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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 91ST INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Vārānasi, December 26, 1966

BY N. SRI RAM, *President*

I WELCOME to the 91st International Convention of The Theosophical Society all of you who have come to it from far and near. The Convention is being held this year at Vārānasi, the headquarters of the Indian Section, in order particularly to give the opportunity of taking part in it to members in the northern parts of India who find Adyar too far off in this country of distances. Meeting in the grounds of Shānti Kunj, the home that Dr. Annie Besant built for herself in India and in which she resided till she moved to Adyar as President of the Society, our thoughts turn naturally to her on this occasion. The imprint of her life and work, a life inseparable from the work, is all about us here. I earnestly hope that the beautiful influence and blessing which radiated from her will be with us, even without the physical presence, as we meet here to advance the cause which she so wonderfully embodied in herself. The world needs the Wisdom which she so eloquently expounded, for the healing of its divisions, its enlightenment and progress.

Before I open the Convention, let us turn our thoughts with affection for a moment to our brethren all over the world, and also to those Sources of help and inspiration which we invoke on each such occasion. (*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 91st Convention open.
(*Be seated, Brethren.*)

Every important movement in this world has had and will have its ups and downs, including periods of expansion, of settling down and later, as its ideas become well established and familiar, periods of fluctuating or slackening interest. The Theosophical Society can be no exception to this rule, which merely reflects the changing reactions of our minds, and not any waxing and waning in the unalterable values of Truth. If the ideas and statements put forth as Theosophy in the early period of growth and enthusiasm, even excitement sometimes, expressed the essential truth with regard to Nature, life, and man, they must still have the same validity, value and inspiration as at any previous time.

If Theosophy is in truth, as in its verbal meaning, the Divine Wisdom, ageless in its nature, then as our minds expand and manifest a clearer vision, the understanding of that Wisdom must also expand and

grow in depth, perspective and power to shape our individual lives. But for this to take place, this Wisdom, which is all-embracing, must not be turned into a set of formal ideas, isolated from the rest of one's life, to be accepted verbally or intellectually, and transmitted in that form to others. Every concept which does not resolve itself into the dynamism of life, but is kept on a separate shelf, must become dated. The longer it is there and the more used to it we become, the less is its attraction and charm, like some object or phenomenon which may be beautiful in itself, but has ceased to be noticed. In other words, Theosophy has to be translated into life and it is the flame and essence of it merging with life, which alone can rejuvenate either ourselves or the Society. Life is a process of experiencing and action by the whole as well as every part of one's being. What is accepted theoretically or on the basis of one's personal reactions, whether hopes, fears or wishful thinking, is merely accommodated with all else in one's nature that determines the course and manner of one's living. It is when the truth, perceived and felt with absolute objectivity, enters into and becomes blended with the process of living that life and every aspect of it assumes the significance, beauty and meaning that reside in that truth; then the truth is no longer a few lame, isolated ideas, but becomes the very meaning and expression of life.

We may engage, as many of us do, in the study of Theosophical writings, ancient and modern, also Science, Philosophy and Religion, as directed by the Second Object of the Society, but for this study to be fruitful there has to be a mind which does not stay with superficialities, which is open to the truth, without preconceptions for fantasy, and is imbued with the zest and vitality that belong to the action of

life. All facts of external learning can assume their proper place and significance only in the light of the soul wisdom to be found in the depths of oneself.

The supreme object for which the Society exists, as indicated by the word "Theosophy," is as much a way of life as it is the truth, and this dual character is also in the Universal Brotherhood which we accept theoretically, but which unfolds the melody of its meaning only as it becomes an ever-present current of influence in our lives. The meaning and beauty of the Wisdom then becomes a matter of personal experience by each for himself, as much as the beauty of any object in existence, such as a mountain range or the skies at night, not communicable in words.

The outstanding event of the year was the Fifth World Congress that was held at Salzburg in Austria in the latter part of July. Accounts of it have appeared in practically all the Theosophical journals. It brought together some 1,200 delegates from 47 countries, some as far off as Brazil, the Philippines, New Zealand, Western Canada and Iceland. The lecturers were well known or active members in responsible positions, workers of long-standing. Most of the speeches were in English, but were translated into French, German, Spanish and other languages, either directly from the platform or through the facilities that were made available by the organization of the Congress Hall where the meetings were held. There were a number of delegates who could help in the work of translating. The languages used on the platform, besides English, were French and German, and for these two languages the chief translators were respectively Dr. Thorin and Dr. Lauppert, both of whom could translate extremely well. Salzburg was chosen partly as a more or less central place, considering the distribution of the

members over the whole world, and partly because there were available there the necessary facilities, including accommodation, at the time of the year most convenient for the majority of the delegates.

The task of organizing the Congress was undertaken by the European Federation and was admirably carried out. The credit for it was due mostly to Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the Federation, and his co-adjutors. The Congress met under the central theme of "A World in Transition," though each of the lecturers chose his own subject. It was a happy and harmonious gathering and demonstrated the world-wide character of the Society, as well as its essential unity. It gave a most valuable opportunity to workers and members, active in different parts of the world, to meet and become acquainted with one another. A happy event, announced during the Congress, is the revival of the Yugoslav Section, for which official permission has been accorded.

In connection with the Congress there were meetings of the General Council of the Society, attended by no less than 22 General Secretaries, and also special meetings for the purpose of discussing questions pertaining to the work of publications and the presentation of Theosophy. The Publications group consisted of representatives of the various publishing agencies, with the Vice-President as its Chairman. The Conference on the presentation of Theosophy consisted of members nominated by the General Secretaries to represent their Sections, and was presided over by myself. A feature of the Congress program, which must have helped to bring Adyar closer to the Sections, was a series of slides of Adyar, shown and explained by the Vice-President. *Theosophy in Action*, the quarterly journal of the European Federation, has brought out a special number with photo-

graphs, reporting the speeches as well as the other proceedings of the Congress.

Work in the United States of America has settled down happily after the recent turmoil, and is now proceeding smoothly as before. The report of the National President, Miss Joy Mills, refers to its principal features; the Regional Expansion efforts, Theosophy through the radio, the helping of Lodges with program material, recorded talks, etc. She reports as an encouraging sign the admission of 365 new members, the highest number for some years. An important new source of help is the Kern Foundation for the propagation of Theosophy, established by the late Mr. Herbert Kern. The Trustees of the Foundation have already made grants for a number of purposes, including radio broadcasting and the publication of selected Theosophical books in inexpensive paper-back form. Miss Joy Mills writes that certain other programs submitted to the Trustees have also received their approval. The terms of the Foundation specify the American Section Headquarters at Wheaton and the Krotona Institute in Ojai, California, as the agencies approved for receiving the necessary aid. Mr. Herbert Kern was a devoted member and has helped the Section very generously at various times for projects in which he was specially interested.

The English Section has been engaged, among other activities, in a Campaign for Truth, one of the objects of which is "to discover what to us are the fundamentals of Theosophy and then to see that they become the guiding principles of our living". Lodges have arranged programs to further this campaign. Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, the General Secretary for England, writes that they are also having discussions on organization, with a view to consider whether the system of half a century and more ago is adequate and suitable today. "This raises," he

points out, "fundamental questions of Lodges, of lecturing, of feeding members with Theosophical fare, and the general presentation of Theosophy." The attempt, however difficult, to discuss such questions pertaining to fundamentals will, it may be hoped, stir wide interest and break new ground, opening channels for the flow of fresh life. The number of members of the Section is said to be "gently rising".

There are at present 19 Sections in Europe, all included in the European Federation, which exists for joint activities and close co-operation among them in all ways possible. Within the Federation there are regional groupings, of the English-speaking countries, the Scandinavian countries, the French-speaking areas and the German-speaking areas. An important event for all the Sections is the holding of Regional Summer Schools in which their members could take part and meet members from other Sections in their particular grouping, and also members outside that grouping who turn up. Because of the World Congress, there were this year only two Summer Schools, one in Iceland and the other at Camberley in England. The Sections had their respective Annual Conventions, of course, and the work in all of them has gone on as usual. There have been difficulties in particular places, such as Eire and Wales, due to the unexpected deaths of the previous General Secretaries. An unfortunate event, mentioned in Mr. John Coats' report, is a fire in the Huizen Centre, which destroyed its Besant Hall where the Theosophical meetings used to take place, and along with it nearly the whole of the archives of the European Federation and a valuable library. A similar accident befell also the building and hall of the Cardiff Lodge in Wales, badly damaging it.

The General Secretary for India, Mrs. Radha Burnier, begins her report with a reference to conditions in India and to the

hope expressed by Dr. Annie Besant, of a great role to be played by India. India's mission, Dr. Besant has repeatedly stated, is to share the heritage of her spiritual wisdom and thus lead the world towards a culture based on spiritual rather than material values. She could do this only if she stood faithful to her ancient ideals, the truth of *Sanatana Dharma*. Mrs. Burnier says that though India seems to be forgetting this Dharma, Indian Theosophists should not do so. She also lays stress on the importance of life and not mere talk for the progress of our movement. "There are many members who assess the usefulness and work of others by their aptitude for speech. Our real work is a matter of right perception and understanding which shines forth in the quality of our life and action. From this point of view, the most helpful and worthy member is he who is a living example of purity, selflessness and integrity. He may not be able to impress others by his speech, but he can illumine others by his life. There is a danger of our being blind to what we are because of what we speak."

The Indian Section has lost by death a number of old workers, but the General Secretary hopes the void will be filled, though not immediately. Many Conferences and gatherings have been held during the year in different parts of the country, including the Annual Workers' Training Camp at Adyar and a study camp in the north at Bhowali. The number of members is about 7,600.

The number of members in Australia is over 1,200 and in New Zealand about 930. The General Secretary for New Zealand, Mr. Dunningham, writes that attendances have markedly improved in Lodges. Miss Ruth Beringer, the General Secretary for Australia, mentions the fact—due to the nature of the country and the distribution of its population—that while

in the capital cities the Lodges have a large membership ranging from 100 to 300, in small cities the Lodges are very small. However, the Headquarters at Sydney is in touch with all of them and helps them with publicity leaflets, recorded lectures, study courses, reading lists, etc.

Argentina reports the publication of Clara Codd's *Mystery of Life*. Señor N. E. Rimini, who has retired from the post of General Secretary (Mrs. Andrea de Pondé having been elected as his successor) hopes to devote more time to the work of translation into Spanish, which has been for a long time a crying need in Latin America. Señor Walter Ballesteros in Colombia continues to publish the quarterly *Selección Teosofica*, containing translations of important articles and other material from English. These translations help the work throughout Latin America.

The General Secretary for Brazil, Señora Cinira de Figueiredo, reports that all Lodges are working harmoniously and "in total integration" with the Section, which has its Headquarters in Sao Paulo. Brazil has nearly 800 members. It is a vast country, large parts of which are still undeveloped. So naturally the work is centred in a few cities, including of course Rio de Janeiro.

The problem of distances exists not only in Australia, but also in other Sections, for instance in the Southern African Section which includes Rhodesia, and the Central American Section which includes Lodges in several Republics. Recently the Central American Section held a Convention in Guatemala City, a noteworthy event, considering that till recently the Section did not find it possible to hold such a gathering.

I have received a long report from the World Federation of Young Theosophists, mentioning the activities of various Groups throughout the world, which are also mentioned in some of the Section reports.

About 100 were present at Salzburg during the World Congress, and besides being of assistance in the practical tasks involved in the running of it, held a Camp of their own at a site nearby.

Before I went to Salzburg, I was in France and England for some time. In France I presided over the French Section Convention and later visited some places in the south, along with the General Secretary for France, Dr. Paul Thorin, who acted as my translator. I was also present at the English, Scottish and Belgian Conventions, either as "guest speaker" or "presiding," whichever may be the correct description to use. Quite a number of delegates to the Congress went on to other places to visit Lodges, lecture or meet members. The Australian General Secretary mentions the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, while on their way to Salzburg, visited the main cities in Australia, devoting a month to this work. The East African General Secretary writes with appreciation of the work of Mr. B. C. Sutaria from India over a period of five months in that Section. What I mention is but a tiny fraction of the lecturing work taking place in all the Sections throughout the year.

The work of the Theosophical Order of Service is mentioned in a number of Section Reports. In the U.S.A., Mrs. Lois Holmes, who was Director, having rather unexpectedly passed away, Mrs. Jean Tappendorf, one of her close collaborators, has been appointed National Director. She has already started making plans for extending the work of the Order and improving its efficiency. Mr. Shambhu Dayal, who is now the National Director in India, has issued a long report, stressing the importance of the T.O.S. work and outlining the steps he is taking to vitalize and re-organize the work in India. During the World Congress there was a meeting devoted to the T.O.S., which was

addressed by Mr. John Coats and Mr. Geoffrey Hodson. There is a great deal of work going on in different Sections, of the same nature as the T.O.S. activities, although not described as such. Unfortunately, the educational work which has been carried on under the auspices of the Burmese Section for over 50 years has had to come to a stop because of a Government order taking over all Schools in that country.

Among those who have passed on during the year I might mention Sri Iqbal Narain Gurtu of Banaras, a member of the Society for 58 years, a co-worker with Dr. Annie Besant in the educational field in India and General Secretary of the Indian Section for a number of years; Justice K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer, with a record of membership extending over 75 years, the chief pillar of the work in the Karnataka area in South India; Dr. A. G. Vreede of Holland, a devoted member of long standing and worker for many years in Java (now part of Indonesia); Mrs. Ethel Whyte of England, a member since 1894, and worker particularly in activities intended for the young, such as the Round Table, which she founded in concert with her husband; Mr. Otto Viking, member and worker in Denmark since 1911; Mr. Leonard Puraye, consistently active as a member in Belgium for 47 years, and Miss Winifred Knowles, a devoted member and General Secretary for Wales at the time of her death. It is not possible to name here all who have passed on. But to all of them are due our loving thoughts and good wishes.

This year, as usual, there have been some changes in the personnel of the various Departments of Adyar. Miss Daphne Darroch, who had been assisting in the editorial work of *The Theosophist*, returned to New Zealand in August, and Mr. Zoltan de Álgya-Pap again stepped into that post. This meant his relinquish-

ing much of his work in the Archives Department, but Mr. David Dynes, who has been helping in the Treasurer's Office, also gives some of his time to the important work of microfilming papers and historical documents in the Society's Archives. At the Bhojanasala Smt. Sarojini Kannan and Smt. Kanakam have taken charge as Superintendents, in place of Mr. K. Sundaraswami, and at Leadbeater Chambers, Mrs. Dorothy Scott of Australia, now at Adyar to attend the School of the Wisdom, has given some of her time to assisting Mrs. Iris Murphet and Mrs. Janet Nicholls in their multifarious tasks there. Mr. and Mrs. George Linton of Portland, U.S.A., returned to Adyar at the end of September, Mr. Linton to continue supervision of the construction of the new Adyar Library building in its final stages, and Mrs. Linton to serve again as Secretary for the School of the Wisdom for its 1966-67 session. Otherwise the Heads and Assistants of Departments at Adyar remain as reported previously.

The 18th session of the School of the Wisdom opened on October 3rd with Dr. Iqbal Taimni as Director once again, and Mrs. Dulcie Linton as Secretary. Fifteen students have been taking part in its work, out of whom 4 are from Australia, 2 from England, 2 from U.S.A., 1 from Switzerland, 1 from Finland and 5 from India. They have been a harmonious group and the work has been carried on with much enthusiasm. Dr. Taimni has given a series of talks and there have also been discussions based on these talks and papers presented by the students.

The new Adyar Library building, mentioned in my last year's Address, has now been very nearly completed. The building is a handsome addition to those on the Adyar estate, and beautifully situated. Originally, it was planned to construct only about half the building, leaving the rest to be taken up later. But in view of

the constantly rising costs, it was decided to complete it as early as possible. It should help the Library to function more adequately and fulfil the purposes for which the President-Founder, Colonel Olcott, established it in 1886. In the *Golden Book of the Theosophical Society*, published in 1925, Brother Jinarājadāsa wrote: "The Library has become a striking institution of the Society. . . . It has so outgrown its original building, even after being once enlarged by Colonel Olcott, that a very urgent need is the erection of a new building." This very urgent need could be met, because of various circumstances, only after 41 years.

Last year I mentioned the heavy burden that the Urban Land Tax, introduced by the Madras Government, threatened to impose on the Society. I am happy to state that representations made on the Society's behalf, not only by the Society itself but also by eminent public men throughout India, have induced the Government to exempt the Society's estate from this impost. Under the Urban Land Tax Act it can exempt any philanthropic institution, and the Society has been treated as such. The fact that so many persons of eminence occupying responsible positions have supported the Society indicates the esteem in which it is held generally in India. Among those who were good enough to put their signatures to our memorandum of appeal I might mention Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, an ex-Governor General of India, Dr. C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, a former member of the Viceroy's Executive Council, and Mr. Sri Prakasa, a former Governor of Madras State.

Last year I referred to the creation of a Centenary Fund, since renamed "Cen-

tury Fund," for which an appeal was to be sent to all Sections, Lodges and members by a Committee headed by the Vice-President. An appeal outlining the needs was sent out in March this year, and the response to it has been very encouraging. I wish to thank all who have contributed to it, as well as all who have made donations for other purposes, including the A.B.C. Fund and the Fund for the new Adyar Library building.

In concluding this Address I would like to say, in answer to questions in the minds of many, that how the Society develops in the future and what it accomplishes will depend upon each individual member, his understanding and approach not merely to philosophical questions, but to all questions affecting human welfare and progress. This progress is not to be understood conventionally, but in terms which will spell real understanding and evince the true values of life. Life is a movement which spells change; but we must understand the nature of the change that is needed. Mere intellectual study of certain books and the repetition or even the expounding of the ideas in them will not radically change either the world or ourselves. In so far as a member is indifferent to the cause which the Society represents or is merely pursuing his own pleasure and purposes through it, he is certainly not contributing to its progress but is blocking it. There has to be on the part of each member a genuine concern, a desire and attempt to do all that he can for the cause. The future, in so far as we can shape it, will depend upon what we are and how we think and act at present.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

From the financial point of view the past year has been very satisfactory for the Society, first because the response to the appeal for donations, particularly through the Century Fund, has been very good and second because the deficit in the Society's accounts has been considerably reduced from Rs. 61,065 to Rs. 16,357; and even this figure will be further reduced if note is taken of the surpluses in the accounts of the Adyar Library and the T. P. H. Particulars of the operations of these departments will later be presented in this report but I wish here to mention that, if included in the survey of all the activities on this compound, the net deficit is only Rs. 3,148-05. With a view to presenting a statement giving the full information concerning *all* the Society's departments, the accounts for both the Library and the T. P. H. have this year been incorporated in the Balance Sheet of the Society. The inclusion of these figures, however, does not imply any change in the administration or management of these departments and their accounts continue to be presented, as hitherto, in full and self-contained form as semi-autonomous activities of the Society, albeit under the control and direction of the General Council.

1. Income and Expenditure Account:

To show the various factors which have contributed to the diminution of Rs. 44,708 in the amount of the deficit the following figures are presented:

	Rs.	Rs.
<i>Increased Income:</i>		
Rent	... 4,356	
Fees and Dues	... 7,579	
Interest	... 6,004	
Other	... 4,719	
<i>Decreased Expenditure:</i>		
Departmental account	... 9,586	
* Gratuities and Pensions	... 54,838	
Repairs and Renewals	... 21,417	
Miscellaneous	... 4,503	
	—————	1,13,002
Counterbalanced by:		
<i>Decreased Income:</i>		
General Donations	... 56,294	
<i>Increased Expenditure:</i>		
Vice-President's Travelling Fund	... 12,000	
	—————	68,294
		—————
		44,708
		—————

* The reason why Gratuities and Pensions show such a striking reduction is that the gratuity payments this year were met from the newly created Gratuity Reserve whereas the previous year all the payments had to be charged to Income and Expenditure account.

2. Donations:

(a) *Adyar Day Collections:* The total of collections during the year amounted to Rs. 58,140 and from this the President has made the following allocations:

	Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Library	... 5,000	
Faithful Service Fund	... 500	
Olcott Harijan Schools	... 500	
President's Discretionary Fund	... 1,000	
Welfare Fund	... 3,000	
Gratuities Reserve	... 40,000	
	-----	50,000
Towards Deficit		8,000

		58,000

(b) *General Donations:* Amounted to Rs. 32,943, which was Rs. 45,293 less than the previous year (but see Century Fund—para 3).

A donation during the year which is worthy of note was \$ 2,023 (Rs. 13,760) from the Theosophical Investment Trust, U. S. A.

(c) *Legacies:* An important acquisition to the funds of the Society during the past year was derived from the bequest of \$ 35,495 worth of Industrial Shares from the Estate of the late Christine M. Walter of the U.S.A. At today's rate of exchange these shares are worth Rs. 2,63,142 but they have been taken into the General Fund at a value of Rs. 1,66,657 only, the difference, representing the increase in value following devaluation of the Rupee, being credited to an Exchange Equalization Fund. (See also "Devaluation"—para 16).

3. Century Fund:

At the conclusion of this, the first full year since the Century Fund Appeal was inaugurated, it is most gratifying to report that the fund shows a splendid balance of Rs. 1,43,864. The total contributions during the year amounted to

Rs. 1,84,638 and the outlay from the Fund towards Repairs and Renewals of the Society's buildings amounted to Rs. 30,774. But for the existence of this Fund, this amount would have been a charge on the General Funds of the Society; so in effect, the Century Fund has already achieved its subsidiary purpose of reducing the Society's deficits.

4. Adyar Library Building Fund:

The total expended, on the new Adyar Library building at 30-9-66 amounted to Rs. 5,69,853. Contributions to the Library Building Fund during the year amounted to Rs. 1,50,441 including bequest from the Estate of the late E. M. Lavender Rs. 76,420, bequest from the Estate of the late Sydney A. Cook Rs. 37,537, donation from Mr. N. Sri Ram Rs. 29,000, which brought the total of the Fund to Rs. 5,32,872. Since the Fund is now exhausted, this means that the Society henceforth will be required to finance the remaining expenditure on the Building. Although the total of the Building Fund has now been expended, the figures for both the Fund and the Building Construction are given in the Balance Sheet—both that the full extent of the Fund may be shown

as well as the total cost of production to date. Upon the completion of the building and its handing over by the Contractors to the Society, the total of the Fund will be taken into Capital Account and the final amount of indebtedness to the Society will likewise be shown as a liability. It seems likely that the total amount which will require to be advanced to complete the building will amount to something like two and a half lakhs, which means that the building will have cost over 7½ lakhs.

5. Fees and Dues:

The revenue from this source totalled Rs. 38,056, an increase of Rs. 7,579 on the previous year. This is accounted for by the fact that many of the Sections have now begun to remit the increased quota of section dues to the General Treasury (as per amended Rule 43 (a) of the Rules and Regulations).

6. Faithful Service Fund:

Now stands at Rs. 35,840 showing a slight drop from the previous year's balance of Rs. 38,989. The usual allocation of Rs. 500 has been credited from the Adyar Day Collections.

7. Sundry Debtors:

The amount owing by the T.P.H. has been further substantially reduced this year from Rs. 1,05,325 to Rs. 29,390. On the other hand the Adyar Library has now contracted a debt of Rs. 67,600, being the funds advanced by the Society in respect of the new Library building. The total of the remaining Sundry Debtors has also been considerably reduced from Rs. 50,470 to Rs. 32,643.

8. Leadbeater Chambers:

The deficit has increased from Rs. 5,096 to Rs. 6,891, due mainly to further rises in the cost of foodstuffs. Subsequent to

the closing of the financial year, the Executive Committee decided to increase the boarding charges for residents and guests, and it is expected that the income this year will be sufficient to meet the running costs.

9. Bhojanasala:

The year's loss in this establishment has risen from Rs. 7,246 to Rs. 9,093 due to increased cost of foodstuffs and administrative charges. As with Leadbeater Chambers, the Executive Committee have approved some increase in the charges for meals, but it is unlikely that this will be sufficient to meet expenses.

10. Laundry:

The deficit this year has increased from Rs. 4,122 to Rs. 5,715. This is due to the fall in the income from work done, whereas there was a substantial increase of approximately Rs. 1,000 in the wages bill.

11. Maintenance Department:

The deficit has been further reduced slightly this year from Rs. 37,921 to Rs. 33,378. The establishment of the Departmental Gratuities Reserve in the previous year has meant that the amount under this heading met from Income and Expenditure account this year was Rs. 2,161 as against Rs. 9,169 the previous year for both Gratuities and Gratuities Reserve.

12. Garden Department:

The department has shown a good year, the deficit being only Rs. 1,306 as compared with Rs. 12,034 the previous year. Mostly this is due to a better return from Cultivation account—up by Rs. 6,462, Gross Income from cultivation having increased from Rs. 19,861 to Rs. 26,324, due to increased production from Coconut and Paddy Crops. Paddy cultivation was resumed this year after being in abeyance for a period of about 12 months. Also,

a saving of over Rs. 5,000 was effected in reduced calls for gratuities.

13. Vasanta Press:

The out-turn for the year (Sales) at Rs. 1,67,734 shows an increase of Rs. 670 over that of the previous year. The cost of production during the year, viz., Rs. 96,893 was less by Rs. 6,398 compared with the previous year, resulting in an increase of income by Rs. 7,068 from Rs. 63,773 to Rs. 70,841.

The supervision and other overhead expenses (excluding retirement allowances and gratuities) amounted to Rs. 49,347 against Rs. 47,420 during the previous year.

There was an increase in the payment of retirement allowances during the year from Rs. 16,254 in the previous year to Rs. 17,541. However, the amount debited under gratuity was only Rs. 3,158 as against the previous year's disbursements of Rs. 57,953. There was a net surplus of Rs. 794 during the year, against a deficit of Rs. 57,853 in the previous year. The financial results of the working of the Press during the year can therefore be regarded as satisfactory.

It should here be mentioned that the pressing need for the replacement of the printing machines at the Press, which have become very old, has been fully considered by the Press Council. As a result steps have been taken to import suitable machinery from abroad on a gift basis, financed by donations from members overseas.

14. T. P. H.:

The cost of new publications during the year was Rs. 72,304 against Rs. 68,980 in the previous year. The sales of T.P.H. publications during the year amounted to Rs. 1,68,890 against Rs. 1,44,648 in the previous year. This increase of Rs. 24,242 was mainly due to larger sales overseas. Sales of other publications, photos, in-

cense, etc. at Rs. 35,317 also showed an increase of Rs. 4,254 over the previous year. The closing stock was Rs. 1,82,016 against Rs. 2,18,363 last year. The decrease of Rs. 36,347 was due to reduction in book value (Rs. 21,380), increase in sales, etc.

Establishment and other expenditure during the year was Rs. 54,477 against Rs. 50,423 last year. The increase of Rs. 4,054 was due to staff increments (Rs. 1,700), payment of rent for the premises (Rs. 1,200), and increase in advertisement charges (Rs. 1,200). The increase in royalty payments (Rs. 3,900) was counterbalanced by the decrease in provision for gratuity (Rs. 4,000). Owing to increased sales (especially of old publications to Wheaton), the net available revenue surplus was Rs. 29,432 against Rs. 1,140 last year. Out of this, a sum of Rs. 5,404 was set off against the cumulative loss on *The Theosophist* (Rs. 4,128 for current year and Rs. 1,276 to end of last year) leaving a net surplus of Rs. 24,028. A sum of Rs. 15,000 has been transferred to "Special Publication Reserve" to enable the T.P.H. to publish important books in future which may not prove remunerative. The balance of Rs. 9,028 representing the net profit during the year has been added to the Capital Account.

The amount owing to the T.S., which was Rs. 1,05,326 on 30-9-65, was reduced to Rs. 29,390 on 30-9-66. This considerable reduction was made possible due to increased sale proceeds without any increase in the amount spent on new publications. If similar conditions continue next year, it is hoped that the entire outstandings to the T.S. will be liquidated by the end of 1967.

15. Adyar Library:

(a) Publications account shows a surplus of Rs. 4,983. This was due to

the receipt of a Central Government Grant for publications amounting to Rs. 14,667, Rs. 11,400 of which should have been paid the previous year. Due to this non-payment, the publications account for that year showed a loss of Rs. 5,161.

(b) *Income and Expenditure Account:* Due mainly to a substantial increase in donations to the Library during the year, viz., Rs. 28,813 compared with the previous year, Rs. 3,593, the Income and Expenditure Account showed an excess of income over expenditure of Rs. 4,180 (previous year's deficit: Rs. 26,829).

(c) The Endowment Fund has been increased by the addition of this year's profit, and the balance now stands at Rs. 16,196.

16. Devaluation:

As a result of the devaluation of the Rupee by the Government of India on 6th June 1966, the value of the Foreign Securities owned by the Society have had to be considerably upgraded in terms of Rupees. Thus the increase in the value of "Foreign Investments" listed among the assets of the Balance Sheet is due to this re-assessment. However, this increase has

not been taken into Capital Account (General Fund) as the Rupee value of these assets might also be deflated should there be any devaluation in the currencies of the two countries concerned (the U.K. and U.S.A.).

It has therefore been thought prudent to create a reserve for such an eventuality by crediting this increment to an "Exchange Equalization Fund".

A further consequence of the devaluation of the Rupee as far as the Society is concerned is that all remittances from overseas have a much higher value upon conversion into Rupees. To quote an instance—Last year's contribution of \$ 4,353 by the United States Section to the Adyar Day Appeal (at the new rate of exchange) realized the sum of Rs. 32,617 as compared with Rs. 19,678 which would have been the amount prior to devaluation.

17. Urban Land Tax:

We are very happy to report that the Society's petition for total exemption of its lands from the operations of the Urban Land Tax has been finally granted by the Madras State Government.

ADYAR
14-12-1966

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Joint Treasurer.

STUART G. NICHOLLS,
Treasurer.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 20, INDIA

Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1966

A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

Particulars

No.		<i>Amount</i>
		Rs.
1.	3% Conversion Loan, 1986	... 2,61,200
2.	3% First Development Loan, 1970-75	... 80,000
3.	4¼% Madras Loan, 1972	... 10,000
4.	4½% Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1969-76	... 1,00,000
5.	do 1970-80	... 15,000
6.	do 1966-73	... 25,000
7.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, 1971-76	... 30,000
8.	4¼% do 1970-75	... 20,000
9.	4% do 1966-68	... 25,000
10.	4¼% do 1967-69	... 1,00,000
11.	4½% do 1971-76	... 1,00,000
12.	4¼% do 1967-69	... 20,100
13.	4% Mysore Land Mortgage Bank	... 20,000
14.	5¼% Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposits	... 83,000
15.	5¼% do	... 1,00,000
16.	5½% do	... 25,000
17.	5½% do	... 50,000
18.	5½% do	... 25,000
19.	7¼% do	... 3,00,000
20.	7¼% do	... 25,000
21.	12 Year National Savings Certificates	... 40,000
22.	10 Year Treasury Savings Deposit Certificates	... 10,000
23.	4% Funding Stock (Sterling) 1970 £ 11,297	... 2,37,243
24.	4% Government of Australia 55-70 £ 1,049	... 22,032
25.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway £ 3,000	... 63,000
26.	3½% Queensland Government 55-70 £ 1,400	... 29,400
27.	4½% Kenya Government Loan £ 500	... 10,500
		<hr/> 18,26,475 <hr/>

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1966

			1965-66		1964-65	
			Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
The Theosophical Society in	Argentina	...	804	47	311	87
"	"	America	749	25	...	
"	"	Australia	646	71	622	56
"	"	Austria	338	47	228	65
"	"	Brazil	790	16	247	52
"	"	Canada	1,202	34	434	66
"	"	Chile	747	25	...	
"	"	Colombia	170	32	148	45
"	"	Denmark	250	49	166	68
"	"	East Africa	442	75	222	00
"	"	England	6,490	51	3,359	51
"	"	Finland	479	99	427	00
"	"	France	2,394	67	1,343	98
"	"	Germany	461	35	277	68
"	"	India	5,824	34	3,767	77
"	"	Ireland	47	52	42	65
"	"	Italy	1,042	90	225	00
"	"	Mexico	1,228	56	522	98
"	"	Netherlands	8,533	68	3,171	33
"	"	New Zealand	768	19	843	43
"	"	Norway	140	35	69	50
"	"	Philippines	140	00	...	
"	"	Portugal	565	75	...	
"	"	Puerto Rico	158	45	...	
"	"	Scotland	253	15	285	07
"	"	South Africa	344	37	351	13
"	"	Sweden	609	96	254	05
"	"	Switzerland	210	00	77	67
"	"	Uruguay	65	82	132	86
"	"	Venezuela	235	87	238	25
"	"	Wales	298	23	130	42
"	"	West Africa	443	28	7	40
"	"	U.S.A.	...		10,182	20
"	"	Iceland	...		782	29
Canadian Federation		...	170	25	216	87
From Spanish-speaking Members						
through N. S. R.		633	52
Non-Sectionalized Lodges, etc.		...	1,006	94	752	55
			<hr/>		<hr/>	
			38,056	34	30,477	50
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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:								
Bad debts written off ...	146	04			...			
Convention 1964 ...	2,973	79			...			
Convention 1965 ...					4,255	60		
Dispensary ...	8,608	67			7,883	72		
Emergency Risk Insurance ...	18	00			108	00		
Fire Insurance * ...					312	17		
Gratuities Account ...	2,426	19			...			
Gulistan House Property Expenditure Account ...	833	87			621	05		
International Offices ...					7,508	66		
Legal and Audit Fees ...	4,107	00			3,152	50		
Light and Water ...	7,623	27			6,659	42		
Miscellaneous ...	9,510	54			8,571	33		
Museum and Archives ...	3,584	26			3,083	75		
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones...	3,809	09			4,372	69		
Printing and Stationery ...	6,826	82			1,515	30		
Publications to General Secretaries ...	695	99			721	16		
Repairs and Renewals ...	54,804	96			33,388	00		
Retirement Allowances ...	2,587	28			2,866	39		
Salaries and Wages ...	39,542	83			47,479	47		
Sanitation ...	6,207	02			5,748	47		
Taxes ...	16,515	26			17,619	21		
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	00			12,000	00		
Travelling and Conveyances * ...					631	91		
Watch and Ward ...	24,998	64			24,344	16		
Expenses for Jungle Wood			2,07,819	52			1,92,842	95
			136	38			...	
Departmental Results:								
Bhojanasala ...	— 7,246	69			— 9,093	36		
Maintenance Department ...	— 37,921	48			— 33,378	27		
Garden Department ...	— 12,034	63			— 1,305	58		
Laundry ...	— 4,122	89			— 5,715	01		
Leadbeater Chambers ...	— 5,096	97			— 6,891	42		
Vasanta Press ...	— 57,853	38			+ 794	28		
			1,24,276	04			55,589	36
Appropriations:								
To Adyar Library ...	5,000	00			5,000	00		
„ The School of the Wisdom ...	3,000	00			3,000	00		
„ Vice-President's Travelling Fund ...					12,000	00		
„ President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	00			6,600	00		
			14,600	00			26,600	00
Depreciation:								
On Motor Cars ...	6,738	56			3,870	44		
„ Immovable Property ...	16,333	42			16,398	60		
„ Gulistan ...	403	38			403	38		
„ Movable Property ...	312	12			134	40		
			23,787	48			20,806	82
Reserve for Gratuity			6,974	00			3,410	00
* Previous years merged in "Miscellaneous"			3,77,593	42			2,99,249	14

ADYAR

8th December 1966

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

STUART G. NICHOLLS,
Treasurer.ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Joint Treasurer.

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Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
General Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	8,91,126	83	19,53,291	82
Add: Value of U. S. Shares (By Bequest) ...	...	...	1,66,657	09
„ Increase in the value of Life Policy ...	...	...	4,470	00
„ Transfer from Adyar Library Capital Account ...	966	07	989	01
„ Transfer from General Endowment Fund ...	11,22,264	52	...	...
	20,14,357	42	21,25,407	92
Less: Loss on Sale of Investments ...	...	...	996	80
	20,14,357	42	21,24,411	12
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	61,065	60	16,356	89
		19,53,291 82		21,08,054 23
Exchange Equalization Fund: ...		...		2,43,818 81
T. P. H. Capital Account: ...		1,04,929 67		1,21,958 32
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund: (b) ...		18,00,785 94		18,27,970 63
Century Fund: (a) ...		...		1,43,863 51
Other Funds: (see notes below)				
(1) Of the Society: Interest Bearing:				
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a) ...	13,005	24	16,196	42
Adyar Library Building Fund Cash (c) ...	3,38,430	98	4,88,872	24
Fixed Property ...	45,000	00	44,000	00
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	90,574	59	89,463	78
do. do. (c) ...	12,539	14	12,702	89
		4,99,549 95		6,51,235 33
(2) Of the Society: Non-Interest Bearing:				
President's Travelling Fund ...	12,147	35	14,409	48
Miscellaneous Funds ...	90,832	06	95,047	86
		1,02,979 41		1,09,457 34
(3) Of Others: Interest-Bearing: ...		60,370 38		60,015 57
(4) Of Others: Non-Interest Bearing: ...		8,850 88		3,999 87
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 ...	117	58	140	34
Casuarina Development ...	8,665	86	9,247	84
		20,783 44		21,388 18
The T. P. H. Reserves and Surplus: ...		31,988 51		49,968 62
Adyar Library: Funds and Reserves:				
Miscellaneous Funds ...	3,495	97	3,855	97
Gratuities Reserve ...	13,492	59	14,692	59
		16,988 56		18,548 56
Sundry Deposits: ...		65,686 09		63,320 52
Sundry Creditors:				
For T. P. H. ...	1,44,787	55	95,641	12
For Departments ...	24,731	59	23,737	02
For Others ...	48,580	79	19,619	85
		2,18,099 93		1,38,997 99
Liabilities for Expenses: ...		2,250 00		2,568 20
Gratuities Reserve: ...		31,542 00		76,907 17
C/o		49,18,096 58		56,42,072 85

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1966

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 Sales) ...	2,269	15			2,269	15		
„ Eastern Border Boundary								
Account ...	4,369	91			6,063	56		
			2,35,859	97			2,37,553	62
Lands at Urur: (At Cost)								
(As per Books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...			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		
Add: Additions ...	...				6,518	21		
	8,16,671	32			8,23,189	53		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	4,21,421	39			4,37,819	99		
			3,95,249	93			3,85,369	54
“Gulistan,” Kotagiri: (At Cost)								
(As per Books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,169	72			20,169	72		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	5,324	26			5,727	64		
			14,845	46			14,442	08
The T.P.H. Assets ...			2,57,313	51			2,43,370	21
Movable Property at Adyar:								
Furniture and Fixtures: (At Cost)								
(As per Books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	84,243	65			84,226	37		
Add: Additions ...	150	00			438	24		
	84,393	65			84,664	61		
Less: Sales ...	167	28			...			
	84,226	37			84,664	61		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	84,113	87			84,248	27		
			112	50			416	34
Motor Cars: (At Cost)								
(As per Books)								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	33,692	84			33,692	84		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	26,905	73			30,776	17		
			6,787	11			2,916	67
Investments: (At Cost)								
(As per Books)								
Government of India Loans ...	6,74,304	98			3,77,798	88		
State Govt. Loans ...	5,32,865	30			4,84,811	50		
Foreign Investments ...	2,75,229	85			6,40,318	35		
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	29,500	00			33,970	00		
Miscellaneous Securities ...	56,412	69			48,784	69		
Fixed Deposit ...	12,23,000	00			15,28,000	00		
			27,91,312	82			31,13,683	42
The T.P.H. Investments: ...			13,466	56			13,495	00
Interest accrued on Investments: ...			33,015	26			34,962	94
C/o			37,61,745	52			40,59,992	22

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f		49,18,096 58		56,42,072 85
Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes. (b) Interest only available for general purposes. (c) Interest only available for specific purposes.				
		49,18,096 58		56,42,072 85

ADYAR

16th December, 1966

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

STUART G. NICHOLLS,
Treasurer.ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Joint Treasurer.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1966

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f ...				
		37,61,745	52	
				40,59,992
				22
Departmental Assets:				
(As valued and Certified by the Management)				
Water Line Meter Installations ...	436	00	392	00
Electrical Installations ...	25,560	00	23,004	00
Telephone Installations ...	1,358	00	1,222	00
Tools, Equipments, etc. ...	26,415	70	25,410	50
Printing Machinery, etc. ...	74,132	00	66,274	00
Accounts Recoverable ...	9,394	18	10,098	76
Standing Crops and Developments Account ...	65,823	50	66,936	99
Stock on hand ...	1,51,469	43	1,54,899	07
		3,54,588	81	3,48,237
		5,24,687	75	8,60,966
		1,160	49	4,524
		10,736	89	22,376
		280	00	290
				00
Adyar Library Assets:				
Sundry Assets: (As per Books) ...				
Loans and Advances: ...				
Security Deposit: ...				
Sundry Debtors: (As per Books)				
Considered good by Management				
Due by T.P.H. ...	1,05,325	80	29,390	40
Due by Others ...	50,470	21	32,643	27
		1,55,796	01	62,033
				67
Gratuity Advances to Employees: ...		7,239	64	7,939
Prepaid Expenses: ...		1,641	14	1,992
Cheque Cashed: ...		132	00	24
Cash:				...
In Madras Banks on Current A/c. ...	69,282	95	1,97,435	03
„ London Bank „ „ ...	12,073	62	61,380	69
On Hand ...	7,806	10	4,202	01
		89,162	67	2,63,017
		10,925	66	10,702
				85
T.P.H. Cash and Bank Balances ...				
		49,18,096	58	56,42,072
				85

Examined and found correct.

N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1966-67

EXPENSES	Budget for 1965-66	Actuals for 1965-66	Budget for 1966-67	INCOME	Budget for 1965-66	Actuals for 1965-66	Budget for 1966-67
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	41,000	47,480	51,000	Rent ...	52,000	55,880	60,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	45,000	33,388	30,000	Fees and Dues ...	35,000	38,056	40,000
Light and Water ...	8,000	6,659	7,000	Wood ...	500	215	200
Miscellaneous ...	10,100	16,080	16,000	Interest (Gross) ...	1,30,000	1,40,681	1,45,000
Legal and Audit Fees ...	5,000	3,153	3,500	Administration Charges ...	10,300	14,744	15,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones ...	4,000	4,373	4,560	Special Departments:			
Printing and Stationery ...	7,000	1,515	1,600	Bhojanasala ...	15,000	16,544	17,000
Publications to General Secretaries ...	700	721	700	Garden Department ...	68,000	67,942	50,000
Bad Debts Written off ...	200	...	100	Laundry ...	6,000	5,947	6,200
Taxes ...	17,000	17,619	18,000	Leadbeater Chambers... ..	30,000	29,978	38,000
Fire Insurance ...	...	312	400	Maintenance Department ...	1,08,500	1,22,808	1,27,000
Emergency Risk Insurance ...	100	108	...	Sanitary Department ...	1,000	2,478	2,500
Gulistan House Property Expenditure ...	800	621	800	Vasanta Press ...	1,60,000	1,67,734	1,67,000
Convention ...	4,000	4,256	2,000	Donations ...	...	40,944	40,000
Museum and Archives ...	4,000	3,084	3,500	Deficit ...	1,18,100	16,357	45,500
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	10,000	7,628	18,000				
Retirement Allowance ...	3,000	2,866	4,000				
Provision for Gratuity ...	7,000	3,410	3,500				
Dispensary ...	8,700	7,884	8,000				
Sanitary Department ...	7,200	8,227	8,500				
Watch and Ward ...	26,000	24,344	25,000				
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	12,000	12,000				
Travelling and Conveyance ...	...	631	700				
Contributions:							
To The Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
„ President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ Vice-President's Travelling Fund ...	...	12,000	7,000				
„ School of the Wisdom ...	3,000	3,000	3,000				
Special Departments:							
Bhojanasala ...	23,000	25,637	27,000				
Garden Department ...	77,000	69,249	70,000				
Laundry ...	10,500	11,662	12,000				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	35,000	36,869	40,000				
Maintenance Department ...	1,55,000	1,56,186	1,70,000				
Vasanta Press ...	1,74,500	1,66,940	1,73,000				
Depreciation ...	24,000	20,806	21,000				
Capital Expenditure:							
Vasanta Press Machinery and Plant Rs. 5,000							
Types and Metal 15,000							
	7,34,400	7,20,308	7,53,400		7,34,400	7,20,308	7,53,400

ADYAR

13th December, 1966

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

The Adyar Library
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1966

THE ADYAR

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE

DEBIT	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Opening Stock of Publications ...		19,909	43	26,628 68
„ Cost of Publications:				
Including <i>Brahmavidya</i> ...		22,929	31	* 27,820 31
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure		4,983 49
		42,838	74	59,432 48

* Government Grant of Rs. 17,000 (approx) is expected towards this item.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Excess Debit over Credit from Publications Account ...	5,161	29	...	
„ Salaries and Wages ...	23,621	82	25,213	30
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,081	89	1,320	09
„ Postages ...	459	73	400	96
„ Printing and Stationery ...	592	25	1,024	93
„ Fire Insurance ...	105	90	105	90
„ Miscellaneous ...	3,184	89	3,719	29
„ Microfilming Charges ...	...		861	19
„ Depreciation ...	2,116	37	2,036	18
„ Administration Charges ...	...		2,521	00
„ Retirement Allowance ...	1,472	76	1,594	56
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,000	00	1,200	00
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	...		4,180	19
	38,796	90	44,177	59

ADYAR

6th December, 1966

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

STUART G. NICHOLLS,

Treasurer.

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIC,

Joint Treasurer.

LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1966

CREDIT	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Sale of Publications:				
Including <i>Brahmavidya</i> ...		11,048	77	15,518 55
„ Central Government grant for Publications		...		14,667 00
„ Closing Stock of Publications		26,628	68	29,246 93
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income		5,161	29	...
		42,838	74	59,432 48

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1966

INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Income from Publication	...	...	4,983	49
„ T.S. Contribution	5,000	00	5,000	00
„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations	3,593	52	28,813	45
„ Interest on Endowment Fund	1,632	02	520	30
„ Miscellaneous Receipts	1,742	03	3,568	98
„ Microfilming Receipts	...	...	1,291	37
	11,967	57	44,177	59
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income...	26,829	33	...	...
	38,796	90	44,177	59

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.
Endowment Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	40,800	64	13,005	24
<i>Less:</i> Capital Expenditure				
Furniture, Manuscripts, Books and				
Customs Duty on Microfilming				
Equipment ...	966	07	989	01
	39,834	57	12,016	23
<i>Less:</i> Excess of Expenditure over Income	26,829	33	...	
			13,005	24
<i>Add:</i> Excess of Income over				
Expenditure ...	...		4,180	19
				16,196 42
Capital Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,23,720	74	2,24,686	81
<i>Add:</i> Transfer from Endowment Fund ...	966	07	989	01
			2, 24,686	81
				2,25,675 82
Building Fund:				
(i) Fixed Property:				
Value of Building				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	50,000	00	50,000	00
<i>Less:</i> Depreciation to date ...	5,000	00	6,000	00
			45,000	00
				44,000 00
(ii) Other Donations:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,27,438	70	2,94,655	87
<i>Add:</i> Received during the year ...	67,217	17	1,50,441	26
			2,94,655	87
				4,45,097 13
Add-A-Brick Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...			43,775	11
				43,775 11
C/o			6,21,123	03
				7,74,744 48

LIBRARY

30TH SEPTEMBER, 1966

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Manuscripts and Books:								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,57,685	70			1,58,672	97		
Add: Additions ...	987	27			989	01		
			1,58,672	97			1,59,661	98
Immovable Property at Juhu:								
Value of house property gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	50,000	00			50,000	00		
Less: Depreciation up-to-date ...	5,000	00			6,000	00		
			45,000	00			44,000	00
Microfilming Equipment:								
Value of Microfilming Equipment gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	23,840	24			22,627	00		
Less: Sales ...	21	20			...			
	23,819	04			22,627	00		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	1,192	04			1,131	35		
			22,627	00			21,495	65
Furniture: At Cost								
As per last Balance Sheet ...	34,769	88			34,769	88		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	12,773	53			13,619	86		
			21,996	35			21,150	02
Furnishings:	312	00			234	00		
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	78	00			58	50		
			234	00			175	50
Sundry Debtors ...			4,969	13			12,368	25
Advances:								
Director's Discretionary Loan Fund account ...	...				28	00		
Prepaid Fire Insurance ...	70	60			70	60		
			70	60			98	60
Adyar Library Building Construction Account ...			2,40,684	01			5,69,853	24
Deposits:								
With The Theosophical Society ...			1,16,716	22			...	
Stock on hand:								
Publications ...	26,628	68			29,246	93		
Insecticides, etc. ...	3,805	01			2,915	87		
			30,433	69			32,162	80
C/o			6,41,403	97			8,60,966	04

LIABILITIES		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
	B/f				
			6,21,123	03	7,74,744 48
Advances by the T.S.	...		...		67,600 92
Discretionary Fund:					
As per last Balance Sheet	...		684	97	684 97
Gratuities Reserve:					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	16,670	59	13,492	59
Add: Provisions for the year	...	1,000	00	1,200	00
		17,670	59	14,692	59
Less: Payments made	...	4,178	00	...	
			13,492	59	14,692 59
Book Deposits:					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	2,631	00	2,811	00
Add: Receipts	...	460	00	560	00
		3,091	00	3,371	00
Less: Refunds	...	280	00	200	00
			2,811	00	3,171 00
Advances:					
Suspense	...		42	38	...
Sundry Creditors	...		3,250	00	72 08
			6,41,403	97	8,60,966 04

ADYAR
6th December, 1966

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		6,41,403 97		8,60,966 04
		6,41,403 97		8,60,966 04

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

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

ACCOUNT FOR 1966-67

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 1965-66	Budget for 1966-67	INCOME	Actuals for 1965-66	Budget for 1966-67
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Salaries and Wages ...	25,213	27,000	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,320	1,400	„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	28,813	10,000
„ Postages ...	401	400	„ Interest on Endowments ...	520	650
„ Printing and Stationery ...	1,025	1,100	„ Miscellaneous Receipts (Including supply of Trans- scripts and Microfilms)	4,860	5,000
„ Fire Insurance ...	106	110	„ Publications Account (Including Central Gov- ernment Grant for Publications) ...	4,984	...
„ Miscellaneous (including Cost of Manuscripts and Microfilms) ...	4,580	5,000	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	...	21,960
„ Administration Charges ...	2,521	2,700		44,177	42,610
„ Depreciation ...	2,036	2,100			
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,200	1,200			
„ Retirement Allowance ...	1,595	1,600			
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	4,180	...			
	44,177	42,610			
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
„ Adyar Library Building ...	5,69,853	2,00,000			
PUBLICATIONS					
„ <i>Brahmavidya</i> ...		6,000			
„ Other Publications ...		30,000			

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

Theosophical Publishing House
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1966

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF "THE THEOSOPHIST"

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Printing and Blocks ...	16,848	13	17,411	79
Postage and Packing ...	6,915	07	6,669	62
Establishment ...	2,338	58	2,717	58
Editorial ...	2,000	00	2,676	23
General Expenses ...	90	83	233	27
Depreciation ...	163	52	137	70
Overhead and Administration Charges ...	1,200	00	1,200	00
	29,556	13	31,046	19

MADRAS
6th December, 1966

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1966

N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year		
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs. P.
To Stock 1-10-1965					
T.P.H. Publications	2,54,067	32	2,12,637	17	
Agency & Other Books	4,127	69	1,056	46	
Photos & Pictures	2,958	98	1,173	55	
Incense Sticks, etc.	1,197	43	148	52	
Stationery	1,063	48	184	16	
Packing Materials	3,678	21	3,162	88	
					2,18,362 74
„ Books Published (inclusive of binding charges on old stock)	68,980	41	72,304	16	
Less: Subsidy from T.S. for Book "DAMODAR"	6,000	00	...		
For Booklet "Adyar"	...		3,496	00	
	62,980	41	68,808	16	
Less: Balance in Blavatsky Publications Fund transferred	...		132	46	
					68,675 70
„ Purchases:					
Books: Agency & Other Publications	16,041	90	17,708	93	
Photos & Pictures	472	02	660	31	
Incense Sticks, etc.	2,113	29	4,629	88	
Stationery	809	28	554	89	
Packing Materials	3,725	83	3,193	75	
Sandalwood Oil	13	20	...		
					26,747 76
„ Gross Income carried down	23,175	52			
	45,643	12			76,666 56
	3,98,892	16			3,90,452 76
To Establishment	18,897	08	20,510	94	
Retirement Allowance	1,274	05	1,849	78	
Royalty on Sale of Books	14,642	37	18,562	27	
Trade Expenses	1,689	07	1,435	05	
Postage & Telegrams	1,378	83	1,401	99	
Audit Fees	750	00	750	00	
Office Printing & Stationery	1,471	63	1,653	41	
Advertisement & Catalogue	914	68	2,176	05	
Water, Electricity & Conservancy	1,016	01	942	66	
Repairs & Upkeep	550	02	98	47	
Fire Insurance Premium	180	13	181	20	
Emergency Risk Insurance	73	00	440	00	
Depreciation—Furniture, etc.	206	79	183	32	
Ex gratia Payment	36	00	9	59	
Conveyance & Transit	289	67	25	66	
Sales Tax	53	12	56	18	
Building Maintenance Charges	...		1,200	00	
Gratuity Reserve	7,000	00	3,000	00	
Publications Reserve	...		15,000	00	
Balance in Theosophist P & L A/c W/off	...		5,404	47	
Excess of Income over Expenditure (Credited to T.S. Capital)	1,140	06	9,028	65	
	51,562	51	83,909	69	

ADYAR
6th December, 1966

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1966

INCOME		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Sales:							
T.P.H. Publications	...	1,44,647	65			1,68,890	41
Agency Publications:							
Adyar Library	...	12,356	57	20,947	96		
Others	...	2,705	07	1,892	35		
						22,840	31
Other Publications	...	8,562	39			4,298	40
Photos & Pictures	...	2,153	75			1,745	73
Incense Sticks	...	3,775	85			5,671	27
Stationery	...	1,505	36			738	12
Sandalwood Oil	...	4	50			22	50
							2,04,206 74
„ Packing Charges recovered from							
Customers	...	4,818	28				4,229 31
„ Stock on 30-9-1966							
T.P.H. Publications	...	2,12,637	17			1,77,957	77
Agency & Other books	...	1,056	46			449	40
Photos & Pictures	...	1,173	55			1,515	48
Incense Sticks	...	148	52			351	48
Stationery	...	184	16			541	64
Packing Materials	...	3,162	88			1,200	94
							1,82,016 71
		3,98,892	16				3,90,452 76
By Gross Income brought down	...	45,643	12				76,666 56
Copyright	...	100	00				20 00
Royalty Receipts	...	3,716	23				5,115 97
Miscellaneous Income	...	283	19				118 93
Overhead & Administration							
charged to <i>The Theosophist</i>	...	1,200	00				1,200 00
Interest on Investments		619	97				788 23
		51,562	51				83,909 69

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

STUART G. NICHOLLS,
Treasurer.

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Joint Treasurer.

N. A. NAGANATHAN & 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			1,04,929	67
Add: Amount received from President towards reduction of debts to the <i>Theosophical Society</i> ...	10,000	00			8,000	00
					1,12,929	67
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	1,140	06			9,028	65
					1,21,958	32
Reserves & Surplus:						
(i) Blavatsky Publication Fund ...	132	46			...	
(ii) Kale Memorial Fund ...	300	00			300	00
(iii) Gratuity Reserve						
Balance as per Last Balance Sheet ...	6,088	80	6,088	80		
Add: Transfer from P & L Account ...			3,000	00	9,088	80
(iv) Special Publication Reserve						
Balance as per Last Balance Sheet ...	22,000	00	22,000	00		
Add: Transfer from P & L Account ...			15,000	00	37,000	00
(v) General contingency						
Reserve: Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...	2,337	95	2,337	95		
Add: Sundry Creditors Balances W/off			171	07	2,509	02
(vi) Reserve for Doubtful debts:						
Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...	1,129	30	1,129	30		
Less: Balances W/off during the year...			58	50	1,070	80
					49,968	62
Current Liabilities, etc.						
Sundry Creditors:						
(a) Royalties ...	15,044	45			18,839	70
(b) Purchases & Publications including T. S. ...	1,13,345	34			47,797	98
(c) Customers' Credit Balances ...	2,783	66			4,253	73
(d) Sundry deposits ...	1,560	11			2,723	36
					73,614	77
THE THEOSOPHIST:						
Unexpired Subscriptions ...	12,053	99			22,026	35
	2,81,705	73			2,67,568	06

HOUSE, ADYAR

30TH SEPTEMBER 1966

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Fixed Assets:						
Furniture						
As per last Balance Sheet ...					1,696	07
Less Depreciation for the year ...					183	32
	1,696	07				1,512 75
Investments:						
Fixed Deposit with The Indian Bank Ltd., Madras ...	300	00			300	00
—do— ...	13,000	00			13,000	00
Interest accrued but not due on the above ...	166	56			195	00
						13,495 00
Current Assets, etc.						
(i) Stock as per Inventory taken (on 30-9-1966), valued, and certified by the Manager:						
(a) Books, etc. ...	2,18,362	74			1,82,016	71
(b) Office Printing etc. ...	4,246	66			3,733	72
(ii) Prepaid expenses ...	147	80			131	25
(iii) Sundry Debtors considered good. ...	28,781	47			53,424	44
(iv) Advances for Books, Royalty, etc. ...	26	88			17	89
(v) V.P.P. Outstandings ...	144	70			478	70
(vi) Deposits ...	45	00			198	00
						2,40,000 71
Cash and Bank Balances:						
(i) Cash on hand: <i>Imprest</i> ...	895	80			1,650	00
(ii) Balances in Current Account with State Bank of India, Madras. National and Grindlays Bank Ltd., Madras ...	4,616	53	3,784	44		
United Commercial Bank Ltd., Madras ...	3,987	27	2,662	00		
	1,426	06	2,606	41		
					9,052	85
						10,702 85
THE THEOSOPHIST:						
(i) Equipment and Furniture as per last Balance Sheet ...			1,072	40		
Less Depreciation ...			137	70		
	1,072	40			934	70
(ii) Stock of Paper, etc. ...	1,513	77			922	05
						1,856 75
(iii) Income and Expenditure Acct. Balance as per Last B/S. ...	1,276	02				
	2,81,705	73				2,67,568 05

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

STUART G. NICHOLLS,
Treasurer.ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Joint Treasurer.N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1966-67

EXPENDITURE	<i>Actuals for 1965-66</i>	<i>Budget for 1966-67</i>	INCOME	<i>Actuals for 1965-66</i>	<i>Budget for 1966-67</i>
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Establishment ...	20,511	26,000	Gross Income ...	76,667	63,900
Retirement Allowance ...	1,850	2,850	Copyright ...	20	...
Royalty on Sale of Books, etc. ...	18,562	20,000	Royalty on Translations ...	5,116	1,000
Trade Expenses ...	1,435	1,500	Miscellaneous ...	119	100
Postage and Telegrams ...	1,402	1,400	Overhead & Adminis- tration charges from		
Audit Fees ...	750	750	Theosophist ...	1,200	1,200
Office Printing and Stationery ...	1,653	1,600	Interest on Investment ...	788	800
Advertisement and Catalogue ...	2,176	2,000			
Water, Elect. & Conservancy ...	943	950			
Repairs and Upkeep ...	98	50			
Fire Insurance Premium ...	181	120			
Emergency Risks Insurance ...	440	...			
Depreciation on Furniture ...	183	180			
Ex Gratia ...	10	...			
Conveyance and Transit ...	26	50			
Sales Tax ...	56	60			
Building Maintenance Charges ...	1,200	1,200			
Gratuity Reserve ...	3,000	2,000			
Publications Reserve ...	15,000	...			
Theosophist P and L a/c. ...	5,405	...			
Excess of Income over Expenditure.	9,029	6,230			
	83,910	67,000		83,910	67,000

ADYAR

6th December, 1966

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

Introduction.—As I report on the state of the union that is The Theosophical Society in America, I am mindful of the responsibilities of stewardship inherent in any presidential office of this organization—local, national or international. For there is a fundamental similarity of responsibility, I believe, which has to do with the unique nature of the organization to which we have committed ourselves. This Society, small in number though its membership may be, but with a durability evidenced by its existence for more than 90 years, is founded upon and dedicated to the ideal of universal brotherhood, the concept that all men everywhere, of whatever race or religious persuasion, of whatever social status or national origin, are linked indissolubly by their derivation from a single source, a unitary life principle. The stewardship of office, therefore, in any branch of a Society dedicated to such a proposition must take into account that no one can act alone, that no one can achieve alone, and even that no one can fail alone. Whatever is done by any member, whatever is accomplished by any group, whatever is dreamed of and struggled for and ultimately brought into actuality, must add to or detract from the splendor of the light that may shine through The Theosophical Society. Therefore, let me express my profound gratitude to every member of the Society who, by his very membership, gives strength and support to our total effort, making possible the achievements that are here recorded.

Administrative Changes.—My survey must properly begin with July 17, 1965, when the National Board of Directors,

having accepted the request of Dr. Henry A. Smith for an unconditional leave of absence for the remainder of his term of office as National President, thereupon appointed me to serve as Acting National President, an action duly ratified by the members in Convention assembled. Another administrative change may be recorded here, the resignation of Mr. Franklin W. Getz as National Treasurer, after ten years in that office, effective September 1, 1965. The National Board of Directors appointed Mr. Theron B. Chaney of Wheaton, long active in the Society's affairs and a former member of the National Judiciary Committee, to the office of National Treasurer.

During this year, in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws, the triennial election of officers has been held, resulting in your electing me to the office of National President. Mr. Felix Layton was elected the National Vice-President. The election of a National Board of Directors resulted in the return to office of Mr. Samuel H. Wylie for the Central District, Mrs. Dora Kunz for the Northeast District, Mrs. Irene Durham for the Northwest District, and Mr. Emil H. Heintz for the Southwest District, with Mr. Paul A. O'Neal newly elected to represent the Southeast District.

Convention-Summer School, 1965.—The Convention and Summer School last year proceeded with the exploration of the theme, "Toward a Living Theosophy". We were particularly fortunate in having with us as guest speakers two notable members, Miss Helen V. Zahara and Mr. John B. S. Coats. Their several talks at the Summer Sessions last year added

significantly to the inspiration and beauty of that period.

Death of Workers.—One aspect of the past year's activities may be characterized by the word change. For some individuals, change took the form of the transition we call death; in fact, an unusually high number of deaths must be reported this year: 97. Let me single out for special mention here one or two of those whom death has removed from our ranks. I should like to record my own special tribute of appreciation to Sidney A. Cook, National President of this Section for 14 years and International Vice-President for 14 years, whose death, on August 5, 1965, it was one of my first official duties to report to you. It was under Mr. Cook that my service to the Society as a worker at our National Headquarters began, but far beyond my personal debt to Mr. Cook is, I believe, the debt owed by every member of this Section to his genius, foresight, dedication and service. In this year of the fortieth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of our Headquarters building, we may remember that it was Mr. Cook who first proposed that this centre bear the name of the American founder and first President of the Society, Col. H. S. Olcott. It would be a most appropriate and fitting action if this Convention should designate some part of this estate to be dedicated as a lasting memorial to this leader of men, Sidney A. Cook.

Another staunch and long-time worker whose passing should be noted here is Miss Edith C. Gray, who for more than 15 years devoted her energies, resources, and talents to the placement of Theosophical books in libraries throughout the United States and, in more recent years, in libraries in a number of other countries which she visited. The name of Edith Gray will no doubt always seem synonymous with library books, for she was in-

defatigable in her efforts to place our literature on the shelves of every kind of library—public, prison, hospital, etc.

The passing of Professor Ernest Wood on September 17, 1965, may also be mentioned. He has left a rich heritage and a lasting memorial in his many scholarly contributions to Theosophical literature.

Membership.—Even as I record a further decline in total membership, continuing a trend that has been reported over the past six years, there are hopeful signs which indicate that the reversal of that trend has already set in. On May 31, 1965, there were 4,075 members on our rolls; on May 31, 1966, the membership roll stood at 4,053, an overall loss of 22. As mentioned, there have been 97 deaths during the year, and 86 individuals have resigned their membership, a number almost one-and-a-half times the average for resignations in the past several years. On June 1, 1965, 298 members became inactive, a number that remains fairly constant from year to year. On the brighter side, during the past twelve months, 365 members were welcomed into the Society. This is the highest number of new members recorded since 1958.

Three Lodges were chartered during the year: San Mateo in California, DeBary in Florida, and Richmond, Virginia. Four Lodges were dissolved for lack of sufficient numbers to carry on the work in Hartford, Connecticut; Delaware, Ohio; Ft. Worth, Texas; and Ft. Myers, Florida. The total number of Lodges at the end of the fiscal year was 133. The number of official study centres still stands at five.

Lecture Tours.—Turning now to a survey of our lecture and field programs, attention may be focussed on the work carried forward by the few who are able to travel nationally. The work of national speakers, however, is but one small part of the splendid efforts, many of them creative and experimental in nature, that

go on continually in all parts of the country. In those cities where there is a unified effort to study Theosophy and where there is a continuing program of public activity of a high standard, there is every evidence of strength and vitality, and a resultant growth in Lodge membership.

This year we have been extremely fortunate to have Miss Helen Zahara available to lecture throughout the Section. Since last September, she has travelled more than 16,000 miles and visited over 60 Lodges and groups, giving in all 61 public lectures, 50 members talks and 12 other presentations, including radio and television interviews. This schedule has taken Miss Zahara to every part of the Section.

In addition to the many administrative duties as Acting National President, I found it possible to do a certain amount of travelling during the year. In the course of a holiday visit I was able to speak to members in Washington Lodge, meet some of the Northeast Federation members at Pumpkin Hollow Camp, and give a public lecture for New York Lodge. Later in the fall, I visited six Lodges in the Northwest Federation and four in the Southern California Federation, visits which included a workshop program in Seattle and a series of workshops in the Los Angeles area. The fall tour culminated with my attendance at the seventeenth West Coast Conference, held at Berkeley, California. During the late spring I participated in the conventions of the Gulf Coast, Mid-South, Illinois-Wisconsin, and Ohio Federations, in addition to visits to Nashville (where there is no organized Lodge, but a national member had arranged for a television interview and public talk by me), and to Cincinnati Lodge.

While the major portion of their work this year has been devoted to regional expansion programs, Mr. Samuel H.

Wylie and Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton have filled some individual lecture engagements. Last fall, Mr. Wylie presided at the dedication of the newly acquired Lodge home in Akron, Ohio, and spoke both to members and public on that occasion. This spring, he was the principal speaker at the Michigan Federation convention. Mr. and Mrs. Layton visited Akron and Youngstown and more recently they were able to revisit Richmond, Virginia. On this return visit a new Lodge in that city was organized. In an exploratory tour for future regional expansion activities in Virginia and North Carolina, they spoke in Charlotte, North Carolina, where radio, television and newspaper interviews were also arranged.

Regional Expansion Programs.—The regional expansion programs continue to be a central part of our program of public work as sponsored from National Headquarters. During the fall of 1965 Mr. Samuel H. Wylie carried on a modified type of program in the Minnesota cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, as a follow-up effort to the series conducted in those cities by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton the previous year. Such follow-up efforts we believe to be essential to ensure the gains made by the initial programs. Mr. Wylie's program focussed as much if not more on work with members as on public classes, and the results were most rewarding. Mr. Wylie also gave two public talks in Rochester and was featured in a television interview in that city. At the request of the Illinois-Wisconsin Federation, Mr. Wylie's circuit included the cities of Joliet, Oak Park, and Milwaukee, in which Lodges already exist, and Evanston, where there has been no organized group. Weekly attendance in the latter city averaged about 20 throughout the series, indicating that there is promise for a centre which could serve the northern suburbs of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton began their fall program in four cities of the Ohio Federation: Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Cleveland, Dayton, and Cincinnati, Ohio. In their reports they commented especially on the continued evidence for an increased interest in Theosophy, as well as on the growing number of opportunities for radio and television interviews. Audiences of between 50 and 100 were reported throughout the series, with book sales of approximately \$600 for the eight-week period. The Cincinnati Lodge was reactivated. More than twenty-five new members were reported as a result of the work in the four cities.

In the spring, Mr. and Mrs. Layton carried their very successful program to the Western New York Federation, giving talks and conducting classes in the four cities of Syracuse, Schenectady, Rochester, and Buffalo, with occasional visits to Utica and to Cornell University at Ithaca. Again increased interest in Theosophy was reported. In Schenectady, for example, where no Lodge has existed for many years and where there have been only two national members, an audience of over 200 attended the lecture on reincarnation and throughout the series audiences averaged around 100. Book sales on this program as well as on the exploratory tour in the Virginia-North Carolina area referred to earlier, totalled well over \$1,000, with an average of over \$100 a week for the eight-week series in Western New York. Outstanding radio and television interviews and excellent newspaper publicity aided the program. Although a Lodge was not organized in Schenectady at this time, an informal discussion group was brought together, with 16 members planning to meet weekly and continue their study of Theosophy.

The outstanding success of all these programs in reaching a wider public indicates the need to make such efforts even

more effective through increased advertising and publicity. Budget limitations permitted only about \$300 per city for advertising, but in the spring we were able to step up our radio advertising program through a grant from the Kern Foundation.

The total net cost for all regional expansion programs conducted during the past year was \$16,162.21. In addition, radio publicity totalled \$1,924.12. The net cost for the lecture tours undertaken during the past year totalled \$5,217.99.

Department of Information.—Mrs. Estelle Case carries on the duties of this Department ably and efficiently. She reports that during the past year 1,177 form letters have been sent to new enquirers, resulting in 506 replies from those wishing further specific information. Names of new enquirers referred to local Lodges totalled 456. Sixty new members were added to the Society's rolls as a result of correspondence carried on in this Department, and 54 individuals joined the National Library. More than 12,000 leaflets were distributed. This department maintains the records of the "To-Those-Who-Mourn" Club, and Mrs. Case reports that over 11,000 of these pamphlets were sold during the year.

National Library.—The National Library has experienced the same increase in activity as noted in other areas of our work. Since the departure from the staff last July of Miss Lola Fauser, Mrs. Iris White has served most capably as acting Librarian, with the excellent assistance of her husband, Mr. Wayne White. Mrs. White reports that 2,531 books were circulated during the past year, most of these being sent by mail to the borrowers—both members and non-members of the Society—who use the services of the more than 15,000-volume National Library. With the greater publicity which has been given to our National Headquarters

during the past year, and with the special emphasis on the availability of this library as a unique source in the Chicago area of Theosophical, philosophical, and religious literature, there has been a larger number of visitors to the Library. During the year there were 214 enquiries about the library services and 118 individuals became borrowers. In January the National Board of Directors authorized an increase in the Library Membership fee (charged to those who are not members of the Society) from \$3.00 to \$5.00, at the same time abolishing any charge for the reading lists sent upon request. Accessions to the Library totalled 199, including the 13-volume set of *The Golden Bough*. Six reading lists on Christianity are now available. A new list of works on mysticism has recently been completed by Mrs. Schlosser, and other lists on subjects particularly called for by borrowers are now in preparation. A special effort is being made to set aside in one part of the library all works that are out of print, so that these books, which may become increasingly rare as the years go by, may be available for research scholars and students. Mrs. White continues her remarkable work in repairing and rebinding books.

Department of Education.—The Department of Education has been somewhat less active during the past year, mainly because, I was unable to give it the concentrated attention needed. In addition to her editorial duties, however, Mrs. Virginia Hanson, with the very competent assistance of Miss Marion Peterson, carried on the basic work of the Department, answering correspondence with members and Lodges, providing guidance in the selection of study materials, and generally dealing with the routine activities that have fallen to that Department. Mrs. Hanson continues to be responsible for the program of monthly letters sent to

all new members. These letters have been shared with other Sections and have been adapted for use in Australia, Belgium, France, and Colombia, as well as by groups in Calgary, Canada, and Pretoria, South Africa. The value of such a program can scarcely be estimated in providing a co-ordinated approach to the study of Theosophy and in giving each new member a closer contact with his National Headquarters.

The demand for materials made available to groups through the Department of Education—study programs, charts and diagrams, plays, workshop training materials—has continued during the year. The taped lectures have been borrowed a total of 48 times by a number of Lodges, particularly the smaller groups who find these tapes especially helpful. Eleven sets of slides have also been borrowed.

Subsequent to my election on February 11, 1966, to the office of National President I resigned my staff position as chairman of the Department of Education, and on March 1, Miss Helen V. Zahara was appointed to succeed me.

The American Theosophist.—*The American Theosophist*, official organ of the Society in this country, continues to serve the members in providing original articles, official news and information of general interest. Mrs. Virginia Hanson, appointed by the National Board of Directors in January 1965 to the position of Editor, has continued her exceptional service in this capacity and we are deeply indebted to her for the high editorial standard she has maintained. The publication of special issues each year, devoted to themes of particular interest, continues to receive favorable response: the spring 1965 special issue on "Dimensions of Spiritual Growth"; a special issue in the fall of 1965 devoted to "International Co-operation" and another in the spring of 1966 dealing with the theme "On Being Human".

The issue on "International Co-operation" especially attracted a great deal of interest; copies were sent by members to government officials at state and national levels and the Theosophical Book Gift Institute placed copies in approximately 100 libraries throughout the country. An article of unusual timeliness and particular general interest, "The Significance of the Mind-Changing Drugs" by Emily Sellon, which appeared in the spring 1966 special issue, has recently been reprinted and made available in pamphlet form.

Undoubtedly the most significant change in the magazine during the year was the introduction of a new cover design, executed by Mrs. Jane Evans of New York Lodge. The use of this design began with the January 1966 issue and has brought innumerable comments.

The American Theosophist is being displayed for the fourth year in the Combined Periodical Exhibit of the American Library Association. In addition to the display itself, the magazine is listed in the check list of periodicals which goes to all members of the Association.

Discovery.—The leaflet, *Discovery*, has continued to be much appreciated by the Lodges and national members, as well as by many others to whom it has been sent. Mrs. Hanson, who is responsible for the editing of this leaflet, which is designed especially to reach the public and is utilized by many branches for printing notices of their public activities, reports that during the past year 65 Lodges in the Section, in addition to one Lodge in Canada and the Canadian Federation, have ordered *Discovery* regularly, a total of 67,166 copies having been distributed.

The Theosophical Press.—The volume of business conducted by The Theosophical Press gives continued evidence of the constantly expanding interest in Theosophical literature. Miss Clarice Richie reports that total net sales this year have

been in excess of \$53,000, with a gross profit of well over \$17,000. It is particularly interesting to observe the steady gain in sales to dealers, which this year accounted for over \$23,000 of the net sales, for this means that The Theosophical Press is increasingly recognized as a major source of literature on Theosophy and allied subjects.

Last August the Press purchased the entire stock and publication rights of the Alvin Boyd Kuhn titles. Following a direct mail advertising program, the demand for these works so far exceeded our anticipated sales that what had been estimated as a three years' supply was exhausted in a little over a month. Five titles, all pamphlets, were immediately reprinted.

New publications issued by the Press during the year included *The Heavens Declare* by Viva Emmons and the first section of *Recipes for Vegetarians* compiled by Mattie Louise Moore. A number of new publications have been received from the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, most notably a major work of historical interest to all Theosophical students, *Damodar* by Sven Eek. A new publication from the Theosophical Publishing House, London, may also be mentioned as particularly significant, *An Abridgement of "The Secret Doctrine"* by Elizabeth Preston and Christmas Humphreys. Although privately published by the compiler, a work that carries the imprint both of the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, and of The Theosophical Press is the new edition of Volume I of the *Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*, edited by Boris de Zirkoff.

A 12-week advertising program in the Sunday Book Review section of the *New York Times* focussed on six titles. Outstanding sales were recorded for two titles particularly: *Meditation, A Practical Study* by Adelaide Gardner, and *Transition*

Called Death by Charles Hampton. Viva Emmons' new work, *The Heavens Declare*, was advertised in the quarterly journal, *Fate's Astrological Forecast*, with only modest response. Of major importance in our efforts to become better known among book dealers is the advertising which continues annually in the trade publication, *Books in Print* and in the *Publishers' Trade List Annual*.

Subscriptions to the international journal, *THE THEOSOPHIST*, of which the President is Editor, are handled through The Theosophical Press. This magazine is the President's direct link with members throughout the world, and we may take note of the fact that only approximately 10 per cent of the membership in this Section are subscribers. Surely this figure needs to be improved.

The Olcott Staff.—As I review all the varied activities of the past year, I become ever more deeply mindful of the magnitude of the work that is carried on through and at our National Headquarters, for Olcott is in a very real sense the centre through which are drawn the many strands of our united endeavors. Perhaps as one who has, as it were, come up through the ranks of service at our Headquarters, having spent a total of 17 years in various departments of the work here, I have an especially keen sense of the gratitude that is owed by all of us to the wonderful family of dedicated members who compose the community at our national centre. There is for all of us who labor together at this centre a sense of joyousness of service arising out of the awareness of the privilege it is to be able to give our full time and attention to the Society's work. In such a community as exists here, one soon learns that each individual is important and no task is insignificant; every one is needed for the smooth functioning of the whole, and the remarkable thing to witness is the manner in which, when an

emergency arises and a vacancy occurs at some point in the total operation of Headquarters, others immediately step forward to do the necessary task. Most of all, of course, I want to express my profound gratitude to Mrs. Ann Wylie, who, as National Secretary, is in charge of all staff personnel matters.

Among personnel changes the following may be noted. After more than 25 years of service at Headquarters, in various positions including management of The Theosophical Press and Librarian, Miss Lola Fauser left the staff in July 1965 because of family duties.

Headquarters.—Recognizing that our National Headquarters should become increasingly better known as a significant point of interest in the Chicago area, we have endeavored this year to gain greater publicity for our programs here and to make more widely known the services of our library and book store. This has resulted in an increased flow of visitors to Olcott. In addition to the long established series of monthly public lectures, attendance at which has been unusually large this year, we instituted two series of weekly discussion groups—one last fall, and another this spring—both of which brought excellent response.

After nearly 40 years of close and harmonious association with the City of Wheaton, during which time the community has grown from a small village of less than 7,000 to a major Chicago suburb of over 28,000, with the city limits extending ever further outwards in our direction, we were urged by city officials to consider becoming an actual part of the city. After careful deliberation of all the factors involved in such an action, and with the approval of the National Board of Directors, we petitioned the city for annexation and on March 21 the Wheaton City Council voted unanimously to annex the Headquarters property. While this move

brings slightly increased taxes on the taxable portions of our property, inclusion in the City of Wheaton benefits us with greater fire and police protection, factors to be considered now that the city itself has expanded so as almost to surround us.

Financial Report.—As we turn now to the Section's finances, I must acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude the invaluable aid given to me throughout the past year by Mr. Edwin N. Lord, chairman both of the Financial Advisory Committee and of the Theosophical Investment Trust. Let me express appreciation also to Mr. Theron Chaney, who has taken on the duties of National Treasurer and to Mrs. Beatrice Boroff, who so willingly assumed the duties of cashier and book-keeper last August.

During the year a number of bequests have been received. From the estate of the late Christine Walter, the Society received securities whose sale value totalled \$48,060.21. Under the terms of the will of the late Cordelia Reynolds, the Society received \$3,445.15. Specific bequests provided in the wills of Jose Beltran, Otto Kalapudas, and Georgia Brakmo totalled \$1,100.00. A long standing policy of the National Board of Directors assures that all gifts or bequests over \$1,000 shall be placed in the Society's reserve funds.

The Theosophical Investment Trust.—The Theosophical Investment Trust continues to function as the chief financial instrument of the Society, in which have been placed the major portion of the reserve funds as well as the Membership Endowment Fund, and the ABC-America Fund, which exists for the benefit of the international work. In addition, a number of members have taken advantage of the Trust's life annuity plan, by which an individual may place with the trust securities or cash for investment from which he will receive an annual annuity during

his life time and, upon his death, the capital will revert to the Trust for the benefit of the Society. By virtue of office I have had the privilege of serving as a Trustee for the past six years, and now Mr. Felix Layton in his position as National Vice-President will join the group of Trustees, of which the National Treasurer is also automatically a member. I express here our deep appreciation for the services of the other Trustees: Mr. Edwin N. Lord, Chairman, Mr. John A. Sellon, Mr. Alfred Schindler, and Mr. Paul H. Dunakin. Regretfully we must announce that at the recent annual meeting of the Trust, Mr. Schindler asked to be relieved of his duties as a Trustee; his many and valued contributions to the Trust during the ten years he has been a Trustee will be greatly missed.

The various fund accounts now held by the Theosophical Investment Trust total in excess of \$660,000. During the past fiscal year the Trust remitted to the Society \$26,394.74, of which \$4,761.78 was allocated to the ABC-America Fund. Of particular interest for the future welfare of the Society is the continued growth of the Membership Endowment Fund. At the present time, 167 members have fully endowed their membership and another 20 are currently paying on an Endowment Membership. Twelve members who had endowed their membership have since died, so that this portion of the fund represents indeed a lasting endowment for the Society's work. Five additional endowment memberships have been given in memory of individuals now deceased, and it may be mentioned that other members might like to consider this means of contributing to the future endowment of the Society. As of the end of the fiscal year, the Membership Endowment Fund, held as a segregated fund within the Theosophical Investment Trust, totalled \$60,602.25.

By-Laws Revision Committee.—At the annual Convention last year a resolution was adopted authorizing the National Board of Directors to appoint a By-Laws Revision Committee, to study carefully the present By-Laws and recommend changes that would eliminate such inconsistencies or ambiguities as might be found and would also meet the specific needs of our present structural organization. Accordingly, the Board appointed Mr. Paul H. Dunakin as chairman, Mrs. Ann Wylie, Mr. Theron B. Chaney, and Rear Adm. C. F. Stillman USN (Ret.) to serve on such a committee. The study is not yet concluded.

Allied Activities.—Many members find opportunities for Theosophical service and the practical expression of Theosophical ideals in the several allied activities, whose work continues from year to year under the direction of deeply dedicated members—The Theosophical Book Gift Institute, The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, The Parents' Theosophical Research Group, The Theosophical Order of Service with its many active departments, The Order of the Round Table in America, and the Foundation for Radio Theosophy. All the many fine workers throughout the Section who labor devotedly in one or another of these activities, bringing Theosophy and the Theosophical philosophy to bear upon human needs, are to be highly commended. Let me mention particularly Mrs. Muriel Lauder Lewis, who after 31 years of selfless service is this year relinquishing her leadership of the organization she founded, the Parents' Theosophical Research Group. The work with parents and children carried on by this group has won wide acclaim, and we are assured by Mrs. Lewis that the efforts will continue under the able direction of Mrs. Nadine Hunter.

International Aspects.—A report of the Section's activities is not complete with-

out reflecting on the close brotherly ties and kinship we have with the world Society, particularly through the International Headquarters at Adyar. In recent years we have been increasingly aware of our hemispheric links with our brothers in the Central and South American Sections. In October last, the Second Inter-American Congress was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and by authorization of our Board of Directors Mr. John Stienstra represented this Section at that gathering.

The significance of Adyar in our Theosophical world is given special attention each year in February, when opportunity is afforded to the membership to contribute to the Adyar Day collection, which is remitted to the President to assist with the expense at the Centre. This year the sum of \$4,439.35 was so remitted.

In November announcement was made of the action of the General Council, the international Society's governing body, in establishing the Century Fund, a ten-year program designed to correct the annual budget condition in which mounting deficits have been reported and to so maintain and improve the Headquarters at Adyar as to render buildings and property in the best possible condition for the centenary celebrations in 1975. The President appointed a committee, with Mr. James S. Perkins, Vice-President, as chairman, to publicize the Century Fund, and a new booklet on Adyar, presenting visually and factually the history, growth, and present condition of our International Centre, has been prepared by Mr. Perkins. As a result of the mention so far given the Century Fund in this Section, donations totaling \$975 have been received.

A long-range financial program to aid the international work was instituted a number of years ago in the establishment of the ABC-America Fund, the capital of which is invested with the Theosophical Investment Trust. At the present time the

assets in this fund total \$104,560.98. Members may be reminded of the opportunities that are always before us to participate in the world-wide nature of this movement through the faithful and sustained contribution of sums, both large and small, to these several funds for our international Headquarters.

In this year particularly we have been mindful of the international aspects of our work, as time and attention have been given to the preparations for the Fifth World Congress, scheduled for July 14 through 22, at Salzburg, Austria. Mrs. Eunice Layton most capably handled the announcements of this event and assumed responsibility for travel and hospitality arrangements. The National Board of Directors designated me to represent the Section officially, and awarded scholarships, under a grant from the Kern Foundation, to Mrs. Virginia Hanson, Mr. Felix Layton, Mrs. Ann Wylie and Miss Helen Zahara, to attend the Congress and participate in special sessions to be convened by the President on the subject of the presentation of Theosophy in the modern world.

The Kern Foundation.—If the past year has been referred to as a year of change, it may also be seen as a year of exciting new beginnings. This excitement has arisen out of the possibilities that have opened before us in opportunities for new programs, developments in many areas that may make the Theosophical Society an ever more effective instrument of service in the contemporary world. The challenge to explore creatively the needs of modern man and the manner in which the Society could speak with competency and cogency to man's present predicament was afforded by the announcement to the National Board of Directors last July of the terms of the Kern Foundation Trust Agreement. Established by the late Herbert A. Kern, the Foundation bearing his

name has as its central purpose aiding the spiritual enlightenment of our fellow man. In their initial communication with the Board last July, the Trustees of the Foundation advised us that certain legal and technical questions had still to be settled, but that in the interim we should get on with the major task of outlining programs we believed to be within the scope of the Foundation's provisions and within our own capacity for initiating and accomplishing.

By late September, we were prepared to submit to the Kern Foundation our first proposals, and at that time we were informed that public announcement could be given to the Trust Agreement. Accordingly there was published in the November issue of *The American Theosophist* that portion of the Trust document outlining the provisions of the Kern Foundation. While our initial proposals received general approval by the Trustees, we were not in a position to implement them until, at the mid-year meeting of the Board, we could happily assign to Miss Helen Zahara the responsibility to serve as co-ordinator of programs to be undertaken through grants from the Kern Foundation. A Kern Foundation Programs Committee was also named, with Miss Zahara as chairman, and Mr. Lord, Mr. John Kern, and myself as members. We are particularly grateful to Mr. John Kern, son of the late Herbert A. Kern, who as Advising Trustee of the Foundation, has worked closely with us in various matters relating to the Foundation and the implementation of our programs.

In response to our request, an initial grant of \$25,000 has been received for work in the area of Theosophical radio broadcasting. Of this, \$8,000 is allocated to the continuation of radio broadcasts in those cities where local branches can aid in the maintenance of the programs; \$7,000 is available for beginning the project

of revising all radio tapes and scripts; while \$10,000 is allocated to the development of new programs, particularly in connection with regional expansion efforts in cities where no organized branches now exist.

Other programs submitted to the Trustees of the Kern Foundation, for which approval has already been granted include: publication of literature in paper-back form, and the design and production of book jackets for many of our more popular case-bound books; writers' fellowships for the preparation of new works; workshops and seminars to be organized both at Headquarters and in various parts of the Section, for which scholarships will be available to enable qualified members to participate; publication of educational and training manuals, as well as correspondence courses especially designed for enquirers; subsidies to enable Lodges to purchase publicity leaflets at half-cost.

While the implementation of these programs has just begun, particular mention should be made of our first paper-back work to be published under the auspices of the Kern Foundation. The entire paper-back series is to be known as "The Quest Books" and the title chosen to initiate the series is *The Essential Unity of All Religions* by Bhagavan Das. This book was recently commended and quoted at length by the well-known columnist David Lawrence in an editorial in *U.S. News and World Report*, resulting in an unusual flood of orders to The Theosophical Press from all parts of the country.

We are especially fortunate to have Miss Helen Zahara available at this particular time to take on the many responsibilities connected with organizing and supervising the several new programs assured of financial support through the Kern Foundation. Her exceptional background in administrative and lecturing work for the

Society give her an unusual competence for undertaking the many developments that may now be envisioned as possible.

Conclusion.—As I come to the conclusion of this survey of the year's activities, I realize that no report can adequately reflect the extent and nature of our work. Members throughout the Section—in Lodges, in Federations, in the Theosophical summer camps, and alone—are carrying on activities that deserve special comment, but neither time nor space permits such a review here. Continuing communication is necessary in order that these activities may be known and ideas shared. It is this emphasis on communication that I have endeavored to foster during the past year. Soon after taking on the duties of office as Acting National President, I reinstituted the monthly letter to all Lodge presidents, *Contact*, in an effort to share with Lodge members news and ideas that might prove useful in the work. Believing that greater communication should exist between Headquarters and the national members, many of whom live in isolated areas where they have no contact with other members, I sent out two letters (one in October and the second in May) addressed to all national members, inviting their participation in suggesting ways by which our work might become increasingly effective. The response to the first letter was so very encouraging that I summarized the many fine ideas submitted and included these in my second letter. Beginning with the August 1965 issue of *The American Theosophist*, I utilized the section of the magazine formerly devoted to the National President's page as a means by which I might share with the membership views which seem particularly significant to me. Writing under the general heading, "Perspective," I have sought to stimulate both dialogue and concern, that by the one we engage ourselves in a discussion of

Theosophical ideas and ideals and by the other we commit ourselves to the expression of those ideas and ideals in the contemporary world. If every member be inspired to give of himself to the

fullest, the years ahead will mark an era of magnificent activity and accomplishment.

JOY MILLS,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

The Section has been having a Campaign for Truth, with a dual aim: 1. To discover what to us are the fundamentals of Theosophy, and then to see that they become the guiding principles of our living; and 2. To seek with utter honesty to be true to our inmost selves. Lodges have arranged programs to further the Campaign and many unattached members have also co-operated.

We are also engaged in discussions on organization. Is the system of half a century and more ago adequate and suitable for today? This raises fundamental questions of Lodges, of lecturing, of "feeding" members with Theosophical fare and of the general presentation of Theosophy. These points will not be settled in a few weeks, or even months. One definite scheme has been decided: to produce a two- or three-year postal course of Theosophical training and self-discipline (including meditation, etc.), which is open for any Theosophist of the Section to undertake if he wishes. This is the next big labor for the Study and Training Committee.

The membership continues to rise—gently—the increase being 21, making a total of 2,810.

Some 200 members attended the World Congress at Salzburg and experienced the joy and value of contact with fellow-members from distant parts of the world. Apart from the full program of lectures, there were useful conferences on publications and on the presentation of Theo-

sophy. In future there will be much more co-operation between the various Sections than has previously been possible.

The General Secretary attended the sessions of the General Council at Salzburg and also those of the Council of the European Federation.

For the Annual Convention held in London in May we had the privilege and pleasure of the President as Guest of Honor and Presiding Officer. His talks to members, as well as his lecture to the public, were highly appreciated. Other speakers were Dr. C. Trew, Dr. H. T. Edmunds, Mr. V. W. Slater, Mr. L. C. Soper, Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith, Mr. I. Hammond, Dr. L. J. Bendit, and the General Secretary; and there was a session of talks by Young Theosophists. All had some bearing on the Campaign for Truth. We also had a social evening at which members who are professionals gave their services in a program of song, sketch and pianoforte.

What has appropriately been called the American Summer School was held for ten days at Tekels Park, Camberley. On this informal occasion the guest-speakers included the Vice-President and Mrs. Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kunz and Mr. and Mrs. G. Barborka; and we were happy to welcome also the Vice-President of the American Section and Mrs. Layton, and several other of their members. All these paid us a visit on their way home from Salzburg. The theme was "Approaches to Truth".

The Guest House at Tekels Park has also been the scene of much Theosophical activity throughout the year. There have been Federation Conferences as well as study week-ends, some dealing with aspects of the Campaign for Truth, others with such subjects as Occultism and Mysticism, Meditation, the Advancement of Learning 1966. There was the Theosophical Research Centre annual week-end, and we also had the special treat of a goodly number of sessions with Mr. Barborka talking and answering questions on *The Secret Doctrine*. As this report goes off we are preparing for another experiment—a Theosophical Retreat.

The Publicity Department had a large display stand at the annual Conference of Esoteric and Spiritual Groups in London. At the Salzburg World Congress many booklets were sold as well as 400 Congress souvenir badges. The twice-weekly public lectures at Headquarters consistently drew large audiences. The Publicity Secretary answered more than 1,500 letters from enquirers. The Department has published the following: booklet: *Living Truth* (L. H. Leslie-Smith); reprinted booklet: *The Mystery of Life* (Clara Codd); leaflet: *A Theosophical Lodge* (C. Jinārājādāsa);

re-printed leaflets: *A Statement of Theosophical Principles, Thought—A Creative Energy in Nature*, and *Theosophy/The Theosophical Society*.

Nearly 200 tape-recordings were sent out for the use of Lodges and groups of members.

More than 7,000 books have been borrowed from the Library, the section on Theosophy being by far the most popular. In spite of further increases in postage, 887 parcels of books have been sent out. Public libraries have borrowed 90 books through the National Central Library, and nearly 200 members of the public have taken out subscriptions to the Library.

The Theosophical Publishing House (London) Ltd., has published two books: *An Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine*, ed. by E. Preston and C. Humphreys, and *Regents of the Seven Spheres*, by H. K. Challoner, and reprinted *Fairies* by E. L. Gardner. The Publishing House was responsible for selling some £400 worth of books at the World Congress. Export orders, in particular to the U.S.A., have risen considerably, and shop sales have also increased.

L. H. LESLIE-SMITH,
General Secretary.

INDIA

One more year has ended and a new year is on its way. It is not without significance, I think, that the "year" both for the International Theosophical Society and for its Indian Section begins on 1st October, the birthday of one whom we all revere for her nobility, selflessness and profound wisdom, Annie Besant, who figured so intimately in all the fields of Theosophical work undertaken in India and in the hopes and aspirations of our people for decades. As our year begins

each time, there is a reminder to us of the stirring messages she gave concerning the ancient yet ever-new Wisdom, the Sanātana Dharma, and of the deep-founded conviction, or was it prophetic vision, that she had of India's rôle in the future as in the past of declaring that message for the benefit of the world. Unfortunately, far from aiding the world to open its eyes to the Wisdom, India herself is in confusion. The truths of perennial value, the Sanātana Dharma, the laws not made by man

which none can break with impunity, seem to be forgotten. We see restlessness and frustration, leading to ill-considered and unlawful action. The consequences are sadly apparent of our nation's unwillingness to take heed of the wise counsel of Dr. Besant, given from a deeply practical point of view based not on expediency or other superficial considerations, but on her knowledge of the higher laws embodied in the Sanatana Dharma. If there was a need in her time to recall to Indians what they were in danger of neglecting, there is a still greater necessity to sound forth the message now that there is almost total forgetfulness. Theosophy, which is the knowledge from which all right action springs, is more needed than ever before. In making report of the work done by members, I feel that though India might forget, Indian Theosophists should not forget the Dharma. Our gratitude for the guidance we have received through messengers such as Annie Besant must be shown by our unerring aims, our fealty to the truth and an unshaken resolve to act with rectitude, however powerful may be the currents which draw otherwise.

There is a danger of our being blind to what we are because of what we speak. Much of the activity of our Lodges and groups has to be based on the use of words. Programs have to depend on words as their instruments, for lectures, readings, etc., and therefore it is easy not to see the place of words in the true perspective. Many members tend to give an undue importance to speech. I have come across members who feel that they are not very useful because they cannot give lectures and impress others by their words. There are many members who assess the usefulness and worth of others by their aptitude for speech. Lecturing is considered a pre-eminently important task and the able lecturer as belonging to a superior category. It is essential that

members should learn to distinguish between mere external activity and true work. Our real work is a matter of right perception and understanding which shines forth in the quality of our life and action. From this point of view, the most helpful and worthy member is he who is a living example of purity, selflessness and integrity. He may not be able to impress the world by his speech, but he can illumine others by his life. The influence of example works at a deeper level and is far more lasting than that of speech, which, unless it is reinforced by example and action, has an extremely superficial impact. If Dr. Annie Besant's magnificent eloquence lifted her hearers to heights, it was not due to the mere force of her words, for there have been many celebrated orators who yet could not elevate their listeners to spiritual levels as she did. It was the greatness of her whole life that shed extraordinary splendor through her words into the hearts and minds of men. If our work is to be effective in these troubled times, I feel that we must cease to be preoccupied solely with superficial activities, remaining content with words, and we must exert our wills to live as our leader did, purely, rightly and selflessly. This is our primary task. Out of such lives, the message of the Wisdom will speak forth of itself.

During the year which has passed, there has been a slight decrease of membership, our numbers having come down from 7,688 to 7,661 which is very nearly the same number we had the year before. I am glad to report that several of the smaller Federations seem to be picking up strength as a result of intensified work which has been done in their areas. The heaviest losses have been in the Tēlugu, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Federations. The number of Lodges on 30th September last stood at 382, as against 394 the year

before, and the number of Centres remains the same, 47.

We have had to see the departure from among us of several members who served the Society faithfully for many years. Pandit Iqbal Narain Gurtu, a devoted colleague of Dr. Besant in educational and other work, who was General Secretary of the Indian Section thrice from 1912-16, 1923-24 and 1925-27 and Headmaster of the Central Hindu School started by Dr. Besant, passed away on 22nd October this year. His distinguished career included work as Vice-Chancellor of the Allahabad University, pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Banaras Hindu University, member of the U.P. Legislative Assembly and Trustee of the Foundation for New Education, formerly known as the Rishi Valley Trust. Pandit Gurtu was a member of our Society for sixty-eight years from 1908. Another long record and notable career was that of Sri K. S. Chandrasekhara Iyer, Retired Chief Justice of the Mysore High Court, who had been a member of the Society for seventy-five years when he passed away on 19th June 1966. He was President of the Karnataka Federation and a member of the Indian Section Council for many years. His benevolence and work in varied fields earned him the respect and affection of the many who came into contact with him. Among others who passed away during the year under report were the following, who all served the Society for more than half a century: Sri Ramlal Khubchand, who was Secretary of the Madhya-Pradesh and Rajasthan Federation and a member of 54 years standing; Sri V. Sundaram Iyer of Sivaganga; Sri Jahangir R. Gilder and Sri Waman Rao Trilokekar of Bombay; Srimati Ramabai Marathe (Sangli); Dr. K. V. Hora (Surat); Sri B. N. Srikantaiah (Bangalore); Sri Dharma Narayan Agarwal (Mainpuri); Sri Anant S. Athalye (Akola); Sri Nand

Kishore Prasad (Hazaribagh); Sri Dhaneshwar T. Pathak (Rajpipla); and Sri J. N. Sengupta.

As old workers pass away, momentarily it seems as if there are none to replace them. But the void is filled, as the Society is destined to go on as far as we can see and there is work for it to do.

Many conferences and gatherings have been held during the year. Only a few members of the Indian Section were permitted by the Government of India to go to Salzburg to take part in the World Congress, although many more members desired to do so. Apart from Mr. and Mrs. N. Sri Ram, Miss K. A. Beechey, Recording Secretary, Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio, Joint International Treasurer, and Srimati Rukmini Devi, who were at Salzburg and who are all members of the Indian Section, among those who shared the memorable experience of the Congress were Sri B. N. Sardar, Vice-President of the Bengal Federation, Mrs. M. R. Dhalla, a well-known worker of Bombay, Sri B. R. Mullick, Organizing Secretary of the U.P. Federation, Srimati Seetha Neelakantan, Secretary of the Madras Federation, Sri B. C. Sutaria, Secretary of the Gujarat Federation, Sri U. Atchutarama Raju, Secretary of the Telugu Federation, Sri A. M. Vatcha, Assistant Secretary of the Rayalaseema Federation, Sri S. Ganesh of the Madras Federation and myself. Several of those who attended the Congress took the opportunity to visit other countries and make contacts with members in Europe, and some gave lectures and talks in Lodges abroad.

The South Indian Conference was held in Adyar at Easter and was well attended. It was inaugurated by the International President, Sri N. Sri Ram, and presided over by the Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins. The theme of the Conference, which was organized by Sri S. G. Venkataramanan, was "Our Belief; Our Work",

The President also presided over the annual Conference of the Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan Federation recently held in Bhopal. His presence was much appreciated by the members, as it always is wherever he is able to go.

I presided over the Jubilee celebration of the Bihar Federation, combined with its annual Conference, held at Patna and also over the annual Conferences of the Karnataka Federation held at Tumkur, of the Telugu Federation held at Ryali and of the Rayalaseema Federation held in Adoni. It was also possible for me to visit various Lodges in Gujarat and make acquaintance with members there.

The National Lecturers visited a number of places, lecturing both to members and the public. Their programs included also addresses to colleges, schools, Rotary clubs, etc. Sri S. G. Venkataramanan, for whose steady and quiet work during many years the Indian Section has reason to be most grateful, has visited as usual numerous Lodges, chiefly in the Kerala, Tamil, Rayalaseema and Karnataka Federations during this year. He presided over the U.P. Federation's annual Conference held in Meerut in October. He reports that the general response to the message of Theosophy was encouraging and that people are interested in having light thrown on Hinduism by Theosophy. Mrs. Mary Elmore has also visited a number of Lodges in the U.P., Marathi and Tamil Federations and reports that the tours were worth while.

Others besides the National Lecturers who did lecturing work included Miss Jeanne Dumas who travelled widely in the Bihar, U.P., M.P. & Rajasthan, Marathi, Karnataka and Telugu Federations; and Sri S. Krishnamurti who visited Lodges in Bengal and Utkal; Mr. C. D. Shores, Sri M. Krishnamacharyulu, Sri Rohit Mehta, Mrs. Mehra Dhalla, Dr. A. Kannan, etc. It is not of course possible to

mention all those who have done such work.

The Workers' Training Camp took place in Adyar as in the preceding years, following the South Indian Conference, under the guidance of Dr. C. R. Kamath and Dr. A. Kannan. A study camp was also held at Bhowali during the summer, led by the Assistant General Secretary, Miss Joan Morris. Both of them attracted members from several different Federations and are reported to have been very helpful to those who attended. A camp was held in Gooty in the Rayalaseema Federation, in an area where the Lodges were tending to become inactive, and this has produced a considerable stimulus. Other places where camps were held included Delhi, Cuttack, Biccavol, Tapeswaram, Bangalore, Kotagiri and so on.

The monthly letters issued to new members by the Indian Section are much appreciated and it is gratifying that Sri Boda Venkataratnam has taken the initiative to have these letters translated into Telugu and send them to new members of the Federation who do not know English and to others who apply.

The Theosophy Science Group under Dr. A. Kannan has been continuing its work. The Bulletin of the Group has appeared regularly.

During the year, Sri Shambhu Dayal was appointed as National Director of the Theosophical Order of Service and he has proceeded with great enthusiasm to organize work and contact groups. Representatives have been appointed in several Federations and it is hoped that the coming years will see an expansion of this aspect of the work.

The Indian Bookshop in Vārānasi has progressed steadily according to its Manager, Sri D. V. Kanvinde. He reports that the capital and the reserve fund have slowly swelled in the last few years and

that there is a corresponding increase in the figures of sale and purchase.

The Indian Section Library which has very nearly 10,000 books contains books on Theosophy, psychology, eastern and western philosophy, mysticism, religions, biography, science, literature, art, travel, etc. Ancient and modern writers are represented and there are books in Sanskrit, Hindi and Urdu also. More than 500 books have been mended and rebound during the year. As the present accommodation is overcrowded, it is planned to extend the Library into the back part of the building which was previously used for residential accommodation. Many students regularly use the Library. Members of the Society can make use of the Library by obtaining books by mail.

Improvements are slowly being made at the Vārānasi Headquarters as funds permit. Many of the buildings are old and require considerable repair and improvement. The electrical wiring which is also very old had deteriorated to such an extent in the Headquarters building and elsewhere that it urgently needed to be replaced. All this is being attended to bit by bit. A grant of Rs. 15,000 was received from the U.P. Government for the construction of a laboratory for the girls' college and this is being built. The furniture which was in bad condition has been repaired, varnished and entered into a proper stock book under the expert supervision of Sri Narainji Kevat for whose help we are thankful. In this context I would like particularly to thank the Assistant General Secretary, Miss Joan Morris, and Mrs. Mary Elmore for so willingly aiding us at the Headquarters despite the many inconveniences of climate, food, etc. that Western people have to endure in Vārānasi.

As pointed out by me on previous occasions, the cost of everything that has to be done is on the rise. The staff at Headquarters is insufficiently paid in these times which are difficult for the poor and they ought to be given better salaries. But the amount and sources of income are not augmented. The donations this year have been well below the average, amounting only to Rs. 5,604.55 while the average for the last three years was Rs. 6,809. The contribution of Rs. 2,840 to the Reserve Fund is also very disappointing. Members have to think seriously of how the work is to be carried on if donations decrease and wages and costs increase.

It is customary to conclude reports with words of thanks. I would like to add a word of complaint to my thanks. I am most sincerely thankful to all my colleagues at Headquarters who have given their devoted help, some in spite of their age and health, others in spite of taxing duties elsewhere, all at some inconvenience and cost to themselves. I also thank the members in different parts of the Section who are working in the same spirit, with similar handicaps. It is such service which is enabling our Society to carry on. My complaint is that those who are prepared for such self-sacrificing service, without wanting reward or recognition, are so few. Although we have more than 7,000 members, the burden of work is on a small number, whether it be at the Headquarters or in the Federations. Only a handful among the many members are willing to offer themselves in dedication to the cause to which all subscribe.

RADHA BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

Tour by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson.

—We were fortunate in having Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson of New Zealand visit Australia on their way to the World Congress in Austria. The tour commenced in Brisbane at the end of February and continued with short visits to Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth. Although the time of their visit in each city was very limited, members were delighted to have Mr. and Mrs. Hodson back in Australia. Mr. Hodson's lectures to the public and members were well received and deeply appreciated. While in Sydney and Melbourne Mr. Hodson recorded several broadcasts for the Society's and Melbourne Lodge's radio sessions. Mrs. Hodson also spoke to meetings of members and friends.

Convention.—The Annual Convention was held at Easter time at the Alfred Hines Holiday Home, Palm Beach, a seaside resort about thirty miles from Perth, Western Australia, where five years ago the first Australian residential Convention had taken place. Our guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, who concluded their visit to Australia with the week's attendance at Convention. Our guest speakers' splendid contribution of talks blended well with the theme of Convention, "The Unfolding Spirit in Man". In discussions and study sessions we tried to develop and explore the theme from various approaches. Delegates from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, many of whom had travelled the long journey together by train, with members from Western Australia, built a fine atmosphere. The gathering was comparatively small—about 100 members—yet very harmonious, creating a spirit of togetherness. Perth Lodge was host Lodge of Convention, and the Lodge's efficient arrange-

ments and friendliness, contributed largely to the success of Convention.

Headquarters Staff.—As the General Secretary is elected for a two-year term, I continued in office and was efficiently supported in the work by Mrs. Shirley Miller and Mrs. Gladys MacCartie. Mrs. Miller was appointed Assistant General Secretary at Convention and during my absence overseas she carried out most ably a heavy task. Mrs. MacCartie had been granted leave of absence for four months to enable her to attend the World Congress, and during her absence Mrs. Elsie Henderson assisted with the office work. Mr. David Esplin continued as Assistant Secretary of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Limited and also helped with general office duties and the editing of *Theosophy in Australia*. The close co-operation and team spirit in the Headquarters office has been a happy and encouraging experience. Dr. H. S. Murdoch's valuable advice as Hon. National Treasurer has been of great assistance and is much appreciated. At Convention, Mr. Leonard Wade was re-appointed Hon. National Lecturer and his help in the past year is also much appreciated. In accordance with a resolution from the 1965 Convention that a contributory superannuation scheme be established for full-time Headquarters Staff, the Society has commenced to contribute to the Bank of New South Wales Retirement Fund, for its three employees.

World Congress.—The fifth World Congress of The Theosophical Society took place in Salzburg, Austria, from 14th to 22nd July, 1966. Australia was represented by 22 members from Adelaide, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. The President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, presided over the Congress, which had chosen the theme "A World in Transition". I was privileged

to participate and give the greetings from the Theosophical Society in Australia. The Congress served a very useful purpose in bringing together about 1,200 members from all over the world—47 countries were represented—and many matters of business and general direction were discussed. To have so many nations and races represented together for a common aim was an unusual occasion and an uplifting and inspiring experience. A full report on my visit to the World Congress was given in the October issue of *Theosophy in Australia*.

General Secretary's Tours.—In connection with my visit to Perth for Convention, I was happy to meet officers and members of Perth Lodge, and in passing through Adelaide and Melbourne, to meet members of both these Lodges. Returning from Convention I spent one day in Melbourne, reporting on the Convention and giving a members' talk.

Accompanied by Miss Shirley Macpherson, president of Adelaide Lodge, I left on 21st June to attend the Theosophical World Congress in Salzburg. En route we visited the Lodges in Fiji and Honolulu. We spent a few days at the Krotona Institute of Theosophy in Ojai, California, and found the work done by the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind most interesting and impressive. There we were joined by another Australian member, Mr. Manfred Mey of Sydney. Continuing our journey, we attended the 80th Convention of the Theosophical Society in America, at Wheaton, Illinois, and participated in the program. Later a visit was paid to the English Theosophical Headquarters in London.

Returning from Salzburg, I was accompanied by several Australian members and we were fortunate to stay five days at the International Headquarters at Adyar, India. There, and later at the English-speaking Lodge in Calcutta and to the

members in Manila, Philippines, we reported on the World Congress and on the work of the Society in Australia. In Hong Kong we met some of the members and returned to Sydney on 16th August.

In all the countries visited I found an open response from members who were happy to receive visitors from other countries and who were glad to exchange and share ideas on Theosophical work. The contacts made in the Indo-Pacific area in particular will be of lasting and growing importance. It was a great honor to have had the opportunity of making this journey and of representing the Australian National Society at the World Congress and at the American Convention.

Overseas Visitors.—From the end of February to the beginning of June the Kalakshetra dance troupe from Adyar, India, under the leadership of Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale, toured Australia. They performed successfully at the Arts Festivals in Perth and Adelaide. During their stay in Perth, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane, Mrs. Arundale was able to give some lectures to the public and also to meet members and friends between the dance troupe engagements. Where possible Lodges had arranged a reception for the dancers and members were happy to welcome Rukmini Devi again and to get to know the charming group from Kalakshetra.

Honorary National Lecturer.—The Honorary National Lecturer, Mr. Leonard Wade, had a very busy year. Early in October there was a visit to Tasmania, followed by two weeks' lecturing in Melbourne Lodge. In April he spoke to Melbourne and Adelaide Lodges on his way to Convention in Perth and again in Adelaide on his homeward journey. After Convention, his public lectures and contributions to the Lodge program in Perth for two weeks were well received. From

December to June, Mr. and Mrs. Wade visited the Canberra Theosophical group regularly once a month and their untiring effort has been most helpful in building up and strengthening the group. In July there was a two weeks' visit to Brisbane Lodge, with a visit to Toowoomba. In September an invitation by Melbourne Lodge took the Wades travelling south again. Lasting a full month, the visit with lectures to the public and members was very successful. Mr. Wade also contributed talks to the radio sessions in Sydney and Melbourne.

Other Tours.—Mrs. Maree Parry from Melbourne made a short tour of Tasmania during the last half of March, speaking to the Lodges in Launceston and Hobart and the group of members in Latrobe. Her friendly and easy approach was liked by all. Mr. Norman Hankin from Sydney gave a public lecture in Adelaide Lodge on his return from Convention in Perth.

Lodges.—The number of Lodges on the roll remains unchanged at 16. One feature of Lodges in Australia is the great contrast in size, with membership of 100 and more to over 300 in the five major capital cities, to very small membership in Lodges in the remote country areas.

Activities carried out by Lodges are varied both with regard to public and members' meetings. Melbourne Lodge opened a bookshop in January on the Lodge's premises which, with the bookshop successfully operated for many years by Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney, are most valuable avenues for promoting the Second Object of the Society and an effective means of presenting the ideas of Theosophy to the public. Also the established libraries of the Lodges are a useful contact with the public. Adelaide Lodge has conducted a speakers' training class for members and found it a worthwhile undertaking. Isis Lodge, Sydney, held a mini-convention study week-end

at Medlow Bath, Blue Mountains, in November. In an informal and friendly atmosphere the "Three Fundamental Propositions" of *The Secret Doctrine* were discussed. Freemantle Lodge celebrated its 66th anniversary during the year.

In some of the larger cities, in addition to the Lodge activities there are drawing room meetings in members' homes. The group meeting in Canberra has made good progress and their fortnightly meetings have been interesting and well attended. Because of the enormous distances in our country, most Lodges are dependent on their own resources and the need to develop study and discussion methods and training of speakers continues to be of great importance.

Membership.—Again the membership has increased by 60 bringing the total to 1,223 at the end of the year. While the larger Lodges in State capitals increased in number, membership of many of the smaller Lodges in country centres remained static or decreased slightly.

Services to Lodges.—The Headquarters continues to send out monthly letters to new members for the first eighteen months of their membership. At present over 230 new members receive the monthly letter. Amongst the material provided by Headquarters to Lodges during the year were approximately 2,000 pamphlets, 6,225 publicity leaflets, 1 illustrated study course, 2 art programs, 10 lecture and study tapes, 900 publicity notices, 200 lecture announcement leaflets, 10 dozen library reading lists and 25 study aids.

A new pamphlet, *A Scientist Looks at Man's Role in Evolution* and several new publicity leaflets for enquirers and library members, have been offered to Lodges. A new art program presented at Convention is now available to Lodges. Some books were again provided to groups.

Journal.—*Theosophy in Australia*, prepared by the editorial staff of the National Headquarters, has been regularly published every two months. At the close of the year, the number of copies printed had to be increased owing to growing membership.

Broadcasting.—The weekly radio session from Station 2GB Sydney continued throughout the year and there has been a steady demand from the listening public for copies of broadcast scripts. Many aspects of Theosophy were presented by a variety of speakers and we are grateful to the American Section and Melbourne Lodge for exchanging scripts with us. Melbourne Lodge maintained its weekly radio session on Station 3XY Melbourne.

International.—In response to a special appeal from Adyar for financial assistance for the upkeep of the Society's International Headquarters in India, an intensive drive for voluntary contributions was made through the journal which resulted in the collection of \$1,458.60. In addition, the National Society has started a capital trust fund called the Adyar-Australia Fund with generous contributions from the Society's funds, from Lodges and individual members. The Fund is invested in Australia and its interest earnings are regularly sent to Adyar for assistance in the maintenance of the International Headquarters.

The National Society, through the help of Mr. Michael Godby and an artist of Melbourne, has continued to submit several book-cover designs to The Theosophical Publishing House in Adyar. This valuable service is very much appreciated.

An illustrated book on the life and work of the Sydney painter, Godfrey Miller, who was a member of Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, before his death in 1964, was donated to the library in Adyar.

Young Theosophists.—The Young Theosophists have at present three active

groups in the cities of Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney. Meetings are held weekly and the programs are varied so that the interests of all can be embraced.

The Sydney group has had two camping week-ends in the Blue Mountains, near Sydney, and the response has been most encouraging. On walks in the beautiful mountain country and at discussions, the atmosphere generated was most friendly and without the tensions of city life. Such outings can be thoroughly recommended to young and old as a means of getting to know one another better.

The small group in Brisbane decided to suspend its activities since all those who were interested were also members of the Lodge and devoted all their efforts to helping with the activities of the Lodge.

A keynote of informality and spontaneity strikes well the note for the period of last year, and it is interesting to observe the good response that has followed when understanding and action have been unified.

Theosophical Order of Service.—This year has been one of activity in many branches of the Order. Brisbane in particular has worked on the renovation and modernization of the Hospice, a home for elderly ladies, and the building is recognized as one of Brisbane's early historic houses. Among contributions to many worthy causes, funds were also collected to provide for a guide dog for a blind person.

Sydney has concentrated on four major projects: collecting funds for Tibetan refugees and sending twenty parcels of clothing; supporting the Australian Council of Aid to Refugees, by contributing to a midwifery kit for Vietnam; further helping to raise funds for the Orphanage operated by Theosophists in Vietnam; and for the Lombok appeal. Other needy

causes were also supported, notably the McIntyre Centre for Senior Citizens. Members corresponded with and visited prisoners serving sentences in gaol.

Perth Order of Service has had a pleasing increase of membership since Convention in April, and a very successful opportunity table has been commenced, bringing in funds for those in need in India, Vietnam and Australia.

Adelaide has supported the Kotagiri Women's Co-operative with parcels and funds and members work independently for Red Cross, Meals on Wheels and Animal Welfare. A Tasmanian member of the Order has each month sent contributions of handiwork, which have been sold and passed on to "the poorest of the poor".

Although the few untiring members in each State have worked so devotedly, there remains much to be done and the support and co-operation of each member of the Theosophical Society is needed.

Conclusion.—In making this report and reviewing our activities of the year, I can see how much has been done and how much remains to be done in the future. But it is the effort of the present—what we can do now—with which we must be concerned. In conclusion I again thank my fellow workers and all members who have given their unfailing support in our combined task to further the objects of The Theosophical Society.

RUTH BERINGER,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

To many members of this Section the Fifth World Congress at Salzburg has been the most important event of the year. Forty-two Swedish members participated and got much inspiration for further work. Those who attended shared their impressions with others at several meetings in the beginning of the autumn.

This year we have been happy to receive several visitors from abroad. In September we had a visit from Dr. Sven Eek from California. Dr. Eek, who is of Swedish origin, spoke on Damodar K. Mavalankar and some other pioneers of the Theosophical Society. The Chairman of the European Federation Mr. John Coats was the guest-speaker at the celebration of the 90th jubilee of the Society in November. An interview with Mr. Coats appeared in one of the daily newspapers in Stockholm. Other features of the celebration of the jubilee were a public lecture in Stockholm

on "The Theosophical Society in the world during 90 years" by Dr. Bernhard Hegardt, and an article about the Society and its aims, published in seventeen different regional daily newspapers all over the country. At our Convention May 7-8 we had the pleasure of having Mr. J. E. van Dissel with us. He gave a talk about Adyar and spoke on White Lotus Day. In September Mr. B. C. Sutarra from India came to Stockholm, invited by Young Theosophists, who have an active group here. He also gave a talk to T.S. members on "The Problem of Freedom".

The Theosophical Bookshop has continued its progress in selling literature to members and the public. During office hours many enquirers came to hear about Theosophy and discuss topics of interest. A small pamphlet for enquirers called "What is Theosophy?" has been published.

The joint Scandinavian magazine *Theosophy in the North* is now in its seventh year.

At the beginning of this year we started a collection of money in support of our International Headquarters as a part of the 10-years plan for the improvement of buildings at Adyar. (The 1975 Fund.) So far we have brought together a bit more than 200 pounds.

The main part of the work in the Section is of course done in the Lodges. There are eight Lodges holding regular meetings for the public and for members only. It has been possible for ten Swedish

speakers to visit one or more Lodges in different parts of the country as well as in Denmark and Finland.

One new Lodge has been formed in Stockholm, called H. P. Blavatsky-logen, and one Lodge was dissolved.

The Section had 32 new members during the year, but after the removal of members who have not shown any interest over a number of years and so on, the net increase is only 1 and the total membership is 384.

KERSTIN BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

A new pattern of public interest in "straight" Theosophy is clearly emerging here. Attendances have markedly improved in Lodges where it has been possible to feed them regularly with good speakers using modern presentation. Well placed advertisements in popular weekly journals have produced splendid results. One half-page insertion headed "Theosophy?" brought 50 replies and ten people, who apparently found the truth they had been seeking, joined the Society as a result (eight men and two women). A "Do You Know?" type of advertisement brought between 150 to 180 replies but with a smaller proportion of new members (mostly women).

Membership.—The increase for the year, though not spectacular, is four times greater than last year's increase, reflecting the increasing search by sincere people for truth and the answers to personal and national problems.

Statistics.—Lodges 18, new admissions 72, died 20, resigned 19, lapsed 6, re-admissions 6, transfer out 1, transfer in 1. Membership 1965, 900, membership at

30th September 1966, 933, a net increase of 33.

Finances.—Donations to Adyar (omitting dues) £250: Century Fund (capital invested in New Zealand with income to Adyar) £475 plus £800 ex-A.B. Fund, total £1,275. Member's gift received for Adyar Library, £100. Gifts also to Tibetan Refugees, Children's Famine Relief Fund and Olcott Harijan Free Schools. We gratefully acknowledge receipt of two legacies and one freehold property. Our New Zealand appeal (Penny-a-day Fund) for local work is £120 below this year.

Salzburg.—The New Zealand delegation of seven members led by Geoffrey and Sandra Hodson reported on the inspiration and upliftment of the gathering of 1,200 Theosophists from 47 countries at the world Congress.

Section Headquarters.—Complete co-operation between the officers and Section Executive has enabled our workers to supply the greatest possible assistance to all Lodges. The National Lecturer, the General Secretary, and free lance lecturers, Bishop Banks, Cecilia Pollard,

Basil Gossage and others have visited every Lodge (except Fiji) once or more during the year. The H.P.B. Lodge, Auckland, has launched a successful venture in suburban meetings taking Theosophy to the people where they live.

Visitors.—A number of overseas visitors from U.S.A. and Australia, as well as New Zealand workers returned from Adyar, together with new members, have been entertained at Headquarters.

Section Library.—This has been updated with the latest publications. Unattached members have used the library throughout the year. An Archives section is attracting valuable gifts for preservation and display—original letters written by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater, papyrus extracts from the Koran, etc.

Tape Library.—The popularity of taped talks has increased this year and new recordings are having to be added to cope with the demand.

New Members.—Thanks to the help of the U.S.A. and Australian Sections, appropriate letters for progressive development go monthly to all new members for at least the first year of their membership, and receptions at Headquarters are arranged for them.

Theosophy in New Zealand.—The Editor's policy of including items of general interest to Theosophists, including world news, science linked with occult research and successful achievements of the Society, has increased the popularity of the magazine both in New Zealand and overseas. Ten shilling gift subscriptions have also increased the circulation.

T.O.S.—Unofficial work at Arundale Park and Iona Flats, Orewa, has increased the provision of modern apartments for retired workers.

Youth Work.—Where capable leadership is available, groups of young Theosophists are growing. The Youth gather-

ing at Salzburg stressed the necessity for a modern presentation for youth. Several new groups formed in New Zealand this year have proved the importance of presenting the ancient wisdom in an interesting, dynamic and demonstrable manner related to everyday living. Our Section officers and lecturers are adapting themselves to interest and hold the attention of "Youth in the world".

Appreciation.—Our gratitude goes to our leaders at Adyar and Sections throughout the world for their immediate response and helpfulness to our Section on all occasions. The exchange of successful experiments, publications and ideas adds to the strength and effectiveness of our world Society and renders us more efficient implements in the Masters' hands for making Brotherhood a Living Reality.

Conclusion.—Thanks to the dedicated work of our members, Lodge officers and Section personnel, Theosophy has made a much greater impact on the public throughout this year. The public image is improving and old prejudices are dying. The impersonal and selfless service of our older members and past Section and Lodge officers has laid a foundation for still further "popularizing a knowledge of Theosophy" in New Zealand, thus increasing spiritual awareness, and bringing further realization of the fact of Brotherhood. Our special thanks go to Mr. Geoffrey Hodson for representing the New Zealand Section so ably at Salzburg and at other overseas Centres, supported by his wife Sandra; also for his tireless and never-failing help to the New Zealand Section over so many years. We count ourselves most fortunate, karma wise, to have had this great occultist living and working amongst us for so long.

BRIAN DUNNINGHAM,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

Mr. Will C. Burger, who had been elected as General Secretary in May 1965, fell seriously ill in November 1965, just the day before our national gathering. Mr. H. van Houten, Vice-President, carried on the work with the help of Mrs. Burger, the latter not a member of the board. In May 1966 Mrs. N. E. van der Schoot-Groot was elected as his successor.

Membership.—This showed again a decrease from 1,278 in 1965 to 1,230 now; there were 62 resignations, 27 deaths and 1 lapsing, against 37 new members, 4 readmissions and one transfer, giving a decrease of 48.

Lodges.—The number is unchanged at 34. The work in the Lodges is somewhat difficult; there is very little interest for public meetings, even with large advertisements in the papers. But more interest arises for discussion meetings, especially for members. There is more desire for sharing than for listening to a speaker.

Convention.—At the week-end October 16-17 in 1965 we had our yearly Convention at the International Centre at Huizen on the subject "Men of this Time". The meetings were well attended, as well by young as by old. On Saturday the Theosophical Research Centre in the Netherlands held a gathering where Dr. J. H. Dubbink gave an interesting lecture on "Phenomenology and Theosophy". In the evening three young Theosophists told about their trip to India (where they went to make propaganda for the vegetarian way of life) with beautiful slides. The next day Mr. E. E. van Win, a physician, spoke about "Theosophy for the Modern Man" and in the afternoon Dr. K. E. Freitag, not a member of the Society but very close to our ideas, gave a lecture on "Some Parables of Jesus in connection with the Evolution of Man". It was a disappoint-

ment that our guest-speaker Mrs. Rukmini Devi had to cancel her visit.

Salzburg.—Because of the World Congress no Summer School was held during the year. Nearly one hundred members, young and old, went to the World Congress and returned to their Lodges laden with enthusiasm and new ideas. The General Secretary attended the meetings of the General Council and of the European Federation.

National Gatherings.—At the meeting in November 1965 it was decided to increase the contribution fees to Fl. 25 p.p. (this includes *Theosophia*) for members attached to a Lodge, Fl. 10 for attached family-members; Fl. 27.50 for non-attached members and Fl. 12.50 for non-attached family-members. The raising was made necessary because of the increasing costs for the magazine *Theosophia*, etc.

At the meeting held in May there was the election of a new president and three members of the board. The election of a president by referendum will be re-established again in our rules and regulations. The nominal votes for Lodges in all other cases was till then 1 for 50 members and now 1 for 15 members. This requires a changes of the rules and approval by the Queen. Several other articles in the regulations have to be changed too.

Country Meetings.—These were arranged by groups of Lodges. There was a meeting in Belgium at Ghent, with Lodges of South Holland; in the north at Delfzijl; and in Haarlem for Lodges in the west, where the guest-speaker was Swami Rama Theertha of Madras.

Visitors.—Mr. John Coats visited several Lodges in February 1966, four in Amsterdam and one each at The Hague and Arnhem. He had a week-end also with the Young Theosophists at Huizen.

Library.—Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen, former General Secretary, in November 1965 was made librarian of the national Library in Amsterdam and has done much work on re-organization, control and repair of books, etc. There is an increasing number of readers, also young people, but mostly non-members. Little interest in reading is shown by the members.

Publishing House and Bookshop.—Mr. P. S. Nijdam was appointed to succeed Mr. Klerkz, who resigned as director of the Publishing House. No new books were published this year, but now in the press are translations of *Some Basic Concepts of Theosophy* by Eunice and Felix Layton and *The Occult Anatomy of Man* by Manly P. Hall. There is co-operation with a big publishing house and bookshop in Amsterdam which helps to increase the

sale of our books. The preparatory work for the Theosophical glossary of Sanskrit, Greek, Latin and other terms has nearly come to an end, and it is hoped it will be ready for printing in about two months.

Theosofia.—We went to a different printer, one of our members. There are about eighty readers, non-members. The Flemish-speaking members in Belgium also get the magazine for half price.

Young Theosophists.—They are very happy with their new home, the Ashrama at Huizen, which has been enlarged with financial help from our Society. Nearly every week-end they have a meeting for study, talks and music.

N. E. V.D. SCHOOT-GROOT,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

The most striking event in the life of the Society in France was the visit of the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who was Chairman of our National Convention, postponed for convenience; a visit that caused a greater number than usual of provincial members to attend it. At the same period Mr. J. Krishnamurti was staying in Paris for a series of lectures, and the opportunity to hear him also increased the appeal of the journey.

After this very beautiful Convention, during which the International President gave the public lecture and also answered in another meeting, with his well-known pertinency, questions asked about very different topics, a visit to a few important centres in the provinces had been arranged. The President, therefore, accompanied by the General Secretary of the Section, was able to be heard in Lyons, Marseilles

and Nice, where they were warmly welcomed and where there were satisfactory audiences; the audiences also appeared to be satisfied.

The other feature of the year 1966—in France as in all other Sections—was the preparation for participation in the World Congress in Salzburg.

Outside of these events, the life of the Section is similar to that of the previous year. This activity includes, both in Paris and in the provincial groups, public lectures and study meetings.

The publication of our double magazine: *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique*, organs of the European Federation for French-speaking countries, and joint reviews of the Belgian, French and Swiss Sections, goes on punctually and seems to satisfy the bulk of readers, if we trust the appreciations that are now and then received,

There are registered in our Section a certain number of citizens of recently independent African countries, where French is the official language. The particular characteristics of the African world, and a very low school culture of some of these members, plus their isolation, puts problems that have to be dealt with. A few French members, who have spent years in these countries, and know well the mental trend there, have accepted the task of corresponding with some of the new African members, in order to

guide them and help them to a right understanding of books which, written by authors of European culture, are therefore ill-adapted in their presentation to African readers, many of whom see mostly in Occultism a particular form of witchcraft.

Our membership shows a decrease of two, which confirms the opinion I expressed last year, namely that we are in a situation of stability.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

This year our Annual Convention was held at Perugia, from April 23rd to 25th. The guest of honor was Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation Council. A good number of members of our Section took part in the Convention, during which administrative business concerning the Section was discussed, in an atmosphere of fraternal and mutual comprehension, notwithstanding diverse views.

The theme of the Congress was "*Perennial Theosophy and the Modern World*"; a theme which was illustrated by various lecturers, besides that done by the General Secretary himself in his annual report. The work in the Section went on mainly along the lines put forward in our Manifesto of the year 1962, "For the Renewal of the T.S. in Italy"; and the life in our Section during the year 1966 has been in the main fairly quiet. The General Secretary in his report emphasized particularly some positive aspects of world politics—of the U.N.O. for instance and especially the activity of the U.N.E.S.C.O.—before putting in evidence that at the present time Theosophy, Perennial Theosophy, once more revealed to the modern world by the great Adepts, the Elder Brothers of

Humanity, through Their Messenger, H. P. Blavatsky, is the only philosophy that synthesizes man's spiritual evolution; while the Theosophical Movement all over the world perseveres in its efforts, albeit in the face of misunderstanding and against enormous odds, to form as a practical reality a Nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity; that therefore Theosophists, more than anybody else, have the duty to contribute all they can towards the successful outcome of the efforts undertaken and to the working out of the science of the spiritual evolution of life in man and in the universe. The fundamental principles of this philosophy are to be found, concisely expressed, in the three propositions stated in the Proem of *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky—a synthesis inasmuch as it integrates into a *whole* both sociological psychology and individual psychology, at the same time bridging the gap between the purely religious experiences and point of view, and the ideas of the humanistic philosopher. H.P.B. correctly defined the Theosophical teachings, in *essence*, to be a synthesis of *principles* operating in depth; consequently, by

learning to use these *principles* in the proper way, the human being was made capable of acquiring an *independent knowledge* of the laws of Nature and the deeper truths underlying the human experience. She based such propositions on the actual existence of men whose life revealed the living mastery of such principles and who had been her own Instructors. But while she presented Theosophy as teachings coming from Those whom she called the "Adepts" or the "Masters," on the other hand she constantly admonished seekers after the Truth not to accept them blindly, by faith. The Theosophical Movement required serious students and not devout believers. "The Society, as an organism, has no creeds," she wrote in *The Theosophist* in 1879, "because creeds are only the outer shells that enclose spiritual knowledge itself—the real essence—of philosophical and theistic research. The basic idea of the Society is free and courageous investigation. . . ."

The new civilization requires a real spiritual inspiration, which Theosophy could give to help the world effectively; but we must never forget that Theosophy is not merely a theory of evolution, of which we can make a mental image by studying the Theosophical texts; it is an inner experience of those teachings, a continuous verifying of the reality of spiritual evolution on the part of each of us. All our studies and research would have only a very relative value if the principles and spiritual truths of which we have caught sight were not translated into living realities in our daily life. Every Theosophist ought to try out *personally* the change of heart and of mind which derives from the practical application of such teachings in his daily life. In this way there will arise in each one of us an ever more deeply felt sense of Unity; a wider understanding, a spirit of human

solidarity and of true brotherhood will naturally emanate from each of us, and we shall become positive elements for the establishment on earth of a new, more loving and more spiritual, human community. By really living Theosophy, by cultivating and developing the divine potentialities that are latent in our deepest selves, we shall contribute in the most certain and efficacious way to the transformation and uplift of the mental and moral atmosphere of our nations and of the entire world; by means of our help the law of hatred and of mutual destruction—of hatred which, as history itself teaches us, is never capable of solving any problems; either between individual, the different classes of society, peoples or nations—can be gradually replaced by understanding, by brotherly co-operation, by the law of love; thus bringing ever nearer the realization of that era of Universal Brotherhood in the cause of which the Theosophical Movement came into being, and of which we can today distantly see the coming signs, vague though they be, shining as luminous points in the yet gloomy darkness of the immediate present.

To close my report, here are a few statistics concerning the year 1966. In Turin, the two groups which existed previously have joined together under the name of "Turinese Theosophical Group," with Prof. Enzo Forcellini as president. In Milan also the Groups "Ars Regia" and "Unita" have decided to unite into a single Group, keeping the name of the older of the two, namely "Ars Regia," with Dr. Filiberto Zarattini as president. No further changes occurred in the other Lodges and centres, where work was carried on as usual.

The number of members on 30th September 1966 amounted to 582; of whom 505 belong to the present 25 Lodges and to the three centres of Bolzano,

Esine and Treviso, while 77 are members at large. During this year 12 members have passed beyond the veil, while 67 new members have joined the Society in Italy.

Our monthly magazine *Alba Spirituale* has continued with its highly enthusiastic activities, which have also been much

appreciated by various Theosophical Sections of the world. Also the Theosophical Order of Service went on with its usual brotherly activity.

ROBERTO HACK,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

Mr. Heinrich Nagel, the General Secretary for the past six years, resigned. The general assembly elected a new board for the German Section which reads as follows:

Mrs. Anneliese
Stephan .. *General Secretary*
Mr. Werner Menck .. *Treasurer*
Miss Ilse Heynen .. *Recording Secretary*

The election took place at Inzmühlen Läneburger Heide on 7th May 1966. The first event of this period was the Lotus celebration on 8th May in the beautiful atmosphere of that place.

The International World Congress at Salzburg was and still is the highlight of this year. Eighty-one members from Germany attended and were filled with strength and love to carry on their activities. Even one member from Mitteldeutschland was present at Salzburg; we should like to take this fact as a deep sign of hope.

The German Section is particularly looking forward to co-operation with other Sections all over the world, being interested to take advantage of their experiences in Theosophical work. The World Congress was the very starting point in this respect.

After the Congress some lecture tours in Germany were arranged. The Blavatsky Lodge in Berlin invited Mr. G. Hodson, whose lecture and answering questions were very much appreciated by a big audience. Mr. B. C. Sutaria of India talked to members at Hamburg, Berlin, Hannover, Waake and München. Professor Mullick from Agra made several people interested in Theosophy while at Stuttgart, Bonn and Göttingen. He lectured in Berlin and Hamburg and Inzmühlen. His visit still continued after returning from his lecture tour to the Scandinavian countries. German members are full of confidence.

ANNELIESE STEPHAN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

On November 30, 1965, Sr. Celestino Aguilar Mora resigned as National President for the Cuban Section of the Theosophical Society because of his intention to leave the country. On December 1 of the same year, Sr. Dana Cruz Bustillo Artigas, National Vice-President, in accordance with the By-Laws of the Section, took charge of the National Presidency.

Starting on January 23, 1966 (National Convention), the Board of Directors and the National President, in accordance to the By-Laws of the Section, appointed the officers for the National Presidency, as follows:

National President: Sr. Dana Cruz Bustillo y Artigas.

National Secretary (appointed by the National President, for 1 year): Dr. Alfredo Aguilar Menendez.

Treasurer: (appointed by the Board of Directors for 1 year): Sr. Adolfo Aizpurua Aizcorbe.

Lodges and Members.—This year ended with 22 active Lodges, the same as we had last year. It is probable that in the coming year some Lodges will be dissolved and some will merge, reducing the total number of Lodges of the Section, due to the fact that many are not able to fulfil the requirements of the law of the country concerning associations.

The number of members is almost the same compared with last year's report; there has been a drop from 425 to 423 as at September 30, 1966. The new entries were 15 new members and 3 re-entries; and the decreases 20: 3 resignations, 9 deceased, 11 for lack of payment and 1 transfer to another Section.

Theosophical Publications.—The activities of the Section in this respect were limited this year to the work of each Lodge and the Section's regular public meetings.

No publications were possible during the year because of the official prohibition of private publishing houses. The only channel left for Theosophical divulgation and communication with the Section members, outside the city of Havana, is the typewriter and a mimeograph with limited use for lack of the necessary materials; and the regular monthly materials sent to the Lodges.

The National Presidency of the Section has considered of great importance the proposition submitted to the Conference for Theosophical Publications which took place at Salzburg, Austria, at the 5th World Congress of The Theosophical Society, on July 16 and 19, 1966, concerning the publication of books in different languages, starting perhaps with publications in Spanish, a proposition which was supported by Miss Helen Zahara. If this proposition is adopted it would represent to the Spanish-speaking countries, the possibility of having the material in the form of books, pamphlets as well as articles, at the disposal of all members of the Sections. Some members of our Section are willing to give part of their time to the translation from English into Spanish of books or articles not yet translated as a co-operation to that purpose.

Revista Teosofica Cuban (Section's official organ).—It was not possible to publish it during the year because at present there are no private publishing houses. The renewal of the publication of *Revista Teosofica Cubana*, was requested from the government publishing organization but up to now we have not received the authorization. The Section, in order to fill temporarily this deficiency and keep the Lodges informed of Theosophical activities, publishes in typewritten form a monthly Open-letter with national and

international Theosophical news. Translated articles from Theosophical leaders are also sent to them.

Theosophical Festivities.—The three official Theosophical festivals were celebrated this year as usual, organized by the National Presidency in the Section's building at Havana. On November 17, 1965, the Foundation anniversary of the T.S., three members lectured, the titles respectively being: "El Lugar de los Maestros en la Sociedad Teosófica," "H.P.B., Alma Heroica," and "H. S. Olcott, Fiel Hasta la Muerta"; on February 17, 1966, Adyar Day, lectures by members of the Section, were given on Adyar, on Henry Steel Olcott, C. W. Leadbeater and Giordano Bruno; on May 8, 1966, White Lotus Day, readings of the *Bhagavad Gita*, *The Light of Asia*, and "Anecdotes de H. P. B." and "H. P. B., Mensajero de la Gran Logia Blanca para el Siglo XIX y su Profecía para el Siglo XX".

Other Section Activities.—The modifications introduced in the Section's By-Laws and Rules by the Extraordinary Convention of October 1965, and submitted to the Government Association's Record Office, were approved by this government organization early in October this year.

During the present year the National Presidency has kept constant contact with its Lodges, because of the official requirements concerning the Association's

Record Office. To that purpose we have been working at the preparation of the necessary documents and a new uniform By-Laws for the Lodges not recorded yet in the Association's Record Office. Most of the Lodges are not legally recorded and we are waiting to know whether they will be allowed to function or not. Upon this acceptance depends whether the Lodges which work outside the premises of the Section's building at Havana can continue to work or must be closed.

The Section's Economy.—Although we have made the necessary provision of funds, we have not been able to comply with our economic obligations to Adyar, as is our wish. At present the regulations of the national bank do not allow the export of dollars, so we are making a reserve of the funds as in previous years.

Conclusion.—Although this year we have not succeeded in performing all the work we intended to, because of the difficulties which confronted us, the National Presidency, its invaluable collaborators, and the Lodges of the Section have kept in constant activity. We trust that the future will clear the way and that we will realize our aim of more Love, Harmony, Unity and Fraternity in our Section.

DANA CRUZ BUSTILLO,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The work of the Finnish Section has been carried on on the same lines as before. There are at present 23 lodges in the country, 9 of which are situated in Helsinki. The number of members is 400, and it seems that the decrease in the amount of members has now stopped. Most of our members are rather old and thus many pass over from this plane, but we are happy to notice that there are many young members coming in.

Most of the Lodges meet once a week for discussion on the basis of short lectures given by members. As before, public lectures are given regularly on Sundays in Helsinki to an audience of about 35 to 70, sometimes even more.

The economy of our Section is now considerably better than before. We have until the present owned the third part only of our summer residence Kreivilä, but as a private person was willing to sell her share to the Society, the necessary sum was collected voluntarily among the members within two months. We are very grateful for their readiness to help.

Usually we have every year the traditional Summer School in Kreivilä for one week, but this year our Summer School

lasted only three days and we had no foreign lecturer because of the World Congress at Salzburg in which about sixty members from Finland took part. In May we were happy to welcome the former President of the European Federation, Mr. J. E. van Dissel, who gave lectures to our members. And in October Prof. B. R. Mullick from Agra, India, visited Finland and gave lectures in Helsinki and other towns to members and the public.

The Annual Convention at Easter is each year the culmination of our work. Members from all parts of Finland come then to Helsinki to strengthen the ties of brotherhood.

I sincerely hope, and all other members of the Finnish Section with me, that the quality of our Theosophical work deserves the blessing of the Masters and that we are really able to do something for our own people and for the whole of mankind. I hope, from my whole heart that in some later report we shall show some concrete results of our work, and not only prospects of reaching them in the future.

SYLVI HORSTIO,
General Secretary.

 RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

 CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

During the period October 1965 to September 1966 there has not been much change in the actual work in this Section. However, during that period the Rhodesian Government declared its independence, and with the resulting rationing of petrol travelling between Lodges became more difficult. Just before the Convention a memorandum was submitted by the Johannesburg Lodge suggesting the possibility of returning the Headquarters of the Section to the Republic, in the interests of the work. At the Convention held in Cape Town the suggestion was discussed, and it was decided that the situation did not warrant any such action at present.

As the Convention was held at Cape Town the southernmost Lodge, about 2,000 miles from Salisbury, only two members from Rhodesia were able to attend, namely, the National President and the National Secretary. The main advantage of holding the Convention at distant Lodges is that local members, unable to travel for financial or leave reasons, can attend one now and then. Unfortunately none of the other coastal Lodges was able to send representatives. Nevertheless it was a good Convention, though not as large as hoped.

It is gratifying that about twenty of our members were able to attend the World Congress at Salzburg and travel also in Europe and England. I was happy to give the greetings of our Section and also a review of the work in Africa. Many of us, I am sure, have made Theosophical contacts of great value in broadening our own attitudes to the work.

Lodge work has continued in much the same pattern, and a number of new members have been added, the membership having risen from 445 in 1965 to 477 in 1966. Unfortunately we have been badly affected by a number of deaths this

year, particularly that of Mrs. B. Hofstra, the energetic president of Pretoria Lodge, who was killed in a car accident just before her intended departure for Salzburg.

I myself, apart from two months or so overseas, have been able to visit only Cape Town Lodge, for the Convention, during which time I conducted a Summer School, based on the work of Mr. N. Sri Ram, which was considered a helpful part of the Section's work. In England I was invited to address several Lodges, and also the Section Headquarters.

Since returning to Rhodesia there has been much backlog of work and correspondence to be attended to. One of the ideas arising out of conversations at Salzburg was the possibility of exchanging international news-letters between some of the smaller Sections, who may have different problems and work on a different basis from the larger Sections which are able to draw upon many workers and lecturers of various abilities. I am hoping to bring this into being, perhaps in the form of a circular letter. It has been possible for me to visit only one of the Lodges in Rhodesia since my return, that at Que Que, where I held an admission of new members, combined with a talk about Salzburg and showing of colored slides.

I think the pattern of the work is constantly changing, and as Lodges adapt themselves to these changes they often find that this evokes an inner strength and self-reliance and a deeper understanding of the Wisdom, because of the need for self-discovery brought about by circumstances.

There has been an increase of interest shown in *The Theosophist*. The Section members have also shown appreciation of our own magazine, *The Link*, since we have tried to make it more topical in its material.

M. E. NAIRN,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

Membership in the Scottish Section is 111 plus two honorary members. There are now four major Lodges and one centre. Recently the four Lodges in Edinburgh amalgamated into one large Lodge, mainly for economic reasons, but each of these Lodges retains its Charter for the time being in the hope that more members will join. With this change of officials a new life seems to have been released, and a deeper attitude of responsibility to the Theosophical Society is taking place.

Groups within the Edinburgh Lodge still adhere to their former presentation of Theosophy, e.g. Orpheus group concentrates mainly on Art; Morningside, on the study of *The Secret Doctrine*; Olcott, on propaganda and the circulation of *The Theosophist* and *Theosophy in Action* to members and friends. Each group contributes to the Sunday evening lectures.

Glasgow Lodge follows a similar pattern, where four smaller Lodges meet in one larger group. There the study group uses Watch Tower Notes and Krishnamurti's Talks.

In Aberdeen public lectures are held on general Theosophy. The work in Dunfermline has been rather severely hindered owing to illness. Several unattached members living in isolated parts of Scotland are kept in touch by letters and books.

Every Sunday from October to July public meetings are held in Glasgow and Edinburgh, when lectures, tape-recordings and discussions are offered. At Easter, a special study week-end, led by Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, was held in Edinburgh, the subject being "Basic Thinking". Later, Mr. Farthing visited Aberdeen and Glasgow Lodges. All this work was greatly appreciated.

Our hopes of forming a Young Theosophists' group have not yet been realized, mainly because the young are training for their careers.

T.O.S. work is carried on regularly and quietly—sick-visiting; caring for old and aged members having difficulty with domestic help; collecting garments and dispatching them to Oxfam and refugee relief organizations; animal welfare; anti-vivisection; vegetarian propaganda; "Beauty without Cruelty". Last December we invited representatives of organizations with wide, altruistic ideals, e.g. Christian Aid, the English-speaking Union, and the Salvation Army, to the showing of the film "Tibetan Story," and as one result we were able to send donations to the Friends of Tibet at Adyar and also the Tibetans at Kalakshetra.

Individual members take part in the proceedings of the United Nations Organization, the Women Citizens' Association, the National Council of Women and other artistic and cultural bodies.

Unfortunately, we still lack skilled workers who will undertake the routine work in the Section, and also members who are willing to go out and create small groups within city boundaries, as was the custom in former years.

During the year we have lost by death several old, loyal workers, notably Mrs. Lilian Kilpatrick. She will be remembered chiefly as librarian of Headquarters Library. Thanks to her devotion, ability to keep up to date with modern methods of librarianship, and her dauntless energy, this Library was built up to more than 8,000 volumes, a most valuable channel of service. So far no successor has been found for her although a small staff attend for the exchange of books.

The annual Convention was held in Edinburgh during the week-end of June

4-5, with the International President as Guest of Honor and Presiding Officer. We were particularly happy to have him with us again, and his talks were inspiring and beautiful and provided a harmonious atmosphere for all who were able to attend. His public lecture entitled "Edu-

cation for Life" attracted a good audience which included representatives of the B.B.C. as well as others from educational training colleges and schools.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Mr. Georges Tripet was obliged by ill-health to retire from his position as General Secretary before the end of his term of office, which would have expired on 31st December 1966, and Miss Mary Anderson was elected in his place as from the middle of March 1966 for a period to end on 31st December 1968.

The work of the Swiss Section continued as usual in the past year, the ten Lodges and five centres in nine towns holding meetings for study and discussion, often based on Theosophical books and articles, and public lectures being held once a week at the headquarters in Geneva.

There are well-stocked libraries in Geneva and Basle (containing books in French and German respectively). The latter library, having been considerably extended recently, was advertised and attracted some enquirers.

No Convention was held in 1966, in order not to discourage members from attending the World Congress. The reports which should have been submitted at Convention were circulated to the members and were adopted. In May the General Secretary visited most of the Lodges in order to make and in many cases renew personal friendly contact with the members.

French-speaking members continued to receive, along with those in France and Belgium, the magazines *Le Lotus Bleu* and *La Vie Théosophique*, which also features, under a special heading, news of the Swiss Section. German-speaking members share

the magazine *Adyar* with the German and Austrian Sections and receive from the General Secretary newsletters containing information of interest to them. "The Question of the Month," a feature started by Mr. Tripet, is being continued at the wish of members in Switzerland and abroad, Mr. Tripet drawing up answers to questions and the General Secretary attending to duplication, translation and dispatch.

The event of the year was, of course, the World Congress in Salzburg, which was attended by about 30 Swiss members. We hope that the various Lodges, representatives of many of which were present at the Congress, will benefit from the fresh impulse which we received.

In Geneva and elsewhere we have had—and still look forward to—the pleasure of welcoming visitors from overseas who are in Europe for the Congress. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson answered members' questions in a very interesting session at the Geneva headquarters in early July.

Work is in some ways more difficult in a multilingual Section, but we are, on the other hand, privileged to have many contacts with quite different cultures and with several other countries, with whom we work in harmonious co-operation. So the Swiss section has an interesting rôle and we hope that we can play it in a way which will benefit the work internationally.

MARY ANDERSON,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

Membership.—The present membership is 246, an increase of one over the previous year.

Lodges.—There are eight Lodges, five in Brussels, with a membership of 98, where there is a weekly public lecture. In Liège there is one Lodge with 78 members. Public lectures are held there twice a week. Antwerp, with 18 members, holds a weekly meeting for members only, and arranges ten public lectures during the year. Ghent Lodge, with 52 members, holds a weekly public lecture. There is also a centre at Brugge, with six members meeting twice a month. A new centre is in process of creation at Aalst.

There is a steady decrease in membership at Brussels, but these losses are compensated for by a slow growth of the other Lodges. Indications show that the future of the Section lies in the formation of small centres in the provinces.

Convention.—The National Convention held on 19th June 1966 was presided over by the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram.

Special activities.—These included a public lecture at Brussels given by a member of the United Lodge of Theosophists from Antwerp and a joint White Lotus Day celebration at Ghent on 8th May, with members from Ghent, Antwerp and Brugge and a delegation of 49 from the U.L.T. On 12th June 1966 a Flemish-Netherlands convention was held. It was attended by 69 members from Breda, Dordrecht, Eindhoven, Middelburg, Ghent, Antwerp and Brugge.

The Section continues *in status quo*, with no special outstanding features.

B. NYSSENS,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

Section Suspended

BURMA

After a period of strenuous activity for over three years since the Diamond Jubilee of the Section, the year under report may be said to be one of plan of action for the future of the Theosophical Society in Burma. In spite of efforts by the Section and the constituent Lodges there has been a woeful lack of young blood in the movement, especially as the present generation of members are on the wrong side of 40. A vigorous drive, therefore, to attract the right type of young men of the country into the movement is being

planned so that the work of the Society may go forward unhampered.

The number of Lodges remains the same as in the previous years but the fall in membership from 78 to 51 is mainly due to lapses for non-payment of dues. Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, and Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, maintained the standard of activities throughout the year. Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, however, suffers from want of enough active members. Though the immediate repairs to the Lodge buildings have been effected and the nucleus

of a library formed, due to reasons beyond the control of our Section it has not yet been possible to reconstruct the war-damaged main building. Efforts are being made to realize from the authorities the sum of K. 300.00 due to the Lodge on certain pre-war postal cash certificates which were recently forwarded to the Section from the International Headquarters at Adyar. The Rangoon Youth Lodge continues to be dormant.

The Section Convention was held on Sunday the 17th October, 1965, at the Headquarters at No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon, presided over by Dr. Tun Min, a delegate from Kyaukpyu. The Convention address on "The Constitution of Man" was delivered by U Hla Maung. About thirty members attended the Convention.

The Society's land at Thingangyun remains occupied by squatters in spite of efforts to get them to vacate the land. However, further efforts have to be made to vacate them and find suitable buyers.

The Burma Humanitarian League and the Mandalay Vegetarian Society are

doing useful work in the field of animal welfare and as usual the members of the Society take active interest in the activities of these organizations. Special mention must be made of the services of U San Hla and U Kyaw Hla in this connection.

The Book Depot run by the Olcott Lodge continues to do its best to distribute Theosophical books and magazines amongst the members and friends but due to continued restrictions, import of fresh books could not be made to replenish the stock.

With the taking over of private schools in the country by the Government with effect from 5th April, 1966, the B.E.T. Co-Educational School with all its assets, furniture, equipment, etc., was handed over to the Nationalization Committee. Thus has ended the noble educational work undertaken by the Rangoon Theosophical Society more than half a century ago under the Theosophical Order of Service.

HLA MAUNG,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

The main event of last year was the World Congress; it was very fortunate for the Austrian members that the Congress took place in Austria. Eighty members of the Austrian Section were able to attend and felt very much inspired by the unique opportunity to meet friends from all over the world and to hear the lectures of prominent Theosophists from abroad.

Two lectures which Mr. Geoffrey Hodson gave at Vienna and Graz after the Congress were much appreciated by large audiences.

The normal activities of the ten Lodges which were active throughout last year went on in a similar manner as in previous years. A new feature was the fortnightly discussions in the Paracelsus Lodge at

Graz, in which regularly non-members who are experts in certain fields of science took part. Also in the Art Lodge at Graz well-known writers read extracts from their works.

Membership has slightly increased. There were 19 admissions and re-admissions (against 10 in 1965), 2 transfers from other Sections, 7 resignations, 7 deaths and 2 lapsings, making in the total an increase of 5 members, bringing the number of members to 257 at the end of the year.

On the whole it was a year of increased and more vivid activity than in previous years.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

There are seven active Lodges in Norway, and during the past year we have had three new members. But four of our old valued members have passed on to greater light. One of them, Miss Marie Schonberg, was the oldest Norwegian member. She was very active in her earlier years and has done much for the Section. Our total membership is now 131.

In November 1965 Mr. John Coats visited our Lodges in Bergen and Oslo, and he was also present at a national council meeting where he gave us interesting information about the World Congress.

On Adyar Day, Mrs. Bartz-Johannessen of Bergen spoke in a very charming way to the Oslo Lodges on "Diary Leaves from the Journey to Adyar". And in the middle of March Miss Joan Wilkinson of Australia talked in Oslo about the Theosophical work in Australia and about her

long and interesting journey through many countries.

At our annual Convention in September 1966 we received a visit from Mr. B. C. Sutaria, who gave two interesting lectures on "The Only Way" and "Freedom Within and Without".

The magazine *Teosofi i Norden* is still a result of co-operation between the Scandinavian countries and our members find it very satisfying.

From the beginning of this season we have adopted the Australian and American idea of sending the new members a monthly letter. We are translating the Australian letters kindly sent us by the Australian General Secretary, adapting them for the Norwegian Section.

In February 1966 I was re-elected General Secretary for the next three years.

RUTH WESSEL NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

(Lodges only)

No Report

DENMARK

After our annual Convention in September 1965 we already began the preparations for the participation of Danish members in the World Congress at Salzburg, and this expectation of a future great event seemed to have an inspiring effect on the work in the Lodges. At any rate I think that the Lodge activities were more many-sided and intense than in former years. In addition to the work in

the individual Lodges in our Capital there was great interest in co-operation and joint arrangements which resulted in joint study groups and joint public meetings, which were held in the Antiquity Hall in the National Museum in the centre of Copenhagen.

In the month of November, 1965, Mr. John Coats paid a very welcome visit to the Danish Lodges. The principal event

of the year was, of course, the participation of forty Danish members in the World Congress at Salzburg, and the experiences and impressions we had there cannot fail to influence and stimulate our work in the future. During our recent annual Convention at Gammel Praestegaard I got the impression that all were anxious to begin the work of the winter time. We had persuaded Mrs. Mary Elmore to prolong her visit to Europe, so that she would be able to enrich our Convention with two inspiring talks, and we also had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. B. C. Sutaria, who gave a talk also.

On the 8th August the Danish Section lost one of its most faithful members, when Mr. Otto Viking departed this life after having shown us throughout his long life how a man works to whom Theosophy and the work of the Masters take precedence of everything else.

We are expecting an important event in the Danish Section. Miss Sigrid Moller, Aarhus, has for years been working in her spare time at the translation into Danish of *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky, and owing to this great voluntary work and other generous offers of assistance, it seems that it will now be financially possible to have the abridged English edition of *The Secret Doctrine* printed and pub-

lished in Danish. I find it very important that not only the English-speaking members of the Danish Section, but also the others, will now have an opportunity to study this unique key-work to Theosophy. I am convinced that our Norwegian brothers will also be able to use this translation.

If I were to take stock of Theosophy in a typical western country like Denmark, we would find a rather well-to-do nation, part of which is entirely absorbed in running after the next symbol of status, convinced that its attainment will bring them nearer to "happiness," while another and a little more well-to-do part has found to their consternation that, after all, "happiness" was not obtained in that way. Then there are a few Theosophists and some people in other groups who think that they have found the way leading towards the goal, and that they would be able to guide others, but in order to have an opportunity to act as guides there must be people who ask for the way. Are we then to wait patiently until there is someone who asks, or may the Theosophical Society become a beacon that can be seen by everyone who has lost his way?

NIELS SÖRENSEN,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

This has been in some ways a year of turmoil. We had a loss of membership caused by death and other factors. A much-loved member, Mrs. Jean Morrison, died in January. Then Mr. Percy Gillespie died suddenly. Mr. Gillespie had been a member of the Theosophical Society for fifty years. With his passing there were broken two interesting links.

On the one hand he was a brother of the late Mrs. Margaret Cousins, so well known in Adyar; on the other hand he was a brother-in-law twice over, of the late Mr. Pierce Leslie Pielou, who had been a devoted Theosophist and a founder member of the present Dublin Lodge. Since his death we have lost another member, Mr. Robert Greacen, a very kind friend,

who never forgot us although too old and ill to attend. One young member, Mr. Gus Cryan, emigrated to Canada, where one hopes he will get in touch with Lodges there. Another member, Mr. Nicholas Tanner, went back to his native Wales with his wife and family. However we have acquired several new members.

We were much disappointed when we found that the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, was unable to visit Ireland owing to his many commitments. For that reason we did not hold our usual big Convention but had what one might call two junior conventions. We built one round the visit of Mr. Hawliczek who gave us a remarkable talk on "Man and the Space Age". The other we held at the time of White Lotus Day. This taking place on a Sunday enabled us to have a large meeting and several members came up from the country, and waited on for the next day when Mr. Geoffrey Russell introduced to us his theories of the origin of the Labyrinth and the Grail. This attracted much attention and brought in two new members.

In my capacity as General Secretary I attended the London Conference and was greatly interested in the great work being done by the Lodges everywhere. Unfortunately circumstances beyond our control prevented any of us from southern Ireland attending the Salzburg Conference.

August was a great disappointment. This is the month when we relax and meet friends and visitors from overseas, but alas! a bus strike prevented meetings. We had a visit from Mr. Henry Summerfield who had been lecturing in Illinois and was going on to Vancouver. He was writing a thesis on A. E. (George Russell). Although not a Theosophist he was keenly interested in the teaching. Then a charming member from Cornwall, Miss Ithell Colquhoun, who was at the Yeats Summer School in Sligo, came on to Dublin and again owing to the bus strike I was the only member able to meet her. Mr. Summerfield too was disappointed he was unable to meet other members.

Added to this we had a prolonged bank strike which threw our money affairs into much confusion. It is only now that our national treasurer has been able to straighten things out. The building so generously left to us by the late Mrs. Hornidge has been rather a headache but we are now beginning to see our way clear and legal aspects are being tidied up.

We find that our meetings are well attended by young men, but curiously enough never by young women. On the whole, therefore, we feel we can look forward with confidence to a growing interest in the age-old teaching.

DOROTHY M. EMERSON,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

During the time with which this report is concerned 67 new members entered the Society, making a total of 936 at the present time. We have suffered the loss of ten brethren, among whom are two veteran members, Mr. Joaquín Velasco and Mrs. Consuelo R. de Aldag who gave

great help to the Theosophical movement, not only in Mexico but also abroad.

Lodge Luz de Oriente in the State of Nuevo León disappeared, but two others, Fenix and Kut Humi, were formed in Mexico City, making a total of 36.

The Mexican Section was represented at the Second Inter-American Congress held in Buenos Aires from 28th to 31st October 1965. This Section also sent representative delegates to the Fifth World Congress held in Salzburg during July this year.

Adaptations were effected in the building housing the general Headquarters of our Section, designed to improve the services available to those who work in the Lodges, including the two recently incorporated and the Meditation Group which has been working without interruption.

Lectures are periodically held and advertised so as to awaken in those present an interest in Theosophy.

The Section bookshop continues to spread Theosophical works among the public in general and in the Theosophical centres, not only within Mexico, but also in other countries.

The three festivities of our Theosophical calendar were celebrated with real and sincere devotion.

The Ritual of the Mystic Star has regularly taken place.

ARTURO VADO LÓPEZ,
General Secretary.

CANADA

Theosophical work here has been proceeding quietly and steadily during the past year. Our membership remains about the same, with 335 members as compared with 346 at the close of last season; however, some members who were transferred to the inactive list have since paid their dues. A number of young people have been attending the lectures without becoming members, and some of these may join later.

Our oldest and largest Lodge, the Toronto Theosophical Society, celebrated its 75th Anniversary last February, and marked the event by a supper and an enjoyable social evening at which many older members were present, and the earlier days of the Lodge were recalled.

Last year saw the commencement of the work of placing in the libraries of universities across Canada the writings of H. P. Blavatsky—*Isis Unveiled*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Voice of the Silence*, together with Volumes I, and V-X of *The Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*. Bound volumes of our magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, were also donated. This work has now been

completed with the exception of binding and distributing a few more volumes of the magazine to complete sets which had to be sent with some missing volumes. Volumes II-IV of *The Complete Works* will be donated as these are published.

The Canadian Executive approved a suggestion made by Mr. T. G. Davy, one of the co-editors of our magazine, to establish an Essay Competition which will be open to all students, whether or not members of the Society. The subject chosen was "The Value of a Comparative Study of Religions"; the closing date for entries is March 31, 1967. The preferred length of essays submitted is between 2,500 and 4,000 words. Three prizes will be given of Canadian \$250.00; \$100.00 and \$50.00 respectively.

The Fifth Theosophical World Congress was attended by six members from the Canadian Section, and two members from the Canadian Federation of Lodges. All agreed that it was a most important gathering which should be productive of far-reaching and significant developments for the Society. I had suggested four

points for discussion at the General Council meetings at Salzburg; these were:—

1. The relationship of the T.S. and the E.S.
2. Official recognition of Mr. Wm. Q. Judge as one of the Founders of the T.S.
3. Revision of the Rules of the Society. The Rules have been amended and re-amended so many times over the years that they are difficult to follow and understand.
4. Enlarging *The Theosophist* to provide for correspondence pages.

The lengthy agenda of the Council Meetings at Salzburg did not permit of

these points being brought up for discussion; it is hoped that they will be referred to the General Council at its December meeting.

Our magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, has attracted an increasing number of subscribers in other parts of the world who are not members of the Canadian Section. These subscribers welcome the magazine because of its many interesting articles, its broad, independent editorial attitude, and its policy of encouraging correspondence and the free exchange of views on important issues.

DUDLEY W. BARR,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

No Report

CHILE

No Report

BRAZIL

As I complete the second year of my term as President of the Theosophical Society in Brazil I have by my side the Vice-President, Señora Carmen Pizo, and together we have pleasure in presenting our report of activities in our Section. It is a joy to us to direct the work of the members who collaborate with us, and we are grateful for their presence both in times of rejoicing and in times of difficulty. We think we can congratulate ourselves on the results obtained this year, which has been full of practical realiza-

tion as well as the overcoming of many difficulties.

In beginning our work we endeavored to bring home to each member the responsibility of his or her membership in the Theosophical Society and many of us are trying to make this apparent in all our daily affairs, both individual and collective, so that we may feel the value of our pledged links to Theosophy in the present time of world afflictions and perturbations.

Membership.—Our membership at 30-9-1966 was 789. During the year 91

new members joined the Section and there were 16 re-joinings, with one transfer from another Section. Against this there were 9 deaths and 97 lapsings with one transfer from the Section. Our present membership is therefore 790, an increase of one. Among the lapsings were two study groups, "Jinarājadāsa" and "Vitoria," with six and five members respectively. We hope shortly to be able to reactivate Lodges and study groups in Recife and Brasília, as well as other places visited by Señor Ulisses R. Rezende. The necessity of visits to groups at a distance from our principal centres has been demonstrated, but because of the cost of travel this can be done only with the help of a propaganda and travel fund which has to be constantly replenished. We look for the collaboration of all members of our Section through prompt payment of dues and through generous donations to make it possible for us next year to expand the activities of the Brazilian Section.

Federations.—In the Brazilian Section there are two Federations of Lodges, one in Rio de Janeiro directed by Señor Murillo Nunes de Azevedo, and the other in Sao Paulo presided over by Señor Joao Batista B. Pinto. The Rio de Janeiro Federation has increased its membership and has done many noteworthy things in collaborating with the national Section and attracting speakers of different spiritual organizations—all this helping to strengthen the work.

In Sao Paulo the Federation is to be congratulated on solving various problems which have long presented difficulty, for example, the problem of the property in Jardim das Rosas. Also documents in connection with the property at Rua Anita Garibaldi 29, 10° and 11° have been signed. This is where the Lodges of the Sao Paulo Federation meet, as well as the National Section. The library, under the charge of Señor Jose Cacaiz Gonzalez,

a most efficient worker, has now been reorganized completely and is able to offer all facilities to the members and others interested. This is of particular value owing to the lack of printed works, and will assist the culture of the members. We are also grateful for various gifts including a projector.

The Lodges.—The work of the Lodges is characterized by perfect harmony and total integration with the National Section, both in the capital city and in other parts of our country. Unfortunately Lodge Harmony in Rio Preto has become dormant and cannot be revived owing to lack of interest among the local people. The Raja Study Group which meets in the house of Señor Armando Sales in Av. Rep. de Libano, has now become Lodge Raja. We offer our best wishes for its spiritual progress.

We have received reports from the following Lodges: Lotus Branco, Alber, Amizade, Fraternidade, Blavatsky—all of which show great activity in their meetings and also in their contacts with other Lodges. All this is of great value in the realization of the First Object of the Society. Inter-Lodge meetings also prove interesting and increase the feeling of friendship among the members. On various occasions different members speak as representatives of their Lodges providing opportunities for obtaining greater knowledge of the work done by each Lodge. Lodge Raymundo Pinto Seidel of Modi das Cruzes held a celebration to inaugurate their library, which was attended by members from Sao Paulo, including the National President. In future this Lodge will function at the local municipal library by invitation of the city prefect, which will certainly contribute to its progress.

O Teosofista—In accordance with the decision made when the dues were increased last year *O Teosofista* will be

issued regularly and sent to all members who have paid their dues. We hope it has been received by the members and we ask their continued collaboration. The magazine is a means of diffusing a knowledge of events, national and international, and those who were delegates to Salzburg reported on their experiences, so that the spiritual value of the Congress could be brought to all our members.

The Second Inter-American Congress.—This Congress was held in Argentina, representatives from all the countries of America being present. The delegate from Brazil was Señora Lola Bracet of Rio de Janeiro, who read a message from the National President. Resulting from this Congress a decision was made to form a South American Federation with Señor N. E. Rimini elected as provisional president. He was General Secretary of Argentina for nine years and therefore is *au fait* with the problems of the Theosophical Society in South America. It was also agreed that the next Inter-American Congress should be held in Brazil in September 1968. We consider this an honor for our Section.

World Congress, Salzburg.—As General Secretary I represented Brazil, with 21 others from the Section. I took the opportunity to tell delegates something about our work, with parti-

culars of the Lodges and centres which are spread over our whole country. Also we were able to show some slides of Brazil, including the Raja Centre. The organization of the Congress and spirit of harmony were perfect and I found the experience useful for our future Inter-American Congress to be held in 1968, at which many Theosophists from Europe, America and India have promised to be present. Our special congratulations go to the organizer, Mr. J. Coats.

Correspondence.—We continued our increasing correspondence with the Lodges and centres in Brazil, also with other countries in America, establishing intimate relations and exchanging ideas about the 1968 Congress. Also correspondence increased with Europe provided by our contacts at the World Congress with other General Secretaries.

Dept. of Propaganda.—Under the direction of Señor Alcyrr Anísio Ferreira, this department maintains a supply of Theosophical articles to the Sunday newspaper, the largest in the capital, *O Diário de S. Paulo*, as well as notices and news of Theosophical Lodges and functions. Also a service of distribution of our literature was organized and sent to all Lodges for distribution to those who frequent them.

CINIRA RIEDEL DE FIGUEIRDO,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

The total membership of the Icelandic Section made a net gain of 22 members this season. At the beginning of the term the members numbered 611. Thirty-eight people joined the Section in the course of the season, but four died and four left the Society and eight were taken off the records. The total membership now is therefore 633 members. The number of Lodges remains the same, thirteen in all, but many members prefer not to attach themselves to any Lodge.

The Executive Committee was convened regularly once a month in order to make decisions on pressing issues and to discuss the work of the Society in general.

Last year the Theosophical magazine *Gangleri* underwent some changes. Instead of appearing twice a year it now appears quarterly. Its general appearance was altered and the variety of its contents greatly increased. This alteration was made in order that it could become a channel for Theosophical views or ideas in a way that best suits a relatively well-educated person according to modern standards. In the course of the season which is coming to a close, a great propaganda campaign was made in order to increase the number of subscribers and general readers. A small informative leaflet was printed in order to acquaint the general public with the Theosophical magazine and sent to twenty thousand individuals by direct mail. As a result 700 new subscribers were added and our magazine is now issued in 2,500 copies.

In our informative leaflet we underline that *Gangleri* is a magazine for those who enquire, and for those who are interested in totally unbiassed observations. The word "Theosophy" only occurs once in the text of the leaflet where simple vocabulary is used to attract people's attention to those problems that Theosophists wish

to acquaint themselves with, namely, the riddle of life and consciousness in the universe.

Such a campaign costs a great deal of money, but this money we just had to obtain because our work demanded it. But we do not intend to stop here. Our intention is to send this leaflet gradually into every single home in Iceland in the coming years. This will become the greatest and the most extensive propaganda campaign ever undertaken in Iceland for the furtherance of Theosophical views and outlooks.

The Icelandic Summer School was held in June as usual. The main lecturer was Mr. Geoffrey Farthing from England. Besides Mr. Farthing there were also many Icelandic members who gave talks. The Summer School lasted one week.

The Lodge work was carried on in much the same way as in the previous season. The chairmen of the Lodges met regularly to discuss how to adapt the Lodge work better to modern thought, scientific outlook and psychology. No effort was made to alter the working methods, but on the other hand everything was done in order to heighten the standard of study. Each Lodge held inner meetings where certain subjects were treated. In Reykjavik public lectures on Theosophy were given regularly throughout the season. These lectures were held by the Lodges alternatively.

The Theosophical Book Service held evening sessions once a week during a part of the season where various Theosophical books were exhibited and discussed. A public exhibition of books on occultism and mysticism in Icelandic, English and the Scandinavian languages is in preparation. There, books not only from Theosophical publishing houses, but also from other publishers will be on display.

Several new books were added to the library of the Icelandic Section in the course of the term and further additions have been planned.

At its meetings the Executive Committee discussed the work of the Icelandic Section in general as well as dealing with the various issues that have been at hand. The changes that are obviously taking place in the tastes and tendencies of members of the Theosophical Society have often been discussed and at the same time the danger that lies in holding on too much to old working forms or methods has been pointed out. It is possible that the Lodge system may have to undergo a revision or even a radical change. More and more people choose to become unattached members and have little interest for attending meetings. They want practical books, letters or leaflets and prefer to meet privately without too much fuss or planning beforehand and discuss their interests informally. Opposition to authorities is on the increase. People want to do things themselves.

The subjects which Theosophists study are also undergoing radical changes, but slowly. Psychology and science are gradually disclosing in a new way the same problems that occultism of the previous centuries dealt with. People are increasingly ceasing to think about existence in terms of religion and mythology, but have adopted instead terms used by science and psychology, although the subject dealt with is without doubt one and the same thing and the same things are discovered. If the Theosophical Society does not adapt itself to these new modes or circumstances then a great danger will lie ahead for the Society.

Experience in Iceland shows that those subjects which Theosophists present to the public become popular as a rule if they are treated in an agnostic way, for the attitude of the pupil is always healthier and more true than that of the teacher or guru.

SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

The most stressed aspect of the year's work was a preference given to symposia and discussion groups, which took the place of most of the lecture work.

Each fortnight a symposium was held at the Headquarters. Some of the symposia were dedicated to the study of *The Secret Doctrine*, and others were held for consideration of the social, medical and educational aspects of "Right Rela-

tionships". These meetings were very useful in linking members of various Lodges. The search in common in a right attitude, serves the true spirit of Theosophy. Freedom of opinion and absence of dogmatism create love for Truth and encourage understanding, tolerance and goodwill.

As those who work are few, the meetings are always held in a very familiar

and friendly way, and so they link the members of various Lodges in a kind of larger Lodge.

Besides these general meetings we celebrated Founders Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day, and we also had a Christmas festival. All these festivals were celebrated with the help of music and poetry, as the presence of Beauty is an essential feature of our Theosophical work.

Though some Lodges are weak, Lodge work was carried on regularly by devoted members. A few meetings were specially dedicated to some people interested in Theosophy and the Theosophical Society.

Concerning membership, we mention that seven new members were admitted, two passed over, and 17 resigned. The total number of members decreased from 209 to 197.

Our financial situation is not solid yet, as the members are few and the rent of the Headquarters has been raised to almost double.

Our Section is trying to give a new impulse to the Theosophical movement in Portugal through the starting of a new magazine, thanks to the gift of a member. The new magazine, *Humanismo*, is intended to inform the larger public about Theosophy and the Objects of the Theosophical Society, in order to destroy a lot of misconceptions about Theosophy. And we hope to interest some cultured people in the Theosophical wider outlook.

Theosophists know how a vision from the centre, of scientific, philosophical, religious, psychological, artistic and educational matters is so very necessary in the world. And we think that if that note is struck in Portugal now, maybe it will start an echo, because the Portuguese cultural tradition is very much on the line of intuitive thinking. Hence a strong tendency to *integration*, blending of different races, cultures and people of different lands, also *universality*, as shown in the adventurous discoveries.

The Acting General Secretary visited once again the south of the country in order to participate in the work there, and two other members of the Section Council also visited the north to strengthen the link with other members there. A summer camp was held again by some members and their children, as a part of the Theosophical education work.

The activities of the Theosophical Order of Service proceeded in an enthusiastic way, as a necessary complement to other Theosophical activities, because it represents another and most essential practical form of living Brotherhood.

The keynote of this year's work was "The spiritual improvement of man, through right human relationships," in an attempt to answer the challenge of our times.

MARIA BEATRIZ SERPA BRANCO,
Acting General Secretary.

WALES

The year 1966 has been one of much trial and tribulation, but as we are repeatedly told that it is only through struggle we grow, then we must see in our difficulties lessons to be learned.

First, our General Secretary died very suddenly in January and before a new

Secretary could be elected our Headquarters at 10 Park Place, Cardiff, was badly damaged by fire, the Besant Lecture Hall being put out of commission. This has greatly hampered the work of the Cardiff Lodge and the Annual Convention consequently was held under trying

circumstances, though members rallied magnificently. A new General Secretary was elected in April.

A matter of concern in Wales is the scattered nature of the membership, one-third of the members being unattached, one-third in North Wales and one-third in South Wales. One year we hold our Annual Convention in the south, the next in the north.

Our total membership is about 110 and has been fairly static for a number of years, though as it is an ageing membership this again is a matter of concern.

The Lodges maintain a regular program of members' meetings, study groups and public meetings. At the Cardiff and Colwyn Bay Lodges, excellent libraries are maintained, open to the public as well as to members. Reasonable use has been made of "tapes" for members, but not for the public, who prefer a "live speaker".

There has been an incoming of a few younger members to set against our losses by death or resignation. An attempt is now being made by means of a news-letter incorporated with the Journal to make closer contact with our scattered members.

We have no publication of our own and rely heavily on England for help in this direction. Our relationship with the English Section is most friendly.

One of the things we are stressing at the moment is to get our members to think and act for themselves. We may be a small Society but if our Theosophy is alive, we can be a potent force in the community. Eleven of our members were present at Salzburg. The theme at Salzburg was "A World in Transition". We feel the Theosophical Society as a whole is in for a period of transition, new thinking and new frontiers.

HARRY EDGAR,
General Secretary.

POLAND

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URUGUAY

Under date August 31st, 1966, the Uruguayan Section of the Theosophical Society held its 39th Annual Convention, and at the same time elections took place, with the following results:

National President: Mr. Victor Alvarez Bisbal (re-elected); *National Vice-President:* Mr. Joaquín Mesía.

In regard to our activities during the period of this report, each of the eight Lodges worked intensively and in addition to Theosophical teachings, held

some other meetings studying matters regarding different cultures, art and science. These meetings were led by our members, and on other occasions, some well-known lecturers were invited to talk.

During this period, our Section was represented in two International Theosophical gatherings. In October 1965, a delegation of 14 members, presided over by the General Secretary, attended the Second Inter-American Theosophical Congress which took place in Buenos

Aires, Argentina, and in July 1966, Mrs. Dolores Gago de Fuerte, President of Pallas Atenea Lodge, represented us at the Fifth World Theosophical Congress held in Salzburg, Austria.

By co-operative efforts we have been able to publish our magazine *El Sendero* (*The Path*) which is given to all the members; in addition 100 more copies are presented to visitors.

Our treasurer has been working hard and after having paid all the yearly expenses, has informed us of having a fund of \$100,000.00 Uruguayan pesos (about 1,333.00 American dollars) which is a special fund for the purchase of our headquarters. Notwithstanding, may we point out that our work of establishing a firm economical basis is not our goal, but the

necessary means on the way to help us with our task of offering the message of Theosophy to the world.

At the beginning of the period of this report our Section had 123 members divided among 8 active Lodges; 14 new members were accepted and 6 members dropped; therefore the present number of members is 131.

During this period, we think we can talk about a favourable balance of our work, due especially to the fact that all the Lodge presidents, together with a number of other members, offered their personal collaboration in connection with new ways of work.

VICTOR ALVAREZ BISBAL,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

The work in our Section has followed more or less the same pattern as in the previous year. Although total membership decreased by 11, attendance at meetings has been larger. During the month of November, 1965, we had with us for three days Mrs. Vera Boardman and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, all from California. They had just attended the Second Inter-American Congress at Buenos Aires and brought us news of that event and of the South American Sections they had visited. Mrs. Boardman showed us very interesting color slides and in her talk stressed common interests and problems of members in the Latin-American Sections. This helped us to feel closer to our brothers in those countries.

We are very fortunate in having free radio time; so once a week on Sunday mornings we have a fifteen-minute Theosophical talk. These talks have brought us a great number of enquiries. Copies of the

talks, plus other propaganda material introducing Theosophical ideas, are sent to all enquirers.

The Section review, *Heraldo Teosofico*, is published bi-monthly and is sent, in addition to our members here, without charge to many members in Latin America. We include always articles by Mr. N. Sri Ram and other leading members of the Society. In this way we try to make available in Spanish valuable articles illustrating current trends in the Society.

The group meeting at our Headquarters in San Juan is working with much enthusiasm. We have used more the group discussion method; and we think it has brought an increase of interest on the part of members for Theosophical work. Public acceptance of the group discussion method has been noticed also. The public has been welcomed at our special programs for Founders Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day.

On Easter Sunday, 1965, we held our annual Convention with a very good attendance. The principal work of the Convention was the election of a General Secretary. The present General Secretary was re-elected for a second three-year term.

Five of us had the good fortune to be able to attend the Fifth World Congress at Salzburg. Upon returning we did our best to give accounts which would convey to our members something of the inspiration and value of that great gathering.

We have been publishing as quickly as possible in *Heraldo Teosofico* translations of the lectures we heard there.

Because Theosophical work consists in part of making available Theosophical ideals and concepts to the largest possible number of people, there is an urgent need in the Spanish-speaking countries for more propaganda material presented in an appealing way.

CARMEN G. BALLARD,
General Secretary

RUMANIA

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YUGOSLAVIA

On 9th May 1966 a meeting was held at Dalmatinova 9/II, Ljubljana, for the purpose of re-founding the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia. Twelve members were present. Mrs. Anica Jesse was elected president of the meeting, and Dr. Avgustin Gerden secretary. The proposal to re-found the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia was put to the meeting and passed unanimously. The following were elected as members of the Committee:

President: Mr. Anton Jesse
Vice-President: Mr. Djuro Robotic
Secretary: Dr. Leon Krevla

Treasurer: Mrs. Anica Jesse
Librarian: Dr. Avgustin Gerden

The executive committee was instructed to apply to the department of the Federal Government concerned for registration. The Society was duly registered in June 1966, in accordance with the rules submitted, and on 23rd September 1966 the Mother Lodge "Harmony-Service" began work in Ljubljana. Members from Yugoslavia were present at the Fifth World Congress in Salzburg in July 1966.

ANTON JESSE,
General Secretary

CEYLON

While the emphasis was on the promotion of religious and communal harmony, on a nation-wide scale during the past few years, culminating in the successful launching and establishment of a Congress of Religions in the Island, this Section has concentrated its activities during the year under review in promoting closer ties of brotherhood among the members of the various Lodges in particular and of the Section in general.

This has been achieved in a great measure by holding Lodge meetings and discussion groups in the homes of some members of the Society. The titles of the talks given at these meetings and the great interest which has been evinced by those who participated in the discussions, reveal a keen awakening of interest in Theosophical subjects and topics of general interest.

Unfortunately, however, it is very apparent that there is a lack of interest and co-operation in the organizational aspect of the activities of the Lodges and consequently this aspect of the work of the Section has suffered considerably in recent years for want of response and active support from Lodge secretaries and treasurers. This appears to be a problem which affects many Societies, such as ours, that depend entirely upon the efforts of voluntary workers, who hold the principal offices in such Societies and are themselves burdened with multifarious daily activities in which they are involved in connection with their official, professional or business occupations.

In view of the meagre financial resources of the Section it is difficult to forecast any appreciable change in the outlook for the Society in Ceylon unless more members who can afford to spare the time and are imbued with the necessary enthusiasm and dedication to carry forward the work for

which the Society was founded, are available to assist in the organizational and other aspects of the activities of this Section.

The need for establishing a Young Theosophists organization in this Section has often been stressed by our National President, Mr. D. L. F. Pedris. Such an organization could provide a useful nucleus for recruiting and training future workers and office-bearers, and infuse fresh life and enthusiasm into the activities of the Section as a whole. The Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. V. Wigneswaran, who is a young lawyer, has been deputed to contact Young Theosophists in other Sections and Federations with a view to enlisting their help and advice in forming a Young Theosophists group in this Section too. Several constructive suggestions which have been sent in by members, in response to a circular sent out by the National President, are now under consideration by a sub-committee which has been deputed to assist the National Secretary to explore ways and means for implementing any workable ideas suggested by our members.

The following is a brief summary of the talks and discussions which were conducted in the various Lodges of the Section:

Satyamargh Lodge, which meets regularly once a month, held its meetings at the residence of Mr. T. R. Rustomjee, treasurer of the Lodge, and latterly at the residence of its president, Mr. K. Somasuntheram. A series of talks took place on the subject "Cosmic Forces at Work, and Belief in God". Among others the following members delivered talks and participated in the discussions: Messrs. D. L. F. Pedris, K. Somasuntheram, Dr. E. W. Adikaram, T. R. Rustomjee and K. Makalingam.

Lanka Lodge, which meets at the residence of its president, Mr. F. H. P. Joseph, held discussions dealing with some aspects of the Third Object of the Society and talks were given by Mr. M. R. Unni Nayar on "Some Mysterious Experiences in India" and by Mr. K. V. Sri Ram, U.N.S.F. Expert on Farming (a member of the Indian Section) who gave a talk on "The Seen and the Unseen".

The Besant Lodge has recently revived its activities and held talks at the Girl Guides Hall on Buddhist meditation, Sufism and Zoroastrianism. The talks were given by Mr. D. Muthuweera, president of the Lodge, Mr. Fuard Uduman and Mr. F. Rustomjee, national lecturer of the Section.

Mr. C. D. Shores, who recently visited the Island, gave a talk at Besant Lodge and also spoke informally to a group of members who had gathered to meet him at "Pedris Villa," the residence of the National President. He gave us a short account of the Fifth World Congress which was held at Salzburg.

Olcott Lodge.—Its president, Dr. W. B. Tudor, who is the Superintendent of the Mental Hospital, Angoda, gave a talk on the treatment and rehabilitation of mental patients. This Lodge has arranged to hold a series of talks on the psychiatric treatment of patients in Russia and other countries.

Lotus Lodge continues to meet once a month at the residence of its president, Mrs. E. Roversi Perera and its secretary Miss H. Roversi at Demotawa, Pasyala. Among the talks given at this Lodge was an interesting lecture on "A Case of Reincarnation at Balangoda, Ceylon," which was personally investigated by the learned lecturer, Mr. V. F. Gunaratne, a former Magistrate and retired Public Trustee of Ceylon.

Vasanta Lodge, Sri Palee, Horona, meets at the residence of its president,

Mr. G. P. Ariyaratne, and informal discussions are led by the president on subjects of interest to the members. This Lodge has acted as hosts for several Annual Conventions held at Sri Palee.

Shanti Lodge, which meets at the residence of its president, Mr. S. N. B. Wijeyekoon, has devoted most of its time and energies to the work connected with the Congress of Religions of which organization Mr. S. N. B. Wijeyekoon is the General Secretary and Mr. C. V. Wigneswaran the Lodge secretary, is an assistant secretary. Mr. D. L. F. Pedris is the President of the Congress.

World Congress.—Mrs. D. L. F. Pedris and her son Lalith Pedris represented the Ceylon Section at the 5th World Congress held at Salzburg in July this year.

It is a matter of keen regret and disappointment that no official delegation from the Ceylon Section is able to attend and participate in the activities of the annual International Convention which will be held at Vārānasi this year. The difficult foreign exchange situation and restrictions on travel are mainly responsible for this.

The 59th Anniversary of the passing of Col. Olcott was commemorated on February 16th (the date was advanced to enable the chief guests to participate in the proceedings) with a "Dhana" to some Buddhist monks which was given at Ananda College, a leading Buddhist educational Institution founded by Col. Olcott. This was followed by a meeting presided over by the Ven'ble Hettimulle Vajirabuddhi Thero, Lecturer in Buddhism at Ananda College. Among those who addressed the meeting were the Minister of State, the Hon. Mr. J. R. Jayawardena, and the Minister of Cultural Affairs, the Hon. Mr. I. M. R. A. Irriyagolle. In the evening a public meeting was held at the Lincoln Auditorium of the U.S.I.S., jointly sponsored by various

Buddhist Associations, the Theosophical Society and the Cultural Affairs Department of the U.S.I.S.

The 60th Anniversary of the passing of Col. Olcott will be commemorated on an Island-wide scale on February 17th, 1967. An elaborate program has been drawn up by the Olcott Commemoration Society which is composed of representatives of every section of the government and people of Ceylon, to which the Cultural Department of the U.S.I.S. is lending its fullest support and co-operation.

A life-size statue of Col. Olcott, the cost of which will be borne by Senator Y. R. Piyasena, will be unveiled on February 17th at a prominent site opposite the Fort Railway Station and facing Olcott Mawatha, which has been allotted for this purpose by the Government.

The Theosophical Society in Ceylon is represented on the Olcott Commemoration Society through its National President and National Secretary. An Island-wide oratorical contest for students of both sexes between 14 and 19 years, on

the life and work of Col. Olcott has been organized by the Ministry of Cultural Affairs and a gold medal will be awarded to the winner, and cash prizes will be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd runners-up.

This Commemoration Society, of which the president is the Ven'ble Hettimulle Vajirabuddhi Thero and patrons are H.E. The Governor General and the Hon'ble Prime Minister, will draw up programs to commemorate this occasion annually in order to keep alive the memory of one of the greatest benefactors and workers in the cause of Buddhism and Buddhist education in Ceylon.

The Section in Ceylon has not increased its total membership very much, although many new members have been drawn to it by attending our meetings which are open to enquirers, but some have lapsed due mainly to their indifference in meeting their annual subscription to the Lodges and dues to the Section.

D. L. F. PEDRIS,
General Secretary.

GREECE

The Greek Section continues to work as in the past within the framework of the pursuit of Theosophical aims and ideals of the Theosophical Society.

We have now four active Lodges in Athens and two in the provinces. The membership is 190.

The book by Mr. Sri Ram, *An Approach to Reality*, translated by Mr. John Haritos, has been published in Greek. Mr. Haritos made a generous financial contribution as well for this publication which is now enriching our bookshop and our library. We have also published a second revised edition of the book by Mr. C.

Melissaropoulos, *Introduction to Theosophy*.

With our magazine *Ilisos* we are endeavoring to spread to a wider public the Theosophical ideals.

Our financial standing, we regret to say, is not satisfactory.

We were very happy this year to participate in the World Congress in Salzburg. Several members of our Section availed themselves of this opportunity to attend such a wonderful Theosophical meeting outside Greece.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The relations between the Lodges of the Section have been those of fraternal collaboration. Herewith the more important details of the activities during the year:

Lodges in Guatemala.—It is a happiness to report the activities developed by the members in this country in preparation for the Fourth Central American Theosophical Convention. All the brethren worked hard but I must specially mention Señora Carmen Aguilar Alvarez, the Secretary of the Theosophical Association of Guatemala, and Sr. Raymond Montomorency, to whose efforts much of the success of the Convention was due.

Lodge Teotl, El Salvador.—Under the expert guidance of Sr. Alfredo Rodriguez, president of this Lodge, and with the collaboration of Bros. Soledad Lara, Alicia Soriano, Victor Salvador Pineda and many others whom I could list, the Lodge has been vitalized, and is making preparations for the next Central American Theosophical Convention to be held in the year 1968.

Lodge Tegucigalpa, Honduras.—Special mention is deserved by Señor Gunther P. Deja and his wife Aenne Deja Neuber, for it is due to their dedication and efforts that it has been possible to form a new Lodge in this country, Lodge Tegucigalpa, the old Lodge Subirana having been dissolved some time ago.

Lodges Virya and Shakti, Costa Rica.—There have been intensive courses of study in these Lodges under the direction of Professor Don Leon Avila and Don Jose Maria Montero. Their vast knowledge and capacities drew numerous visitors to our Lodges. I should also mention the work of Theosophical propaganda

carried out by Señor Don Miguel Monge Echandi, in the *Boletin Teosofico*, the only publication of its kind in Central America, which circulates widely and is sent free within the Section and to places outside.

Lodges in Nicaragua.—The members from Nicaragua pay frequent visits to the Lodges in Costa Rica, and praise is due to them for the perseverance they have shown in vitalizing and renewing the Theosophical Society. Many of the innovations and work of renovation which has been achieved has been carried out through the initiative of the members of Nicaragua.

World Congress, Salzburg.—Due to economic conditions the General Secretary was unable to be present at this event, as he would have liked, but he had the honor to send as his representative Señora Aenne Deja Neuber, of Lodge Tegucigalpa, Honduras, who gave the greetings of this Section.

Lodge	Country	No. of Members
Gnosis	Guatemala	14
Kuthumi	"	12
Teotl	El Salvador	32
Blavatsky	Nicaragua	23
Pratibha	"	7
Darlu	"	8
Virya	Costa Rica	24
Shakti	" "	16
Tegucigalpa	Honduras	10
Luz	Panama	16
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JOSE JOAQUIN ULLOA Z.,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

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PHILIPPINES

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COLOMBIA

The second Annual Convention of the Colombian Section was held in Bogota from 3rd to 5th December 1965. The central theme: "How to Realize the Dharma of our Colombian Section" was discussed in five sessions, with great enthusiasm and magnificent contributions from those present. A committee summed up the work of the Convention with practical conclusions and recommendations which we propose to execute. There were 74 delegates attending the Convention from the different Lodges of our Section as well as some national members and a visiting sister from Bolivia.

As a result of this Convention we have seen a growing interest in co-ordinating and developing our studies, and almost all the Lodges are preparing themselves more efficiently to spread Theosophy.

The speakers' classes established at the end of last year for the Lodges in Bogota have enabled a group of members to pre-

pare themselves to lecture in a clear and simple way and present monthly talks to spread the teachings of Theosophy. A similar course for speakers has just been started with the same object in the Lodges at Cali and Bucaramanga.

Although the number of active members has not increased, the number of sympathizers is growing.

The monthly letters to members prepared by Señor W. Ballesteros are much appreciated by all the recipients, who find them useful and inspiring. Señor Ballesteros also continues to publish the quarterly magazine, *Selección Teosofica*.

Many of the Lodge presidents and members collaborate in the work of the General Secretariat, and this leads to useful co-ordination and more efficiency in the work.

GABRIEL BURGOS SUAREZ,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

The year under report was a very successful year from the publicity as well as the organizational point of view. We were fortunate in getting once again the services of Mr. B. C. Sutaria, the secretary of the

Gujarat Theosophical Federation of the Indian Section for a longer period than his previous visit, namely, from February to June, 1966—five full months. As a result of this visit, we have formed six new

Lodges and over 200 new members enrolled. Besides, hundreds of people listened to the message of Theosophy in public as well as private meetings who, though not enrolled formally, are our best sympathizers. In fact, the Theosophical Society has created a worthy place in the hearts of the people of East Africa.

Membership.—Due to the formation of six new Lodges and the interest created by Mr. Sutaria's lectures and study classes, over 200 new members joined our ranks in the year under report, but due to changed conditions beyond anybody's control, we lost an almost equal number of old members at other places, namely, Nakuru, Eldoret, Kampala, Nyeri, Tabora, Tanga, Moshi and Thomsons Falls. Therefore, the total membership as at 30th September, 1966, stands at 747, as against 745 in 1964-65 and 587 in 1963-64. This figure of 747, however, does not include 22 new members of the new Lodge at Masaka (Uganda), as their applications were received too late for inclusion in the 1965-66 figures.

Mr. Sutaria was the chief guest at our 16th Annual Convention at Dar-es-Salaam, where he gave two Convention lectures and visited all our Lodges and several new places which had never been visited before. He was very popular with all audiences and at several places he had to give extra lectures in African areas at their requests, forgoing his short rest periods in his crowded itineraries. As a result, he was instrumental in founding new Lodges at Nanyuki in Kenya, Soroti, Gulu, Masaka, Mbarara and Kabale in Uganda. Besides, all Lodges have been revitalized and have gained new members. We are very grateful to him for his untiring and selfless service and in appreciation of his services, our Section decided to send him to the World Congress at our cost.

16th Annual Convention.—Our 16th Annual Convention was held at Dar-es-Salaam and the Dar-es-Salaam Lodge, being the host, made perfect arrangement for the meetings, outings and for accommodation, food and other comforts for our 70 delegates who arrived from Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. In East Africa, we have not yet started charging for either registration or accommodation of delegates and so all expenses of the Convention are borne by the host Lodge. Our Convention, therefore, provides to delegates opportunities for visiting new places and renewing friendships with members of different Lodges, and to the hosts the happiness of serving the guest delegates, making Theosophy and the Society known to people of their town and gaining new members. In spite of heavy rains and muddy roads, a large number of delegates attended the Convention which was very successful in every respect. Thirty-three new members were enrolled on the last day of the Convention.

5th World Congress at Salzburg.—Eight delegates, including myself, attended the World Congress at Salzburg and most of them took the opportunity to visit other parts of Europe and India on their way to or from the Congress. It was a unique experience of a life-time and it is hoped it will be shared with other members of the Section in course of their contacts with them.

Formation of New Lodges.—As already mentioned, Mr. Sutaria visited several new places and as a result six new Lodges were formed with an aggregate membership of 124. While we are glad to welcome the new Lodges and the new members, we pray that we may be able to help them to realize the oneness of life and to act in accordance with that realization.

Visit to Lodges.—I accompanied Mr. Sutaria to places around Mount Kenya, namely, Karatina, Nanyuki (where a new

Lodge was formed), Embu and Forthall. Messrs. H. S. Patel and H. M. Chhaya accompanied him, on his second visit to Forthall, Embu, Meru, Nanyuki, Nyeri and Karatina. In both these visits much useful work was done. Mrs. Bapai M. Baria, accompanied by her sister Miss Roshan Khambhatta from Gujarat Federation, India, visited several Lodges in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, when Miss Khambhatta gave her performances of Indian classical music. Several other prominent members of the Section visited other Lodges.

The Theosophical Light.—The Section's journal was published quarterly in English as well as Gujarati. This magazine is given free to each member and being costly, we cannot give many pages of reading matter. However, our Section supplies to each Lodge a copy of *The Theosophist* and also of *Jyoti* (Gujarat Federation) as free gifts every year. The Section magazine is like a Theosophical digest and serves as a link between members in various Lodges in a vast country.

Bookstall.—We sold Theosophical books worth over Sh. 2,500/- during the year. The Annual Convention at Dar-es-Salaam and Mr. Sutaria's lectures in Nairobi were the particular occasions when our literature was displayed and sold in large quantity. We receive orders and enquiries all the year round for books on Yoga, Meditation, Bhagavad Gita, etc., and we supply from the stock which we carry at the headquarters to the value of about £400.

90th International Convention at Adyar.—Mr. A. B. Patel of Nairobi Lodge attended the 90th International Convention at Adyar and gave greetings on behalf of the East African Section. Also he was permitted to attend a meeting of the General Council as an observer.

Visit to Adyar.—Apart from Mr. A. B. Patel, Mr. B. K. Patel and his wife, Mrs.

Sumati B. Patel and Miss Devyani V. Pancholi of the Nairobi Lodge visited Adyar while in India on a holiday.

Celebrations and Activities of Lodges.—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. Jinarājadāsa, were celebrated by most Lodges. All Lodges held weekly meetings in which, apart from Theosophical studies, they arranged symposia, discussions, lectures by prominent local and overseas personalities on matters of human interest, musical evenings, picnics, outings, visits to museums and national parks, social gatherings, film shows, etc., during the year. All these activities have only one aim and that is to cultivate intimate relationship with members, their families and sympathizers and realize the brotherhood of all humanity.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Many Lodges are doing very useful work for the service of the needy and suffering humanity. To enumerate a few of the activities: (1) minor ailment clinic at Nakuru; (2) help given to poor African students to pay their fees at Starehe Boys' Centre, Nairobi; (3) earthquake-stricken people helped with clothing, medicines and contribution to the relief fund made by Mt. Elgon Lodge, Mbale; (4) funds, clothing, etc., supplied to hospitals and schools at Karatina; (5) healing the sick activities at Dar-es-Salaam. Several other Lodges are conducting T.O.S. activities in their towns as needed. Besides, several members are engaged individually in activities connected with social services, hospitals, child welfare, prisoners' aid, blind, deaf and dumb, famine relief, etc., in each town.

Inactive Lodges.—We are passing through a period of transition. With the

change of Governments, there have been changes, which were not entirely unforeseen, in various fields of life in the country. These changes have adversely affected our Lodges at Thika, Thomson's Falls, Tanga, and Tabora. We are trying to make these Lodges active as before.

Conclusion.—Because of Mr. Sutaria's visit, the Theosophical movement has considerably progressed. But still the movement is dependent mainly on one community, the Asians. I am looking for the day when most of its members would be the sons of the soil—Africans. For this, we need many visitors to go to African areas to inform them of the Society's ideals and teachings of Theosophy which when practised can bring real happiness, peace and harmony among the peoples of the country. Nature has bestowed on our country beautiful natural scenery, wonderful wild life and a pleasant climate. If members from other countries, either on their way to or from India, where they usually go to visit Adyar, would spare a few days to visit our country, I assure them of our warm hospitality in many towns of East Africa, if they advise us well in advance, together with arrangement of lectures, etc.

The policy of Africanization adopted by the Governments of the three countries of East Africa—Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania—is now slowly showing its effects and by the end of next year many non-citizens of immigrant races are

expected to be replaced by Africans in civil service as well as private businesses. This will have an effect on our membership, which is comprised, to a large extent, of non-citizen immigrant races. However, I hope that we shall gain new membership among the people who are citizens—immigrants as well as indigenous, in course of time, to make up the loss. Of course, this can be done only if we can arrange more visits to outlying districts which are so far not visited, in addition to ones in large towns.

To end, I invoke the blessings of the Great Ones, who, I am sure, are making a unique experiment of blending the three cultures of the three continents of Europe, Asia and Africa and thereby preparing for the new civilization of the coming race. We pledge ourselves to do all in our power and according to our means and understanding, to be of help in Their great experiment. We also pledge our loyalty to the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, to support him in his endeavors to bring understanding and harmony among the members of the Society all over the world and through the members, to humanity as a whole. May we become the channels of the outpouring of the forces of the Great Ones, in this part of the globe in the coming year, in order to bring peace, harmony and prosperity to these countries.

R. H. PATEL,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

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MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

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NORTHERN IRELAND

The last few years have seen our vitality concentrated very much within our own membership, and there has been a decline in public support at meetings. One supposes that many of the peripheral people who used to come to our meetings watch television now instead. At first this decline in contacts seemed disconcerting. Now, however, it appears that those who have it in them to be members will become members whether there is television to watch or not. The quality of those who have joined us in recent years seems, indeed, admirable, and it is possible that our falling numbers of the last few years have actually reached that point where they have hit bottom and begun to re-ascend. Certainly our activity is considerable and our morale increasingly high. Belfast Lodge held over 130 meetings of various kinds during the year.

Bangor Lodge had very successful meetings through spring and autumn. Coleraine Lodge has been inactive in terms of meetings, though members have kept in touch with one another. During the year we had one very welcome visiting speaker, Mr. I. A. Hawliczek, who was the guest speaker at our annual Convention in April, 1966. An old Belfast member, though not a "native," he was warmly welcomed back to scenes he had left 47 years before and also visited our Lodges at Bangor and Coleraine. Otherwise our programs and lectures were sustained entirely with local talent. Several members represented us at the World Congress and at Theosophical gatherings in several countries.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

ISRAEL

During the year under review a new Lodge "Hallelujah" was formed in Tel-Aviv, with very promising young people as its founders. On the other hand, the charter of Lotus Lodge, Haifa, was cancelled, and the Galilea centre at Safad dissolved.

Five new members have joined our Society in the course of the year, and the total number of members in good standing is now approximately 60.

Regular meetings were held in our five Lodges in Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv and Haifa, and as Presidential Agent I was again interviewed over one of our Government-owned broadcasting stations. As in previous years, a long and favorably worded article appeared in one of our most important Hebrew periodi-

cals. On two occasions I lectured on a Theosophical theme at the Vegetarian Society in Tel-Aviv, one of them particularly dedicated to the youth group of that organization.

This year, too, we were favored by visits from members belonging to other Sections: Dr. Hermine Sabetay, France, and Mr. Geoffrey and Mrs. Sandra Hodson, New Zealand, the latter two actively participating in our White Lotus Day celebrations. Both Dr. Sabetay and Mr. Hodson, lectured in some of our Lodges.

The highlight of the year was, of course, the World Congress at Salzburg; nine members from Israel participated, representing all our five Lodges in the country, namely Lodge Moriah, Jerusalem;

Lodges Covenant, Harmony and Hallelujah, Tel-Aviv; and Lodge Emmanuel, Haifa.

On special invitation from our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, the Presidential Agent, addressed the General Council of our Society during one of the meetings held on the occa-

sion of the World Congress at Salzburg, and had thus an opportunity to lay before this highest body of our Society some of the problems which have beset the work of our Society in Israel during recent years.

HANS ZEUGER,
Presidential Agent.

JAPAN

No Report

VIET-NAM

Elected in July 1964, the Committee of twelve members carries on in the third and last year of its term. The members of the Committee continue steadily the Theosophical work and I am glad to mention here these workers.

At the end of this third consecutive term the General Secretary decided not to stand for re-election on December 25th, 1966. She withdraws to offer an opportunity to other eager workers.

In a country where people have to fight for their life and their freedom, it is sometimes difficult to arouse interest in abstract Theosophy. Nevertheless, we try to diffuse Theosophy as wide as possible and to realize some social welfare work.

Theosophical Diffusion.—Weekly lectures are given at the Headquarters. Basic knowledge and ethical teaching form the subjects. The public is interested when Theosophy deals with actual problems of living and offers some adequate answers.

At the request of earnest students, Mrs. Nguyen-thi-Hai (with the collaboration of Mr. F. Mylne) has formed a study group on *A Study in Consciousness*

by Annie Besant. The study continues steadily after two years of laborious activity. Now we have another study class on *The Masters and the Path* by C. W. Leadbeater. This course is conducted by Mr. Nguyen Huu Kiet. Many members and sympathizers show interest in these studies.

Some of the Theosophical Lodges at Saigon contribute with success to the diffusion by ways of public talks, members' meetings and the publication of pamphlets, most of which are translations from Theosophical literature.

Meanwhile, Theosophical study has taken a new step with *The Secret Doctrine* study class. It is organized each Sunday at the Headquarters and is the first of that kind. Materials for study are the original works of Mme. H. P. Blavatsky, through translations in French and Vietnamese. Mrs. Nguyen-thi-Hai gives life to the study with the knowledge she has acquired when visiting many study classes abroad, specially in Australia.

Theosophical Welfare Work.—In a country where troubles of warfare have weakened its life for 20 years, every

citizen has but one desire: to stop the bleeding wounds. In our field, we try, each year, to raise properly about one hundred orphans, victims of war, flood and poverty.

With the increasing cost of living, with the continuous flow of misery, the Theosophical Orphanage has to meet the highest expenses since its foundation in 1953. During the year under report, we have to cover the total expenses of more than one million VN piastres. This does not include the cost of milk, baby food, clothes, bed clothes, toys and necessary materials given by UNICEF, the Catholic Relief, the Government's Social Service and other civilian and military welfare groups in Saigon. From time to time, we also receive some donations from the Welfare Service in Australia.

We are pleased to mention the steady enthusiasm of the devoted staff of the Orphanage. Mrs. Vu thi Dung, Director and Mrs. Nguyen Thi Vien, Manager, are always ready to give loving care to the orphans. They also show their ability in meeting higher and higher expenses without deficit. They deserve the praise of the Section.

The feminine working class in Saigon is not so bad as some superficial foreigners have reported. Many of them have the courage to earn an honest living, while temptation of an easy life is not scarce. For example, nearly one hundred young girls, living near the Headquarters of the Section, have nightly attended our two sewing classes. Assisted by an instructor from the Ministry of Works Apprenticeship Service, every good pupil is granted a diploma of aptitude at the end of her study. These workers can find easily a good job. Our social activity is like an order of service which constitutes a testimony of Theosophical fraternity.

Membership.—As communications with remote places become more and more

difficult, we have lost contact with numerous members. Work in Lodges in the provinces is scanty as in previous years, so the number of incoming members is only 42. The best results come from various active Lodges in Saigon.

With one resignation, one death and 34 lapsings, the total membership for the year under report is now 732, an increase of 8.

When it is possible, particularly during commemorative meetings such as Founder's Day, White Lotus Day and at the Annual Convention, we are able to come into close contact with members. We exchange points of views about Theosophy, arousing enthusiasm for Theosophical ideals and giving means to future capable and devoted workers.

A good number of members like to attend fraternal meetings organized at the Headquarters at the end of each month. There are also sessions for common meditation and discussion which always end in a happy vegetarian meal. It is the most joyful meeting of the month.

For the welfare of the members who want to take a rest or a spiritual retreat, we have established a Theosophical centre at Dalat (on the mountain). At this centre, members can enjoy cool weather, healthy air, quiet atmosphere. This centre is a contribution of numerous members who give funds to build an apartment. Some of the furniture comes from the most welcome help of the Theosophical Order of Service in Australia. It also gathers together several houses of members who wish to make a long stay or to live there.

Lodges.—Most of the active Lodges form study groups. This is most necessary because study and discussion help towards a better understanding of Theosophy.

Kiem Ai Lodge takes as base *In the Outer Court* by Annie Besant; Phung Su Lodge has *Practical Theosophy* by C. Jinarajadāsa; the other Lodges: Tu Bi, Minch

Triet, Duoi Chon Thay and Long Xuyen focus their aims on *Talks on the Path of Occultism, Vol. I, At the Feet of the Master* by A. Besant and C.W. Leadbeater.

The Lodges Kiem Ai (at Saigon) and Chon Ly (at Hue, Central Viet-Nam), have organized regular meetings for public talks.

Some publications are issued by various Lodges, such as: *Anh Dao* by Lodge Kiem Ai, *An Giang* by Lodge An Giang. Lodge Tu Bi, with the contribution of various members, has published Vietnamese translations of *In His Name* and *Flowers and Gardens* by C. Jinarājadāsa and *On the Threshold* by a Disciple. Booklets on basic Theosophy that come from public talks are also put in circulation by devoted workers to help sympathizers who wish to get some glimpses of Theosophy.

Conclusion.—In closing this last report after nine years in the office of General Secretary, I wish to express here my gratitude to our President Mr. N. Sri

Ram, to Miss Katherine A. Beechey, to Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, to Miss Helen V. Zahara and to all my colleagues who have encouraged, inspired and helped me in my work. From many points of view, my responsibility was so great that I feel that if left alone I would have not been able to carry it. I am also thankful to all my co-workers, especially Mr. Nguyen van Huan and Mr. Francois Mylne, who have been devoted to Theosophical ideals and were willing to share with me the responsibility in making fraternity warmer and Theosophy brighter in the hearts and minds of my fellow-members and my compatriots.

My last reverence goes to the Masters of the Wisdom, who, since the Foundation of the Society, have promised that as long as we are trustful and unselfish in the Theosophical work, Their help will never fail us.

NGUYEN-THI-HAI,
General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

No Report

BOLIVIA

No Report

WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

No Report

CANADIAN FEDERATION

Regular Lodge meetings were resumed in September and all reported interest in their chosen study, with public work being done in some centres.

Besant Lodge was taken over by Mrs. J. Andrews, and although the members

due to illness, distance and other personal reasons, are not able to take active interest, Mrs. Andrews kept the Lodge going and presented once a month a public meeting, which attracted as many as twenty to twenty-five members and

friends. She also held the Lodge library in her home open once a month for interested enquirers. Hermes Lodge has carried on a vigorous program. Throughout the summer the Lodge on Thursday evenings was informally open, and attended by at least five to eight members. Since September 15th the regular Lodge and public Sunday meetings have been consistently sustained with the attendance on Sunday regularly becoming larger. We have approximately a following of between 25 and 39. Every Sunday tea and cakes are served to this group. Tea is served each Lodge night as well to the members. The books are well used, and the library is kept open each Wednesday afternoon, as well as on Thursday before the Lodge meeting, and before and after the Sunday meeting. The book concern also takes book orders on these occasions. The *Discovery* pamphlets are printed each month showing the program being followed and is mailed to 135, which includes members and friends.

York Lodge in Toronto continues to function effectively, attracting around fifty to their public meetings, which are interesting and well organized under the leadership of Mrs. Inge Jackson.

The prairie Lodges, Mercury and Lotus, in Edmonton and Calgary, continue to work, but this last year have had difficulties in membership, owing to some moving away, and also death and illness. Mercury Lodge was working well with the Section, using their room and sharing expenses. However, a hypnotic influence took over the Section, and it was felt advisable to move the Federation to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Taylor. They advise that study work goes on and they have recently had a new member.

We send tapes and new material whenever available to all these Lodges to help them with their work. I personally purchase any new pamphlets and books I feel

would be most helpful and send them out with the *Discovery* pamphlets once a month. Each Lodge then distributes these *Discovery* papers to their own mailing lists.

The Canadian Federation has a fine library, which is used by a few. We are hoping more will make use of this as time goes on.

Some Lodges have had many difficulties, and apart from a very few dedicated members, do little apparent work, especially in the public field. Members from Hermes who lecture help these centres whenever possible. I have also had the help of some members from the American Lodges, such as Portland and Seattle.

Miss Helen Zahara was a guest speaker to York Lodge in September, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the membership. She briefly visited Vancouver en route to Wheaton.

Two supplies of new advertising material were sent to all Lodges. The *Adyar Theosophist* and the *Adyar News-Letter* has been sent to each Lodge from Federation funds to keep them well posted as to events in the Society as a whole. New members' letters are being sent whenever possible.

The new Canadian flag was sent to Adyar to replace the old one.

We have had thirteen new members. Due to death and transfers, the membership does not show this in full. However the trend is up, and that is most encouraging this year.

We participate in the work of the Northwest Federation in the United States, and I am on the Orcas Island Foundation Board, which helps our work in Canada—forming as it does, a strong link. We all work together for the whole, and help each other. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful co-operation and help received from the National Headquarters at Wheaton, Ill. They are behind us all

the way, and give marvellous encouragement and help to the Canadian Federation.

I had the great privilege of representing the Canadian Federation at the World Congress at Salzburg, Austria, and gave the greetings there. Also I had the opportunity to attend special meetings pertinent to the continuance of active work. The many contacts and ideas gained will prove invaluable in building up the work in Canada. I have had most cordial and encouraging correspondence with Mr. Dudley Barr, who also attended the Congress, and with whom I became friends. I hope we can work to some extent together—in spite of some insurmountable differences.

Lack of leadership is the unfortunate cause of Lodge work dying out, or dwindling away in some of our centres. The vast distances are a drawback, and the ardent workers are getting older, and some are passing on. I hope we can sustain the work to some extent through correspondence with individuals, to keep some of the interest alive, and the link strong.

In May we had a three-day Convention held in Penticton, with Fiat Lux Lodge as host. This was well attended, and helped by our American friends, who really stood behind us in this endeavor. It was a strong Convention and the theme "To Meet Tomorrow" well developed and presented. The public lecture, given by Mrs. Edith Latimer of Seattle Lodge, was very well attended and received.

I am fully aware that because of the division in Canada, the over-all work is weakened, and it would be fine if such a condition did not exist. However, the Canadian Federation has a wide open platform to every enquirer and student and supports the inner work. It extends most cordial invitations to the Section members to participate with us whenever possible. Although small in numbers, the Canadian Federation endeavors to carry on the work of The Theosophical Society in the name of our most revered and holy Founders.

GLADYS M. COOPER,
Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The Council Meeting was held this year at the International Theosophical Centre in Holland and in connection with the International Week held there each year. The whole program, which lasted about two weeks, began with a French week devoted to the consideration of the theme "Together Differently" attended by nearly 60 members from the countries of the Pays-Latins region—an innovation which took the place of the usual Summer School. The International Week attracted over 80 members from 18 countries and had as its keynote "Co-operation with the World". A number of interesting

talks were delivered and the whole meeting was stimulating and progressive as it was also enjoyable for all present.

It was in the middle of these sessions, therefore, that the Council of the Federation met and conducted its usual business, which, on this occasion, included the triennial elections of the Federation officers.

In view of the Salzburg Congress, there were not so many Summer Schools as usual in Europe last summer. One or two were mentioned in last year's report (this report covers the period July 1st, 1965, to June 30th, 1966). There was the Summer

School at Gammel Praestegaard in Denmark in July which was well attended and at which Mrs. Radha Burnier was the principal guest, whilst the Dutch Section held a Summer School, attended by 80 members, at Oosterbeek, near Arnhem, and the German Section another at Husted in August. The only Regional Summer School was that held as usual in Pichl in Austria in September under the leadership of Mrs. Fanny Scheffmacher. The English Section held two special week-ends at their estate in Camberley, in lieu of the annual Summer School, which had been abandoned in favor of the Congress.

The Young Theosophists of Europe, who had been offered facilities for a large international camp at Tekels Park, Camberley, organized a "working" camp during which they co-operated in a variety of ways during the daytime by painting, building, clearing, etc., to help a very fine institution for the assistance of "difficult" families run by some members of the Society. In the evenings there were discussions of a Theosophical nature round the camp fire. The effort was highly successful and greatly appreciated.

In 1965 the International President was busy in other parts of the world but in 1966, he came in May to Europe, presided over the French Convention in Paris and visited several other centres in France. Later, he presided over the English and Scottish Conventions, going afterwards in June to Brussels for the same purpose. Everywhere people are always happy to have Mr. Sri Ram among them.

The Regional committee of the Pays-Latins met in Huizen during the French week; that of the German-speaking countries in Pichl in September. The meeting of the British Region was held as usual during the English Convention in London. The Executive Committee met during the Council Meeting in Holland and again in

January. The Council had approved the idea that the Executive Committee should assist the Chairman in the preparations for the Salzburg Congress and the Executive Committee in its turn designated a smaller number, mainly those resident in England who could more easily discuss matters with the Chairman. Together with Mr. Leslie-Smith, General Secretary of the English Section, this small committee met on a number of occasions during the year and the Chairman twice visited Salzburg to discuss plans with the management of the Kongressbetriebe in that city.

The Treasurer of the Federation, Madame Rachel Tripet who, together with her husband M. Georges Tripet, has had some difficulties with health in the past year, has moved from Berne to Geneva. I should like to say how grateful we are for her continuing help. The Vice-Chairman, Professor Haas, who travels extensively for his work, has been able to visit a number of groups.

We report with regret the passing of Miss Winifred Knowles, General Secretary for Wales, and also that of Dr. A. G. Vreede at Huizen. The continuing of our work at this Centre during the war and after was due almost entirely to his unceasing efforts on behalf of the Society.

We welcome Mrs. Anneliese Stephan as the new General Secretary for Germany, Mevrouw van der Schoot-Groot for the Netherlands, Miss Mary Anderson in Switzerland and Mr. Harry Edgar in Wales. In offering them our good wishes and congratulations, we also extend our warm thanks to their predecessors in office who have played their parts in the Federation's work over past years.

Miss Gusta Koopman (Netherlands) has taken over most of the work of the T.O.S. in Europe and has been active in the issue of a number of bulletins giving

information and suggesting activities that might need assistance.

Mrs. Ingrid Nyborg Fjellander continues to build up the work of the Order of the Round Table which is active in many European countries. Seeking to uphold chivalry and the knightly virtues in this materialistic age is not always an easy task.

The chairman attended the Convention of the United States Section in July, returning to Huizen for the Council meeting, French week and International week in August. He also visited Norway, Sweden and Denmark, the Netherlands and Belgium before Christmas, visiting a number of Lodges in each country and calling in at Hamburg also on his way home. During the spring of this year he has been twice to Salzburg, visited Lodges in Austria and Italy, attended the Conventions of the Italian and English Sections and quite a number of Lodges in the latter country also.

He has been more than once in the Netherlands, but most of the time occupied with arrangements for the Salzburg Congress. Miss Ilse von Tresckow has assisted him very helpfully throughout the year.

Members of the European Federation participated in large numbers in the World Congress held in Salzburg in July and probably about two-thirds of those who attended belong to the European Sections, of which 20 were officially represented. We may remind ourselves here that there are still a good number of one-time members living in countries where the Society is not for the time being permitted to work.

Much has been written and said about the Congress—which was at the same time the 25th Congress of the Theosophical Society in Europe—and it should have a very real effect upon the future work of the Society in all countries. By far the most important event in Europe in

1966, it is not necessary to comment upon it at length in this report. The International President himself, supported by many leading and active members of the Society from all over the world, fully assured the enduring success of the gathering. Since it had fallen largely to the lot of the European Federation to make local arrangements in Salzburg and generally to organize the whole proceedings, it has been gratifying to hear so many say that they feel it to have been a real success.

The Council of the Federation met twice during the Congress and the Regional committees for the Pays-Latins, German and English-speaking groups met also to deal with more localized business. It was much appreciated that lectures in both French and German were included in the Congress program. We must offer also our very special thanks to Dr. Norbert Lauppert, General Secretary of the Austrian Section, not only for agreeing to be the Congress treasurer, but also for the great number of other ways in which he helped everything to run smoothly.

It was heartening to meet quite a large group of members from Yugoslavia, bringing with them the good news that official permission had been granted for the Society to work again in that country. We must congratulate all those who have worked so hard to bring this happy result about and wish Mr. Anton Jesse very well in the task of rebuilding that he has undertaken as the new General Secretary for Yugoslavia.

The only Summer School that took place after the Congress, was at Camberley in England where two one-week periods were arranged, largely for those who could not go to Salzburg. At one of the week-ends, Mr. and Mrs. Kunz from America were in charge of the proceedings and at the other, the

Vice-President and Mrs. Perkins were the principal guests. The Federation has benefited also from the presence in Europe of members from India. Both Mr. B. C. Sutaria (Baroda) and Professor B. R. Mullick (Agra) visited several countries and spoke in a number of Lodges to appreciative audiences. Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson also managed to spend a most useful week-end in Berlin.

A large gathering under the chairmanship of Srimati Rukmini Devi took place in August at the International Theosophical Centre in Huizen at which members from all over the world took part. There were a number of more serious activities interspersed with a lighter program, which had been specially designed for the many who had come on to Huizen from the rather strenuous period of the Congress. Whilst the gathering was a happy one, representative as it was of thirty countries, the great fire which entirely destroyed the Besant Hall complex of meeting rooms, chapel, library, etc., brought a very sobering note. Arrange-

ments for new buildings, under the direction of Smt. Rukmini Devi were immediately set in motion and there emerged a feeling that there could arise from the ashes something different and finer than before.

Among a great number of losses which can never be replaced, the Federation lost in this conflagration not only the large library of books that had been collected over a long period, but also by far the major part of the archives going back to 1903 when the Federation was founded by Colonel Olcott. This latter is a most serious loss and whilst it may still be possible to retrieve something from the blackened remains of a small pile of papers, we must accept the fact that except in so far as they may exist in the national archives, the majority of files dealing with purely Federation matters have definitely been lost. It is with greatest regret that this matter must be reported here.

JOHN COATS,
Chairman.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR PERU

"H.P.B." LODGE, LIMA

The activities of the Lodge have been conducted in an atmosphere of understanding and interest, which is certainly very significant.

We have held in the course of the year five meetings per week, four of them concerned specifically with the work of Theosophy, and one, on Saturdays, devoted to the study of Esperanto.

The number of members with dues paid up is now 53. There are about 18 who attend normally but are behindhand with their dues; nevertheless we have to practise patience because their attendance brings co-operation for our work and

meanwhile, perhaps later on, we shall be able to help them economically.

JORGE TORRES UGARRIZA,
President.

"PAZ Y AMOR" LODGE, LIMA

Statistical details regarding the Lodge show 12 paid-up members. The development of the Lodge has gone on normally, without anything happening that is worthy of mention. I have received the literature regarding the Century Fund and we are studying to see what is the best we can do about it.

ALFONSO REVEREDO IGLESIAS,
President.

HONG KONG

The office-bearers elected at the general committee of the Lodge on 28th February 1966 were: *President*, Mr. S. L. Yen; *Vice-Presidents*, Messrs. L. Clark and A. Gaskell; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Mr. P. Y. Ko; *Librarian*, Dr. R. Ching; with Mr. K. S. Fung *ex-officio*. As the activities of the Lodge were few, expenses were consequently much reduced and we have a balance in hand of HK\$ 261.00.

The membership this year dropped to eleven. Lectures of the Chinese section were continued every Monday evening by Mr. S. L. Yen. The audiences on each occasion numbered 20 to 30, mostly Buddhists. The topic chosen was the Works of Rev. Hom-Shan.

Social activities included the annual lunch picnic held on 27th November 1966, at Dr. Ching's bungalow, which attracted over fifty members with their families, the guests including the Bishop

of Hong Kong, with other friends both Buddhist and Christian.

Congratulations are due to our Lodge president, Mr. Yen, who attended the 8th World Congress of Buddhists in Thailand in November and introduced the Buddhist C'han meditation practice to the Congress with great success.

Visitors to the Lodge included Miss Ruth Beringer, General Secretary of the Australian Section and Professor C. Y. Cheung of a University in California, in August, and Ven A. Yinarakhsin and Mr. Sardona from Indonesia in November and December.

Grateful thanks are due to Dr. Ching for allowing the Lodge to use his office as a meeting place and his bungalow at Shatin as the Society's library.

S. L. YEN,
President.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

In the world and in the Theosophical Society there are many young people who would be able to come to fuller expression if they could have mutual exchange with others, on a base as wide as possible. International co-ordination among the young people will lead to friendship which lasts for life, and which is such an essential quality on which a positive approach to life can be based. The Young Theosophists want to reach young people in general, and there is the great wish that their activities and enterprises will be seen as a special facet of the work of the Theosophical Society.

At our Y.T. meetings at Adyar the need was felt to have a simpler constitu-

tion and a more efficient and effective way of working and since much time is involved in the administration of the W.F.T.Y. we have to find out what is important and then share the work among a group of people. It is important to make our Federation function better so that each group can be an integral part of it and also each individual Young Theosophist may be encouraged to take an interest in international questions and how to deal with them. That we need more people for the administration is quite obvious. Though I feel deeply that we must make the W.F.Y.T. more dynamic it is not possible for me to continue working for it if so much is left to me

alone. I suggest therefore that a small group of people should be made responsible for the work of the General Secretary, so that they can plan how to divide the work and make more people interested in taking an active part in it and taking responsibility for a certain part of the work.

In December 1964 the administration of the W.F.Y.T. was still at Adyar. During the Council meeting it was decided that the administration should be moved to Europe which has a greater concentration of Y.T. activity. To make the work more really international we made the experiment of having the executive committee members in different parts of the world, suggesting that they should try to link up groups in their respective regions and keep in touch with the W.F.Y.T. secretary. So far this experiment has proved helpful.

At the meeting Miss Mira Brandt was elected secretary in succession to Miss Anandamayi Advani. It was Miss Advani's plan to have a printed newsletter for wider circulation among affiliated groups. This has now been realized. In the course of one-and-a-half years three issues were printed, one of them a double number. Very enthusiastic reactions have come in.

Reports from Affiliated Groups:

Argentina.—1964-65 was a busy year. The first activity was co-operations with the Argentine Section for the Summer School held in connection with the annual Convention. They were happy to have with them Mr. John Coats, the Chairman of the W.F.Y.T. Other activities included translation of the European Y.T. magazines *Lotos* and *Enthusiasme*. Articles of the London Scientific Group were used for study and discussion groups. The newsletter of the W.F.Y.T. was translated and circulated to the different groups in

the country. In April 1966 Juan Vinas was elected as president in succession to Luis Spairani.

Australia.—In 1965 Michael Breen was elected president of the Australian Federation of Y.T.'s as successor to Patricia Bradley. Three issues of the Australian Y.T. magazine *Fraternity* were produced in 1964. An effort has been made to encourage younger members to contribute and some are responding well.

Europe.—The Y.T.'s in Europe consist of a Federation of national groups each having independent activities. Henk Verhoog became president of the European Federation of Y.T.'s in 1965. The official organ of the European Federation is *Lotos*, which is developing more as a world organ, having representatives in many countries outside Europe. Three issues were produced in 1965, and in 1966 two more came out before the Salzburg Congress.

In 1965 the main Federation project was the Frimhurst work-camp in England, where participants from many countries both in and outside Europe helped repair and paint the recuperative home where aid is given to problem families. The practical arrangements were made by a team of British Y.T.'s. All funds for the materials, etc. had to be raised by the Y.T.'s themselves. A big playground had to be designed and constructed for the children.

Another big Federation project was to prepare the camp to be held before and during the Theosophical World Congress at Salzburg. In the autumn of 1965 a committee was formed, to work in close co-operation with John Coats and the W.F.Y.T. The camp was held from 8th to 23rd July 1966 at Aigen, south of Salzburg, with about 130 Y.T.'s from 20 countries all over the world participating. During the first week introductory talks were given by Dr. Emma Bilger on

"The Theosophist as a peace-maker" and by Mrs. Sandra Hodson on the "Theosophy to Youth Campaign" in New Zealand, each being followed by lively discussions. Furthermore, discussions took place about the Congress theme "A World in Transition". Because of the large number of participants smaller groups were formed in the afternoon, each choosing its own place for the discussion. Reports of the group discussions were given after dinner. A Council Meeting of the Y.T.'s in Europe was held during which Terry Dennis from England was elected president in succession to Henk Verhoog.

During the second week the camp participants attended the World Congress. The search for new, fresh ways of approaching the old truths, which was so significant for the Congress, was highly appreciated, especially by the representatives attending the discussions on publications and the presentation of Theosophy. During the Congress large groups of volunteers gave a helping hand to the organizers with registration, the giving out of hearing-aids for simultaneous translation, and in other ways. Musical contributions were given both in the daily program and on the concert evening. It was a great experience to exchange between young and old from all over the world views on Theosophy, the Theosophical movement and the Theosophical Society. This exchange keeps the movement living and inspires many participants to go on ever more enthusiastically studying Theosophy and sharing it with others.

Great Britain.—Great Britain has a membership of about 60, plus friends. The main centres of activity are London where there are fortnightly meetings for study and other activities at the Section Headquarters; Coventry, where the group began a study of comparative religion in 1965; Bournemouth which has a large

and active membership; and Exeter. Camps are held regularly at Tekels Park. At the English T.S. Convention in 1965 an entertainment was arranged by the Y.T.s which was very successful. Besides helping to strengthen the relationship between the older and younger people, it also raised some money for Frimhurst. A committee was formed under the leadership of Terry Dennis to prepare the work-camp at Frimhurst, so that there would be work for 60-80 people for a period of two weeks and so that all materials might be available. In 1965 Margaret Shepherd became president of the British Young Theosophists. They keep in touch by means of monthly newsletters. Their chief interest is to make the team spirit practical and to engage in some kind of social work as a group. Group discussions also play an important part, and regular work week-ends are organized; some of the week-end projects have been at Ockendon Venture Home for Refugees at Haslemere, Sunfields Home for mentally handicapped children and work for the Notting Hill Housing Trust.

France.—The French group held weekly meetings during 1964-65. The magazine *Enthusiasme* was revived by Jean-Claude Garrice and about three issues appeared but unfortunately he had to give it up due to lack of time. In August 1965 an international Y.T. camp was held near Orleans. Discussions were held every day after a short introduction by one of the participants. The theme "My Understanding of Brotherhood" was approached from many different sides.

Germany.—The German group is very active, although the members are scattered. In 1965 they met twice at the house of the Müller family in Waake near Gottingen. The president of the group, Angelika Müller, sends regular newsletters to members and associate members which contain

besides news and features of special interest, lines for daily meditation. Two study groups have been formed. Contact has been made with another Theosophical Society which exists only in Germany. It was felt necessary that young people should try to make a bridge between the different Theosophical groups which exist.

The Netherlands.—Holland has about 80 Young Theosophists. There are active groups in Amsterdam and Utrecht. Sometimes there are talks by members of outside organizations. Spring and autumn week-ends at Huizen are well attended. The spring week-end in 1965 was held with the Dutch Young Vegetarians jointly. During 1966 many more week-ends were organized in Huizen both for study and work. On 8th May 1966 John Coats performed the official opening of "Ashrama" in its new appearance. There was a big gathering, with many attending, young and old. A small bulletin has been started to link the Y.T.'s in this country.

Finland.—There is a study group in Helsinki which meets weekly and there are several Y.T.'s all over the country. They are trying to form a national group for Finland.

Sweden.—The Swedish group has a regular program of activities in Stockholm. Their Theosophical Youth Group consists of a small number of members of the Theosophical Society and a large number of people who are interested to join the meetings, which are held at different homes, where various topics are discussed. They have also a study group under the leadership of Mr. Sigfrid Fjellander, for those among them who are keenly interested to know more about Theosophy.

Iceland.—During the season 1964-65 twenty-two meetings were held. These meetings were held in the homes of the Y.T. members until in March 1965 they

acquired a special meeting place of their own in Reykjavik, the inaugural meeting being held on 27th March. The number of members was 51 at the end of the term. Opinion polls to determine the subjects to be treated at the meetings proved a great success. The periodical of the Y.T.'s in Iceland *Hrafninn* appeared twice during the season, the second number being a much enlarged issue to include photographs of the newly acquired Y.T. meeting place and a report of the inaugural meeting that took place there. The periodical is duplicated and edited by the Y.T.'s themselves. As usual the Y.T.'s took care of the program for one evening at the Icelandic Summer School. On 17th September 1965 the fifth anniversary of the Society of Young Theosophists in Iceland was celebrated when Leifur Ingmarsson, who has retired after five years as chairman, reviewed the events of that period.

Mexico.—In Mexico there are meetings every Sunday morning. The branch is named "White Lotus". In spring-time frequently gatherings are held out of doors, usually in a park, when there is discussion on a thought or idea or a certain tale or symbolic narration. Among other things, visits are paid to clinics, particularly orphans, and some social work is done, but Theosophy is never mentioned because this country has such a deep-rooted background of religion.

Nigeria.—Nigeria is a large country whose citizens are predominantly Muslims and Christians. Theosophy as a way of life is germinating rapidly there. There is a group of nearly 45 Young Theosophists who meet twice a year in Ibadan. They have started a magazine called *The Free-thinker* and have decided to have an annual Youth Week, the first is to take place in March 1966.

United States of America.—No official report was received from America but

news has come in from certain groups. A youth conference was held at Krotana, Ojai, in March 1965, with 24 people between the ages of 16 and 39 participating. The theme was "How can Theosophy reach people?" The main objective was to have youth meet youth and discuss how they felt about the Society and their place in it. All expressed the need for more youth participation within the Lodges themselves, and it was also felt that there was need to modernize the language in order to communicate with those we meet in our daily contacts in order to spread Theosophy. The American Y.T.'s have decided as part of their immediate work to divide themselves up into several small research study groups. Three of these have been formed (1) Applied psychology in approaching people, especially youth, and how to present Theosophy to them; (2) Mystic, sociological, philosophical and yoga approach to religion; and (3) Theosophy and

Science: mathematics, atom physics, chemistry, electricity, computers.

New Zealand.—The Y.T. movement in New Zealand has been set going again in Auckland. In April 1966 they started with only four members. There is now a membership of 15, not including visitors. Meetings are held twice a month, the first Tuesday they have study classes and discussions led by Charles Maresh, and on the other Tuesday visiting lectures are arranged. There is also a group in Wellington who have a publication *The Live-wires*. Mrs. Sandra Chase has inaugurated a "Theosophy to Youth" campaign in New Zealand.

There are also non-affiliated groups of Young Theosophists in Southern Africa, in Brazil, in Canada, in Pakistan, in India and in the Philippines, who are all eager to keep in touch with Young Theosophists in other countries.

MIRA BRANDT,
General Secretary, W.F.Y.T.

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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1965-66

1965-66 has been a very active year for the Theosophical Publishing House. The total out-turn of business was the highest so far in its history. An important development was the supply of unbound copies in bulk to The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, for bringing out paperback editions of the titles. The rise in costs of production and distribution and the devaluation of the rupee involved revision of *The Theosophist* subscription price.

T.P.H. Council.—Three meetings of the T.P.H. Council were held during the year, The President of the Theosophical Society, Mr. N. Sri Ram continued to be Chairman of the Council, and the T.P.H. is grateful to him and to Mr. James S. Perkins, the Vice-President, as well as members of the Council, Messrs. S. G. Nicholls, Treasurer, S. Somasundaram and S. G. Venkataramanan for their advice and guidance. Mr. K. Ramanathan, Manager of the Vasanta Press, helped greatly by his advice on technical and other problems.

New Publications.—The following new titles were published during the year: *Introduction to Hindu Symbolism* (I. K. Taimni), *Adyar* (James S. Perkins), and *H. P. Blavatsky, Tibet and Tulku* (Geoffrey A. Barborka). Most of the work on Mr. Sri Ram's book, *On the Watch Tower*, was completed during the year but the book was published only in October, 1966. Progress was also made with Miss Clara M. Codd's new book, *An Introduction to Patanjali's Yoga*. *Seven Great Religions* was a new title published during the year, but the book consists of Dr. Annie Besant's Convention and other lectures

on the great religions of the world, which have all been published before, and thus *Seven Great Religions* is only a new compilation.

New Editions and Reprints.—The following new editions or reprints were issued in 1965-66: *Meditation, Its Practice and Results* (Clara M. Codd), *Addresses to New Members* (Theosophical Society), *Science of Yoga* (I. K. Taimni), *Islam, Sikhism, Esoteric Christianity, The Ancient Wisdom, Death and After* and *The Doctrine of the Heart* (Annie Besant), *The Original Programme of the T.S.* (H. P. Blavatsky), *The Kingdom of the Gods, Reincarnation: Fact or Fallacy* and *A Yoga of Light* (Geoffrey Hodson), *The Chakras* (C. W. Leadbeater), *Light on the Path* (Mabel Collins), *Union of All Faiths, Concentration* (Ernest Wood) and *At the Feet of the Master* (J. Krishnamurti). *Light on the Path* was published in both standard and miniature editions, uniform with similar editions of *At the Feet of the Master*. *Sanatana-Dharma: An Advanced Textbook* was taken up for issue in a new edition, and Part I, devoted to Basic Hindu Religious Ideas, was released during the year. Parts II and III, as well as the consolidated volume of all three Parts, will be issued shortly.

The Theosophical Society in Australia has greatly helped to make our publications more attractive by continuing to sponsor a program for designing jackets for them, and has generously met all the costs of such work. During the year jackets were designed under this plan for *Seven Great Religions*, *The Science of Yoga*, *Esoteric Christianity* and *The Ancient Wisdom*.

Workers.—Miss Daphne Darroch, Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist*, returned to New Zealand in August, and Mr. Zoltan de Álgya-Pap took charge of that work. Dr. A. Kannan, who was helping on the publications side, left us in July, and we have been carrying on without replacement for him. Mr. D. V. Syamala Rau has continued his valuable work in reading proofs, and others, notably Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Mrs. Cecily Dynes, Mrs. Bridget Paget, Miss Jeanne Dumas and Sri Paramesvara Aithal are giving much help in this work.

Advertising.—Our expenditure on advertising during the year totalled Rs. 2,176, being the highest incurred so far. This figure does not, of course, include the cost of advertising in *The Theosophist*, which constitutes the main publicity for our books. We have been getting a certain amount of advertising for our publications in national Theosophical journals and Federation journals in India, and express our thanks to all of them. The increase in the total sales during the year must partly be traced to the effects of such advertising.

Theosophical World Congress.—We supplied stock valued at Rs. 3,000 for sale at the Fifth Theosophical World Congress held at Salzburg in July, and are thankful to The Theosophical Publishing House, London Ltd., for having taken charge of these sales. The proposals originating from the work of the publications meetings held at the Congress have suggested many lines of co-ordination of the work of Theosophical publishers. These include the exchange of information in regard to publishing programs, co-operation in the production of book covers and paperback editions, help in obtaining supplies of paper, etc.

Sales.—Sales during the year totalled Rs. 2,08,436, against Rs. 1,75,711 in the previous year and Rs. 1,53,449 in 1963-64.

The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, U.S.A., and the Theosophical Publishing House, London Ltd., are our largest buyers, with India, Australia, New Zealand, European countries, East Africa and others supporting, and this pattern of business continued during the year. Larger discounts were offered for some books and during the International Convention both the membership and the public were given higher discounts on their purchases.

Standards of Production.—We have again been experiencing difficulty in maintaining standards of production owing to unsatisfactory supplies of paper and binding materials. Calico available for binding has not been up to standard, and there has been a tendency for bound covers to develop discoloration and stains, making the books unfit for the market. Paper supplies have also not been of a quality suitable to meet Western standards, and our printing machinery is out-of-date. Constant efforts are being made to overcome these handicaps.

The Theosophist.—Owing to rising costs of production and distribution we have had to raise the subscription price of *The Theosophist*, but the revised rates became effective only from 1st October, 1966, after the year under report had concluded. A concession in subscription rates was offered to those who renewed or registered subscriptions before September 30, 1966, and they were also enabled to register subscriptions for a maximum of three years at lower rates. National and Federation journals helped by giving publicity to *The Theosophist*. With all these efforts, however, our circulation has been stationary, standing at 1,900 copies in September 1966.

Financial results of T.P.H. for 1965-66.—The cost of new publications during the year was Rs. 72,304 against Rs. 68,980 in the previous year. The sales of T.P.H. publications during the year amounted to

Rs. 168,890, against Rs. 144,648 in the previous year. This increase of Rs. 24,242 was mainly due to larger sales overseas. Sales of other publications, photographs, incense, etc., at Rs. 35,317 also showed an increase of Rs. 4,254 over the previous year. The closing stock was Rs. 182,016 against Rs. 218,363 last year. The decrease of 36,347 was due to reduction in book value (Rs. 21,380), increase in sales, etc.

Establishment and other expenditure during the year was Rs. 54,477 against Rs. 50,423 last year. The increase of Rs. 4,054 was due to staff increments, etc. (Rs. 1,700), payment of rent for the premises (Rs. 1,200) and increase in advertisement charges (Rs. 1,200). The increase in royalty payments (Rs. 3,900) has been due to larger sales and was counter-balanced by the decrease in provision for gratuity (Rs. 4,000).

Owing to increased sales (especially of old publications to Wheaton), the net available revenue surplus was Rs. 29,432 against Rs. 1,140 last year. Out of this

a sum of Rs. 5,404 was set off against the cumulative loss on *The Theosophist* (Rs. 4,128 for current year and Rs. 1,276 to end of last year) leaving a net surplus of Rs. 24,028. A sum of Rs. 15,000 has been transferred to "Special Publication Reserve" to enable the T.P.H. to publish important books in future which may not prove remunerative. The balance of Rs. 9,028 representing the net profit during the year has been added to the capital account.

The amount owing to the Theosophical Society which was Rs. 1,05,326 on 30-9-1965 was reduced to Rs. 38,863 on 30-9-1966. This considerable reduction was made possible due to increased sale proceeds without any increase in the amount spent on new publications. If similar conditions continue next year it is hoped that the entire outstandings to The Theosophical Society will be liquidated by the end of 1967.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1965-66

The Library has been able to release during the year under report two more important publications in the Adyar Library Series, namely the *Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts*, Vol. X, and the revised edition of the two volumes of *Ahīrbudhnya-saṃhitā*.

BUILDING:

The Executive Committee of the Theosophical Society sanctioned the building of the second phase of the new Library premises. The construction was rapidly proceeded with during the year and the building will be ready for occupation early in 1967. We are glad to report that Mr. George E. Linton, who was away in the U.S.A. but kept in close contact with the progress made in his absence, is now back with us to supervise the final details and will help in shifting the Library to the new premises.

PUBLICATIONS:

As mentioned above, the Descriptive Catalogue of Viśiṣṭādvaita, Dvaita, Śūdhātvaiva, Śaivasiddhānta, Viraśaiva, Anubhavādvaita and Pratyabhijñā manuscripts was published as No. 94 in the Adyar Library Series. The *Ahīrbudhnya-saṃhitā*, which was originally edited and published by Dr. Otto F. Schrader in 1916, had long been out of print. Being an important Pāñcarātra work dealing with occultism, theoretical and practical, procedures of worship, etc. it was much in demand and we are glad to report that it was possible to print a revised edition of it during the year.

The *Sanatkumara-saṃhitā*, another important Pāñcarātra work of similar in-

terest has also been edited by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya and is now ready for printing. This is one of the rare MSS. in the Library for the publication of which grant-in-aid from the Government has been sanctioned. The first volume of the Descriptive Catalogue of Stotra Manuscripts prepared by Pt. K. Parameswara Aithal is now being printed.

Editorial work is in progress for the publication of some South Indian commentaries on the famous lexicon, *Nāma-liṅgānuśāsana* of Amara. This work has been entrusted to Professor A. A. Ramathan. Progress has also been made in preparing the Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts in the Visva Bharati collection. We take this opportunity to express our thanks to Dr. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma, now Head of the Department of Sanskrit, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, for sparing time during his summer vacation to complete the work he had begun while he was on the Library staff. Dr. A. G. Krishna Warriar, Professor and Head of the Sanskrit Department in the University College, Kerala, has been good enough to spare time to finish the translation of the *Śākta Upaniṣad-s* and it is expected that early next year it will be released as No. 89 in the Adyar Library Series.

Bulletin.—During the year Volume 29 of *Brahmavidyā* was brought out. The contents included a comparative study of the tales in *Tantropākhyāna* and *Pāñcatantra* and a text, edited by Dr. Raghavan, entitled *Upeya-nāma-viveka* by Upaniṣad-brahmayogin, which is to be brought out in the Adyar Library Pamphlet Series.

Brahmavidyā has now 128 subscribers and is being exchanged with 132 journals. New exchanges were started during the year with *Indian Journal of History of Science*, Calcutta, and *Studies in Museology*, Baroda. The exchange with the Annual Reports and *Memoirs* of the Mysore Archaeological Department, Mysore was revived.

SERVICE RENDERED:

Copying.—Transcripts of 23 MSS. and 3 books were made and supplied to other institutions and research scholars. Six Stotra works were transcribed for our own use.

Microfilming.—Microfilms of 21 MSS. and 13 books, and a photostat copy of one MS. were supplied to other research institutions and scholars.

Works used.—The Library has now 382 readers, 178 resident readers cum borrowers, 78 borrowers (from the city) and 15 Braille borrowers. During 1965-66, 4,714 persons used the Library. 10,284 books and 3,539 MSS. were consulted in the Library and 4,177 books and 15 MSS. were lent.

Research Scholars.—Among the foreign research scholars who used the Library were: Dr. J. D. M. Derrett, School of Oriental and African Studies, London University; Mr. Harold H. Dunhan, Professor of American History (Fulbright Lecturer), University of Denver; Dr. J. C. Masselos, Department of History, University of Sydney; Mr. John G. Leonard, Department of Indian Studies, University of Wisconsin; Prof. T. Venkatacharya, Department of Asian Studies, University of Toronto, Canada; Mr. James T. Anderson, Fulbright Scholar; Mr. Robert E. Gotsch, Fulbright Scholar; Mr. Gordon Johnson, Trinity College, Cambridge; Miss Naomi Glassman, Hebrew University, Jerusalem; Mr. Carl Suneson, Deccan College, Poona; Mr. Wayne E.

Begley, Department of Indic Studies, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Mr. Robert Eric Frykenbery and Mr. H. Richard Robinson, University of Wisconsin; and Mr. Willard Rhodes, Professor of Music, Columbia University. Besides these a number of scholars from the various universities and research institutes in India utilized the Library for their research purposes.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

49 volumes of journals and 4 books were bound in the Vasanta Press. In the Library's repair section 555 books and 3 MSS. were repaired and 102 palm leaf MSS. were cleaned; also 3 paper MSS. and 20 books were hand-laminated. Mr. C. H. Hunter, who has been engaged since last year in fixing boards and cloth around paper MSS. in order to preserve them better, completed the work.

The de-acidifying of the books in the Eastern Section, including the journals, has been completed and now the books in the Western Section are being treated in the same manner.

We take this opportunity to express our thanks to Mr. Hunter and Mr. E. F. Orfila for their continuing help in this Section.

ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

Manuscripts.—The remaining 65 bundles of MSS. given by Sri Y. Mahalinga Sastry as a gift last year, were examined and some of them were divided resulting in the accession of 71 bundles of MSS. One photostat copy of *Manusmṛiti* with the commentary of Bhāruci given as a gift by Dr. J. D. M. Derrett was also accessed.

Books.—2,445 books excluding the journals were accessed and catalogued. Out of this 1,143 were books which belonged to the library of the late Mr. Duncan Greenlees and bequeathed by him to the Library. These covered a wide field such as ancient

scriptural works, lives of saints, biographies, classic fiction and modern scientific works on space travel, etc. 80 books were received as exchange for our publications sent, 59 were purchased, 4 were received in acknowledgement of the use of our MSS. and the rest as gifts.

Manuscripts Register.—Preparation of new MSS. registers was started last year as the old ones were not in a condition to be handled, the paper having become brittle. Entries for about 1,000 MSS. have been prepared during the year, besides the 1,184 transcripts which have been already entered.

Books Cataloguing.—The detailed referencing and reclassification in the Theosophy Section has been continued and some 4,600 titles have been completed. This section includes not only books in English but also in various other Western and Eastern languages. Detailed references have also been made to the various transactions of international and regional Theosophical conferences covering a wide variety of subjects. We are specially indebted to Mr. Zoltan de Álgya-Pap for helping us with Germanic and Slavic languages.

GIFTS:

Besides the 1,143 books from the Library of the late Mr. Duncan Greenlees mentioned above, 494 books were received from various institutions and individuals through the Ministry of Education, Government of India, New Delhi; 66 from *The Theosophist* office; 29 from the office of the International President of the T.S.; 15 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, and 6 from the Theosophical Publishing House London Ltd., London; 21 valuable dictionaries and books on linguistics from Mrs. A. P. Siitaa Devii and Dr. D. Rood; 32 from B. C. Barai, Madras; 10 from Miss Evelyn Fowler, U.S.A.; and 32 Braille books

from the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind.

We extend our thanks also to Mr. C. L. Goswami, Gorakhpur; Mrs. Radha S. Burnier, Adyar; Mrs. Shakuntala Devi, Adyar; Dr. V. Raghavan, Madras; Dr. K. L. Janert, Koln; Mr. N. Subrahmanya Sastry, Madras; Prof. K. S. Krishnamurti, Madras; Dr. N. Sivakamu, Adyar; Mrs. G. Bowers, Australia; Mr. V. Karunakaran Nair, Kerala; Mr. H. F. Coachbuilder, Bhavnagar; Mr. K. Chodkiewicz, Holland; Mr. D. V. Syamala Rau, Adyar; The High Commissioner for Ceylon, Madras; Mr. S. Venkatachala Sastri, Madras; Mr. M. Padmanabhan, Madras; Miss Edith M. Custard, Virginia; Dr. C. H. Yeang, Malaysia; Mr. Luigi Martinelli, Florence; Mr. John B. S. Coats, London; Mr. H. K. Aggarwal, Bombay; Mr. A. M. Venkatanarayana, Madras; Dr. C. Vellachic; St. Albans Press, Sydney; Messrs. Ganesh & Co. (Madras) Private Ltd. Madras; Matilda Ziegler Publishing Co. for the Blind, N.Y., U.S.A.; Max Müller Bhavan, Delhi; Messrs. D. and N. Reincke, Mass., U.S.A. and others who have donated books to the Library.

We also express our grateful appreciation and thanks to all who had contributed in money and kind, specially to: The Institute for Eclectic Study, England; Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen, Netherlands; Two Friends through N. Sri Ram (for Rs. 28,000); The Theosophical Society in Australia; and through Miss Nisewanger in the name of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, one-time Director of the Library—all to the Building Fund. Also to Mrs. Radha Burnier, and a Friend, through the Librarian, for the General Library Fund; and to Mrs. Protiva Deb for donation to purchase of Bengali books.

VISITORS:

The Library due to its unique collections is always a place of interest to visit for

many. We were happy to receive among such visitors: Mr. Ganesh Ram Anant, Ministry of Public Health, Mr. R. G. Trivedi, Law Secretary, and Mr. S. M. Jambholkar, Dy. Secretary—all of the Govt. of M. P., Bhopal; Mr. Albert Wezler, Tübingen University, Germany; Mr. M. Basavaradhya, Mr. H. C. Shantha Veeraiah, Mr. G. G. Manjunath, Mr. H.P. Parameswaraiah—all of the Kannada Sahitya Parishad, Bangalore; Mr. Valentina Jacque, Mr. Mikhail Luknonin, Mr. Mira Salganik—all of "Soviet Literature," Moscow; Mr. Bernard Karpel, Chief Librarian, Museum of Modern Art, N.Y., U.S.A.; Mr. S. M. Jawad Razvi, Librarian, Salar Jung Museum Library, Hyderabad; Mr. Pobożniak Taolevsz, Prof. of Sanskrit, Jayethonian University, Krakov, Poland; Dr. K. L. Janert, Köln University, Germany; Mr. W. Voigt, Marburg University, Germany; Mr. E. S. Cardova, Philadelphia University, U.S.A.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Herrera, UNESCO Grant for Indian Culture, University of Lima, Peru; Muni Sri Budhmal Swamiji,

Madras; Dr. Satya Vrat, Reader in Sanskrit, Delhi University; Mr. B. Rath, Sanskrit Lecturer, S.C.S. College, Puri; Rev. Pra Tong Pech, Thai Monastery, Buddha Gaya; Rev. Bikkhu Vivekananda, Buddha Nigom, Thailand; Mr. S. N. Mistry, Asst. Librarian, Karnika Library, Cuttack; and Dr. L. Sternbach, United Nations, N.Y.

Our special thanks are also to Dr. V. Raghavan, our Adviser, and to Dr. K. K. Raja for their help in the research section.

In concluding we might add that the importance of the Library is increasing year after year and its rich holdings covering a wide range of books on religions and philosophies and cultural topics attract more and more scholars from India and abroad. Certainly when the Library is shifted in 1967 to the new premises with better facilities, we shall be able to offer better service to all its users.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT FOR 1965-66

The 17th session of the School of the Wisdom opened on 5th October 1965, with over 50 people present for its inauguration. The President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, welcomed those present and briefly outlined the activities of Dr. Annie Besant and later Brother Jinarājādāsa in their efforts to start a school to cover all aspects of knowledge from the central standpoint of Theosophy.

Dr. I. K. Taimni, Director of Studies of the School, emphasized the idea of co-operative effort in the work of the School, and the building up of a strong international centre for research work at Adyar.

The Vice-President, Mr. J. Perkins, stressed the value of soul wisdom to be recovered from within by the way of beauty and love.

On 6th October eleven full-time and five part-time students assembled for the morning session when, after the customary meditation, Dr. Taimni presented a resumé of the previous year's work and outlined the scope of study for the ensuing term. A program of one hundred subjects for research, prepared in 1964, was used as a basis for study topics.

Students attending the school were from various parts of India (12), U.S.A. (1), England (1), Australia (3), Sweden (1), Viet-Nam (2), New Zealand (2). Each morning they assembled for meditation at 8.15 a.m. and regular lectures began at 8.30 a.m.

During the term the Director of Studies, who presented lectures on Monday and Tuesday mornings each week, dealt with

the following topics: Nāda or Sound, Māyā, Involution and Evolution, The Point, Mathematics as the Basis of Manifestation, Reflections of Reflections, Time and Space, Dimensions of Space, The Relation of the Manifest and the Unmanifest and The Concept of the Absolute. On the remaining three mornings of the week students of the School read papers or listened to lectures from well-known speakers. Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu gave two talks on "The Essential Qualifications," Mr. H. Murphet on "Time," Dr. Kamath two on "Hinduism," Mr. Zoltan de Álgya-Pap on "Glimpses of Christian Mysticism," and Mr. R. Balfour-Clarke on "Reminiscences of the Early Days". The President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, Principal of the School, attended a number of the sessions. Following a break for coffee each morning question and answer sessions were held.

Three afternoons a week were reserved for study, and one afternoon each week was spent in visiting various departments on the Estate, the Olcott Schools, and the Madras Museum. A Saturday morning visit was also made to the Besant Montessori Schools and Kalakshetra. During the session public lectures were given in the Headquarters Hall on alternate Friday evenings when Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu spoke about "Spread the Wisdom," Mr. N. Sri Ram on "Death and Its Sister Sleep," and Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan on "After Space Conquest, What?".

The number of students attending the School increased from eleven full-time and five part-time on the first morning to

fifteen full-time and five part-time students as the term progressed, while observers present at various times totalled six. The term closed on 10th December 1965.

The School of the Wisdom opened for the second session on 10th January 1966, with 19 students present. Seven students did not return for this session, but six fresh students attended (3 from Indian Lodges, 2 from England, and 1 from France).

Dr. Taimni was not able to continue as Director of Studies and Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu undertook this work. A comprehensive program covering various aspects of Comparative Religion, Art, Culture, Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Science, Practical Occultism, Involution and Evolution, Reincarnation and Karma was arranged.

Talks were given by Mr. N. Sri Ram on Hinduism, Buddhism, Theosophical Education, Consciousness, its Nature and Work, *The Voice of the Silence*, *Light on the Path*, Death and its meaning, The present Crisis and the Future, and the Nature of the Adept. Mrs. Radha S. Burnier spoke on Zoroastrianism, Jainism, Sikhism, Indian Art and the Platonic Philosophy; Mr. Zoltan de Álgya-Pap on Christianity; and Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu dealt with Islam, Evolution through Races, Indian Philosophy—Vedānta, Psychology, Matter and Planes, Involution and Evolution including the Elemental Kingdoms, the Mineral, Vegetable, Animal and Human Kingdoms; also Reincarnation and Karma. He gave other talks on *At the Feet of the Master* and *The Bhagavad Gītā*; Dr. A. Kannan spoke on Trends in Modern Science; Mr. J. S. Perkins gave talks on Theosophy—Basis

of Culture, the Teachings of J. Krishnamurti and the Band of Servers.

The afternoon sessions were occupied with talks on various topics, discussions and contributions from students. Miss Katherine Beechey described the Foundation of The Theosophical Society and the work of Administration; Mr. Krishnamacharyulu and Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan covered the history of the Society. The Director of Studies also gave talks on Learning, Involution and Evolution, The Birth of the Ego, Discipleship, The Initiations, The Inner Government of the World, The Law of Sacrifice and *The Bhagavad Gītā*. Students contributed by giving short talks in the sessions on Ancient Civilization; Pioneers in Education; Trends in Modern Education; Physical, Etheric, Astral and Mental Bodies; The Higher Self; Occult Chemistry and The Purpose of Theosophical Study.

Mrs. Kathrine Perkins arranged a panel discussion on the Three Objects, and during one afternoon each week she also organized sessions on various aspects of Lodge and other Theosophical work in which students could take part.

Friday evening activities included a public lecture by Mrs. Mary Elmore on "The Perfume of Life"; a members' talk by Mr. J. E. van Dissel on "Some of Today's Problems in the Theosophical Society"; a symposium by students on "The Purpose of Life"; and a public lecture by Mr. J. Perkins on "Direct Evidence of the Work of the Masters".

The second session concluded with a public gathering on 4th March.

C. E. GREGORY,
Secretary.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

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



Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

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

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Additional

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or

deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

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

ciety 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.

Witnesses to the signatures :

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

{ (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 12 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, Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, Presidential Agencies and to Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication shall be by telegraph or cable confirmed within two days by air.

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, Federation Secretary and Organizing Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voters-members of his Section or Federation, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls at the close of the last official year of the Section or Federation, 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 Presidential Agencies, 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 Presidential Agent, as entered by him and duly reported to the Recording Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Recording Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, 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 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 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 the Society shall close on 30th September.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

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

or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided), and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not less than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking

any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges (Branches) desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

DIRECTORY

AT

1 JANUARY, 1967

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	... 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	... Östermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand ...	Mr. W. E. B. Dunningham	... 10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, S. E. 3
1897	The Netherlands ...	Mrs. N. v/d Schoot-Groot	... 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 ...	Mrs. A. Stephan	... Alsterdorfer Str., 338, 2 Hamburg 39
1905	Cuba ...	Señor D. Cruz Bustillo A.	... 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 ...	Miss M. Anderson	... Claragraben 31, Basle 4000
1911	Belgium ...	Mme. B. Nyssens	... 35 Rue du Marteau, Bruxelles 4
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 ...	Mrs. A. E. de Pondé	... 3 de Febrero 1230, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile ...	Señor Ricardo Michel A.-P.	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1920	Brazil ...	Señora Cinira R. Figueiredo	... Rua Anita Garibaldi 29, 11º andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria ...	...	...
1921	Iceland ...	Hr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson	... Ingolfsstr. 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain ...	...	...
1921	Portugal ...	Prof. Délio Nobre Santos	... Campo Mártires Pátria 69, Lisbon
1922	Wales ...	Mr. H. Edgar	... "Plas Bendith," 4 Coed Pella Rd., Colwyn Bay
1923	Poland ...	...	...
1925	Uruguay ...	Señor Victor Alvarez Bisbal	... Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo

* No Section; Lodge only.

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1925	Puerto Rico ...	Señora Carmen G. Ballard ...	Apartado 534, Estacion Roosevelt, Puerto Rico-00929
1925	Rumania ...	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia ...	Mr. A. Jesse ...	Celovaka c. 280, Ljubljana
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 ...	Srta. C. Aguilar Alvarez ...	Avda Simson Canas 3-11, Zona 2, Guatemala City, Guatemala
1929	Paraguay ...	...	...
1929	Peru ...	...	...
1933	Philippines ...	Mr. F. T. Escudero ...	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 ...	Tal Shahar. Mobile Post Emeq Soreq
1951	Japan ...	...	...
1952	Viet-Nam ...	Miss Luu-thi-Dau ...	462 Võ-di-Nguy Street Phu-Nhuan, 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 1967, 1968 and 1969).
- 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 1967, 1968 and 1969).
- 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).
- MR. S. G. VENKATARAMANAN, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1967, 1968 and 1969)

* Presidential Agency

† Federation

} Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the General Council.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Special General Council Meeting of the Theosophical Society
held at Salzburg, Austria, on Saturday,
16th July 1966 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 and Greece.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	...	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Miss Katherine A. Beechey	...	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
Miss Joy Mills	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in America.</i>
Mr. Leslie H. Leslie-Smith	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in England, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Italy.</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for Mr. C. D. T. Shores, Additional Member.</i>
Miss Ruth Beringer	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Australia.</i>
Mrs. Kerstin Berg	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Sweden, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Norway.</i>
Mrs. N. E. van der Schoot-Groot	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands.</i>
Dr. Paul Thorin	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in France, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Belgium.</i>
Mrs. Anneliese Stephan	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Germany.</i>

Mrs. Sylvi Horstio	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Finland.</i>
Mrs. M. E. Nairn	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Southern Africa.</i>
Miss Jean Carstairs	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Scotland.</i>
Miss Mary Anderson	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Switzerland.</i>
Dr. Norbert Lauppert	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Austria.</i>
Mr. Niels Sørensen	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Denmark.</i>
Mr. Arturo Vado Lopez	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Mexico.</i>
Mr. Dudley W. Barr	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Canada.</i>
Mrs. Cinira R. Figueiredo	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Brazil.</i>
Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Iceland.</i>
Mr. Harry Edgar	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Wales.</i>
Mrs. Carmen G. Ballard	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico.</i>
Mr. Rattanji H. Patel	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in East Africa.</i>
Mr. Pablo Bonilla, T.	...	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Venezuela.</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	...	” ”
Mr. Geoffrey Hodson	...	” ”
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	...	” ”
Mr. J. B. S. Coats	...	” ”
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	...	” ”
Miss Helen V. Zahara	...	” ”

PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Mrs. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco ... Portugal

Sra. Dolores Gago de Fuerte ... Uruguay

The President of the Theosophical Society, Mr. N. Sri Ram, welcomed the Members of the General Council present, saying that it was the most representative meeting of the Council for a long time, perhaps at any time. It was called under Rule 4 (a) of the Rules and Regulations.

1. *To consider the motion passed by the T.S. Executive Committee on 17 July 1965 to increase the maximum number of Additional Members of the General Council from 10 to 12:*

The President explained that the Motion passed by the T.S. Executive Committee on 17 July 1965 was meant to enable him to nominate certain additional members of standing whom it would be desirable to have on the Council. This matter has already been considered and discussed at length. . . . It was unanimously agreed that the number of Additional Members should be increased from 10 to 12—the proposition to be circulated for voting before the next General Council Meeting at Varanasi in December 1966.

3. *(Item 12 of the Agenda):*

To consider suggestions regarding finances of the Society:

As this was too large and complicated a matter to be discussed by the General Council as a whole it was resolved to appoint a committee to consider the Society's finances and all suggestions concerning them and report to an adjourned meeting of the General Council. The following members were appointed to the Committee:

Mr. James S. Perkins, *Vice-President (Chairman)*

Mr. J. E. van Dissel

Miss Helen Zahara

Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio

Mrs. Radha Burnier

Mr. Edwin Lord

Mr. V. W. Slater

(Meeting adjourned until 21st July 1966).

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Special General Council Meeting of the Theosophical Society
held at Salzburg, Austria, on Thursday,
21st July 1966, at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT:

All the members who were present at the meeting held on 16th July, except the General Secretaries for Iceland and Mexico.

PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Mr. Hans Zeuger	...	Israel
Mme. H. Sabetay	...	France
Mr. Th. Chapellier	...	Belgium
Sra. Dolores Gago de Fuerte	...	Uruguay

4. *To consider the request of a number of Lodges in Israel to form a Federation, under Rule 35 (c) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society:*

The President said he had invited Mr. Hans Zeuger, Presidential Agent for the Theosophical Society in Israel, to make a brief statement to the General Council and then retire, after which the question could be further discussed.

The General Council was unanimously in favour of constituting a Federation, but left it to the President to decide the proper time to do so.

5. *(Item 12 on Agenda):*

Mr. James S. Perkins gave the following report on the conclusions of the Committee formed to consider the finances of the Society:

REPORT TO GENERAL COUNCIL

The Committee appointed was composed of Mr. E. Lord, Mr. van Dissel, Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Mrs. Radha Burnier, Miss Helen Zahara and Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio with Mr. James S. Perkins as Chairman.

The Committee first reviewed the reporting of Adyar accounts in general and explored more fully the nature of the present deficit, which rendered 1965 an extraordinary year because of gratuity retirements—not a year necessarily commencing a trend of huge deficits. For example in the Vasanta Press eleven men retired at an average cost of Rs. 4,000 each, while this year only one is retiring. The Vasanta Press income-expenditure record from 1945-66 was examined. The Committee understood that for a more accurate assessment of the balance of income and expense of publication, the departmental accounting of both T.P.H. and Vasanta Press should be considered together. It is suggested by the Committee that both the Library and T.P.H. be included as departments in the general accounting. The Committee agrees to the wisdom of the steps that have been taken regarding gratuity reserves as established.

It was noted that although the budgeted deficit for the year ahead appears even larger, no balancing donation figure was introduced to offset it. For a more realistic picture, such a figure should be estimated and used. The Committee held a summary discussion of the general financial outlook, which included (a) investment holdings, (b) investment policy under Indian regulations, (c) value of our land holdings (d) improved condition due to devaluation of the rupee, (e) inflation effects, etc.

The Resolution which was submitted to the 1965 General Council meeting by the General Secretary of the Australian Section in which the U.S.A. concurred, was thoroughly discussed. (Resolution follows.)

“That, in order that the greatest financial help may be given by the National Societies to the International Headquarters, a thorough review of the whole financial structure of the International Headquarters be made by an international committee appointed for this purpose. Expert advice from persons with qualified financial experience in accountancy as well as theosophical administrative experience from various countries, who could if necessary be summoned to Adyar for an on-the-spot survey and consultations, will be essential to evolve an effective plan to the financial problem of our International Headquarters. The suggested Committee could also investigate policies and possibilities in India and elsewhere, and depending on the adequacy of such measures it may be necessary to seek new ways of levying the Sections and this should be an important part of such a committee's term of reference. If this becomes necessary the Sections will be in a much better position to go to their members for the required support after the holding of such a survey.”

It was noted that this resolution was received with appreciation, and resulted in discussions in the General Council. Further it was influential in the studies made last year of the Society's financial operations and policy with the assistance of Mr. van Dissel of the Netherlands and Mr. Velji of Bombay (successful business men and members of the T.S. of long standing). These have resulted in certain alterations and improvements in the investment programme.

It is the understanding of the Committee that in view of the general situation now obtaining, the administering of the Society's reserves is receiving the necessary attention.

Miss Helen Zahara stressed the value of investment of capital by some of the larger Sections, making the income from the investment available to Adyar. Mr. Perkins said this would be very helpful, but it must not be forgotten that funds are also needed now at Adyar.

(The General Council meeting was adjourned until 8.30 a.m. on the morning of the 22nd July.)

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Special General Council Meeting of the Theosophical Society
held at Salzburg, Austria, on Friday,
22nd July 1966, at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT:

All members present at the meeting held on 16th July 1966 were present.

PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Mr. Th. Chapellier	...	Belgium
Mme. H. Sabetay	...	France

6. (*Item 12 on the Agenda*):

Suggestions regarding the finances of the Society.

Mrs. Gool Minwalla asked a question about the Kalakshetra Photographic Department. Mrs. Rukmini Devi made a statement concerning the Kalakshetra Photographic Department and the difficulties she had in moving her institutions from the T. S. estate in Adyar.

The President said that the question of T. S. property at Adyar being used by Kalakshetra was an intricate one and there was not much point in discussing the details at this meeting. The essential point to note is that the Society is an independent organization with its own aims, its particular kind of work and appeal, its estate and its own finances. Kalakshetra is an admirable institution for its own purpose, with another kind of appeal to the public and its own management, with the Society having no control over it. It has been there 32 years and the T.S. has to ensure that a vested interest is not established in the occupation of the T. S. estate. From this point of view, as well as for other reasons, the Photographic Department and other departments of Kalakshetra should be established in their own premises which are now very extensive. The General Council was in agreement with this view.

7. (*Item 6 on the Agenda*):

To consider the question of changing the status of Eire from that of a Section to that of a Federation, in view of the numerical strength of its Lodges and members being much less than the minimum:

The President said that Mrs. E. Hornidge, who was recently General Secretary of the Irish Section, donated a property to the T.S. in Eire, under certain conditions, but did not provide any money for the upkeep. It has to be sold and this would not be possible unless the Section remains in existence. To alter its status would alter the legal position and create problems. It was therefore unanimously agreed to postpone consideration of this question until the property is disposed of.

8. *(Item 7 on the Agenda):*

To consider the steps being taken with regard to the situation existing in the Chilean Section:

The President said that he had had a large correspondence with various people, including the General Secretary of Chile. For many years the latter had sent no reports, no election had been held, but the work was going on in certain Lodges in an uncertain manner. But recently the General Secretary, Mr. R. Michel, had called a general meeting of members in Chile which validated acts done during the past years, and decided to hold another meeting in the middle of August to elect officers, revise the rules and regularize the work. For the present there is nothing more to be done.

9. *(Item 5 on the Agenda):*

To consider a request from the Lodges in Rhodesia to form a Federation under Rule 35 (c):

The President and Mrs. M. E. Nairn, General Secretary for Southern Africa, said that the situation has to be discussed further and is not yet ripe for a decision. The matter was therefore postponed.

10. *(Item 9 on the Agenda):*

To consider the Recording Secretary's proposal to amend Rule 41 (a) relating to payments to Adyar for Charters, Diplomas, etc., if supplied directly by Headquarters at Adyar:

It was agreed to circulate this amendment for voting.

11. *(Item 10 on the Agenda):*

To discuss Mr. E. L. Gardner's proposal, moved through the Recording Secretary, reading as follows:

“That the Sections and Lodges of the Society be advised to dissociate themselves from the Liberal Catholic Church. It is very advisable that the altars and services of the Church should not be in the halls or rooms used by Lodges of the Society.”

Mr. Leslie-Smith and Mr. V. W. Slater both supported this motion, (while dissociating themselves from Mr. Gardner's letter of April 1966, which he had circulated to members of the General Council) on the grounds that because the L.C.C. was bound up with the history of the T.S. it had become identified with the Society in the minds of many members and the public. Both Dr. Besant and Mr. C. W. Leadbeater had advised the members to support it. Mrs. R. Burnier said the L.C.C. is not the only such organization; other organizations like the Bharata Samaj in India had also become associated in people's minds with the T.S. The President said this question was discussed at the General Council meeting held in 1964 which passed the following resolution, and he considered it adequate:

“The General Council reaffirms the Resolution passed on 30th December 1950 on the policy which the Society should hold in relation to other movements and

bodies. It urges all Lodges, Federations and Sections in allowing their premises to be used by other bodies and in all matters to act in such a manner that the identity of the Society is maintained and a confusion is avoided between its own policies and objectives and the ideas of the other bodies."

He advised that the General Council should lay down a policy or a principle and allow the various Sections and Lodges to apply these principles according to their best judgment. To force the pace for the immediate resolution of a difficult question is not always the best way. The situation has to be resolved in a natural way, through the understanding of all the issues involved, and this was taking place. After discussion it was agreed that the 1964 Resolution fully met the situation.

12. *(Item 3 on the Agenda):*

To consider the question of abolishing the Federation in Malaysia, and reconstituting it into a Presidential Agency:

The President explained that in 1956 a charter was issued to four Lodges in Malaya to form a Federation. The Organizing Secretary, Dr. Yeang, is publishing a magazine in the name of the Society (meeting all expenses himself) in which all kinds of fantastic statements and revelations are made, and material put forward by various propagandist bodies is printed, giving the public a completely wrong idea of the character of the T. S. and what it stands for. Dr. Yeang is of the view that his policy is broad-minded and the Society is not committed to all that is published in the magazine and that the public can use its discrimination.

Miss Mills informed the Council that Dr. Yeang had obtained the Lodge mailing list of the T.S. in the U.S.A. and was posting the magazine to all Lodges. A large number of copies was being distributed in other Sections also. As the magazine is officially listed in THE THEOSOPHIST and comes from a chartered Federation, it creates confusion among members in various Sections. It was pointed out that the magazine rarely printed any statement of the aims and purposes of the Society. In spite of the resolution of 1950 concerning the Freedom of the Society, the magazine seemed to be closely identified with the organization called "Magnificent Consummation". The question whether Dr. Yeang would not continue to publish the magazine even if the Charter of the Federation were withdrawn and a Presidential Agent appointed was discussed. Miss Zahara mentioned that when she visited the area, the Singapore members were against the magazine.

As the General Council members were of the opinion that the magazine was harming the work of the Society by creating confusion in the minds of the public and members, it was unanimously decided that the Sections should write letters of protest to Dr. Yeang with copies to the President, to enable him to take such action as may be necessary or possible.

13. *(Item 8 on the Agenda):*

To consider Miss Helen Zahara's proposal for preferential voting in the Presidential elections. (This will, if adopted, necessitate a further alteration of Rule 10 from its present form):

The President said that the proposal had already been circulated but drew little comment. To make the proposal clearer, it was decided to circulate it again with further explanations of the scheme by Miss Helen Zahara. It could then be taken up for discussion by the General Council.

14. *(Item 11 on the Agenda):*

To discuss the possibilities for a wider circulation of the ADYAR NEWS-LETTER:

Miss K. A. Beechey, the publisher of the News Letter, reported that some thirty new subscriptions had been received during the Congress. The President remarked that this was a relatively small number and that he hoped all members would help to increase the circulation of the News Letter. Mr. J. E. van Dissel stressed the importance of members knowing what is going on at Adyar, and how the News-Letter helped the contact between the Sections and Adyar.

15. *Any other business:*

(a) Miss Joy Mills, National President of the American Section, asked that the request of the American Section to have the 1975 World Congress in New York, might be considered by the General Council.

(b) Mr. James S. Perkins reported on the conclusions of the Publications Committee. He said that the European Federation Council had recommended that a Fund be established for non-English publications. The Publication Committee at the Congress proposed a Fund provisionally to be called "The Non-English Publications Loan Fund," with an international organizing committee with Miss Helen Zahara as Chairman, consisting of the General Secretaries for England and the U.S.A. and the Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar. The committee is to collect and hold this Fund and set up a program for its use, the funds collected to be invested in the U.S.A. The program set forth by the committee would be submitted to the President, for his approval, prior to establishing the project on a firm basis.

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at
the Headquarters of the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society,
Varanasi, on Sunday, 25th December 1966, 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, East Africa and England, and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel and Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Additional Members.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	...	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Chile 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, Scotland and Switzerland.</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 of the Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Southern Africa and Sweden and for Mr. C. D. T. Shores, Additional Member.</i>

PRESENT BY INVITATION AS OBSERVERS

Mrs. Ann Kerr Wylie	...	U.S.A.
Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan	...	India

The President mentioned that Miss Winifred B. Knowles, General Secretary for Wales, and a Member of the General Council, had passed on during the year.

1. *To read and, if approved, to adopt the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th and 31st December 1965:*

The Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th and 31st December 1965, having been circulated to the Members of the General Council, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

3. *To read and, if approved, to adopt the Minutes of the Special General Council Meetings held at Salzburg, Austria, on 16th, 21st and 22nd July 1966:*

The Minutes of the Special General Council Meetings held at Salzburg, Austria, on 16th, 21st and 22nd July 1966, having been circulated to the Members of the General Council, were taken as read, corrected, adopted and signed.

The correction had reference to Item 7 of the Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd July 1966, referring to Eire. The second sentence reading: "It has to be sold and this would not be possible unless the Section remains in existence" was deleted, and the third sentence was changed to read: "To alter the status of the T.S. in Eire would alter its legal position and would create legal problems with respect to the ownership and possible sale of its property."

4. *Matters arising out of the Minutes of the General Council Meetings held at Salzburg:*

(a) *Proposal to increase the maximum number of Additional Members from ten to twelve—Item 1, Minutes of Meeting of 16-7-1966.*

The proposal was circulated on 15-9-1966 to all Members of the General Council for voting. The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
37	Nil

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted. Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society will now read:

"The General Council shall include not less than five and not more than twelve Additional Members"

(Alteration in italics.)

(b) *Amendment to Rule 41(a) proposed by the Recording Secretary—Item 10, Minutes of Meeting held 22-7-1966.*

The proposal was circulated on 15-9-1966 to all Members of the General Council for voting. The result of the voting was as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
	37	Nil
Vote received later	1	Nil

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted. Rule 41(a) will now read as follows:

"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."

(Alterations in italics.)

5. *To report on and confirm results of voting regarding removal of the Kalakshetra Photographic Department from the Society's Estate before 1st June 1966:*

The above proposal was circulated on 28-3-1966 to all Members of the General Council for voting. The result of the voting was as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
	37	1
Vote received later	1	Nil

The motion having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

7. *To consider the following alterations to Rule 10 of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society:*

(1) *Para. 7:*

- (a) To insert in para. 7 after the words "General Secretaries" the words "Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, Presidential Agencies".
- (b) To delete in same para. 7 after "Such communication" the words "to the General Secretaries".
- (c) To delete at the end the words "and ordinary mails".

Para. 7 will then read as follows:

Immediately following the expiration of the twenty-eight days the Recording Secretary shall communicate the voting list to the General Secretaries, *Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, Presidential Agencies* and to Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-Large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication shall be by telegraph or cable confirmed within two days by air.

(Alterations in italics.)

(2) *Para. 11:*

- (a) To insert in para. 11 after the words "General Secretary" the words "Federation Secretary and Organizing Secretary".

- (b) To insert after the word "Section" the words "or Federation".
- (c) To insert after the words "the votes of" the words "the Presidential Agencies".

Para. 11 will then read:

Upon receipt of the voting list each General Secretary, *Federation Secretary and Organizing Secretary* shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section *or Federation*, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls at the close of the last official year of the Section *or Federation* 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 Presidential Agencies*, 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.

(Alterations in italics.)

The proposed alterations to paragraphs 7 and 11 of Rule 10 were considered and passed for circulation to Members of the General Council for voting.

8. *To consider proposal for the establishment of a Non-English Publications Loan Fund:*

The proposal made by the Publications Committee at the Salzburg Congress with regard to publications in languages other than English, was considered. (See Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Salzburg on 22-7-1966, Item 11(b), and Report of the Publications Committee meetings circulated to members of the General Council.)

It was decided to accept the proposal made by the Publications Committee to establish a "Non-English Publications Loan Fund" with a temporary international committee consisting of

Miss Helen V. Zahara (Chairman)
The General Secretary of the T.S. in U.S.A.
The General Secretary of the T.S. in England
The Manager, T.P.H., Adyar
A Representative of the European Federation

This Committee is to arrive at a statement of objectives and plan a program, envisaging co-operation with the non-English publication work undertaken by the European Federation, and present these to the President for approval. The plan of the Committee is also to take into account how the Fund is to be collected and invested.

9. *Election of three (3) Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1967, 1968 and 1969:*

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Vote received later</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	36	Nil	1
Mr. J. B. S. Coats	36	Nil	1
Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan	37	Nil	1

The above-named were declared duly elected Additional Members for the General Council for the years 1967, 1968 and 1969.

10. *To consider the Treasurer's Report for 1965-66 and to pass the Accounts for the year 1965-66:*

The Treasurer's Report and the Accounts for 1965-66 were adopted. It was decided in future to incorporate in the Income and Expenditure Account of the Theosophical Society the deficit or surplus, as the case may be, of the Theosophical Publishing House and the Adyar Library, as in the case of the other Departments.

11. *To consider the Budget for 1966-67:*

The Budget was considered and adopted.

12. *Appointment of Auditors for 1966-67:*

Messrs. Naganathan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were re-appointed as Auditors for 1966-67, on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

13. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1967:*

The following were appointed as Members of the Executive Committee for 1967:

President	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President	„
Recording Secretary	„
Treasurer	„
Smt. Rukmini Devi	<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier	<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan	<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mrs. Norma Y. Sastry	
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	
Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio	<i>Joint Treasurer</i>

14. *Any other business:*

(a) The President reported that correspondence had passed between Dr. L. J. Bendit and himself regarding amendments to Rule 10 of the Rules and Regulations which

relates to Presidential elections and Rule 21(c) regarding possible sale of land in the Headquarters Estate.

Dr. Bendit had suggested that provision should be made on the ballot paper in the election for a voter to indicate his choice to abstain from voting. In the event of such abstentions from voting being greater in number than the votes cast for any candidate, the election, from the call for nominations, shall be repeated.

In the event of there being more than two candidates, Dr. Bendit had suggested that voters should indicate their second choice. In the event of one candidate receiving less than a clear majority of first choice votes, the second choices should be added to the aggregate of the first choice votes of the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes, and the one receiving the most votes shall be declared elected.

Dr. Bendit thought the provisions of Rule 21(c) too rigid and could prevent the General Council from acting quickly should an emergency arise.

The President said these suggestions would need careful consideration.

(b) The President reported that a number of suggestions had been received from Mr. Dudley W. Barr, General Secretary of the Canadian Section, for altering the constitutional powers vested in the President of the Theosophical Society, but as these had not been put before the General Council as formal proposals they could not be considered.

(c) The Vice-President presented a report on the *Century Fund*, and the items proposed to be dealt with during 1967 as regards construction and other work on the Headquarters Estate.

(d) *Urban Land Tax*:

The President stated that he was happy to inform the Members of the General Council that the Headquarters Estate of the Theosophical Society had been given exemption from the Urban Land Tax. This was due not only to the representations of prominent Theosophists but also to those made by eminent and well-known public men in India.

(e) *U.N. Organization and the T.S.*:

Mr. John Coats had asked whether the T.S. could not be affiliated to the U.N. as a Non-Governmental Organization. It was pointed out that Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, while President, had endeavoured to have the Society registered as a consultative Non-Governmental Organization but he found that it was not possible to do so, as the Society's constitution was such as to preclude it from expressing official views, as a Society, on questions under the cognizance of the U.N.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1966

National Sections (Active) ...	40
Presidential Agencies (Active) ...	3
Federations formed under	
Rule 35 (c) ...	3
Total Lodges ...	1,223
Total Membership:	
1965 ...	31,424
1966 ...	31,357
Decrease ...	67

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America ...	130	3,841
2. England ...	97	2,810
3. India ...	382	7,661
4. Australia ...	16	1,223
5. Sweden ...	12	384
6. New Zealand ...	18	933
7. The Netherlands ...	34	1,230
8. France ...	34	1,108
9. Italy ...	25	582
10. Germany ...	16	429
11. Cuba ...	22	423
12. Hungary ...	—	—
13. Finland ...	23	407
14. Russia ...	—	—
15. Czechoslovakia... ..	—	—
16. Southern Africa... ..	12	477
17. Scotland ...	11	113
18. Switzerland ...	10	200
19. Belgium ...	8	246
20. Indonesia ...	—	—
21. Burma ...	4	51
22. Austria ...	10	257
23. Norway ...	7	131
24. Egypt (Lodges only) ...	2	73 (1960)
25. Denmark ...	13	250
26. Ireland ...	3	31
27. Mexico ...	36	942
28. Canada ...	13	335

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
29. Argentina ...	42	847
30. Chile ...	9	150 (1956)
31. Brazil ...	28	790
32. Bulgaria ...	—	—
33. Iceland ...	13	633
34. Spain ...	—	—
35. Portugal ...	14	197
36. Wales ...	5	115
37. Poland ...	—	—
38. Uruguay ...	8	131
39. Puerto Rico ...	7	71
40. Rumania ...	—	—
41. Yugoslavia** ...	—	—
42. Ceylon ...	7	84
43. Greece ...	6	190
44. Central America ...	10	162
45. Paraguay ...	—	—
46. Peru (Lodges at- tached to Adyar) ...	3	100
47. The Philippines ...	20	318
48. Colombia ...	9	138
49. East Africa ...	23	747
50. Pakistan * ...	6	284 (1964)
51. Malaya & Singapore†	8	125 (1962)
52. Northern Ireland†	3	50
53. Israel * ...	5	60
54. Japan ...	—	—
55. Viet-Nam ...	16	732
56. Venezuela ...	7	175 (1965)
57. West Africa † ...	8	366 (1965)
58. Canadian Federation	10	146
59. Bolivia * ...	2	22
60. Fellows-at-Large	—	28
61. Lodges attached to Adyar:		
Hong Kong ...	1	11
Others ...	12	266 (1964)
" ...	3	282
Total	1,223	31,357

KATHERINE A. BEECHY,
Recording Secretary.

* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

** Refounded during the year, figures will be given next year.

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