theosophical Order of Service is doing fine work, particularly concerning anti-vivisection and aid for Tibetan children.

A. E. DE PAUW,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

Section Suspended

BURMA

The year under review was in a sense one of consolidation. During the year the Rangoon Theosophical Society building, Olcott Lodge, was thoroughly renovated at a cost of over K 15,000/-. The original plan of putting up a storey over the central hall of the Lodge building had to be abandoned for want of sanction from the municipal authorities and therefore the balance of the building fund viz. K 30,000/-, was invested in National Savings Certificates in the name of the Lodge. After the original construction of the Lodge building in 1901, this was the major renovation work undertaken. The Lodge building is now in good shape.

The Olcott Lodge, as usual, has been the most active unit of the Section. In spite of the fact that some of the old members had left the country, the Lodge had a steady membership because of new admissions. It is significant that the Revolutionary Government of the Union of Burma has accorded registration for the Lodge Reading Room and Library. It is hoped that the Section and its constituent Lodges will similarly be duly registered under the new Act.

The Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, continues to show steady growth both in membership and its activities. With the new university campus nearby, it is hoped that the Lodge will be able to make its influence felt in that vast field.

In February 1965 one of the oldest members of this Lodge, U Kyaw Hla, and his family generously donated a sum of K 30,000/- to the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund, but as no remittance

could be made abroad, with the consent of the donors, the amount has been invested in the purchase of National Savings Certificates in the name of the Burma Section of the Society. The International President has been duly informed of this generous gesture. In this connection it may be recalled that the recent reconstruction of the Lotus Lodge building at Mandalay, would not have been possible but for the major liberal contribution made by the same member. The same family also contributed K 10,000/- to the Olcott Lodge building fund. The family thus stands foremost and unique in the history of the Theosophical Society in Burma for liberally donating, on their own and quietly, so much of their wealth. The Burma Section has therefore pleasure in taking this opportunity of placing on record its sense of high appreciation and grateful thanks for the great service this family has done for the cause of Theosophy in Burma. May the blessings of the Great Ones be upon them all!

The Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, continues to function with the handful of members they have.

The Convention was held at the Headquarters of the Section on Sunday the 25th October, 1964. In the unavoidable absence of U Hla Maung the General Secretary, the morning Convention lecture, "Towards a New Era," was delivered by U San Hla. The symposium in the afternoon turned out to be interesting, most of the members participating in the same. Unfortunately, this Convention had no delegates from the constituent

Lodges or other centres. It is fervently hoped that the Lodges will make special efforts to send delegates to the Annual Convention in order to make the Convention representative and interesting.

The number of Lodges remains the same as in the previous years. There were 10 new admissions, 3 lapses, 2 transfers, and 2 deaths. Mr. G. Jagannathan, an earnest student of Theosophy and one of our active members expired in the prime of youth in December 1964. On 29th August 1965, just a month before the close of the official year of the Section, U Po Lat, the General Secretary, passed away suddenly. Even the day previous to his death, he had attended the Olcott Lodge meeting. In him the Section has lost one of its most active, erudite, influential and warm-hearted Theosophists. He was many a time President of the Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, besides being General Secretary of the Section for a number of years. He was also President of the Burma Educational Trust, the Burma Humanitarian League and similarly associated with several other local organizations and committees. He was a living force in every sense of the word, a Theosophical stalwart loved and respected by all. He translated into Burmese and printed at his own cost, Theosophical Manuals such as *Karma*, *Reincarnation*, *Man and His Bodies*, *Astral Plane*, *Mental*

Plane, *Devachanic Plane* and *At the Feet of the Master*, and had just completed translating *The Textbook of Theosophy* by C. W. Leadbeater. The Olcott Lodge is doing what is necessary to get this translation also printed for distribution.

The Society's land in Thingangyun still remains occupied by squatters. Efforts are, however, being made to find some suitable purchaser for the same.

The B. E. T. Co-Educational School, managed by the Olcott Lodge, continues to face huge deficits because of the steep fall in strength. And now with the State taking over the field of Education, there seems to be no more scope for private institutions in the country. The Society has been doing useful work in this field for well over half a century.

U San Hla continues to be the motive force of the Burma Humanitarian League. Members of the Olcott Lodge give their hearty co-operation to him in his work.

With the passing away of a stalwart like U Po Lat, the great work that lies ahead has come upon the shoulders of the remaining members of the Society; let us, therefore, close our ranks and dedicate ourselves heart and soul to make Theosophy a living force in this country, so that brotherhood and love may prevail.

T. S. RAMANATHAN,
Assistant General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

On the whole, work in the Austrian Section was carried on on usual lines during the last year. All Lodges had their weekly or fortnightly meetings; public lectures were given every week at Vienna, and every fortnight at Graz.

The Summer School of the German-speaking region was again held at Pichl

under the management of Mr. Fritz Schleifer. As in previous years it was well attended by more than 80 members from six different countries. The main theme of the School for this year was: "The Individual Path".

Our publishing institution "Adyar-Verlag" at Graz—the official publishing

institution for the three German-speaking Sections in Europe—published a translation of *Man's Expanding Horizons* by C. R. Groves and Corona Trew, and a third edition of the German translation of *The Voice of the Silence*. Since the foundation of the Adyar-Verlag in the year 1947, 20 different Theosophical books have been printed, altogether 43,000 copies. During these 19 years, 28,000 books were sold: 6,700 copies of *At the Feet of the Master*, 4,600 copies of the Theosophical textbook *Mensch, Welt und Gott* by Dr. Lauppert, and 3,000 copies of *The Voice of the Silence*.

The membership of the Austrian Section remained stable during the year. There were 9 admission and 1 re-admission against 4 resignations, 3 deaths and 3 lapsings, the total remaining at 252 members.

The remarkable fact yet is that there is a more vivid intellectual life to be felt in the Section. Whilst many members still find themselves satisfied with the represen-

tation of the Theosophical teachings as given by Mr. C. W. Leadbeater, Dr. Besant and others, other members prefer to study on a broader scale, working along the lines of the publications of the Theosophical Research Centre, London, and the comparative study of contemporary scientific literature. Several members attend also the lectures given by Mr. J. Krishnamurti at Saanen, Switzerland, and still more are studying his books. Also Mr. Gardner's pamphlet *There is no Religion higher than Truth* was widely discussed (the undersigned sent translations freely to any interested member). So, I feel, the fact of the responsibility of each individual member to find his or her individual path, and the necessity of always maintaining "an open mind" is more and more acknowledged amongst the members of our Section.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

During last year the Norwegian Section was favored with visits of four lecturers from other countries:

In October the Chairman of the European Federation Council, Mr. John Coats, came. He went to the Lodges in Stavanger, Bergen and Oslo, and spoke on "10 Years till 1975," "Change yourself—or else!" and "Does God exist?"

In November Mr. Borge Sogaard of Denmark spoke at the Foundation Day in Oslo. He told of his visit to Huizen last summer, and showed lantern slides. He also visited one of our Lodges.

In February Mrs. Eva Ostelius of Sweden gave a wonderful description of "The Fairy Tale Journey to Adyar" with

beautiful lantern slides. This took place on Adyar Day. Mrs. Ostelius also visited two of the Lodges.

On 1st May Mrs. Gerda Sogaard of Denmark came to the White Lotus Day celebration. She spoke also to a Lodge in Oslo on H. P. Blavatsky's *The Secret Doctrine*.

All these visits were very inspiring to the Section, and the lectures were well attended.

Membership on 30th September 1965 was 132. We have some new members, and three old members passed to greater Light. There is a slight increase in membership. There is still a lack of enough active workers, but some of the newer

members are developing, and will probably become useful future workers.

Our magazine *Teosofi i Norden* has continued in happy co-operation with

Denmark and Sweden, with six issues a year.

RUTH WESSEL NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

(Lodges only)

No Report

DENMARK

When looking back upon the work of the year in the Danish Section, there is no conspicuous change from former years to be seen, but on closer inspection we see that in several Lodges the "old warriors" have retired a little and have been replaced by younger people. The latter do not possess the experience of the older members, but in return they have not had their disappointments, and they are going cheerfully ahead, often along new lines and with great strength. This is a healthy development which should be supported and helped on by the older members, though the young will make their mistakes, too, of course. In the Danish Section there is a tendency, which I also noticed at the European Council Meeting at Huizen, to make Theosophy more scientific and free from dogmas, at least in relation to the public, and I wonder if this is not a healthy development—just as I also consider it an important thing that we do not confuse the "side-tracks" and the "principal line," if we are to have a chance of attracting the intelligent part of youth.

In Denmark we did not accept the suggestion not to have a Summer School in 1965 in order to save "strength" for the World Congress at Salzburg next year.

We had a ten-days Summer School at Gammel Prastegaard, attended by about 50 persons from the Scandinavian countries, England, Scotland and Holland, and as guest we had the Indian Section General Secretary, Mrs. Radha Burnier, who, together with other clever lecturers from the participating countries, created that atmosphere of life and service which always characterizes the Summer Schools at this northern centre.

This year the Copenhagen Lodges were the hosts in connection with our annual Convention, which was held on the 4th and 5th September. When the General Secretary had reported on the work of the Section during the past year, and the various elections had taken place and other details of administration had been attended to, numerous members gathered for a meeting, at which the General Secretary gave a talk on Theosophy, which has existed in all ages, and which it is now our task to explain in an intelligent and unorthodox way so that it may inspire those who will have to contribute to the solution of the great problems of our time. Next day, on Sunday morning we had another meeting, at which four members who had participated in the

group work during the Summer School, each in his or her own group, told about the work of the respective groups.

During the Convention we also talked about the World Congress at Salzburg, of course, and of the fine opportunity it would give us to meet Theosophists from all parts of the world, and many members have already enrolled for the Congress.

As General Secretary I am grateful for the good co-operation with the Lodges and their presidents all over the country, who are all working earnestly and eagerly for Theosophy. I should like to finish by quoting what the president of one of our biggest Lodges, the Aarhus Lodge, wrote in her annual report:

"I wish for my Lodge and for the whole of the Theosophical Society that there may be joy behind our work for Theosophy.

An orchestra does not play in the real sense of the word, unless it enjoys it, and in the same way there must be joy at the root of the work we are allowed to do in connection with and for Theosophy, or the real Self will not have an opportunity to speak. Real Theosophy is closely related to the world of the Ego, and we know that the Ego can only express itself in a positive way. If we are following a negative line—in ourselves or in relation to others—we create barriers, and our real Self cannot speak."

I thank the President Sri Ram and our Mother Society, Adyar, for the great work which is done there, also for the Danish Section.

NIELS SÖRENSEN,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

This Report, which deals briefly with the progress of our Society in Ireland during the year ending December 31st, 1964, covers a period which might be described as a phase of transition, not without its difficulties.

Mrs. Hornidge, our General Secretary for so many years, died in September 1964. During the interregnum which followed I have been acting as General Secretary *pro tempore*, first on the instructions of Mrs. Hornidge during her final illness and later at the unanimous request of the Executive Committee. I am now happy to see one of my colleagues, Miss D. Emerson, installed in the permanent position according to proper constitutional forms. She was duly elected in June 1965.

The position as to membership tends to remain static. There were at the beginning of the year 50 members, of

whom 2 died, 4 resigned and 2 lapsed, leaving thus 42. Two members joined making a total of 44.

We do not think there is any reason to anticipate a further reduction in membership, as we have lately welcomed several students and other young people as regular visitors and one feels from past experience that some of them will become members.

Regular lectures and meetings have been held throughout the year except at vacation times. Many of these have been contributed or addressed by members. There is, one might say, a small hard core of members who have regularly helped in this way. It is not a high percentage of the membership. One feels that there are other members who might assist but are precluded by humility or diffidence—I believe this is the experience of other national Sections.

We have had a number of recorded talks, which have become a regular feature. In addition we have had several much appreciated speakers from Northern Ireland and Britain.

The subjects covered by our weekly public meetings and our monthly members' meetings exhibit an astonishing range and one feels surprised that so much seems to be comprised within our orbit. Attendances at our meetings have been generally good, except at periods of very severe weather.

Finally let us record how deeply we all appreciated the visit in the summer of 1964 of our President, Mr. Sri Ram. His profound interest in all national Sections throughout the world is well known to us and it is a great encouragement.

To sum up: it has been a year of difficulties and problems but also a year of challenge. There are strong indications of renewed vitality and we feel that the future is in our own hands.

F. R. MORRISON,
Acting General Secretary.

MEXICO

The activities of the Mexican Section continue as usual. The Lodges hold the rhythm of their meetings, although it is generally recognized that the work should be strengthened. There is a need for well prepared speakers or those with experience in presenting new points of view, in order to arouse more interest. It would help to have more outside lecturers, or present a course for preparing members to undertake this important aspect of the work.

During 1964-1965 we received 59 new members. During the visit of Mr. John Coats to Mexico the young people's Lodge Vanguardia was organized in Puebla.

In addition to the visit of Mr. Coats, we also were visited by Mrs. Elizabeth Hofman-Kok of Huizen, Swami Chinmayananda from India, Sra. Andrea Pondé from Argentina and Mr. Ernest Asselin from Canada. All visitors co-operated in the regular meeting of the Lodges and left us with happy memories.

The Order of Service is developing its work along a variety of lines.

The forty-sixth Annual Convention of the Mexican Section took place in the city of Puebla from December 27 to 29, 1964. There were four public lectures and a concert of classical music by the Chamber Music Orchestra of the city of Puebla, as well as social reunions, with the spirit of Theosophical brotherhood prevailing.

Our magazine *Dharma* has been publishing articles from THE THEOSOPHIST of Adyar, not previously published in Spanish.

A new edition of *The Voice of the Silence* in Spanish is now off the press.

The Meditation Group led by one of the oldest members of the Mexican Section has completed one year of work with outstanding success.

The Ritual of the Mystic Star has been carried on without interruption.

ARTURO VADO LÓPEZ,
General Secretary.

CANADA

Once again I am happy to report that there has been an increase in membership during the past year. The increase is not large; our membership now is 346 as against 333 last year, but it is in line with the trend of the past five years and it reflects, to some degree, the increasing interest in Theosophy in Canada. More young people seem to be coming into the movement, and one of our largest Lodges, Toronto Lodge, now has a young people's group which meets regularly and which has attracted young men and women who are not members of the Society. It may be that the trend of religion towards greater freedom of thought has contributed to this interest, for more persons seem to be ready to learn something about the Theosophical principles. Orthodoxy and fundamentalism have always been strong in Canada, but among young people particularly there is a movement away from old forms and rigid beliefs.

One important work during the past year has been the placing of H. P. Blavatsky's writings in Canadian universities: *Isis Unveiled, The Secret Doctrine, The Key to Theosophy and The Voice of the Silence* as well as Volumes V-X *Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*. Bound volumes of our magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, now in its 46th year, were also offered to university libraries and the majority were very glad to accept this offer and to have on their shelves this long record of Theosophical activities in Canada and elsewhere. The work of collecting, binding and distributing these volumes should be completed before the end of the year.

Study classes are carried on by all Lodges, *The Secret Doctrine* being the chief source book. In Toronto Lodge a members' group uses *The Mahatma Letters* as the basis for study and discussion.

Our immense distances, the absence of Theosophical Lodges in central Canada, and our widely scattered membership are factors which make the holding of a national Convention difficult, but the individual Lodges each work to spread Theosophy in and around their communities.

Along with other national Societies we are trying to think of new and different methods of giving publicity to Theosophical ideas. We are convinced that there are many persons who would welcome Theosophy if they only knew of it, but despite the years of effort in using the old methods, mailing out pamphlets and letters, advertising the travelling library and the lectures to be given, there are still many persons who know nothing about the Society and its ideas. In conversations with newcomers we often find that they are "ripe" for Theosophy, and they wonder why they have heard nothing about it before. We do not wish to sit back with the comforting thought that when the pupil is ready Theosophy will come to him; we feel that we should be doing more to make Theosophy known throughout the land—but how can this be done? One Lodge is trying out an extensive campaign of sending literature to lists of names selected from the city directory, but again, this has been tried often in the past. An innovation in Toronto Lodge, but perhaps not for other Lodges in the Society, is the holding of an informal discussion meeting after the evening lecture. Coffee and biscuits are served, and the speaker of the evening leads the discussion and answers questions put to him. The informality of these gatherings seems to encourage those enquirers who hesitate to put questions at the regular evening meeting. But we are still looking for new ideas and a fresh approach.

DUDLEY W. BARR,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

No Report

CHILE

No Report

BRAZIL

Membership.—In spite of the joining of 107 new members and the rejoining of 34 more, membership shows a decrease of 76 on the year, due to the lapsing of 193 members for non-payment of dues. This may be partly accounted for because of the recent increase in annual dues which had to be made. However, as many of the lapsed members had had their dues paid by friends or by order of the Lodge it is felt that their links with the Society were not strong. It is hoped that some of them will re-join or that there will be others to replace them.

Jubilee of Lodge Albor, Santos.—On 17th November 1964 Lodge Albor, in the near-by city of Santos, celebrated the completion of fifty years of profitable activity in a week of commemoration. The festive meeting was attended by many Theosophists from the Capital who chartered a special bus for the occasion. The meeting was memorable for its harmony, for the eloquence of the speakers, the performances of a number of fine artists and for the opportunity it gave to the national Section to express its esteem and gratitude to the members of Albor Lodge, both past and present, for their work during the past half-century, and their good wishes for another such period of successful endeavor.

Federations of Theosophical Lodges.—There are two Federations of Lodges, one

in the Capital and the other in Sao Paulo, each of them covering the Lodges in their respective areas. They work closely with the Section Headquarters and with the Lodges under them, under their Presidents, Mr. Joao Batista Brito Pinto in Rio de Janeiro and Dr. Murillo Nunes Azevedo in Sao Paulo. In Sao Paulo the Theosophical Library is being improved in an effort to promote greater study among the members.

Theosophical Congresses.—The Section was happy to receive invitations to two Theosophical Congresses, the first was the Second Inter-American Theosophical Congress to be held in Buenos Aires, originally planned for the end of September but postponed until 28th to 31st October 1965. The other was an invitation from Mr. John Coats to attend the World Congress to be held in Salzburg, Austria, from 14th to 22nd July 1966. Our good wishes go to both these useful and laudable Congresses with the hope that as many members as possible will attend them.

Raja Theosophical Centre.—We are happy to announce that during the period under review the construction of the Raja Theosophical Centre was completed, thanks to the enterprise of our former General Secretary, Sr. Armando Sales and his wife. This magnificent Centre comprises two residential houses, one reserved

for the administration and the other for Theosophical workers who may stay there to work for some days, and a larger building with halls and rooms for meetings and offices. The building is also available for various activities connected with the Society and its allied activities. Being situated at a distance of some 27 kilometres from the Capital, the Centre is expected to attract a large number of members to its meetings on Sundays, who will enjoy spending the day there in fraternity and various activities. Already two festivals have been celebrated there: on 1st January 1965 Brotherhood Day was observed, and on 8th May, White Lotus Day, a number of members were present from Rio de Janeiro and Santos. To help maintain the Centre the General Council of the Section at its meeting on 24th April 1965 resolved to contribute monthly the sum of Cr. \$60,000, now that the Centre is complete and functioning fully.

Correspondence.—The Section Headquarters is in regular correspondence with the Lodges and Centres throughout the country, and replies to numerous requests for information also. It has been found that in the south and centre of the country there is much more Theosophical movement than in the north and north-east. This may be attributable to the greater difficulties experienced by our brethren in the north-east where life is as a rule more arduous than in the south. Nevertheless we must mention the work done by Lodge Jesus de Nazarus in far-distant Manaus, and some active study centres as well as many national members who, although without the stimulation to be found in the larger centres, are doing much to bring before the public our precious Theosophical teachings.

Propaganda Department.—This Department under the direction of Sr. Aleyr Anisio Ferreira continues to publish each

Sunday Theosophical articles in one of the largest newspapers in the Capital, *O Diario de Sao Paulo*, as well as giving news of Lodge meetings and activities.

Another of its activities is a service for sending Theosophical leaflets to all Lodges for distribution to those who attend their meetings. Theosophical propaganda is difficult in this country due to a number of adverse circumstances: principally the large number of illiterates in the country; other factors are the vast extent of the country, the difficulty of quick and reliable communications, and the high cost of utilities. All this results in maximum effort with minimum results, for the expenditure of time, energy and resources do not bring compensatory results. This does not mean that we are discouraged, but it shows the need to co-ordinate, concentrate and multiply our efforts and activities so that in some measure it may repay the benefits we have received from our Society. As has been said: "Great is the Truth and it will prevail," but the workers are few. Only a small number of members are able to give themselves wholly to the work.

Visitors.—In February this year we had the pleasure and honor of a visit from Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation Council. He took part in the Summer School convened by the Argentine Section and his serene and jovial manner provided a stimulus for our members and workers. Speaking with careful simplicity he told his hearers of the way in which Theosophists in Europe were working hard to expand and vitalize Theosophical work there. In Rio de Janeiro and in Sao Paulo he gave lectures both for the public and for members only, and as a Bishop of the L. C. C. he inaugurated the chapel at the Raja Theosophical Centre, celebrating the first Mass there. Afterwards he attended a lunch at which about 100 people were present.

Expression of thanks.—We wish to express our thanks to all those members who are trying really to serve the cause of the Masters. He who gives most receives most. We believe that the way to serve the Great Work best is to try to unite those who are separate, and to act impersonally in all the work we do. We thank all who have helped and continue to help in the administration of our Society. May we unite and make our affection lasting and warm, inflaming the

soul of our Society and saturating it with life and joy and happy hours in the performance of our common work. Special thanks are due to members of the Executive Committee, the directors of the Federations, the T.O.S. and the Book Distribution and all other Departments, as well as to presidents and members of all the Lodges.

CINIRA RIEDEL DE FIGUEIREDO,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

The number of members of the Icelandic Section increased by ten this year. At the beginning of the season there were 601 members, 35 new comers joined the Society, 25 people either died or left the Section; so now the membership is 611 persons.

In July this summer Mr. Jakob Kristins-son, the first General Secretary of the Icelandic Section, died at the age of 83. He had been a member for 52 years, a longer period than any other Icelandic Theosophist. A ceremony in honor of the departed was held at our headquarters in Reykjavik on the day of his cremation.

The Executive Committee held ten meetings in the course of the year and the chairmen of the Lodges held two meetings to discuss "How to Improve the Lodge work". Apart from this the chairmen met once and discussed various ways to reach the public ear in this age of television and other things that disturb quiet studies in the age of speed. They agreed to try

so-called "instructive-letters" combined with informal group meetings to a larger extent than hitherto. It is hoped that this can gradually evolve into regular correspondence courses.

A special meeting was held by those people who administer the affairs of the Section other than the chairmen of the Lodges. They discussed the need for making their work simpler and more practical in order to reap the full benefits of the work rendered by the various members and sympathizers of the Society who volunteer to work for the Section.

Little propaganda work was carried on at our headquarters apart from weekly public lectures given every Friday night from October until the end of April for members as well as non-members who are interested in Theosophy.

The General Secretary gave ten lectures at various schools, clubs and societies where he expressed directly and indirectly both Theosophical views and outlooks.

The most effective medium of propaganda of the Icelandic Section is the magazine *Gangleri* which is issued in 2,000 copies and sold to members and non-members alike. It now appears quarterly instead of twice a year as in the past.

Two study groups were active this year. One of them treated the subject "Occultism in Daily Life" and the other "The Western Esoteric Tradition".

Every Lodge had its own special subject and worked according to a plan that had been laid out for them at the beginning of the season. Some of the Lodges had more than one program to offer from the beginning so their members could either choose between them or follow two courses if they wished. Emphasis was laid on keeping discussions going among the visitors and on establishing a contact between them. An effort was made to try to avoid all formal debate since this tends to become restrictive like too much lecturing.

Efforts are being made to try and form in every Lodge a nucleus of people who are prepared to work for the Lodge without any distinction between themselves and the other members. This is done in order to efface any division into leaders and followers, for in a society based on the ideal of brotherhood no such discrimination is possible although there is a need for the various members to play different parts in the running of the Lodge.

The Icelandic Summer School was held in June. It was attended by 55 visitors. Foreign lecturers were three: Mr. V. W. Slater and Miss Clara Codd from England and Mrs. Anneliese Stephan from Hamburg, Germany.

In the course of this year the Society rented a flat in the centre of Reykjavík

and converted it into a meeting place for the various Lodges and study groups. This new locality is run by the Young Theosophists and the Theosophical Book Service. Members can drop in there and have a talk and they can also go there and read or buy books.

The Young Theosophists have been very active. They celebrated the fifth anniversary of their organization in September this year.

The Theosophical Book Service has sold a great number of books about Theosophy and spiritual matters in general, not only to members but to non-members as well.

The financial status of the Icelandic Section keeps improving. The goal we are trying to reach is to be able to pay our General Secretary a salary so that he can dedicate all his time and energy to the service of the Society thus ensuring that one man at least can dedicate all his time to Theosophical work in Iceland. Up to now all work for the Icelandic Section has been done by volunteers in the evenings, on Sundays and in some cases even during night time and it will continue to be so in the near future.

Icelandic Theosophists are optimistic about the future. They feel that there is a fertile ground for Theosophical work in their country. And it seems that some results have been achieved in this field in recent years. The members have continued to increase in number and the Lodge work is more varied than ever and there are more people now earnestly studying Theosophy in Iceland than there have been in the past.

SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

This year the General Secretary of the Portuguese Section, Professor Délio Santos, was still away in Angola, and was again replaced in his functions by the Vice General Secretary.

The key-note of this year's work was the consideration of "The Value of Theosophy to the World," a problem which was faced in its various aspects, through monthly symposia during the year.

The activities were started on September 21st when a member, Dr. Cesina Bermudes, who was present at the French Summer School at St. Nectaire, transmitted her impressions of that rich Theosophical experience. She also referred to other similar experiences when she had lived in Italy, England and Switzerland.

Each month a lecture was given at the Headquarters, among which we mention: "Freewill and Determinism," "The Nature of Christ," "Knowledge and Faith," "Voyage to an Unknown I," "Commemorating Dante's Centenary," "The poetical meaning of theatre from its origins up to the present date".

In February, we had the privilege of a visit by Mr. John Coats, the Chairman of the European Federation Council, who gave a fresh impulse to our work, through a lecture on "Is there a God?", and participation in Lodge work. His visit was a pretext for a friendly party among our members and all regretted that he could not stay longer with us, sharing his inspiration and wisdom.

Founders' Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated as well as Christmas, with meetings where music

and poems were used to express the special character of each of these festivities.

As in the previous year, a summer camp was held by some members and their children as part of a Theosophical educational work.

Lodge work proceeded regularly. Lodge Pitágoras returned to activity, but Horus and Alcyone still remain dormant.

Three other Lodges, Isis, Kuthumi and Lotus Branco, which were very weak, held their meetings together, in order to revitalize their activities. The other nine Lodges, in Lisbon and in three other towns of the country, resumed their work regularly.

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

The Section continued in a precarious state as regards the financial situation, but better prospects are coming for next year, owing to a legacy.

Seven new members were admitted, but this year membership decreased slightly, from 215 to 209 members.

Though the members are few and fewer are the workers, the enthusiasm and devotion of some re-established the work of the Theosophical Order of Service, which started its activities under three Sections of work: (a) Social Service; (b) Education; (c) Protection to animals.

The most stressed aspect of the year's work was, as stated above, the consideration of the value of Theosophy to the world, specially in connection with psychology and education, as practical

applications of the Third Object of the Society. Just as the relations between Theosophy and Art were a special feature of last year's studies, so the mutual contributions of Theosophy, Psychology and

Education were examined, in an effort to find an answer to the urgent needs of our times.

MARIA BEATRIZ SERPA BRANCO,
Vice General Secretary.

WALES

Theosophical work, including lectures, discussion and study groups, continues in the Headquarters in Cardiff, south Wales, and in the Colwyn Bay Lodge in north Wales. Theosophical centres, both in the south and north, are active with monthly meetings. Members in all parts are kept in touch by correspondence. Unfortunately, owing to an ageing membership, two south Wales Lodges have not held any meetings, though members are contacted frequently.

Six new members were welcomed during the Annual Convention, held in Colwyn Bay Lodge from 7th to 9th May 1965,

when Mr. Leslie H. Leslie-Smith, the General Secretary of the English Section, who was the guest-speaker, gave some dynamic talks on the theme "Ready—But not Waiting".

The Theosophical Order of Service has given loyal and devoted service in many worthwhile activities, particularly in the Freedom from Hunger campaign, and in the still very necessary work for refugees and displaced persons in Europe and in other parts of the world.

WINIFRED B. KNOWLES,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

In connection with the report for the period from August 29th, 1964 up to August 28th, 1965, we review the work done and arrive at the conclusion that, although somewhat slowly, we are treading the path with firm steps towards better fields of expression.

In the first place we point out the effort displayed by all the members of our Section offering their material collaboration so that our Section may be in a

position to have its own Headquarters. Every one and all have helped from the poorest member economically speaking up to the strongest one and the result is that we have reached the minimum necessary for the realization of this project. We have been helped by members of some other Sections, among which we must point out the valuable contribution of our brothers from Argentina. We are sure that with another push we shall be

soon in a position to place the Theosophical Seal on the door of our own house.

Another happening during this year, considered of great importance, is the obtaining of our legal status before our authorities, which was granted in June 1965 after two years of constant struggle. Consequently, we are now a "grown up" institution, legally constituted and duly recognized by the national authorities of our country, and during the holding of this 38th Convention, we are delivering to each member a copy of our Rules and By-laws which should be known by all.

In reference to our internal work, the eight Lodges of which our Section is formed, have been working with enthusiasm on Theosophical teachings and on some occasions have invited well-known lecturers who offered very interesting conferences on different topics.

We note that our relations with other Sections of this Continent are closer every day, especially with our brothers from Argentina. In this respect we must say that we have been favored with a nice delegation of members from Buenos

Aires, among whom is Sr. Juan Viñas to whom the chair of this Convention was offered and accepted by him.

During this period we lost three members who during their Theosophical life helped and collaborated with our Section intensively. Señor Mario Radaelli, who was the last living remembrance of the foundation of our Section, the only member whose name appears on the Foundation Charter was working actively till the end. From 1925 he directed Lodge Ariel, and was also once General Secretary. Señor Enrique Molina had also been a General Secretary and an effective worker. Another loss was that of Mrs. Carmen F. de Ponte, active member of Lodge Harmonía.

During the present period, our Section worked with eight Lodges, and three study groups: Adyar group; Theosophical Studies group and Young Theosophists. We started this period with 137 members; 14 new members were accepted and 28 members left, leaving at this date 123 active members.

VÍCTOR ALAVAEZ BISBAL,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

We started our year by having our headquarters building painted and repaired at a cost of approximately \$1,200. Section funds and contributions of our members made possible this necessary work.

The group discussion method has proved to be very effective; and several times during the year we have featured it in our programs. We would like to call attention to what we think is an excellent outline for a series of meetings calling for the use of group discussion

techniques. It is entitled *From Personality to Individuality* and was prepared in England. We have translated it into Spanish for our use.

Though the statistics for the Section show a decrease of eight members, we have had seven incoming members. Our total membership now stands at 80 members. We have had quite a few responses to our radio programs. As has been reported in other years, we have a Sunday morning fifteen-minute program at no cost on a good station.

Many of the talks were prepared for use in the United States. We have translated them into Spanish and had them duplicated. Copies are available for enquirers and are also being sent to the General Secretaries in Latin America.

We carry books for selling in English and Spanish. Our sales have been very good showing the continuing interest in Theosophy of members and the public. Here the observation can be made, first, that Spanish-language book sales would be much larger if prices were lower, and secondly, the only way that will be achieved is when the Spanish-speaking Sections organize and co-operate so that there can be the practical result of joint publication of some of our titles so that a larger printing will make possible lower costs.

Three of us were able to attend the United States Convention for 1965. We

considered this a great privilege. We met again Miss Helen Zahara and Mr. John Coats, both of whom have visited Latin American Sections.

Our Convention held on Easter Sunday at our headquarters was the highlight of the year. It was well attended and the program featured symposia requiring thereby the participation of a number of members. It has to be pointed out that although members from other branches shared in the Convention, it is in the case of too many members the sole activity of the year. The one centre of continuing and regular activity in the Section is in San Juan. This condition cannot bode well for the future of the branches elsewhere in Puerto Rico, nor for the Section as a whole.

CARMEN G. BALLARD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

No Report

CEYLON

The various Lodges have as usual organized talks, discussions and lectures on subjects which are of general interest to members as well as to interested enquirers. The study classes have, however, not attracted the sustained interest of our Lodge members. This may be due, in some measure, to the fact that subjects

which arouse considerable interest in other Sections such as Reincarnation, Karma, the Secret Doctrine and Comparative Religion, do not seem to create the same amount of interest here.

An enlightening and very interesting series of lectures was delivered at Satyamargh Lodge by the Lodge president,

Mr. K. Somasuntheram, who was a medical student in his younger days. The talks were entitled: "The Powers inherent in Man," and were illustrated by physiological charts and sectional models in plaster of the various organs of the human body. With his comprehensive knowledge of the anatomy and nervous system of the body, he attempted to explain the relationship of the chakras to the glands and ganglions and other physical counterparts. Mr. Somasuntheram delivered a further series of talks under the auspices of the Ramakrishna Mission at their hall in Colombo on the subject: "That Power within You".

Mr. D. L. F. Pedris, the National President, gave a talk in connection with the observance of Olcott Day, at Olcott Lodge, on the great work accomplished by Colonel Olcott in the revival of Buddhism and the resuscitation of Buddhist education in the Island. He also referred to the founding of Theosophical Lodges here by the Co-Founder of the Society.

Our National President was also chiefly instrumental in passing a resolution by the Buddhist Theosophical Society to re-name Norris Road, an important thoroughfare in the heart of the city, as Olcott Mawatha. He also proposed a resolution suggesting the erection of a statue of Colonel Olcott on a prominent site, to perpetuate the memory of this great personage. Both resolutions were readily accepted by the Mayor and members of the Colombo Municipal Council, and in pursuance of this resolution the Mayor, Mr. Vincent Perera, accordingly re-named Norris Road Olcott Mawatha at a public ceremony which was held at the spot on 16th August 1965. This was followed by a public meeting which was held at the Hall of the Buddhist Theosophical Society which is situated at Olcott Mawatha.

At meetings of Olcott Lodge, its president, Dr. W. B. Tudor, who is the Medical Superintendent of the Mental Hospital at Angoda, delivered some instructive and informative lectures dealing with various types of mental derangement and the methods adopted by psychiatrists in attempting to restore such persons to normal mental health.

At Shanti Lodge the president, Mr. S. N. B. Wijeyekoon, gave a talk on "The Functions of a Lodge," which evoked a lively and constructive discussion among the members.

Besant Lodge, which has been inactive for some time, has made arrangements to revive its activities under the guidance of its new president, Mr. David Muttuweera, who has drawn up a program of talks entitled: "The Mind and the Being".

Talks were given at Lotus Lodge, which meets at the residence of their president, Mrs. E. Roversi Perera, and her sister Miss Hilda Roversi, the secretary, at Demotawa Estate, Pasyala. The Vice-President of our Section, Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q. C., delivered a very interesting lecture at Girl Guides Hall, to which the public was also invited, on the subject: "Some Theosophical Trends in The Modern World". The lecture proved to be very informative and it evoked much interest among enquirers and others present.

Mr. Ben J. Thiedeman and Mrs. Amy Thiedeman, two of our oldest members and most ardent Theosophists, left for Australia recently. The post of Treasurer, which fell vacant by the departure of Mr. Ben Thiedeman, has been filled by the election of Mr. V. E. Kumarakulasingham. Mr. S. N. B. Wijeyekoon, our National Secretary, also resigned from office on account of extreme pressure of his other duties. Mr. F. H. P. Joseph has been elected as National Secretary in his place.

The number of members in the Section has neither increased nor decreased during the current year. It is with some feelings of diffidence that we record the fact that not much progress has been made in other fields of activity of the Society in Ceylon.

Olcott day, February 17th, was observed by holding a public meeting at the Lincoln Auditorium of the United States Information Service which was organized jointly with the Cultural Section of the U.S.I.S. in Ceylon.

Our activities have centred to a great extent in the promotion of religious harmony and the establishment of universal brotherhood. The feelings of communal amity and religious harmony which have existed in this country for hundreds of years were threatened with disruption by certain elements for the purpose of gaining their own narrow sectional and political ends. In order to counteract this disruptive movement, a Congress of Religions was sponsored by the Theosophical Society in Ceylon as a separate organization with its own

set of rules and constitution and office-bearers, the majority of whom were also members of the Society. This Congress, which has received the whole-hearted support of the religious organizations in Ceylon, held a very successful Convention on June 19th, 1965, at the New Town Hall, Colombo. His Excellency, Mr. William Gopallawa, Governor-General, who presided over the Convention, praised the efforts of the Congress in promoting religious harmony in the Island. An inter-religions council was established by the Congress under the presidency of Mr. H. H. Basnayake, ex-Chief Justice, for the purpose of amicably settling any disputes which may exist between the various religious organizations in the country. For the first time in the history of this Island the heads of all the religions in this country appeared together on the same platform and spoke with the fullest accord in support of the aims and objects of the Congress of Religions.

D. L. F. PEDRIS,
General Secretary.

GREECE

The activities of the Greek Theosophical Section continued as in the past in a very regular way with 5 Lodges in Athens and 3 in the Provinces.

The membership of our Section is now 207, which means a decrease by 5 members from last year. We had 5 resignations, 1 death and 10 lapsings. At the same time

we recorded 10 new admissions and 1 readmission.

Our magazine *Ilisos* is issued every three months, always with a wider circulation and also our Bulletin for members only.

K. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

Regarding the activities of the Central American Section it is for me very pleasing to say that the dominant note in the relation of all the Lodges was "fraternity". In spite of differences of opinion between the Lodges on certain matters of administration, it is to be noted that it was all dealt with on a plane of harmony and fraternity as Theosophists should. Our Section has been strengthened by visitors from various countries. Members from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras have visited Costa Rica, and it gave us immense pleasure to receive them.

This year I was able to visit El Salvador and Guatemala, and can give an account of the fruitful work and devotion of the members of Lodge Teotl in the cause of Theosophy. I would like in this report to express my congratulation and thanks for the attention they extended to me. In San Salvador, Mrs. Ella Ruth Rostau has founded a Theosophical Centre for study, which is attended by members of Lodge Teotl and other visitors interested in Theosophy. She has bought a house and so arranged it that Theosophists from all over America can come to San Salvador and have there a home where they can spend some days of rest and study. I had the pleasure of being present at the inauguration of this Centre. Mrs. Rostau has a plan to organize a kind of school for the training of Theosophical speakers. I am certain that under her dynamic activity and preparation this plan will come to be a beautiful reality.

In Guatemala I was well looked after by members of the Association Teosofica de Guatemala, whose dynamic and intelligent president Srta. Carmen Aguilar Alvarez does brilliant work in collaboration with Sr. Montomorency and Sr. Minervini.

Mr. and Mrs. Deja of Honduras have several times been to San José, Costa

Rica, which constituted a pleasurable event for all the members.

I was unable to visit Nicaragua but Señor Luis Caracas Santos from that country was in Costa Rica. From all this it can be noted that the members of the Central American Section are living Theosophy, and that brotherhood is already a reality in our Section.

An unforgettable event was the visit of Mr. John Coats, who gave delightful talks in all the Lodges of the Section. We offer our thanks to Mr. Coats and hope that we may have him with us again at some time.

The work of study in all the Lodges has been intensive, and again we must comment on the work of Señor Leon Avila and his School of Theosophy for those newly interested in our teachings.

The work developed by Señor Don Miguel Monge Echandi, of Lodge Virya in Costa Rica, deserves a separate paragraph since he edits and directs the *Boletín Teosofico*, which is in great demand, not only in Central America but also in other countries of the Continent. The General Secretary is happy to congratulate him on his immense work.

Statistical data regarding membership is as follows:

Lodge	Country	No. of Members
Gnosis	Guatemala	10
Kuthumi	"	12
Teotl	El Salvador	32
Blavatzky	Nicaragua	23
Pratibha	"	7
Darlu	"	8
Virya	Costa Rica	31
Shakti	"	17
(Unattached)*	Honduras	6
Luz	Panama	16
Total		162

* Lodge Subirana in Honduras has been dissolved.

JOSÉ JOAQUÍN ULLOA Z,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

No Report

PHILIPPINES

The work of the Theosophical Society in the Philippines took a fresh and significant stride with the visit of Mrs. Kathrine Perkins who arrived in Manila in late January 1965 for a three-day visit to the Section. Her brief sojourn was highlighted by an inspiring address to the members and a public lecture which received warm and enthusiastic response from the audience that crowded the lecture hall of the headquarters building. The members of this Section look forward with happy anticipation to having more of these visits from their Theosophical leaders.

In line with last year's Convention theme "Theosophy in Action," the Section's headquarters activities have assumed a more serious turn. Seminars and study meetings have replaced the usual Sunday programs, emphasis being directed to exploring the root ideas of occult philosophy. An earnest group made up mostly of young members has begun its studies on "The Nature of Man," following a syllabus of study by Mr. Rohit Mehta. Discussions in these meetings follow the conference method, subjects are assigned in advance and the reference books indicated to the participants. Some of the subjects discussed were: Man according to Science; Man according to Religion; Man according to the Esoteric Philosophy, with particular stress on the seven bodies of man and the planes of Nature. Complementing this are the study meetings on Comparative Religion which has been taken up by the Young Theosophists. Among the religions discussed by this group were:

Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, and Roman Catholicism. Attendance at these meetings has been encouraging and the discussions keenly alive.

The Theosophical Order of Service under the directorship of Mrs. C. Z. Gregorio, National Vice-President, launched a fund campaign for the Tibetan refugees in India and was able to send a modest sum for this worthy cause. The T.O.S. functions under seven departments: (1) Social Service (2) Animal Welfare (3) World Peace (4) Silent Watcher (5) Arts & Crafts (6) Healing, and (7) Natural Living; but owing to the lack of funds and volunteers its activities have been confined to three departments.

The Theosophical Youth movement has been doing a very creditable work in the way of improving the Section's stringent finances. For two successive years, this dedicated band has donated to the Section substantial sums from their Christmas caroling activities.

Two of the Lodges have fallen into *pralaya* during the year. This may be attributed to the transfer of residence of their members or their assignment to other places of work in connection with their employment. Except for this, all the Lodges have been active throughout the year. There are, of course, certain problems which have persistently faced the Lodges. Most of these have to do with organization, finance, leadership and effectiveness in the presentation of the teachings. Much remains to be desired in the way of improving the work of the Lodges but the overall picture is bright.

Mention must be made of the passing of Don Roberto Martinez, Sr. He was a friend and benefactor and has helped the work in many ways. The Section places on record its gratitude to Don Roberto and to all those who supported, financially

or otherwise, the work of the Theosophical Society in the Philippines. May the Great Ones bless the work of the Society all over the world!

DOMINGO C. ARGENTE,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

In sending my annual report and statistics regarding Lodges and members for the year 1965, I am happy to be able to inform you that the Colombian Section since the first months of the present year, has been working in its own building, which we acquired thanks to Señor Guillermo Vengoechea and with the generous collaboration of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ballesteros. Having this magnificent building has greatly facilitated the work of the office and has contributed to the success of the meetings of the Lodges in Bogotá.

During the year one new Lodge was formed in Cartagena, "Amantes de la Verité;" another Lodge, "Lodge Sol," Guayaquil, was revived. Three Lodges were dissolved because they had not enough members and were not meeting regularly. The ten Lodges we now have are active and show great interest on the part of their members in making their work constructive.

The number of members has increased by seventeen during the year. Although the membership is small it is valiant in action and among the majority there is a grand spirit of collaboration and desire to serve alongside the leaders of the Theosophical Society. The members of the Council have endeavored to do all in

their power to make each member a person responsible for the good working of the Society and have succeeded in great measure in linking up the members with the councils of the Lodges so that the work is balanced. A similar success has been achieved between the Section headquarters and the working committees that have been established. In Bogotá we have held regular speakers' courses for the members once a week, with the object of securing Theosophical lecturers.

Mr. Walter Ballesteros has continued his work of publishing the quarterly review *Selección Teosofica* which is distributed free throughout the country and is sent also to other Latin-American countries. Mr. Ballesteros has also taken over the Department of Publicity, and has prepared 24 letters to be sent one per month to members in this country. These letters are felt to be of real assistance in the Theosophical life of the members.

The General Secretary is happy to report on the enthusiasm and goodwill which he receives from all the Lodge presidents in the way of help in his work, as well as from the majority of the members, and this has enormously facilitated his work.

GABRIEL BURGOS SUAREZ,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

The fact that two new Lodges were formed (at Mbale in Uganda and at Karatina in Kenya) and one is under formation (at Nyeri in Kenya) during the year, shows what interest Theosophy has created in the general public of this country. As reported last year, more interest could be created if we had more visitors from overseas and more workers from our own members. Our efforts to interest the educated African population is continued but owing to various factors, such as their interest in politics, enjoyment of fruits of newly won freedom, their places of residence being far away from the town, etc. we have not been particularly successful in interesting them. It is our earnest request that those of our members who visit this continent as tourists, U.N. officials or otherwise, may kindly inform us so that we may take advantage of their presence and their knowledge of various subjects of general interest to all humanity.

Membership.—This Section is composed of three independent sovereign republics: Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania (United Republic of Tanganyika and Zanzibar). All three countries have adopted the policy of Africanization of civil service and large business concerns. But so far most of our members, who are mainly Asians, have not been affected as the Governments concerned have declared that their policy of Africanization will not be enforced at the cost of efficiency. It is being adopted as suitable and capable Africans are found to replace the immigrants. Our membership on 30th September 1965, stood at 745 as against 587 on 30th September 1964. This abnormal increase is due to the formation of two new Lodges—at Mbale in Uganda with 72 members and at Karatina/Nyeri with 78 members. The addition of Lodges and

of new members entails added responsibility of the Section and we hope to fulfil it to the best of our ability.

Miss Ilse von Tresckow's visit.—Miss Ilse von Tresckow, who came to Nairobi on a private visit, agreed to stay longer and be a guest speaker at our 15th Convention at Kampala. Prior to the Convention, she was taken to Karatina to inaugurate a new Lodge which was recently formed and then to Lodges which were on the way to Kampala. At all these places she gave public lectures as well as talks to members. We are very grateful to her for rendering such good service to the cause of Theosophy while in this country.

15th Annual Convention.—Our 15th Annual Convention was held at Kampala, a beautiful city on seven hills and the capital of Uganda, during the Easter holidays of 1965. Kampala lies at the far end from Mombasa, Nairobi and Dar-es-salaam, and long and tiresome journeys by bus or rail have to be undertaken. The only quick and comfortable journey is by air but this is very costly for average members. In spite of this 114 delegates attended the Convention.

It was a very successful Convention in every respect. Nile Lodge of Kampala, the host to the Convention, had only twelve members but they had hundreds of sympathizers and support from Lodges at Mbale and Jinja all of whom were responsible for its success. Apart from our guest speaker, Miss I. von Tresckow, there was another distinguished guest present at the Convention, Sir Udo Udoma, the Hon. Chief Justice of Uganda, who opened the Convention after having delivered a short address praising the work of the Theosophical Society. Miss I. von Tresckow delivered the first Convention Lecture on "Life in the Light of Theosophy". The other

two lectures were delivered by Mr. R. M. Patel on "What is spiritual Life?" and by Mr. S. N. Patel on "Man's Search for Happiness". A symposium on "Obstructions to real advancement" and a questions and answers meeting were highlights of the Convention. As a result of the impression of the Theosophical attitude to life shown by the members gathered at the Convention and the hard work put in by the Nile Lodge members in organizing the function, 42 new members joined the Society at the conclusion of the Convention.

New Lodge at Karatina.—I am glad to report that through the efforts of the former Secretary of the Sitaram Lodge at Kericho, Mr. Bhogilal P. Yadav and his wife, a Lodge was formed at Karatina, a small trading centre in Kenya, in March, this year. Mr. and Mrs. Yadav, who were transferred to Karatina only in December 1964, became so popular with the people of the town that all were attracted to lead a life which these two were leading. There are 33 members there. Miss von Tresckow, accompanied by several members of the Nairobi Lodge, visited Karatina to perform the inauguration ceremony. Again, with the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Yadav, 43 new members joined the Society in Nyeri, a few miles from Karatina and the provincial headquarters of the Central Province of Kenya. Unfortunately, Mr. Yadav could not find any one to take the responsibility to form a Lodge and so all the members are attached to the Karatina Lodge for the time being. Mr. Yadav visits Nyeri and holds meetings of members there every fortnight.

Tour of Lodges.—I visited Lodges in Nakuru, Kericho, Kisumu, Kakamega, Eldoret, Mbale, Jinja and Kampala in company with Miss von Tresckow, the National Vice-President, Mr. H. S. Patel, and the National Secretary Mr. H. M. Chhaya, before the Convention. I also

visited Nile Lodge at Kampala and Mt. Elgon Lodge at Mbale in company with the acting National Secretary, Mr. A. B. Patel and I visited in company of Mr. H. S. Patel and Mr. H. M. Chhaya, Lodges at Karatina and Thika and also Nyeri where 43 members had joined and Nanyuki where some initial work for a new Lodge had been done.

Section's Journal.—The *Theosophical Light* was published quarterly in English as well as in Gujarati. The magazine is considered more as a link between members living far apart from each other, than as a literary effort.

Section's Bookstall.—We sold Theosophical books worth s. 3,000 (£150) during the year which shows how much interest there is in the message of Theosophy.

89th International Convention at Adyar.—14 members from East Africa including myself attended this Convention in 1964.

Visitors.—Mr. Robert G. Nairn son of Mrs. M. E. Nairn, National President of the Southern African Section, visited Nairobi while returning from Adyar, and addressed the Nairobi Lodge members.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Members of almost all Lodges are engaged in activities connected with social, religious, educational, and allied services to humanity. But when I attended a meeting of the T.O.S. during the last Convention at Adyar, I was inspired to start a branch of the T.O.S. in East Africa. The proposal for the T.O.S. was made by me at our last Convention and I am glad to say that it was unanimously accepted. The following Lodges have so far started their work under the Theosophical Order of Service:

Nakuru Lodge.—A minor ailment clinic with Dr. R. S. Patel and his wife Dr. Mrs. Sudha R. Patel (both are our members) and other private practitioners of the town are giving services.

Nairobi Lodge.—(1) Sponsored two day scholars at the Starehe Boys Centre (an institution for poor and destitute boys). (2) Pay fees for four day scholars of primary schools in Nairobi. (3) Donated a sum to the National Famine Relief Fund. (4) Collected and sent old clothing, etc. to the City Council Welfare Officer.

Mt. Elgon Lodge, Mbale.—(1) Collect old clothing, food stuff, etc. for the rehabilitation centre for the disabled persons of Mbale. (2) Medical practitioners have been requested to give free consultations. The T.O.S. will pay for medicines. One member, who owns a chemist shop, has offered to give medicines worth s. 50 free each month.

The T.O.S. has also been started in Kampala by the Nile Lodge and it is hoped other Lodges will follow suit.

Activities of the Lodges and General Progress.—Most of the Lodges conducted weekly meetings in which studies of Theosophical books were carried on. Also they arranged symposia, discussions, lectures, musical evenings, picnics, social gatherings, film shows, etc. during the year. They also arranged outings to outlying picnic spots and national parks. Most of the Lodges celebrated the usual Theosophical days, namely Dr. Annie Besant's birthday, Foundation Day of the Society, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Wesak and Asala full-moon days, death anniversary of Mr. C. Jinārājādāsa, etc. Many Lodges collect funds on Adyar Day and remit it to Adyar.

In all Lodges young members are encouraged to take part in all activities, take responsible posts as secretary, treasurer and in some cases as presidents of the Lodges so that there is no fear of being left without sufficient workers in any Lodge. New persons are elected each year in most Lodges so that new

ideas and new techniques of work always keep the enthusiasm and freshness alive so far as possible. Also this affords training to most members in course of years.

Local and overseas visitors of other institutions of importance were also invited to speak at all Lodges. All Lodges try to serve the needs of the people of their own towns as their first objective.

The Theosophical Society has earned a good name for itself through the activities of its Lodges and members as benevolent, law-abiding and loyal to the interest of the country and Society.

Conclusion.—On the whole, the Theosophical movement in this country has gone forward during the past year. We could do more to spread its message if we had more workers. We have a vast field before us—the work with the local population—and we hope that the day is not very far when our membership will consist mainly of Africans. Here and there we have a few African members. I am glad to say that in one of our active and younger Lodges, the Nakuru Lodge, they have recently elected a devoted and energetic African member, Mr. George Chitui, as their vice-president. This means that the beginning has been made and it will continue to grow.

This is still a period of transition for these countries, and the membership of immigrant races may fall during the ensuing year. But I am quite sure the work of the Society is on a very sound foundation. Our attitude towards the African peoples is such that it will surely attract them towards the ideals of Theosophy and the objects of the Society. The Theosophical Society is destined to play its part for the real Brotherhood of Humanity in this part of the globe where Nature is experimenting by placing three races, Europeans, Asians and Africans, together.

To end, I am grateful for all the help and inspiration given to me to do my job by the great Guardians of Humanity. I invoke Their blessings, and

pray for Their guidance and inspiration for the work ahead of us in this country.

R. H. PATEL,
General Secretary

PAKISTAN

No Report

MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

Once again we are happy to be able to report good and steady activity and progress in the whole of this territory.

Strong and faithful pillars are most important in the core of each Lodge, and in this respect we are lucky to have Miss Margaret Flinter and Mr. Chan Chim Lim as devoted workers in Singapore Lodge; Mr. Toh Seng Watt of Malacca; Mr. S. Narayanan of Seremban Lodge; Messrs. Kirpal Singh, M. P. Sellasamy (formerly of Penang) and Khor Eng Huat (also of Penang) co-operating wholeheartedly in Kuala Lumpur Lodge; and Dato Dr. Cheah Toon Lok, Messrs. J. Oorjitham and D. Baboo of Penang Lodge. Temerloh Lodge has never functioned properly since its inception, and the same can be said of Ipoh Lodge which was rushed through its incorporation, but Mr. Chanda Singh, has given us courage to hope for a revival of its activity.

Membership has remained more or less steady in each Lodge. Activities have been fairly maintained in all the Lodges.

Singapore Lodge had the good fortune of an informal talk by our President Mr. N. Sri Ram during his stopover there on his way to Australia.

Seremban Lodge has been most active during the year and organized a very successful Malaysian Convention at Port

Dickson from 29th to 31st August 1964. This year Mr. Kirpal Singh and a committee of excellent workers organized another big Convention in Kuala Lumpur from 28th to 31st August, which was officially opened by the Minister for Education, Mr. Khir Johari, and which turned out to be the grandest Convention in the history of the Theosophical Society in this part of the world. An informative, bulky and expensive souvenir magazine was published by Mr. Kirpal Singh to commemorate the occasion.

We all assisted Miss Gray in the distribution of Theosophical books to schools and libraries, and this will no doubt help the various Lodges in creating greater interest in Theosophy.

The *Malaysian Theosophist* continues to be in great demand throughout the world, although it has been a source of great bewilderment and irritation to fellow Theosophists as well as an inspiration to non-theosophists. The present make-up is certainly a far cry from the 4-page folders published in Singapore just after the war; it is entirely free and so far about 25,000 copies have gone into circulation.

C. H. YEANG,
Organizing Secretary.

NORTHERN IRELAND

Features of a quiet year have been increased attendance at members' meetings in Belfast and increased support for public meetings in Bangor. Our small numbers have, as always, proved to be entirely consistent with considerable vitality. Although our work has been unspectacular from a public point of view, there is great warmth and the ease and freedom of confident affection among those who form the core of our membership; and, looking back over the years, one can see that all of us have to a greater or less degree been changed and transformed by this happy relationship which our membership has given us. Our whole public program of weekly talks in Belfast and monthly talks in Bangor has been sustained entirely from local

talent, with the one happy exception of a visit from Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith, who was the guest speaker at our Annual Convention in May 1965, and who visited Bangor and Coleraine Lodges as well as Belfast. During the year under review several of our oldest generation of members left us through death. Indeed it can be said that an eighth of our total membership died during the year. Notable among these old members were Mrs. Alice Law, former General Secretary of the Society in Ireland, and Mr. William D. Cousins, a prominent educationist and humanitarian, whose poet brother will be remembered by many at Adyar.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

ISRAEL

Acting on the suggestion of the international President, contained in his letter of 18th September 1963, a general meeting was called by the Presidential Agent for Israel, Mr. Hans Zeuger, for 30th October, 1963, the agenda containing a proposal to form a Federation of Lodges in Israel. However, the majority of members decided in favor of continuing the Presidential Agency. The same item appeared on the agenda of the next general meeting held on 28th December 1964, and was this time carried by a majority vote, with Mr. Hans Zeuger elected as Organizing Secretary for the Federation when formed. At this meeting a message was read from Mrs. Chanah Mor, former president of Lodge Galilea of Safad, complaining that the Presidential Agent's withdrawal of the charter of Lodge Galilea had been arbitrary and, according to her, against the

spirit of the international rules and regulations, although no membership fees or applications for reduction or waiver of fees for 1964-5 had reached the Presidential Agent up to the time of the meeting. The group in Safad, now reduced to a Centre, has broken all connection with the present Presidential Agent. The formation of the Federation was reported to the international President, who replied that the presidents of each of the Lodges concerned should send in an application for the formation of such a Federation before a "Certificate of Federation" could be supplied. On 5th February 1965 the presidents of Lodges Covenant, Harmony, Emmanuel and Moriah addressed their applications to the international President, who, however, though the matter was brought to his attention several times, is holding back the granting of a Certificate

of Federation because of the acute differences among the members in Israel.

Besides the group in Safad, another difficulty has arisen with Lodge Lotus at Haifa, which was founded on 27th September 1963 by Mr. E. Kudjoe Mawudeku, at that time a guest-student in Israel, but now Organizing Secretary for the Theosophical Federation in West Africa. The trouble here arose first from the fact that the members of this Lodge have on principle refused to pay any dues to the Society since the Lodge was formed in 1963 and secondly, in spite of remonstrances, they continue to regard Mr. E. K. Mawudeku as their Lodge president. The decision was therefore taken to cancel the charter of Lodge Lotus.

Against these negative influences, Mr. Hans Zeuger has made special efforts to bring new members into our fold. In addition to lectures at Lodges and Centres in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa and Safad, he has accepted invitations from various groups and organizations to talk on Theosophical themes, e.g. the Parapsychological Society in Jerusalem, the "Bialik Lodge" of the International Jewish Order "Bnei-Brith" and the Cultural Club "Zawdah". He also gave an interview to the representative of a well-known women's magazine, which resulted in many written enquiries and visits, especially from the younger gene-

ration. On two occasions he spoke on the Government-owned radio station. Mr. Zeuger is also willing to give Theosophical-astrological advice to persons desiring it, all donations for his services being directed to humanitarian organizations. As a result of these activities, thirteen new members have joined the Society in the past year. Mr. Zeuger was also requested by Dr. Neu of the Ethnological Department of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem, to participate actively in answering various questions of a Theosophical and astrological nature presented by the students of his branch.

Visitors to Israel from other Sections during the year included Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Sprinberg from Uruguay, Mrs. Goodman from England and Mr. and Mrs. Augustus W. Goetmakers from the Netherlands.

The current membership in Israel is now 122 though, as several have died, some are living abroad, four have resigned and quite a number have never been in good standing since the Society was started in Israel, accurate figures are not available.

The magazine *Theosophie in Israel*, with articles in English, French, German and Hebrew, is issued once or twice a year, as financial means become available.

HANS ZEUGER,
Presidential Agent.

JAPAN

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VIET-NAM

The hard test which our country has been enduring for several years past brings about many difficulties in our Section. In a country where everything is in transition, to maintain normal activities is certainly difficult. Nevertheless it alerts the members to the necessity of making a great effort for their own evolution and for the good of all. The field of activity must be enlarged for interior work as well as for exterior.

General meetings which are organized frequently furnish the members with occasions to meet and exchange points of view concerning Theosophy, as well as practical experiences regarding spiritual life. Mutual comprehension thus consolidated, brings along with it really sincere and efficacious co-operation in the grand work of the Theosophical Society. The majority of the Lodges meet weekly or once a fortnight. We also advise the Lodges to form study groups taking as their base the works of Theosophical leaders. Thanks to this work members are enthusiastic concerning the Theosophical ideals and become capable and enlightened workers.

Our exterior work comprises principally the spreading of Theosophy and social work. Weekly talks are organized each Sunday morning at our Headquarters. The study includes the basic teachings of Theosophy and general aspects of spirituality. There is one discussion session at the end of the month. A good number of members and sympathizers attend the meetings. The Section's official organ *Tim Hieu Thong Thien Hoc* also contributes to the spreading of Theosophy. This work has for the past ten years rested principally on the shoulders of Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen van Huan. The work of spreading Theosophy enjoys general esteem, both among

religious organizations and among leading intellectual circles.

A group of members recently published translations of *Thoughts for Aspirants* by N. Sri Ram and *The Occult Life of Man* by A. Besant. This was undertaken by two Lodges in the capital.

Our social activities are largely in connection with the Theosophical Orphanage and a free sewing class. People find in these activities the Brotherhood proclaimed in our first Object. Our fellow-beings suffer so much that the little we can do to help is greatly appreciated.

Ever since the Theosophical Orphanage was taken over by the Section, its standard both in the matter of service and personnel has improved year by year. About sixty very young orphans (abandoned or victims of the war) are cared for by a devoted staff, all members of the Section. This effort is so well regarded by the Government's Social Service that the Theosophical Orphanage is classed by them as among the best of its kind. The Orphanage also enjoys in Saigon the constructive and substantial attention of UNICEF.

A free sewing class, assisted by the Ministry of Works Apprenticeship Service, gives free instruction to about fifty young girls and the pupils receive at the end of the year a diploma of aptitude which guarantees them a good way of earning their living and enables young girls of the working classes to resist the temptation of an easy life. Our social activity is thus a material contribution paralleling the spreading of Theosophy in the service of our country.

It is chiefly in Saigon and in the bosom of active Lodges that new members are enrolled. This year we had 52 new admissions. The number of outgoing

members was 37, making an increase of 14.

As in previous years the Lodges grouped in the capital are most active and show effective work. These favored Lodges collaborated also in the Section meetings held to celebrate Theosophical festivals, the annual Convention, etc. The majority of Lodges conduct very encouraging study classes, especially Lodges Kiem Ai, Minh Trist, Saigon, Dung Hanh, Tu Bi and Phung Su at Saigon. In the provinces Lodges Long Xuyen and Duoi Chou Thay show some activity. Lodge Chou Li in the centre of Viet-Nam carries on a program of public lectures of general interest at the beginning of each month. As its social work, it renders assistance to war orphans.

For long years the menace of insecurity and material troubles of a country at war have been unfavorable to the attempt we ardently desire to make for our Section. Our principal preoccupation is to keep the ground already won. During the short periods of easing up we co-operate in efforts for new realizations. To group the members together

is our aim. That is why last year we elaborated plans for establishing a Theosophical spiritual centre at Dalat, in the hills about 300 km. from Saigon. Three groups of houses are being bought. Theosophical families will reside there and the centre will soon be able to receive passing members who desire to rest far from the noise and stir of present-day life.

At Saigon we propose to construct some apartments in the Headquarters premises to receive Theosophical visitors from abroad and provide permanent shelters for workers who aspire to devote themselves to the service of the Section. We hope this project will be realized in 1966.

Such is our year's activity, a humble offering in the work of Theosophical Sections throughout the world. We are doing our best to serve the Theosophical ideal. Two of our members, Miss Luu-thi-Dau and Mrs. Nguyen-thi-Quan are at present at Adyar for the international Convention and the School of the Wisdom.

NGUYEN-THI-HAI,
General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

During the past year seven new members have joined the Society and nine members have resigned. The membership now numbers 175, a loss of 2 on the year.

The main festivals of the Society have been celebrated, Founders Day on 17th November, Adyar Day on 17th February and White Lotus Day on 8th May, all with sincerity and enthusiasm. On Adyar Day

funds were collected for our International Headquarters as well as for Tibetan refugee children in India.

Meetings for study can be held only from 11 to 12 noon on Sundays, as evening meetings are not possible due to political conditions in our country.

PABLO BONILLA T.,
General Secretary.

WEST AFRICA

After an interval of three years a Convention of the West African Theosophical Society was permitted by the authorities at Accra, Ghana, from 15th to 18th April 1965. At the Convention Mr. K. Brakatu Ateko announced his resignation as Organizing Secretary of the West African Theosophical Society and Mr. E. Kudjoe Mawudeku was elected in his stead. Mr. K. Brakatu Ateko, now over eighty years of age, joined the Theosophical Society in 1918. He was the founder of the Accra Lodge, and later became the first Organizing Secretary of the West African Theosophical Federation when it was formed in 1955. Mr. Mawudeku is a comparatively young man, who joined the Society in 1952 and associated himself with the Society in his studies abroad. He was for five years in the Philippines on a U. N. scholarship, and later for two years in Israel. He has also visited Adyar, the Huizen Centre and attended an English Summer School.

After a brief address on the keynote of the Convention: "The service of man is the noblest privilege, and to work for humanity the richest of prizes," the new Organizing Secretary reviewed the work of the past three years, noting where they had succeeded and where failed. He said that one of the Federation's greatest needs is a Theosophical bookshop to cater for members and enquirers in West Africa; another need is a central office from which to handle the Federation

work, which is at present being done in the home of the Organizing Secretary. It is hoped to secure one by the end of November. For this money is required. It was pointed out that the Federation has now seven Lodges, since the formation of the Sri Ram Lodge. It is proposed to apply for a Section charter after a committee appointed to revise the Federation constitution has completed its work. Mr. Mawudeku also gave a lecture entitled "Our Work for Humanity". The guest speaker at the Convention was Dr. E. Sangmuah who spoke on "Jung's Psychology". There was also a symposium by members on "Looking Ahead".

Both Ghana and Nigeria stressed the need for visitors from abroad, and an appeal was made for overseas members coming to Ghana or Nigeria on business to notify the Organizing Secretary of their impending visit so that contact with members and the Lodges can be made.

There are promising future lecturers in the Federation and encouragement is being given to all members to prepare their assigned subjects or topics the best way they can before Lodge meetings. Public lectures are being organized.

A journal of the Federation is being printed and it is hoped that a regular publication of this journal will start soon. The publicity officer, Mr. Isaac Zaney, has undertaken to meet this demand.

E. KUDJOE MAWUDEKU,
Organizing Secretary.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY CANADIAN FEDERATION

Lodge meetings resumed work in September and all reported interest in their chosen study, with regular public work being done. In Victoria, Edmonton and Toronto, co-operation with the Section Lodges took place. Besant Lodge in Victoria co-operates with the Section Lodge in a *Secret Doctrine* Class held once a week. In Edmonton the Lodge quarters were shared with the Section Lodge, meeting on different days. In Toronto where there is a large Section Lodge, members of H. P. B. and York Lodges attend its meetings, and the Section members support the New York Lodge to some extent. In Vancouver at Hermes Lodge there has been a *Secret Doctrine* class held once a week with members of both Section and Federation attending, led by a member of the Section.

Hermes Lodge in Vancouver holds regular public meetings every Sunday with many lecturers coming from other Lodges, and especially from the Northwest Federation in the Pacific North-west of U.S.A. Also discussion groups and open forums are held where tea is served after every meeting. The library is extensively used during the week and on Sundays.

Fiat Lux Lodge in the Okanagan Valley is a most active and dynamic group who sustain not only regular Lodge meetings, but also a separate study group well attended, and their mailing list extends throughout the valley. They also share a large library which is well used.

York Lodge, the new Lodge formed in Toronto, sustains a constant public group, and their approach is more along the newer lines of science presentation. Although a small group, their following is around fifty at each meeting.

The Canadian Federation has a fine travelling library, in that the librarian in charge mails and corresponds with

enquirers across Canada, and the books are loaned from the Pacific to the Atlantic. More books are being added to this collection.

The Federation quarterly magazine has a large mailing list, apart from the Lodge membership. Also the *Discovery* leaflets are sent out by each Lodge, and to their respective mailing lists. One member in Victoria sends some of these to a mailing list around the world.

The annual meeting was held as a two-day affair in Vancouver, and was most successful. Mr. John Barnes resigned early in the fall and the work was handed over to Mrs. Gladys Cooper, who was officially appointed at this meeting in May 1965. Representation to this meeting came from five different centres, and it was felt to be a successful gathering and well worth while.

We sustain a very valuable comradeship and helpful relationship with the Northwest Federation, the North and Southern California Federations, and with workers at Wheaton, who give us as much help as they possibly can. This help is very much appreciated. Whenever possible lecturers from Hermes Lodge help Bellingham, Seattle, Spokane and Portland with talks. Also co-operation with the Orcas Island Camp, Indralaya, is one of our large projects each year.

During the summer we had the pleasure of welcoming Miss Helen Zahara for a short visit.

Although we have some new members, the membership is gradually going down all across the country, which is very discouraging. Members are also becoming older and less able to take responsibility. This puts the main burden on the few willing hands. This seems to be a cyclic trend and although the work is sustained wherever possible, the over-all

picture of membership is not good in Canada at the present time. Leadership in some Lodges is almost non-existent.

In order to help I have endeavored each month, and will continue to do so, to send books, booklets, articles, magazines, and any pertinent material to each Lodge as often as I can. The Lodges report that this material has been invaluable. Also tapes are being sent wherever they can be used, and the tape library is being added to.

The Lodges in Toronto and Montreal are small in membership. The work in Toronto is most active with truly dynamic members in both H. P. B. and York Lodges. In Montreal the work seems at

a standstill. In Winnipeg the work mostly takes the form of a small study group with no public work. It is felt that the Section is very strong in Montreal and Toronto and possibly draws the most interest.

I have reported more or less at length to give you some idea of the work going on in the different centres. In taking over this work I feel, although the Lodges do not appear to be in a very healthy conditions, the over-all work goes on. I hope to keep giving them all possible encouragement and help.

GLADYS M. COOPER,
Federation Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The item of most unusual interest in this year was the charter flight arranged by the Federation which brought 80 members from ten countries to Adyar for the International Convention in December 1964 and which seems to have been a real success, judging by the letters that have been received since. The plane called at Damascus on the way out and stopped in Ceylon and Egypt on the way back and in each of these places visits were made to places of interest. Enquiries have already come in, asking when the next plane-load will leave!

The Executive Committee of the European Federation met in Paris in January 1965, the Regional Committee of the English-speaking group during the English Section Convention at Whitsun 1965, the French-speaking Committee during the French Week in Huizen in August 1965, and the German-speaking Committee during the Summer School in Pichl in September 1965.

In the summer of 1965, particularly in Scandinavia, several Summer Schools were held. In June and early July at Kreivila in Finland, at Stensund in Sweden and at Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark, members gathered for a happy week of study and community living. In Iceland also there was a Summer School in June, and Miss Clara Codd together with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Slater from England were among the principal invitees, whilst Mrs. Radha Burnier was a most welcome guest in Sweden, Finland and Denmark. In July a Summer School was held in Hustedt at which members of the German Section participated, and in Holland a Summer School was held in Oosterbeek in which about 80 members took part.

In the English Section two special week-ends were held at Camberley in July and August in lieu of a Summer School in which quite a number of members participated. It was found a

very successful way of holding a small token summer school.

At our international Theosophical Centre at Huizen activities were in full swing through most of August: a week in which a large number of French-speaking members participated under the general direction of Dr. Paul Thorin, the General Secretary of the French Section and which was devoted to the consideration of the theme "Together differently" and to which 57 members had come from abroad, was followed by an International Week at which over 80 members from 18 countries participated. For three days the annual Council Meeting of the European Federation occupied the major part of the program, both for official business and in presenting several talks in line with the general key-note of "Co-operation with the World". Those who took part agreed that the sessions at Huizen this summer were stimulating and progressive, as they were also enjoyable. In September the usual regional Summer School of the German-speaking members took place with over 90 participants in Pichl in Austria under the direction of Mrs. Fanny Scheffmacher.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome to the European Federation Council Mr. Leslie H. Leslie-Smith, the new General Secretary of the English Section, Mr. Wil Burger, General Secretary of the Netherlands Section, and Miss Dorothy Emerson, General Secretary of the Irish Section. We wish them well, whilst we may also express our thanks to their predecessors in office and hope they will be successful in their future work.

The work of the Theosophical Order of Service has suffered this year, owing to the fact that Miss Balmer of Basle who has been helping in the work, has had to relinquish her activity on account of ill health and it has not been possible so far to replace her. The T.O.S. in England

has issued a *News Bulletin* which has met with success, and many countries are active in helpful work, notably for the Tibetan refugees.

The Order of the Round Table is gradually being built up further and Mrs. Ingrid Nyborg Fjellander reports that there were four Round Table camps in Europe and that the new magazine *Young Brotherhood* is now being sent to many parts of the world. Norway is the latest country where activities have started.

Preparations for the World Congress in Salzburg.—The Director of the Congress House visited the Chairman in London and discussed accommodation, food and various other questions including tickets for the Music Festival for those members who wish to stay on and attend it. More recently Mr. Coats visited Salzburg and spent two days discussing details for next year. The problems of accommodation were dealt with again and also the rather complicated subject of meals. If about 1,000 members attend—which is what we are hoping for—then the matter of vegetarian meals, which most will wish for and also the question of an "outing" for such a large number, clearly present certain difficulties. The Director of the Congress House and his staff are willing to deal with all these problems. Cards will be printed which each Delegate to the Congress will fill in and return to Salzburg, and this card asks information about all these points.

We have been very glad to welcome Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, who has been able to spend a few months in Europe this summer. She was one of the principal guests (together with Dr. Hugh Shearman) at the English Section Convention and visited several Summer Schools in Scandinavia.

The Federation also had a visit from Srimati Rukmini Devi who, in spite of

the fact that the war in India completely upset many of her plans in the various fields in which she is active, was able to spend a few days in London and in Paris as well as a week at the Centre in Huizen.

Professor Haas, Vice-Chairman of the Federation, Madame Tripet, the Treasurer, and other members of the Executive Committee have all visited groups in different countries, when able to do so.

The Chairman of the Federation, Mr. John Coats, visited Adyar, flying with the charter plane, and on his return to Europe visited Paris for the Federation Executive Committee meeting. He also spent four or five days in Portugal with the Section there and was for a number of weeks in South America on a tour arranged by the Argentine Section initially and which covered most of the Sections in that part of the world. On his return he was in London for the English Section Convention and attended also the Convention in Ireland. He also attended the Convention of the American Section before returning to

Holland for the August activities at Huizen.

The world remains in a state of tension and Europe's attempt to come more closely into unity seem fraught with problems. It is our continuing task not only to tell of that unity which lies behind all manifestation, but also to demonstrate it factually by the example of our lives and work. Whilst each must be active in the place in which he lives, he can begin to take a more responsible interest also in all work that may be called *European*. Our strong and growing nucleus of European unity—accepted and understood—will help to make next year's World Congress a real centre of that stimulating, yet healing power which is so needed by the modern world and which can most readily stream forth when men and women come together with a sense of dedication and responsibility for their fellow-men.

JOHN COATS,
Chairman.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR PERU

LODGE PAZ Y AMOR

The activities of this Lodge, unfortunately, have been much reduced, due to want of a place where we can hold our meetings and also because, at the present premises, members cannot attend because of fear of delinquents who in these unprotected areas assault pedestrians.

We had a visit from our distinguished member, Mr. John Coats, who gave interesting talks both about Theosophy and about the Liberal Catholic Church.

There is little to say about our subsidiary activities except that they have

been very limited. We have done what we could but we have had many difficulties to contend with.

There are possibilities of a new Lodge being founded, to be called "Machu-Picchu". The President will be Señora Karola Siebert who has a room in her house where meetings can be held.

We hope that next year, beginning from October, we shall be able to give a better account of ourselves, and it is in that hope that we are working.

ALFONSO REVOREDO IGLESIAS,
President.

HONG KONG

HONG KONG LODGE:

At the General Committee meeting held on 27th February 1965 the following officers were elected: President, Mr. S. L. Yen; Vice-Presidents, Mr. L. Clark and Mr. A. Gaskell; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. P. Y. Ko, Librarian Mr. R. Ching, Committee members, Mr. J. Punjabi and Mr. H. O. Parrish, and Mr. K. S. Fung, ex-officio.

The biggest expense of the year was for the City Hall booking which was used for operating the Ch'an Meditation Assemblies, but the year closed with a credit balance.

The membership figure now stands at eighteen, one new member having joined during the year.

Meetings and lectures this year were separated into two parts, English and Cantonese. Meetings of the English section were held as follows: 13th April, "The Mind and the Body"; 11th May, "Dream and Awakening"; 10th August, "My Religious Belief"; 14th September, "Theosophy and I"; but attendances were small. The Cantonese section held meetings every Wednesday, with Mr. S. L. Yen as the speaker, on the theme "Faith in Mind". Each meeting attracted an audience of twenty or more.

The Ch'an Meditation Assembly is a new experiment in Hong Kong. Twenty-five meetings were held during the year at City Hall on Sunday mornings from

9 to 11 a.m. under the guidance of the vigilator Mr. Yen. On each occasion there were 30 to 40 participating, mostly Buddhists.

The annual picnic took place on 11th July 1965 at the house of Dr. R. Ching in Shatin, with about fifty members and their families attending. A vegetarian lunch was supplied by the host Dr. R. Ching. During the course of the picnic a discussion on "Consciousness" was held.

On 5th September afternoon Messrs. Yen, Zung, Ko and other friends paid a family visit to Mr. and Mrs. Gaskell and were hospitably entertained. A lecture was given on this occasion by Mr. Maurice Chu on "Krishnamurti and Zen". On 17th October a farewell dinner in honor of Mr. Maurice Chu was held at Fat Yau Yuen restaurant. He is re-joining his family in Boston, U.S.A., after having spent a year in Hong Kong. He was formerly secretary of the Shanghai Lodge.

Grateful thanks are due to Dr. R. Ching for his kindness in allowing the use of his office for our English and Cantonese meetings, and his Shatin bungalow as the Society's library. Thanks are also due to Mr. Yen for his continuous effort in operating the Ch'an Meditation Assembly and the Cantonese Buddhist lectures throughout the year.

S. L. YEN,
President.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

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BOLIVIA

LODGE PAZ

During the year 1964-65 the work of Lodge Paz has been normal, with about 8 to 15 persons attending the weekly meetings; in addition we celebrated the Theosophical festivals, White Lotus Day and Founders Day, with an attendance of 30 to 40 members. In 1964 we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Lodge Paz and of Theosophy in Bolivia. We had with us Mr. Daniel Bilbao La Vieja, who was our founder in 1914 and the first Theosophist in Bolivia. We presented to him a parchment Diploma signed by all the members in homage for his work in these

fifty years since the foundation. We had also a banquet in his honor.

In April 1965 we had the happiness of a visit to Bolivia for three days from Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation Council, who took part in three meetings and we had the opportunity of listening to his lectures and of fraternizing with him cordially.

Our work this year has been to maintain Theosophy in this country, spreading its ideals and teachings by means of meetings, lectures, radio talks, periodicals and by lending books to the public.

MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO,
President.

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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

ANNUAL REPORT 1964-65

This report covers the first complete year since the transfer of the management of the Theosophical Publishing House to the Theosophical Society.

T.P.H. Council.—Mr. N. Sri Ram became the President of the T.P.H. Council in October, 1964, following the resignation of that office by Mr. Jal B. Dorab; and Mr. S. G. Nicholls, Treasurer, Mr. S. Somasundaram and Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan were appointed members of the Council, with the Manager of the T.P.H., Mr. K. N. Ramanathan as Secretary. The Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, Mr. James S. Perkins, and the Manager of the Vasanta Press, Mr. K. Ramanathan, were invited to meetings of the Council and helped greatly by their valuable advice on matters coming before the Council. Five meetings of the Council were held during the year.

New Publications.—The following new books were published during the year: *Poems*, by Clara and Dorothy Codd; *The Significance of Each Present Moment* and *Modifications of the Mind*, pamphlets, by Mr. N. Sri Ram; *Damodar and the Pioneers of the Theosophical Movement*, by Dr. Sven Eek, also *Damodar K. Mavalankar, the Biography of a Disciple*, by Dr. Sven Eek, the latter being a reprint of the first chapter of *Damodar*; *The Changing Face of Theosophy and Other Articles*, by Dr. Laurence J. Bendit; and *The Mirror of Life and Death*, also by Dr. Laurence J. Bendit.

In view of the high cost of *Damodar*, the President allocated a sum of Rs. 6,000 from the Special Publications Fund to help in reducing its price. It was there-

fore possible to fix the price of this book at Rs. 37 (cloth) and Rs. 35 (board).

New Editions and Reprints.—Reprints or new editions of the following publications were issued during the year: *At the Feet of the Master*, standard edition, and *At the Feet of the Master*, miniature edition; *Peace and Education, The Child*, and *The Formation of Man*, by Maria Montessori; *Clairvoyance and The Masters and the Path*, by C. W. Leadbeater; *Reincarnation, Fact or Fallacy* and *A Yoga of Light*, by Geoffrey Hodson; *Hindu Ideals* and *Indian Ideals*, by Annie Besant; *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, Vols. II and III, by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater; and *Saundarya-lahari*, by Pandit S. Subrahmanya Sastri and Sri T. R. Srinivasa Iyengar.

Workers.—Miss Daphne Darroch took up the work of Assistant Editor of THE THEOSOPHIST during the year, from Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap, who has, however, kindly continued to give his help whenever necessary. Dr. A. Kannan is helping on the publications side of the work from July this year.

Advertising.—In addition to advertising in THE THEOSOPHIST, we also undertook some advertising of the publications of the T.P.H. in such magazines as *Bhavan's Journal* and this has yielded satisfactory results. The various Section journals of the Theosophical Society have helped by generous publicity to our publications both in their advertising and review columns. Journals published by Federations of the Society in India have similarly helped and to all of them our thanks are due.

Sales.—Sales during the year reached the peak figure of Rs. 1,75,711 compared with Rs. 1,53,449 in the preceding year. This increase in business was partly due to the release of the fifth edition of *The Secret Doctrine* towards the close of 1963-64; 740 sets of the six-volume book were sold in 1964-65, adding effectively to the year's revenue. Sales were also helped by the larger advertising we undertook during the year, as well as the larger discounts we offered for books during the Convention. For the first time, a discount was offered also to the public during the 1964 Convention, the practice hitherto having been to offer such a discount only to registered delegates. Facilities were given for placing orders by post during the Convention sale, and customers were also encouraged to "order now and pay later" during the Convention. On payment of packing and postal charges their orders were registered, and books were sent later to them, after the Convention rush was over, by V. P. P. for the balance of the price. In respect of *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings* and *The World Gospel Series*, a discount of 40 per cent was offered to purchasers of complete sets of either during the Convention.

Standards of Production.—We have had great difficulty in maintaining standards of production of our books owing to shortages of satisfactory grades of paper and binding materials. Imports of such materials are not possible owing to the acute foreign exchange position in India, under which the grant of foreign exchange is very strictly controlled. These difficulties are inevitable in a developing economy like that of India at present. We have been searching the market constantly for better grades of supplies. We must

acknowledge the valued co-operation we receive from the Vasanta Press in the effort to maintain standards of production.

The Theosophist.—The circulation of *THE THEOSOPHIST*, which stood at 1,696 in July 1964, had risen to 1,846 by October that year, and at the end of 1964-65 it stood at 1,956. (These figures include free copies also.) Increasing difficulties experienced in many countries in making remittances abroad are having a restrictive influence on the circulation.

Financial Results of 1964-65.—The cost of new publications during the year was Rs. 68,980/- against Rs. 1,07,983/- in the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 39,000/- was mainly due to the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* and *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings* in the previous year. The sales of T. P. H. publications in 1964-65 amounted to Rs. 1,44,648/- against Rs. 1,23,015/- in the previous year. Sales of other publications, photos, incense, etc. at Rs. 31,063/- do not show appreciable increase. The closing stock was Rs. 2,18,363/- against Rs. 2,67,093/- in the previous year. The decrease of Rs. 48,730/- was due to reductions, in book value (Rs. 29,200), increase in sales, etc.

Establishment and other expenditure during the year was Rs. 51,563/- against Rs. 57,233/- in the previous year. The reduction of Rs. 5,670/- was mainly due to saving on the maintenance of car. The net result of the working for the year was a profit of Rs. 1,140/- against a loss of Rs. 2,027/- in the previous year. The amount owing to the Theosophical Society which was Rs. 1,63,250/- in the previous year was reduced to Rs. 1,05,326/- at the end of the year.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1964-65

We are glad to report another year of useful activity. The *Viṣṇusmṛti*, a Dharma-śāstra work, with a hitherto unpublished rare commentary, was released as Adyar Library Series No. 93 during the year.

Building.—We are happy to announce that the construction of the new premises, as per the revised plan, began early in 1965 under the supervision of Mr. G. Linton. Almost half the building has been completed and we take this opportunity to extend to Mr. Linton our deep appreciation and thanks for his intensive supervision to see that every brick was well and truly laid. We also thank Sri D. Srinivasa Rao for his untiring assistance to Mr. Linton.

Staff.—The services of Pt. K. Ramachandra Sarma had to be discontinued owing to reasons of health.

MSS. Catalogue.—The printing of the Descriptive Catalogue of the Viśiṣṭādvaita, Dvaita, Śuddhādvaita, etc. manuscripts is almost completed and only the introduction and index remain. We hope to release it in 1965-66. Pt. K. Paramesvara Aithal has completed the editing of three-fourths of the Stotra MSS. Catalogue. We regret that the cataloguing of the Visvabharati MSS. still remains to be completed.

MSS. Register.—Sri K. T. Venkatarama Sarma who began the new register, under the supervision of Pt. K. Paramesvara Aithal, has completed the entries for 1184 transcripts.

Books Catalogue.—Smt. A. P. Siitaa Devii, assisted by Dr. D. Rood, is now attending to detailed references in the Theosophy section. So far about 3,000

titles have been dealt with. One of the useful items of work taken up is the comprehensive indexing of the *Collected Works of H. P. Blavatsky*, extending to ten volumes and covering a variety of subjects. This will be of great help to those interested in Madame Blavatsky's writings.

Publications.—The *Keśava-vaijayanti* commentary of Nandapandita on the *Viṣṇusmṛti* was released during the year under report. The work of collating the South Indian commentaries on the *Nāmalingānusāsana* of Amara is in progress.

With the help of the Government of India, Ministry of Education, under the scheme of reprinting old and rare books, *Ahīrbudhnya Saṃhitā*, the first Āgama publication in the Adyar Library Series, has been revised by Pt. V. Krishnacharya and eight chapters, containing 520 Ślokaś, have been printed.

During the year 74 books were received on exchange.

Bulletin.—The *Brahmavidyā* has now 130 subscribers and is being exchanged with 129 journals. A new exchange started during the year was with *Samvid*, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay. A few exchanges had to be suspended for the time being as the issues were not being received regularly.

Copying.—13 transcripts were made and supplied to other institutions and research scholars; 36 Stotra works were transcribed for our own use. Microfilms of 5 MSS. and 3 books were supplied on request to other institutions and research scholars.

Binding and Repair.—34 books and 115 volumes of periodicals and 3 transcripts

were bound in the Vasanta Press; 655 books and 5 palm-leaf MSS. were repaired while 134 MSS. were cleaned. 25 books and 6 MSS. were laminated in the Library's repair section.

Mr. C. H. Hunter is now engaged in fixing board and cloth around the paper MSS. in order to keep them better. 1,600 MSS. have been attended to so far.

The Library is also engaged in de-acidifying the books with ammonia gas so that the paper can be preserved better. The books in the Eastern section are three-fourths completed. We are thankful to Mr. E. F. Orfila for his continuing help in this section.

Works Used.—The Library has 388 Readers, 175 Resident Readers cum Borrowers, 74 Borrowers (from the city) and 13 Braille Borrowers. During the year under report 4,178 persons used the Library; 8,185 books and 4,170 MSS. were consulted; and 3,140 books and 32 MSS. were lent.

Accession.—1,077 books excluding the journals and 58 MSS. out of a gift of 123 MSS. have been examined and accessed.

Gifts.—The Adyar Library expresses its grateful thanks to Sri Y. Mahalinga Sastry of Tiruvalangadu for presenting to the Library 123 palm-leaf MSS.

The following gifts of books have been received: 151 from Smt. Uma Devi; 62 from Dr. D. Rood and Smt. A. P. Siitaa Devii, mostly on linguistics including several volumes of extracts copied from Grierson's *Linguistic Survey of India*, a valuable but long out-of-print collection; 37 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar; 57 from The Theosophist Office, Adyar; 43 through the International President's Office, Adyar; 30 from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thadhani (mostly Sindhi books); 16 from Mr. B. C. Barai; 26 from Smt. Radha Burnier. The Braille section of the Library received 31 books from the Theosophical Book Association for the

Blind, California; 15 from the Braille Lodge of the Theosophical Society in England; and 15 from the Matilda Ziegler Publishing Co., Monsey, U.S.A.; 28 latest American titles were sent to the children's section by Miss Carol Jones, Minnesota, U.S.A., arranged through Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks of U.S.A. The following books were also received: 39 from Mr. & Mrs. S. K. Kaiwar, Madras; 42 from the Madras Theosophical Federation; 14 from Miss Jeanne Dumas, U.S.A.; 8 from Mr. Duncan Greenlees; 9 from Mr. B. Venkataramana Rao; 13 from various institutions for use of our manuscripts in editing their works; 9 from Mr. V. Santanam, Srivilliputtur; 7 from the collections of late Mr. R. Hartley, S. Africa; 8 from Mrs. Edith Schlosser; 8 from Miss K. A. Beechey; 8 from Max Mueller Bhavan, New Delhi; 12 from Mr. J. B. Dorab; 12 from Mr. and Mrs. H. Murphet; 12 being books sent for review in *The Adyar Library Bulletin*. 3 sets of coloured transparencies from Mr. Francis Brunel, Paris; and a well-preserved set of *The Lives of Alcione* from Miss Jean Carstairs, Scotland. To all these we extend our appreciations and thanks.

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To all these we extend our appreciation and thanks.

Visitors.—Among visitors during the year were: Mr. P. Bajracharya, Dept. of Archaeology, Nepal; Dr. Jacob Ensink, Groningen, Netherlands; Mrs. Sarah K. Vann, American Library Association, Chicago, U.S.A.; Mr. Will Farhan, UNESCO Regional Centre for S. Asia; Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, Australia; Sri Candmalji Maharaj of the Jaina Mutt; Naga Moha Thera Buu-Chan, The Vietnam Theravada Sangha Order, Saigon; Mr. Karl Reinhell Hallquist, Lund, Sweden; Mr. and Mrs. Percival Spear, Cambridge, London; Mr. Prahlad Pradhan, Prof. of Sanskrit, Utkal University, Orissa; Mr. Gurunek Singh, Mr. A. K. Mukerjee and Mr. Radha Raman Ghose—all of the National Library, Calcutta; Mr. N. G. Chakravarti, Mr. K. C. Kapur and Mr. Bhagvan Kumar Prasad—all from the Library of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, New Delhi; Mr. T. Veeraraghavan, Department of Statistics, Madras; and Mr. L. V. Mitrokhin, USSR Consulate General.

Among the scholars who used the Library were: Dr. J. F. Staal, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Amsterdam; Dr. G. T. Artola, Prof. of Sanskrit, Hawaii University, Honolulu; Miss Frances Ann Wilson, California; Miss Anna Radicchi, University of Florence; Mr. H. J. Ruether, California State Polytechnic College, California; Mr. James E. Meade, Long Beach State College, California; Mr. P. Sriramamurti, Mr. J.

Prabhakara Sastry and Mr. P. V. G. Krishna Rao—all of Andhra University; Mr. Shiv Darshana Tiwari, Mr. Shankar Lal Swarnkar, Mr. Bihari Lal Nagarch—all of the University of Saugar; Mr. Keshao Ramrao Joshi, University of Nagpur; Mr. Bhaskar Nagar, Vikram University, Ujjain; Mr. I. Hanumanlu, Osmania University, Hyderabad; Mr. T. Muthukannappan, Dr. B. Rama Devi, Mr. M. Ramakrishna Sastry, Mrs. Manorama Shriwastawa, Mr. M. K. Suryanarayana Rao, Miss C. L. Vasanta and Miss M. V. Saroja—all Research fellows of the Madras University. Besides these were the many members of the international Theosophical Society who came from India and abroad to whom the Library offers a wide range of books on comparative religion and philosophy.

We also take this opportunity to express our thanks to all who have contributed in money and kind specially the late Mrs. E. M. Lavender who left a substantial bequest for the Building Fund; Mrs. Brooks, Australia; The Theosophical Society in America and a friend in India.

To conclude, we express our appreciation and gratitude to all who have helped the Library in various ways. Our special thanks are due to Dr. V. Raghavan who continues his valuable help as Adviser and member of the Adyar Library Council and Editorial Board; and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, for his deep interest and constant help in the research section.

When the new premises of the Library will be completed in 1966, we hope to offer better service both in the field of Indology to research scholars and to others who use the Library.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT FOR 1964-65

The School of the Wisdom opened on the 5th October 1964 with 12 students and by November 22 students were attending the meetings; 4 of these came from Australia, 3 from New Zealand, 2 from America, 1 from Southern Rhodesia and 12 from India.

The theme for this term of the School and the subject chosen for intensive study was "The Conception of Reality and its Discovery within ourselves".

In one of his first papers, Dr. Taimni, who was the Director of Studies for this first session, suggested that a School of the Wisdom should be a training ground for three types of work: 1. For learning to separate out clear-cut and significant ideas from the mass of non-essential material in which they are so often embedded; 2. For learning to master a subject by our own efforts by going into original sources of knowledge instead of depending on other people to put into our minds ready-cooked mental food; 3. For learning to go deeper into a subject after we have mastered the essentials of thinking, reflection and meditation. He explained that this does not mean, as is usually supposed, collecting more details but trying to find and to grasp deeper significances.

In order that the students might take an active part in the work and learn the techniques given above, a list of 32 subjects relating to the main theme was posted on the bulletin board and each student was encouraged to choose a subject and study it from the various sources available, then isolate and collect all essential material and clear-cut ideas bearing on that subject from the literature,

put them in a systematic order and share them with the class. In this way all would benefit from the studies made by his fellow students. Very excellent papers were produced by the students, some of which were published in *THE THEOSOPHIST*.

The first portion of this session of the School was given over to the consideration of the theoretical concept of Reality and the second portion to the consideration of some of the techniques for discovering the Reality within ourselves, that is to various types of Yoga, especially Bhakti Yoga.

Two talks given by Dr. Taimni on "Some Initial Difficulties of Self-Discovery" were found by the students to be very useful and practical aids in clearing away points on this subject not understood by them and also in clearing away certain doubts.

On the 8th of January the second session opened with 26 in attendance. Ten of these had attended the previous session. Mr. James S. Perkins was Director for this session as Dr. Taimni, who had taken over when Professor Dorab resigned, had made previous commitments which could not be broken. This was a fruitful term also and some students were reluctant to see the term end.

The major religions were studied at the beginning of the session with Mr. Sri Ram, Principal of the School, giving several morning talks. Mrs. Radha Burnier also gave several talks. These discussions on the religions were based on the broad, fundamental teachings and not on the many accretions later added to the original teachings of all the religions,

Some of the main Theosophical concepts, such as Creation, Laws of the Planes and Universal Principles were next gone deeply into.

Papers on subjects of the students' choice were also prepared and shared this term. This preparation of papers and their presentation by the students add something very useful to the School. Most of the students seem to enjoy the stimulation of preparing a paper on a topic of their own choice.

Several members gave Friday evening lectures at Headquarters Hall each session. There were visits to the Archives, the

Library, the Museum. Kalakshetra was also visited one morning. The new library was beginning to be built during the second session and the students learned about the plans and saw its initial beginnings.

Diplomas were presented at the end of the second session when short talks were given by some of the students. Several of the members of the School remained to work at the International Headquarters in various departments, while others left for their homes.

DULCIE M. LINTON,
Secretary.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

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

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

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

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

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

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

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration

or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than

Witnesses to the signatures:

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

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

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

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

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not less than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more

than 10 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General

Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call upon the members of the General Council for nominations for the office of President. Such call shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations and each member who is a General Secretary shall

consult with the respective Governing Body of the Section and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Any member of the Society in good standing shall be eligible for nomination. The written consent of the member nominated shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination. It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that such consent reaches the Recording Secretary within the time herein provided. Such consent, if sent by telegraph or cable, shall be confirmed by letter so as to reach the Recording Secretary within forty-five days of the call for nominations.

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

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

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

(ii) If 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.

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, 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.

11. (a) Within three months of his election the President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at

its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members in the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the

meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may

grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are

transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are

outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or color, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (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 Presi-

dential 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, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned 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.

When 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.

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 or territorially adjacent 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 com-

prised 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 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 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, 1966

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. N. SRI RAM

Vice-President: MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

Recording Secretary: MISS KATHERINE A. BEECHY

Treasurer: MR. STUART G. NICHOLLS

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	... Miss Joy Mills (<i>Acting</i>)	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois-60187
1888	England	... Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith	... 50 Gloucester Place, London, W.1
1891	India	... Mrs. Radha Burnier	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 1
1895	Australia	... Miss R. Beringer	... 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden	... Mrs. Kerstin Berg	... Östermalmgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand	... Mr. W. E. B. Dunningham	... 10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S. E. 3
1897	The Netherlands	... Mr. W. C. Burger	... 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, 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 Hla Maung	... No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Dr. N. Lauppert	... Kaiserfeldgasse 19, 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. Sørensen	... Hagesvej 5, Nakskov
1919	Ireland	... Miss Dorothy Emerson	... 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 (K.) 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 ...	72/4 Nguyen-dinh-Chieu, Saigon
1953	Venezuela ...	Señor Pablo Bonilla T. ...	Apartado 2907, Caracas
1956	West Africa † ...	Mr. E. Kudjoe Mawudeku ...	P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1965	Bolivia * ...	Señor Mario Cariaga Aramayo ...	Casilla Correo 2083, La Paz
European Federation ...		Mr. J. B. S. Coats ...	The Old Rectory, Poulshot, Devizes, Wilts, England
(of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)			
Canadian Federation ...		Mrs. Gladys M. Cooper ...	2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada
(attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)			

Additional Members of the General Council

MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Maastrichterweg 168, Valkenswaard, The Netherlands (for 1966, 1967 and 1968).

DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36 Cliftonville Road, Belfast 14, United Kingdom (for 1966, 1967 and 1968).

MRS. 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. V. W. SLATER, 43 Chiddingfold, Woodside Pk., London, N. 12, England (for 1966, 1967 and 1968).

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 HELEN ZAHARA, P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois-60187, U.S.A. (for 1966, 1967 and 1968).

* Presidential Agency }
 † Federation } Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the 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 Saturday,
25th December 1965 at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	<i>President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Ceylon, England, Greece and the Philippines.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	...	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Belgium, East Africa and the U.S.A.</i>
Miss Katherine A. Beechey	...	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Burma, Iceland and Southern Africa.</i>
Mr. Stuart G. Nicholls	...	<i>Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand and for Mr. J. B. S. Coats, Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Sweden and for Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi	...	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Argentina, and for Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	...	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands.</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>

PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Miss Clarice E. Gregory	...	New Zealand
Miss Joan S. Morris	...	Canadian Federation
Mr. A. B. Patel	...	East Africa

The President mentioned that the following Members of the General Council who had rendered notable service to the Society had passed on during the year:

Miss Emma Hunt	Additional Member
Mr. Sidney A. Cook	Additional Member
U Po Lat	General Secretary in Burma

1. *Confirmation of Minutes:* The Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th and 31st December 1964 and 3rd and 4th January 1965, 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:*

(b) *Confirmation of voting results of the Financial Appeal for the International Headquarters at Adyar, circulated in February 1965 (Item 1(a) Minutes of Meeting dated 4-1-1965):*

The results of the voting were as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
	36	1
In the case of the Sections in Ireland and Portugal, the <i>Acting</i> General Secretaries signed the voting slip, in favor	2	—
	—	
	38	
	—	

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted. Further action is to be taken by the Committee appointed on 31-12-1964.

(c) *Result of consideration by President and Recording Secretary of Mr. H. Zeuger's suggestions re "member in good standing".*

It was reported that the question was still under consideration.

3. *Amendment to Rule 35(b)* (Item 6, Minutes of Meeting dated 25-12-1963) (Present Rule 35(c) of the 1965 Rules and Regulations):

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
37	—

The amendment was declared adopted. Rule 35(c) will now read:

"The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Federation to any national *or territorially adjacent* 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. . . ."

(Alteration shown in italics.)

4. *Amendment to Rule 10 proposed by Miss Emma Hunt* (Item 2, Minutes of Meeting dated 3-1-1965):

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
36	—

The amendment was declared adopted.

Rule 10, Paragraph nine will now read:

"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." *(The rest of this paragraph is deleted).*

The last paragraph of Rule 10 will read as follows:

"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, *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."

(Alteration shown in italics.)

Miss Helen Zahara's proposal for preferential voting in the Presidential election was circulated for comment to all members of the General Council.

A few replies were received favoring its adoption in case of a further amendment of this Rule.

It was decided to refer the proposal to the General Council meeting to be held during the Salzburg World Congress in July 1966 for discussion and consideration.

5. *Amendment to Rule 30 (re Country of Residence and Life Membership)* (Item 1, Minutes of Meeting dated 3-1-1965):

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
36	—

The necessary majority having been obtained, the amendment was declared adopted. Rule 30 will therefore read as follows:

- (a) Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, *shall normally* belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.
- (b) Provided that with the *consent* of the *General Secretaries concerned* 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.
- (c) *When 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.*

(Alteration shown in italics).

6. *Amendment to Rule 43 (a) to increase dues payable to Adyar Headquarters* (Item 1, Minutes of Meeting dated 31-12-1964):

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against
35	—

The amendment was declared adopted.

Rule 43(a) therefore 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."

(Alterations shown in italics.)

Sections, Federations, etc., are requested to take the necessary steps to give effect to this change as early as possible.

8. *To consider proposal of the Recording Secretary for amendment to Rule 41(a):*

The proposal is to amend Rule 41(a) as follows:

Substitute "and" for "but" and insert after the words "jurisdiction of a National Society" the words "for Charter £ 1, when printed at Adyar, or supplied from Adyar Headquarters" and further to insert after the words "The annual subscription of each Fellow" the words "of a National Society".

Rule 41(a) will therefore read:

"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.; and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Federation or Presidential Agency: *for Charter £ 1, when printed at Adyar, or supplied from Adyar Headquarters.* The Annual Subscription of each Fellow of a National Society 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."

(Alteration shown in italics.)

The proposal was referred to the General Council meeting to be held during the Salzburg World Congress in July 1966 for discussion and consideration.

10. *To consider the motion passed by the Executive Committee on 17th July 1965 to increase the maximum number of Additional Members of the General Council from 10 to 12:*

It was decided to refer the matter to the General Council Meeting at Salzburg for discussion and consideration.

MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held in
the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Friday,
31st December 1965 at 2.00 p.m.*

PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	...	<i>President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Ceylon, England, Greece and the Philippines.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	...	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Belgium, East Africa and the U.S.A.</i>
Miss Katherine A. Beechey		<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Burma, Iceland and Southern Africa.</i>
Mr. Stuart G. Nicholls	...	<i>Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand and for Mr. J.B.S. Coats, Additional Member.</i>

Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Sweden, and for Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel		<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands.</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>

PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio	...	Joint Treasurer
Miss Joan S. Morris	...	Canadian Federation

11. *Election of four (4) Additional Members to the General Council for the years 1966, 1967 and 1968 in place of (1) Mr. J. E. van Dissel and (2) Dr. Hugh Shearman, whose terms expired in 1965, and (3) Mrs. Doris Groves and (4) Miss Emma Hunt, who had passed away on 24-11-64 and 31-1-65 respectively:*

Under Rule 2(b) the President re-nominated Mr. J. E. van Dissel and Dr. Hugh Shearman, and nominated Miss Helen V. Zahara and Mr. V. Wallace Slater as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1966, 1967 and 1968. The names were circulated for voting, with the following result:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	36	—
Dr. Hugh Shearman	35	1
Miss Helen V. Zahara	37	—
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	37	—

The four additional members mentioned above were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council.

12. *To consider the accounts and the Treasurer's Report for 1964-65:*

The Committee appointed by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 21-12-1965, consisting of Mr. R. A. Raman, Mr. S. Somasundaram, and Mr. Mohanlal Velji, to review the Society's investments with a view to making them more remunerative, reported to the President on 28-12-1965, presenting a list of investments which, if sold and invested in 7½% five-year Fixed Deposits in the Madras Industrial Investment Corporation would prove advantageous. The Treasurer was authorized to proceed as recommended by the Committee, with the sale and re-investment of the Government securities mentioned.

The accounts and the Treasurer's Report for 1964-65 were considered and adopted.

13. *To consider the Budget for 1965-66:*

The Budget was considered and adopted.

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1965-66

EXPENSES	Budget for 1964-65	Actuals for 1964-65	Budget for 1965-66	INCOME	Budget for 1964-65	Actuals for 1964-65	Budget for 1965-66
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	46,000	39,543	41,000	Rent ...	56,000	51,524	52,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	60,000	55,005	45,000	Fees and Dues ...	30,000	30,478	35,000
Light and Water ...	8,500	7,623	8,000	Wood ...	500	...	500
Miscellaneous ...	11,000	9,510	10,100	Interest (Gross) ...	1,10,000	1,39,617	1,30,000
Legal and Audit Fees ...	...	4,107	5,000	Administration Charges ...	4,000	10,240	10,300
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones ...	3,200	3,809	4,000	Special Departments:			
Printing and Stationery ...	6,000	6,827	7,000	Bhojanasala ...	20,000	15,056	15,000
Publications to General Secretaries ...	700	696	700	Maintenance Department ...	1,00,000	1,01,873	1,08,500
Bad Debts Written off ...	1,000	146	200	Garden Department ...	50,000	50,675	68,000
Taxes ...	16,600	16,515	17,000	Laundry ...	6,000	6,279	6,000
Emergency Risk Insurance ...	...	18	100	Leadbeater Chambers ...	25,000	28,277	30,000
Gulistan House Property Expenditure ...	...	834	800	Sanitary Department ...	1,000	893	1,000
Convention ...	5,000	2,974	4,000	Vasanta Press ...	1,60,000	1,67,064	1,60,000
Museum and Archives ...	4,800	3,584	4,000	Donations ...	...	97,238	...
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	12,000	12,568	10,000	Deficit ...	1,49,600	61,066	1,18,100
Retirement Allowance ...	2,400	2,587	3,000				
Gratuities Account ...	...	2,426	...				
Provision for Gratuity ...	...	6,974	7,000				
Dispensary ...	8,200	8,609	8,700				
Sanitary Department ...	6,500	7,099	7,200				
Watch and Ward ...	23,000	24,999	26,000				
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	12,000	12,000				
Contributions:							
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				
Special Departments:							
Bhojanasala ...	24,000	22,302	23,000				
Maintenance Department ...	1,28,000	1,39,736	1,55,000				
Garden Department ...	60,000	62,709	77,000				
Laundry ...	10,000	10,402	10,500				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	25,000	33,374	35,000				
Vasanta Press ...	1,94,600	2,24,917	1,74,500				
Depreciation ...	29,000	23,787	24,000				
Capital Expenditure:							
Vasanta Press Rs. 15,000.							
	7,12,100	7,60,280	7,34,400		7,12,100	7,60,280	7,34,400

ADYAR

16th December, 1965

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

STUART G. NICHOLLS
TreasurerANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO
Joint Treasurer

14. *Appointment of Auditors for 1965-66:*

Messrs. Naganathan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were re-appointed as Auditors for the Theosophical Society, including the Theosophical Publishing House, for 1965-66, on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

15. *Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1966:*

The following were appointed as Members of the Executive Committee for 1966:

President	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President	"
Recording Secretary	"
Treasurer	"
Smt. 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	
Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio	<i>Joint Treasurer</i>

16. *Any other business:*(a) *Mr. E. L. Gardner's Motion:*

The President said that he had received a further letter from Mr. E. L. Gardner requesting that the Resolution passed at last year's General Council Meeting (Vide item 4 of Minutes of 31-12-1964) be reviewed and asking that the General Council advise Lodges to follow a policy of not allowing the Society to become identified with the Liberal Catholic Church by permitting their premises to be used for services of the Church.

It was decided to refer the matter to the General Council meeting to be held at Salzburg in July 1966.

(b) *"Theosophy in Malaysia":*

The President stated that in spite of his and the Council's advice, as well as objections from various Sections, the policy of Dr. C. H. Yeang continues to include in his Federation Journal, which is widely distributed, sensational matter of the nature of mediumistic revelations, from bodies unconnected with the Society, thus giving a wrong impression of the character of the Society. The President would like to have the advice of the General Council as to the action to be taken in the matter.

It was decided to discuss the matter at Salzburg.

(d) *Next Presidential Election:*

In view of rumours he had heard in several quarters about the President's health and about his unwillingness to be renominated to the office of President, Mr. J. E. van Dissel enquired whether the President could clarify the position as he thought that this would be of help to members of the General Council.

The President stated that his health was satisfactory and that if members of the Society indicated to him that they desired him to continue as President, which would be known possibly by the nominations, he would consider it his duty to do so.

(e) *World Congress at Salzburg:*

The President stated that provision was being made in the Salzburg programme for two sessions of the General Council.

The programme of the Congress will be arranged from Adyar (as already decided at the General Council meeting of 3rd January 1965) the general theme of the Congress being: "A World in Transition".

The programme will include two special meetings: (1) to discuss the presentation of Theosophy, (2) a meeting of representatives of the various Theosophical publishing houses to discuss questions concerning publishing of books, translations, etc.

(f) *Kalakshetra Photographic Department:*

The Vice-President referred to the developing situation in regard to the Kalakshetra Photographic Department, which is expanding its operations as a commercial business and announcing projects for added services and widening business contacts. The Officers of the Theosophical Society are of the considered opinion that this profit-making enterprise, registered as a "Small Industries Unit," is entirely out of alignment with the Theosophical Society's character and purpose—a fact that contributes to a confused image in the public mind as to the nature of the Society's activities on this estate. Consequently, in August 1965, the following Resolution was drawn up and adopted by the Executive Committee:

WHEREAS the Besant Gardens Bungalow on the Theosophical Society's estate is publicized as the address of the expanding business of the Kalakshetra Photographic Department, becoming widely known for its various activities, that can confuse the public mind as to the Society's involvement in the Department's undertakings, and

WHEREAS the Department, registered with the Government as a "Small Industries Unit," has already grown beyond the accommodation available in Besant Gardens Bungalow, and has necessitated the erection of additions to the building and

WHEREAS any further extension of operations as now contemplated, will necessarily require additional alterations to the building that may be harmful to the nature of the structure, and objected to by its owners, now be it, therefore

RESOLVED that the Kalakshetra Photographic Department be herewith notified to act immediately to obtain quarters elsewhere than in the compound of the Theosophical Society.

A letter from Kalakshetra to the Recording Secretary, dated 5th August, 1965, stated the impossibility of removing for some time to come any departments still working in Besant Gardens.

With the impending arrival of new machinery and equipment from Europe and the further promotion of business (as announced in Kalakshetra's latest report) the matter of removal is at issue.

In September 1965 the Photographic Department was given notice of a deadline for removal of the business from the Society's Headquarters compound, as of 1st June, 1966. The following Resolution was adopted:

The General Council endorses the resolution dated 13th August, 1965 of the Executive Committee and the Vice-President's letter to K. Sankara Menon, Joint Director, Kalakshetra, dated 4th September, 1965 requesting Kalakshetra to remove the photographic business before the 1st June, 1966 to its own quarters elsewhere.

In this connection the President referred to a letter he had sent to all members of the General Council in January 1962 with a diagram showing various areas marked A, B, C and D, occupied by Kalakshetra asking that each of these areas be vacated by a certain time. Having in view that all members of the General Council have already given their approval to the proposal submitted by the President, the Society would like the whole of Besant Gardens to be vacated as soon as possible.

It was decided that all the members of the General Council should be informed of the position and the steps being taken, so that the above resolution may have the approval of the General Council as a whole.

(g) *Century Fund Appeal:*

The Vice-President reported on the progress of the work done by the Committee appointed by the General Council at its meeting held on 4-1-1965 to issue an Appeal to be circulated to members of the General Council and implemented by all Sections, for funds to help the International Headquarters at Adyar to meet annual deficits and secure a satisfactory maintenance of the Headquarters at Adyar.

The Appeal directed attention towards the ABC Fund and Adyar Day collections, and included a 10-year review of the Society's finances, linked to a 10-year projection forward to 1975, visualizing a 10-year stepped programme of maintenance and improvement planned to put the International Headquarters in the best possible condition at the time of the Centennial celebration of the Society. A Fund has been created called the Century Fund. Meanwhile the Chairman of the Committee with assistance has assembled items of the programme, apportioning them over a period of 10 years to achieve the objective visualized. In addition, considerable time has been devoted by the Chairman to creating a new Adyar booklet, in modern format, for circulation to the various Sections with distribution far and wide throughout the membership, as a focus around which the Appeal for the Century Fund can be built.

The Vice-President showed to the Members of the General Council a chart, the result of an effort to foresee at least in outline what things should come first and what amount of funds will be required.

For example in 1966, under the four headings of the chart, the following are envisaged:

New Buildings:

1. Completion of new Library building.
2. Move into new Library building.
3. Landscaping the site.

Building alterations and maintenance:

1. Leadbeater Chambers re-roofing.
2. Set up programme and staff for continuous painting of buildings, inside and outside.
3. Set up programme to replace lime-wash with cement plaster, and to restore and weather-proof all usable buildings.

Roads and grounds:

1. Fence south boundary of Olcott Gardens with wire fence.
2. Begin a gardening programme to beautify the grounds, clearing away jungle growth where necessary.
3. Repair storm drains and culverts.

Utilities:

1. Continue a programme of renewing electrical wiring.
2. Install a 5-inch water main.

The General Council approved the general scheme set out in the chart, which will be subject to review and additions, and the approval of particular projects by the Executive Committee.

(h) *Israel:*

The situation of the Theosophical Society in Israel was discussed at length. Mention was made of the Lotus Lodge, which has not been paying its dues and another Lodge, "Galilea," which has been reduced to a Centre as there were only four members in it paying dues. A meeting of all the Lodges had been convened at the end of 1964 to form a Federation but while four Lodges supported this move and requested a Certificate of Federation, electing Mr. Hans Zeuger as Organizing Secretary, the other Lodge and Centre refused to join in and have requested direct affiliation to the Headquarters at Adyar. A new Lodge has recently been formed and is awaiting its Charter.

The President has so far not issued a Certificate of Federation because of the acute differences among the members. The General Council supported the view of the President that the Presidential Agency in Israel should continue for the time being.

(i) *Adyar News-Letter:*

Mr. J. E. van Dissel asked that wider publicity should be given to the *Adyar News-Letter*, as he found that very little was known about Adyar among the members of the Society. He expressed the desire that all Lodges should have a copy.

The Recording Secretary stated that some Sections already subscribe or arrange for a copy to be sent to all their Lodges, e.g. Australia, Scotland, Wales, the Canadian Federation. There was the language difficulty in Lodges and countries where English is not known. It was thought that a letter might be sent to General Secretaries asking them to write to their members, bringing to their notice the existence of this News-Letter and attention be drawn to it at Salzburg.

(j) *Urban Land Tax:*

The President stated that under a recent enactment of the Madras Legislature the Theosophical Society's Headquarters at Adyar has been notified that it is liable to pay a new tax called the Urban Land Tax. An assessment order for payment of nearly Rs. 47,000 a year had been received. An application for stay of this order was being made, since the Society's request for exemption from the Tax was still pending with the Madras Government. All efforts are being made to obtain a favourable decision from the Madras Government.

(k) *U.N. Organization and the T.S.:*

Mr. J. E. van Dissel asked whether it would be possible to re-establish contact between the Theosophical Society and the United Nations Organization in any capacity that might be possible, even though the Society could not be recognized as a Non-Governmental consultative body.

It was decided to discuss this matter at Salzburg.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1965

National Sections (Active) ...	39	No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active) ...	3	Lodges	Members
Federations formed under			
Rule 35 (c) ...	3		
Total Lodges ...	1,243		
Total Membership:			
1964 ...	31,174		
1965 ...	31,424		
Increase ...	250		
	No. of	No. of	
	Lodges	Members	
1. United States of			
America ...	134	3,844	
2. England ...	98	2,789	
3. India ...	394	7,688	
4. Australia ...	16	1,163	
5. Sweden ...	12	383	
6. New Zealand ...	18	900	
7. The Netherlands ...	34	1,278	
8. France ...	33	1,110	
9. Italy ...	27	609	
10. Germany ...	17	415	
11. Cuba ...	22	425	
12. Hungary ...	—	—	
13. Finland ...	24	408	
14. Russia ...	—	—	
15. Czechoslovakia... ..	—	—	
16. Southern Africa... ..	13	445	
17. Scotland ...	11	118	
18. Switzerland ...	10	199	
19. Belgium ...	8	245	
20. Indonesia ...	—	—	
21. Burma ...	4	78	
22. Austria ...	11	252	
23. Norway ...	7	132	
24. Egypt (Lodges			
only) ...	2	73 (1960)	
25. Denmark ...	12	250	
26. Ireland ...	3	44	
27. Mexico ...	35	883	
28. Canada ...	13	346	
29. Argentina ...	40	865	
30. Chile ...	9	150 (1956)	
31. Brazil ...	28	789	
32. Bulgaria ...	—	—	
33. Iceland ...	13	611	
34. Spain ...	—	—	
35. Portugal ...	15	209	
36. Wales ...	5	118	
37. Poland ...	—	—	
38. Uruguay ...	8	123	
39. Puerto Rico ...	7	80	
40. Rumania ...	—	—	
41. Yugoslavia ...	—	—	
42. Ceylon ...	7	84	
43. Greece ...	8	207	
44. Central America ...	9	162	
45. Paraguay ...	—	—	
46. Peru (Lodges at-			
tached to Adyar) ...	6	136 (1960)	
47. The Philippines ...	20	312	
48. Colombia ...	10	134	
49. East Africa ...	18	745	
50. Pakistan * ...	6	284 (1964)	
51. Malaya & Singapore†	8	125 (1962)	
52. Northern Ireland†	3	49	
53. Israel * ...	5	120	
54. Japan ...	—	—	
55. Viet-Nam ...	16	724	
56. Venezuela ...	7	175	
57. West Africa † ...	8	366	
58. Canadian Federation	10	141	
59. Bolivia * ...	3	48	
60. Fellows-at-Large ...	—	24	
61. Lodges and Members			
attached to Adyar:			
Hong Kong ...	1	18	
Others ...	12	266 (1964)	
„ ...	3	282	
Total	1,243	31,424	

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