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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 92ND INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1967

BY N. SRI RAM, *President*

It is with sincere feelings of affection and earnest hopes for the success of the 92nd International Convention of the Society that I welcome you all, who have come from far and near to attend it. Success in the real sense, so far as the cause of Theosophy is concerned, will depend on the spirit in which we meet, the friendliness towards one another, and the extent to which the quality of the Divine Wisdom is reflected in our thoughts, speech and acts.

I hope that during the period of your stay here you will experience the peace, illumination and happiness which it is the sole aim of the Society to bring to a world rife with dissensions, sorrow and ignorance.

I am sure that there are many members all over the world who are with us in spirit at this time. We have received greetings from many of them. While we are here let us turn our thoughts to them in affection and greeting, and also to those Elder Brethren whose aid we invoke on such occasions. (*Rise, Brethren.*)

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

I declare this 92nd Convention open. (*Be seated, Brethren.*)

It is now 92 years and more since the Society was ushered into existence under conditions far different from those which exist at present. It was far from clear at the outset what would be the character which the Society would eventually assume. The only thought to which expression was given in its objective, as at first formulated, was "to collect and diffuse a knowledge of the laws governing the universe". It was changed and added to a number of times in subsequent years. The British Theosophical Society, started a little later, following certain indications given by Colonel Olcott, issued a circular in which it was stated that the Society was founded "for the purpose of discovering the nature and powers of the human soul and Spirit". Certain other tenets and aims, such as belief in "a great first intelligent Cause" and in "the universal brotherhood of the human race" were included.

In 1880, after the Founders had moved over to India, another statement of the Society's objectives was made, this time in a more formal manner, as part of a revision of the earlier Principles and Rules by the General Council of the Society. In this recension, as we might call it, the aim of obtaining knowledge of the laws of Nature was re-affirmed, but with the

addition of the words "especially those laws least understood by modern people and so termed the Occult Sciences". But certain other aims of a different nature were given the first place. Among these were to "keep alive in man his spiritual intuitions," to "oppose and counteract bigotry in every form," to promote a feeling of brotherhood among Nations.

As the Society expanded rapidly in India, and Branches were organized in different places following the visits of the Founders—the word Branches was generally used at the time—several of these local Theosophical Societies, in issuing their formal statements, expressed their own conceptions of what the Society stood for, though not in any way contradicting its aims as officially stated on behalf of the organization as a whole. The Annual Report of 1885 stated these aims for the first time in a form approximating to the three Objects as they stand at present, the noteworthy differences being that the Second Object was stated to be the study of Aryan and other Eastern literatures, religions and sciences, and the Third was mentioned as intended "to be pursued by a portion of the members of the Society". I may mention here incidentally that next year the Adyar Library was founded by Colonel Olcott, mainly to promote research in Oriental literature.

There were slight changes in subsequent years, but it was in the year 1896, some 21 years after the inception of the Society, that the Objects were finally adopted in the form in which they stand at present. I may also mention here as a noteworthy fact that although during this period the aims and objectives of the Society were stated in various ways by different groups, and were even modified by the Parent Society from time to time, the name of the Society remained unquestioned, and no suggestion was ever made to change it. In 1905 the Society was registered under

the Indian law, and the name as well as the Objects stand as fixed in the document of registration.

I mention all this as it indicates the trends of thought that have influenced the Society, thus leading up to and in a sense building up the character of the Society as it stands at present. But in the world of actuality—that is, what obtains, not what is hoped or latent—and also as it would strike anyone outside the Society, its character at any particular time is that which is to be seen in the mentality of its members, their ideas and beliefs, the way they think and act, the spirit that inspires them. This is the actuality at any moment, though there might be books which have influenced their thought and still give them guidance and inspiration, there might be an approved frame in which their activities are carried on, and there might be the Objects which set forth and define the nature of the activities.

What we need to realize for our present purposes is the fact that the outlook, ways of thinking and the quality present in us can change along with our understanding. It is the individuals who constitute a Society, not the memorandum of association which may hang upon a wall. As regards the influence they exert on the Society, it is not only what the member formally accepts as truth which is important, but also the whole basis of his acceptance, what or how he thinks in relation to it, how it influences his practical conduct and life and his whole attitude to life in general and towards his fellow-beings. It is pertinent in this connection to recall what the Buddha said in reply to a question with regard to the basis of belief. I am not quoting His exact words, but He excluded every form of mechanical acceptance, out of whatever motives might induce one to conform, but said: Accept if the belief or idea commends itself to you by its intrinsic truth,

and as conducive to the welfare of all, or in the language used by Him on another occasion, "the good of the many, the welfare of the multitude, the happiness of humanity".

These words indicate the only right motive for the propagation of what we may regard as truth and also the only state of mind and heart which will not distort one's mental process or the possibility of a pure intuition with regard to truth. The right kind of philosophy, I would prefer to call it right understanding, must be expressed in or conduce to right conduct and blossom into virtue. But virtue in mind, heart and every aspect of oneself is a state of being which is like an open flower that discloses its entire beauty. It is this beauty in the inner shape of one's being which is identical with Truth, though he may not realize it, it being a quality of that aspect of truth which belongs to the soul and spirit of man. We may discuss all things under the sun or beyond it, but in a Society concerned with the Divine Wisdom, the main interest must be centred in those truths which it is most important to understand, which may be described as life-giving, which will enable men here and now to make their lives beautiful and simple in a way that realizes their highest possibilities, and meet effectively all problems and every circumstance with good judgment and serenity.

These must necessarily be truths pertaining to the nature of oneself, to life and its possibilities, and to one's relations with all things and people, as determined by his thoughts, his understanding of them, and his reactions. I feel it is the understanding of these things pertaining to our lives—in which is included universal brotherhood—that alone can constitute a true basis for progress, whether for us as individuals or for the Society. H.P.B. warned us in 1888 against the

danger of all such Societies as ours degenerating into a sect with hard and fast dogmas, thus losing the vitality which "the living truth" alone can impart. The Society will equally fail of its purpose if it becomes a mere debating forum or a body of intellectuals comfortably dissecting doctrines. If the Society is to go forward or even serve its purpose there must be a quality of earnestness in all that we do on its behalf, a concern for human welfare and a spirit that regards no sacrifice as too great for the cause.

To turn to the Sections, I have in previous years referred to the special features of the work in the United States. Miss Joy Mills, the National President, dwells on the enormous increase of activity in almost every direction, which has taken place, thanks to generous help received from the Kern Foundation. Particularly notable is the launching of a program of paper-back publications of Theosophical works selected with a view to their likely popular appeal and for their easy acceptability from the standpoint of modern thought. These Quest books, the name given to the series, have been produced and sold on a scale which would previously not have been possible. This could be achieved only through extensive advertising, which was also financed by the Kern Foundation. In this connection I might mention the gift to Adyar of a modern printing press and book-binding equipment by the American Section made possible by a grant from the Kern Foundation. It is needless to say that those of us who work at the International Headquarters deeply appreciate this gift, as it would greatly facilitate and improve our printing. Some of the Quest books are being printed at Adyar and sent unbound to the United States for suitable binding and distribution. Among other ways in which the Kern Foundation has helped,

the Report mentions extensive newspaper and radio advertising for the regional expansion work, the revision and improvement of the radio program and the extension of the program of Workshops and Conferences throughout the Section. One of the National lecturers engaged in the regional expansion work writes enthusiastically that there has been everywhere a new surge of interest, a noteworthy sign being the joining of more young people. The membership of the Section is now nearly 4,200.

The General Secretary for England, Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, reports that following the campaign for Truth, attention has been directed to "the practical value of Theosophy" and "Theosophy in the world tomorrow," which in their many aspects were discussed at the English Convention and Summer School respectively. An important step that has been taken and which may considerably vitalize the work of the Society, relating it to the personal lives of the members more closely, is the preparation of a Theosophical Self-Training Course open to all members. The course aims at "introducing the serious student to the general principles of self-realization involving the whole man, physical, intellectual, psychic and spiritual". Mr. Leslie-Smith mentions also the holding of a week-end "Retreat" at Camberley, at which silence was observed throughout, except for set talks, readings and music. Those present were all in favor of repeating this experiment from time to time. The English Theosophical Publishing House, which is now the property of the Section, published, among other works, a simplified and rational system of Yoga exercises by Mr. V. Wallace Slater, and a volume of memories and reminiscences of Dr. G. S. Arundale, contributed by some 80 persons who had the privilege of coming into personal contact with him.

The General Secretary for India, Mrs. Radha Burnier, informs us that the strength of the Indian Section is now 7,710, the number of Lodges and Centres being 344 and 35, respectively. She refers to the economic difficulties as well as the conditions of confusion and disorder in India. Yet the work has gone on steadily along the established lines. She says: "It is inspiring to know that whatever may be the encircling conditions, the light of Theosophy remains bright and steady. If we let it shine within us, no darkness can prevail around. . . . This is a time of testing when every member of the Section has the opportunity to prove himself a Theosophist." She also remarks that the atmosphere can be brightened even by a few who perceive and live rightly.

Work in all the Sections in Europe has gone on steadily. Their General Secretaries and other representatives have an opportunity of coming together and reporting on the work in their Sections periodically at meetings of the European Federation Council and Executive Committee, which are held at different places, often jointly with one of the Summer Schools. There has been a change in the office of General Secretary in Iceland, due to the retirement of Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson after 11 years in that office. Mr. Thorkelsson is now the General Secretary. I might, in this connection, mention that the Icelandic Section has now a membership of 645, more than half of whom have come into the Society within the last ten years; the majority among them are said to be young people. The proportion of the Section strength to the total population which is about 150,000 is exceptionally high and striking. During the year under review, Summer Schools, each covering a period of a week or so, have been held in Iceland (one in Reykjavik in the south and one in Akuri

near the Arctic Circle); Finland (at the usual place, Kreivila); Sweden, near Gothenburg; Denmark at Gammel Praestegaard; Germany; Holland at Pietersberg; at Pichl in Austria for the German-speaking areas; and at Sestri Levante near Genoa for the Latin countries.

I might also mention in this context the Summer Schools held in England, in the United States (at "Olcott" following the Convention), in Argentina (in the province of Cordoba), and Viet-Nam (at a Centre recently dedicated and named the Pure Heart Centre, some 80 miles from Saigon). There have been a number of study camps and Workers' Training Camps in different parts of India, including the usual South Indian Conference at Adyar.

The work in Australia as well as in New Zealand is being carried on with enthusiasm. Mr. Brian Dunningham, the General Secretary for New Zealand, says that the old attitude of prejudice and suspicion towards Theosophy and the Society is disappearing, and there is in its place "a genuine desire for an enlightened philosophy of life". "Dogma and creed is being publicly held up for question." There are 96 new members and the use of the Section library has doubled in the last two years. Australia has now 1,294 members and the Section helps not only the Lodges in various ways—there are 16 of them—but also endeavors to help the work in other countries in the Pacific, such as Burma, Viet-Nam and Malaysia.

One can easily imagine what conditions in South Viet-Nam must be like. Unfortunately the war goes on and on and on. In the midst of all the difficulties, our members there carry on the work faithfully and steadily. There are weekly public lectures at the Headquarters in Saigon and at the Lodge in the Pure Heart Centre, which I have mentioned. Altogether there are 13 Lodges now and 685

members. They all have meetings each week-end for study and discussions. Two new books have been translated, namely *The Masters and the Path*, and a book written by Mr. van Luong, entitled *Way of Liberation*. As an indication of the kind of subjects to which our Viet-Nameese brethren are attracted I might mention the subject studied in their Summer School which was "Love" as the greatest need, and "What is real happiness?" the main theme at the Annual Convention. Miss Luu-thi-Dau, the General Secretary, writes that in spite of the critical situation in the country, they strive to do their best to spread Theosophy by activity and life. She ends her report on a note of faith: "We are trusting to the future and have implicit confidence in our Work."

All goes well on the whole in Central and South America, although there have been difficulties in the Mexican Section, which I understand are being straightened out. The Colombian General Secretary, Mr. Gabriel Burgos Suarez, writes that the Section has started a Fund, the interest from which is to be sent to Adyar, while the capital will belong to the contributing members, and they can withdraw from it when there is need. He thinks that this is a good and efficient way of helping Adyar and commends it to other Sections. Brother Walter Ballesteros' quarterly *Selección Teosófica*, translating selections from Theosophical literature, is, we are told, the main organ at present for spreading Theosophy in Latin American countries, and Lodges have used it for study "with notable results". All over that area the greatest need at present is the translation of the important Theosophical works we have in English. A small Committee was appointed at the Salzburg Congress, with Miss Helen Zahara as Chairman, for the creation and administration of a non-English Publications Fund, but it is not only funds that

are needed but also a proper organization for the selection of the books to be translated, for accurate translation, and the printing and sale of the translated works. Of course there are other Sections beside the Spanish-speaking, where translations are needed. Several of the Reports, such as those from Italy, Denmark, Puerto Rico, mention titles of books that are being translated at present, some of them books very well known in English which have deeply influenced the thought of members, such as *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Secret Doctrine*, and the *Mahatma Letters*.

The General Secretary for East Africa, Mr. A. B. Patel, writes that in this Section, which extends over Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, there are now 33 Lodges and 1,171 members, which include an increase during the year of some 10 Lodges and 424 members. Brother Sitarum Upadhyaya and Srimati Kamala Ben Thakkar from the Gujarat State in India were there for eight months, touring and lecturing, and their work has been marked by this addition to the Society's numerical strength. The General Secretary writes that although the Society has grown so considerably, the citizenship and trade laws which have been introduced might seriously affect about 80 per cent of the members who are Indians and have their roots in India. It remains to be seen how many of them will be able to remain in East Africa engaging in occupations that afford a means of livelihood.

I have not in this year's Report touched upon the work in many other Sections, but the work is going on much as usual in all of them.

Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, with Mrs. Sandra Hodson, has made an extensive tour in the United States, visiting most of the Lodges. Mr. Hodson is at present giving talks at Ojai to the School of Theosophy in Krotona, an activity recently started

there of which the Director at present is Dr. Alfred Taylor. This School, which has periodic sessions, has been attracting students from all over the States. Mrs. Radha Burnier was able to spare some two and a half months from her work in India to make a tour of the main cities in Australia and attend their Easter Convention, at which she was the guest speaker. Srimati Rukmini Devi was in England and the United States during the year as guest speaker at their Conventions. I have already mentioned the tour of Sri Sitarum Upadhyaya and Srimati Kamala Ben Thakkar in East Africa. I myself have visited various places in India, mainly to preside over Federation Conferences.

From all the reports that have been received one gathers that there is a good deal of Theosophical Order of Service activity in very many places, of which we do not hear very much. Much help has been given by Theosophists to the sufferers in Bihar State in India from the famine which raged there during the summer months. Mr. R. H. Patel, who was General Secretary for East Africa and has since been succeeded in that office by Mr. A. B. Patel, is now Director of the T.O.S. activities there. As I have pointed out on previous occasions, there is a great deal of educational work being carried on by Theosophists in India, partly individually but also through Lodges and other organizations formed by them especially for that purpose. The General Secretary for Viet-Nam writes that there are some 60 children now in the Orphanage which is being conducted by the Section, and the children are growing happily in a normal way and are visited by members almost every day.

Mention is made in the various Section reports of the activities of Young Theosophist groups. I should perhaps mention the fact that some of these groups

consist only partly of young people who are members of the Society, others being young non-members who like their company and are attracted by such activities as sports, camping and discussions on topics of special interest to young people.

I have to report this year the passing of a number of active and devoted workers. Amongst them I might mention here Professor R. Selleger (Holland), a Theosophist of long standing, much respected, to whom very many looked for advice and guidance, and Mr. B. Wouters who was General Secretary in that country for some years; Mrs. Signe Rosvall, General Secretary for Finland for a number of years; U Hla Maung, General Secretary of Burma, and also an ardent worker for humanitarian causes; Mrs. Grace Boughton (Krotona), very well known throughout the American Section and a person who had intimate contacts with members in all parts of that country; Mrs. Mary Elmore, well known at Adyar and Benares, who has lectured in England, Holland and other European countries; Mr. Damodar Prasad of Benares, a Theosophist of long standing and co-worker with Dr. Arundale in the educational field. I might also mention Dr. Sven Eek, author of the book, *Damodar*, and Mr. Arthur Relton of England, who has been a worker at Adyar at various times. I would like to say how much we owe to these and other workers of the past whom I have not mentioned. They have left with all who knew them happy and inspiring memories.

A handsome and striking addition to the Adyar estate is the new Adyar Library building, to which the activities of the Library were transferred during the summer. The formal dedication of this building is to take place during this Convention.

As is the case each year, some of Adyar's resident-workers left the Headquarters, and others have come to fill the vacancies or to strengthen the staffs of

certain Departments. Mrs. J. A. C. de Vogel-van Gogh, who had assisted the Recording Secretary in a secretarial capacity for a number of years, left in September, but she hopes to return after about a year. November saw the departure to Australia of Mr. David and Mrs. Cecily Dynes, who had been helping, respectively, with the microfilming work and secretarily in the Estate Administration Office. Recent arrivals have been Mrs. M. E. Nairn from Salisbury, Rhodesia, who has been assisting the work at the School of the Wisdom and Mr. Brian Sheppard of England, who has come to give assistance at the Vasanta Press. In September Sri S. V. Ramachandran became Superintendent of our Garden Department, while Mr. N. Yagneswara Sastry continues to be associated with that Department as a Consultant. Miss Nancy Devlin of Australia has been assisting the Estate Administration Office after Mrs. Dynes' departure.

The 19th session of the School of the Wisdom opened on October 2nd with Dr. Iqbal Taimni as Director once again for the first term, and Miss Jeanne Dumas as Secretary. The students this year have come mostly from different places in India but members who have wanted to listen to talks have been permitted to do so as observers. Though it has been a small group, the work has been carried on with great enthusiasm. Its second term will begin early in January, with Mrs. M. E. Nairn as Director of Studies.

It is asked sometimes: Has such a philosophy as that which the Society as a whole exists to foster and promote any value to the modern world whose trends of thought and values seem so very different? Perhaps the best way in which this question might be discussed is by raising a number of relevant and counter-questions: Has human nature or the phenomena pertaining to man's life or the nature of his

personal problems changed fundamentally along with the revolution in outer conditions? Is Wisdom the same as the knowledge which marks our present progress? Is what a man needs to understand for his well-being and progress, in the sense in which it applies to his own being, identical with what pleases him and he believes in for the time? Also, may not Theosophy in essentials be a truth which we may think we understand but do not, and if so, is it not as much a matter for deep personal consideration and discovery now as it ever was to any speculative philosopher? Has not this philosophy primarily to do with life, rather than with various ideas which one may evolve out of his

predilections and with which he occupies himself?

It seems to me that these and related questions are pertinent when considering what place Theosophy has in modern life, and well worth individual enquiry by every one of us. The Society will undergo a revolution when its thought, not set ideas but the process of thought in its members and in all whom it influences, begins to expose those aspects of truth pertaining to their lives, which they pass by because of the glitter and seduction of so much that is merely pretentious and tempting, but utterly superficial and hollow, in the way of life man is pursuing at present.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Reference was made in para. 16 of last year's report to the devaluation of the Rupee by the Government of India on 6th June 1966, and an "Exchange Equalization Fund" was created with a sum of Rs. 2,43,819. The value of the Foreign Securities owned by the Society upgraded in terms of rupees last year is unaffected at close of 1966-67. But the effect of devaluation of Sterling currencies in the U.K. and some other countries in November 1967 will perhaps be felt by the Society in the current year.

Suitable machinery for the Vasanta Press donated by the Theosophical Society in America is expected to reach Adyar soon.

The Adyar Library moved to its new building on 20th March 1967.

1. Income and Expenditure Account:

The year ended 30th September 1967 showed a deficit of Rs. 4,821 against Rs. 16,357 of the previous year which did not include the surplus of Adyar Library, Rs. 4,180 and T.P.H. Rs. 9,029. Thus the real deficit in 1966 was only about Rs. 3,000. In 1967 there were increased receipts under Fees and Dues, and Interest.

In the 25 year period 1942 to 1967 the Society showed excess of income over expenditure only in 6 years 1948 to 1954, and the amounts ranged from Rs. 509 in 1948 to Rs. 28,054 in 1953. During the rest of the period—19 years 1942 to 1947, and 1955 to 1967—there were deficits, the range being Rs. 1,335 in 1960 and Rs. 89,201 in 1963.

2. Donations:

(a) Adyar Day collections in 1967 amounted to Rs. 49,504 inclusive of Rs. 140 brought over from the previous year. Allocation was done by the President as shown below:

	Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Library	.. 5,000	
Faithful Service Fund	.. 500	
Gratuities Reserve	.. 30,000	
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	.. 1,000	
Vice-President's Travelling Fund	.. 6,700	
Welfare Fund	.. 3,000	
	—————	46,200
General Fund towards Deficit	..	3,000
		—————
		49,200
		—————

(b) *General Donations*: The total amount received in 1967 was Rs. 45,098 against Rs. 32,943 last year. Average annual figure for the last 5 years is Rs. 42,915.

(c) *Legacies*: During the year a further sum of Rs. 62,340 was realized from the estate of the late Christine M. Walter of U.S.A. Another income of £ 997 was from the estate of the late Miss W. B. Knowles of England. A sum of Rs. 1,779 was credited to the General Fund of the Theosophical Society by the legacy of the late Mrs. Elsa Baumann of Switzerland. The estate of Mrs. G. E. Allen of England brought us £ 7,800 in 1967.

3. A.B.C. Fund:

The opening balance on 1-10-1966 was Rs. 18,27,971, a sum of Rs. 39,815 was received as donations during the year, of which Rs. 39,548 was the payment from the J. H. Mason's Trust in the U.S.A. The closing balance on 30th September 1967 is Rs. 18,86,286. In 1966 the addition to the Fund was Rs. 27,185 out of which Rs. 26,014 was from the Mason's Trust. The A.B.C. Fund was started in 1947 with a target of Rs. 20 lakhs. In the first 14 years the average annual collection was a lakh of rupees. In the next 6 years the collections have fallen much except in 1962, the total collections that year being Rs. 1,12,452; the annual average increase during 1962 to 1967 is only Rs. 67,073; during these 6 years the lowest increase was Rs. 27,185 in 1966, and Rs. 39,815 in 1967. It seems desirable to appeal to our members and admirers of Dr. Annie Besant to remember with gratitude her world wide services by contributing liberally to the Fund. Also we may raise the target from Rs. 20 lakhs to at least 30 lakhs of rupees in view of the all round increased expenses.

4. Adyar Library:

The Publications account shows a surplus of Rs. 16,755. A sum of Rs. 16,582 was received as grant from the Central Government.

Excess of expenditure over income in 1967 was Rs. 5,693, contributory causes being the charges for shifting of the Library to its new home in March 1967 (Rs. 5,862), and ex gratia payment to a pandit who retired with a service of 25 years (Rs. 3,000).

5. Adyar Library Building Funds:

A sum of Rs. 1,83,580 was spent in 1967 for constructing the new building of the Adyar Library. The total amount spent till end of September 1967 is Rs. 7,53,433 excluding cost of racks purchased for Rs. 21,105. Retention fees of contractors, about Rs. 18,778, will have to be paid in 1968 after making suitable deductions.

Donations received in 1967 amounted to Rs. 62,854. The total amount collected is Rs. 5,42,760 inclusive of Rs. 43,775 for 'Add-a-Brick Fund,' big amounts of which are: A bequest from Miss Goldie Kabots Rs. 13,516, A Friend Rs. 10,000, American Section Rs. 9,740, Mr. Otto Kalapudos Rs. 7,500, Mr. Johannes Meyer Rs. 5,677, Sri N. Sri Ram Rs. 5,000, Miss Mary Graham Rs. 2,073, and Dr. Dorothy Rood Rs. 2,000.

6. Bhojanasala:

The deficit was Rs. 8,164 against Rs. 9,093 last year. Figures of the previous 5 years show that the deficit varied from Rs. 4,778 to Rs. 9,093, the average annual deficit being Rs. 7,180. Mess income increased this year by Rs. 4,325 which is offset by increase in cost of food stuffs—Rs. 3,104 and maintenance charges Rs. 684. On the assets side, stock on

hand has increased by Rs. 1,844; value of kitchen utensils has risen by Rs. 413, thanks to Sri S. P. Venkatesh of Bangalore for his donation of Rs. 450, for purchase of stainless steel plates.

7. Century Fund:

In 1966-67 the total of donations amounted to Rs. 80,884 against Rs. 1,84,638 in 1965-66. Larger contributions were Rs. 8,634 from Miss Franzoni, and Rs. 7,484 from Mr. Edward Martin apart from the J. H. Mason's Trust in U.S.A., half yearly payment of Rs. 40,227. Balance on 30th September 1967 was Rs. 2,24,748.

8. Faithful Service Fund:

On 1st October 1966 the balance was Rs. 37,237. To this was added Rs. 500 being Adyar Day allocation, Rs. 801 interest, and Rs. 32 as royalties on sale of Miss Helen Veale's book. At the close of the year the balance is Rs. 33,349.

9. Fees and Dues:

The receipts this year amounted to Rs. 81,802 against Rs. 38,056 last year. Increase of Rs. 43,746 is due to (a) Section dues from the U.S.A. totalling Rs. 39,330 (arrears and current) received in 1967 against *nil* in 1966, (b) receipt of dues payable to the Headquarters by Sections at the enhanced rate of 15 per cent against the old rate of 10 per cent brought into force from 1966 by the amended rule 43 (a) of the Rules and Regulations, and (c) many of the Sections remitting the dues before end of September.

10. Garden Department:

There was a surplus of Rs. 4,443 while in 1966 the deficit was Rs. 1,306. The surplus income is accounted for by higher prices on coconuts sold, better income from mangoes due to more care on bear-

ing trees, and increased income from paddy. During the last 6 year period 1962-67 there was surplus income only in 2 years—Rs. 587 in 1962, and Rs. 4,443 in 1967. Deficits in the other 4 years ranged between the lowest figure Rs. 841 in 1963 and the highest Rs. 12,035 in 1965.

We have lost about 200 coconut trees which were uprooted in the cyclone of November 1966.

11. Laundry:

This year the deficit has risen to Rs. 6,348 from Rs. 5,715 of last year. There are no big variations in the amounts spent on various articles. During the last 6 years the lowest deficit was Rs. 2,526 in 1962 and the highest Rs. 6,348 in 1967.

12. Leadbeater Chambers:

The deficit fell to Rs. 1,918 from Rs. 6,891 in 1965-66, contributory cause being the increased charges for boarding guests and residents, as also lodging charges for non-members brought into force from 1-10-1966. The rise in mess income was Rs. 3,518, and in service charges Rs. 3,161. There are no big differences between last year and this under expenditure. A review of figures for the 6 year period 1962 to 1967 shows that the deficit was only Rs. 508 in 1964, and the heaviest in 1966 Rs. 6,891. Average annual deficit for the 6 year period is Rs. 3,207.

13. Maintenance Department:

Excess of expenditure over income was Rs. 37,136 against Rs. 33,378 last year. The increase is due to increased payment under the head-office salaries, and increased cost of casual labour.

14. Sundry Debtors:

Out of the sum of Rs. 43,345 outstanding on 30th September 1967 against Rs. 32,643 in the previous year, four items are over Rs. 500 each, but all are recoverable.

15. Theosophical Publishing House:

The cost of new publications during the year was Rs. 1,02,916 against Rs. 72,304 in the previous year. The sales of T.P.H. Publications during the year amounted to Rs. 1,82,843 against Rs. 1,68,890 in the previous year. The increase of Rs. 13,953 was mainly due to larger sales to U.S.A. Sales of other publications, photos, etc. at Rs. 28,251 showed a decrease of Rs. 7,066 over the previous year, due mainly to decrease in the sales of Adyar Library publications. The total sales overseas including subscriptions to the Theosophist amounted to Rs. 2,18,916.

Expenses on establishment, royalties and other items amounted to Rs. 59,429 against Rs. 54,477 last year. The excess was mainly due to increase in royalties (Rs. 2,900) and staff salaries and allowances (Rs. 1,500). The available revenue surplus was Rs. 21,685 against

Rs. 29,432 last year. A sum of Rs. 15,000 has been transferred to "Special Publications Reserve" and the balance of Rs. 6,685 added to the Capital account. The Special Publications Reserve exists to aid in the publication of important literature that may be financially unremunerative and also to write down the value of unsaleable books.

The amount owing to the T.S., which stood at Rs. 29,390 on 30-9-66 was repaid, and all current bills cleared.

16. Vasanta Press:

There was a deficit of Rs. 2,901 against a surplus of Rs. 794 last year mainly due to increase in administration charges at the rate of 10% on salaries and wages having risen from Rs. 4,000 in 1966 to Rs. 7,359 in 1967. The outturn for the year (sales) Rs. 1,72,065 shows an increase of Rs. 4,331 over that of last year. The cost of production during the year, Rs. 1,02,136 was more than in 1966 by Rs. 5,243. The gross income was slightly less than that of 1966 by Rs. 911.

17. The staff has co-operated uniformly in the work of the Treasury.

ADYAR

14th December 1967

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO

Joint Treasurer.

S. G. VENKATARAMANAN

Treasurer.

Special mention is made of the valuable contribution by the Joint Treasurer whose rich experience in Adyar and elsewhere has been very helpful to me.

S. G. V.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 20, INDIA

Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1967

A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

No.	Particulars	Amount
		Rs.
1.	3% Conversion Loan, 1986	2,61,200
2.	3% First Development Loan, 1970-75	80,000
3.	4½% Madras Loan, 1972	10,000
4.	4½% Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1969-76	1,00,000
5.	4½% " 1970-80	15,000
6.	4½% " 1966-73	25,000
7.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1971-76	30,000
8.	4½% " 1971-76	1,00,000
9.	4½% " 1970-75	20,000
10.	4½% " 1966-68	25,000
11.	4½% " 1967-69	1,00,000
12.	4½% " 1967-69	20,100
13.	4% Mysore Land Mortgage Bank Debenture	20,000
14.	5½% Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit	83,000
15.	7½% "	3,85,000
16.	7½% "	1,00,000
17.	7% State Bank of India Deposit	1,00,000
18.	7% National & Grindlays Bank Ltd., Deposit	50,000
19.	4% Funding Stock (Sterling) 1970	£ 11,297
20.	4% Government of Australia 1955-70	£ 1,049
21.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway	£ 3,000
22.	3½% Queensland Government 1955-70	£ 1,400
23.	4½% Kenya Government Loan	£ 500
		18,86,475

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1967

		1965-66		1966-67	
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
The Theosophical Society in	Argentina	..	804 47	3,227	79
"	Australia	..	646 71	3,123	60
"	Austria	..	338 47	548	35
"	Belgium	..	..	1,359	37
"	Brazil	..	790 16	..	
"	Canada	..	1,202 34	1,040	30
"	Central America	..	..	669	13
"	Chile	..	747 25	..	
"	Colombia	..	170 32	228	24
"	Denmark	..	250 49	394	07
"	East Africa	..	442 75	686	00
"	England	..	6,490 51	7,486	69
"	Finland	..	479 99	1,257	72
"	France	..	2,394 67	3,388	25
"	Germany	..	461 35	942	67
"	India	..	5,824 34	687	60
"	Ireland	..	47 52	49	21
"	Italy	..	1,042 90	982	57
"	Mexico	..	1,228 56	..	
"	Netherlands	..	8,533 68	7,642	93
"	New Zealand	..	768 19	2,022	05
"	Norway	..	140 35	121	40
"	Philippines	..	140 00	153	05
"	Portugal	..	565 75	..	
"	Puerto Rico	..	158 45	298	00
"	Scotland	..	253 15	255	83
"	South Africa	..	344 37	582	75
"	Sweden	..	609 96	..	
"	Switzerland	..	210 00	1,466	71
"	U.S.A.	..	749 25	39,330	21
"	Uruguay	..	65 82	178	80
"	Venezuela	..	235 87	374	72
"	Wales	..	298 23	..	
"	West Africa	..	443 28	..	
"	Yugoslavia	..	..	361	37
Canadian Federation		..	170 25	257	75
Spanish-Speaking Members through the					
Recording Secretary		1,351	56
Non-Sectionalized Lodges, etc.	..	1,006	94	1,332	92
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		38,056	34	81,801	61
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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 Appropriations:								
Adyar Library ...	5,000	00			5,000	00		
President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	00			6,600	00		
The School of the Wisdom ...	3,000	00			3,000	00		
Vice-President's Travelling Fund ...	12,000	00			...			
			26,600	00			14,600	00
Departmental Results:								
Adyar Library ...	...				— 5,692	91		
Bhojanasala ...	— 9,093	36			— 8,163	53		
Garden Department ...	— 1,305	58			+ 4,443	12		
Laundry Department ...	— 5,715	01			— 6,348	49		
Leadbeater Chambers ...	— 6,891	42			— 1,917	64		
Maintenance Department ...	— 33,378	27			— 37,135	95		
Theosophical Publishing House ...	...				+ 6,685	38		
Vasanta Press ...	+ 794	28			— 2,901	21		
			55,589	36			51,031	23
Depreciation:								
On Gulistan Property ...	403	38			403	40		
„ Immovable Property ...	16,398	60			16,463	80		
„ Motor Car ...	3,870	44			1,000	00		
„ Movable Property ...	134	40			87	53		
			20,806	82			17,954	73
Establishment and Other Expenses:								
Bad debts written off ...	...				64	38		
Convention 1965 ...	4,255	60			...			
Damodar Garden Expenses ...	...				2,269	15		
Dispensary ...	7,883	72			6,032	44		
Eastern Border Boundary ...	...				7,399	45		
Emergency Risk Insurance ...	108	00			...			
Fire Insurance ...	312	17			376	06		
Gulistan House Property Expenditure Account ...	621	05			571	53		
International Offices ...	7,508	66			7,947	82		
Legal and Audit Fees ...	3,152	50			3,015	00		
Light and Water ...	6,659	42			7,742	54		
Miscellaneous ...	8,571	33			9,353	06		
Museum and Archives ...	3,083	75			...			
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones... ..	4,372	69			5,949	55		
Printing and Stationery ...	1,515	30			656	72		
Publications to General Secretaries ...	721	16			1,035	71		
Repairs and Renewals ...	33,388	00			94,914	11		
Retirement Allowances ...	2,866	39			3,211	38		
Salaries and Wages ...	47,479	47			28,548	11		
Sanitation ...	5,748	47			6,217	90		
Taxes ...	17,619	21			16,485	69		
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	00			12,000	00		
Travelling and Conveyances ...	631	91			1,562	92		
Watch and Ward ...	24,344	16			22,578	46		
			1,92,842	96			2,37,931	98
Reserve for Gratuity			3,410	00			3,344	00
			2,99,249	14			3,24,861	94

ADYAR

12th December 1967

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

S. G. VENKATARAMANAN,
Hon. Treasurer.ANNIE THIOE SIANG NIO,
Hon. Joint Treasurer.

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INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Administration Charges ...		14,744 00		... *
„ Convention 1966		138 62	
„ Support Convention 1966..	...		199 20	
		...		337 82
„ Donations ...		40,943 50		9,597 99 †
„ Fees and Dues ...		38,056 34		81,801 61
„ Income from Jungle Wood (Net) ...		215 07		1,209 55
„ Interest (Net) ...		1,33,053 46		1,70,857 24
„ Museum and Archives		200 11
„ Quarters' Maintenance (including Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Cham- bers) ...		55,879 88		56,036 74
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...		16,356 89		4,820 88
		2,99,249 14		3,24,861 94

* Deducted and net amount shown this year under "Salaries and Wages".

† See Treasurer's Report.

Chartered Accountants.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1967

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Immovable Properties: (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,29,220	91	2,29,220	91
Add: Damodar Gardens Expenses. (Project for Sales) ...	2,269	15	...	
„ Eastern Border Boundary Account ...	6,063	56	...	
		2,37,553	62	2,29,220 91
<i>Lands at Urur: (At Cost)</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...		3,782	40	3,782 40
<i>Lands in Sindh:</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...		10,000	00	10,000 00
<i>Buildings at Adyar: (At Cost)</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	8,16,671	32	8,23,189	53
Add: Additions ...	6,518	21	...	
	8,23,189	53	8,23,189	53
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	4,37,819	99	4,54,283	79
		3,85,369	54	3,68,905 74
<i>“Gulistan,” Kotagiri: (At Cost)</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,169	72	20,169	72
Add: Additions ...	...		621	00
	20,169	72	20,790	72
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	5,727	64	6,131	04
		14,442	08	14,659 68
Movable Property at Adyar:				
<i>Furniture and Fixtures: (At Cost)</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	84,226	37	84,664	61
Add: Additions ...	438	24	790	71
	84,664	61	85,455	32
Less: Sales ...	...		40	00
	84,664	61	85,415	32
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	84,248	27	84,335	80
		416	34	1,079 52
<i>Motor Cars: (At Cost)</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	33,692	84	33,692	84
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	30,776	17	31,776	17
		2,916	67	1,916 67
Investments: (At Cost)				
Government of India Loans ...	3,77,798	88	3,32,798	88
State Govt. Loans ...	4,84,811	50	4,69,811	50
Foreign Investments ...	6,40,318	35	6,40,325	85
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	33,970	00	33,970	00
Miscellaneous Securities ...	48,784	69	56,084	69
Fixed Deposits ...	15,28,000	00	18,88,000	00
		31,13,683	42	34,20,990 92
Interest accrued on Investments: ...		34,962	94	46,183 12
C/o		38,03,127	01	40,96,738 96

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year					
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f			55,32,827	26			59,13,861	68
Sundry Creditors:								
For Departments	23,737	02			11,611	26		
For Others	19,619	85			2,12,533	23		
			43,356	87			2,24,144	49
Sundry Deposits:			63,320	52			49,571	17
Liabilities for Expenses:			2,568	20			2,250	00

Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.

(b) Interest only available for general purposes.

(c) Interest only available for specific purposes.

ADYAR

12th December, 1967

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

S. G. VENKATARAMANAN,

Hon. Treasurer.

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hon. Joint Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1967

ASSETS		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	B/f ..	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
			38,03,127 01		40,96,738 96
Departmental Assets:					
(As valued and certified by the Management)					
Water Line Meter Installations	...	392 00		353 00	
Electrical Installations	...	23,004 00		19,304 00	
Telephone Installations	...	1,222 00		2,109 00	
Tools, Equipments, etc.	...	25,410 50		28,194 05	
Printing Machinery, etc.	...	66,274 00		65,076 00	
Accounts Recoverable	...	10,098 76		12,058 42	
Standing Crops and Developments.	...	66,936 99		67,310 57	
Stock on hand	...	1,54,899 07		1,60,256 57	
			3,48,237 32		3,54,661 61
Adyar Library Assets:		...	8,60,966 04		10,53,768 97
T. P. H. Assets:					
Assets		2,43,370 21		2,31,444 54	
Investments		13,495 00		13,516 50	
Cash and Bank Balances	...	10,702 85		37,857 19	
			2,67,568 06		2,82,818 23
Sundry Assets:		...	4,524 43		4,922 63
Loans and Advances:		...	22,376 71		19,163 05
Security Deposit:		...	290 00		290 00
Sundry Debtors:					
(Considered good by Management)					
Due by T.P.H.	...	29,390 40		...	
Due by Others	...	32,643 27		43,345 34	
			62,033 67		43,345 34
Gratuity Advances to Employees:		...	7,939 64		7,239 64
Prepaid Expenses:		...	1,992 24		2,943 86
Cash:					
In Madras Banks on Current A/c.		1,97,435 03		1,20,411 23	
.. London Bank " "	...	61,380 69		1,91,447 65	
On Hand	...	4,202 01		12,076 17	
			2,63,017 73		3,23,935 05
			56,42,072 85		61,89,827 34

Examined and found correct.

N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1967-68

EXPENSES	Budget for 1966-67	Actuals for 1966-67	Budget for 1967-68	INCOME	Budget for 1966-67	Actuals for 1966-67	Budget for 1967-68
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bad Debts written off ...	100	64	200	Administration			
Convention ...	2,000	(-) 338	6,000	Charges ...	15,000	...	...
Damodar Garden Expenses...	...	2,269	...	Fees and Dues ...	40,000	81,802	60,000
Dispensary ...	8,000	6,032	7,000	Interest (Gross) ...	1,45,000	1,75,447	1,74,000
Eastern Border Boundary ...	...	7,399	1,500	Quarters' Maintenance ...	60,000	56,037	56,000
Establishment—Salaries				Wood ...	200	1,210	1,200
and Wages ...	51,000	28,548	32,000	Special Departments:			
Fire Insurance ...	400	376	400	Adyar Library ...	...	45,036	39,600
Gulistan House Property				Bhojanasala ...	17,000	21,262	22,000
Expenditure ...	800	572	700	Garden Department ...	50,000	41,569	42,000
Interest on Funds and				Laundry ...	6,200	5,775	6,000
Accounts ...	18,000	4,586	6,000	Leadbeater Chambers...	38,000	35,403	37,000
International Office ...	...	7,948	8,500	Maintenance			
Legal and Audit Fees ...	3,500	3,015	3,500	Department ...	1,27,000	1,72,080	1,84,000
Light and Water ...	7,000	7,743	8,000	Sanitary Department ...	2,500	2,691	3,000
Miscellaneous ...	16,000	9,353	7,000	Theosophical Publish-			
Museum and Archives ...	3,500	(-) 200	1,000	ing House ...	...	81,113	80,600
Postages, Telegrams and				Vasanta Press ...	1,67,000	1,72,065	1,75,000
Telephones ...	4,500	5,950	6,000	Donations ...	40,000	9,598	10,000
Printing and Stationery	1,600	657	1,000	Deficit ...	45,500	4,821	53,650
Publications to General							
Secretaries ...	700	1,036	1,100				
Provision for Gratuity ...	3,500	3,344	3,500				
Repairs and Renewals ...	30,000	94,915	95,000				
Retirement Allowance ...	4,000	3,211	4,000				
Sanitary Department ...	8,500	8,909	9,500				
Taxes ...	18,000	16,486	18,000				
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	12,000	12,000				
Travelling and Conveyance...	700	1,563	2,000				
Watch and Ward ...	25,000	22,578	24,000				
Contributions:							
To The Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	...				
„ President's Travelling							
Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom .	3,000	3,000	3,000				
„ Vice-President's							
Travelling Fund ...	7,000	...	...		
Depreciation ...	21,000	17,955	18,000				
Special Departments:							
Adyar Library ...	...	50,729	44,000				
Bhojanasala ...	27,000	29,425	30,000				
Garden Department ...	70,000	37,126	40,000				
Laundry Department ...	12,000	12,123	12,500				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	40,000	37,321	39,000				
Maintenance Department	1,70,000	2,09,217	2,31,000				
Theosophical Publishing							
House ...	...	74,428	78,050				
Vasanta Press ...	1,73,000	1,74,969	1,84,000				
Vasanta Press Capital Exp.							
Machinery and							
Plant Rs. 5,000							
Types and Metal Rs. 10,000							
Special Quoins, Galley and							
Forme Racks Rs. 3,000							
New Building Rs. 4,00,000							
For Installation of							
Machinery Rs. 4,000	7,53,400	9,05,909	9,44,050		7,53,400	9,05,909	9,44,050

ADYAR

11th December, 1967

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

S. G. VENKATARAMAN,

Hon. Treasurer.

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hon. Joint Treasurer.

The Adyar Library
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1967

THE ADYAR

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE

DEBIT	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Opening Stock of Publications ...		26,628 68		29,246 93
„ Cost of Publications:				
Including <i>Brahmavidya</i> ...		27,820 31		9,473 37
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure ...		4,983 49		16,754 62
		59,432 48		55,474 92

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Administration Charges ...	2,521	00	2,632	00
„ Copying and Comparing Charges ...	...	...	1,581	13
„ Depreciation ...	2,036	18	2,426	92
„ Ex gratia Payment ...	...	...	3,000	00
„ Fire Insurance ...	105	90	105	90
„ Microfilming Charges ...	861	19	487	40
„ Miscellaneous ...	3,719	29	8,609	49*
„ Postages ...	400	96	660	05
„ Printing and Stationery ...	1,024	93	425	23
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,320	09	1,684	61
„ Reserve for Gratuities ...	1,200	00	1,200	00
„ Retirement Allowance ...	1,594	56	1,594	56
„ Salaries and Wages ...	25,213	30	26,321	67
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	4,180	19	...	...
	44,177	59	50,728	96

* Includes charges incurred for shifting to the New Library Building Rs. 5,861-75 and excludes copying and comparing charges shown separately.

ADYAR

9th December, 1967

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

S. G. VENKATARAMANAN,

Hon. Treasurer.

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hon. Joint Treasurer.

LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1967

CREDIT	PREVIOUS YEAR				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Central Government grant for Publications			14,667	00			16,582	00
„ Sale of Publications:								
Including <i>Brahmavidya</i>			15,518	55			11,869	98
„ Closing Stock of Publications			29,246	93			27,022	94
			59,432	48			55,474	92

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1967

INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Income from Publication b/f.	4,983	49	16,754	62
„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations	28,813	45	17,128	41
„ Copying and Comparing Charges ... ..	...	...	2,189	65
„ Interest on Endowment Fund	520	30	647	84
„ Microfilming Receipts	1,291	37	614	32
„ Miscellaneous Receipts	3,568	98	2,701	21
„ T.S. Contribution	5,000	00	5,000	00
	44,177	59	45,036	05
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income... ..	...	...	5,692	91
	44,177	59	50,728	96

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 ...	13,005	24	16,196	42
<i>Less:</i> Capital Expenditure				
Furniture and Equipment ...	989	01	22,732	40
	12,016	23	(-) 6,535	98
<i>Add:</i> Excess of Income over				
Expenditure ...	4,180	19	...	
	16,196	42	(-) 6,535	98
<i>Less:</i> Excess of Expenditure over Income	...		5,692	91
	16,196	42	(-) 12,228	89
Balance carried over to Capital Fund ...	...		12,228	89
		16,196 42		...
Capital Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,24,686	81	2,25,675	82
<i>Add:</i> Transfer from Endowment Fund ...	989	01	22,732	40
	2,25,675	82	2,48,408	22
<i>Less:</i> Balance from Endowment Fund ...	...		12,228	89
		2,25,675 82		2,36,179 33
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 ...	6,000	00	7,000	00
		44,000 00		43,000 00
(ii) Other Donations:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,94,655	87	4,45,097	13
<i>Add:</i> Received during the year ...	1,50,441	26	53,888	05
		4,45,097 13		4,98,985 18
Add-A-Brick Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...		43,775 11		43,775 11
C/o		7,74,744 48		8,21,939 62

LIBRARY

30TH SEPTEMBER, 1967

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Manuscripts and Books:								
As per last Balance Sheet	...	1,58,672	97		1,59,661	98		
Add: Additions	...	989	01		1,154	65		
				1,59,661	98		1,60,816	63
Immovable Property at Juhu:								
Value of house property gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet	...	50,000	00		50,000	00		
Less: Depreciation	...	6,000	00		7,000	00		
				44,000	00		43,000	00
Microfilming Equipment:								
Value of Microfilming Equipment gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet	...	22,627	00		21,495	65		
Less: Depreciation	...	1,131	35		1,074	65		
				21,495	65		20,421	00
Furniture: At Cost								
As per last Balance Sheet	...	34,769	88		34,769	88		
Add: Additions			21,577	75		
		34,769	88		56,347	63		
Less: Depreciation up-to-date	...	13,619	86		14,796	63		
				21,150	02		41,551	00
Furnishings:	...	234	00		175	50		
Less: Depreciation	...	58	50		175	50		
				175	50		...	
Sundry Debtors	...			12,368	25		3,011	80
Advances:								
Director's Discretionary Loan								
Fund Account	...	28	00		37	00		
Prepaid Fire Insurance	...	70	60		...			
				98	60		37	00
Adyar Library Building Construction Account	...			5,69,853	24		7,53,433	25
Stock on hand:								
Publications	...	29,246	93		27,022	94		
Insecticides, Binding materials, etc.	...	2,915	87		4,475	35		
				32,162	80		31,498	29
C/o				8,60,966	04		10,53,768	97

LIABILITIES		PREVIOUS YEAR				Current Year			
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
	B/f			7,74,744	48			8,21,939	62
Advances by the T.S.	...			67,600	92			2,12,671	45
Discretionary Fund:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...			684	97			684	97
Gratuities Reserve:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	13,492	59			14,692	59		
Add: Provisions for the year	...	1,200	00			1,200	00		
		14,692 59				15,892 59			
Less: Payments made	...	...				870 66			
				14,692	59			15,021	93
Book Deposits:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	2,811	00			3,171	00		
Add: Receipts	...	560	00			620	00		
		3,371 00				3,791 00			
Less: Refunds	...	200 00				340 00			
				3,171	00			3,451	00
Sundry Creditors	...			72	08			...	
				8,60,966	04			10,53,768	97

ADYAR

9th December, 1967

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

S. G. VENKATARAMANAN

Hon. Treasurer.

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hon. Joint Treasurer.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

ACCOUNT FOR 1967-68

EXPENDITURE		<i>Actuals for 1966-67</i>	<i>Budget for 1967-68</i>	INCOME	<i>Actuals for 1966-67</i>	<i>Budget for 1967-68</i>
		Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Administration Charges	...	2,632	2,700	By Income from Publication	...	16,755
„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	1,581	1,600	„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations	...	17,128
„ Depreciation	...	2,427	2,500	„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	2,190
„ Ex-gratia Payment	...	3,000	...	„ Interest on Endowment Fund	...	648
„ Fire Insurance	...	106	1,000	„ Microfilming Receipts	...	614
„ Microfilming Charges	...	487	500	„ Miscellaneous Receipts	...	2,701
„ Miscellaneous	...	8,609	3,000	„ T.S. Contribution	...	5,000
„ Postage	...	660	700	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	5,693
„ Printing and Stationery	...	425	500			4,400
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	1,685	1,700			
„ Reserve for Gratuities	...	1,200	1,200			
„ Retirement Allowance	...	1,595	1,600			
„ Salaries and Wages	...	26,322	27,000			
		50,729	44,000		50,729	44,000
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE						
„ Adyar Library Building Construction	...	7,53,433	20,000			

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

Theosophical Publishing House
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1967

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF "THE THEOSOPHIST"

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Administration Charges and Overhead	...	1,200 00	1,200	00
Depreciation	...	137 70	116	71
Editorial	...	2,676 23	4,175	00
Establishment	...	2,717 58	2,909	31
General Expenses	...	233 27	254	89
Postage and Packing	...	6,669 62	8,730	52
Printing and Blocks	...	17,411 79	17,911	65
Excess of Income over Expenditure	4,772	91
		31,046 19	40,070	99

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6th December, 1967

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1967

INCOME		PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year	
		Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Miscellaneous Income	...	...		18 19
Subscriptions:	...			
Unexpired on October 1	...	12,053 99	22,026 35	
Add: Receipts during the year	...	36,890 10	39,273 84	
		48,944 09	61,300 19	
Less: Unexpired on 30th September	...	22,026 35	21,247 39	40,052 80
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	26,917 74 4,128 45	...	...
		31,046 19		40,070 99

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
S. G. VENKATARAMANAN, ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hon. Treasurer. *Joint Treasurer.*

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

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

TRADING AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Books Published (inclusive of binding charges on old stock) ...	72,304	16		
Less: Subsidy from T.S. for Booklet "Adyar" ...	3,496	00		
	68,808	16		
Less: Balance in Blavatsky Publications Fund transferred ...	132	46		
	68,675	70		
.. Purchases:				
Books: Agency & Others ...	17,708	93	13,063	11
Incense Sticks, etc. ...	4,629	88	5,867	27
Packing Materials ...	3,193	75	5,363	33
Photos & Pictures ...	660	31	704	71
Stationery ...	554	89	654	75
			25,653	17
.. Stock on 1st October				
Agency & Other Publications ...	1,056	46	449	40
Incense Sticks, etc. ...	148	52	351	48
Packing Materials ...	3,162	88	1,200	94
Photos & Pictures ...	1,173	55	1,515	48
Stationery ...	184	16	541	64
T.P.H. Publications ...	2,12,637	17	1,77,957	77
.. Gross Income carried down ...	76,666	56		
	3,90,452	76		
			1,82,016	71
			75,008	04
			3,85,593	82
Advertisement & Catalogue ...	2,176	05		
Audit Fees ...	750	00		
Building Maintenance Charges ...	1,200	00		
Conveyance & Transit ...	25	66		
Depreciation on Furniture, Fittings & Office Appliances ...	183	32		
Emergency Risks Insurance ...	440	00		
Establishment ...	20,510	94		
Ex-gratia ...	9	59		
Fire Insurance Premium ...	181	20		
Gratuity Reserve ...	3,000	00		
Office Printing & Stationery ...	1,653	41		
Postage & Telegrams ...	1,401	99		
Publications Reserve ...	15,000	00		
Repairs & Upkeep ...	98	47		
Retirement Allowance ...	1,849	78		
Royalty on Sale of Books ...	18,562	27		
Sales Tax ...	56	18		
THE THEOSOPHIST:				
Balance in I & E a/c w/off ...	5,404	47		
Trade Expenses ...	1,435	05		
Water, Electricity & Conservancy ...	942	66		
Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	9,028	65		
	83,909	69		
			81,113	66

ADYAR

6th December, 1967

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1967

INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Packing Charges recovered from Customers ...	4,229	31		6,062 07
„ Sales:				
Agency Books:				
Adyar Library ...	20,947	96	13,615	78
Others ...	1,892	35	1,743	64
Other Publications ...	4,298	40	4,684	45
Incense Sticks ...	5,671	27	6,519	15
Photos & Pictures ...	1,745	73	898	56
Sandalwood Oil ...	22	50	...	...
Stationery ...	738	12	789	41
T.P.H. Publications ...	1,68,890	41	1,82,842	61
				2,11,093 60
„ Stock on Sept. 30				
Agency & other books ...	449	40	580	65
Incense Sticks ...	351	48	1,173	92
Packing Materials ...	1,200	94	1,238	93
Photos & Pictures ...	1,515	48	1,421	63
Stationery ...	541	64	582	08
T.P.H. Publications ...	1,77,957	77	1,63,440	94
	3,90,452	76		3,85,593 82
By Gross Income brought down ...	76,666	56		75,008 04
Administration & Overhead charged to <i>The Theosophist</i> ...	1,200	00		1,200 00
Copyright ...	20	00		...
Interest on Investments ...	788	23		894 49
Miscellaneous Income ...	118	93		1,043 30
Royalty Receipts ...	5,115	97		2,967 83
	83,909	69		81,113 66

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

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Hon. Joint Treasurer.N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

HOUSE, ADYAR

30TH SEPTEMBER 1967

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Fixed Assets:				
Furniture etc:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	1,696	07	1,512	75
Less: Depreciation ...	183	32	162	76
		1,512 75		1,349 99
Investments:				
Fixed Deposit with The Indian Bank...	300	00	300	00
—do— ...	13,000	00	13,000	00
Interest accrued but not due ...	195	00	216	50
		13,495 00		13,516 50
Current Assets, etc.				
(i) Stock as per Inventory:				
(a) Books ...	1,82,016	71	1,68,438	15
(b) Office Printing, etc. ...	3,733	72	4,028	44
(ii) Advances for books and Royalty ...	17	89	315	49
(ii) V.P.P. Outstandings ...	478	70	724	90
(iv) Deposits ...	198	00	45	00
		1,86,445 02		1,73,551 98
Sundry Debtors ...		53,424 44		55,033 05
Pre-paid Expenses ...		131 25		23 25
Cash and Bank Balances:				
(i) Cash on hand: <i>Imprest</i> ...	1,650	00	1,298	34
(ii) Balances in current a/c with				
State Bank of India ...	3,784	44	27,284	90
National and Grindlays ...	2,662	00	6,206	31
United Commercial ...	2,606	41	3,067	64
		10,702 85		37,857 19
THE THEOSOPHIST:				
(i) Equipment and Furniture ...	1,072	40	934	70
Less: Depreciation ...	137	70	116	71
	934	70	817	99
(ii) Stock of Paper, etc. ...	922	05	801	97
		1,856 75		1,619 96
		2,67,568 06		2,82,951 92

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1967-68

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 1966-67	Budget for 1967-68	INCOME	Actuals for 1966-67	Budget for 1967-68
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Advertisement and Catalogue ...	736	2,000	Gross Income ...	75,008	75,000
Audit Fees ...	750	750	Administration and		
Building Maintenance Charges ...	2,000	2,400	Overhead charges		
Conveyance and Transit ...	145	150	from Theosophist ...	1,200	1,200
Depreciation on Furniture ...	163	150	Interest on Investment ...	895	850
Establishment ...	21,966	23,000	Miscellaneous ...	1,043	...
Ex-gratia ...	110	...	Royalty on Translations ...	2,968	1,000
Fire Insurance Premium ...	108	100			
Gratuity Reserve ...	3,000	3,000			
Office Printing and Stationery ...	1,305	1,500			
Postage and Telegrams ...	1,572	1,600			
Publications Reserve ...	15,000	15,000			
Repairs and Upkeep ...	486	...			
Retirement Allowance ...	2,910	3,000			
Royalty on Sale of Books, etc. ...	21,423	20,000			
Sales Tax ...	41	50			
Trade Expenses ...	1,714	1,800			
Water, Elect. & Conservancy ...	1,000	1,000			
Excess of Income over Expenditure.	6,685	2,550			
	81,114	78,050		81,114	78,050

ADYAR

6th December, 1967

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

The Theosophical Society in America this year launched what may well be one of the most historic and significant events to be recorded in the annals of the Society's existence. For through the wider dissemination of our literature, of works conveying in contemporary terms the fundamental and immortal principles of that wisdom tradition to which the name Theosophy has been given in our age, this Society may come to have that impact upon world thought, upon the mind of man, which was envisioned by our Founders and which alone can change human action and create the climate necessary for the realization of brotherhood.

In the early days of this Movement, the American Co-Founder and first President of the Society, Colonel H. S. Olcott, wrote that the function of this organization is "to make people think". And he added in words of strongest conviction, ". . . the real work of the Theosophical Society is, and always must be, accomplished upon the plane of ideas, not on that of material things." No less a thinker in our day than the priest-philosopher and scientist Teilhard de Chardin has declared: "There is now incontrovertible evidence that mankind has just entered upon the greatest period of change the world has ever known. The ills from which we are suffering have had their seat in the very foundation of human thought. But today something is happening to the whole structure of human consciousness." No greater opportunity, no larger challenge, no heavier responsibility has ever been before the members of this Society than in these years leading to the conclusion of our first century of Theosophical endeavor and, more impor-

tantly, years that will open vistas on the second century of the Society's existence and activity. By taking hold of the opportunity, recognizing the challenge, accepting the responsibility, we who have in this time of world change and upheaval given allegiance to a Society so inspired and so founded as ours, can infuse into the "whole structure of human consciousness" a new knowledge, a new understanding, based on age-old insights and eternal truths. So may we aid in the building of one unified and organic structure of consciousness, in which differences of race, creed, color, and all the other artificial distinctions have disappeared for ever.

To so change human thought, to so transform the mind of our time, requires people, not only books. As I report to you, therefore, on one of the most exciting years in this Section's history—a year of splendid growth and achievement—I am mindful of the debt that is owed to each individual who by his very affirmation of membership has given his strength and support to this work. I am especially aware of those few who have carried almost impossible work loads throughout the past year, in utterly selfless dedication, without regard for personal comfort or preference, in order that the increased activity could be accommodated. I refer, of course, to the members of our Headquarters staff, the Olcott family, of whom I truly believe it can be said that seldom have so few accomplished so much for which so many can be grateful. Therefore, at the very outset of this report let me express to this indefatigable team of workers my own as well as your profound gratitude and appreciation. This is not

in any way to diminish or to underestimate the value, importance and extent of the work carried on tirelessly by members throughout the Section, in Branches, Federations, and alone in cities where no formal groups exist. But since inevitably all the threads of the work, all our individual energies, are brought together, focused and co-ordinated through our national centre, I want to pay especial tribute to this outstanding group of workers, my colleagues at Olcott. So much a team are we that departmental lines are not always clear when work must be done. This is the unique team, a splendid corps of workers, that is steadily concerned with building here at our national headquarters a centre of strength and vitality that can radiate throughout the Section, giving support and encouragement to the work everywhere, as the work throughout the Section constantly encourages, supports and strengthens this centre.

Field Programs.—Always of major importance in fulfilling this central task of spreading Theosophy is the continuation of a vital and strong field program. The work of nationally sponsored lecturers and field workers is supplemented by the outstanding efforts of local members who in Branches and Federations throughout the Section carry the burden of public presentations, maintaining Theosophical libraries, and in other ways continuing to ensure that a knowledge of Theosophy is available to those who are seeking.

We have been especially fortunate this year to have Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson as guest lecturers, and their tour throughout the Section has met with excellent response in city after city. Mr. Hodson is, of course, well known to members and to audiences throughout the United States, and his return visits are always anticipated with much happiness. His deep and profound knowledge of

Theosophy combined with an exceptional clarity of exposition make him one of the ablest exponents of the Theosophical philosophy in our Movement. Mrs. Hodson, on this her first trip to the United States, has won the hearts of all of us, and her contributions during the past year have brought enthusiastic response wherever she has travelled. Arriving in the United States in October, Mr. and Mrs. Hodson began their work for us with a public lecture by Mr. Hodson here at Olcott, attracting an audience of over 250. Travelling eastward during the fall months, they addressed members and the public in Washington, Baltimore, Miami, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Orlando, New Orleans, Covington, Atlanta, Houston, and Austin before arriving in Ojai for the Christmas holidays and a brief period of rest. Resuming their travels in January with talks in the Ojai and Los Angeles areas, they went on to cities in the Northern California and Northwest Federations, visited Vancouver in Canada, and returned then to Olcott for a period of rest and work. Engagements in Milwaukee and Chicago were followed by participation in a special Workshop held at Headquarters in March. The final portion of their tour then took them to New York, Boston, Buffalo, Detroit, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Kansas City and Minneapolis, with an engagement in Toronto for the Canadian Section concluding their lecture schedule.

During the year, I have been able to make two extensive tours, travelling in the fall to Cleveland, Buffalo, Rochester, Schenectady (where a new Study Centre has since been organized), Boston, and Pittsburg. In the spring, I visited the newly organized groups in Hampton-Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia and Greensboro, North Carolina, in addition to giving talks in Washington, Richmond, Charlotte (for the Mid-South Federation meeting), Fort Lauderdale, and Miami

(for the Florida Federation convention), returning to Headquarters in time to participate in the Illinois-Wisconsin Federation spring gathering.

Mr. Samuel H. Wylie this spring visited all the Branches in the Ohio and Michigan Federations, aiding the work in those two areas. In connection with their spring program in Utah, to be referred to later, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton found it possible to schedule a stop in Casper, for work with that Branch. We have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Carle A. Christensen, who has been able in the course of his own work, which takes him to various parts of the country, to schedule, with our assistance, lectures and classes in a number of cities, including Houston, Atlanta, Miami, and Boston. In all of these lecture schedules, grants from the Kern Foundation to support additional advertising have made it possible to step up local publicity efforts.

Regional Expansion.—Kern Foundation allocations also contributed immeasurably to the greater success of the Regional Expansion Programs conducted during the past year, providing increased newspaper and radio advertising in every city in which the program was carried forward. During the fall, Mr. Samuel H. Wylie was presented in a series of Regional Expansion lectures and classes in the Mid-South Federation, with a full program in Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Nashville, and exploratory visits to Birmingham, Alabama and Rome, Georgia.

The largest audiences, the largest book sales, and the largest number of new members of any Regional Expansion tour were reported by Eunice and Felix Layton, who continued their pioneer programs in cities where no organized Theosophical work had existed. In their fall tour in Virginia and North Carolina, lecture series were given in Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Norfolk, and Hampton. They presented

series in the Arizona cities of Tucson and Phoenix during February, and later in the spring carried their program to the Utah cities of Salt Lake and Ogden. Of all these cities, Branches had previously existed only in Charlotte and Tucson, both of which received new stimulus to their efforts; and in all the other cities, newly joined members organized as informal groups to continue a study program. In some instances, these groups are moving toward official study centre status, and one in Greensboro has been chartered as a Lodge. Among new advertising methods employed was a series of one-minute television commercials in Salt Lake City. Mr. and Mrs. Layton report that sales of Theosophical books during these tours exceeded \$2,200, and tens of thousands of publicity leaflets were taken by the audiences.

In January, the National Board of Directors invited Mrs. Jean Tappendorf to join our team of field workers, particularly to follow up on the programs conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Layton, assisting the new groups in their study work. Mrs. Tappendorf was available to work with the Laytons in the Arizona cities, in order to observe the techniques utilized in Regional Expansion programs as well as to give invaluable assistance with book sales, meet enquirers and answer questions.

The Theosophical Publishing House is an extremely important adjunct of all our public work, not only in connection with our Regional Expansion programs and other nationally sponsored lecture tours, but also as principal means for the dissemination of Theosophy and for providing that impact upon the world of ideas which can change men's minds and actions. As the result of agreements reached in conferences on publications during the World Congress at Salzburg, I submitted to the National Board of Directors a proposal that the name of The Theosophical Press

be changed officially to The Theosophical Publishing House and, with the Board's confirmation, this change of name was formally made on September 1, 1966. While each retains its own management and operational structure, the three major publishing houses of the Society—Adyar, London, and Wheaton—now are known under one name: The Theosophical Publishing House, and works issued by any one of these bears the addresses of the other two.

The work of The Theosophical Publishing House has continued the trend of growth and expansion commented on last year. Dealer sales have advanced from over \$23,500 for the 1965-66 year to well over \$27,800 for the past fiscal year. Total merchandise sales have moved from a record of \$53,000 plus in 1965-66, to a new record high in the year ending May 31, 1967 of well over \$65,000, with a gross profit this year of over \$25,500. It may be noted that the net profit in the Theosophical Publishing House exceeded \$10,500 for the 1966-67 fiscal year, the highest ever recorded in our history.

A significant number of new titles have been issued by the publishing houses during the past year. From our own publishing house here, two new brief works have been made available: *The Christmas Story* by Geoffrey Barborka and *The Significance of the Mind-Changing Drugs*, by Emily Sellon. After being out of print for many years, *The Original Programme of the Theosophical Society* by H. P. Blavatsky has been reissued by Adyar. Related to the publications program of the Publishing House at Adyar is the opportunity which has been afforded to the American Section, through a generous grant from the Kern Foundation, enabling us to present to Adyar a new printing press together with bookbinding equipment, thus facilitating the maintenance of a high standard of book production.

A further program affecting the appearance of our literature, has been the designing and printing of modern jackets for our existing hard-cover editions. Nineteen such jackets have been produced, and we are indebted to Mrs. Jane Evans and Mr. Thomas Ockerse for assisting us with modern designs.

Quest Books.—Most dramatic in its impact on the work of the Theosophical Publishing House as well as its influence on our ability to make more readily and widely available outstanding Theosophical works has been the new Quest paperback publication program, the largest single program undertaken with the aid of the Kern Foundation. This year, fourteen more titles have become available, and twelve additional titles are now in the process of publication. In choosing the titles for the initial works in this paperback series, consideration has been given principally to those titles which would have popular appeal and speak in terms of contemporary thought. The fourteen titles issued during the past fiscal year include: *Thought Power* by Annie Besant, *The Conquest of Illusion* by J. J. van der Leeuw, *Concentration* and *The Pinnacle of Indian Thought* by Ernest Wood, *The Mirror of Life and Death* by L. J. Bendit, *Reincarnation, Fact or Fallacy* by Geoffrey Hodson, *Personal Memoirs of H. P. Blavatsky* compiled by Mary K. Neff, *The Science of Yoga* by I. K. Taimni, *The Expansion of Awareness and The Future is Now* by Arthur W. Osborn, *An Approach to Reality* by N. Sri Ram, *The Manifold and the One* by Agnes Arber, *Space, Time and Self* by E. Norman Pearson, and *Footprints of Gautama the Buddha* by Marie B. Byles.

The initial national advertising program for the Quest books began in late April, with a full-page advertisement in the trade journal, *Publisher's Weekly*. Dealer sales began almost at once. The advertising

program continued with large and attractive advertisements in *Saturday Review*, the *National Observer*, and the *New York Times Sunday Book Review Section*. Direct mail advertising was sent to 10,000 names of known readers on purchased mailing lists and to the Society's own membership.

Total sales of Quest books during the 1966-67 year were 7,319, while the single month of May accounted for sales of 4,695 Quest books.

Membership.—The stepped-up pace of activity in our field programs and the accelerated distribution of our literature through the Theosophical Publishing House have had their effect upon every area of our work. Most encouraging, perhaps, is a rise in membership. May 31, 1967 our membership totalled 4,179, a net gain of 126, the first such gain since 1958; 490 new members were admitted to the Society during the past fiscal year, the largest number of admissions since 1935. Deaths last year totalled 82, there were 64 resignations and 298 members became inactive.

One Lodge was chartered during the year in Greensboro, North Carolina, with 22 charter members, while the National Board of Directors authorized the dissolution of four branches—New Orleans, Albany, Madison, and Reading, leaving the number of branches at the end of the fiscal year at 130. Certificates were granted to two new Official Study Centres—Eugene and Schenectady—so that the total number of such official centres now stands at 7.

Department of Information.—The Department of Information continues a very active program of sending information to enquirers. During the past year, 930 form letters were mailed out, and 367 enquirers were referred to local branches. As a result of follow-up correspondence with enquirers and book purchasers, 74 individuals joined the Society, an increase of

14 over the previous year; 36 enquirers joined the National Library. In addition to assisting enquirers with information requested, the Department of Information is responsible for sending out about 800 announcements for the public activities held at Headquarters. In this Department also are kept the records of the "To-Those-Who-Mourn" Club. During the past year 8,049 of these leaflets have been distributed.

Publicity Leaflets.—A major program undertaken this past year, with a grant from the Kern Foundation, was the complete revision of our publicity leaflet series. A completely "new look" was given to the leaflets, with the designing of a modern format. Twenty titles, including the leaflet on membership, "You Are Invited," were issued, many of them newly added to the series while others were revisions of some of the older leaflets. A total of 14,267 publicity leaflets were distributed to enquirers through the Department of Information, an increase of over 2,000 from the previous year. Sales of these leaflets in quantity lots, through the Theosophical Publishing House, accounted for a further 101,618, more than twice the number sold the previous year.

National Library.—The activities of the National Library continued to expand, not only through correspondence but in direct contact with the many visitors who have learned of the existence of our Headquarters and come in to read and browse. One interesting aspect of this use of the Library is that an increasing number of high school students in the Wheaton area have discovered the Library as a source for term papers and speeches on the religions of the world and even on Theosophy itself. During the year, the National Library received 156 enquiries and added 112 new borrowers to its rolls. A total of 3,603 books were circulated, the majority by mail, an increase of well over

a thousand from the previous year. Accessions numbered 295, among these a gift of 54 volumes in the series, *Great Books of the Western World*. Three new reading lists on Mysticism, Eastern Philosophy and Western Philosophy were added, increasing the total available number of these lists to 32. The excellent work of repairing and rebinding books continues, and a number of old and rare items have been added to our increasingly valuable reference collection.

The American Theosophist.—*The American Theosophist*, as the official organ of the Section, gives attention each month to the many diverse activities of the Society and provides an outstanding medium for sharing original articles on Theosophy and its applications to contemporary life. Two special issues were again published: the fall 1966 issue focused on the theme, "Toward the Esthetic Experience" and the spring 1967 issue gave attention to "Religious Values in Our World". These special issues continue to call forth most favorable comments, and many members report they are extremely valuable not only for personal study and research on the topic considered but also for sharing with friends and non-members.

For the fifth consecutive year, *The American Theosophist* has been included in the Combined Periodical Exhibit of the American Library Association; participation in this event secures our inclusion in the "Combined Periodicals Exhibits Check List," which is distributed to all members of the American Library Association.

Discovery.—*Discovery*, published nine times a year from September to May, is designed primarily to reach the public and is used by a number of Branches for publicizing their programs. From Headquarters *Discovery* is sent to all national members and to some 300 names supplied by the Department of Information, representing enquirers in isolated areas who

cannot therefore be referred to local Branches. This year a total of 76,783 copies were distributed, nearly 10,000 more than during the previous year. Seventy-one Branches in the United States, and three groups in Canada are using *Discovery*.

Department of Education.—The Department of Education, serving Branches and study groups with program materials, reports greatly expanded activity, with the volume of items mailed to groups increased five times over that of the previous year. Thirty-one tapes of half-hour talks recorded by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson in Australia were added to the tape library in February; in three months, 117 requests were received for tapes on this list, indicating that shorter tapes perform a most useful function, providing time for audience participation and discussion. In addition to these short tapes, 105 programs (including tape-visuals) were borrowed from the Department during the year, and 35 sets of slides, with and without accompanying manuscripts, were loaned out.

A new study course, "Man in the Universe," compiled by Helen Zahara and consisting of ten parts with accompanying slides, was added to the Department's library; sections of this course were out on loan 110 times during the year. The Department also issued a revised edition of "The Study and Practice of Meditation" by Donna Sherry Lord, available for purchase through the Theosophical Publishing House.

Other publications of the Department of Education include a compilation of extracts from a paper prepared by Professor Balakram Mullik of India, listing significant statements made by speakers during the World Congress at Salzburg. This compilation was circulated to all Branches. With the knowledge explosion of today, there is much happening of

profound interest to those students who can relate Theosophical principles to specialized fields. The Department of Education therefore initiated a small newsletter, *Theosophy-Science-Philosophy Dialogue*, to make possible a wider exchange of views and information among academically qualified members working in the fields of the physical and social sciences, as well as philosophy. Two issues have so far been produced, and copies have been circulated to some 50 members in this Section and to science groups overseas.

A program that continues to bring outstanding response is the sending to every new member a monthly letter during the first two years of membership. This activity, which is part of the Department of Education, is now in its fifth year. As a result of the display of the letters at the World Congress last July, the new members' letters program is now in wider use throughout the Society generally. Requests for sets of the letters, as well as permission to adapt them for Section use, have been received from Denmark, Germany, Holland, New Zealand, Pakistan and Sweden, bringing to 12 the number of countries other than the United States in which some use is now being made of this program.

During the year, the Department of Education has been responsible for arranging several workshop and conference programs. A week-end workshop at "The Oaks," near Ann Arbor, Michigan, brought together some 85 members from 13 branches. The theme for the sessions was "Effective Lodge Programs for Moderns". In November, a planning conference attended by seven members was held at Olcott, to arrange programs for workshop-seminar sessions at two of the three Theosophical summer camps—Pumpkin Hollow in the Northeast, and Camp Indralaya in the Northwest. A previous session had been devoted to plans

for the workshop-seminar to be held at the third camp, Far Horizons in California. An extremely valuable brainstorming conference to discuss ways and means for improving our work and particularly our presentations of Theosophy was held at Headquarters in January, with 22 members, including members of the National Board of Directors, participating. In March, a successful workshop brought together some 20 members for a program that included a series of talks on the basic principles of Theosophy by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, together with sessions devoted to discussion techniques and workshop training. Special attention was given on this occasion to inviting newer and younger members, from groups recently organized by the Regional Expansion workers.

Radio.—Closely associated with all our public presentations during the past many years has been the series of radio broadcasts made available through the Foundation for Radio Theosophy and for which subsidies for local Branches sponsoring such broadcasts have been granted from the National Radio Fund, administered from Headquarters. In order to improve and up-date the quality and content of the radio presentations, it was decided to produce 104 new tapes, professionally recorded, one-half of these being for 15-minute broadcasts and the other half, on the same topics, for five-minute broadcasts. New and revised radio scripts were prepared, several written by members professionally experienced in radio work. Our own theme music, specially composed and recorded, was secured, and all the scripts were professionally recorded under studio conditions. The publication of new booklets, in attractive format, containing the revised scripts was initiated and is still in progress.

In each of the nine cities in which Mr. and Mrs. Layton conducted the Regional

Expansion programs during the past year, the opportunity to present radio talks and announcements by Mr. Layton was utilized and several radio broadcasts were sponsored in cities visited by Mr. Samuel Wylie.

The Kern Foundation.—It has become increasingly apparent that the Kern Foundation has played a significant and key role in the expansion of the work in every direction. In the initiation of new programs, in the growth and development of existing programs, in the stimulus and encouragement to envision yet greater growth, the Kern Foundation has strengthened our ability to meet the challenge of bringing the Theosophical ideals to bear in a practical manner upon the needs of contemporary man. The achievements, in retrospect, are tremendous.

One further program, authorized by the Trustees of the Kern Foundation, is the approval of an allocation for awarding writers' fellowships to aid financially a number of competent authors in the production of works of a contemporary nature that will add to our publication material currently written in a modern idiom. The National Board of Directors, has approved the granting of writers' fellowships to Dr. Pieter K. Roest, Mr. Harry Bledsoe, Mr. Daniel Ross Chandler, Dr. Charles S. J. White, Miss Ruby L. Radford, Mrs. Eloise Clancy, Dr. H. Douglas Wild, Mrs. Phyllis S. Lean, and Mrs. Shirley Nicholson.

Grants received for programs approved by the Trustees of the Kern Foundation have so far totaled \$144,500, the major portion of this having been allocated to the Quest book publications and the national advertising programs.

The Kern Foundation, with its far-reaching aim of aiding in the spiritual enlightenment of our fellow man, has given not only new and dynamic impetus to our efforts to share ever more widely

the knowledge and inspiration of the Theosophical philosophy; it has also challenged us to move forward creatively, fearlessly, boldly, along uncharted paths to make the Society an ever more effective instrument in the building of a world in which brotherhood shall be universally acknowledged.

Olcott Staff.—The burden of the work in all its varied aspects is borne by people; our human resources constitute the most precious asset of our Movement, for the availability of individuals, competent, willing and steadfast will always determine how fast and how far we can move. That all of the activities and programs so far reported have gone forward so beautifully, efficiently and harmoniously during the past year, that the additional work loads have been absorbed and the notable advances made in every area, is tribute to the magnificent team that is the Olcott Staff.

Special appreciation must be given to Miss Caroline Tess, a former National Secretary and for 17 years before her departure for Adyar in 1959 a member of our Headquarters Staff. Miss Tess found it possible, during her round-the-world trip, to spend the winter at Olcott, where from December 1 to March 1, she served as Acting National Secretary, thus releasing our National Secretary Mrs. Ann Wylie, for a long and well-earned vacation, during which she and Mr. Wylie travelled around the world and spent a considerable period at Adyar, attending also the International Convention held at Banaras. Miss Tess left Olcott in March continuing her trip which has since taken her back to Australia.

Headquarters.—The nature and scope of the activities co-ordinated and carried out at Olcott emphasize the continuing importance and significance of our National Headquarters. Here at this centre are focused the energies of members and

groups throughout the Section and it is our constant aim to make of Olcott not only a place of service to which members and enquirers alike may turn, but also a place of beauty known throughout the Chicago area for a remarkable library and book store to which visitors are always welcome. As we have become better known in the community, the flow of visitors to our Headquarters has increased and attendance at our regular monthly series of lectures has grown. During the past year, two series of weekly discussion classes were held here, one last fall on "Meditation" and the second this spring on "Reincarnation"; attendance at both series averaged generally between 30 and 40.

With the almost explosive expansion in our activities during the past year, particularly in the area of publications, we find ourselves facing serious problems of space limitations. An increase in staff personnel necessary to carry the additional work loads in the several departments confronts us with a grave housing problem. The tremendous growth in the work of the Publishing House, and the developments in the Department of Education and other areas of our work, have created a demand for greater office space and an imperative need to make some provision for adequate and efficient working conditions.

In anticipation of the time when we may plan to meet the need to provide adequate housing, office and storage space at Headquarters, two members, through a generous gift, reactivated the Building Fund at Convention last year and a number of members have made contributions, so that the Building Fund now stands at \$5,468.75.

Finances.—While substantial funds have been allocated to the Society by the Kern Foundation, these are for specific programs and therefore cannot be used for

the normal operating budget of the Section nor for the regularly planned activities which have long been customarily a part of the Society's efforts. The central burden of financing the Society's operation must rest, as always, upon the membership and it is constantly gratifying to note the splendid manner in which members assume this responsibility, each contributing according to his circumstances and ability.

Particularly gratifying is the continued growth of the Membership Endowment Fund. At the present time, 188 members have fully endowed their membership; in addition, 17 members are currently paying on endowments. Fourteen members who had endowed their membership have since died, so that this portion of the Fund represents truly a lasting endowment for the Society's work. The Membership Endowment Fund now totals in excess of \$66,000.

For many years we have been fortunate in receiving bequests and donations sufficient to meet our annual operating deficits. For the past 15 years, we have been especially fortunate to receive the benefit of a carefully prepared legacy left to the Society by Mr. J. H. Mason of Portland, Oregon; this legacy was in the form of a trust yielding an income of approximately \$10,000 annually. This year the final distribution of the Mason Trust was made, thus bringing to an end this important source of revenue. A total of approximately \$33,000 has been received during the past fiscal year in major bequests. Smaller bequests and donations accounted for an additional \$7,500.

We should note, however, that the annual income from dues and other sources, while steadily rising, does not meet the expenses for our many activities and programs.

Theosophical Investment Trust.—An integral part of the Society's financial

structure is the Theosophical Investment Trust, in which have been placed the major portion of the Society's reserve funds together with the Membership Endowment Fund and the ABC-America Fund, which exists for the benefit of the international work.

Last year Mr. Alfred Schindler found it necessary because of other responsibilities to resign as a Trustee of the Investment Trust. The Trustees have elected Mr. John C. Kern to the Investment Trust board.

The various fund accounts held by the Theosophical Investment Trust now total in excess of \$690,000. During the past fiscal year the Trust remitted to the Society approximately \$27,000, of which nearly \$5,000 was allocated to the ABC-America Fund.

Allied Activities.—Just as the Society itself is experiencing an increase in interest and activities throughout the Section, so the various allied groups who derive their inspiration from Theosophical ideals have noted a similar growth.

The work accomplished by the Theosophical Book Gift Institute has nearly doubled during the past year, with nearly 400 libraries receiving Theosophical books for their circulation shelves, a total of 3,941 books having been distributed. In addition, a special grant from the Kern Foundation has made it possible for the T.B.G.I. to assist Theosophical lending libraries in our Branches with titles which would aid the local groups to up-date and make more attractive their own libraries. In response to this offer of assistance, 404 books on Theosophy were donated to Lodges whose libraries are open regularly to the public.

The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind continues to perform outstanding service to members and non-members in all parts of the world with both Braille literature and sound recordings. Blind

members in other countries are permitted to join the American Section in order to be part of the Society and to receive the materials sent to all its members by the T.B.A.B. During the past year alone 28 new members—all non-resident in the U.S.—have been admitted under this arrangement.

Following the death of Mrs. Lois Holmes last August who was for many years the National Director of the Theosophical Order of Service, Mrs. Jean Tappendorf was appointed by the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, as National Director. She reports that the year has been one of major reorganization, as well as greatly increased activity, with a streamlining of organizational structure, the redefinition of policies and the issuance of a new T.O.S. Handbook.

The Parents Theosophical Research Group also reports a busy year.

The Krotona Institute at Ojai, California, for many years a centre of Theosophical life and study, was enabled this year, through a grant from the Kern Foundation, to launch the long-dreamed-of Krotona School of Theosophy, under the directorship of Dr. Alfred Taylor.

International Aspects.—No report of our work would be complete without reference to our international commitments as a Section in a world-wide organization. Let us be ever mindful that members in all parts of the world, some meeting under the most difficult of circumstances, others free as we are to come together in mutual pursuit of our aims, are united in loyalty and support of this Movement. The thoughts, energies, and dedication of workers everywhere are focused through our international centre at Adyar. During the past year, the septennial election of the President was held, with Mr. N. Sri Ram re-elected to serve a third time in that office. He has since presented to the

General Council his renomination of Mr. James S. Perkins as Vice-President.

The principal means by which members may keep in contact with the work throughout the world, and especially with the President's views as expressed monthly in his "Watch Tower" notes, is through a careful reading of *The Theosophist*. Every Lodge should have a subscription to this journal.

Mention has already been made of the ABC-America Fund, which is invested for the benefit of the international work through the Theosophical Investment Trust. The Century Fund, which was established in 1965 as a ten-year program designed to finance improvements and repairs on the property and buildings at Adyar, has been given additional publicity this year, and donations have brought the fund to a current total of \$1,243.91. Annually an opportunity is afforded to the membership to give special attention to the needs of Adyar through contributions to the Adyar Day Fund, which is remitted to the President to assist with the expenses at the Centre. This year the sum of \$4,068.61 was so remitted.

In considering the international nature of the Society and its world-wide character as an organization with branches in many countries of the world, we need to recognize the extreme good fortune that is ours by virtue of the fact that the bulk of Theosophical literature has been written and published in English. Such beneficial karma carries with it a responsibility, I believe, to share our knowledge with those who may be unfamiliar with the English tongue, but who are as eager, indeed as hungry, for an understanding of life's purposes as are we. The wisdom and knowledge of Theosophy were surely intended for *all* peoples, not only the English-speaking world, and the principle of brotherhood must be applicable everywhere, without distinction of language as

without the distinctions of race, color, and creed. This fundamental need to make Theosophy available to peoples in all countries in which the Society can be active was discussed at meetings of the Publications Committee convened during the World Congress at Salzburg, and following the lead of the European Federation, it was proposed to establish a Non-English Publications Loan Fund to help Sections to finance the translation and publication of Theosophical works in their respective languages. This proposal was accepted and endorsed by the General Council of the Society at its meeting at Banaras in December, and a temporary international committee has been appointed, with Miss Helen Zahara as chairman, and the General Secretaries of England and the U.S.A., the Manager of the Publishing House at Adyar, and a representative of the European Federation serving with her. As a Section which has been most privileged in the opportunity to move forward with a dynamic new publications program of our own, and as members in a nation which history has thrust into a position of world leadership, it would be my hope that we could give this Non-English Publications Loan Fund its initial financial support, that we could reach out to form an alliance for spiritual progress by which the life-giving and life-sustaining ideas of the Theosophical philosophy can be shared with peoples everywhere and language barriers no longer prevent some from enjoying this mind-liberating and heart-ennobling wisdom.

Conclusion.—As I conclude this summary of the year's activities by referring to the international aspects of our work and what I truly believe are some of our international responsibilities, let me emphasize what I said at the beginning, that the task of the Society is to effect a change in men's thinking. H.P.B. succinctly stated this duty as a responsibility to

"leaven the mind of the times," and the challenge is no less great today than it was in the age in which she labored. We can, if we will, prick the whole conscience of humanity, create what Teilhard de Chardin referred to as a "conspiracy of individuals who associate themselves to raise to a new stage the edifice of life". Man's inhumanity to man becomes more plainly than ever the central issue of this century; conflict, revolution and violence witnessed daily on our television screens have almost inured us to the suffering cry of human beings all about us. The teachings concerning the nature of man and the long cycles of human evolution are means for understanding the intricacies of human development and for a far deeper conception of a world fraternity than any offered in other philosophies. The brotherhood of which Theosophical literature and the Theosophical Society speak is a consummation which can be expected to come about only after the seeds of self-knowledge have been planted and given time to grow.

H.P.B. worked, she said, for the future, and only one able to read the possibilities of that future could have carried on without discouragement against the odds she faced. She made no promises hinting at the instant enlightenment of mankind, but she spoke of those processes of cyclic evolution that would eventually bring into play perceptive and spiritual faculties hidden beneath the opacities of material development. In *The Secret Doctrine*, she spoke of changes to come in the psychic-spiritual atmosphere, of the heightened pulse of a more conscious selfhood than was dreamed of in her time. It is our privilege to carry forward this vision, to give substance to this dream, to awaken in humanity an ecumenical mind, an international sensibility. "Affairs are now soul size," wrote the poet, Christopher Fry, and added:

"Thank God the time is now when
wrong
Comes up to face us everywhere,
Never to leave us 'til we take
The longest stride of soul men ever
took."

Joining together in the comradeship of the free, we can take that "stride of soul" and without discouragement or despair, confident of the ultimate realization of the goal to which we have lent our strength and support, we can move steadily and surely forward to serve the world and humanity in this crisis of need.

(*Supplementary Report, June 1 to September 30, 1967*).

The first four months of the American Section's new fiscal year gave evidence that the trend of growth commented upon in the National President's Annual Report for the year ending May 31, 1967 is continuing. While 303 members were placed on the inactive list on June 1, 1967, the rate of reinstatement during these four months would indicate that an increasing number of those who have become inactive for one reason or another are now reactivating their membership in the Society. In addition, during this period 140 new members have been admitted to the Society, a gain of 25 over a similar period the preceding year. This is particularly encouraging, since at least three of these four months (June, July and August) are traditionally vacation months in the United States, when many Lodges recess for the summer and when there are no national field programs or lecture tours in process.

The most significant event to occur in the American Section within the period covered by this supplemental report was the Annual Convention and Summer School, held, as is now customary, at our National Headquarters, Olcott, from July 7 through 16. We were especially

fortunate to have as guests of honor and principal speakers for these sessions Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, who had just completed an eight months' tour throughout the United States, visiting most of the principal cities in which there are Lodges. Unexpectedly it was our good fortune to welcome also Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale to our eighty-first Annual Convention. The theme for the Summer School was "The Impact of the Unseen," which was explored in a series of morning talks by Mr. Hodson.

As prescribed by our National By-Laws, the Annual Meeting of the National Board of Directors was held coincidental with the Annual Convention, and during this meeting action was taken to dissolve the following Lodges: Muskogee (Oklahoma), South Bend (Indiana), Birmingham (Alabama) and Springfield (Ohio), and the official Study Centre in Savannah, Georgia. By authorization of the Board of Directors, certification was granted for official Study Centres in Springfield (Ohio), Norfolk (Virginia), and Hampton-Newport News (Virginia).

The tremendous expansion in the work of the Theosophical Publishing House referred to in the Annual Report for the fiscal year 1966-67, has also continued. As a result of the increased volume of sales through this department, and the consequent need for better accommodations to house the entire operation of the Theosophical Publishing House, providing especially sufficient storage facilities for the inventories that must be maintained, the National Board of Directors, during the Annual Convention in July, authorized proceeding with plans for the erection of a new building on the Headquarters estate to house the Publishing House. This proposal received the enthusiastic support of the members at Convention, and a T.P.H. Building Fund was established, with pledges and contributions exceeding

\$10,000. The national advertising of the new Quest paperback books, initiated in May, was discontinued through the summer months and resumed in September, but sales records in the Publishing House continued to mount. Total sales for the four-month period, June through September, exceeded \$35,000, a gain of more than \$20,000 for the same four-month period in 1966. Especially gratifying has been the increase in sales to dealers, representing a wider distribution of Theosophical literature to the public through its display and sale in book stores throughout the country. For the four-month period, June through September 1967, dealer sales were nearly \$16,000, as compared to approximately \$6,500 for the same period in 1966.

During August special programs were held at the three Theosophical summer camps—Camp Indralaya on Orcas Island, Washington, in the north-west; Far Horizons in the High Sierras of California, in the south-west; and Pumpkin Hollow Farm in the Berkshire Mountains, in the north-east. The programs, which were in the nature of workshops for training in techniques of the presentation of Theosophy in the contemporary world and for exploring in creative ways many of the concepts of the Theosophical philosophy, had been planned in co-operation with the Department of Education at Headquarters. Through a generous grant from the Kern Foundation, it was possible to assist with scholarships a number of members, particularly younger members, to attend these camp sessions. Representatives of the National Headquarters, including the National President and the National Vice-President, and Miss Helen Zahara, Mrs. Eunice Layton, and Mrs. Edith Schlosser, participated in the various camp programs. Particularly significant was the spontaneous expression of

members at all three camp sessions on the issue of the Society's commitment to its First Object at this time of racial unrest in the United States. Resolutions were adopted voicing this concern, and a national committee has been appointed, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Arleen Heintz, for the purpose of studying means for more effectively making known the Theosophical position on universal brotherhood.

The impact of the Kern Foundation on the work in the United States continues to place before the American Section both unusual opportunities and great responsibilities for the wider dissemination of Theosophy. Inevitably, we believe, the benefits gained will aid the entire Theosophical world in meeting the challenges of the present day.

JOY MILLS,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

Following up the Campaign for Truth of 1966 the English Section has been considering: (1) The Practical Value of Theosophy and (2) Theosophy in the World Tomorrow. The first was the theme at Convention, when we had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale as Guest of Honor, and the second was the subject for the Summer School. Lodges and unattached members were asked to co-operate on these lines. The emphasis is on relating Theosophy to living, and cultivating an open mind by realizing the inevitable conditioning of environment, upbringing and education. Our aim is to try to put the essence of the Esoteric Philosophy (particularly as expressed in the three fundamental propositions of *The Secret Doctrine*) into terms that men and women can readily understand. We have continued to ask questions that Theosophists should face, even if they cannot answer them.

Some of our plans were delayed for a few months by the illness of the General Secretary, but the necessary work was carried on, and the thanks of the Section go to Headquarters staff, both paid and voluntary, and to Sir Hugh Sykes, who was appointed Deputy General Secretary by the Executive Committee.

New pamphlets have been produced which seek to correct the sometimes misleading effect of the bare three Objects, by stating that the Society exists to make known something of the Eternal Wisdom.

Experiments are being made with a different kind of newspaper advertisement, designed to appeal to the more thoughtful members of the public. The response has been good, though not so big as the more popular sort of advertisement. It is possible that this may in the long run prove to be more useful to the work of the Society.

A Theosophical Self-Training Course by correspondence is being started this autumn. This is open to all members, though those unfamiliar with Theosophical ideas are asked to complete the study course for new members before applying. Its object is to help members to begin to move from the stage of "knowing about" towards the far horizon of "knowing"—to introduce the sincere student to the general principles of the way of Self-realization, involving the whole man, physical, psychic, intellectual and spiritual.

In spite of a good intake of new members, there is a slight drop in the membership, due to lapsings. This is a constant

problem, which it is hoped the new literature and the Self-Training Course may help to check.

The General Secretary attended the sessions of the Council of the European Federation in Italy, with Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Miss Kenderdine and Mrs. Leslie-Smith.

Tekels Park, Camberley, the estate owned by the Section, was chosen for a Summer School experiment with the same program of talks and speakers in two consecutive weeks. This arrangement was in order to accommodate a greater number of members than was otherwise possible. Though both weeks proved valuable, it is probably better to hold Summer Schools where as many members as wish to attend can be housed together at one time.

Study week-ends were also held at Tekels Park. The first was on lectures, lecturers and lecturing, and other uses of the spoken word by chairmen, group discussion leaders, and so on. The annual gathering of the Theosophical Research Centre considered "Theosophy at work in the world" and discussed how Theosophical ideas have influenced civilization and how they can continue to do so. A Conference on Healing Methods proved most valuable. Those who took part included three qualified doctors and experts in nature cure, osteopathy, magnetic healing, homeopathy, acupuncture, color healing and radiesthesia. All agreed that healing power came through the practitioner, whatever method he used, and recognized the supreme importance of the patient-practitioner relationship.

Finally, we held a Retreat, in which silence was observed throughout, except

for certain set talks and readings. There was study, meditation, music and relaxation, and there was unanimity in asking for another week-end of the kind. This is taking place soon, with study of *The Voice of the Silence*.

The Information Department has continued the program of advertising in national newspapers, and maintains correspondence with enquirers from all over the world. A new series of leaflets has been begun, five being already available. A new badge, on the model of the Salzburg one, has been made, as well as a tie with woven emblem. The Information Officer has organized "Saturday Schools" in different parts of the Section. The booklet *Madame Blavatsky on How to Study Theosophy* is being reprinted. Tape-recordings continue to be widely used throughout the Section.

Nearly 7,000 books have been borrowed from the Library, the Section on Theosophy being by far the most popular; and 760 parcels of books have been sent out to members all over the country. Public libraries have borrowed 71 books, through the National Central Library, and 149 members of the public have taken out subscriptions to the Library.

The Theosophical Publishing House (London) Ltd. has published the following new books: *A Simplified Course of Hatha Yoga*, by V. Wallace Slater; *The Field of Theosophy*, by Christmas Humphreys; *The Next World and the Next*, by Robert Crookall; *Theosophy—What's it all about*, by Geoffrey Farthing; and *Personal Memories of G. S. Arundale*, by various authors.

L. H. LESLIE-SMITH,
General Secretary.

INDIA

As indicated in my report last year, India is going through difficult times. The economic situation has not shown signs of amelioration. There seems to be confusion and disorder on every side—in education, economics, industry, administration and so forth—and increasing frustration among the people. Most sad of all is the low ebb that the appreciation of right values has reached, as also judgments and actions based on disinterested motives.

In this uncertain and difficult situation and climate, the work of the Indian Section is by no means easy, but it is all the more needed. It is inspiring to know that whatever may be the encircling conditions, the light of Theosophy remains ever bright and steady. If we let it shine within us, no darkness can prevail around. The pervading atmosphere of selfishness can be brightened by even a few who perceive rightly and live rightly. This is a time of testing when every member of the Section has the opportunity to prove himself a Theosophist.

In spite of the general conditions and the situation created by the prolonged drought in Northern India, we were able to hold the International Convention in Varanasi last December as planned. The attendance was poor compared to the previous Varanasi Convention in 1963, but perhaps it was understandable in view of the threatened famine and the hardship which has to be endured in travelling. We were very glad, however, to welcome the 411 delegates who attended, including Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Kunz, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wylie and others who came from abroad. It is a great privilege for the Indian Section to be able to invite these International gatherings to its Headquarters and it is to be hoped that the number of participants in the future will

make it worth while to have International Conventions in Varanasi.

Another international event last year was the election of the President of the Society. Sixty-five per cent of the members of the Indian Section exercised their vote—a good proportion compared to other Sections—and 4,797 votes in India were in favor of Sri N. Sri Ram, who was re-elected for a third term (42 votes were against). The members of the Madras Federation gave a reception on the occasion when some members of the public were also invited, and several spoke to the gathering.

As he did not go abroad during the year, the International President was able to accept many more invitations than usual in India to meet members and speak to them. He presided over the Annual Conference of the Gujarat Federation at Bhavnagar, the Karnataka Federation at Bangalore, the Kerala Federation at Calicut, the Bengal Federation at Calcutta and the Uttar Pradesh Federation at Varanasi. He also visited Bombay, Ahmedabad, Indore and other places, inaugurated a Workers' Training Camp in Bangalore and also the South Indian Conference which was held as usual at Easter time in Adyar.

I was away from the Section for eleven weeks on a visit to Australia at the invitation of the Section there. My program in that country included participation in the Australian Convention and visits to all the major cities on the continent. Because of this trip abroad, work in connection with the shifting of the Adyar Library to its new premises and other circumstances, I was not able to visit many Lodges in India. It was possible, however, for me to preside over the Annual Conference of the Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan Federation at Udaipur and visit a few Lodges.

Besides the conferences mentioned above, various other regional and annual conferences took place in the different Federation areas, generally proving to be sources of increased understanding and inspiration to members. Miss Joan Morris, Assistant General Secretary, was the Chief Guest at the Utkal Federation Conference in Bhuvaneshwar, and also spoke to members at Calcutta. Sri S. G. Venkataramanan, Assistant General Secretary for the South and also National Lecturer, presided over the Rayalseema Federation Conference in Hospet and also visited numerous places in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Bihar, Bengal, Rayalseema, Tamil and Kerala Federations. He also organized the South Indian Conference in Adyar and attended to other work of the Section, even though he has had the responsibility of work as International Treasurer during part of the year.

Mrs. Mary Elmore was not able to travel as extensively as she did the previous year as National Lecturer, because of ill health. We very much regret that she was unable to recover her health and passed away recently in Delhi. She will be missed at Headquarters where she was Librarian and also by the many members of the Section who became acquainted with her during her travels and to whom she endeared herself.

Miss Jeanne Dumas visited Lodges in Kerala and Delhi. Sri M. Krishnama-charyulu conducted study camps in four places and spoke to members and the public in the Telugu, Rayalseema, Karnataka, Tamil and Madras Federations. We are grateful to the above for the work they did and also to many others whom I cannot name in this short report, particularly to those who came from abroad and gave time to the Indian Section, namely Mr. Wm. Ross, Mr. Fritz Kunz and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wylie.

Workers' Training Camps supported by the Kamath Trust were again held at Adyar and Bhowali. The former was organized by Dr. A. Kannan, and Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap braved summer weather to go to Bhowali to conduct the camp which he did most successfully, taking H. P. Blavatsky's *Practical Occultism* as the main theme. Both camps drew members from a number of different Federations.

Besides these, several other study camps were held all over the country. As usual the Karnataka Federation, with a membership of 1,316, took the lead in this work, holding seven study camps during the year, besides a Workers' Training Camp and some regional conferences. In a special effort to strengthen the Federation, three study camps were held in Rayalseema. The Federation Secretary, Sri K. Tatachari, reports that these have given an impetus to the work. There were also several camps in Gujarat, one in the Tamil Federation, three in the Telugu Federation, and others elsewhere.

There was an increase of 49 members during the year, bringing the total to 7,710, in spite of the large number of lapsings. The Telugu Federation which had a net loss of 85 members last year has lost 129 this year. The continued fall in membership on such a scale in this Federation may be due to the lack of stability which seems to exist in the Federation organization. The Utkal Federation shows a small drop of 12 members, while the Bengal Federation from which it was separated has gained 44 members. The Secretary of the Utkal Federation has expressed disappointment with the result of the separation.

The number of Lodges now stands at 344, the number of Lodges with less than seven members being 57. The number of Centres is 35, while the Centres with less than three members is 10.

After many years of hesitation, the constitution of the Indian Section was amended last December to increase the annual dues to Rs. 8. It is expected that this will provide a slightly enhanced income in the future although there may be some drop in membership. Even this small addition to the revenue will be welcome in view of rising costs of which I have made mention in previous reports.

The work in the Section Headquarters has gone on as usual. Alterations have been made in the Library building so as to provide much needed space. Further improvements are planned to be carried out in the future. Professor M. N. Tolani, who has joined the small community of workers in Varanasi, has taken a keen interest in the development and functioning of the Library and has given valuable help in other ways. He presided over the Bihar Federation Conference and will resume work as National Lecturer.

Professor Badri Narayan has been looking after the garden and beautifies the compound through the care he has given. There have been some changes in the staff since Mr. D. V. Kanvinde and Mr. S. Z. Haider found themselves unable to continue their work. I am grateful for what they did while they were here, and also to Sri P. L. Bhargava, who at the age of 82 has managed the Bookshop in that spirit of service characteristic of him. I also offer my heartfelt thanks to Sri N. K. Bhide and Miss Joan Morris who have carried on the office work unaided whenever help was not forthcoming.

The Section has at last recovered the use of one of the buildings which was till recently occupied by persons not needed for the work of the Section. As the building is large it is proposed to convert it into two residences. One portion being in a dilapidated condition will require about Rs. 10,000 for its renovation.

Unless the amount is recovered through donations, this necessary repair will cause a deficit next year. Repairing of the roads has also become essential.

All residents in the Headquarters compound are required to apply every year for permission to stay at the Headquarters. Every resident admits in writing each year that he has read and accepts the rules and conditions for residence laid down by the Executive Committee and specifically the right of the General Secretary to revoke permission for residence. Permission to reside in the compound is granted only to members who are needed for the work at the Headquarters. Unfortunately, however, there are still premises in the compound occupied by those who are not engaged in work at the Headquarters and in some cases legal action has had to be taken.

The Theosophical Order of Service has been active during the year, particularly in aiding and supplementing the official relief operations in the famine-stricken areas of Bihar. The Director, Sri Shambhu Dayal, reports that several pumps were installed and wells dug or deepened, by the Order, and subsidies were given to members to run cheap-food kitchens in the villages. About Rs. 15,000 were sent to the Bihar Relief Committee. Altogether about Rs. 26,000 were collected from members of the Society for the relief work, besides clothes, food, etc. Branches of the Order have been started in a number of places and are doing useful work.

During the year some valuable workers passed away. Among them were Sri Damodar Prasad who joined the Society in 1905 and was one of those working under Dr. Besant for the cause of education. He was Headmaster of the Theosophical National School at Varanasi and worked for the Section in different capacities for very many years. Smt. Maharaj

Kunwar who joined in 1928, was also a resident of Varanasi and helped many to whom she brought Theosophy. The Rayalseema Federation lost Sri M. Muniswamiaiah (1917), the Gujarat Federation lost Sri Bhupat Singh Barot and the Telugu Federation, Dr. C. Susheela Devi, all valuable workers who substantially help-

ed the work in their Federations. Other members of more than fifty years' standing who passed away were Sri P. Doraiswami Iyar (1912) of Madras and Sri M. Damodar Kini (1905), an unattached member.

RADHA BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

The most outstanding events of the year have been the lecture tour by Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, and the annual Convention at Easter time in Victoria.

Tour by Mrs. Radha Burnier.—It was a pleasure to welcome Mrs. Burnier on her first visit to Australia. She commenced her lecture tour at the end of March by attending the Australian Convention as Guest of Honor. Engagements lasting from one to two weeks followed in each of the five major cities, where Mrs. Burnier gave public and members' talks and endeared herself to members by the beauty and simplicity of her approach. Short visits to the Lodges in Tasmania and a public lecture in the Federal Capital of Canberra were arranged. Mrs. Burnier also spoke to University groups and appeared on television and radio sessions, and her visits to the different cities received good publicity in the press. The members and public responded well to her fine presentation of the true cultural heritage of her homeland, India, and of Theosophy. Her tour, ending in Perth at the beginning of June, was most successful, and we hope will be only the first of many more visits to Australia.

Convention.—In accordance with the usual practice to rotate the place of Convention every year in a different State of Australia, the gathering was held this

year in Sorrento, Victoria, Melbourne Lodge being our host Lodge. A guest house situated in easy walking distance from the ocean beach provided accommodation for about 130 members who had assembled from most of the mainland States. The highlight of Convention was the presence in our midst of the Guest of Honor, Mrs. Radha Burnier, who inspired us with several fine addresses. Mr. and Mrs. S. Nicholls returning from India to New Zealand, and Miss Marion Caws from England added a further international touch to Convention. "The Search for Truth and the Transformation of the Self" was the chosen theme of Convention, and the program included morning talks, group discussions, a forum meeting and several artistic and cultural presentations. Throughout the week the spirit and participation were excellent which even some days of cold and inclement weather could not daunt. Annual Conventions being a time for assessment and renewal, afford an opportunity for members to join in good fellowship in a congenial and happy atmosphere.

Other International Visitors.—Mr. William Ross of California visited Australia in the course of a world tour from April till early June, spending a fortnight each in Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. He presented talks to the public and Lodge members in each city and also

visited Toowoomba Lodge and the group in Canberra.

Another visitor was Mr. Brian Dunningham, General Secretary of the New Zealand Section, who, together with his wife, stayed about three weeks in Australia, partly on business and partly on holiday. While in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth, Mr. Dunningham gave several talks to the public and to members.

Further, in July Mr. Basil Gossage, National Lecturer of the New Zealand Section, visited Sydney, where he delivered a lecture to the members of Blavatsky Lodge. The thoughtful contributions of all these visitors have been of help and are much appreciated.

Headquarters Staff.—As a result of the National election I was privileged to continue in office as General Secretary for a second two-year term. I was fortunate in having able support in the work from Mrs. Shirley Miller until December when she resigned her post as Assistant General Secretary to accompany her husband on an extended stay overseas. Her place was capably filled by Mrs. Gerda Vanags who together with Mrs. Gladys MacCartie has given staunch service and ensured the smooth running of the National Headquarters. Mr. David Esplin continued in his position as Assistant Secretary and later Secretary of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. In addition he carried out several special duties in connection with the legal and administrative side of our work as well as dealing with the editing of *Theosophy in Australia*, and an increasing amount of book-keeping. At Convention his appointment as Assistant Treasurer was announced. Dr. Hugh S. Murdoch, A.C.A., was re-elected Hon. National Treasurer, and his close co-operation is of great assistance and much appreciated. Once again at Convention Mr. Leonard Wade was re-appointed Honorary National Lecturer. The wonder-

ful harmony and happy co-operation of the Headquarters team and all the National Officers has been a great inspiration.

Honorary National Lecturer.—Mr. Wade completed a month's visit to Melbourne in October, carrying out a full lecture program in that city. Later in the year Mr. Wade together with Mrs. Wade made several trips from Sydney to Canberra assisting the Canberra Theosophical Study Group in their activities. Mr. Wade's guidance and help to this group have been of great value. In addition Mr. Wade contributed to the Convention program, and at home, in Sydney, he continued to lecture in the local Lodges. All his services are much appreciated.

General Secretary's Tours.—Following Convention in April I had the opportunity of visiting the Lodges in Launceston and Hobart and the group in Latrobe. Later in April I accompanied Mrs. Burnier to Canberra on a one-day visit. In June and July I travelled to North Queensland and was happy to meet the members in these isolated areas, giving several talks in Townsville, Cairns and Atherton, and returning south, in Brisbane and Toowoomba. The contacts with the Lodges in Tasmania and North Queensland have been most valuable, for it is the small Lodges and distant groups of members which are most in need of support and stimulation.

Other Tours.—In November a group of nine Sydney members made a week-end outing to Canberra, motoring 200 miles to the place of destination. A Saturday evening meeting with a talk by Mr. N. Hankin, and a Sunday picnic with members, their families and friends had been arranged. This promoted an easy exchange of ideas and discussion on various aspects of Theosophy.

In June Mr. and Mrs. Brian Parry of Melbourne gave several talks in Adelaide at the invitation of the Lodge.

Lodges.—It had been hoped that the group in Canberra would be formed into a Lodge during the year but in view of past experiences in Canberra and elsewhere it was thought fit to postpone the formation of a Lodge, and the group carried on its work, consolidating the small core of members. Every possible assistance from the national level is directed toward establishing a future Lodge in Australia's Capital.

The number of Lodges on the roll remains at 16. Generally, Lodges continued with their regular activities and programs. Amongst notable activities was a week-end seminar arranged by Adelaide Lodge during a long week-end in October with the theme "Theosophy and the Individual in relation to the Society's Three Objects". The three days of creative and stimulating activities were held in a member's home, and the group study and practice of good fellowship were thought so worth while that it was agreed to make the seminar an annual event in the life of the Lodge.

Perth Lodge celebrated its 70th anniversary in June, and during the second half of the year re-arranged and renovated its premises, opening an enlarged library cum bookshop. Adelaide Lodge is also planning to open a bookshop early in 1968. Several Lodges provided speakers on Theosophy to other organizations, and in turn, outside speakers have given talks on a variety of subjects related to Theosophy from Lodge platforms. A growing number of members have taken on different duties in the Lodges, and it is being recognized that the close co-operation of responsible workers is a necessary ingredient for the harmonious functioning of a Lodge.

Membership.—During the year 162 new members have joined. The total membership stood at 1,294 at 30th September, 1967, an increase of 71 over last year's

total. At present 250 new members receive the monthly letter, a service provided by the Headquarters office to every new member during his first 18 months of membership.

Services to Lodges.—From the range of publicity material available to Lodges 2,855 pamphlets, 5,083 leaflets, 40 lecture tapes, 1,986 publicity notices, 450 lecture announcement leaflets, several study aids, reading lists and an illustrated study course have been provided by Headquarters.

A new pamphlet *Theosophy—A Modern Philosophy* has been published, three leaflets have been revised and re-printed in an attractive new format designed by the American Section, and several new lecture tapes have been added to the tape library. Another service inaugurated for the smaller Lodges in isolated areas is the provision of books at regular intervals. About half a dozen books, mostly recent Theosophical publications, are sent on approval for inspection and choice either to add to the Lodge's library or for individual members and friends to order from their nearest Lodge bookshop. Through this service it is hoped to keep members in outlying areas in touch with modern Theosophical literature.

Quest Book Agency.—Under the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd., a company wholly owned by The Theosophical Society in Australia and the Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, a distribution agency in Australia for the new Quest books was set up in Sydney. The agency imports in bulk the paperback series published by the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, U.S.A., and distributes them in Australia to Lodges and the trade at the normal discount rate. From June to September over 750 books have been distributed, despite a postal strike and other initial difficulties.

Books to Public Libraries.—While in North Queensland I found opportunity

to visit several public and high school libraries, and as a result over 60 books on Theosophy have been placed in libraries in Townsville, Cairns and Atherton.

Journal.—The national journal, *Theosophy in Australia* has been regularly published every two months, Mr. David Esplin being mainly responsible for the work. A new colored cover design was prepared during the year for future use.

Advertising.—A monthly advertisement in the nation-wide daily *The Australian* has brought a steady response from enquirers from all over Australia.

Broadcasting.—The National Society continues to conduct a weekly session from Broadcasting Station 2 GB in Sydney. Every effort has been made to present an interesting and varied program, including interviews, dialogues and book reviews. The organizers are indebted to the American Section for making available a number of new scripts. Melbourne Lodge continued to sponsor its weekly radio session on Station 3 XY Melbourne.

International.—Continuing our efforts of fund raising for the maintenance of the International Headquarters, Adyar, India, a further \$783 was collected and sent to the Century Fund, Adyar. This included interest on investments of the Adyar Australia Fund. This latter fund has received contributions amounting to \$733, all moneys donated to it being invested in Australia and the income regularly transmitted to Adyar.

Some further book cover designs have been submitted to the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar. This is a service sponsored by the National Society through the kind assistance of Mr. Michael Godby and a Melbourne artist.

As Australia belongs to the Indo-Pacific area we have endeavored to be mindful of any help which we can offer to further the work in neighboring Sections,

and a number of lecture tapes, study courses, scripts of radio talks and literature on Theosophy have been supplied to Burma, Malaysia, Indonesia and Viet-Nam.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—This year has been one of steady progress. Order of Service groups throughout our Lodges have reported the support of many worthy causes in Australia. Gifts of clothing and donations have been sent to the Kotagiri Women's Co-operative in India, and to the Orphanage which was established and is run by members of The Theosophical Society in Viet-Nam. Brisbane members have as usual excelled themselves in contributing to a long list of needy organizations and in completing the renovations of the Hospice, a home for 20 elderly ladies. The Sydney members have assisted the McIntyre Residential Centre for five senior citizens. Recent gifts and a substantial donation by a member have made it possible to plan the erection of a twelve-unit building on the present site of the McIntyre Centre in Lane Cove, and it is hoped that construction will begin within the next few months. Perth members of the Order of Service have introduced a telephone answering service for distressed people. Opportunity tables are still proving a handy source of supply. Through the right combined use of heart, head and hand members of the Theosophical Order of Service are endeavoring to alleviate suffering and to remove ignorance.

Young Theosophists.—At present there are four active Y.T. groups in Australia. In July the Brisbane group recommenced with bi-monthly meetings presenting a varied program of lecture tapes and discussions on the problems of modern youth. In Adelaide an enthusiastic group meets regularly in an informal atmosphere, studying books, discussing or listening to

music. Public meetings have been advertised through the local press and have attracted a number of young people. Practical help to the Lodge and other organizations is not neglected. The Melbourne group meets regularly once a week. A camp was held near Melbourne during the Christmas and New Year period and another one is planned for the coming year. The Sydney group, which also meets weekly, has an average attendance of 30-40 young people. Amongst their programs were lectures, discussions, films and art evenings. Several hikes in the Blue Mountains and to the beaches, outings to concerts and musical evenings in a member's home have welded the group together, and newcomers are readily drawn to it by its spirit of openness and friendship. Although no news has been received about an active group in Perth, it is known that young members help in the

work of the Lodge and have arranged programs. A combined newsletter was started at Easter and serves as a link between the groups and individual Young Theosophists.

Closing.—In closing this report I would like to express my deep appreciation to my fellow-workers in the Headquarters Office and throughout the Lodges and to all members for their wonderful co-operation and ready assistance in all matters connected with the work for the Theosophical Society. Reports such as this are made to record certain results, facts, progress or otherwise so that we may learn and know what action to take in the present and future. But it is also clear that if we do our best at all times the results must inevitably follow.

RUTH BERINGER,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

In the autumn of 1966 we were happy to receive an appreciated visit from Professor B. R. Mullik of the University of Agra, India. In Stockholm Professor Mullik talked at a week-end and evening together with the Young Theosophists. He also gave a public lecture with the title "The significance of the word Aum," and visited the Lodges of Gothenburg and Malmö.

The Swedish Summer School of 1967 was held from July 3 to 10 outside Gothenburg, also this time at an adult education school. More than 50 persons attended the gathering, some of them non-members as the Summer School was open to sympathizers. We were glad to welcome participants from Norway and Denmark. The keynote was "A world in transition—to what? The possibilities

of each of us". The Chairman of the European Federation Council, Mr. John Coats, was the guest speaker and gave four much appreciated talks. The special characteristic of this gathering was a lively exchange of ideas in which many speakers with varying views took part. One morning some Young Theosophists spoke on "Why do we protest?" Our annual Convention was held during the Summer School.

The Lodge activities included as usual, members' meetings as well as public lectures. Among the subjects treated, the following could be mentioned: "Death" (several lectures in connection with a series of articles in a daily newspaper); "God's New Face" (recent Christian views); "What does modern man find important for his view of life?" and regular

studies of the writings of N. Sri Ram, J. Krishnamurti and H.P.B.'s *The Secret Doctrine*. One initiative among the Lodges might be mentioned especially: the Lodge in Örebro invited the highest classes of the school where the Lodge meets, to a short introductory talk on Theosophy.

During the year one reprint has been issued. A lecture by the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, "The Importance of Each Present Moment," was published as a pamphlet.

The Editor of the Swedish part of the common Danish-Norwegian-Swedish magazine *Teosofi i Norden*, Mrs. Eva Ostelius, has had to resign because of moving abroad, and as new editor Mrs. Barbro Melander, Malmö, has been appointed.

The Bookshop, Bokhandeln Studio, is going on well, and has again increased its sales. It is an important point of contact with the public. To a certain but lesser extent also the Lending Library at Stockholm provides such contacts. Quite a

number of new books have been included during the year. The collection for the Century Fund of Adyar has continued and so far the sum for 1967 has reached £190.

At a meeting at the Headquarters in Stockholm some Young Theosophists talked and showed slides from the three-week international Y.T. Camp on an island in the archipelago outside Stockholm.

Since last report the Swedish Section has had 20 new members, while 42 have left including resignations, lapsings and members who have passed over.

The interest and need for Theosophy exist with many people today. But for a Theosophist to be able to convey something of the Divine Wisdom requires a deep and sincere engagement, which includes studies as well as living, and there are few who are capable of such an engagement in these days.

KERSTIN BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

Our Public Image.—More and more New Zealanders are regarding Theosophy and the Society with new eyes, the old prejudice and suspicion gradually being replaced with a genuine desire for an enlightened philosophy of life. That "divine discontent" which is man's heritage, is stirred even more when the economic wind blows cold and wars continue to threaten. There is a growing demand for Truth. Dogma and creed are being publicly held up for question as witness a recent "heresy trial" within the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand which aroused an amazing interest both within and without the Church. Out of this "trial" has emerged the fact that

interest in spiritual matters is certainly growing, and we in the New Zealand Section are capitalizing on this, as it were, through (1) newspaper and magazine advertising, (2) modern presentation in our Lodges, (3) radio broadcasts and general publicity and propaganda and (4) by modern leaflets and Quest books kindly made available to us at reasonable prices by the American Section.

However, more efficiency even yet is needed as the tempo of man's need increases. As science and 20th century thinking eliminate long-held beliefs, we must see to it that the inner teaching is presented in an acceptable form, with emphasis on the emerging fact that there

is no conflict between true science and true religion.

Statistics.—Napier Lodge re-opened, making 19 Lodges (an increase of one); new admissions 96; died 23; lapsed 26; resigned 18; transferred out 3; transferred in 1. The membership at 30th September 1967 was 959—a net increase of 26.

Finances.—The general funds of the Society are in good shape. A considerable amount of our capital account is now invested in sound first mortgages most of which yield 8 per cent.

Donations.—Adyar Day Fund \$ 312.43
Olcott Harijan Free Schools,
Indian Famine Relief, Tibetan
Children's Appeal 53.00
Century Fund.—Capital Account
now increased to \$3,170.51
Income from the fund to Adyar \$ 170.05

Legacies Received.—

Estate of Mrs. Bond	\$2,524.67
„ „ Miss Ockenden	965.76
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We gratefully acknowledge per medium of The Theosophical Properties Trust Board, a furnished house by Miss Bertha Sprott of Oamaru, half of the property owned by Miss Laurie Bastian of Hamilton and the balance of this property under the will of the late Miss Ninian Finlayson. The T.S. Penny-a-Day Fund for local work in New Zealand recovered from being \$240.00 down in 1966 to a small budgeting surplus in 1967. Our deep gratitude goes to the generous donors to this important fund.

Section Headquarters.—Full co-operation between all concerned has increased publicity and assisted Lodges in various ways. The National Lecturer and the General Secretary have each visited all Lodges once or twice, and with the help

of Mr. William Ross of America and many other free lance lecturers within the Society, have been able to impart a noticeable impetus to the work. The generosity of the Melbourne Lodge in making it possible for Mr. John Farquharson to be our Guest Lecturer for Convention 1967-68 is gratefully acknowledged.

Advertising and Publicity.—Thanks to the enthusiasm of our Treasurer, regular large displays on Theosophical subjects have appeared in two daily papers and several times in four weekly magazines, well over 500 replies having been received and free copies of *Theosophy in a Nutshell*, together with regular follow-up letters, dispatched. A new booklet for beginners is being prepared.

U.S.A. Leaflets.—With the kind help of the American Section, all our Lodges have been able to purchase supplies of some 20 modern pamphlets for sale and free distribution. The establishment of the Kern Foundation (Quest books, etc.) is having a most invigorating effect upon us all. Repeat orders have had to be made of the popular U.S. Study Course.

General Secretary in Australia.—The General Secretary and his wife (editor of *Theosophy in New Zealand*) recently visited Australia. Lectures were given to the main Lodges, and our Section has benefited from stimulating talks with the Australian leaders and a mutual exchange of ideas. At their request, copies of our advertisements in New Zealand publications, with tabulated results, have been forwarded to all their main centres.

Radio Broadcast.—A 14-minute summary of a Theosophical viewpoint was broadcast in the "I Believe" series on the national network of YA and YC Stations. Our General Secretary was also interviewed by Mr. Norman Hankin for 2GB Sydney.

Theosophy in New Zealand.—The magazine has been still further "modernized" and has increased its circulation in New Zealand as well as overseas. Over 1,100 extra copies have been issued this year, the \$1.00 annual gift subscription still proving worthwhile. Many thanks to willing helpers and contributors.

Section Book and Tape Library and Archive Section.—Use of the Section library has doubled in the past two years. Mrs. Alice Pellow, helped by Mrs. Cara Coventry, has kept up to date and extended these important activities.

Youth Work.—Young people in increasing numbers are calling for an answer to the problems of life, responding wonderfully where this is presented in a modern, interesting form. A "Yoga for everyday living" seems to be the answer.

T.O.S.—The unofficial work at Arundale Park and Iona Flats, Orewa, continues to flourish. Finances have been consolidated and forward planning is in train. The General Secretary has been appointed patron and adviser to both groups. The Dunedin T.O.S. has again had outstanding success in its animal welfare work.

Appreciation.—Our gratitude goes to 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.—Theosophy is becoming increasingly recognized as "the Message for Modern Man". Thanks to the dedicated work of our members, Lodge officers

and Section personnel we can, in all humility, claim to be making a greater impact upon modern thought than has been the case for some time. The selfless service and generosity of our older members has laid a foundation upon which to extend this influence individually and nationally. Ours is the task and privilege to "capitalize" upon the growing disillusionment of the people of New Zealand, supplying them with science made religious and religion made scientific. Let us see that we seize this glorious opportunity and develop it to the utmost of our capacity.

Special Thanks.—Whilst personal thanks, we know, are not expected, may we just briefly refer to one or two. Mrs. Barbara Thornton, Assistant General Secretary, who has carried out her many duties with the utmost efficiency; Mr. Neill Edgar, our most capable Hon. Treasurer and promoter of advertising and general publicity; Mr. Basil Gossage, National Lecturer, who has been a source of inspiration to members and public alike; Mrs. Roma Dunningham, Editor of *Theosophy in New Zealand*; Mrs. Alice Pellow our excellent Librarian, Mrs. Joan Patterson who is our Records Clerk, our free lance lecturers—all of whom have given us unstinting service.

To all members of Section Executive, the members of the Properties Trust Board, all Lodge Presidents, Secretaries, Executive officers and members, our deepest appreciation of your unfailing efforts on all occasions to help us further the work of the Theosophical Society in New Zealand.

BRIAN DUNNINGHAM,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

Membership.—There is again a slight decrease this year of 27, from 1,230 to 1,203. 34 resigned, 21 died, 1 transferred to another Section, against 24 new admissions, 4 re-admissions, and one transfer from another Section. One Lodge in Amsterdam was dissolved, the members going to the other Lodges in Amsterdam. We have now 33 Lodges and 6 centres.

Summer School.—This was held in Oosterbeek on the theme: "Presentation of Theosophy Now," with the accent on the "Now". By knowing the time and the world in which we live we can find the way to present our Theosophy. Lectures were given by Mr. van Win on "Psychosmatism in the Spirit of Theosophy"; Mr. Gorter on "Theosophy and Parapsychology"; Mrs. Ozinga on "Drawings by children"; Mr. de Hoop (YT) on "Youth Problems"; Mr. Melder on "How do we tell it our children?"; Mr. V. Dooren on "Humanism"; Mr. V. D. Schoot on "Cosmic, Planetary and Human Cycles"; Mira Brandt on "Meeting India" (illustrated); Mr. V. Houten on "Presentation of Theosophy," Mrs. Keus on "The Deep Esoteric Value of Meditation"; Mr. V. Leeuwen on "Symbolic and Mythic Presentation of Theosophy"; Mr. Zwollo on "The Mineral Kingdom" (with slides). There were 80 guests and visitors.

Convention.—Convention this year had as its subject: "The Fear of Leisure". The time for work becomes less each week, and people do not know what to do with their free hours. It begins to be a problem for some of the young people.

Publishing House and Bookshop.—On 22nd November last year the Manager of our bookshop and publishing house, Mr. P. S. Nijdam, suddenly retired. We were happy, however, that Mrs. Burger and

Mr. Gouverne, who had already worked for some years in the publishing house could immediately take over the work and we got assistance from Mr. v. Houten, the Vice-President. Now we work together with a non-Theosophical publishing house, which will produce and sell our books under his and our name. Books he does not like to produce under his name, we can do under our own name and at our own cost and responsibility. In the other case we subsidize and get at least these subsidizations back when the books are sold. We reach more bookshops this way by a larger advertisement. We have stopped selling books not published by the Theosophical Society. This year we published two books, viz. translations of *The Occult Anatomy of Man*, by Manly P. Hall and *Some Basic Concepts of Theosophy*, by Eunice and Felix Layton. Just ready is *Esoterism of the Gospel of Thomas* by Dr. K. Freitag, a Dutchman, not a member but a full-hearted theosophist.

Library.—Mr. van Leeuwen has control of the books. Nearly all our books were stolen during the war. We have now 8,000 books (16,000 before the war). During recent years 700 were lost, but little by little this gap is filled by gifts, etc. The library is a meeting place for people who want to know more about Theosophy, but who do not want to go to Lodge meetings, and in Mr. Anton van Leeuwen they have a fine conversation partner.

Young Theosophists work among themselves, with few contacts with the Society. They meet regularly in Huizen.

Headquarters.—This year we removed from the second floor to the first. The room of the publishing house and our administration form one large room and can be used for small gatherings. I hope that now we will have a fine and sunny and real Theosophical future.

Administration is still done by Mrs. de Haas-Sternefeld, a devoted worker.

Radio-broadcasting.--HIRO, the Humanitarian Idealistic Radio Omroep (broadcasting) has got transmitting time for radio and television. Our Society is a member

of this broadcasting group and we can get perhaps three times for transmission though up till now we have not yet been on the air.

N. VAN DER SCHOOT-G. ROOT,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

There is not much to be said about the life of the Section. Our magazine, *Le Lotus Bleu*, formerly issued six times a year, has become a monthly, but *La Vie Théosophique* has been incorporated in it instead of being separate. As before, it is the organ of the European Federation, and of the Belgian and Swiss Sections as well as of the French Section for their French-speaking members. There are about two hundred subscribers apart from members of the Theosophical Society.

We have our usual courses of Theosophy, with two new directors, Monsieur Lancré and Monsieur Phan-Chon-Ton. We have also a new Librarian, Madame Mossom.

Our audiences have enjoyed lectures by several speakers from abroad, among them Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Professor B. R. Mullik, Mr. B. Sutaria and Mr. John Coats.

The General Secretary visited several of the Lodges during the winter. About thirty members from France attended the Summer School for Latin countries at Sestri Levante in Italy.

The new members exactly balance the losses, so the membership figure is the same as last year, 1,108.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

Our Annual Convention was held this year also at Perugia, from April 23rd to 25th. Numerous members of our Section took part in the Convention and administrative business concerning the Section was discussed in an atmosphere of fraternal comprehension.

This year the theme of the Congress was: "The Nucleus of Universal Brotherhood," widely illustrated particularly by the General Secretary himself in his annual Report, besides various other lecturers. In our view, the subject of Universal Brotherhood is extremely topical at this moment, notwithstanding contrary ap-

pearances; and we examined widely the reasons for which a variation took place in the course of time in the formulation of the First and fundamental Object of the Theosophical Society. Originally, the First Object was defined: "to form *the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity . . .*"; while, after a time, it was changed to the present one: "to form *a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity . . .*"

In our opinion, it is one thing "to form *the nucleus of a Universal Brotherhood of Humanity*," and a far more modest one to form only "*a nucleus*" of the said

Brotherhood; the same as many other existing organizations with practically similar aims.

H.P.B., in that extremely important document, *The Original Programme of the Theosophical Society* defined very clearly that First Object; and again it was defined in another official document, "*The Beginnings of the T.S.*," written by Damodar, as Recording Secretary of the T.S., on March 10th, 1882. Once more, in the third number of *Lucifer* (1887), H.P.B. repeated:

"It is well known that the first rule of the society is to carry out the object of forming the nucleus of a universal brotherhood. The practical working of this rule was explained by those who laid it down, to the following effect: 'He who does not practise altruism; he who is not prepared to share his last morsel with a weaker or poorer than himself; he who neglects to help his brother man, of whatever race, nation, or creed, whenever and wherever he meets suffering, and who turns a deaf ear to the cry of human misery; he who hears an innocent person slandered, whether a brother Theosophist or not and does not undertake his defence as he would undertake his own—is no Theosophist'."

If we attentively study the various *Mahatma Letters*, and especially the correspondence carried on for several years between some of Them and Mr. Sinnett, we shall see how fundamental this idea is in Their thinking and how it is precisely the main reason for which They wished the Theosophical Society to be formed. For instance, in Letter No. II, of October 1880, the Master K.H. says: "... that the chief object of the T.S. is not so much to gratify individual aspirations as to serve our fellow men . . ."; and in Letter No. VI, December 1880, Master K.H. returns to the same subject, writing "The Chiefs want a 'Brotherhood of Humanity,'

a real Universal Fraternity started; an institution which would make itself known throughout the world and arrest the attention of the highest minds," while in a preceding one—Letter No. IV, November 1880, He wrote: "The term 'Universal Brotherhood' is no idle phrase. Humanity in the mass has a paramount claim upon us . . . and it (Universal Brotherhood) is the only secure foundation for universal morality. If it be a dream, it is at least a noble one for mankind; and it is the aspiration of the true adept". Also in Letter No. VIII of February 1881, once more Master K.H., writing to Sinnett about the final liberation, mentions the fact that all human and purely individual personal feelings "will give away, to become blended into one universal feeling, the only true and holy, the only unselfish and Eternal one—Love, an Immense Love for humanity—as a Whole! For it is 'Humanity' which is the great Orphan, the only disinherited one upon this earth, my friend. And it is the duty of every man who is capable of an unselfish impulse, to do something, however little, for its welfare." Many more quotations could be taken from those Letters of the Masters, but the few quotations already given show clearly what were the real intentions of the occult Founders of the Theosophical Movement, the practical realization of which was handed by Them for the greater part to Their Messenger, H. P. Blavatsky, and to the few, extremely few, who helped her in the overwhelming task, prominent among these being Colonel H. S. Olcott and Mr. W. Q. Judge.

What were therefore the main reasons which led those who had the greatest responsibility in the practical administrative government of the Parent Theosophical Society at Adyar, to modify the original wording of the First Object—from the most noble and lofty aim of

forming "the nucleus" of the Universal Brotherhood of Man—to the more modest present wording of the said Object, namely that of forming merely "a nucleus" of Universal Brotherhood?

Anyone who knows a little about the history of our Theosophical Movement during its first years of existence, should have no difficulty in grasping the real reasons by intuition; however we can find them in the words of the Founder of the modern Theosophical Movement herself in her *Preliminary Memorandum* (1888), in which she explains the aims and reasons for the formation of the "Esoteric Section of the Theosophical Society". In it she says that "... the Theosophical Society . . . has been a complete failure with regard to all those points that are among the principal objects for which it came into existence. Thus, as a 'Universal Brotherhood,' or even as a Fraternity, one of the many, it has come down to the level of all those Societies of great pretensions, but whose names are simply masks—nay, even *impostures* . . . When agitations and dissensions began to arise, too many fell a prey to doubt and despair, and very few were those who had worked for the Cause and not for themselves . . . The Masters can give only a minimum of help to a Society which is not completely united in its objects and sentiments and which breaks its fundamental rules . . . It is only by means of a chosen group of courageous souls, a handful of resolute individuals, thirsting for genuine spiritual development, and wishing to acquire spiritual wisdom, that it will be possible to bring back the Theosophical Society, in its entirety, to the original lines . . ."

And a few weeks before her death, H.P.B., in her last Message to the American Theosophists in April 1891, gave serious warning that "no opportunity will be neglected (by the forces that are fighting

us) to sow dissensions . . ., in order that by every and any means, the unity of the Society may be split up and the ranks of our members thinned and thrown into disorder . . ."

I think it is useless to say how prophetic were those words!

Our Italian Theosophical Section is not one of the largest, so far as numbers are concerned, all the same, as Italy has once before, in the field of the Renaissance, known how to be an example and a teacher to the entire world, could not the Italian Section do the same thing in the Theosophical field, giving a practical example by showing itself capable of overcoming the dissensions and internal contrasts, the intolerances and mutual suspicions which deeply disturb the harmony and understanding between members; always keeping in mind the words of the Master: "Theosophy has to find objective expression in an all embracing code of life thoroughly impregnated with its spirit—the spirit of mutual tolerance, charity and love . . ." ? The final word of H.P.B. (*Preliminary Memorandum*), that "every non-success is, however, not a defeat, *provided that* it be followed by a further and sincere effort," ought to give each one of us the firm determination and the courageous will to undertake this arduous and difficult task: "It is"—in the words of the Master himself—"a laborious task, that will require a brave and persevering effort, but that will lead you imperceptibly to progress, nor will it allow room for any selfish aspiration, outside of the marked boundaries." And I would like to close this part of my report, with the wise words that our present World President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, uttered at the close of the Annual Congress held at Adyar in December 1965: "... Each Theosophist has to be a lamp in himself through which the light of Brotherhood, if not also of Wisdom, can shine in his own

measure. Whether he is that or not depends entirely on himself."

The work in the Section went on mainly along the lines put forward in our manifesto of the year 1962, and the life in our Section during the year 1967 has been in the main fairly quiet. From September 20th, 1967, till the 27th, there will be held in Sestri Levante (near Genoa), the Theosophical Summer School of the European Latin countries, and we hope that it will be a nice success. To close, here are a few statistics concerning the year 1967. The Centre of Bolzano has been transformed into a new Lodge, assuming the name of "Jehoshua," while Lodge "Evoluzione" of Ferrara has been dissolved.

The number of members on 30th September 1967 amounted to 556, of whom 494 belong to the present 25 Lodges and to the 2 Centres of Treviso and Brescia, while 62 are members at large. During this

year 9 members have passed beyond the veil, while 40 new members have joined the Society in Italy.

During the year, our publishing house Sirio published *The Key to Theosophy* by H.P.B., and has now in preparation *A Theosophical Glossary* also by H.P.B. and the work about Goethe's *Faust* by C. Jinarājadāsa. In preparation there is also the first volume of that exceptional work, *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*.

Notwithstanding the terrible cataclysm which fell upon various districts in Italy and particularly upon our city of Florence in November 1966, our work went on regularly; also our monthly magazine *Alba Spirituale* continued its activities without interruption. The Theosophical Order of Service also went on with its usual brotherly activity.

ROBERTO HACK,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

The German Section is very much interested in the presentation of Theosophy under conditions of today and tomorrow, bearing in mind how many false ideas about Theosophy could be changed, at least in Germany. A suggestion about a Century Book was sent in to the special conference on Presentation of Theosophy.

Inspired by Professor Mullik's talks, a Theosophical Study Circle was arranged among the students of the University at Göttingen. This Circle is now registered at the University. Students from different parts of the world started discussions about "Man in the world of today". They now continue by studying the book by our President *Man, his*

Origins and Evolution in both English and German. There is some hope to reach the young.

In July 1967, 56 members and friends contributed to the happiness of the German Summer School under the motto: "The Mental Continent," becoming more aware of the high responsibility of our thinking. Our Guest of Honor and main speaker was Mr. John Coats who visited some Lodges also in early spring. We are grateful for all his help. An interesting feature of the Summer School were the afternoon sessions on "My favorite Book," to which every participant contributed an introduction or reading from German literature containing Theosophical teachings, dealt

with by the authors in various striking ways; good discussions were the result.

The German magazine *Adyar* is very much appreciated by members in Germany as well as in Austria and Swit-

zerland. Mr. Ekhard Rösch, Wiesbaden, is the very capable Editor. About 1,000 copies are distributed quarterly.

ANNELIESE STEPHAN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

Administrative Activities of the Section.—On December 11, 1966 a meeting was held by the Board of Directors. Representatives of 14 Lodges, out of the 22 of the Section, were present. It was agreed to hold the National Convention of the Section on January 20, 21 and 22, 1967. A full report was given by the National President concerning the legal situation of the Lodges. The election for the International Presidency took place.

62nd National Convention.—Almost all the Lodges of the Section were represented. Matters of interest to the Section and the Lodges were discussed. The annual reports of the National President, Treasurer and Librarian, as well as the budget for 1967, were read, discussed and approved.

In the public meetings during the Convention, Messrs. Manuel Martinez Mendez (Sophia Lodge) and Alfredo Puig Figueroa (Annie Besant Lodge) lectured, their titles being respectively "The Temporary, The Immortal and The Eternal" and "Spiritual Life." There were also artistic numbers.

The dissolution of Lodge "H.P. Blavatsky" of Guines was accepted; also the dissolution of Lodge "Condé de San German" of Havana. Lodge "Loto Blanco" of Santiago de Cuba, has been approved by the Government and authorized to continue its regular meetings, which had been suspended.

National Council.—In October 1966, the members of the National Council met the Presidents or representatives of the Havana City Lodges and those near at hand outside the city, to discuss the limit of November 30, 1966, fixed for the recording of Lodges by the Government Association's Record Office. They were informed that the Lodges which met at the Havana Headquarter's building could keep on meeting as "Study and Meditation Groups" of the Section; but that Lodges out of the city of Havana or meeting out of the premises of the Section's building, would have to be recorded legally otherwise they could be considered illegal and closed.

Of the nine Lodges which have their meetings at the Sections building in Havana, "Annie Besant" Lodge was the only one to be recorded. The following applied for record: "Kut-Humi," "Mahachohan," "Marie Poutz," "Devenir" and "Condé de San German". Lodges "Atma," "Heracles" and "Lealtad" preferred to remain as "Meditation and Study groups" of the Section.

Of the 13 Lodges outside the City of Havana, the only ones recorded were "Leadbeater" of the city of Sancti-Spiritus, "Amor" of Santa Clara, "Dharma" of Matanzas and "Sophia" of Cienfuegos. In the case of the Lodges out of the city of Havana which had not been recorded or had been dropped from the record, it was agreed:

1. That all the Lodges who wished so, could ask for their Record. The Central Office of the Association's Record Office would instruct the branch offices to receive the applications.

2. Lodges not recorded as Associations, who had their meetings at the building of the Section in Havana as "Meditation and Study Groups," could continue to be considered as Lodges in their relations to Adyar, and name delegates to the Conventions and Board of Directors of the Section. The rest of the Lodges outside the city of Havana, which in the first place had been denied the reception of documents for application of Record, have not yet decided to renew their applications. Membership in the majority of these Lodges has decreased considerably, and those few who remain do not feel they have the necessary energy to assume the responsibility to keep up with the additional work. As an example of the difficulties faced by all Lodges, according to Cuban law the Secretary of an Association has to be a lawyer, and at present there are very few lawyers left in the country who work for their living as such. This makes it very difficult, especially outside the city of Havana, to find a lawyer who will accept being the Secretary of a Lodge. Many think it might bring them troubles and prefer not to take the work. Besides, the few members left in these Lodges cannot face in many cases the additional expense it represents. Two lawyers at the Section Headquarters in Havana act as Secretary for the Havana Lodges without expense to them. Nevertheless, the National Council is doing all that is possible to have all Lodges recorded.

Lodges and Members.—The year ended with 20 active Lodges, two less than in the previous year but it is probable that in the coming year other Lodges will be dissolved.

The number of members has dropped compared with last year from 423 to 375, on September 30th, 1967. New entries were 20, of which 14 were new members and 6 re-entries; and the decreases 68: 5 resignations, 3 deceased, 30 lapsed for non-payment of dues and 30 transfers to other Sections.

Lodge activities included regular study and discussions taking as the subject of study and commentary *First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarājādāsa.

Heracles Lodge (Havana, founded 1929, 15 members) took for study *At the Feet of the Master* and started study of *The Inner Life*.

Kut-Humi Lodge (Havana, founded 1926, 12 members) studied *The Astral Body* and *The Mental Body* by A. E. Powell.

Maitreya Lodge (Ciego de Avila, Camaguey, founded 1912, 9 members), held 38 meetings in the year with an attendance of 50 per cent of its members. Questions asked by visitors are taken note of and answered during the meeting or at the next. Library books are circulated to interested visitors and sympathizers, who are invited to the meetings to comment and interchange ideas. This, they report, has produced good results. They keep fraternal relations with other societies such as the Masonic, Oddfellows and Caballeros de la Luz Lodges, acting sometimes as Theosophical lecturers at their open meetings.

Leadbeater Lodge (Sancti-Spiritus, Las Villas, founded 1911, 34 members). This Lodge has a Theosophical Centre, "Leadbeater," near the city, where they meet and celebrate Theosophical festivals. Their study has been centred on Karma and Evolution.

Amor Lodge (Santa Clara, Las Villas, founded 1923, 14 members), had as study Karma, Reincarnation and Evolution.

Loto Blanco Lodge (Santiago de Cuba, Oriente, founded 1905, 23 members), meets every Sunday. It celebrates all Theosophical festivals. It has had hard work in the period to survive as a Lodge but has succeeded.

Devenir Lodge (Havana, founded 1952 10 members), meets Sunday afternoons. The time (1 hour) is divided into three parts. For the first 20 minutes there is reading from and comment on a book of one of the leaders; for another 20 minutes the President of the Lodge speaks to the members on matters of interest to the Lodge, and the next 20 minutes Dr. Lorgio Vargas, its oldest member, and one of the oldest in the Section, who is a pedagogue, lectures on Theosophical subjects, usually using graphic illustrations. All Theosophical festivals were celebrated. During the period of this report, in the first 20 minutes *At the Feet of the Master* was read and commented on; in the second, the President of the Lodge centred his study on the "Betterment of Human Conduct," based on lectures of J. Krishnamurti; and in the third, Dr. Vargas developed a study of "Man Theosophically Considered," as an earthly inhabitant, and in the Astral, Mental and Causal Planes, etc. This year they had as visiting lecturer Dr. Joseph Geller, an eminent Polish psychiatrist, who visited Cuba recently, the subject of his very interesting lecture being "Medicine and Theosophy".

No Theosophical publications were possible, because of the nationalization of all private publishing houses, and no co-operation on the part of the official authorities over the possibility of doing the work in those nationalized. *Revista Teosofica Cubana* (the Section's official organ) continues unpublished since 1966.

Theosophical Festivals.—This year, as usual, the Theosophical festivals: Foundation Anniversary, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and the Wesak full moon were celebrated in the Section's building at Havana when lectures, music and artistic numbers were offered by members of different Lodges of the Section.

The Section's Economy.—We have not been able yet to comply with our economic obligations to Adyar as is our wish. As in preceding years the National Bank regulations do not allow us to do so. However we have made the reserve of funds.

Conclusion.—It has been a year of legalizing work to prevent the dissolution of some Lodges. All efforts are directed to co-operate with the Lodges of the Section in the necessary counsel and work and in creating a courageous spirit to stand as open and working Lodges, for the spiritual benefit they bring to the locality and to the nation, particularly since it is more necessary than ever now that we face a forced effort towards materialism.

DANA CRUZ-BUSTILLO,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The work of the Finnish Section has continued. There are at the moment 22 Lodges in the country, 9 of which are situated in Helsinki. One Lodge in the middle part of Finland ceased its activities, due to the death of the chairman and the members are now unattached members. The membership in the whole country increased during the year by 7, being now 414.

The Young Theosophists in Finland have been very active. The group is not very large, but they do good work. Some of them attended the Congress of Young Theosophists last summer in Sweden.

Most 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 50-70, sometimes even more. At the beginning of these lectures some years ago the audience was often fewer than ten persons. The lectures are meant for persons not yet belonging to the Society, but some of them have later become members. Last winter this kind of public lectures were given also in other towns.

The annual Convention at Easter is each year the culmination of our work. Members from all parts of Finland come then to Helsinki to listen to the lectures, to discuss mutual questions and above all to strengthen the ties of brotherhood. Mr. Curt Berg, the former General Secretary of the Swedish Section, was then

our guest speaker and gave two lectures, one on the annual celebration and the other for members only.

Our traditional Summer School was held at our summer residence Kreivilä. It was attended by over 80 members from different parts of the country. The Chairman of the European Federation Council, Mr. John Coats, was the visiting lecturer. The subjects of his inspiring lectures were: "The Leadership we need," "A View of Unity in the Changing World" and "Madame Blavatsky, our Astonishing Founder". Many interesting lectures leading to lively discussions were also given by Finnish members.

Our Society has suffered a loss in the death of Miss Signe Rosvall, who died just before her 75th birthday. She joined the Society in 1916 and was an active member her whole life through. For 35 years she was a member of the board and for 9 years the General Secretary. After leaving that situation she was the main editor of our magazine *Teosofi*. She was an example to all and will be much missed.

The membership in Finland as in other countries is rather small. It gives us who are members a very great obligation indeed. Let us hope that the message of Theosophy will help us to have a right attitude to the difficult problems the world is now facing and to rely on the leadership of the Inner Government of the world.

SYLVI HORSTIO,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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SOUTHERN AFRICA

Membership.—The total membership of the Section is now 480, an increase of 3. Altogether we admitted 47 new members but lost 44, 11 by death. Happily many of our new members are young and very energetic.

Aspects of the Work in this Section.—Most Lodges follow the traditional pattern of public lectures and members' meetings, but some have enterprising and informal groups. Durban Lodge in Natal runs morning tea meetings twice weekly—an important service in this popular holiday resort. The library and bookshop are open to visitors. Johannesburg Lodge runs a lunch hour meeting once a week with lunch provided; this is a good time, in a big industrial city for changing books. George Lodge—a small group meeting in an historic little town—has successfully organized a Spiritual Unity Meeting with representatives from several religious and occult groups. Pretoria Lodge, feeling the need to train new lecturers, runs a public speaking class. This Lodge, in the Administrative Capital of South Africa, works in both official languages, English and Afrikaans.

The Easter week-end is always Convention time in South Africa. The 1967 Convention was held in Johannesburg.

Publications.—The official journal of the Section is *The Link*, published quarterly. Another journal called *Lodge of the Air*, especially designed for those living far from a Lodge or confined by sickness to their own homes, is issued by Mrs. Pamela Mitford Barberton and

charmingly illustrated by Pamela who is an artist of standing in South Africa.

Active steps have been taken to see that all Lodge bookstalls order the new Quest books, an excellent series. South Africa is grateful to America for these.

Research work and new writing.—Two members, at least, are busy with new books. Mrs. Phyllis Lean, who was awarded a Kern Fellowship for a book to be called *Widening Horizons*, and Dr. Dorothy Ryan, a physician who spent many years in the Government Health Service and is now investigating homeopathy, applying this technique in her business practice and writing a book about it.

Administration of the Section.—The Annual Meeting of the National Council was held on 25th March 1967 in Johannesburg. The administration of the Section was moved from Salisbury to Johannesburg after three years in our most northerly Lodge.

It was decided to do away with the title of National President as the designation of our senior officer as this is confusing when we have an International President. Furthermore, the title *National President* seems to us too grand to describe the humble, detailed, careful administrative work required of the chief officer. So we have reverted to General Secretary.

Two meetings of the National Executive were held at Easter and one on 25th August 1967, the latter devoted almost entirely to financial considerations and

preliminary plans for the visit in 1968 of Mr. John Coats.

The Rhodesian representative on our National Executive, Mr. Roy Charsley, commenting on Minute 9 of the special General Council meeting held in Salzburg on 22nd July 1966, reports that only one Lodge (Salisbury) in Rhodesia had considered the idea of the formation of a Rhodesian Federation under Rule 35 (c). As the other three Lodges wish to remain in the Southern African Section, this matter should not have been submitted to the General Council and should now be dropped.

As Mrs. M. E. Nairn, our former National President and a representative of Rhodesia on the Southern African Executive has now left for a term of duty in Adyar, her resignation from the Executive Committee has been submitted to the General Secretary. Rhodesian Lodges will be given an opportunity to appoint another representative for this is an important territory and our brothers in Rhodesia carry a heavy load.

PHYLLIS S. LEAN,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

Membership in Scotland decreased during 1967 and now stands at 105.

Public lectures are held in the main Lodges throughout the year. Much literature was distributed to enquirers, library books have been borrowed, many enquiries answered and help given to personal problems from the Theosophical point of view. Although we do not enrol many new members there is an interest in our activities. Most enquiries relate to Yoga, and potential members cool off when we explain that Yoga is a science and is not altogether synonymous with purely physical culture.

We have a happy and constructive relationship with a Church Youth Fellowship group and their Minister (Congregational Church). Other organizations like Save the Children Fund, and the Arcane School are sympathetic, and attend some of our meetings and appear on our syllabus, but the burden of the work falls on a few devoted members.

The Theosophical Order of Service continues to work quietly in various spheres. Sick-visiting, helping the elderly with domestic chores and removals,

shopping for them, sending parcels of part-worn clothing to refugees and others in need, and writing letters to the lonely and bereft. We work also in animal welfare and the anti-vivisection movements and in the United Nations Association.

Death has removed several of our most valuable, active workers, notably Mrs. M.N.O. Bailly, one of the Pagan family which founded Orpheus Lodge and endeavored to interpret Theosophy through art, literature and drama. Mrs. Bailly's contribution was through music.

Our Convention was held in Glasgow during the week-end of June 10th and 11th, with Mr. John B. S. Coats as Guest Speaker. Between 40 and 50 members attended the meetings and were greatly inspired by the talks and friendly atmosphere.

It is of interest to Scotland generally that the Edinburgh International Festival of Music and Drama is laying greater emphasis on the works of composers like Stravinsky, Schonberg and Scriabin—all Theosophists who have helped to usher in a new world order. Of course, this

means that there is a certain amount of unrest and disintegrating force at work, but at the same time greater efforts are being made by sensitive and intelligent people to build a finer structure. One feels that if in the Theosophical Society we could understand our goal and work

"together differently," recognizing the Oneness of life, we should be really serving the Society and humanity, and giving a stronger impetus to our First Object.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Following the election of the General Secretary in the spring of 1966, the other officers of the Section were re-elected at the National Committee meeting held in Geneva in October 1966.

In January 1967 we were privileged to play host to the European Executive Committee, which met in Geneva.

The Annual Convention of the Section was held in Basle on 11th and 12th March 1967. The National Committee and the General Assembly dealt with the usual business. An excellent lecture and symposium were organized, the subject chosen being "Intuition". The forty members who attended enjoyed and profited from harmonious mutual contacts.

During April 1967 the General Secretary visited the Lodges, where she gave a lecture on "Theosophy and the Theosophical Society" and renewed friendly contact with members.

The German-speaking Regional Committee met in Basle on 20th and 21st May 1967 and discussed matters affecting the different German-speaking Sections: the Summer School, the magazine *Adyar*, publications in German. The idea of introductory letters in German to new members was introduced by the German General Secretary. The different German-speaking Sections are working in close co-operation on this question as well as on that of introductory pamphlets in German.

During 1966-67 we were privileged to receive many visitors from abroad who gave lectures in our Lodges: Professor Mullik and Mr. Sutaria from India, Miss Brandt from Holland, Mrs. Stephan and Mr. Meyer from Germany, Mr. Coats and Mr. Slater from England.

Switzerland, being centrally situated in Europe and multilingual, is in a good position to co-operate with other Sections.

The work in Lodges continued, each Lodge sounding its own note and following its own method of work. Public lectures were held weekly at our Headquarters in Geneva. The Geneva Committee elected a new President and Treasurer. Mr. Tripet was particularly active, in Geneva, in lecturing and organizing courses.

Members received as usual the magazines we share with other French and German-speaking Sections and Newsletters in French and German from the General Secretary. "The Question of the Month" will be discontinued.

In September 1967 the General Secretary attended the meetings of the Council of the Theosophical Society in Europe held at Sestri Levante, Italy. Several Swiss members attended the French and German regional Summer Schools in Sestri Levante and Pichl (Austria) respectively.

MARY ANDERSON,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

The membership of the Section is now 244, a decrease of two during the year. There are eight Lodges. The five in Brussels have a total membership of 97, and hold a joint weekly public lecture attended by about 35 persons. Each Lodge meets twice monthly for study, with an attendance of from eight to ten members. At Liège there is one Lodge with a membership of 76, which holds public lectures twice weekly, with about 30 persons present. At the Antwerp Lodge, which has 20 members, there is a weekly meeting for members only, but eight public lectures are held during the year. Ghent Lodge, with 51 members,

arranges a weekly public lecture. The Centre at Brugge meets twice a week. In Brussels new members bring hope of new life.

On 10th September 1967 a meeting was held in the Flemish language attended by members from Ghent, Brugge and Antwerp. Several members from Belgium attended the French week at Huizen, and the General Secretary and nine other members from Belgium attended the Pays-Latin Summer School held in Sestri Levante, Italy, in September 1967.

B. NYSSSENS,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

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BURMA

Mankind today is passing through critical times varying in nature and magnitude from country to country and we in Burma are in the process of evolving a new concept of life. The period of transition is naturally bound to be difficult but let us remember that humanity as a whole is moving onward and forward on its march towards a better and happier world order—a World Community and a World State.

With the passing away of stalwarts like Bros. U Hla Maung, the General Secretary of the Section, and U San Hla, the motive force behind the Humanitarian League, our ranks have become thinner. In spite of set-backs, the Section has been striving its best to keep up its level of

activities and effectiveness through its constituent Lodges. But the woeful lack of young blood in the movement is hampering our activities. Perhaps something is lacking in our approach and presentation of Theosophy! Let us therefore try our very best during the coming year to delve into ourselves to find and evolve a better and more realistic approach.

Though the number of Lodges remained the same as before, the slight fall in membership from 51 to 45 is due to lapses and three deaths. Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, the premier Lodge of the Section, continued to do useful work for the spread of the message of Theosophy. In spite of a heavy deficit, the Lodge was able to

keep up its traditional activities and its meetings were well attended. An appeal to members for financial help resulted in the Lodge being able to make up almost two-thirds of the expected shortfall in its budget for 1967-68. This has conclusively proved that quality is more important and earnestness and sincerity pay rich dividends.

Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, is carrying on its work vigorously and attendance at Lodge meetings continues to be encouraging. The Lodge has a good collection of Theosophical literature and it is hoped that with a university campus near on hand, the Lodge would be able to make itself felt amongst the intelligentsia of Mandalay, the seat of the ancient Burmese culture. Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, lost during the year one of its oldest members Mr. W. Beatson, who had been very active in his days. The Lodge suffers from lack of enough active members. However, with the recent addition of comparatively young blood to its rolls, it is expected that this Lodge also will be able to show good work. Rangoon Youth Lodge continues to be dormant for want of enough Young Theosophists to revive it.

The Section Convention, held at its headquarters on Sunday, 23rd October 1966, was presided over by Dr. Tun Min of Kyaukpyu. The main Convention lecture, "The Mission of the Society," was delivered by the General Secretary U Hla Maung. About 25 members attended the Convention. The finances of the Section continue to be satisfactory in spite of its lean membership. The members of the Section wish to place on

record their deep sense of gratitude to the International President and the members of the Governing Council of the Theosophical Publishing House for enabling them to subscribe to *The Theosophist* on a local deposit basis, in the difficult conditions prevailing here.

The Society's land at Thingangyun continues to be occupied by squatters. It is hoped that effective steps will be taken to gain possession of the land.

With the passing away of U San Hla, the Humanitarian League has virtually become dormant but attempts are being made to revitalize it. The Mandalay Vegetarian Society, however, continues its useful service in the field of animal welfare work. Members of the Section, as usual, are among the active workers of the movement, but special mention should be made of U Kyaw Hla for his life-long work at Mandalay.

The Book Depot is doing its best to cater to the needs of members for Theosophical and allied publications but because of continued restrictions on the free import of books, the Depot is unable to augment its stock.

News has just reached us of the passing away of U Hla Gyi of Tada-U, one of our oldest and most active members.

In the midst of difficult world conditions, let us try to remember that we are not alone and if only we do our best in all earnestness, constantly striving to keep our goal clear in mind, we shall succeed in making Theosophy a living force in this part of the world.

T. S. RAMANATHAN,
Assistant General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

There is nothing especially remarkable to be reported regarding the work during the year 1966-67. The activities in the four places where the Society is working in Austria (Vienna, Graz, Druck a.d. Mur, Linz) were performed in a similar manner as in the previous year. Though some persons residing at Salzburg had joined the Society in connection with the World Congress last year, it was until now not possible to form a Lodge or a centre there. Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Council, visited Graz, Bruck, Vienna and Salzburg early in the year. He was also present during the first three days at the Regional Summer School for the German-speaking regions in Europe which was again held at Pichl from September 16th to 23rd. During that Summer School lectures and discussions were concerned with the theme, what each member personally thought to be the purpose and meaning of human life. Sixty-one members from Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Yugoslavia (among them the Yugoslav General Secretary, Mr. Anton Jesse) and other countries were present. Mr. Fritz Schleifer (Vienna) who had been the organizer of the Summer School fourteen times since 1952,

resigned this year from that function; the management of the Summer School is now undertaken by a younger member, Dr. Erwin Lauppert-Peharnik (Graz), a son of the undersigned.

Mr. Fritz Schleifer, owing to his age, resigned in June 1967 also as President of the Federation of Lodges at Vienna, a position he had held since the year 1930 during difficult times. As his successor there Mr. Peter Lauer was elected, a former member of the American Section, who, being 33 years of age, is definitely a representative of the younger generation.

The term of the Executive Committee of the Austrian Section ended on June 30, 1967. The undersigned was re-elected as General Secretary, and Mr. Fritz Schleifer as Vice-President, for the next term of three years.

There was, owing to fewer admissions, a slight decrease of membership during the year under report. There were 8 admissions and re-admissions, 7 resignations, 4 deaths and 4 lapsings, making in total a decrease of 7 members, so that there remained 250 members in the Section at the end of the year.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

The Norwegian Section had a quiet year with interesting and varied programs in all the seven Lodges. In November we were happy to welcome an Indian lecturer, Professor Balakram Mullik from Agra. He spoke in Oslo on "The Problem of Evil" and "A Hindu looks at Christianity". The lectures were warmly appreciated by all who attended the meetings, and the visit was a very inspiring event to the Section.

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

Two of our old members have passed to greater light during the year, and two have been transferred to another Section. But we also got four new members, so our number of members is still the same as last year, 131.

RUTH WISSEL NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

(Lodges only)

No Report

DENMARK

After our annual Convention in the autumn of 1966 the Executive Board of the Section agreed to nominate Mr. Sri Ram as our candidate for the office of President. The Section has now 247 members. This is a decline of 3, arising in the following way: 22 new members have joined the Society, 7 have died, and 18 have resigned their membership. Owing to the great number of persons—in many cases old people—who have resigned, I asked the Presidents of the Lodges during our last annual Convention to see that the provision in our rules concerning exemption from paying subscription was used when necessary.

The Section has 13 Lodges, 7 of which are in Copenhagen, while the other 6 are distributed all over the country. The majority of the Lodges work well and independently, and moreover the Copenhagen Lodges have a monthly meeting in common. We had a Summer School at Gammel Prastegaard from the 24th of June to the 3rd of July. It was presided over by the General Secretary and attended by 30 persons. In the week-ends, however, the number of participants rose to about 50. Several foreigners were present, among others Miss Jean Carstairs,

the Scottish General Secretary, and Miss Florence Kenderdine and Dr. Shila Ransom from England. Unfortunately Mr. John Coats could only be our guest for two days, since the Finnish and the Danish Summer Schools were held at the same time. Thanks to the valuable help in the form of a loan from the European Federation we have now succeeded in having the Danish translation of Elizabeth Preston's and Christmas Humphreys' *Abridged Edition of The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky printed and published. The work has been translated into Danish by Sigrid Möller.

It has been suggested we have an international camp for Young Theosophists in Denmark in 1968, and the Danish Section has promised to give financial help to this project.

Mrs. Anneliese Stephan from Hamburg, the German General Secretary, was our guest during our Annual Convention in September this year and enriched our meetings with two vivid and interesting talks. On the same occasion I was re-elected General Secretary for the next three years.

NIELS SÖRENSEN,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

On the whole the Dublin Lodges have had a successful year. Two members lapsed, but we gained four new members; two women and two men. We had a most interesting autumn session, especially as our usual Monday night public meeting coincided with All Hallow's Eve. By chance, if there is such a thing, we had picked a discussion on "Extra Sensory Perception". This produced much interesting material. Present that night too was a young Canadian who had actually just come from Duke's University in the U.S.A. where Dr. Rhine is conducting his experiments. We had a remarkable talk on "The Fundamentals of Theosophy" by our National Treasurer, Mr. F. R. Morrison, which attracted much attention and we finished with a Christmas Social.

Unfortunately our Spring Session was marred by illness, so we confined ourselves to discussions. The summer season was a great success—we had moving White Lotus Day talks on St. Patrick and Sikhism. I unearthed an old pamphlet by Dr. Besant on "Islam in the Light of Theosophy" which I read to an enthralled audience.

We were, of course, most disappointed that Mr. Wallace Slater could not be with us on account of illness, but as it left our week-end free I was enabled to go to the Belfast Convention to represent

the Dublin Lodges and there I had the great pleasure of meeting for the first time Mrs. Rukmini Arundale. It was a most enjoyable and stimulating Sunday.

Our own Convention—the first real one for two years—proved a really great success, as we had as Guest Speaker, Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, who gave us some remarkable and helpful talks privately. We experimented with the Sunday public lecture and had him give us a talk on Zen Buddhism. The experiment worked more than well. We were surprised at the number of members and outsiders who were interested in this subject. Several members from the country were with us, including one of the founders of the Dublin Lodge, Mrs. Moya Bligh, who although over ninety came with wonderful courage and determination. We also had members from Pennsylvania, Wales and Northern Ireland. The reception after the meeting was much enjoyed by members and friends.

We were all delighted in the Dublin Lodge when we heard that Mr. Sri Ram had been re-elected as President. It gives one a feeling of security to think that his wise and steady hand is still at the helm.

We are now looking forward to another year of work rewarding in itself.

DOROTHY M. EMERSON,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

The Mexican Section suffered a re-organization in the state of its Lodges, but the rhythm of the work continues progressively. Within the groups established in the States, the enthusiasm for

Theosophy is untouched. In Mexico City the nine existing groups are trying hard to achieve ever more than before. Lectures are periodically given at our Section Headquarters to broadcast the

Theosophical spirit among friends and visitors.

During the period 1966-67, 43 new members were admitted and a study centre was formed in Mexicali, Lower California.

A new pocket edition of *At the Feet of the Master* was published. Our magazine

continued to publish articles selected from *The Theosophist* of Adyar.

The healing service as an activity of the Theosophical Order of Service, works every Sunday with true devotion.

ARTURO VADO LÓPEZ,
General Secretary.

CANADA

I am happy to report an increase in membership during the year from 335 to 387. Forty-four newcomers joined through a new Lodge which was chartered in April 1967, and which is appropriately named Centennial Lodge, for July 1st, 1967 was Canada's 100th birthday. This Lodge was formed under the leadership of the Venerable Ananda Bodhi, a native-born Canadian, who after studying in India and Burma, became a Buddhist monk. This Lodge does not advertise its meetings, but the news of its existence and its classes quickly spread among those anxious to study under the guidance of its leader.

Last year the Executive Committee adopted a suggestion made by Mr. T. G. Davy, one of the co-editors of our magazine, to establish an open Essay Competition on the subject of "The Value of a Comparative Study of Religions". This aroused considerable interest, not only in Canada but also in England, Northern Ireland, U.S.A., India and Africa. We are grateful to the publicity given to it by *The Theosophist* and by Section magazines. Forty-two essays were received, and three cash prizes were awarded together with ten consolation prizes of Volume I of *The Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*, which had been donated anonymously.

Visits between members of our eastern and western Lodges are difficult to arrange,

for Canada is an immense country stretching over four thousand miles from coast to coast, but last fall I had the opportunity of visiting the western Lodges to report on the proceedings at the Fifth Theosophical World Congress at Salzburg. Another member, Mr. J. Oberlechner, who had also attended the Congress, visited our most easterly Lodge in Montreal, and told of his trip and his impressions. Three other members from the east were also able to visit the west.

The Canadian Section was happy to have five visitors from the United States, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Barborka, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, and Miss Helen Zahara.

In my last report I referred to the project of placing the works of H. P. Blavatsky in the libraries of Canadian universities: *Isis Unveiled*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Voice of the Silence*, and volumes of *The Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*. This work is continuing and Volume II of *The Collected Writings* will be donated this year. Several universities requested that they also be placed on the mailing list to receive the bi-monthly issues of the magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*.

Copies of the recent book *Reincarnation in World Thought* have also been donated to university libraries and certain public libraries. The Society in Canada bought

100 copies of this book to assist with this undertaking. The work of distributing the books and attending to the correspondence arising therefrom was done by two members of the United Lodge of Theosophists in Ottawa, to whom we are most grateful for their kindly co-operation.

A steady increase in book sales is reported by the Book Concern of Toronto Lodge. Last year more sets of *The Secret Doctrine* were sold than in any previous year and there was an increased sale of *The Key to Theosophy*. Recognizing the importance of the new Quest paperback series of books being published by the American Section, the Lodge requested a representative to interview Miss Zahara at Wheaton to ascertain how the Lodge could assist in the promotion of sales in Canada.

Our magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*, continues to attract readers who are not members of the Canadian Section. The magazine is welcomed for its articles, its independent editorial attitude, and its policy of encouraging correspondence, and the free exchange of opinions on issues vital to the Society.

There is a small group of Young Theosophists in Toronto which it is hoped will

become the nucleus of a much larger group. Canadian youth, in common with young people in other lands, face many unprecedented problems which have arisen in the past few decades. Young people will undoubtedly play a major rôle in the coming cycle—it is estimated that 50 per cent of Canada's population of over twenty million is under the age of 25 years. Rapidly changing conditions and attitudes have left many young people without the assurance of formerly accepted principles. It is a confusing situation for them, and while many splendid and talented young men and women are coming into incarnation, there has also been a marked increase among those resorting to narcotics, marijuana, L.S.D., and other psychedelic drugs. Contraceptives and the "pill" have affected the changing standards in sexual relationships, and former norms of behavior and morality are being discarded. The Theosophical Society would have a unique opportunity to influence future world thought and attitudes if the Theosophical viewpoint could be effectively brought home to the youth of the world today.

DUDLEY W. BARR,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

We are happy to send you herewith a synthesis of the work and the events that have occurred in the Argentine Section from 1st November 1966 to 30th September 1967, covering the period of action of the Council presided over by Señora Andrea E. de Pondé.

The principal activities were, as in past years, the Annual Congress held on 25th February 1967 and the Summer School which followed lasting from 26th February to 4th March 1967.

The Convention approved certain measures of an administrative nature, especially designed to stop the growing deficit of the Section, with plans to establish the economy in the future and provide adequate sums to meet the increasing needs of diffusion.

Immediately following the Convention we held our fifth Summer School, which took as its theme "What is the Significance of the Theosophical Society and its Work?" From among the total number

of delegates, five groups were arranged, which prepared the themes referred to them by the School. Each group presented a report and these were debated by the whole assembly. Thus the Convention, as well as the School, took place in a climate of understanding and happiness. About 85 delegates attended.

The work of the Section is developing firmly and in general there is to be noted a serious attention paid to the explanations which Theosophy has to offer regarding vital problems. The National Council expects that during the rest of its mandate it will give an impulse to the diffusion of Theosophy as great as it possibly can, and has begun to work on the organization of courses of Theosophy and other public activities in different

Lodges in this country, planning Theosophical tours of three or more days in places where Lodges exist, with adequate propaganda. A series of magnetic tapes on Theosophical subjects is also being made which, accompanied by diagrams, will be useful for work in the Lodges.

We do not wish to end this report without making reference to the excellent and active relations which we have with our neighboring Section of Uruguay, with which we have frequent interchange of visits and strong interests regarding the Inter-American Congress which it is hoped will be held in Brazil in the coming year.

LUIS SPAIRANI,
Vice-President.

CHILE

No Report

BRAZIL

This year completes my three-year term as President. The work has proceeded in complete harmony, the various officials carrying out their duties in a spirit of unity and understanding.

Membership.—The membership now stands at 1,122. New members joining the Section numbered 216, and there were 182 rejoinings. Against this there was a loss of 56 through lapsings and ten deaths. The increase is due to members rejoining Lodges which were dormant and the transformation of centres into Lodges. New Lodges formed were Lodge "Lead-beater" in Paranavai and Lodge Ipê in the Federal Capital of Brasilia. Also

study centres were formed in Santo Andre, Terra Rica and Recife.

There are two Federations of Lodges, one at Guanabara and one in Rio de Janeiro, maintained actively under the presidency respectively of Mr. Francisco C. Miranda and Dr. Murilo Nunes Azevedo. The Lodges carry on their work in the usual way including study and social work.

O Teosofista.—The quarterly official organ of the Section *O Teosofista* is sent to all active members through the Lodges and centres or in the case of other institutions, direct. Spontaneous tributes received regarding the contents and news

show that it helps to popularize a knowledge of Theosophy and its ideals, and forms links with readers among the public, strengthening also the links among the members.

Popularization of Theosophy.—The Department of Propaganda regularly published articles and news of Theosophy in the Sunday newspaper *O Diario de Sao Paulo*, which has numerous readers but unfortunately this journal has ceased to include this section in its pages, though lesser avenues are still used. Two important decisions taken by the Council of the Section were to establish a School of the Wisdom. This consists in the distribution of cyclostyled or typewritten "apostilas de Teosofia" comprising articles from the works of eminent Theosophists as well as members of our national Section, which are sent to all Theosophical groups, students and sympathizers at cost price, and these are favorably received by readers as shown by correspondence and requests for them. Secondly, public lectures are given monthly in the large auditorium of the Municipal Library in our Capital, in a carefully planned series, with questions and answers. Also, within our limited capacities, and with a good corps of helpers, we are planning a program of future activity along the lines of the Conference on the Presentation of Theosophy held at the Salzburg World Congress in July 1966.

Related to the above is the Service of Propagation by means of the translation, publishing and selling of books. The sale of books in the Capital which always constitutes a major source of income, increased. The Christa Esperitudiste Bookshop in Rio continues to promote the sale of our books at its annual Book Fair, and other bookshops have maintained our books constantly. The editor of *O Pensamento* includes as part of her

program the publication of Theosophical books and this year we took 300 copies of each of the following: A. E. Powell's *Etheric Double*, and C. W. Leadbeater's *Man Visible and Invisible*; soon we shall receive the same quantity of A. Besant's *Path of Discipleship* and C. W. Leadbeater's *Glimpses of Masonic History*, corresponding to the ten per cent that we get of each of their publications.

Another important event in the Section has been the creation of a Book Club maintained by a group of financial collaborators and others interested in the acquisition of Theosophical books. As a first step the Club promoted the translation and publication of G. Hodson's *The Kingdom of the Gods*, its publication being possible only through the valiant co-operation of a group of members and friends.

Conventions.—During this administrative year there have been two national Conventions, the first in the Capital from 30th October to 2nd November 1966 with about 200 members present and the second at Belo Horizonte from 7th to 10th September 1967, the opening session being held at the Institute of Education with an attendance of 150 and the closing at the Hall of the Banco da Lavoura de Minas Gerais. The Convention at Sao Paulo was dominated by the theme: "Propagating and Living Theosophy," with symposia by Theosophical Lodges, Study Centres and Federations and also Lodges which meet at the Section Headquarters. Afterwards delegates visited the Raja Centre.

At the Belo Horizonte Convention the discussion mainly centred round plans for the Third Inter-American Theosophical Congress which is to be held in Brazil in September 1968. At the end of the Convention Mr. J. C. de Figueiredo gave a talk on "Living in Depth".

As Brazil has been given the honor of holding the Third Inter-American

Theosophical Congress in its cities, some preliminary steps have been taken by seeking ideas from members in general and corresponding with other American Sections, also with Mr. John Coats in Europe and Mr. N. E. Rimini in his capacity as director of two previous Inter-American Congresses held in Mexico and Argentina respectively, in order to co-ordinate the project. This will mean a certain importance in the Theosophical life of our Section and we hope that it will mark the beginning of a more ample cycle of Theosophical realization both in America and even in the Latin countries of the Hibernian peninsula in Europe. Having taken these necessary preliminary steps I hand over the work to my successor as General Secretary, Dr. Alberto Lyra.

Theosophical Order of Service and Allied Activities.—The Order of Service continues to carry out its useful social services, both in the Capital and in the cities of the interior. In Santos especially Lodge Arbor works for the helping of children and needy adults and many in that city collaborate with generous gifts.

Other allied activities are carried on at the Raja Centre, and the Pythagoras T.S. Institute.

Modification of Rules.—The need is felt to modify some of the Section Rules to keep in consonance with the International Rules of the Society. The matter was discussed by the Section Council on 13th January 1967 and a committee was appointed to go into this matter, and a

preliminary statement has been sent to Lodges and study centres for discussion by the members.

Re-election of International President.—The re-election of Mr. N. Sri Ram as International President of the Theosophical Society was a matter of rejoicing for all members of the Brazilian Section.

Election of National President.—In accordance with the Section rules the election procedure was begun in the second half of August 1967 concerning the new term 1967-70. Two groups of candidates were indicated by the Lodges: (1) Señora C. R. de Figueiredo as President, with Señora Carmen Penteado Piza as Vice-President, and (2) Sr. Armando Sales as President and Dr. Murilo Nunes de Azevedo as Vice-President. However, due to certain inconveniences which arose later, both sets of candidates withdrew their candidatures and instead Dr. Alberto Lyra was nominated as President and Sr. Olavo Desiré Dantas as Vice-President. The substitution was unanimously accepted by the Lodges and they were elected to their respective offices, to take effect from 17th November 1967.

Visitors.—The Section welcomed Mrs. Dolores Fuertos and her husband from Uruguay who spent some days in Brazil and spoke to Lodges Amzade and Fraternidad, showing slides of Salzburg, Huizen and Switzerland, and also other friends from Uruguay.

CINIRA RIEDEL DE FIGUEIRDO,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

The membership of the Theosophical Society in Iceland has been increasing steadily for the last few years, and this year there was a net addition of 12, making the total number at the end of this season 645. More than half of this number have joined the society in the last ten years, the majority being young people.

One new Lodge has been founded this year, making the number of Lodges in this country 14.

The work, as usual, was divided into two different channels: one of them being the introduction of Theosophical thought among the general public, the other, work and study within the Society.

The propaganda of Theosophical thought was effected chiefly through the publication of the periodical *Gangleri* which has now become one of the most widely read and known magazines in the country. The subscribers are more numerous than ever before, and the contents seem to meet with good response. The method adhered to consists in taking the questions mainly studied by Theosophists and dealing with them in a very simple manner, using whenever possible words and idioms familiar to the intellectuals of today, and breaking away from the traditional expressions often used within the Theosophical Society, preferring to employ terms comprehended by the general public in the discussion of the same concepts.

The work within the Society proceeded much as usual, following a similar plan as that in previous years. The central idea is to persuade members to think for themselves, arrive at their own conclusions, not to depend on other people's views, not to be the slaves of their own opinions either. Each Lodge in Reykjavik chose a special subject for study

which was pursued diligently throughout the winter. The subjects selected were mostly related to modern education, science and psychology. Among the topics studied in this way were for instance: Cabalism; The Wonders of the Human Psyche (a book written by a Norwegian psychologist); old and new theories of out of the body experiences; aspects of medieval occultism; Krishna-murti's teachings; mystical experiences; *Light on the Path*; and the introduction of the works of H. P. Blavatsky. In studying medieval occultism, slides were used showing the Tarot cards, the 22 pictures from *Splendor Solis* and other alchemist pictures.

Apart from this, there were public lectures every Thursday night in Reykjavik for the introduction of Theosophical thought. Most of the lecturers were members of the Society, but occasionally non-Theosophists also gave lectures, one of them being a professor of psychology at the University of Iceland.

Twice last year a conference was held in which the various chairmen of the Lodges participated. The theme discussed was "How to promote the work within the Lodges". Fifteen such conferences have been held within the last eight years, with excellent results.

The Summer School was held in Reykjavik this time, for the benefit of those members who find it difficult to get away from the Capital. Some 80 people were regular visitors. The subjects under discussion were: "The basic essentials of Theosophical work," the emphasis being laid on revealing the point of greatest importance, i.e. that every member must study and think independently, whatever his line of thought may be. After the Summer School was over, the members went for a pleasure outing.

The Section operates a book service which seeks to obtain Icelandic and foreign books on occultism, philosophy, etc. for non-members as well as Theosophists.

Many new books were added to the Section's library this year, but owing to its restricted space it cannot function adequately at present.

The Section's Executive Committee endeavored in every possible way to emphasize that the Society's declared purpose is the fundamental fact, not individual theories, however eminent their authors may be: the Objects in the pact we have signed; the duty we take upon ourselves as we join the Society. It was pointed out in the Summer School, in the councils of Lodge chairmen and whenever the work was brought up for discussion in the Lodge meetings that most of the mistakes made in the history of the Theosophical Society, had their

origin in the fact that one-sided interests were allowed to obscure the broadminded general purpose of the Society and that individuals, leaders and common members, began to think that their own opinions were the Society's views. It was also stressed that whenever we speak or write on behalf of the Society we must seek to express ourselves in a manner that could not in any way cause a misunderstanding regarding the Society's true nature and aims as set down in the three Objects.

At the Society's annual meeting which took place on September 24th I declined re-election after eleven years as General Secretary. The former Vice-President, Mr. Sigurlaugur Thorkelsson, was then elected in my place.

SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

The keynote of this year's work was the same as that of the Theosophical World Congress: "A World in transition".

Fortnightly symposia were dedicated to the discussion of the various aspects of the theme, alternating with the study of *The Secret Doctrine*.

Besides these symposia, there were some lectures, and two meetings were held on a few aspects of Japanese culture, with films and a lecture relating Zen Buddhism to the mystical aspect of Theosophy.

The Society's festivals were celebrated as usual, with the help of slides, music and poems. Christmas was also commemorated

the same way, with reading and commentating on Dr. Besant's *Esoteric Christianity*.

Adyar Day was the pretext for a talk on the rôle of spiritual Centres in the world.

On White Lotus Day, besides the traditional readings from *The Light of Asia*, as a grateful evocation of H.P.B., homage was paid to Mme. Jeanne Sylvie Lefèvre, our former General Secretary, who is now 87. Selections were taken from one of her books on the experience of suffering, enlightened by Theosophy.

Other symposia were held: one on Art and another on Religious Experience.

And the activities of the year were closed by a social meeting of the Lodges.

Lodge work proceeded regularly, though some Lodges have been weak for many years.

This year there was a slight decrease in membership, though five new members were admitted. There are 195 members in the Section now.

The Assistant Secretary and the Vice General Secretary visited the south of the country to help in the work there, and two other members made more contacts with some members in the north.

The Theosophical Order of Service is steadily proceeding with its work on the lines of (a) Social Service; (b) Protection of Animals; (c) Education, (especially as

regards the development of the education of sensibility, so necessary for the improvement of human relationships and for an integrated world).

Some members and their children held another Summer-camp in Algarve, as part of an educational work.

Another number of the new magazine *Humanismo* is being prepared. *Humanismo* was started to inform the public about the real character of the Theosophical Society and to interest people in the Theosophical attitude towards human problems, in the light of the Oneness of cosmic Life.

MARIA BEATRIZ SERPA BRANCO,
Acting General Secretary.

WALES

After the excitement of 1966, the year 1967 has been a comparatively quiet one. The highlight was the 46th Annual Convention held in April at Colwyn Bay Lodge, with Mr. John Coats as our Guest Speaker, to whom we are greatly indebted for being so generous with his valuable time. The Convention was an undoubted success and drew capacity audiences to the various talks.

The membership remains fairly static, now standing at 105, a gain of one over last year. A matter of great concern is the high average age of the members, and unless there is a reasonable intake of new younger members the work of the Society in Wales is bound to suffer in the not too distant future; even now the work is

shared by a very few people. The main Lodges at Cardiff and Colwyn are quite active and carry out full programs. We have many unattached members, to whom a newsletter is sent to help to keep contact.

A feature of the work has been the generous support of the members in Wales for the Olcott Harijan Schools, the Century Fund, and other charitable causes. Many members work actively for the vegetarian and animal welfare movements.

Therefore our Theosophical work goes on steadily and though not spectacular, is none the less valuable.

HARRY EDGAR,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

We started this period with eight Branches but at the beginning of the year 1967 Pallas Atenea Lodge had not sufficient active members, and the same thing happened in Morya Lodge. It was then decided by the few active members of both Lodges, to work together as members of Morya Lodge, now meeting every Tuesday. Consequently we must report the existence of seven Lodges working effectively and trying to offer the message of Theosophy in various ways, each Branch having its special note, but everybody co-operating in the task for which our Society was founded.

Publications.—We have published in Spanish the book *The Real H. P. Blavatsky* by William Kingsland, the translation having been made by the late Mr. Alvaro Araujo. The book has been issued by the publishing house "Orion" of Mexico City. We are preparing with the same publishing house a Spanish version of the *Mahatma Letters*, also translated by Mr. Alvaro Araujo.

Our official magazine, in Spanish, *El Sendero (The Path)*, is published every three months and contains very interesting material selected by Mr. Walter Ballesteros of Colombia.

Public lectures.—We have been able to organize some public lectures, for which task we have had the valuable co-operation of some members of the Argentine Section who agreed to be our official lecturers.

Funds for our own Headquarters.—Everyone has been co-operating in this financial campaign and we are now studying the final arrangements for the purchase of a property on which to establish our national Headquarters.

Membership.—On 30th September 1966 our records showed 131 active members. New members accepted during the year numbered 24, but one member passed away and 32 inactive members were lapsed. We now have 122 active members working in seven Branches.

VICTOR ALVAREZ BISBAL,
General Secretary.

 PUERTO RICO

The big event of the year for our Section was the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson during part of July and August, 1967. Mr. Hodson gave a number of public lectures which brought capacity audiences to our Headquarters. Mrs. Hodson spoke at members' meetings. Their talks will be translated into Spanish and published in our Section's bi-monthly review. Book sales surpassed our estimates and a second order of Mr. Hodson's books was necessary to fill the demand.

Membership in the Section has remained more steady; and we had seven

incoming members. We are having now some younger people at our meetings at the San Juan branches, where we use the group-discussion method most of the time.

Our Sunday morning radio program has brought in some members. The program time is free to us and duplicated copies of the talks are sent to all who write in for them, of which there are quite a number.

The Section Journal, *Heraldo Teosofico*, is sent free to our members and to many members in Latin America. We try, in

the selection of articles, to choose those that reflect the current thinking of Theosophical writers throughout the world.

Two pieces of translation work on which we are engaged, and which we hope to have available to Spanish-speaking members soon, are Professor B. R. Mullik's excerpts from the talks given at Salzburg in 1966: *The Highlights of Modern Theosophical Thought or The Spirit of our International Congress* which he had mimeographed; and secondly, the translation from English of some publicity pamphlets. As I wrote last year there is a need for more propaganda in Spanish. At present we are arranging

to have the printing of these pamphlets done in Spain where printing costs are much lower. This is an experiment and we hope to have more to report on it next year.

It is my hope that some of our members will be able to attend the Third Inter-American Congress, to be held in Brazil in September 1968. If the Spanish-speaking Sections, of which there are more than ten, are to communicate and work effectively together for their mutual benefit, representation at this coming Congress by every one of them is an essential first step.

CARMEN G. BALLARD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

After the foundation of the Mother Lodge "Harmony Service" in Ljubljana the membership increased last year from 12 to 63 members. There were founded three other Lodges: in Celje, Zagreb and Beograd. Lodge Harmony Service in Ljubljana now has 20 members and during the year held 42 meetings; Lodge Krishnaji in Celje with 15 members organized 16 meetings; Lodge Harmony in Zagreb with 21 members had about 14 meetings. Lodge Truth in Beograd, which has now 5 members, held two meetings.

Several isolated members who live in different cities: Pula, Reka, Koper, Zalec, Maribor, Brcevac, Koprivnica, are members of the Lodge in Ljubljana and are kept in touch by letters and books.

In the Lodges our work was developed generally speaking in meetings organized for the members in private dwellings and thus not open to the general public. Guests and interested individual were for this reason not numerous. Members studied some fundamental works and discussed several lectures delivered at the Fifth World Congress in Salzburg.

On January 1st, 1967 the Yugoslav Section joined as a regular member, the Federation of the Theosophical Societies in Europe and temporarily also the group of the German-speaking nations, since the inhabitants in the west part of Yugoslavia mostly understand German and are thus able to use literature in that language. The Section was represented by the General Secretary at the session

of the German Regional Committee in Pichl and at a Council Meeting of the European Federation of the Theosophical Society at Sestri Levante, Italy.

In February we had the pleasure of welcoming as guest Mr. John Coats, Chairman of the European Federation Council. He visited three of our Lodges in Ljubljana, Celje and Zagreb, where he not only delivered lectures but also took part in discussions with members and guests.

Within the frame of the Society the Order of Service was established and Mrs. Mila Grubacevic was appointed our representative of this activity in Europe.

As there are also young people among our members, we have made preparations for establishing a youth organization. We had an invitation for young people to

take part in the youth camp in Sweden but because of financial difficulties we were not able to do anything.

Since there is no Theosophical literature in our language and many of our members speak no foreign language we have decided to start as soon as possible the publication of a newspaper.

The Section has started to form its own library and we are grateful for help received from the Federation of the European Societies (Adyar Verlag, Graz), as also from members of the different Sections.

This year our Section particularly looks forward to co-operating with other Sections. Many harmonious and friendly contacts have been made with various Sections in Europe.

ANTON JESSE,
General Secretary.

CEYLON

No Report

GREECE

The Greek Section has been working regularly during the whole year. We continue to have six Lodges, of which four are working in Athens and two in the provinces.

The active membership is now 165. Unfortunately we had 28 lapsings. We

continue to publish our magazine *Ilisos*, spreading out to the broader public the Theosophical ideals.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The Central American Section comprises nine Lodges in the following countries, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama, which report as follows:

Guatemala.—Lodges Gnosis and Kuthumi, with 12 and 10 members respectively, have formed, since 1963 the Theosophical Association of Guatemala, which is authorized by the Guatemalan

Government. Both Lodges work with complete independence in their internal organization and studies, but they work together in everything concerning relations with foreign Lodges and celebrations of Theosophical festivals.

El Salvador.—Membership in Lodge Teotl numbers 25. It has had its own building for several years. It holds study meetings once a week, and public meetings every Sunday in order to diffuse Theosophical teachings. The Order of the Round Table is established in Teotl Lodge and meets twice a month and has given spiritual, moral and economic help to brothers who need it. This Lodge also has its own Library.

Honduras.—Teguigalpa Lodge has 14 members. It has two well organized libraries, one in Spanish and the other in English. Some members of this Lodge are also active in welfare organizations. The Lodge has sent Braille books to the Blind School.

Nicaragua.—Lodges Blavatsky and Pratibha have formed the Theosophical Association of Nicaragua, and last August this Association was recognized by the Nicaraguan Government. The Association possesses its own ground and has already approved the construction of a building which will be financed by contributions from all the members. Lodge Blavatsky has 7 members and Lodge Pratibha has 12. These Lodges too have complete independence within the

Association in all matters that concern internal government and studies.

Costa Rica.—Lodge Virya which has 24 members, and Lodge Shakti with 8, each meets in its own building once a week. They have their own library and publish the magazine *Boletín Teosofico*.

Panama.—Lodge Luz of Panama City and the Theosophical group in Colon, Republic of Panama, with 16 members in total, meet once a week for Theosophical study. In addition to these meetings, the members co-operate with the School for the Blind and other social welfare societies. They have organized a summer school for poor children.

Almost all the members of the Central American Section maintain fraternal relationship among themselves. When a member of one of the Lodges travels to any of the other countries of the Section, he is received with affection by members of the Lodge of the country he is visiting.

It is proposed to hold the next Central American Convention in San Salvador in November 1968, and members of Lodge Teotl are already preparing for this event.

The office of the Secretary of the Central American Section publishes the magazine *Boletín Teosofico de la Sección Centro-americana*.

C. AGUILAR ALVAREZ,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

No Report

PHILIPPINES

No Report

COLOMBIA

We celebrated the Third Convention of the Theosophical Society in Colombia at the country club near the city of Cali from 10th to 13th November 1966. The main themes for discussion were: "Theosophy as the Foundation of Universal Morality"; "How to Increase Interest in Theosophy"; and "How to make our Theosophical Work more Efficient". At this Convention there was presented a report on Adyar and some of its economic problems. It was resolved to establish a "Fund to Help Adyar" which was inaugurated with the sum of dollars 20,000.00. This money is being invested in shares of "Sociedades Anonimas," which in Colombia yield a high return, the idea being to send to Adyar the interest produced by this capital. The capital of the Fund belongs to the members, who can withdraw it when they need to do so. We believe that this is a very efficient way of helping Adyar and other countries might follow suit.

Good work is reported from some of the Lodges in Colombia, in which continued progress is seen and they are making a magnificent effort to spread Theosophy. In other Lodges the work

goes more slowly and there is little interest among the members. The Council of Directors of the Colombian Section is preoccupied with the diminution in the number of active members who belong to these Lodges where the work is deficient.

I would like to mention the interesting event at the World Congress at Salzburg which was the Conference on the Presentation of Theosophy, when a suggestion was made to publish a review with articles condensed and taken from different Theosophical publications, which could be used for study by members in Theosophical Lodges. For many years Mr. Walter Ballesteros has been publishing a quarterly review in the form already suggested. His *Selección Teosófica* is studied in some of our Lodges with notable results. At present this review is the organ for spreading Theosophy in Spanish in the various Latin-American Sections. In view of the excellent results achieved we take the liberty of recommending this type of review, with condensed articles, as very effective.

GABRIEL BURGOS SUÁRES,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

Introduction.—While I am writing a Report on the general position of the Theosophical Society in East Africa and its activities during the year 1966-67, I am not unmindful of the responsibility that I have recently undertaken as a National President of the East African Section at the 17th Annual Convention held at Kericho in Kenya. In fact, I am delighted to take into account the splendid pioneering work of the Theosophical

Society done while the National Headquarters was situated at Zanzibar for the first 14 years of its establishment and after its transfer to Nairobi in March, 1961.

If we look to the statistical figures of the Annual Report of the Theosophical Society, 1966 as well as for the year 1967, we shall clearly find that the East African Section occupies the seventh rank amongst the 58 national Sections with regard to

its membership numbering 1,171 and 33 Lodges. Whereas it is no small achievement, we wonder how we could do so much. The credit or a word of praise, if at all, goes to my predecessor Mr. Rattanjii Patel and his happy team of workers. I must offer my congratulations and respect to them. I am indeed very happy to mention that virtually the same team of workers, in one position or the other, continues to function for promoting and furthering the Theosophical activities in East Africa.

91st International Convention at Varanasi.—A group of members from East Africa consisting of Mr. Babubhai P. Patel and his family, of Nairobi Lodge, Mr. K. P. Rathod and his family, of Unity Lodge, Mombasa, and Miss Pushpa D. Patel of Dar-es-Salam Lodge attended the 91st Convention held at Varanasi from 26th-30th December, 1966. They had a happy memory of a good gathering, and they thoroughly enjoyed the spiritual atmosphere prevailing during the Convention.

Visitors from Abroad.—Sri Sitaram Upadhyaya and Srimati Kamalaben Thakkar from the Gujarat Theosophical Federation were invited by the East African Section as Guest Speakers at the 17th Annual Convention held at Kericho at Easter from 24th-27th March, 1967; an elaborate itinerary was arranged for them with their harikathas, talks and musical songs of Theosophical touch and understanding at some forty towns and cities during their six-month tour throughout Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania in March-September, 1967.

17th Annual Convention.—This Convention, unique in its nature, was held under the auspices of the Sitaram Lodge at the small town of Kericho, surrounded by large tea estates of Kenya, when about 250 delegates from 15 Lodges were able to attend in a peaceful and healthy

spiritual atmosphere. On this unique occasion administrative changes also took place by way of triennial election of the office-bearers and members of the Executive Committee of the East African Section in accordance with its constitution at its Annual General Meeting held on 26th March, 1967. The first Convention lecture on "The Message of Theosophy" was delivered by Mrs. Mehr D. Engineer, and was well received by the audience packed to the full in a large public hall with a capacity of about 500 persons. The second Convention lecture in Gujarati was on "Solution of our Conflicts" by Sri Sitaram Upadhyaya. The third Convention lecture in Gujarati was delivered by Srimati Kamalaben Thakkar on "The Place of Theosophy in Life". In addition, there was a varied program for three days, including the Prayers of all Religions, messages from abroad, opening of the Convention by Mr. B. E. Osare, the District Commissioner, Kericho, a welcome address by the President of the Sitaram Lodge, introduction of delegates, short lectures, questions and answers meeting, entertainment program, bhajans, outing, and admission of 32 new members, including the District Commissioner, Mr. B. E. Osare. On the whole, it was a very successful Convention, with the highest number of delegates from the largest number of Lodges.

Formation of New Lodges.—As a result of the recent visit to East Africa of Sri Sitaram Upadhyaya and Srimati Kamalaben Thakkar, six new Lodges in Kenya at Sotik, Fort Hall, Embu, Meru, Kitale and Nyeri and four new Lodges in Uganda at Baduda, Lira, Kisoro and Tororo, have been formed; and two Lodges at Tabora (Tanzania) and Thomson's Falls (Kenya) have been revitalized.

Membership.—The membership this year increased from 747 to 1,171, a net increase of 424, on account of the

opening of ten new Lodges and the re-awakening of the two old Lodges. This result should no doubt be well attributed to the untiring zeal and enthusiasm of our Guest Speakers; but I have reason to anticipate a sharp ebb in the Theosophical ocean in East Africa after the heavy tide of membership during the year under report.

Appointment of Regional Secretaries.—

Having regard to the considerable expansion of the Theosophical Society in East Africa, and in view of the long distances between the various Lodges in the three countries, it was considered desirable that regional secretaries be appointed in Uganda and Tanzania for a term of three years to assist the National President in the better administration of the Section and to consolidate and strengthen the Lodges under their jurisdiction. The following appointments were therefore made during the year:

Mr. Harikishandas D. Shah.—Dar-es-Salaam, as regional secretary (Tanzania) with Lodges and Centres at Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Tanga, Moshi, Mwanza, Tabora and Dodoma under his jurisdiction.

Mr. J. B. Oza.—Kampala, as the regional secretary (Uganda-1) with Lodges at Kampala, Jinja, Masaka, Mbarara, Kabale and Ksoro under his jurisdiction.

Mr. Shanabhai N. Patel.—Mbale, as the regional secretary (Uganda-2) with Lodges at Mbale, Soroti, Lira, Gulu, Baduda and Tororo under his jurisdiction.

It is also intended to appoint three regional secretaries in Kenya for 17 Lodges, and negotiations are being conducted with the prospective and experienced workers in Kenya.

Visits to Lodges.—These are periodically arranged and organized according to the convenience and time that could be spared by the few devoted workers who

are available to the Section. Amongst those who visited Lodges during the period April to September 1967 were Mr. H. M. Chhaya who visited 16 Lodges. Mr. A. B. Patel visited 26 Lodges, Mr. Rattanji H. Patel visited 6 Lodges and Bro. B. K. Patel visited 6 Lodges.

Theosophical Activities and Celebrations.

—Important Theosophical Days, such as Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday (1st October), Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society (17th November), Adyar Day (17th February), White Lotus Day (8th May), Buddha Purnima and Guru Purnima (May & July), and the death anniversary of C. Jinarajadasa (18th June) were celebrated by most of the Lodges. Some Lodges collected contribution on Adyar Day and remitted the same to Adyar in order to assist in the maintenance of the International Headquarters. Most of the Lodges hold regular weekly meetings in accordance with their monthly programs, which include Theosophical study, symposia, discussions, talks and lectures by local and visiting personalities on matters of special and general human interest, musical evenings, picnics, outings, social gatherings and film-shows of cultural and historical interest during the year. The main aim behind all these activities is to promote Brotherhood of all humanity without distinction of race, caste, creed, sex or color with a view to building right relationships and creating feelings of sympathy amongst fellow-beings of all stations in life.

Book-stall.—The Book-stall manager, Mr. V. M. Pancholi, reports that Theosophical books in English and Gujarati worth over Shs. 4,200/- were sold to the Lodges and individual members, and books worth Shs. 25/- per each Lodge were gifted to the newly established Lodges in East Africa. Our literature was well displayed at the

17th Annual Convention as well as during the extensive tour of our Guest Visitors. It is our constant endeavor to maintain an ample stock of books for sale at the National Headquarters to meet the requirements of our Lodges in East Africa. We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. Pancholi, who has voluntarily offered to look after this Department. It is hoped to bring some improvement in this field through his initiative and talent.

"Theosophical Light".—This is our quarterly local magazine published in English and Gujarati. It is issued free of charge to each member of the East African Section, and serves as a link amongst the members and Lodges of East Africa by way of notes and news and short articles and extracts of importance. In addition, the Section subscribes each year for *The Theosophist* and *Jyoti* for the benefit of members of all the East African Lodges, which are now 33 in number.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Some of the Lodges continue to do very useful work. A few of such activities are enumerated as under:

(a) Payment of school fees to poor and needy students; (b) Collection and distribution of old clothing and other useful articles amongst the poor; (c) Minor ailment clinic run at a nominal fee; (d) Helping the earthquake victims in various ways; (e) Donating cash and kind to hospitals, schools, national and relief funds in the respective countries; (f) Issuing rations and foodstuff to the poor and needy; (g) Conducting healing classes for the sick. In addition, several individual members are engaged in benevolent activities connected with social services, child welfare, prisoners' aid, assistance to the blind, deaf and dumb, famine relief and similar other services.

Our ex-national President, Mr. Ratanji H. Patel, is specially interested in furthering the activities of the Theosophical Order of Service, and he has expressed his willingness to render his personal services in this field. As a result of this, he has recently been appointed by the Head of the Order, Mr. N. Sri Ram, as National Director of the Theosophical Order of Service in East Africa.

Administration at National Headquarters.—We are fortunate to have a very happy team of workers at the National Headquarters. I am very pleased to mention that we run our Section most smoothly and peacefully as well as economically in comparison with our meagre resources of income. It may, however, be necessary to increase our expenditure in the ensuing years in order to place the Section on a sounder basis. The first effective step taken in that direction is the appointment of Regional Secretaries in each country with responsibility, opportunities for using initiative, and freedom of action according to its own circumstances.

Conclusion.—It would appear that Lord Vaivasatva Manu of the Fifth Root Race is making a unique experiment of blending the three cultures of the African, Asian and European races, and thereby preparing for the new civilization of the coming Sixth Root Race. We shall continue to hope for the best.

As regards the establishment of Lodges in East Africa, however bright and encouraging it may look to us, the fact remains that over 80 per cent of the present strength of membership consists of Gujarati-speaking persons with very few in number of other nationalities, religions and sects; Africans and Europeans are few; and the active workers from East African citizenship among us are rare. We feel that the future of the

Theosophical Society would depend mainly on the membership of persons from various stages and station in life of different nationalities and cultures—people of different institutions and groups, particularly from the African soil and from the young mass. Although the present situation seems to be uncertain and discouraging, we hopefully endeavor to do our best. Our African brothers, after gaining independence, are attracted more towards immediate material gains, seizing opportunities for power and position, rather than turning their eyes towards spiritual upliftment and awakening. It seems to us that this is natural

and understandable for the recently developing independent countries of Africa.

Finally, we as members of the Theosophical Society in East Africa, pledge our loyalty, devotion and full support to our International President, N. Sri Ram, and his wise leadership in whatever policy of ideas and actions that he undertakes and initiates in the Theosophical World.

With our loyal greetings and best wishes for a brighter future of the Theosophical Society all over the world in the near future.

A. B. PATEL,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

The work of the Lodges in Pakistan has continued along the same lines as in previous years. Two among the seven Lodges are Youth Lodges and there is a centre in Dacca. According to available statistics, the membership in the country on 30th September 1967 was 267. The largest Lodges are at Karachi and Hyderabad with a membership of 118 and 83 respectively. Other smaller Lodges function at Quetta and Lahore in West Pakistan and at Comilla in East Pakistan.

The largest Lodge at Karachi has a varied pattern of activities. There are usually two public lectures each month, weekly study classes, members' meetings, and observances of special anniversaries during the year. The Lodge also experimented by extending its activities to other far-flung areas of the city to enable members living at a distance to participate in Theosophical activities.

The Theosophical Order of Service and other organizations of a welfare nature also use the premises of the Karachi Theosophical Society.

A special function organized during the year was the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Lodge which was started on 22nd December 1896. On this occasion, the members remembered with love and gratitude many of the old stalwarts who had served the Lodge with so much devotion and sacrifice.

The Library of the Karachi Theosophical Society has now a qualified and trained librarian on its staff. It registered 10,923 books in the library as on 30-9-67, out of which 691 books form the children's section of the library. During the year 181 new books were added to the library.

The Karachi Lodge has a handsome two-storeyed building, a part of which is rented out to the National Book Centre. The auditorium, which seats over 400 persons, is in great demand by the public. A special committee looks after the maintenance of the building and its financial assets and liabilities.

Other Lodges having their own buildings in Pakistan are the Besant Lodge at

Hyderabad, and the Lodges at Quetta and Comilla.

The activities in most Lodges, besides the ones mentioned above consist of public lectures and celebrations of special days. Lack of workers and good Theosophical scholarship discourage other useful activities such as study groups and study camps. The Besant Lodge and the Quetta and Comilla Lodges have small libraries but they need to be brought up to date.

The biggest problem in the expansion and strengthening of our work is that of workers with good Theosophical knowledge and a capacity to speak and interpret Theosophy. The lack of leadership is more acute than ever. The few workers available are sadly handicapped by age, lack of time and other circumstances.

There is also the question of geographical distances, first between East and West Pakistan and secondly within the two provinces themselves. All workers are concentrated only in Karachi.

The need therefore is for Theosophical lecturers from abroad. Efforts have been made to invite such workers from other English-speaking Sections but so far we have not succeeded. We realize that every Section needs its own workers but we still hope that some help can come to us in Pakistan in this direction. Even visitors who can come to us for brief visits will be very welcome.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—Although the work of the Order in a well-organized way exists only at Karachi, several members in other Lodges too are active in the work of welfare in different fields. The conditions in a developing and young country like Pakistan make this inevitable, and we are happy that members of the Theosophical Society respond to the call of service wherever possible.

The work in Karachi, however, deserves elaboration. The Order at Karachi works under five groups, such as relief and rehabilitation, art and education, work for the handicapped, health and healing and animal welfare. A club for adult blind persons brings over 40 blind persons to the club meetings. A small Braille library caters to their needs for reading. Over 180 poor children are helped to pursue their education by scholarships secured mainly from the Save the Children Fund in London; over Rs. 30,000 are distributed annually on this program. Interest-free loans to help rehabilitation of families, help to pursue university education, efforts to promote vegetarianism and animal welfare and other general steps to promote welfare are all within the work and scope of the Theosophical Order of Service in Karachi. A number of members are also key-workers in other welfare groups that serve the needs of those who are sick, poor and incapacitated.

Conclusion.—The work in Pakistan faces a number of problems which are in some ways peculiar to the area. Predominantly a Muslim country, it requires an interpretation of the Ancient Wisdom in terms acceptable to and understandable by its people. A direct Theosophical approach has been found to be very successful but there is also a desire to understand Theosophical principles from the Islamic standpoint. There is therefore a need to study the religion deeply and to use the Sufistic approach.

Then there is the need to prepare some basic literature in the vernacular languages, especially Urdu and Bengali. This is important for purposes of publicity and meeting enquirers.

There are numerous difficulties in the way but each one can be a challenge, calling forth one's reserves of energy,

ingenuity and capacity to love and to sacrifice. The cause of human brotherhood and the unity of mankind is too precious and fundamental to be neglected, and it is hoped that the work in Pakistan

will be helped to meet its potentials in the near future.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

No Report

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland had a good year in 1967. Belfast Lodge ran a full program of weekly public lectures, weekly public study and discussion meetings, a weekly members' study meeting and a weekly meditation meeting, with a *Secret Doctrine* study group meeting twice a month. There were some well attended meetings, but on the whole quality predominated over quantity at our public occasions. Bangor Lodge met regularly, sometimes in a hired room, sometimes in the home of its secretary. Coleraine Lodge has been inactive as a Lodge but active in the persons of individual members.

At our Annual Convention in May 1967, Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale was our guest speaker, with whom we had a very happy week-end. Apart from her, all our speakers during the year have been local. Mr. Feslie Francey has taken over the office of Treasurer from Miss Wynnie Logan. Although our main activities are based on the city of Belfast, 33 of our 51 members live outside the city, some at a considerable distance from it. Twelve of these are members of Bangor and Coleraine Lodges, so that Belfast has the care of 21 members who are widely scattered through the province.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

ISRAEL

No Report

JAPAN

No Report

VIET-NAM

The Executive Committee elected on 25th December 1966 for the term 1967-70 was constituted with Miss Luu-thi-Dau as General Secretary, Mr. Nguyen-van-Minh and Mr. Nguon Har as Vice-Presidents, Miss Le-Hong-Hanh as first Secretary and Mrs. Vu-thi-Dung as first Treasurer, and seven other members of the Committee.

Section Membership.—Because of the prolonged war, many members have been called for military service, and others have moved without communicating their new addresses. The number of members in Viet-Nam is now 685, including some who had ceased to pay their annual fees since 1962. We will try to mention it to them and to those who became inactive by our visits or by post. I have not received any letters of resignation but there are 20 lapsings. There were 3 deaths; 82 new members joined between 1st January and 30th September 1967.

Lodges.—The number is now 13, including one new Lodge. Four Lodges: Viet-Nam, Leadbeater, Nhon-Ai and Bac-Nha were dissolved, having been inactive for many years.

Theosophical diffusion.—Weekly public lectures are given at the Headquarters on Sunday mornings and at Kiem Ai Lodge on Sunday afternoons. There is great interest, our auditoriums being often crowded.

There are regular study courses with discussions at each Lodge at week ends.

Madame Nguyen-thi-Hai, our former General Secretary, continues to hold with the collaboration of Mr. F. Mylne, at her house a study course on *A Study in Consciousness* by A. Besant.

Some of our members have given lectures in Buddhist and Caodaist Temples.

Publications.—Kiem Ai Lodge has issued a quarterly Theosophical magazine *Anh*

Dao (The Light of the Way) which is distributed gratis to members. Long Xuyen, Angiang and Bac Ai Lodges also have published Theosophical magazines and booklets to distribute to people in the country.

This year we have two new books for sale: one *The Masters and the Path* translated by Mr. Nguyen-huu-Kiet, and the other written by Mr. Nguyen-van-Luong entitled, *The Way of Liberation*. Both are having a great success, particularly the latter.

Two other books: *Cung ai bi khoc (To those who Mourn)* and *Dao ly thuc hanh (Theosophy in Daily Life)* are in the press. Books sales have increased.

In order to re-start our library. I have written to several Sections asking for donations of spare Theosophical books in English and French. I have received some answers. I hope that others will answer our appeal too.

Theosophical Order of Service and other activities.—This year, the Theosophical Orphanage has about 60 children from new-born to 4 and 5 years old. Thanks to the devotion to duty of Mrs. Nguyen-thi-Vien, who is both Director and Manager, our orphans grow nicely in a normal way. Our Theosophical members and visitors bring them almost every day their love and their caresses. There were 15 children adopted by Vietnamese and foreign families mostly American. Our orphanage has been aided by many people, of several religious, civilian and military welfare groups; the Executive Committee is not faced with the question of finance but they often lack domestic staff to take care of the house and the children.

A group of Theosophical members of the Kiem Ai Lodge have founded on the hill at Vung Tau about 80 miles from the capital, a Centre called "Pure Heart

Centre". Facing the China sea, this Centre constitutes a peaceful place for the Society's members who want to take a rest or a spiritual retreat as at the Dalat Centre.

The Summer School was held at the "Pure Heart Centre" from 18th to 24th June 1967 with 80 participants. The topic for study was "Love". There was meditation three times a day, and lectures and discussion in the morning, and entertainments in the evening such as lantern slides, bonfire, music, recital of poems, etc.

During the Summer School we visited the older Theosophical members in the province. A bodhi tree was planted in front of the statue of the Buddha. The Young Theosophists helped to lay out a path through the forest for the erection close to a brook, of a statue of the Mother of the World.

The small school at the Centre receives free of charge about 20 children from the village.

Every Sunday afternoon, the Young Theosophists meet at the Kiem Ai Lodge. They are getting ready to start the Order of the Round Table, and will organize the first ritual service at the approach of Christmas. They also study music and dance.

In the last dry season, the lady members of Dung Hanh Lodge collected a fund to help the victims of fire. They begin now their visits to members in the Capital.

As in the previous years, we organized our Convention on April 30th, 1967, when delegates of seven Lodges took part in the discussion on the topic: "What is real happiness?" White Lotus Day was cele-

brated on May 7th, the ceremony of Wesak on the evening of May 23rd and Dr. Besant's birthday on October 1st.

Our projects.—We plan to make visits to the remoter Lodges in the dry season. Our project to visit Vinh Long last month was cancelled owing to the damaged routes.

We wish to found near our Headquarters a free kindergarten for poor children, then in the future some schools like Olcott School in Adyar.

It is to be considered desirable that only one outstanding Theosophical magazine belonging to the Section should be published for the whole country.

Theosophy on the Air.—We plan to give radio talks on *The Ancient Wisdom* by A. Besant, 15 minutes a week.

I think that Theosophical pamphlets will help many people, above all the beginners to know and understand Theosophy easily. Maybe next year we shall have them in our book shop.

Conclusion.—In spite of the critical situation in our country, we strive to do our best to spread Theosophy by our activity and life. If each member understands Theosophy as a light on his way, works for the Society as for his own family, loves the others as his own brothers, I think it would make a great change in him and be a real happiness for the nation. This vow is extremely difficult to realize in the present disturbed times, but we are trusting to the future and have implicit confidence in our work.

LUU-THI-DAU,
General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

I fulfil the painful duty of informing you that the Venezuelan Section of the Theosophical Society, with all its Lodges, has ceased to exist because the number of members is now less than the minimum established by the International Rules. I deplore with all my heart the news I give you but I want to explain that the members in a great majority went out to live far from the city and some of them from the country. The two Lodges that

remain, are Blavatsky Lodge with 26 members, of which I am the President, and Heracles Lodge, with 11 members, presided over by Mrs. Maria Amelia de Bonilla. I will continue to do everything within my power to keep the Theosophical Society active without any interruptions. I intend to continue distributing free our little magazine *Unidad*.

P. BONILLA T.,
General Secretary.

BOLIVIA

During the year Theosophical work has continued in the usual form, always maintaining it in a firm and stable manner, which I think is important in our mission: "To keep the Light shining".

Meetings of Lodge Paz have continued to be held weekly without fail, with from 10 to 20 members who are active. Also in the city there exist 50 in different parts who do not pay dues, but nevertheless attended occasionally. Also in the City of Oruro, Lodge Urus continues its work, and we have occasional contacts with them, although they are attached to the Argentine Section.

In the city of Cochabamba there is a Theosophical group which meets, though they have not asked for affiliation to the

Theosophical Society, but they are accepted; their only fault is that as they do not send their annual dues they have yet to be established. Its name is Inti (Sol), and their President is Bro. Rafael Echazu. This group has been in existence for some years, but had not asked officially to belong to the Theosophical Society; now it has done so.

I ought to add that Bolivia was represented by two members at the World Congress at Salzburg, and joined in that beautiful gathering of spiritual persons, which will remain as an unchanging source of light and benediction for humanity in the future.

MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO,
Presidential Agent.

WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

The main effort this year was to revive activities in the Lodges and Centres, link up the isolated members with the nearest Lodges or Centres and bring the Headquarters register up to date. Almost all the delinquent members were contacted,

but in Nigeria owing to a ban placed on postal communication in the east, all the members there were completely cut off.

Membership.—Forty new and two lapsed members have joined up bringing the total membership to 262. This does not

include over 50 members in Nigeria still to be located when the present crisis is over.

In accordance with the laws of this country, the local Branch of the Society was registered this year under the Trustees (Incorporation) Act of 1962. Thus officially recognized, the Society is saved from misconceptions of a certain class of people supposing the Theosophical Society to be associated with charlatanic dealers.

In addition to circulating our own journal *The West African Theosophist* we still subscribe to *The Theosophical Journal* of the English Section. Only a

few of us obtain the Adyar *Theosophist* owing to currency restrictions in this country. We also receive copies of magazines from other Sections which are good sources of inspiration to us in the work.

A Buddhist priest who visited Ghana this year attended our meetings and spoke to us on three occasions.

Our relationship with the public has been good and there is positive hope for rapid expansion of the work in the future.

E. MICHAEL AFFRAM,
Organizing Secretary.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

No Report

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

It is with regret that we report the death of Professor E. L. Sellegger in Holland—for many years a strong supporter of the European work.

The International President remained in India through 1967, but the Federation had a short visit from Srimati Rukmini Devi, who was principal Guest at the English Convention and also at that in Northern Ireland. She spent some weeks in Huizen to finalize the building plans there.

There have been many Summer Schools in 1967—in Iceland, in Finland at Kreivila, and in Denmark at Gammel Praestegaard in June; in Sweden at Wendelsberg, outside Gothenburg; at Hustedt in Germany; and in Oosterbeek in Holland in July; at Tekels Park, Camberley, England, over the last part of July into August, whilst the young Theosophists held a camp on an island in the

Baltic where over 70 younger people took part in a new type of program—ably devised by the Swedish group. At all of these there was a good attendance and the organizers have been satisfied with the results.

The Regional Committee of the German-speaking group met in Basle in May as usual and the discussions centred chiefly around preparations for the Pichl Summer School and the problem of how to produce more Theosophical books in the German language. The English-speaking Committee met during the English Convention and plans are afoot for a Regional Summer School at Swanwick in July 1968. There has been no official meeting of General Secretaries in Scandinavia.

Madame Rachel Tripet, Treasurer of the Federation, is now re-established in Geneva and I should like to express gratitude to her for her very able conduct of

our affairs, especially over the period of the Congress. Professor Haas, the Vice-Chairman, has taken advantage of his frequent travels to visit groups—often in out-of-the-way places. I should also like to say how grateful I am to Mrs. Hollie Salmon and Miss Ilse von Treschow for their continual help in the conduct of Federation correspondence.

Miss Gusta Koopman, who has been working for the T.O.S. in Europe, had a serious accident in July and will have to remain in hospital for several months. She has sent out a number of Newsletters giving information and encouraging participation in various useful projects. Miss H. Balmer of Basle, now happily fully recovered in health, is always active in this work also.

The Order of the Round Table held very successful camps near Aarhus in Denmark for the Scandinavian members and in England at Camberley. Mrs. Nyborg-Fjellander who is in charge of the international work of the Order and Miss Kenderdine were respectively in charge. Some new rituals have been devised and are being tried.

The Chairman paid a short visit to "Olcott," the American Theosophical Headquarters, in September 1966 and in the beginning of the year 1967 visited a considerable number of Lodges and groups in France, Switzerland, Italy, Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany and Belgium for talks and discussions. This included the Executive Committee meeting in Geneva. He attended the Conventions in England, Scotland, and Wales, and later on went to Basle for the meeting of the Regional Committee in May. During the summer he visited the Summer Schools in Finland, Denmark, Sweden and Germany and spent a week with the Young Theosophists in the Camp on the Baltic. Several times he has been in Holland at the Centre in Huizen.

The Federation held the usual German-speaking Regional Summer School at Pichl in Austria from September 16th to 22nd 1967 with members from five or six countries participating. The theme of the Summer School was "What does life mean to me?" and a number of excellent talks and discussions took place. The chairman of the Federation was able to be present for the opening days but mostly all arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Claire Wyss, Regional Secretary, assisted by Mr. Fritz Schleifer who has arranged these Summer Schools since their inception.

There was also a Regional Summer School for the Pays-Latins group in Sestri Levante in Italy from September 20th to 27th and during this period the Council of the Federation held its Annual Meeting. A dozen countries were represented by those attending and for the Council Meetings, a number of others by proxy. The general theme was "Theisme et Atheisme" and this subject gave rise to some very interesting presentations of Theosophical views about "God". The General Secretaries of Italy, France, Switzerland and Belgium all took part and also the representative of Portugal. Visitors from other parts of Europe likewise gave talks and all agreed that the arrangements and the place of meeting—on the beautiful Mediterranean coast—were excellent for our purposes. The Chairman of the Federation was present for the Council Meeting and also during the whole period of the Summer School.

Every day our newspapers are full of wars and the rumours of wars and when we look at our world we can well understand that this is a time of tremendous change and re-fashioning. We, who work in this world of trial and stress, buffeted by the storms around us and yet seeking to know the peace of eternal things, have

an enduring mission—that of maintaining the reality that is Theosophy before our fellows with dedication and continuing effort. In Europe—not without its share of problems—there is so much opportunity for the practice of brotherhood and

the effecting of greater unity amongst nations and language groups. We might still be an example for the world, if we work well.

JOHN COATS,
Chairman.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR PERU

"PAZ Y AMOR" LODGE

The Lodge has now thirteen members, with Mr. Alfonso Reveredo I. as the President and Mr. Juan Espiritu as Secretary. The work has been along routine lines, without any event worthy of special

mention. Nevertheless all propaganda possible has been done, verbally and in writing whenever the occasion has presented itself.

ALFONSO REVEREDO I,
President.

HONG KONG

The following office-bearers were elected on 27-2-1967: President: Mr. S. L. Yen; Vice-Presidents: Mr. L. Clark and Mr. A. Gaskell; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. P. Y. Ko; and Librarian: Dr. R. Ching.

The majority of the expenses for the year was for the hire of the City Hall which was used for the Ch'an Buddhist Meditation discussion and practice. We are considering a new membership campaign for next year to enable the Lodge to increase its income and go in for more activities. The members number nine only.

Meetings on Ch'an Buddhism were given by Mr. S. L. Yen each week. Altogether 19 assemblies of Ch'an Buddhist meditation practice were held in the City Hall on Sunday mornings from June to December, the number of participants being from 20 to 30 on each occasion. From January to April they were held at Dr. R. Ching's office but unfortunately they had to be discontinued after the disturbances in the Colony.

Two public lectures were held in the City Hall. Professor John Blofeld lectured on 1st April on Tibetan Buddhism, a lecture jointly sponsored by the Hong Kong centre of the World Fellowship of Buddhists. On the 8th June 1967, in a lecture jointly sponsored by the Indian Association of Hong Kong, Mr. S. Krishnamurthy spoke on "Towards Unity". After the lectures the Lodge entertained the guests and some friends at dinner parties at vegetarian restaurants.

Mr. S. Krishnamurthy paid another visit to Hong Kong on 8th August and was invited to lecture at the house of Mr. Gaskell, his subject being "Meditation". More than 12 members enjoyed the talk and discussion. A departure lunch in honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. Gaskell was given on 17th September at the Wishful Vegetarian Restaurant on their leaving for the U.K.

Visitors included Mr. Al Koran of London who visited the Lodge on 6th May

and kindly gave a short talk and demonstration on Clairvoyance. Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio of the Philippines visited us in June when Mr. Clark kindly gave the entertainment. Miss Theo Grower participated in the Ch'an Buddhist Meditation in September. On 28th January we were happy to have a visit from Mrs. J. A. C. de Vogel-van Gogh from the Adyar Headquarters. A dinner party was given to her by Mr. K. S. Sze and we were greatly interested in the news Mrs. de Vogel

gave us of the International Headquarters.

We wish to express our thanks to Dr. R. Ching for again letting us have the use of his office as the Lodge meeting place, and also his bungalow at Shatin as the Society's library, and to Mr. S. L. Yen who conducted the Ch'an Buddhist Meditation Practices and Discussions.

S. L. YEN,
President.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

Council Meeting W.F.Y.T.—Salzburg 1966.—A Council Meeting of the W.F.Y.T. was held during the Theosophical World Congress at Salzburg, in July 1966. An important item on the agenda was the presentation of a new Constitution of the W.F.Y.T. The Constitution was adopted and copies have now been printed, to be circulated along with the Newsletter of the W.F.Y.T. This means the end of a period of hard work and study by the group of people who went into this matter. The rules should not become too complicated. There must be some, to denote the objects, the policy, etc., but the main thing is the work, the life of the groups and the encouragement to individual people.

Executive Committee of the W.F.Y.T.—In the course of 1966 and 1967 the President of the W.F.Y.T., Mr. John Coats, visited many countries, among them Yugoslavia, Germany, Italy, Holland and Scandinavian. He attended the opening and part of the European Y.T. Camp held at Ljüsterö, Sweden, in July-August 1967. During his travels and work for the Theosophical Society he always finds time to link up young people, and to encourage them in their work.

In the autumn of 1966 the Secretary of the W.F.Y.T., Miss Mira Brandt, visited Basle and Geneva. She spoke to the Lodges there, about India, showing color slides. In Geneva she gave a public talk: "Optimism, a victorious force," followed by a discussion with those present. In January and February 1967, during a stay in England for photographic training, she spoke to the Blavatsky Lodge in London and to the Lodge in Nottingham, again with color slides of India. In February she gave a talk to the London group of Y.T.'s about group-work and expression.

The main work of the Secretary after the meeting in Salzburg has been the completing and circulation of the previous report (for December 1964-July 1966): secondly to write a short history of the W.F.Y.T. and some information about its aims and work, for the International Theosophical Year Book, to be published by The Theosophical Society; thirdly, preparing the material for the W.F.Y.T. Newsletter and lastly correspondence.

At our previous Council Meeting in Salzburg, Miss Cornelia Müller announced that she could no longer continue as Treasurer; the Secretary was authorized

by the meeting to find someone in Holland to take over from her, and Mr. Joris Brandt has since become Treasurer.

The Executive Committee has not been able to meet since the Council Meeting at Salzburg. However, there have been informal meetings whenever members of the Executive Committee met, even if there were only two or three of them. The idea of having a Committee spread over such distances is that we like to encourage work locally, and yet keep the international contacts alive. It is not easy to do that by correspondence only, but fortunately it happens that there are Y.T.'s who make long journeys and who can help in linking up the groups, whenever an opportunity arises.

Reports of the groups:

Argentina.—Members of the groups in Rio Cuarto, Rosario and Buenos Aires were able to meet during the Annual Congress and Summer School of the Argentine Section of the T.S. at Embalse Rio Tercero (Cordoba) in 1966. Among the Y.T.'s of Argentina there is a great deal of interest in study. Juan Vinas, accompanied by some members of the group "Renacer" of Buenos Aires, paid a visit to the groups in Rio Cuarto (Cordoba) and Rosario (Santa Fé). In every city special publicity was given through the young people, with the aim of attracting those who sympathize with these ideas, to attend the meetings. Mrs. Andrea de Pondé has become General Secretary of the Argentine Section of the Theosophical Society. Some of the young people have been asked to join the Section Committee and they prove to be real workers of the Section. These young people are giving public courses on Theosophy, and they form study-groups in their Lodges; they spread the thoughts of the President of the Society through the commented lectures from the magazine

The Theosophist, etc. This year they hope to realize the publication of a bulletin. The Argentine Federation of Young Theosophists was in bad need of funds, and the group of Buenos Aires was able to raise a considerable amount of money by organizing a fancy-fair. Further the Federation continues translating and distributing articles which are as yet unpublished.

Australia.—At present there are five active Y.T. groups in Australia, two of which have re-opened only this year.

The Adelaide group in South Australia faces its work with great enthusiasm. Meetings average more than one a week and are sometimes held in the informal atmosphere of a member's home. Meetings consist mostly of the study of books, with music and general discussion ranging over many topics. Public meetings have been advertised in the local paper to draw attention to the Y.T. group. The practical side is being taken seriously too and help has been given to older T.S. members as well as to other organizations.

In July the Brisbane group in Queensland was started again by Robin Irving. Meetings are held twice a month, and the program includes tapes of visiting lecturers as well as discussions on the problems of modern youth.

The Melbourne group in Victoria, meeting every Friday, has had a rather busy year, with a large number of enquirers attending the lectures. A camp was held at Olinda over Christmas and the New Year, 1966/67, and another one is planned at the same period for this year.

In Perth in Western Australia the Y.T.'s re-opened their activities in August. Still a small group, they meet weekly, usually having just discussion evenings, and sometimes inviting an older Lodge member to speak to them.

The Sydney group in N.S.W., meeting every Friday throughout the year, has had

another fruitful year of activity, with an average weekly attendance of between 30 to 40 young people. The program included a variety of lectures, discussions, films and art evenings (music performed by their own artists, painting, poetry etc., as well). Frequent hikes to the Blue Mountains or the beautiful Pacific beaches, public concerts and musical evenings in members' homes, have welded together this group so that newcomers are readily attracted by its spirit of openness and understanding.

A combined Newsletter covering the activities of all groups in Australia has been started since Easter 1967 as a link between the groups as well as the members.

Europe.—The European Federation of Young Theosophists Camp was held this year on Ljüsterö, an island in the Stockholm archipelago. The setting—among pine trees and scrubland by the reed-covered shore—was one of the most beautiful one could imagine for a camp. The camp was prepared by the Swedish group. The theme was "Look at—Search in—Try Out." About 80 people from 7 different countries attended the Camp which lasted for three weeks. The idea of the theoretical program was that everyone at the camp should try and gain some awareness of the state of the world today. The elaborate discussion structure meant that although everyone was attached to one particular group (Theosophical, individual, technical, expression, biological, meditation, Western society) he had the chance—almost the obligation—to find out about the other subjects as well. People thought it would be good to continue the work done at the camp, in one or another way: to collect information about the world today, in its various facets, in order to be able to use it in a constructive way.

Great Britain.—Activities consist of weekly discussion meetings in London,

camp at Camberley, work projects, and a fairly regular newsletter.

Denmark.—Group discussion meetings failed to develop usefully. However, interest is maintained on an individual basis and through the magazine *Lotos*. Paid-up subscribers increased from eight to twenty between August and October 1967. The Danish Y.T.'s will be in charge of the preparations for the European Y.T. Camp in 1968, an "Expression Camp," to be held in Northern Jylland, Denmark.

Germany.—Our Young Theosophists are living in all distant corners of Germany, so continual contacts and activities are difficult. We had the now almost traditional Whitsuntide meeting in the Youth Hostel at Bad Godesberg. Here our general topics were the subjects of the Sweden Camp. We also talked about the question of meditation, and about many other things, which spontaneously arose from our conversations.

Holland.—The Dutch Y.T. organization has about 80 members, and 50 young people who are interested in joining the meetings. Twice a year there is a general week-end at Huizen, where we have a wonderful Ashrama on the compound of the International Theosophical Centre. These meetings are council meetings, entertainment, contact with other movements, etc. Important for our work are the study week-ends held about once a month, where we discuss important matters in psychology, art, politics, science, etc. Other meetings are our work week-ends where we help in the large gardens of the Centre, or paint houses. In a few places there are local groups, the only one functioning quite well at the moment being Amsterdam, with about 30 members.

In the early part of 1967 a number of people from the Swedish Y.T. group visited Holland and the program of the

Y.T. Camp in Sweden was discussed extensively. A long spring week-end was held at Huizen from 4th-7th May 1967. Mr. John Coats was in Huizen at that time. On 7th May Srimati Rukmini Devi spoke about India, and answered the questions of the young people who were present.

Sweden.—The Swedish Y.T. came together about every fortnight, mostly on Saturday evenings, to discuss various subjects, such as art, education, the search for the essence of life, flying saucers, China, the summer camp 1967, Islam, aggression, the new culture, analyzing of the group members by each other, the "red booklet," the Bible, and the conflict of youth and society. Often one or more experts on a subject were invited to join the discussions. Furthermore, the Swedish Y.T. program announced a Theosophical study group, some meetings together with the T.S., a course of non-European music, discussions together with the Liberal Catholic Church, and various other activities. The main effort of the Swedish Y.T. was the organization of the international summer camp held at Ljüsterö.

Yugoslavia.—Some Y.T.'s from Yugoslavia attended the Y.T. Camp 1966 at Salzburg.

Other countries.—Elsewhere in Europe small groups exist which meet for discussion and study—for example in Norway, Switzerland, Italy and France.

Canada.—A Young Theosophists' group has been newly started in Toronto. There are nine members and they meet once a week in the homes of some of them for informal discussions. They are in contact with other young members in Hamilton (an hour's journey away) with whom they hope to have joint meetings. In September three of their members joined the Y.T. group in the U.S.A. at a Theosophical Tri-Federation meeting in

Ann Arbor, Michigan. They keep in contact with the Y.T.'s of the States and hope to have further meetings with them.

Mexico.—In Puebla, Mexico, a Youth Lodge was formed in 1965 during the time that Mr. John Coats visited the country. The youth lodge has the name "Vanguardia". The members are very young, many are children. They are quite eager to be in touch with Y.T.'s elsewhere in the world, and hope that one day a camp can be organized in Mexico.

U.S.A.—The American Y.T.'s publish a newsletter which is issued by Mr. Vril B. Clarin.

The Chicago group formulated a definite program for the Y.T.'s. They think it is a pity that generally people meet in camps, get enthusiastic, but once they are back home there is nothing to keep their interest in Theosophy alive. For the first meeting they had a brain storming session. The ideas which came up were to be discussed in more detail during the next meeting. The suggested program was printed in the W.F.Y.T. Newsletter No. 5 (November 1967).

South Africa.—Activities of the Young Theosophists are mainly centred in Johannesburg. Due to the pressure of other work the members of the Cape Town Y.T. were not very active as a group last year. The Y.T.'s of South Africa hope to get together at the next national Theosophical Convention at Easter 1968, in Durban.

Philippines.—The Theosophical Youth Movement of the Philippines (TYMP) holds its regular meeting every Sunday afternoon at the Society's Headquarters. Last year's activity was focussed on our Society's Second Object: The Study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science. We invited speakers who are authorities in their respective subjects. Towards the end of the year 1966 we organized the children's party for children

of Theosophists. This year Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio is conducting a study class for us. We are using Emogene S. Simon's *Introductory Correspondence Course in Theosophy* as the basic text.

Pakistan.—The Theosophical Society Youth Lodge (Karachi) was re-organized on 1-4-65. The present principal office bearer is its President, Mr. Saeed Ghori, who has re-constituted the Youth Lodge according to the new Constitution. Every week on Saturdays lectures, symposia, socials, film shows, and study classes on various aspects of Theosophy are held. On Mondays the Youth spend their time with the blind people from different parts of Karachi. This year the Youth Lodge collaborated with the Karachi Theosophical Society in commemorating Besant Week. The President of the Youth Lodge gave a lecture on Mrs. Besant, specially for the blind.

India.—Unity Youth Lodge is the only Youth Lodge in India and one of the active Lodges in Bombay. There are twelve members. Programs consist of study classes, discussion meetings and socials, and musical evenings, to make new contacts and to arouse an interest for joining the meetings. Talks are given by members of the Lodge, and by visitors from India and overseas. All Red Letter Days (Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, H.P.B.'s birthday, etc.) were celebrated jointly with Shanti Lodge.

Interesting symposia and "hat speeches" were arranged in order to encourage new members to express their views. Some of the members help in Lotus classes for children. Most of the members of the Lodge are also members of the Order of the Round Table.

W.F.Y.T. Newsletter.—One issue of the W.F.Y.T. Newsletter has been prepared, containing most of the reports and news given in this Report. Mrs. Margreet Meijer has been found willing to take upon her the editorship of the W.F.Y.T. Newsletter.

Conclusion.—To conclude, I should like to express my thanks to all groups and individual Y.T.'s in different countries who have helped me with the information necessary to compile this report. I want to thank Mr. John Coats on behalf of all of us for his encouragement, and for helping to make links between so many in different countries. Thanks also to Cornelia Müller for her work as Treasurer, and to Joris Brandt for the many ways in which he helped me. Thanks to all members of the Executive Committee also for exploring ways to develop the work in their respective parts of the world, and for keeping in touch with me. I have been very happy for their co-operation during the past year.

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

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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1966-67

Some features of the working of The Theosophical Publishing House in 1966-67 were: (1) the out-turn of business amounted to over Rs. 2,17,000, the highest total reached so far; (2) under arrangement with the T.P.H., Adyar, American editions of certain titles published by Adyar were released by the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton; (3) the T.P.H. participated in the National Book Fair held in Bombay in November 1966, which was visited by over 50,000 persons.

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 membership remained unaltered except for one change, namely, that Mr. S. G. Nicholls ceased to be a member on his returning to New Zealand.

New Publications.—Five new books were published during the year, namely *Man, the Measure of All Things* (Sri Krishna Prem and Sri Madhava Ashish); *On The Watch Tower* (N. Sri Ram); *Introduction to Patanjali's Yoga* (Clara M. Codd); *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible, Vol. II* (Geoffrey Hodson); and *Fundamentals of Buddhism* (compiled by S. G. Venkataramanan).

New Editions and Reprints.—The following new editions and reprints were issued: *Sanatana Dharma, An Advanced Text Book*; (Annie Besant and Bhagavan Das); *Self-Culture* (I. K. Taimni); *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* (Clara M. Codd); *Occult Powers in Nature and in Man* (Geoffrey

Hodson); *The Science of the Sacraments* (C. W. Leadbeater); *Golden Rules of Buddhism* (H. S. Olcott); *The Perfume of Egypt* (C. W. Leadbeater); *The Child* (Maria Montessori); *A Study in Consciousness* (Annie Besant); *First Principles of Theosophy* (C. Jinarajadasa); *A Textbook of Theosophy* (C. W. Leadbeater); and *Man: Whence, How and Whither* (Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater).

The associate Theosophical Publishing Houses in London and Wheaton were kept informed of our publication program of new books and reprints.

American editions were issued by our associates, The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, of *The Science of Yoga* and *The Mirror of Life and Death*. We supplied them with unbound stock of the following titles: (1) *Reincarnation, Fact or Fallacy*; (2) *Concentration, An Approach to Meditation*; (3) *The Expansion of Awareness*; and (4) *The Ageless Wisdom of Life*. They provided the binding for these according to requirements of the American market.

Jackets.—The Theosophical Society in America generously provided us with supplies of jackets for the following titles during the year: *Light on the Path*, standard and miniature editions; *The Bhagavad Gita*, English only, and Text and translation; and the Theosophical manuals *The Astral Plane*, *Death and After* and *Seven Principles of Man*. After the close of the year consignments of jackets were received for some other titles also. We express our thanks to the Theosophical Society in America for these gifts.

We are also indebted to The Theosophical Society in Australia for continuing their help by designing jackets for our titles. We received jacket designs during the year for *Occult Powers in Nature and in Man* and *The Perfume of Egypt*. The Theosophical Society in Australia has met the costs of such work.

Book Gift Fund.—Thanks to the generosity of a few donors in England, a Book Gift Fund was created during the year to enable the gift of books as well as subscriptions to *The Theosophist* to go to keenly interested Lodges and organizations who are unable to pay for them. Books and *Theosophist* subscriptions of the total value of Rs. 1,869 were financed from the fund in 1966-67.

Workers.—Mr. A. N. Relton worked as Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist* for some months, till his passing in August, 1967. Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap, who had remained associated with this work, then returned to full responsibility of the Assistant Editorship. Mr. D. V. Syamala Rau has continued his help in reading proofs. Among those to whom thanks are due for reading proofs of T.P.H. publications are Miss Jeanne Dumas, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Mrs. Cecily Dynes, Miss Nancy Devlin, Miss K. A. Beechey, and Messrs. K. Sundaraswami, S. Somasundaram and V. M. Raghupati. Miss Dumas also prepared the Index for *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible*, Vol. II, and Mr. Sundaraswami helped in the checking.

Sales.—Sales in 1966-67 registered the record high figure of Rs. 2,11,093, compared with Rs. 2,04,206 in the previous year. Sales of T.P.H. publications increased by nearly Rs. 14,000, and we sold nearly Rs. 1,000 more of incense sticks; but agency publications and photographs showed a fall in turnover.

The Theosophical Publishing House participated in the National Book Fair

held in Bombay over the period November 5 to 20, 1966. Publications of the Adyar Library and Research Centre were also on exhibition and sale at the stall taken by the T.P.H. at the Fair. Our participation in the Fair was made possible by the generous help of the Bombay Theosophical Federation which took charge of the running of the stall, providing the necessary leadership and volunteers, and also meeting the costs. Mr. Mohanlal Velji, who with other Bombay friends, organized the stall, says that it gave a very good opportunity to the people of Bombay to know about Theosophical literature.

The Theosophist.—When the subscription rates were raised last year to meet increased costs of production and distribution, the opportunity was given to subscribers to pay their subscription in advance for a maximum of three years at the lower rates of subscription. Eighty-nine subscribers availed themselves of this offer and paid up subscriptions in advance for two or three years. Several national Theosophical journals as well as journals issued by Theosophical Federations published material bringing *The Theosophist* to the attention of their readers. A circular letter was also sent to a large number of Lodges, persons interested, etc. bringing the magazine to their notice. All these efforts however enabled us only to retain circulation at the prevailing level, and we were not able to add to it.

Finances.—The cost of new publications during the year was Rs. 1,02,916 against Rs. 72,304 in the previous year. The sales of T.P.H. publications during the year amounted to Rs. 1,82,843 against Rs. 1,68,890 in the previous year. The increase of Rs. 13,953 was mainly due to larger sales to U.S.A. Sales of other publications, photographs, etc. at Rs. 28,251 showed a decrease of Rs. 7,066 over the

previous year, due mainly to decrease in the sales of Adyar Library and Research Centre publications. The total sales overseas including subscriptions to *The Theosophist* amounted to Rs. 2,18,916.

Establishment, royalties and other expenses amounted to Rs. 59,429 against Rs. 54,477 last year. The increase was mainly due to increase in royalties (Rs. 2,900) and staff salaries and allowances, etc. (Rs. 1,500). The available revenue surplus was Rs. 21,685 against Rs. 29,432 last year. A sum of Rs. 15,000 has been transferred to "Special Publications Reserve" and the

balance of Rs. 6,685 added to the capital account. The Special Publications Reserve exists to aid in the publication of important literature that may be financially unremunerative and also to write down the value of unsaleable books in years when there are no working surpluses.

The amount owing to the Theosophical Society which stood at Rs. 29,390 on 30-9-1966 has been completely repaid in addition to meeting all current bills.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1966-67

The year under report is indeed a landmark in the history of the Adyar Library and Research Centre. The dream of having a building with facilities suitable to house the Library's valuable holdings and with better work rooms for the research scholars and pandits has at last come true. In February this year the Library was moved to its new premises. In all ways the new building provides better facilities and it is hoped that this will attract more people to use its valuable collections.

We particularly wish to express our gratitude to Mr. G. E. Linton who not only ably supervised the erection of the building but helped in various ways to move the books and MSS. from the old building.

STAFF:

During the year Pandit V. Krishnamachariar, who had served the Library for nearly 25 years since his retirement from the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, relinquished his work in the Library due to physical health and age. We take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks for his long and excellent services in our Research Department. He was responsible for editing numerous texts in the Adyar Library Series.

Miss C. Malati has been appointed in the repair section in the place of Sri C. Subramaniam who was relieved of his duties at his own request.

We also take this opportunity to express our appreciation and thanks to Mr. C. H. Hunter, who since 1957 was associated

with the work of the Library, especially in the repair and preservation section. During these ten years he was engaged in the arduous task of fixing boards to the palm-leaf MSS., and board and cloth around the paper MSS., in order to preserve them better. He was also responsible for building a trailer and preparing boxes to facilitate easy shifting of the books and MSS. from the old to the new building. The Library is indeed grateful for all his contribution.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Government of India having approved the editing of the *Sanatkumāra Saṃhitā*, a rare Pāñcarātra Āgama, the printing of the work was started during the year. We hope to see it through the press early in 1968. The reprinting of *Pañcarātrarakṣā* was also completed in September this year.

The translation of the *Śākta Upaniṣad* by Dr. A. G. Krishna Warriar was released as Adyar Library Series No. 89, and *Upeyanāma-viveka* of Upaniṣad Brahmayogin, a text dealing with the importance of reciting the name of God, was edited by Dr. V. Raghavan and brought out as No. 37 in the Adyar Library Pamphlet Series. Besides these, a reprint of the *Samnyāsa Upaniṣads*, with the commentary of Upaniṣad Brahmayogin which has been out of print for some time was also released during the year under report.

A considerable part of the Descriptive Catalogue of the Stotra MSS. has been printed and it is hoped that this will be completed early in 1968. Work is in

progress for publishing the Descriptive Catalogues of Śrauta and Nyāya MSS.

Under the auspices of the Library there will also be released shortly a guide book on spoken Indian languages entitled *Indian Language Highway for All* by Smt. A. P. Siitaa Devii. It deals with 17 languages including English, Burmese, Sinhalese, and French, and a supplement describing the grammatical structure of Hindi and Tamil.

Bulletin.—Volume 30 of *Brahmavidyā* released during the year included a paper on Hindu law entitled "A Jurist and His Sources: Medhātithi's Use of Bhāruci" by Dr. J. D. M. Derrett of London University; a paper of Dr. Daniel Smith, Professor of Comparative Religion in Syracuse University, on "Prāyaścitta in the Canonical Works of the Pāñcarātrāgama"; the Buddha Jayanti Lecture for 1965 of Dr. V. V. Gokhale delivered at the Indian Philosophical Congress; besides the text "*Kanakāvali*" edited by Dr. Raghavan, dealing with the traditional history and the ramifications of the different schools of the Vedas.

Brahmavidyā has now 132 subscribers and is being exchanged with 132 journals. An exchange started during the year was with *Darshana International*.

SERVICE RENDERED:

Copying.—Transcripts of 20 MSS. and 2 printed books were made and supplied to other institutions and research scholars. Seven MSS. were copied in the Library by scholars who needed them. Five Stotra works and a transcript of *Mārkaṇḍeya Smṛti* was made for the Library's own use.

Microfilming.—Microfilms of 28 MSS. and 20 printed books were supplied to other research institutions and scholars on request. This includes photostat copies of extracts from the Home Rule pamph-

lets, made and supplied to the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, for the Home Rule Movement exhibition in May this year.

Works Used.—The Library has now 405 readers, 189 resident readers cum borrowers, 89 borrowers (from the city) and 17 Braille borrowers. During the year under report 3,930 persons used the Library; 10,439 books and 5,070 MSS. were consulted on the premises while 3,092 books and 13 MSS. were lent.

Publicity.—In order that the valuable holdings of the Library should be used by a greater number, write-ups about the works and the collections of the Adyar Library were published in one of the English dailies, *The Sunday Standard*, and in the popular Tamil weekly *Kalki*, with the kind co-operation of the Editorial staff of these journals. We wish here to express our appreciation and thanks to the editors of these two weeklies for giving this publicity to our work and it is hoped that this will draw in more users from the city of Madras.

Research Scholars.—Besides a number of scholars from the various universities and research institutes in India who utilized the Library, the following research scholars from outside India also used the collections of the Library: Dr. H. von Stietencron, Sudasien Institute, Heidelberg University; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Menard, Institute of Indian Civilization, Sorbonne University, Paris; Dr. W. J. H. Collins, Dublin University; Mr. Unto Tahtinen, Finland; Mr. I. K. Night, W. Australia; Mrs. Barbara S. Miller, Puerto Rico; Mr. James I. K. Norton, Research Fellow, American Institute of Indian Studies; Professor Guy R. Welbon, University of Chicago; Mr. Wayne E. Begley, University of Pennsylvania; Mr. Fred W. Clothey, U.S.A.; and Mr. J. Masselos, Sydney University.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

237 volumes of journals, 31 books and 2 transcripts were bound in the Vasanta Press of the Theosophical Society, while in the Library's repair section 383 books and 75 paper MSS. were repaired and bound. Also 2 palm-leaf MSS. were cleaned, 2 were repaired, and boards were fixed to 105 palm-leaf MSS. 24 MSS. and 22 books were hand laminated. The de-acidifying of the books in the Western Section by treating them with ammonia gas is now being done. Our thanks are due to Mr. E. F. Orfila who continues to help us in this section of the Library's work.

ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

Books.—1,211 books excluding journals were accessed and catalogued. Out of these 51 were purchased, 83 received on exchange, 14 sent for review in *Brahma-vidyā*, and the rest were received as gift.

MSS. Register.—Entries for 1,500 MSS. have been prepared and 425 paper MSS. have been entered in the register.

Book Cataloguing.—During the year under report detailed indexing of books in the Theosophy section of the Library and in the School of the Wisdom section has been completed. Reclassification was also done of the Psychology and Occult books based on the system adopted in the 17th edition of Dewey, as this seemed to be a better way of classifying these books.

GIFTS:

As in the past years most of the additions to our collections were gifts. Particular mention is to be made of 234 books received from various research institutions and scholars in India through the Ministry of Education, New Delhi; 155 books on literature and other topics of cultural and historical value through Sri N. Sri Ram, President, Theosophical

Society, from the Libraries of Mr. C. W. Leadbeater and Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa; 34 from *The Theosophist* Office; 55 Braille books from Sri K. Mariappan, Madras, and 41 from The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, California; 31 from the International President's office, The Theosophical Society; 51 from the U.S.I.S., Madras and Delhi; 24 from Dr. D. Rood and Smt. A. P. Siitaa Devii; 18 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar; 10 from Theosophical Publishing House London, Ltd., London; and 10 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, U.S.A. Also received was a beautiful illustrated volume on Salzburg, Austria, giving a reproduction of the original painting exhibited in Salzburg, from the Burger Meister of Salzburg, Austria. One palm-leaf manuscript was gifted by Sri. K. A. Thamburan, Ernakulam. Other donors include the East and West Association, Poona; Theosophical Society, Australia; M. S. Krishnamachariar, Madras; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kunz, U.S.A.; Swami Apurvananda, Varanasi; Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Murphet, Adyar; Mr. J. J. Poortman, Holland; Dr. V. Raghavan, Madras; Mrs. Gopi Thadhani, Madras; Centre for the Study of Democratic Institutions, California; Mr. C. T. Kenghe, Poona; Smt. Radha Burnier, Director of the Library; and many others who have donated books to the Library.

Two Remington Rand Typewriters have also been donated to the Office and cataloguing section of the Library by an anonymous donor to whom our thanks are due.

We also express our grateful appreciation and thanks to all other donors especially to: A generous donor who prefers to be anonymous, who donated every month Rs. 500/- to meet our recurring expenditure besides Rs. 2,000/- to buy new shelves to house the holdings in the

new building; Sri N. Sri Ram, President, Theosophical Society for Rs. 5,000/- for new shelves; The Theosophical Society in America (Rs. 16,107.40); Miss Mary Graham (Rs. 2,073.45); Mr. Otto Kalapudos, through Sri N. Sri Ram (Rs. 7,500); from the bequest of the late Mrs. Goldie Kabots (Rs. 13,515.60); Mr. Johannes Meyer, Berlin (Rs. 5,677.18); a friend (Rs. 10,000); the Theosophical Society in Switzerland; and others for their generous contributions to the Building Fund. Our thanks are also due to the Theosophical Society in Australia and in England, to Sri S. Ganesh and others for donations to the general funds.

VISITORS:

Among the notable visitors to the Library during the year were: Dr. and Mrs. Heitland, Aachen, Germany; Mr. Juan G. Frivalde, Governor of Sorsogon, Philippines; Sri R. Gopalan, Dy. Dairy Adviser, Government of India; Dr. D. S. Kapoor,

Librarian, Central Archaeological Library, New Delhi; Sri T. V. Gopalachari, Asst. Librarian, Archaeological Survey of India, Madras; Dr. H. P. Schmidt, Reader, University of Tübingen, W. Germany; Mr. P. K. Garde, United Nations Library, New York; Maulana Mujli Ziaul Haq, President, Jamiatul Ulman Hind, Delhi; Sri N. M. Anwar, Secretary-General, All India Muslim Majlis-e-Mushawarat, New Delhi; Mrs. Catherine Freeman, wife of the British High Commissioner in Delhi; the British Deputy High Commissioner, Madras; and Professor N. S. Ramachandra, Dean, Faculty of Music and Fine Arts, University of Delhi.

In conclusion we would like to express our gratitude to Dr. V. Raghavan and to Dr. K. Kunjunn Raja for their continuing help and interest in the research Section of the Library.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT FOR 1966-67

The School was not a large one this year there being but eight students and five observers on the 4th October, the opening day. By the third week there were thirteen and in the sixth week two more joined making a total of fifteen. Three of these were from Australia, one each from New Zealand, Switzerland and Finland, two each from England, and the U.S.A., and five from India. The attendance was good both mornings and afternoons.

One student, Ray McCallum, was married during the term.

Various resident workers on the estate came in the mornings to share some of the results of their studies with the members of the School. This was much appreciated by the students.

One new student has enrolled for the second term which opened on January 9th.

The School opened its second term with nine students and three observers. Some of the students were unable to be present on the first few days of the School because of illness. A total of twelve students enrolled for the second term.

Miss Elinor Wray left soon after the opening of the second term for her home and work in Australia. Mr. Poona Appaji Rao who has attended the School several sessions left Adyar because of illness. Mrs. Dorothy Scott helped at Leadbeater Chambers for several weeks.

Mr. M. A. Hannu Keto was our one new member this term although several others were enrolled as observers: Mr. Will Ross, Mr. Samuel Wylie, Mr. Kiet and Mr. Mantha Subba Rao. Mr. Keto

attended regularly both afternoon and morning sessions.

Dr. Taimni, the Director, left at the end of the first term and I carried on with arrangements for the School much as I did for the first term. Lectures were given during the morning sessions and we had discussions, readings and study in the afternoon. We read and discussed several of the *Mahatma Letters* and *Letters of the Masters of Wisdom*. Mr. Ross read some of the *Stanzas of Dzyan* to us.

Those who gave morning talks during the second term were Mrs. Radha Burnier, who gave one on Jainism and another on Plato. Both were excellent and very much appreciated especially the one on Jainism as this is one of the older religions very little known or understood by most people. Mrs. Dora Kunz gave four talks on different aspects of meditation: the meaning of meditation, techniques of meditations, meditation and the Masters.

Mr. Fritz Kunz's talks were concerned mainly with the Ancient Wisdom and Modern Science. He also gave one on "The relationship of the Adepts to the World". Miss Jeanne Dumas spoke on "The Religion of the American Indian". Mr. Perkins' subject was "Evidence of Masters in History" which showed clearly how They work in the affairs of the world.

Mrs. Ann Wylie spoke one morning on "The New Look of Theosophy" showing some of the new appearances of certain Theosophical books now put out in paperbacks in the United States, also some information pamphlets and publicity leaflets.

Miss Gladys Taylor of Kotagiri and Mrs. K. G. Perkins each gave helpful and inspiring talks on a favorite Theosophical classic; Miss Taylor on *The Voice of the Silence*, and Mrs. Perkins on *Light on the Path*.

Mr. K. N. Ramanathan gave two talks on "Reincarnation Through the Ages". They were fine talks and covered the subject from many angles—Reincarnation as found in various great religions, philosophies, literature, plays, etc.

Dr. C. R. Kamath's talk on "Theosophy—A way of life" was a unique presentation on this topic, very interesting and thought provoking.

Miss Katherine Beechey's talk on "Developing Intuition" was inspiring in its practical and sensible approach. Developing intuition is often given in such a way that one feels that it is only something to dream about and not to realize. Mrs. Joan Galloway in "Krishna and His Flute" gave us the final talk. This presentation was beautiful in every way. She placed a lovely statue of Krishna with his flute on the table in front of her which added to the beauty of the morning's talk.

Now we come to the talks given by the Principal of the School, Mr. Sri Ram. His visits, as usual were always anticipated and appreciated. He opened the School with a talk on "The Nature of the Divine Wisdom," gave two of his wonderful talks on Hindu Philosophy and one on the Hindu Religion, and two more were given on Buddhism.

The last morning was given over to a discussion on "The School," and out of this discussion arose some suggestions which might be useful to those who plan future sessions of the School. They had

to do with advance information concerning the curriculum of the school and concerning living conditions and costs here being sent to prospective students.

We played as well as worked. On the 6th of February the students made a trip to Conjeevaram where we were royally entertained by various Lodge members there and saw the temples, and visited the school and the Lodge and had wonderful food three times during the day. We were happy to have Mr. Ross and the Wylies go with us on this trip.

On the 1st of March we went to Mahabalipuram which was also enjoyed by the thirteen of us who went.

We did nothing very exciting this last term in the School but I think we realized how very little we really know and that we must go on learning and experiencing in every way we can more and more of the Divine Wisdom so that we may live in a more meaningful way and help others to discover the truths contained in Theosophical teachings. Mrs. Dora Kunz said one morning at the School that she was quite sure she would be a Theosophist all the rest of this life because she realized there are so many interesting and wonderful things to discover in Theosophy. I think all of us agreed with this. Perhaps for us to realize how little we know is an important thing for us if it makes us eager to start learning and discovering for ourselves.

I am very grateful for having had the opportunity of being a part of the School again and of having the opportunity to work with the workers on the estate in all the ways that we do for the School.

DULCIE LINTON,
Secretary.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

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



Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

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

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

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

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

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

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

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

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

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-

cietiy 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 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.

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, 1968

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. N. SRI RAM

Vice-President: MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

Recording Secretary: MISS KATHERINE A. BEECHEY

Treasurer: MR. S. G. VENKATARAMANAN

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	... Östermalmgatan 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. P. S. Lean	... P.O. Box 863, Johannesburg
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 ...	Dr. Ba-Thi	... 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	... Vejlegade 1, Nakskov
1919	Ireland ...	Miss Dorothy Emerson	... 31 Pembroke Road, Dublin, 4
1919	Mexico ...	Señor Arturo Vado López	... Iturbide 28, Mexico D. F.
1919	Canada ...	Mr. Dudley W. Barr	... 310 Dupont Street, Toronto 4, 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 ...	Dr. Alberto Lyra	... Rua Anita Garibaldi 29, 11º andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria ...	...	...
1921	Iceland ...	Hr. S. Thorkelsson	... Ingólfsstr. 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 ...	Celovska 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 Siméon 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. Ambalal B. Patel ...	P.O. Box 8507, 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 ...	...	...
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. Michael Affram ...	P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1965	Bolivia *	Señor Mario Cariaga Aramayo. ...	Casilla Correo 2083, La Paz
European Federation (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		Mr. J. B. S. Coats ...	The Old Rectory, Poulshot, Devizes, Wilts, England
Canadian Federation (attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)		Mrs. Gladys M. Cooper ...	2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada

Additional Members of the General Council

- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Maastrichterweg 168, Valkenswaard, The Netherlands (for 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 1968, 1969 and 1970).
- MR. C. D. T. SHORES, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1968, 1969 and 1970).
- 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 1968, 1969 and 1970).
- MISS HELEN V. ZAHARA, P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois-60187, U.S.A. (for 1966, 1967 and 1968).
- MRS. ANN WYLIE, P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, U.S.A. (for 1968, 1969 and 1970.)
- MISS E. W. PRESTON, "Rose Windows," Kotagiri, Nilgiris, India (for 1968, 1969 and 1970.)

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

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on
Monday, 25th December 1967, 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 Puerto Rico and Venezuela and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	..	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Cuba.</i>
Miss Katherine A. Beechey	..	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Scotland and Burma.</i>
Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan	..	<i>Treasurer.</i>
Miss Joy Mills	..	<i>National President of 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 Wales.</i>
Mrs. Radha Burnier	..	<i>General Secretary for India and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Sweden.</i>
Miss Ruth Beringer	..	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Australia.</i>
Mrs. Sylvi Horstio	..	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Finland.</i>
Miss Mary Anderson	..	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Switzerland and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Belgium.</i>

Mr. Niels Sørensen	..	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Denmark.</i>
Mr. A. B. Patel	..	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in East Africa.</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	..	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Mexico and Viet-Nam.</i>
Mr. V. W. Slater	..	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Germany.</i>
Mr. J. B. S. Coats	..	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Southern Africa, Central America and Yugoslavia.</i>
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Miss Helen V. Zahara	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>

PRESENT BY INVITATION

Miss E. W. Preston	..	India
Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio	..	Joint Treasurer, T.S.

The President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, welcomed all present, particularly members not often seen in Adyar.

1. *To read and, if approved, to adopt the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Council held on 25th December 1966 at the Headquarters of the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society at Varanasi:*

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Council held on 25th December 1966, having been circulated to the members, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes:*

General Council Meeting held at Salzburg, 22nd July 1966: Request from the American Section Council through their National President to hold a World Congress of the Theosophical Society in New York in 1975:

Miss Joy Mills, National President of the Theosophical Society in America, said that the Board of the American Section was of the view that an appropriate Centenary world gathering should be held in New York, the city where the Theosophical Society was founded, but there was no wish to detract from the Centenary

meeting which would naturally be held at the International Headquarters at Adyar. She said that this would help to focus the attention of the public on the Society and its work. The Vice-President remarked that the ten-year Century program was designed to prepare for the holding of the main Centenary meeting in Adyar, but he thought that the meetings in New York and Adyar could be so timed as to enable people to attend both. The General Council accepted in principle that there might be an international gathering in New York provided that it did not detract from the main Centenary celebration to be held in Adyar in December 1975. It was agreed that the New York function should not be called "World Congress," and that as the various Sections would want to arrange their own Centenary celebrations, they should if possible be co-ordinated, so as not to overlap.

3. *Confirmation of voting for election of Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins:*

The term of office of the Vice-President having expired on 30th April 1967, the President re-nominated Mr. James S. Perkins to that office. The result of the voting by Members of the General Council to confirm this appointment was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
40	Nil

Mr. James S. Perkins was declared re-elected as Vice-President, his term of office beginning on 1st May 1967.

4. 5. 6.: *Amendments to Rule 10:*

The President pointed out that there were three proposals for altering the procedure of electing the President. One of the important changes proposed was that the number of candidates should not be limited to three, but that anyone receiving three nominations should be eligible to be a candidate.

After discussion, it was agreed that anyone receiving five or more nominations should be eligible for election, and that all members should be informed before voting of the number of nominations received by the candidates on the voting list as well as of the names of the nominators.

4. *To consider a Scheme for the Election of President suggested by Dr. L. J. Bendit and sponsored by the Recording Secretary.*

A discussion took place on the proposal of Dr. L. J. Bendit, which had been circulated, concerning the election of the President by an Electoral College, consisting of representatives in proportion to the membership of each Section. Each Section, according to the proposal, would determine the method of nomination and election to the college, provided, however, that each member on the roll had equal opportunity to nominate and vote for members of the college. The proposal was made by Dr. Bendit in view of the fact that in every presidential election a large percentage of members had not voted, partly due to their ignorance concerning the candidates to be voted upon, and because of the possibility of votes being cast for a name known in print and not from a judgment of the suitability of the candidate.

After consideration, the Council decided that the proposal would involve practical difficulties of various sorts in implementation, although theoretically it was not without its merits.

5. To Consider Adoption of Preferential Voting as Proposed by Miss Helen Zahara:

The proposal made by Miss Helen Zahara to adopt the Preferential System of Voting for the election of the President, the details of which had been circulated, was considered. Miss Helen Zahara further explained the proposal. Some of the members were of the view that the system might result in the election of a candidate not wholeheartedly chosen by the majority of members and who would prove not to have the qualities needed for the work of the President. Miss Ruth Beringer then gave a demonstration of how the system worked. Further consideration was postponed to the meeting of the Council to be held on the 1st January 1968.

(The Meeting of the Council was then adjourned to Monday, 1st January 1968.)

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Monday, 1st January 1968.

PRESENT:

All Members present at the meeting held on 25th December 1967 were present. Miss E. W. Preston was present as an Additional Member of the Council.

5. Continued:

The question of Preferential Voting was taken up. Miss Joy Mills was of the view that considering the misgivings expressed by several of the members, the proposal need not be considered further. Her suggestion was adopted.

6. To consider a Rule for the election of the President proposed as a substitute for the present Rule 10 by Mr. Leslie H. Leslie-Smith:

The proposal made by Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith which had been circulated to members of the Council, concerning the election of the President, simplifying the present Rule 10, was considered. After discussion during which some amendments to the proposal were suggested, a Sub-Committee, consisting of Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, Miss Helen Zahara, and Mrs. Radha Burnier, was appointed to make a re-draft of the Rule, incorporating the suggestions which had been accepted, to be placed before the Council at an adjourned meeting on 2nd January, 1968.

7. *To consider the following Amendments to the Rules and Regulations:*(a) *Amendment to Rule 12:*

Delete *appoint the Treasurer* and substitute *nominate the Treasurer, subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President. The President shall appoint . . . the Recording Secretary, etc.* Delete words *Treasurer* or following the words *newly appointed*. (Alterations in italics)

After discussion, it was agreed to circulate this proposal for voting by the members of the Council.

To consider recommendation by Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith that in Rules 1, 2(b), 3, 4(a), 10, 15, and 44(b) twice, "less" be changed to "fewer":

It was agreed to circulate these changes, for voting by the General Council.

9. *To consider proposal of the National President of the Theosophical Society in America to provide a 30-day interval between the announcement of the result of the Presidential Election and the installation of the new President:*

Miss Joy Mills explained that the thirty-day interval had been proposed in order that the outgoing President might have time to attend to any necessary matters and the new President give thought to the appointment of officers, etc.

The Council accepted the proposal that there should be an interval of thirty days between the declaration of the election result and the assumption of office by the new President. The Sub-Committee appointed to redraft Rule 10 was asked to propose the necessary changes, in view of the above, to Rules 9 and 11.

10. *Election of five (5) Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1968, 1969, and 1970:*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President re-nominated Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Mr. C. D. T. Shores, and Mrs. Gool Minwalla as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1968, 1969, and 1970. He also nominated Mrs. Ann Wylie and Miss E. W. Preston as Additional Members.

The five names were circulated for voting, with the following results:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mr. Geoffrey Hodson	43	1
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	45	Nil
Mrs. Gool Minwalla	45	Nil
Mrs. Ann Wylie	45	Nil
Miss E. W. Preston	44	1

The above-named were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1968, 1969, and 1970.

11. *To consider the Resolution proposed by Miss Helen Zahara concerning Racial Discrimination:*

After discussion it was felt that the wording of the Resolution might be improved. It was decided to postpone adoption of the Resolution to the adjourned meeting to be held on 2nd January 1968, when the President said he would present the Resolution with suitable modifications.

12. *To consider the Treasurer's Report for 1966-67 and to pass the accounts for the year up to 30th September 1967.*

The Treasurer's Report and the Accounts were considered and adopted.

13. *To consider the Budget for 1967-68:*

The Budget for 1967-68 was considered and adopted.

14. *Appointment of Auditors for 1967-68:*

Messrs. Naganathan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were re-appointed as Auditors for the year 1967-68, on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

15. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1968:*

The following were appointed as Members of the Executive Committee for 1968:

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>
Mrs. N. Y. Sastry		
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan		
Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio		<i>Joint Treasurer</i>

(The Meeting of the General Council was adjourned to Tuesday, 2nd January 1968, at 8.30 a.m.)

EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society, held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Tuesday, 2nd January 1968.

PRESENT:

All members present at the meeting held on 1st January 1968 were present, with the exception of the General Secretary for East Africa, Mr. A. B. Patel.

The following draft of Rules 9, 10, and 11 was presented by the Sub-Committee appointed at the meeting held on 1st January 1968:

Rule 9: The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

Rule 10: Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall ensure that the Recording Secretary or other person appointed by the Committee calls for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council by air-mail and at the same time by ordinary mail. Any member of the Society in good standing may be nominated. Each member of the General Council shall be entitled to make three nominations, but each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Federation Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations. 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 his nominations, and also the written consent of the nominees, reach the Recording Secretary within three months of the date of the call for nominations. No nominee shall be put on the voting list unless supported by at least five nominations.

At the expiration of three months, the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. The names of the nominees for whom not fewer than five valid nominations have been received shall be listed in alphabetical order. This list shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall then immediately communicate by air-mail (and at the same time by ordinary mail) the voting list, together with the names of the nominators of the respective candidates to the General Secretaries, Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and Presidential Agents and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Agent shall take the votes of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration at the close of the last official year of the Section or area whose annual dues are not in arrear for more than one year and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary who

shall himself take the votes of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters whose dues are not in arrear for more than one year at the close of the last official year of the Society. If only one name remains on the voting list, the subsequent vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of three months from the date of issue of the voting list by the Recording Secretary, the voting returns shall be totalled by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The Candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and he shall assume office thirty days thereafter. In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes by the Recording Secretary, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Rule 11: Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council.

The above draft was approved for circulation to all members of the Council to be voted upon.

11. The following Resolution was passed:

In view of the conditions prevailing in many countries at present, the General Council declares that inasmuch as the Theosophical Society stands for the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, irrespective of race, creed, sex, caste, or colour, any form of racialism or policy or practice, based on discrimination between the races, to the advantage of some and the detriment of others, is contrary to the basic character and aims of the Society.

16. *Amendment to Rule 4 (a):*

The following amendment to Rule 4(a) was approved for circulation to members of the Council to be voted upon:

" but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him" (Alteration in italics).

17. *Any Other Business:*

(a) *Non-English Publications Loan Fund:*

The Committee appointed to make recommendations had proposed that the Fund should have two divisions, one in Europe and one in U.S.A. A pilot program is to be initiated among the Sections in Europe and Latin America and a survey made of books now available in their languages and further books to be translated. It was

also proposed that an appeal to support the Fund should be made throughout the world with the President's approval.

The Council approved the recommendations of the Committee and decided that such an appeal should be made.

(b) *Century Fund:*

The Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, gave a report of the work already done under the Century Fund scheme and an outline of what would be done during the next few years.

(c) *Lease of Damodar Gardens and areas in Besant Gardens:*

The President said that the lease of Damodar Gardens to the Besant Centenary Trust would expire in December 1968. A letter had been received from Sri K. Sankara Menon and Sri S. Narayanaswamy, members of the Executive Committee of the Trust, requesting renewal of the lease for another five years up to December 1973 on the same terms as before. They said that the main bungalow in Besant Gardens would be vacated in or before June 1968, but requested that the kitchen building and the games field near Elliot's Beach be also given on lease for the same five-year period.

The President explained that the lease of Damodar Gardens was given in 1953 on a rent of Rs. 400 per month. The premises would now fetch much more, and the Society would be put to considerable loss if the rent were not raised. It is also essential that the Society regain control of its property and not allow a vested interest based on long occupation. There was a plan for accommodating the Olcott School in the Besant Gardens area, converting it into a High School, and so it would serve the need of the public in the Adyar area. More extensive grounds than the Olcott School had at present were needed to make it into a School which would be a truly worthy memorial to the President-Founder.

After hearing Srimati Rukmini Devi's views and discussion, it was decided to renew the lease of Damodar Gardens, the kitchen building in Besant Gardens and the playground near Elliot's Beach on a year to year basis, not extending beyond July 1971, raising the rent to a reasonable figure. The main bungalow in Besant Gardens is to be vacated in June 1968.

(d) *Century Book:*

A proposal had been received from Mrs. A. Stephan, General Secretary for Germany, that to mark the Centenary a book should be published in all languages, somewhat on the lines of *Where Theosophy and Science Meet*. This book could be added to periodically and consist of contributions from all Sections.

It was decided to circulate this proposal to members of the Council.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1967

National Sections (Active) ...	40	No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active) ...	3	Lodges	Members
Federations formed under			
Rule 35 (c) ...	3		
Total Lodges ...	1,233		
Total Membership:			
1966 ...	31,357		
1967 ...	31,365		
Increase ...	8		
	No. of	No. of	
	Lodges	Members	
1. United States of America ...	126	3,986	
2. England ...	90	2,716	
3. India ...	401	7,710	
4. Australia ...	16	1,294	
5. Sweden ...	12	362	
6. New Zealand ...	19	959	
7. The Netherlands ...	33	1,203	
8. France ...	35	1,108	
9. Italy ...	26	556	
10. Germany ...	16	402	
11. Cuba ...	20	375	
12. Hungary ...	—	—	
13. Finland ...	22	414	
14. Russia ...	—	—	
15. Czechoslovakia... ..	—	—	
16. Southern Africa... ..	11	480	
17. Scotland ...	11	105	
18. Switzerland ...	10	203	
19. Belgium ...	8	244	
20. Indonesia ...	—	—	
21. Burma ...	4	45	
22. Austria ...	10	250	
23. Norway ...	7	131	
24. Egypt (Lodges only) ...	2	73 (1960)	
25. Denmark ...	13	247	
26. Ireland ...	3	31	
27. Mexico ...	31	587	
28. Canada ...	14	387	
29. Argentina ...	43	738	
30. Chile ...	9	150 (1960)	
31. Brazil ...	33	1,122	
32. Bulgaria ...	—	—	
33. Iceland ...	14	645	
34. Spain ...	—	—	
35. Portugal ...	14	195	
36. Wales ...	2	105	
37. Poland ...	—	—	
38. Uruguay ...	7	122	
39. Puerto Rico ...	7	74	
40. Rumania ...	—	—	
41. Yugoslavia ...	4	61	
42. Ceylon ...	7	84 (1966)	
43. Greece ...	6	165	
44. Central America ...	9	128	
45. Paraguay ...	—	—	
46. Peru (Lodges attached to Adyar) ...	3	100	
47. The Philippines ...	20	89	
48. Colombia ...	8	124	
49. East Africa ...	33	1,171	
50. Pakistan* ...	7	267	
51. Malaysia & Singapore†	8	125	
52. Northern Ireland†	3	51	
53. Israel * ...	5	60 (1966)	
54. Japan ...	—	—	
55. Viet-Nam ...	13	792	
56. Venezuela ...	2	35	
57. West Africa† ...	8	334	
58. Canadian Federation	10	146	
59. Bolivia * ...	2	22	
60. Fellows-at-Large	—	35	
61. Lodges attached to Adyar:			
Hong Kong ...	1	9	
Others ...	12	266 (1964)	
" ...	3	282	
Total	1,233	31,365	

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