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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 93RD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1968

BY N. SRI RAM, *President*

I WELCOME you all most heartily to the 93rd Annual Convention and to this beautiful Adyar estate, the Society's international Headquarters. I hope and pray that your stay here, free from the daily routine, its pressure and problems, will prove to be days of unalloyed happiness, illumination and peace for all without exception. May this brief period during which we can, if we will, give ourselves unreservedly to the benign influence of the Wisdom help us to be more effective than ever before in all that we may attempt for the good of our fellow beings and in furtherance of the Society's appointed and continuing mission.

There are innumerable members all over the world who would be most happy to be here on this occasion, if that were possible. Let us turn our thoughts to those, not here, who are carrying on the work in their respective places and send them our warm and fraternal greetings. Let us also turn in thought to those sources of inspiration and guidance which Dr. Annie Besant used to invoke at every Convention over which she presided.

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

I declare this 93rd Convention open.

It may be stated without any doubt as to its truth that what the whole of mankind needs for its salvation from the sorry pass in which it is at present, not to speak of its age-old ills, is the deep truth to which we refer when we use the word "Theosophy". But then of what nature is this truth and how does it differ from knowledge of the ordinary sort? Theosophy literally translated is the Divine Wisdom, both the words "Divine" and "Wisdom" having an extraordinary meaning which cannot be wholly expressed in words, but is open to understanding by anyone who is in earnest to discover it and makes the appropriate effort. The General Council of the Society, in the Resolution passed at its session in 1950, and printed in every issue of *The Theosophist*, described both Universal Brotherhood and this Wisdom as undefined and unlimited. There are depths in the relationship that we term Brotherhood which we touch only in a condition of pure unselfish love and complete self-abnegation in action. Similarly, there is behind the word "Wisdom" an extraordinary depth and range of meaning that we begin to perceive only when we undertake the necessary voyage of discovery.

Wisdom is surely not knowledge, which can be used well or ill, wisely or unwisely. What we have in our Theosophical

literature is partly knowledge with regard to what is external to the knower, namely, the universe, the whole process of Nature, the evolution of life and form, and partly knowledge with regard to man's constitution, objectively portrayed as in a picture or a map. All this has its value. But Theosophy is also truth pertaining to the knower, which in so far as it represents the way life unfolds and acts, has to be inwardly and subjectively realized. In this latter aspect it was called in the ancient days in India, *Ātma Vidyā*, or self-knowledge, the basis of Wisdom, ultimately leading to knowledge of a Reality that underlies the whole world of phenomena. It is in the light of the Wisdom to be found within oneself that all external knowledge falls into its proper perspective and also all life reveals its hidden beauty and truth.

All information, whether of a scientific or occult nature is but an imprint on the mind, and apart from any deep response to it, becomes a thing that necessarily loses the newness it possessed at first. It becomes increasingly stale as we become familiar with it. Then there is a demand for more information. But no amount of information, however exciting or even sensational, that does not enter into the vital activity of one's essential being, can make any important difference to his life. It is only life or consciousness, unconditioned by the form it uses, that can stay ever fresh and vital. As each one of us is an expression of that Life, there is the possibility in us of realizing the limitations it suffers and thus transcending them. This realization is through a knowledge of ourselves as we are. It is this knowledge, not formulated as textbook statements but as the action of knowing from moment to moment, which brings about the realization of what one essentially is, also of what life can mean when freed from every form of conditioning. Thus

to live becomes a process of self discovery and approximation to the truth in ourselves. It is this process which brings the person to a condition in which there is an unchanging peace in the midst of every trouble, and at the same time by elimination of the clogs and hindrances till then suffered, unseals the fountain of life's hidden energies, the pure flow of which spells action that is joy and is effective in the truest sense.

Such an attempt we might call living Theosophy as distinguished from a mere study of books. Living Theosophy is not just a matter of acting spasmodically according to the implications of a few doctrines we feel disposed to accept but is the translation of the Wisdom continuously into life. No purely intellectual understanding can go deep enough into the nature of oneself to produce any vital change. But the pursuit of Theosophy, when it engages the whole of one's being, can bring about a change of a far-reaching nature. According to my understanding, this is the kind of change that Krishnaji refers to. In reality it is not "we," as we conceive ourselves, that bring about this result or mutation as he calls it, but Nature, the universal life-energy or Mother which brings it about, when "we," the petty self, stand aside and do not obstruct her process.

Theosophy as a way of life, as truth in action, and not as a verbal storehouse, can be always as fresh as life itself. To live Theosophy in this manner is to live according to one's true nature, not that acquired nature, the ways of which one calls nature simply because they become a matter of habit with a momentum of their own. It is the finding of our own true nature that the whole world and all its peoples primarily need for the solution of all personal and social problems and perhaps seek, even without knowing it.

I have carefully read the Reports from the various Sections in different parts of the world. Judging by what they say, as well as my own impressions gained through correspondence and visits, the work of the Society as a whole is being carried on steadily, although the main burden, whether in Lodges or in Sections, falls on a devoted few who realize what we are called upon to do as a Society and its importance. This has been the case however from the earliest days, and cannot but be so in a Society which keeps its doors so widely open to all who wish to enter. The Society exists primarily to form a nucleus of the universal brotherhood of humanity but the formation of such a nucleus is not a quick or easy process. As at present, it is in an inner core of the nucleus to be or being formed, consisting of its most devoted members, that its vitality is centred; and this vitality is manifested in varying degrees in different parts of the area to be covered. In almost every Lodge there are fluctuations which are also inevitable but should be treated as a test of the strength and earnestness of those who feel the responsibility for keeping up a steady outflow of the stream of thought and influence for which the Society is designed to be a channel.

This year that lies behind us has been one of "splendid achievement" in the U.S.A., says Miss Joy Mills, the National President of that Section. In my address last year I mentioned the generous help which the Section has received from the Foundation established by the late Mr. Herbert Kern, and the ways in which it has been possible to develop the work with its assistance. I shall not repeat what I said then. Miss Mills reports that it has been possible to draw upon the Foundation's help for twenty separate programs along the same lines as then indicated, with the result that the work

has extended considerably in all directions. The sales of the Theosophical Publishing House at Wheaton have more than doubled. The Quest Books program of publications has gone ahead, with fifteen further titles and greatly increased sales, due to the popularity of these paperback books and extensive advertising. The membership of the Section has increased to about 4,350, more than one-third of the 600 and odd new members being comparatively young, under 35. I might mention here the noteworthy fact that a letter about the Society, its aims, character and work goes to every purchaser of one of these Quest books.

The highlight of the year for the English Section was the Congress of the European Federation, says Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, the General Secretary. The Congress was held at Swanwick in July under the chairmanship of Mr. John Coats, and was attended by 250 members representing 20 nationalities, 100 coming from countries overseas. The most notable feature of the Congress, mentioned by Mr. Leslie-Smith as well as others, was the feeling of unity that pervaded the Congress from the outset and seemed to be felt by all. Much valuable work was done during the year, we are told, over a program of exploration, suggested to Lodges and members, to find out what, to each, are the basic ideas, principles and doctrines of Theosophy; what particular aspects of Theosophical teaching they considered most useful for the year; and what kind of organization the Society may need in ten years' time. These themes might well be discussed in other Sections too. Even if no consensus is arrived at—any attempt to do so of set purpose might not even be desirable—the attempt on the part of the members to consider such questions individually and discuss them in Lodges cannot but be of great value.

The General Secretary for India, Mrs. Radha Burnier, reports that work has gone on along the usual lines. The number of members at present is 7,568. There were many study camps and conferences in different parts of the country, including the annual South Indian Conference at Adyar, usually held during Easter, the Workers' Training Camp also held there, and a study camp at Bhowali, a Himalayan hill station, where the Indian Section has property which is being developed for more such activities.

Mrs. Burnier writes at some length of a movement recently started in Madras under the title, "New Life for India," the aim of which is to promote in public and private life a consciousness of the principles which should govern the conduct of an Indian in relation to his fellow citizens, surroundings and neighbors, in fact, the ancient ideal of *Dharma*, translated into terms of practical conduct and social values. A number of representatives of different groups and organizations, including Mrs. Burnier herself and other Theosophists, have been co-operating in this endeavor, which is wholly non-political and has already met with a measure of response, as exemplified by the fact that the Governor of Madras, Sardar Ujjal Singh, came to its first public meeting in September last to inaugurate it.

Much of Dr. Annie Besant's work for India was aimed at the rehabilitation of India on a moral and spiritual basis, and she had great hopes for the revival of India's greatness, which she said would lie not in fight for conquest, for place or power, or in the political arena, but in "keeping alight the torch of Spirit amid the fogs and storms of increasing materialism". Mrs. Burnier recalls these words, so that Indian Theosophists at least may do all they can towards realizing the hope expressed by Dr. Besant.

There are Sections which have quite a small membership; others with a membership of over 1,000; still others, with a membership of say over 300, but less than 1,000. But one should not judge the value of the work in any of these Sections by mere number. In a movement of the sort that the Society represents, the quality evidenced in our work and thought is more important than numbers; and this quality is not to be judged by purely intellectual measures. For instance, in Burma, where the work has dwindled owing to many causes, there is, because of the religion and the temperament of its people, the possibility some day of a presentation of Theosophy different in its quality and spirit from that to be found anywhere else. It would be the same Wisdom, but exhibiting another color or shade of color. A similar remark might be made with regard to several other Sections, where the work has not yet begun to show the nature of the contribution that may be expected from its full development.

Viet-Nam has about 750 members. It must be difficult even to keep a correct count in the midst of the turmoil there. Yet the work seems to be carried on with devotion and faith. Miss Lau-thi-Dau, the General Secretary, who has recently been travelling in the provinces to meet members and visit Lodges, says that everywhere the members of the Society are not only keeping up their Theosophical studies, but also participate in public welfare work, and that is appreciated by the authorities. She writes in conclusion: "We do not know what tomorrow will be like . . . We continue our work trusting to the Light which certainly comes after darkness."

The Reports from both Australia and New Zealand make encouraging reading. Australia has now nearly 1,300 members, and although it is a continent by itself

with great distances separating the Lodges, which are mostly in the big cities, the work is so organized, the Section headquarters giving the necessary guidance and help in various forms, that all the Lodges are held together in a scheme which gives them the necessary unity. It is pleasing to read that there are not only Young Theosophists active in Melbourne, Perth and Sydney, which are the biggest Lodges, but the younger members are being given responsible positions in these and other Lodges to a greater extent than before. Miss Ruth Beringer, the General Secretary, writes that the annual Convention, which was held at Binna Burra, a scenic spot in the mountains south of Brisbane, was the apex of the year's activities. The theme selected for a Convention, Summer School or any similar gathering, is always of interest as indicating the trend of thought among the members concerned. The theme for this particular Convention was "Deepening Awareness—Sensitive Living".

The General Secretary for New Zealand, Mr. Brian Dunningham, reports that the Section has almost doubled the number of its lectures. It has taken as its keynote for 1969, "Theosophy, the Spiritual Science the World is Seeking". There is an increasing attendance of young people at meetings, including university students. The membership stands at present at 1,006, marking a net increase of 47.

Turning to Latin America, Mr. Luis Spairani, the General Secretary for Argentina, reports that the National Council has been organizing courses in Theosophy in different places, and some Lodges have followed suit. He says: "We have not only (thus) opened new horizons to the members, but also attracted new members to the Society." The Section Convention was followed by a Summer

School, the main theme of which was "The Search for the Inner God in Man". The Section membership stands at 792, with groups of Young Theosophists in different centres.

At Adyar we have had very little news from Chile for a number of years, but this year the General Secretary, Mr. Ricardo Michel, has sent a very detailed report, which indicates that there are now eight active Lodges, all holding meetings regularly for members, as well as the public. The Lodge in Santiago meets, we are told, every day in the year. The National Convention of the Section was held on the 28th of September, at which Officers and Councillors were duly elected.

The General Secretary for Colombia, Mr. Aureliano Zea Zea, in his report describes the way in which the work is organized there. It is being carried on with great enthusiasm. The lectures attract a numerous public, and to make the presentation interesting, they have organized courses for speakers among the members. There are also courses to help members to present Theosophy in a framework of scientific knowledge. The Young Theosophists meet weekly and hold important discussions on Theosophy, the attendance averaging thirty persons. The periodical entitled *Selección Teosofica*, which consists of Theosophical material selected and translated by Señor Walter Ballesteros, is at present the most important means for the spread of Theosophy, we are told, not only in Colombia, but also in Uruguay, Venezuela and Spain. Altogether the picture is greatly encouraging and augurs well for an intensification of activities also in other parts of South America.

The General Secretary of the Central American Section, Mrs. Carmen Aguilar Alvarez, sends a detailed report mentioning the work of the different Lodges,

which are spread over a number of Republics. The headquarters of the Section is moved every two years to a different Republic, so that the members in all of them may be associated more closely with the work of the Section as a whole and feel responsible for it. Some of the Lodges have only the minimum number of members, but as a whole the Section is becoming increasingly active.

The event of the year for all the Sections in Latin America was the holding of the third Inter-American Congress in Sao Paulo, Brazil. It was decided at this Congress to form a permanent Inter-American Federation in the hope of bringing the different Sections closer together and giving them from time to time such help and guidance as may be possible.

I have already mentioned the European Federation in connection with the Congress held in England. Mr. John Coats, after having been Chairman of the Council of the Federation for nine years, wished to retire from that office, and Mrs. Claire Wyss, formerly General Secretary of the Swiss Section, has been elected as his successor. Mrs. Wyss is well known to workers in all Sections in Europe, and has been travelling and helping the work particularly in the German-speaking areas and in Yugoslavia.

The German General Secretary, Mrs. Annaliese Stephan, mentions an interesting development in the work in that country, namely, a study circle for Theosophy in the University of Gottingen. There is also a regular series of study week-ends at Inzmuhlen in the months of October and May, attracting 40 to 50 members coming from different places. Mrs. N. van der Schoot, General Secretary for the Netherlands, reports the fact that there is increasing co-operation in that Section between the young and the old.

The Lodge at Basle in Switzerland has been able to acquire new premises, thanks to a bequest recently received by the Swiss Section. Mr. Roberto Hack, General Secretary for Italy, mentions the fact that they have been translating the *Mahatma Letters* into Italian, and the first volume of the translation has just been published. The Adyar Verlag at Graz in Austria has published four books, three of them translations, with help from the Swiss Section. Iceland has now a membership of 644, which is a very large percentage of the total population of that country. Apparently, out of every 25 persons in Iceland, one is a Theosophist.

From the Theosophical point of view, Africa divides itself into East Africa, Southern Africa and West Africa, West Africa being a Federation but an active one. In Southern Africa, the position is much the same as before. East Africa has about 1,260 members spread over the States of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. The work is being carried on with energy and enthusiasm, although there are uncertainties with regard to the future especially because of the policy of the Kenya Government which has been forcing non-citizens to leave the country, while the membership throughout the area is mostly non-African.

In all Sections, including others which I have not mentioned, activities go on much as usual.

During the past year I was to have made a tour of the United States, visiting the major centres of work in that vast country. But because of an unexpected health condition I had to cancel the tour, although I was able to carry out my appointed part in the annual Convention of the Section and the Summer School which followed immediately. The Vice-President, Mr. J. S. Perkins, was invited by the Director of the School of Theosophy

at "Krotona," Ojai, California, to give a course of talks extending over a period of two months, up to the present. He and Mrs. Perkins are due to make a tour of the American Section after the New Year. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, after completing his work at the Krotona School, has been in Geneva along with Mrs. Hodson for a period of four months, giving talks which have been attended by members not only in Switzerland but also other Sections in Europe. Mr. John Coats, after making extensive tours in East, South and West Africa, is at present in South America visiting different Sections and various places in each. It is not possible for me here to mention all the lecturing that has been done, much of it within the different Sections by appointed National Lecturers and others. But as I have pointed out in previous Reports, this work within the Sections is not by any means less valuable than the lecturing done by visitors from abroad, although the latter receive more publicity and tend to attract audiences.

Besides the Summer Schools which I have already mentioned, Summer Schools have been held in Germany, in Australia following their Convention, in Finland, and in Pichl in Austria for German-speaking members in Europe.

The work of the Theosophical Order of Service is mentioned in many of the Reports I have received. Mr. J. Fleischanderl has taken the place of Mr. John Coats as Director of the T.O.S. work in Europe. Much work of the same sort is done by Lodges directly, especially in India.

The list of well-known members who have passed on this year is quite a long one. I might here mention prominently Srimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram, of whose passing I have already written in *The Theosophist*; Miss E. W. Preston of England and Kotagiri, well known to

readers of her books; Mrs. Phoebe Bendit, also known by her books and her work in England; Professor J. E. Marcault, a former General Secretary for France and author of important books on Theosophical subjects. Others whom I might mention are: Mr. Dwarkadas M. Shah, Zanzibar; Mrs. Jean Allan and Mr. R. W. Lamont, Scotland; Señora Andrea de Pondé, Argentina; Miss Dorothy Ashton and Miss Florence Kenderdine, England; Dr. Pieter K. Roest and Mr. Frank Linton, U.S.A.; Mr. Gretar Fells, General Secretary for 21 years in Iceland; Mrs. Julia de la Gamma, Uruguay; Miss Claudia Owen, Wales; Mr. L. C. Lorenzana, Spain. To all these and others who have passed on, I would like to express on behalf of all who knew them our gratitude and very affectionate good wishes.

Changes in departmental Management at Adyar during this year include: Mr. J. B. Singh as Engineering Adviser in the Maintenance Department in the place of Mr. R. Balfour-Clarke who left for Europe last spring; Mrs. Michele Robine as Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers, replacing Mrs. Iris Murphet; Sri D. V. Subramaniam who took over from Sri S. Natarajan as Superintendent of the Watch and Ward Department. Sri S. V. Ramachandran resigned as Superintendent of the Garden Department, and Mr. N. Yagnesvara Sastry continues to be associated with the Department as a Consultant. Mrs. M. E. Nairn, after completion of her work as Director of Studies for the January-March 1968 term of the School of the Wisdom, took over the work of Assistant Editor in the office of *The Theosophist*, releasing Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap for his valuable work in the Society's Archives.

The Adyar Library is now well established in its new premises, which were dedicated formally during the Convention

last year. The work of the Library goes on steadily and satisfactorily. Sri V. Ramanatha Iyer is now the Librarian, taking the place of Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan who has gone to "Olcott," the American Section headquarters, for a period of work there.

The Theosophical Publishing House, says a report by its Manager, Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, has greatly increased its business out-turn this year, due mainly to orders received from the T.P.H. at Wheaton.

The 20th session of the School of the Wisdom opened on October 2nd last, with Miss Ianthe Hoskins as Director of Studies. The attendance has been somewhat smaller than usual, possibly due to the fact that there is now at Krotina in California a School of Theosophy which attracts many members from different parts of that country. Dr. Alfred Taylor is the Director of that School, with a staff of regular lecturers, and attendance at classes and lectures sometimes rises to 100, we are told. But I may perhaps here venture the remark that Adyar has a quality all its own, and I do not think that the School of the Wisdom here will ever become superfluous because of similar activities that may be carried on elsewhere.

The Vice-President has issued several circular letters to General Secretaries and others, explaining the objects of the Century Fund which was instituted in

1965. It is a Fund intended to make the Adyar estate as beautiful and suitable for its purposes as possible by the time the Society's Centenary comes. I would be remiss in my duties if I did not on this occasion bring to the notice of members the need and importance of accomplishing the aims for which the Fund has been instituted.

It has become quite a commonplace observation that the world is passing through a transition which is proving difficult. The magnitude and nature of the present crisis could hardly be anticipated in the comparatively settled times during which the Society was launched. To cope with this crisis and emerge into an era that is settled and peaceful, yet permitting the freest development of all sections of humanity, there has to be a radical change not only in the outlook but also in the very temper and dispositions of people. Is this possible, is the important question to be answered by Theosophists. The answer has to be given not in so many words, but by the power of the Wisdom as manifested in themselves and the manifold effects it produces in the realms of both thought and action, in other words, one's life in all its aspects. It is Theosophy, the Eternal Wisdom—call it by whatever other name—as it changes our life, and not as an intellectual creed, that can answer the challenge.

THE TREASURERS' REPORT

Last year's results are not unsatisfactory. During the year ending 30th September 1968 we have been able to fulfil the scheme started in 1965 to create for all permanent workers a Gratuity Reserve. From 1-10-1968 onwards we have only to provide one month's salary as Gratuity Reserve for the permanent staff.

Our next step will be to start a Pension Fund to meet commitments when in any year some departments may have suddenly to make heavy payments for retired workers for which no provisions have been made.

1. Income and Expenditure Account:

The year closes with a deficit of Rs. 3,963 (last year Rs. 4,821).

Under Convention 1967 there was an expenditure of Rs. 6,016, while last year's at Varanasi the income was Rs. 338. The appeal made during Convention in 1967 resulted in generous donations from our overseas delegates and other members, which amounts have been published in THE THEOSOPHIST under "Donations". Expenditure under Repairs and Renewals in 1968 rose by Rs. 3,943, and under Watch and Ward by Rs. 2,128. Increase of income from Quarters Maintenance in 1968 was Rs. 5,743 over that of last year.

From the Interest an amount of Rs. 42,000 was transferred to the A.B.C. Fund in 1968 (see *A.B.C. Fund*).

2. Donations:

(a) Adyar Day collections in 1968 amounted to Rs. 49,243 inclusive of Rs. 304 brought over from 1967. Last year it was Rs. 49,504. Allocation was made by the President as shown below:

	Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Library	.. 5,000	
Faithful Service Fund	.. 500	
Gratuities Reserve	.. 29,200	
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	.. 3,000	
Vice-President's Travelling Fund	.. 1,000	
Welfare Fund	.. 2,000	
	<hr/>	40,700
General Fund towards deficit		8,500
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		49,200
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(b) *General Donations*: The total collections in 1968 were Rs. 59,711 against Rs. 45,098 in 1967, and Rs. 32,943 in 1966. (Average annual figure for the last 5 years is Rs. 42,915.)

(c) *Legacies*: During the year a sum of Rs. 15,015 was realized from the estate of the late Miss Nettie Evelyn Ockenden, New Zealand, Rs. 22,255 from that of the late Mrs. Ruth Ella Dickerson, U.S.A., Rs. 20,661 from that of the late Mrs. Mary H. A. Elmore, London (see Adyar Library and Century Fund); Rs. 9,039 from the estate of the late Mrs. E. G. Ashley of London, and Rs. 2,087 from the estate of the late Miss F. E. Underwood of South Africa, making a total of Rs. 69,057.

The late Mrs. E. G. Ward of England has left a legacy of about £ 9,900 to the Theosophical Society. The amount is expected to be realized in 1969.

3. A.B.C. Fund:

The total collections during the year were very poor being only Rs. 3,022. The closing balance on 30th September 1968 was Rs. 18,89,308 showing an increase of Rs. 93,056. Keeping our target for this fund as 30 lakhs in view, we were able to increase it as follows:

	Rs.
Direct donations	3,022
General „	48,034
From Interest	42,000
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	93,056
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A list giving details of investment of the Fund is appended. Only the interest realized is being used for maintenance of the International Headquarters Estate, Adyar, the capital being untouched.

4. Adyar Library:

There was a surplus this year of Rs. 19,918 under the Publications account against Rs. 16,755 in 1967. A sum of Rs. 4,520 was received as grant from the Central Government as against Rs. 16,582 last year. Income from sale of publications including *Brahma Vidya* rose this year by Rs. 12,867.

Excess of Expenditure over income in 1968 was Rs. 8,360 against Rs. 5,693 last year. The increase (Rs. 2,667) is mainly due to the additional expenditure in 1968, (Rs. 2,072) under “Salaries and Wages” as also “Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy” (Rs. 1,052).

5. Adyar Library Building Funds:

Donations received in 1968 amounted to Rs. 37,948 including General donations Rs. 10,068. A bequest from Mrs. Mary H. A. Elmore brought in Rs. 10,000. Donations from Dr. Dorothy Rood amounted in all to Rs. 6,000. Miss Katherine A. Beechey gave Rs. 1,436-35. Donations amounting to Rs. 15,000 were received through President Mr. N. Sri Ram.

The amount spent on the new building of the Adyar Library in 1968 was Rs. 21,227 bringing the total cost of construction till end of September 1968 to Rs. 7,74,660. A sum of about Rs. 5,500 due to a defaulting contractor, less damages for not doing the work in time, was attached by the Court to satisfy his creditors; on his becoming insolvent the subject is pending with the Official Assignee.

6. Bhojanasala:

The deficit was Rs. 10,418 against Rs. 8,164 last year. It has varied from Rs. 4,778 to Rs. 9,093 in the last 5 years (the annual average being Rs. 7,513). Increase of expenditure over last year under “Provisions Consumed” is Rs. 5,159,

while the increase in "Mess Income" is only Rs.3,720. The cost of vegetables, grains and ghee has gone up. The last increase in the rates for meals and tiffin for members was on 16-8-1966 and for non-members on 18-3-1967. The increased expenditure under "Miscellaneous" and "Salaries and Wages" Rs. 523 also contributed to the high deficit.

7. Century Fund:

Donations received in 1968 amounted to Rs. 39,872 against Rs. 80,884 in 1967, and Rs. 1,84,638 in 1966. Some of the large contributions this year were: The T.S. in Sweden Rs. 4,151, Legacy of Mrs. Mary Elmore Rs. 10,330 and the T.S. in Netherlands Rs. 13,497. A sum of Rs. 23,848 was spent during the year on maintenance of the buildings in the T.S. Estate, Adyar. The Fund stood at Rs. 2,39,248 on the 30th September 1968 against Rs. 2,24,748 last year.

8. Exchange Equalization Fund:

Due to the sterling devaluation on 20-11-1967 the balance with the Midland Bank has been reduced by Rs. 28,505.

9. Faithful Service Fund:

Additions to the Fund during the year were: Rs. 500 being Adyar Day allocation, Rs. 39 as royalties on Miss Helen Veale's book *Son of India*, and Rs. 702 being interest. The closing balance at the end of the year is Rs. 28,068.

10. Fees and Dues:

The receipts in 1968 were Rs. 82,419 against Rs. 81,802 of last year. Details of amounts received from each Section are shown in the appended statement.

11. Garden Department:

The deficit this year was Rs. 2,367 against a surplus of Rs. 4,443 in 1967.

Contributory causes are: Increase in depreciation on "Bullocks," and Rs. 3,062 on "Office Salaries" as the department had a paid superintendent. The cultivation accounts show losses under the heads Bananas, Sapotas and Vegetables amounting to Rs. 490, Rs. 63, and Rs. 559. Successive months of drought is one cause. Gross return from "Paddy" this year is disproportionate to the expenditure. Based on the stock on hand of paddy worth Rs. 4,646, the gross return of Rs. 989 has been worked out. More than 60% of the trees in each of the 5 blocks of Casuarina plantation are reported to have dried up. Dead trees are being marked and sold in 1968-69. The Garden Department showed an average annual deficit of Rs. 5,742 during the years 1963 to 1966.

12. Laundry:

The deficit in 1968, Rs. 6,306, is less than in 1967 by Rs. 42. The average for the last 5 years is Rs. 4,632, the lowest annual deficit being Rs. 3,481 and the highest Rs. 6,348. As regards the items of expenditure and income, there are only slight variations between last year and this.

13. Leadbeater Chambers:

The deficit rose in 1968 to Rs. 12,627 from Rs. 1,918 in 1967. There was a fall of Rs. 7,658 during the year under "Mess Income, Service Charges, and Miscellaneous Income" due to fewer people who lived in the Chambers this year than in the previous one, 247 against 303. Expenditure this year under "Salaries and Wages" rose by Rs. 1,954. Also Rs. 1,133 more had to be spent this year for Milk and Curd than in 1967. Average annual deficit for the last 5 years is Rs. 3,570.

14. Maintenance Department:

Excess of Expenditure over income was Rs. 36,035 against Rs. 37,136 last year. Average annual deficit for the last 5 years is Rs. 30,440.

15. Sundry Debtors:

There are 5 items over Rs. 500 each, but all are recoverable. Rs. 41,463 was outstanding on 30th September 1968 against Rs. 43,345 in the previous year.

16. Theosophical Publishing House:

Excess of income over expenditure in 1968 was Rs. 35,745 against Rs. 6,685 last year.

Sales of The Theosophical Publishing House publications showed an increase of Rs. 33,026 this year, Photos and Pictures Rs. 1,356, Incense sticks Rs. 2,100, Adyar Library Publications Rs. 5,365 and Sales of Others' Publications Rs. 9,313.

There is a small increase of income (Rs. 365) this year in the account of "The Theosophist".

17. Vasanta Press:

The new Heidelberg Cylinder Printing machine and two binding machines financed by donations from overseas members started working early in April 1968.

The Foundation stone for a new building for the Vasanta Press was laid by the President on 3rd April 1968. The work of construction is in progress, the total expected cost being about four lakhs of rupees.

Excess of Expenditure over income was Rs. 6,138 in 1968 against Rs. 2,901 in 1967. The larger deficit this year is due to the rise in Administration Charges by Rs. 1,435. Another Contributory cause is the sum of Rs. 2,470 paid to an additional worker. Compared to last year there is a fall of Rs. 2,656 in Gross income. Production account shows an increase of Rs. 9,381 under "Work in Progress" and Rs. 28,343 under "purchases" so that the year 1969 may prove profitable to the Press.

18. We heartily thank the members of the staff for their continued co-operation.

ADYAR

17th December, 1968.

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REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

When a year of splendid achievement for The Theosophical Society in America coincides with a year which has held some of the most historic upheavals of violence, riot, and national tragedy ever witnessed in this country and around the world, it is not easy to compress into a single report all the occurrences of those twelve months and at the same time give some comment upon them that may lend them deeper meaning and significance. While the Society is wholly non-political in character, we cannot dissociate ourselves from the current of world events in which we move, nor can we speak in an impersonal vacuum from which all private considerations have been sealed off.

The Theosophical Society first raised its voice to open the doors of free inquiry, to restore to men's minds and hearts the knowledge of a wisdom based on the fundamental premise of man's spiritual unity. H. P. Blavatsky and H. S. Olcott wrote and spoke with a fearlessness and courage characteristic of all those who have made their own pilgrimage to the sources of truth and have recognized their responsibility to lend what aid they could to alleviate suffering, to correct injustice, to dispel ignorance. We who live in these troubled times have a like responsibility, and we dare attempt no less.

Eighty years ago, in her message to the members of the American Section, H. P. Blavatsky spoke of this very responsibility: "Theosophists are of necessity the friends of all movements in the world, whether intellectual or simply practical, for the amelioration of the condition of mankind . . . Theosophy teaches the animal man to

be a human-man; and when people have learned to think and feel as truly human beings should feel and think, they will act humanely, and works of charity, justice, and generosity will be done spontaneously for all."

As one writer has said recently, "Our world has become one before it has become whole." The time is now when The Theosophical Society must speak no less clearly and courageously than when H. P. B. and Colonel Olcott and Dr. Besant spoke out against the miseries, cruelties, and injustices of their day.

Brotherhood.—Out of such a conviction, deeply mindful of the purposes for which this Society exists and of the essential freedom of thought which is the guarantee of this Movement to each of its fellows, I speak to you at the close of another year in this Section's activities to report that in my view there is a health and vigor, a harmony and unity, within our work almost unprecedented in our history. There has been splendid growth, as I shall comment on directly but, even more significant, I feel, there has been a re-declaration of that primary principle to which we have given our allegiance, the ideal of universal brotherhood. As the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, has written: "If the Society is committed to one aim, truth or principle more than any other it is human brotherhood, to be interpreted not legalistically. . . but in that spirit which identifies Brotherhood with Truth." At the meeting of the General Council of the Society held at Adyar in December last, when it was my privilege to be present as the General Secretary of this Section, the following resolution was

adopted: "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 color, 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." This resolution, which the President has suggested be given due prominence in every Section journal, now appears each month on the back cover of *The American Theosophist*, along with the two other major resolutions on freedom of thought and the policy of dissociation.

Following upon open discussions on the Society's commitment to its First Object, held during workshop sessions at the three Theosophical summer camps last August, I appointed a National Committee on Brotherhood, whose specific assignment was to explore ways of making more effectively known the Theosophical position on universal brotherhood. Fortunately it proved possible to utilize scholarship funds made available by a grant from the Kern Foundation for workshop and seminar programs, to bring together at Headquarters the members of this committee for a five-day program in early April which proved to be not only exciting but extremely productive. A statement presenting "A Theosophical View of Brotherhood" was prepared, and materials for members and public programs were developed.

Adyar.—As we give attention to the need for a renewal of our commitment to the practical realization of our ideal of brotherhood, we think inevitably of that physical centre of our Society, the place which more than any other represents the unified efforts, thoughts, and energies of members throughout the world, Adyar.

Sent by your National Board of Directors to represent the American Section at the meetings of the General Council and at the 92nd Annual Convention of our world Society, I travelled to Adyar this year for the first time. Happily, the Kern Foundation Trustees, at the request of the Society's Board of Directors, allocated a grant which enabled Miss Helen Zahara to accompany me, so that she also could participate in the Council sessions.

In referring to the General Council sessions, it is appropriate here to note that the American Section has been honored by the naming of another of its members to the Society's governing body. Nominated by the President and elected by the Council membership, Mrs. Ann Wylie becomes again a member of the General Council, having served on that body during the time she was at Adyar.

Convention-Summer School 1967.—Turning now more directly to a survey of the activities within our Section during the past year, our report begins quite properly with the 81st Annual Convention and Summer School held here at Olcott last July. These sessions, which are always highlights of every Theosophical year, were made especially memorable by the presence with us of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson. It was our unexpected good fortune also to welcome Srimati Rukmini Devi as a guest speaker at the Convention. Their many contributions, including Mr. Hodson's outstanding series of talks during the Summer School on the general theme of "The Impact of the Unseen," were unique experiences for all who participated in the programs.

Membership Department.—Again this year we are encouraged by a significant rise in membership. During the past fiscal year, 614 new members were admitted into the Society, the highest number of

admissions since 1932. On May 31, 1968, our membership totalled 4,464, a net gain over last year of 285, more than double the gain recorded a year ago. Death removed 92 members from our rolls, while 45 individuals resigned their membership, and 303 became inactive.

Six Lodges and one study centre were dissolved during the year, while the Board of Directors granted certification to seven study centres. At the end of the fiscal year we record a total of 124 branches and 13 official study centres.

Our records indicate that of the 614 members who joined the Society during the past year a little over 32 per cent or approximately one-third were under the age of 35. Certainly it is true that an increased number of young people, particularly of high school and college age, are searching for meaning and significance in life and want answers that are satisfying both to reason and to those deeper intuitions that ultimately stir us to action. The current interest in meditation is but one evidence of the need of young people especially to find in the midst of the uncertainty generated by world events a stable centre of inner peace and calm.

Department of Information.—Reflecting the quickened pace of activities in every area of our work, the Department of Information reports an unusual acceleration of its activities. To this Department is referred every book purchaser, so that every individual who has ordered a Quest book as a result of our national advertising programs, receives an introductory letter about the Society, together with a publicity leaflet. Approximately 500 new names each month were added to our mailing list as a result of the Quest book direct order sales, so that during the past year, 5,338 form letters were mailed out from the Department of Information. When this number is compared with that of the preceding

year, 930 form letters mailed, the extent of the growth in this area alone may be realized. The Department further reports that 36,798 leaflets were distributed last year, as compared with 14,267 for the preceding year. During the past year, 9,076 of the "To-Those-Who-Mourn" leaflets were distributed by the members of that club.

Publicity Leaflets.—As a consequence of the wider distribution of the publicity leaflets, all titles had to be reprinted during the past year. In addition to a new series of four titles on brotherhood, prepared by the National Committee on Universal Brotherhood, four further titles were added to our regular series—"Theosophy—A Timeless World View for Modern Times," "Education for a Significant Life," "The Art of Meditation" and "Approaches to Yoga". Sales of these leaflets in quantity lots, through the Theosophical Publishing House, accounted for a further distribution of 93,686, in addition to the number sent out by the Department of Information.

National Library.—The National Library has continued its extremely active program of providing books for readers all over the United States, and this department reports that during the past year 3,643 books were circulated. The library presently records 377 borrowers on its active membership list, of whom about 60 per cent are members of the Society and 40 per cent are non-member borrowers who have joined the library service. During the past year, 225 new borrowers were added to the library's rolls. Accessions for the year numbered 418. Thirty-three reading lists are now available as a specialized service of the library to aid borrowers in the selection of titles; new reading lists on "The Spiritual Life" and on "Astrology" and a revised listing of works on Theosophy were added during the past year,

The American Theosophist.—*The American Theosophist*, as the official organ of the Section, continues to serve the members in providing original articles, official news, and other information of general interest to the membership. As is customary, ten regular issues and two special issues were published during the past year, the special issues dealing with "Paths of Brotherhood" and "Education for a Significant Life". For the sixth consecutive year, *The American Theosophist* was included in the Combined Periodical Exhibit of the American Library Association, thus ensuring its inclusion in the Combined Periodical Check List, which is distributed to all participants and members of the A.L.A.

Discovery.—Published nine times each year, from September through May, *Discovery* is designed primarily to reach the public and is used by more than 70 branches and three groups in Canada, including the Canadian Federation, for publicizing their programs and circularizing their enquirers' lists. During the past year a total of 80,707 copies of this small publication were distributed, a gain of approximately 4,000, over the number sent out the year before.

Department of Education.—The Department of Education reports another very busy and fruitful year. Among the new items added to the department's resources during the year were a series of talks for members and the public recorded especially for us by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, a group of 112 short talks useful for discussion programs which had been originally recorded for use in Theosophical radio sessions, and a new art audio-visual program on "The Light of Asia". The tape recordings, some with manuscripts and discussion notes appended, tape-visuals, art programs, slides and films were loaned out over 700 times during the year.

The revised *Introductory Course in Theosophy*, Part I, was released early this year and has been available for purchase through the Theosophical Publishing House. This course has been found particularly valuable for use with the new study groups, organized by the Regional Expansion workers. Under a special program for which a Kern Foundation grant had been made, six educational and training manuals were revised and issued this year: a Manual on Class Organization, a Manual for Group Discussion, and a Manual of Study Aids, together with three guides for group study under the general headings, "Theosophy at Work in Daily Life," "Man: His Nature and Development," and "The Order of Reality". These manuals, now available for branches and study groups, are being supplied by the Membership Department to all newly elected branch presidents and secretaries. A special series of six discussion programs on "The Meaning of Brotherhood," based on material used and developed during a public series held at Olcott last fall, has been issued by the Department of Education.

In March, we were able to launch a program of correspondence courses, for which financial assistance had been allocated by the Kern Foundation. A course, based on the *Introductory Study Course in Theosophy*, Part I, and one based on Donna Sherry Lord's *Study and Practice of Meditation* were issued.

Now in its sixth year, the program of monthly letters to new members continues to bring enthusiastic and appreciative response. This activity is also carried on through the Department of Education. Sets of these letters have been furnished upon request to the General Secretaries of 12 countries, as well as to the Young Theosophists of Sweden who asked for permission to adapt the letters to their work.

Two further issues of the small publication, *Theosophy-Science-Philosophy Dialogue*, were issued by the Department of Education this past year; this compilation was circulated to a mailing list of about 50 members. However, there has not been sufficient evidence of general support to warrant continuing publication of the *Dialogue*.

Workshops-Seminars-Conferences.—For a number of years, workshop training programs have been conducted from time to time at Headquarters and in various parts of the Section, all based on the thesis that as we educate ourselves in effective techniques of group work and in a knowledge of Theosophy we can more adequately present and share the Theosophical philosophy to ensure that this Society has the vitality and vigor necessary for continued healthy growth. An increasing number of members attest to the benefits of these workshop sessions. Fortunately, the Kern Foundation has responded with a generous grant to our request for financial assistance in order that we may provide scholarships, particularly for younger members who show unusual promise for carrying on local and regional work, to attend workshop sessions. Last August, the Department of Education, in co-operation with the authorities of the three Theosophical summer camps—Indralaya, Far Horizons, and Pumpkin Hollow—arranged for workshops to which scholarships were granted at those camps.

The annual spring workshop, conducted at Headquarters, was held in April with 17 members attending from all parts of the country. The program provided sessions for group meditation, discussion, training and experience in group dynamics, with special attention given to ways of improving public and members' programs, and an opportunity for those attending to visit the several departments at Headquarters.

Two inter-federation conferences were held during the year, for which scholarship funds were made available from the Kern Foundation grant. A Labor Day week-end gathering at "The Oaks," near Ann Arbor, Michigan, brought together members from the Illinois-Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ohio Federations, while the annual West Coast Conference, held over the Thanksgiving week-end at Ojai, California, was attended by members of the Northwest, Southern, and Northern California Federations.

Theosophical Publishing House.—During the past year, the Theosophical Publishing House has continued the trend of growth and expansion. Total merchandise sales have moved from a record high of over \$65,000 reported last year, to more than double that amount this year, for a total in excess of \$133,000, with a gross profit in excess of \$49,000. Dealer sales have continued to advance in a most encouraging manner, increasing from over \$27,800 recorded last year to nearly \$68,000 this year. It may be noted that the net profit in the Theosophical Publishing House for the 1967-68 fiscal year is estimated to be in excess of \$20,000, the highest ever recorded in our history.

Among the new works issued this year by the three Theosophical Publishing Houses—Wheaton, Adyar, and London—have been Volume II of the *Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*, edited by Boris de Zirkoff; *The Psychedelic and Yogic Pathways to Reality*, by Geoffrey Hodson; a new edition of *Self-Culture* by I. K. Taimni; *Personal Memories of G. S. Arundale*, by some of his friends; *Out of Chaos*, by H. K. Challoner and Roland Northover; *Theosophy, What's It All About?* by Geoffrey Farthing; and *During Sleep*, by Robert Crookall. A number of reprints, mainly of well-known Theosophical classics, have been issued by the three Publishing Houses.

T. P. H. Building Fund.—Last year, at Convention, the need for more adequate facilities for the Theosophical Publishing House was presented, together with the authorization of the National Board of Directors to proceed with plans for the erection of a new structure here on our National Headquarters estate that will provide the necessary accommodations for this fastest growing department of our work. The response of the members at the Convention to the initial solicitation of funds to finance such a building program was outstanding. During the year the contributions have continued to flow in, in a most encouraging way. I am happy to report that as of May 31, contributions to the T. P. H. Building Fund totalled \$25,729.67.

Quest Books.—Of course, most exciting and dramatic in its impact on our book sales records, as well as most challenging in the possibilities afforded us by the availability of such literature, has been the Quest Book program of publications. These high quality paperback editions of works that present Theosophy and the Theosophical philosophy in terms of contemporary thought, in a manner so as to have popular appeal, and at prices that are competitive on the paperback market, have enabled us to move forward in our essential work of disseminating Theosophy in a way never before possible. This publication program has been the largest single activity underwritten by grants from the Kern Foundation; stock is sold to the Theosophical Publishing House, on a basis which enables the Publishing House to grant to dealers the usual discounts on quantity sales.

Late in the spring of 1966, the first Quest book was issued; last year, in my Annual Report, I referred to the issuance of fourteen titles, for a total of 15 books in the Quest series. This year, I can report to you the publication of 15 further

titles, so that there are now 30 titles on the Quest Book list, surely a record of which any publishing house could be proud. Every title is uniquely significant, but special mention may be made of the addition to our list of the outstanding work, edited by Joseph Head and S. L. Cranston, *Reincarnation: An East West Anthology* and of five titles by J. Krishnamurti. These latter works have quickly soared to the status of "best sellers," while the *Reincarnation* anthology was utilized by the Religious Research Foundation of America as its book club selection, with an initial order of 500 copies. By terms of the contract, one title on the list, *The Meaning of Personal Existence* by A. W. Osborn, was issued first in hard-cover, this being the first American edition of this notable work; the paperback edition of this title will be released in the new fiscal year.

Two new series in the Quest Book program were inaugurated this year. With the publication in paperback, in specially designed format, of *The Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine*, prepared by Christmas Humphreys and Elizabeth Preston, we initiated our Quest Classic Series. *The Enchanted Hill* by Ruby Lorraine Radford, who received a writer's fellowship for the preparation of the manuscript, was published as our first Quest Book for Children. Illustrated by Jane Evans, this splendid work issued in hard-cover has already won high praise. Plans are well under way for the issuance of further titles in both these series.

National Advertising.—Closely associated with the Quest Book publications has been our national advertising program, keyed especially to making known the availability of the titles in the Quest Book series. Designed and produced by the public relations firm of Wolf and Krautter, Inc., of Chicago, in consultation with our own Kern Foundation

Programs Committee, the national advertising has been directed to both the public in general and to the book dealers through the trade journals.

During the past year, 54,695 books were sold. Since in many cases sales moved faster than we had anticipated, it has already been found necessary to negotiate second printings of six of the Quest Book titles.

First Quest Bookshop.—It is appropriate at this point to mention the pilot program initiated this year through the joint co-operation of the New York Theosophical Society and the Kern Foundation which made available a sizeable grant to permit the experiment in the establishment of the first Quest Bookshop in the United States. The New York membership undertook the financing of extensive alterations to its building in order to make possible the creation of a street-level book store, with display windows and appropriate inside fixtures, including space for a comfortable reading area. Opened on February 11, this first Quest Bookshop is located in a busy section of downtown Manhattan not far from the United Nations complex.

Field Work-Lecture Programs.—Always a central part of the activity of the Society are the many field programs we are able to undertake each year, many of them directed especially to the development of areas in which Theosophical branches or study groups do not now exist. For several years, the indefatigable workers in this department of the Society's efforts have been the National Vice-President and his wife, Felix and Eunice Layton, who undertook three complete tours during the past year. They report ever-increasing audiences, numbering over 300 in several cities. The record of new members joining in each city, following the Regional Expansion programs, is outstanding, with new study groups estab-

lished on an informal basis in every case. Book sales of well over \$2,500 are reported for the year's work.

Mrs. Jean Tappendorf, who joined our field staff last year, devoted much of her time this year to the essential work of following up in aiding the established branches through specially prepared workshop programs that focus on the training of members and on the development of new ways for the presentation of Theosophy. In October and November, she toured the groups in Florida, meeting with both members and public in eight cities; returning to her California home via the Gulf Coast, she was able to meet with groups in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. After the first of the year, Mrs. Tappendorf travelled to Texas for work in five cities, where she was extremely successful in revitalizing the work in Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Dallas particularly, organizing a new study group in the last city.

For some time, we have looked forward with keen anticipation to the return visit to the American Section of the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. It had been planned that following his arrival in New York City in mid-April, the President would be able to visit at least one major city in each area of the Section, before coming to Olcott to participate in the 1968 Summer Sessions. However, following his lecture engagement in New York, it became evident that certain medical treatment, as well as rest, was necessary to correct a physical difficulty which had arisen, and to both his and our regret, Mr. Sri Ram's tour among the branches was cancelled and he came direct to Olcott.

I have already referred to the opportunity given me to visit our international centre at Adyar this year. Miss Zahara and I travelled first to London, where we were able to have direct consultations

with the council of the Theosophical Publishing House there as well as with other publishers in connection with our Quest Book program. Following a brief holiday on the continent, Miss Zahara and I proceeded to Adyar, where in addition to our participation in the Society's 92nd International Convention, we had numerous conversations with the Publishing House council at Adyar and valuable discussions with other officials concerning matters of mutual concern and interest. Our return trip brought us home via Australia, where we both addressed members and public audiences in Sydney. En route to Olcott, we stopped for a visit to the Honolulu Branch, one of the oldest Lodges of our Section and one that is seldom visited because of the distance involved.

Radio.—The Foundation for Radio Theosophy has long been serving the Society as the main channel for the distribution of nationally approved tapes and scripts for the broadcasts undertaken by branches in various cities. A further allocation from the Kern Foundation enabled us to continue the program of revising and preparing new radio scripts and tapes, so that 108 additional scripts and tapes were developed this year, one-half of these being for 15-minute broadcasts and the other half for five-minute broadcasts. The publication in modern format of 12 booklets, each containing four radio talks, made available the scripts of the first year's series of broadcasts; 12 additional booklets are now in the process of preparation. The Foundation for Radio Theosophy reports that during the past year over 1,150 of the new radio booklets were sold to radio projects in various parts of the country.

The Kern Foundation.—The many references throughout this report to grants from the Kern Foundation indicate in some measure the extent to which this

Foundation has assisted, stimulated, and challenged our national efforts in the Society's essential task of making as widely available as possible the knowledge of Theosophy. Grants of approximately \$250,000 have been approved this year by the Trustees of the Kern Foundation for programs specified by the Society's National Board of Directors. Detailed planning for the various programs thus authorized is carried out by the Kern Foundation Programs Committee, of which Miss Helen Zahara is the extremely capable and efficient chairman. Serving with her on that committee are Mr. Edwin Lord, Mr. John C. Kern, and your National President. More than twenty separate programs are now administered under Kern Foundation grants, the largest single program being that of the Quest Book publications. In addition to the several activities already mentioned throughout this report as having received financial assistance granted by the Trustees of the Kern Foundation, we may mention the continuation of the writer's fellowship program, under which four new fellowships were awarded this past year, and the allocation of support for the continued publication of H. P. Blavatsky's *Collected Writings*, compiled and edited by Mr. Boris de Zirkoff, with special grants designated for the revised editions of Volumes III and IV in that series and an initial grant for a definitive and corrected edition of *Isis Unveiled*. Thanks to a grant from the Kern Foundation to The Theosophical Society in America, it was possible for this Section to make a gift of a new printing press and related equipment to the International Headquarters at Adyar; on April 3, the new press was formally installed and set into operation at the Vasanta Press building. Appropriately, the first work printed on the new press is the latest book by the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram,

entitled *Life's Deeper Aspects*. This new equipment will enable the Vasanta Press to improve both the quality and quantity of its publications, and this in itself will aid greatly in our own publications program.

It should be kept constantly in mind that while the principal aim of the Kern Foundation is to aid in the spiritual enlightenment of our fellow man through the wider dissemination of the Theosophical philosophy, the funds of the Foundation are not in the hands of the Society but are administered by Trustees in accordance with the Trust Deed establishing the Foundation. Every request for financial allocations submitted by your National Board of Directors for programs and activities which the Board deems will best serve the aim of the Foundation is reviewed by the Foundation's Trustees, and when the funds are granted, it is our responsibility to see that the moneys are utilized in the best possible manner for the specific purpose for which they were allocated. So we all share in this responsibility to ensure that the benefits of the Kern Foundation are matched by our own efforts, resources, abilities, and capacities in such manner that we can indeed increase the usefulness of the Society as a channel for the Ageless Wisdom.

Headquarters.—The ever-growing range of our activities points up the need for a stable and strong centre, through which all the programs may be co-ordinated and from which may flow continually the material, resources, and assistance necessary to aid the work at local and regional levels. Such a centre it is our good fortune to have here at our National Headquarters, Olcott. To bring Olcott nearer to every member, we prepared and issued this past year an up-dated and completely revised brochure, "Greetings

from Your National Headquarters"; this was sent to the membership with my annual New Year's letter and it is included in the packet of materials sent to every new member.

Again this year two series of weekly public discussion classes were held at Headquarters, each series drawing an average attendance of between 35 and 40. The first series was held in the fall on the theme, "The Meaning of Brotherhood," and a second series this spring focused on "The Principles of Theosophy and Their Practical Application". The Olcott Sunday lecture series continues to attract large audiences.

The growing pressure of activities at Olcott makes imperative the need to expand our residential facilities to accommodate the staff personnel necessary to cope with the greater amount of work in every department. It seems essential, therefore, that we give attention to the suggestion that living quarters for staff use be provided for in the plans for the new Publishing House building.

Olcott Staff.—It must be recognized that whatever is achieved, whatever is envisioned, whatever is undertaken, must be subject to the number and quality of people available to carry out the efforts, aims, and dreams of the organization. So in our Society, the burden and responsibility for the effective and practical implementation of our objectives rests with the membership, and while our numbers may seem relatively insignificant in comparison with many organizations, we are singularly fortunate, I believe, in having within our ranks so many outstanding workers and servers uniquely dedicated to the objectives for which the Society exists. However, if one group of workers more than any other deserves special commendation surely it is the outstanding team that serves at your national centre, the Olcott Staff, each

one bringing his own unique gift to the work.

National Board of Directors.—It would be inappropriate were I not to recognize also another team with whom I am most closely associated—your National Board of Directors whose unique and invaluable service ensures the orderly democratic functioning of the Society.

Finances.—Turning now to the Society's financial picture, it may be noted again that while substantial funds have been allocated to the Society by the Kern Foundation for specific programs approved by the Foundation's Corporate Trustee, none of these moneys can be used for the normal operating budget of the Section nor for the regularly planned activities which long have been a part of our efforts. The essential task of financing the Society's operations must rest, as always, with its membership.

We may note here that the total expense for the activities and administration of the Section during the past fiscal year approximated \$90,000, while income was slightly in excess of \$72,000. It may be estimated that the deficit for the past year, exclusive of depreciation (a figure which it is anticipated may be higher this year), will be approximately \$18,000.

This year we may note two outstanding bequests which have been received. According to her will, the late Miss Edith C. Gray, for so many years a most active worker in the Society, left her estate in the form of a Trust for the benefit of a number of organizations. The provisions of the bequest left to the Society by the late Mrs. Maud Ebert Ott of El Paso, Texas, direct that her estate shall be used to provide a home for retired Theosophical workers, to be built in California within five years of her death.

The funds held by the Theosophical Investment Trust, the principal financial arm of the Society, now total \$719,000,

of which approximately \$137,000 is in the ABC-America Fund, for the benefit of the international work, and \$539,000 is held for the specific benefit of the work of the American Section. This past year, the Trust made available to the Society over \$26,000, of which approximately \$4,000 was for the International Fund. The Membership Endowment Fund, a segregated fund held by the Investment Trust, now exceeds \$74,000, of which nearly 10 per cent was added during the past fiscal year. A total of 208 members have now endowed their membership, becoming life members of the Society.

Allied Activities.—Any report of the Society's activities would be incomplete without some reference at least to the magnificent work carried on so devotedly and unselfishly by the several allied groups who derive their inspiration from the Theosophical ideals.

One can scarcely overestimate the value of the work that is carried forward by the Theosophical Book Gift Institute, in the placing of Theosophical literature in libraries throughout the country; by the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, in providing services to members and non-members in all parts of the world who suffer the handicap of blindness and are dependent for their study of Theosophy upon the Braille literature and sound recordings issued by this organization; by the Theosophical Order of Service, in opening avenues for members to engage in direct, practical programs that carry the idealism of Theosophy into action; and by the Parents Theosophical Research Group, in the issuance of literature and bulletins emphasizing the application of Theosophical principles in work with children as well as in the home life of the entire family. Mention should also be made of the outstanding success of this year's sessions of the School of Theosophy conducted under the auspices

of the Krotana Institute at Ojai, California, with Mr. Geoffrey Hodson as guest teacher for the fall and winter terms.

International Aspects.—I have already commented to some extent on the significance and importance of our international centre, Adyar. Each year the membership throughout the world is afforded an opportunity to give special attention to the needs of Adyar through contributions to the Adyar Day Fund, which is then remitted to the President to assist with the expenses at that great Centre; this year the American Section was able to remit \$4,309.91, as the result of contributions from the members in this country. The Century Fund, established in 1965 as a ten-year program to finance improvements and repairs to the property and buildings at Adyar, now stands at \$1,548.35.

Members throughout the world may keep in contact and maintain a close link with the work both at Adyar and elsewhere, as well as with the President's views as expressed monthly in his "Watch-tower" Notes, through a careful reading of *The Theosophist*, which is the President's journal and of which he is the editor. Subscriptions to *The Theosophist* may be placed through our Theosophical Publishing House. At the present time, only 376 subscribers are recorded in this country; surely the American Section can give better support than this to an international journal of such high calibre.

Last year, in commenting on the international character of our Society, I remarked on the great good fortune that is ours in an English-speaking country to have readily available to us such a wealth of Theosophical literature and I announced the establishment of an international committee for a Non-English Publications Loan Fund. Since all the members of this committee were present at the 1967 International Convention at

Adyar, it was possible to hold a meeting to plan some of the preliminary work necessary to instituting a publications program to meet the needs of the non-English speaking Sections. Our own National Board of Directors authorized an initial gift of \$500 to launch this Fund and more recently a general appeal has been published in our magazine and in journals throughout the Theosophical world, inviting members everywhere to participate in this important activity. Surely there could be no more worthwhile effort than to assist in a program that will ensure the availability of Theosophical literature in whatever language men speak.

Conclusion.—A report such as this necessarily focuses on the signal events of a year of Theosophical work and on those achievements which can be categorized, enumerated, and given some statistical evaluation. Unknown and unnoticed must go the countless acts of Theosophical service that are performed daily by members everywhere whose full and selfless commitment to the ideals for which the Society stands is evidenced in their lives and actions.

We are now but seven years from the centennial anniversary of the founding of this Society. At the General Council meetings at Adyar in December last, the proposal of the American Section to host an international gathering in New York in 1975 was discussed and authorized, so that now we may proceed with plans for that major event. As we look toward the centenary celebrations, and beyond to the inauguration of our second century, we may ask what may finally be said of us, our work, our efforts, in this hour of the world's need? Let the record of this time read that here was a group of men and women who constituted a true "spiritual Human Front," suggested by Teilhard de Chardin as essential to meet the tide of violence about us, such a

brotherhood as can make the kind of assault upon human thought as shall erase all prejudice, all dogma, all the hatreds and antagonisms born of narrow nationalism and racialism. Let the record read that here was a fellowship so committed to alleviating humanity's sorrow, so dedicated to the ideal of effecting a universal brotherhood in a world at peace, that they counted neither the cost nor the labor, but each member of that fellowship gave of his full energy to the ultimate realization of the ideal.

In our troubled time, the Theosophist is challenged as never before to outdream the visionaries, to outwork the fanatics, to outdare the voices of reaction and despair. To be resolved to speak for mankind, to awaken the conscience of concern for all human beings, to arouse compassion for all life; this is the opportunity before us. We are moving toward the moon and the stars; we can build one world or set the earth on fire. Humanity can learn together, grow together, walk together—or die together. The choice as always is with people, for only the human being has the power of choice. As Theosophists, heirs of an immortal wisdom, we may be resolved to speak and to act with courage, with conviction born of understanding, with love, patience, and tender concern, for the community of man, determined to add our weight to tip the scales of choice on the side of brotherhood. Who shall measure the strength of our voice, if we are so resolved?

(Supplementary Report, June 1 to September 30, 1968).

The Annual Convention and Summer School of The Theosophical Society in America was held at its National Headquarters at Olcott from July 12 to 21. Fortunately the American Section could again welcome for these Summer Sessions our World President, Mr. N. Sri

Ram. Mr. Sri Ram, who had arrived in the United States in April, and for whom it had been planned there would be an extensive tour of the American Section, had become ill soon after his arrival and it became necessary therefore to cancel his tour. However, we were all most grateful that he was able to fulfil his assignments during the Convention and Summer School, thus making these events especially outstanding. During the Summer School particularly, Mr. Sri Ram gave a series of talks under the general theme "Understanding Oneself". A number of programs devoted to group activities were initiated during the Summer School period. These Sessions, as always, brought many members from throughout the United States to our national centre.

In recording this supplementary report for the first four months of the American Section's new fiscal year, one may note the continuation of the trend of growth commented upon in the annual report for the year which ended May 31, 1968. One hundred and forty-two members were admitted during this period. Two hundred and sixty-seven members were placed on the inactive list on June 1. This number represents the lowest number in many years to become inactive, so that we can record that on August 31, 1968 the conclusion of the first quarter of the Section's fiscal year, 4,354 members are on the active rolls of the American Section. This marks a gain of 368 over the total recorded for August 31, 1967.

As is customary the Annual Meeting of the National Board of Directors was held co-incidental with the Annual Convention. During those meetings the National Board of Directors authorized the certification of official study centres in Colorado Springs and Pueblo, Colorado, and a second Spanish-speaking Lodge in Miami, Florida was chartered.

Two Lodges and one official study centre were dissolved, and one Lodge declared inactive. Thus, at the end of the first quarter of the new fiscal year, August 31, 1968, there were recorded 124 Lodges and 14 official study centres in the American Section.

The work of the Theosophical Publishing House continues to expand, mainly as a result of the national advertising programs focused especially on the new Quest Books, but it is heartening to note that as a result of initial purchases of these new paperback works, many buyers go on to enquire about the regular hardcover editions of the Theosophical classics, and many of these are sold. As a result of the recent publicity given in the United States to *The Secret Doctrine* and the writings of H. P. Blavatsky, the *Abridgement to The Secret Doctrine*, in a Quest paperback, has been especially popular and many copies have been sold. We were fortunate enough to be able to have full-page advertising in the *New York Times* Book Review Section, and in the *Los Angeles Times*, featuring this remarkable book, and stating the facts concerning H. P. Blavatsky, her life, her writings, and the teachings of Theosophy. During the four-month period from June 1 to September 30, 1968 the sales in the Theosophical Publishing House totalled in excess of \$54,000—a gain over a similar period of last year of nearly \$20,000. This increase in sales has made imperative the need to proceed with plans for the erection of a new building on the Headquarters estate, to house the Publishing House. Plans are well under way for this new building. Notable among recent publications in the Quest Book series has been the issuance of a work by Geoffrey Barborka entitled *The Pearl of The Orient*. This work, published for the first time, is a commentary for western students particularly, on the *Bhagavad*

Gita. We have also been fortunate enough to issue in the Quest paperback series a revised and up-dated edition of *The Mystery of Healing* issued some years ago by the Medical Group of the London Research Centre.

During August we were again able to undertake special workshop programs at three Theosophical Summer Camps: Camp Indralaya on Orcas Island, Washington, in the northwest; Far Horizons in the High Sierras of California in the southwest; and Pumpkin Hollow Farm in the Berkshire Mountains of the northeast. These programs, designed particularly to aid members both in methods of presentation and group work and also to aid members in a deeper understanding of some of the concepts in the Theosophical philosophy, have been undertaken with grants from the Kern Foundation. By this means we have been able to extend scholarships to newer and younger members who might not otherwise be able to attend these programs. Miss Helen Zahara, chairman of the Society's Department of Education, was responsible for conducting the program at Pumpkin Hollow Farm, while the National President assisted with the programs at Camp Indralaya and at Far Horizons Camp.

Introduced at the Convention of 1968 and now made widely available to the branches and study centres throughout the United States, is a program which has been especially developed out of the expression of a need by many members in various parts of the country. These members felt that particular attention should be paid in these days of racial unrest and conflict to the implications inherent in the Society's First Object. Consequently last year the National President appointed a National Committee on Universal Brotherhood to explore means by which the message in the First

Object might be made more effectively known. A program for group study was developed, together with supplementary materials for distribution, both to members and to the public. This entire program, issued under the name "Brotherhood Now!" was presented to the members at the Convention, and later distributed throughout the Section. A number of publicity leaflets, particularly geared to this subject of brotherhood were written and issued. Members seem to be engaging in this study and finding it of especial interest.

Among the decisions made by the National Board of Directors at its annual meeting in July was the selection of the Statler-Hilton Hotel of New York City as the site for the 1975 International Centennial Conference. Plans for this Conference as an international gathering were approved by the General Council at its meeting at Adyar in December last, and it is with great happiness that the American Section now moves forward with plans for this great event. The dates of November 14 through 20, 1975 were chosen. Every effort will be made to publicize this Centennial gathering as

part celebrations which may take place in Sections all over the world, and which will culminate with the 1975 Convention at Adyar. It is already agreed that by having the International Centennial Conference in New York City in November, it may be possible for members from many countries, not only the United States, to plan to come to New York for that event, and then to travel together around the world, arriving at Adyar in time for the International Convention of 1975 in December of that year.

This Supplementary Report would be incomplete without reference to the Third Inter-American Congress held in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in late September 1968. The National Board of Directors approved sending the National President of this Section to attend that meeting, and to represent the United States in the discussions held in Brazil. The United States, through its National President as the official representative of the Section, lent support to the formation of an Inter-American Federation, and has agreed to membership in the Federation.

JOY MILLS,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

The highlight of the year for us was the Congress of the European Federation, for which we were the host Section. Nearly 250 members were present, representing 20 nationalities, and there were 100 from overseas. The keynote was "Breaking the Mind Barrier". Among the speakers were Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, Dr. P. Thorin, Professor P. Sedgwick, Mrs. A. Stephan, Mrs. C. Wyss, Mr. A. Jesse, Miss M. Anderson, Dr. P. Meyer-Dohm, Mr. G. Tripet, Mrs. B. Nyssens, Mrs. N. de Schoot-Groot, Mr. S. Tora, Mrs.

S. Fells, Dr. H. Shearman, and Mr. J. B. S. Coats, who said his farewell as Chairman of the Federation after serving it with charm as well as ability and dedication for the past nine years. Study groups were held under Mr. C. Berg, Mr. G. A. Farthing, Miss I. H. Hoskins, Mr. P. Lauer, Mrs. Wyss, Mrs. H. Sabetey, Dr. H. Shearman, Mr. V. Wallace Slater and Dr. P. Thorin. The unity very quickly achieved where all are under one roof, where all have meals together, and there is plenty of room for strolling and

discussing, again astonished and gratified many members. The General Secretary and Dr. H. Tudor-Edmunds attended the various meetings of the Council of the Federation.

The highlight of the year for the General Secretary was a visit to Adyar, whither he was sent by the Section to attend the meetings of the General Council and to take part in the International Convention. It was made possible for his wife to go with him, and the trip to India and the stay at our International Headquarters constituted a memorable experience.

The theme suggested for the English Section in 1968 was threefold: 1. that Lodges and members should find out what to each are the basic ideas, principles and doctrines of Theosophy; 2. that each seeks to discover what particular aspects of Theosophical teaching are most useful for the year; and then to make a special effort to put those aspects into practice in daily life; 3. that the Section should try to think forward to what kind of organization the Society may need in ten years' time. Much valuable work has been done on these points.

The subject for Convention in June was "By What Authority?" Numerous facets of this were presented by speakers who included Dr. C. G. Trew, Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Miss I. H. Hoskins, Mr. J. B. S. Coats, Mr. L. C. Soper, Mrs. M. Leslie-Smith, Mr. R. Dutta, Mr. G. A. Farthing, and the General Secretary. Several discussion sessions were also held, and a lively atmosphere pervaded the week-end.

The Theosophical Self-training Course is approaching its first anniversary. Some 80 members are taking it, including a number of other Sections (by consent of their General Secretaries). The response indicates that it is proving of real value to those who undertake it.

Lapsing of members is still a serious problem and accounts for a further drop

in membership, the provisional figure being 60.

Last autumn the British Broadcasting Company did an excellent program on the life of Annie Besant. The Section obtained permission from the Corporation and the author, Mr. C. R. Hewitt, to play back a tape-recording that was taken of the program, provided it is limited to members and their friends and is in no sense public. Otherwise a large copyright fee would be required. This tape has been played to various groups of members, especially at Headquarters (during Convention), at Tekels Park, Camberley, and at the European Congress at Swanwick.

The international appeal for the non-English Publications Loan Fund was publicized in a special leaflet sent out with every copy of one issue of *The Theosophical Journal*.

Tekels Park, Camberley, was again the scene of several valuable week-ends. Another Retreat was held, in which was included study by Miss Hoskins on *The Voice of the Silence*. The Southern Federation held a successful Easter Conference on the theme "Forward in 1975 or Backward into Obscurity?" The Theosophical Research Centre had its Annual Conference in May, the subject being "The Reality of the Invisible," and valuable sessions were held during a long week-end on "The Life and Work of H. P. Blavatsky". All these week-ends had a number of distinguished speakers. Several "open days," with talks and discussion arranged by Camberley Lodge, also proved most useful.

A new series of pamphlets has been started this year under the name of Theosophical Studies. So far Nos. 1-4 have been printed: No. 1 *A Scientist looks at Man's Rôle in Evolution*, by Dr. E. Lester-Smith and No. 2 *The Evolution of Mind* by Dr. L. J. Bendit, being

reprints of former booklets. No. 3 is *The Race Question* by L. C. Soper and No. 4 is on *Drugs: Their Uses and Dangers* by Dr. H. Tudor Edmunds. Two new leaflets have been printed: *The Emblem of The Theosophical Society* and *Yoga and Meditation*.

In March Mr. Wallace Slater gave a course of five lessons on Yoga and Meditation at public sessions. These were well attended and led to another course of five sessions given fortnightly by Miss I. H. Hoskins on Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras*. This in turn was followed by a third course on "The Way of Self-Realization through Meditation" led by Mr. F. Coulsting. At Easter Miss Hoskins held a three-day course at Headquarters on Comparative Religion, which was very well received. In her capacity as Information Officer of the Section she gave three lectures and a study course on Yoga at Eastbourne in the spring, which aroused much interest. She also gave a study course on Patanjali's *Yoga Sutras* to an independent study group in Leicester.

In August the new Information officer, Mr. G. A. Farthing, took office. One of his first tasks was to plan a twenty-session fortnightly course on the Kabbala, to be conducted by Mr. J. Sturzaker, and another on Yoga.

The Sunday and Wednesday evening public lectures have been held as usual throughout the year on a wide variety of aspects of Theosophy and kindred subjects. The Information Department has also received several requests from other organizations for speakers to visit them and talk on Theosophy; all these talks seem to have awakened interest. Dr. Corona Trew has continued to lead the study group on *The Secret Doctrine* throughout the year, and Mr. and Mrs. Dutta have continued to conduct beginners', enquirers' and study groups on two evenings each week.

Nearly 6,000 books have been borrowed from Headquarters Library during the year, books from the section on Theosophy being by far the most popular; and 650 parcels of books have been sent out to members all over the British Isles. Public libraries have borrowed 85 books through the National Central Library, and 120 members of the public have taken out subscriptions to the Library for varying lengths of time. New lighting has been installed in the Library, and this is proving of much value both to borrowers and the staff. The Librarian, Mrs. N. Walker, has carried on the work under great difficulties, however, because of shortage of staff, caused by death or retirement on account of illness.

The business of the Theosophical Publishing House continues to expand under the wise and diligent care of the Managing Director, Mr. J. M. Maxwell. Miss E. Ashton, who has done splendid and devoted work in the bookshop for many years, has retired, but still gives voluntary service there two or three times a week, and more at holiday times. To these two we are much indebted. Moreover, the shop is first-class publicity for the Section; casual buyers of books are given Theosophical answers to their frequent questions, and of course the information leaflets are available. The following new books have been published: *Out of Chaos*, by H. K. Challoner and R. Northover; *Diamonds in the Family* (a novel), by Eunice Buckley; *When we Die*, by G. A. Farthing; *Astrological Characterization in Literature* by Delphica; and *Psychism and the Unconscious Mind*, by the Theosophical Research Centre. Reprints and new editions: *The Liturgy of the Liberal Catholic Church*; *The Story of Atlantis*.

L. H. LESLIE-SMITH,
General Secretary.

INDIA

During the year under report, the work has gone on as usual. The different Federations and Lodges have been active in propagating Theosophy by holding study classes, discussions and lectures, by organizing camps and conferences, by publication work and so forth. As usual, the pace of work in some areas has accelerated, in some others it has slackened and in various areas it has progressed at a steady rate.

Four National Lecturers were appointed during the year. Professor M. N. Tolani travelled to Delhi, U.P., Bombay, Marathi and Gujarat Federations, visiting various Lodges in each Federation and delivering lectures. He also presided over the joint Annual Conference of the M. P.-Rajasthan and U. P. Federations, which was held in Gwalior. Sri Ramjivan Sinha presided over the Annual Conferences of the Bengal, Utkal and Kerala Federations and visited Lodges in those areas, as well as some Lodges in the Telugu and Tamil Federations. Sri S. G. Venkataramanan toured some of the Lodges in the Tamil, Kerala and Karnataka Federations. Professor H. E. Hakim toured Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan going to almost all the Lodges in the area.

Besides the National Lecturers, there were a number of others who did similar work, of whom I might mention Mr. C. D. T. Shores, who travelled in the Andhra country, speaking to members and the public, Miss Jeanne Dumas, who, as in previous years, lectured in various places, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stillman of the U. S. A. and Mr. Francis Brunel of France, who offered their services to the Section during their stay in India.

The International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, presided over the Annual Conference of the Tamil Federation in

Salem and of the Rayalaseema Federation in Proddatur, and also visited Varanasi and a few other places in the Section.

The International Vice-President, Mr. James Perkins, accompanied by Mrs. Perkins, presided over the Annual Conference of the Bombay Federation and that of the Gujarat Federation at Mehsana and also over the South Indian Conference, which is an annual event at Adyar at Easter time. He also visited Calcutta, Bhavanagar and Ahmedabad.

I visited some Lodges in Uttar Pradesh and was able to fulfil engagements in Bangalore where a camp was held for a week. I was to have presided over the Conferences of the Karnataka and Telugu Federations but had to cancel these and other engagements owing to the illness of my mother, Srimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram. I am grateful to Srimati Seetha Neelakantan who took my place at the Karnataka Conference with hardly any notice.

The camps and conferences during the year included as usual the South Indian Conference and the Workers' Training Camp at Adyar, the latter conducted by Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap. A camp was again held during the summer, with Professor M. N. Tolani as Director, at the Indian Section's property at the Himalayan station of Bhowali, which is being developed as a suitable site for more camps and activities of a Theosophical nature.

When the annual dues were increased last year, there were some who feared a large drop in membership. I am glad to report that this has not been the case and that we have lost only 142 members, the membership as on 1st October 1968 being 7,568 as against 7,710 last year. Part of the loss might also be due to the

periodic fluctuations which have been noticeable throughout the years.

The number of Lodges now is 418 of which 89 have less than seven members. There are also 36 Centres, of which 13 have less than the required number.

Two Federations have started Funds to help pay the dues of members who cannot really afford the payment. The starting of such Funds in other Federations is much to be recommended so that deserving members in each Federation can be helped by those who are closely associated with them.

Many Lodges throughout the Section have benefited from the generosity of Mr. J. K. Patnaik, who has unostentatiously sent donations of books published abroad which Indian members cannot buy owing to monetary restrictions. Copies of *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* and other valuable books have thus been widely distributed. We hope other members will come forward to emulate the example of Mr. Patnaik.

I am happy to say that the Section Headquarters has now got over the period when there was an extreme shortage of staff. Several devoted members have joined the community of workers at Varanasi. We were happy to welcome Justice R. K. Chowdhry, who was a Judge of the Allahabad High Court and is a member of long standing and whose presence at Headquarters has been a great asset; Sri Ram Prasad Agrawal, who had been one of the principal workers of the Bihar Federation and who, after retirement, has taken up the work of the Section's membership department; Sri R. P. Agrawala of the Delhi Federation, also an active worker, who has been appointed as Manager of the Indian Bookshop; Sri K. B. Gosathkar, who has returned to Varanasi after a period of service at the Gujarat Federation Headquarters; and Sri J. D. Goel of

the Delhi Federation who has taken up work in the girls' hostel which is being run in the Headquarters premises.

Sri N. K. Bhide, who had served the Section in various capacities most conscientiously and capably for a period of twenty-three years, out of which he was Treasurer for six years, retired at the end of 1967 from his post. I have been deeply indebted to him during all these years for being a pillar of strength in carrying out the Section's work. His place as Treasurer has been taken by Sri Ram Shankar Pandya, whom we are very happy to have with us.

Some major repairs have been done to buildings in the compound which were in too dilapidated a condition to be habitable. Repair work on other buildings is proceeding. Improvements in electrical installations have also been carried out. The Section owes a debt of gratitude to Sri D. P. Rajbansi, who, in spite of advancing years, has most faithfully looked after maintenance and repair work. A member with experience along these lines would be welcome at Headquarters in order to give relief to Sri Rajbansi.

An advisory committee has been appointed for the Bookshop and it is hoped that with its help the Manager, Sri R. P. Agrawala, will be able to carry out plans proposed to enlarge the stocks, improve the display, and publicize the Theosophical literature available.

The past year has seen the loss of several veteran workers. Sri R. S. Bhagwat of Thana joined the Society in 1910 and earned the respect of all those who knew him by his life and work, which included the translation into Marathi of many Theosophical books. The Indian Section, the International Society and the Marathi Federation will receive each a fourth part of his property as per his Will. Another veteran of the Marathi

Federation who passed away was Sri B. G. Khaparde who was President of the Amaravati Lodge and who joined the Theosophical Society in 1898. Srimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram was well known in the Tamil Federation, of which she was President for some time, and in various other parts of the Theosophical world. She joined the Society in 1912 and was active not only within it, but also in doing social welfare work in the city of Madras. Other long-standing members who are no more physically with us are Sri W. N. Nadkarni of Bombay (1904), Sri Ram Swarup of Muradabad (1894), Sri P. V. Ramachandra Sastry, Adyar (1916), Sri R. A. Ponnuswamy, Pondicherry (1909) and Sri S. M. Desai, Indore (1913).

Good work has been done by branches of the Theosophical Order of Service under the enthusiastic leadership of Sri Shambhu Dayal, the National Director. The Bombay branch actively helped the relief work done in the flood-afflicted areas around Surat. The Madras branch has, as in previous years, specialized in providing clothes and medical help to the poor. Other branches have also been active.

The Order of the Round Table organized a camp at Adyar during the last International Convention which was attended by a large number of children who had thus the opportunity of benefiting from the atmosphere of Adyar. Their presence and activities were also enjoyed by the not-so-young. New branches of the Round Table have been started in some places.

In my last report I mentioned the deteriorating conditions in India caused by the loss of right values, and the need for a leadership in this direction which members of the Society can give. The Ashoka Chakra was started by our late President, Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, some years ago with a view to bringing about

the Dharma Vijaya which the Emperor Ashoka spoke about. The organization stood for right citizenship in the country and sought to emphasize the need to maintain ethical and moral standards in public and private life. The Ashoka Chakra, however, ceased to be active as an organization, although the need for work of that nature is even more called for now than it was at the time of Mr. Jinarājadāsa.

Members in Madras, including myself, who have felt the need to revive and continue this work for India, outlined by Mr. Jinarājadāsa, have made a fresh start under a new name, "New Life for India". We have enlisted the co-operation of other citizens of Madras belonging to various institutions and organizations and a representative committee was formed to plan work, with Sri V. Ramanatha Ayyar of Adyar as Convener.

The Governor of Madras, Sardar Ujjal Singh, inaugurated the movement on 13th September at a public meeting which was well attended. It is hoped that gradually the influence of the movement will make itself felt, although the task is uphill. The program of work includes organizing talks in educational institutions, forming groups in different parts of the city who will stand for certain principles and values, and the building up of public opinion against violence, lawlessness, indifference and self-seeking. The objects of the movement are:

To stand for:

(1) Right citizenship based on regard for social and public welfare, overriding personal, group or sectarian interests.

(2) The recognition of right values and the necessity for right living.

(3) Fulfilment of one's responsibility in private and public life.

(4) Maintenance of order, peace and beauty in one's environment.

(5) Alleviation of suffering and bringing about improvement in one's neighborhood to one's maximum capacity.

To stand against:

(1) Violence and destruction of property as means of achievement.

(2) Breaches of public order or indifference to such breaches leading to indiscipline at different levels.

(3) Use of dishonest or wrong means to achieve personal or group interests or seemingly right ends.

(4) Callousness and lack of consideration for others, resulting in absence of civic sense and ethical values.

(5) Neglect of order, good taste and cleanliness in personal and public life.

Our revered late President, Dr. Annie Besant, had great hopes of India's future, which she expressed many a time in eloquent words. Let us pray that those hopes will be realized, dark though the horizon may be, and that we shall have the courage to be worthy sons and daughters of the land of the Rishis and Seers which she loved and served so ardently. Listen to her words:

"It is the perpetual affirmation of spirituality as the highest good that is India's mission to the world. As her

past glory resulted from her spiritual knowledge and devotion, so must her future be based on the revival and re proclamation of the same. Her genius is for religion and not for politics, and her most gifted children are needed as spiritual teachers, not as competing candidates in the political arena. Let lesser nations and lesser men fight for conquest, for place and for power; these gimcracks are toys for children, and the children should be left to quarrel over them. India is the one country in the world in which it is still easy to be religious, in which the atmosphere of the land and the psychic currents are not yet wholly penetrated with materiality. If religion perish here, it will perish everywhere, and in India's hand is laid the sacred charge of keeping alight the torch of spirit amid the fogs and storms of increasing materialism. If that torch drops from her hands, its flame will be trampled out by the feet of hurrying multitudes, eager for worldly good, and India, bereft of spirituality, will have no future, but will pass on into the darkness, as Greece and Rome have passed."

RADHA BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

Convention.—This was undoubtedly the apex of the year's activities. The venue was again Binna Burra, a scenic spot in the mountains south of Brisbane, where over the Easter period 114 members had assembled from most States in Australia. This year we had no guest speaker to focus our attention and add attraction to the event, but this was compensated for by the idyllic setting of the guest house amongst the natural beauty of the Lamington National Park. "Deepening

Awareness—Sensitive Living" had been chosen as the Convention theme, and the program was designed to explore many facets of the subject and to allow maximum participation by all members. The exchange between Lodge workers and members on aspects of the work proved valuable. It took place in Council meetings and conferences on Lodge activities and during the many opportunities for informal conversation. A special feature of Conventions at Binna

Burra, where we met for Convention five years ago, is two days of planned walks. Members grouped together in teams and undertook shorter or longer walks in the National Park, and around a picnic fire or resting at a lookout they discussed the chosen subject. Brisbane Lodge very satisfactorily fulfilled its function as host Lodge.

International Visitors.—Early in 1968 we welcomed the National President of the American Section, Miss Joy Mills, on her first visit to Australia. She was accompanied by Miss Helen Zahara, a former General Secretary for Australia, now working at the Theosophical Headquarters in U. S. A. It was indeed a joyous occasion and our visitors were enthusiastically received. Miss Mills and Miss Zahara were returning from a tour of Europe and Adyar, and unfortunately could only spare a seven-day visit to Sydney. Each of the visitors gave a public lecture which drew large audiences. Some interstate members joined a reception given by Blavatsky Lodge in honor of our overseas guests.

Another visitor was Mrs. Peggy de Vogel-van Gogh from Adyar who spent several months in Australia, making contacts with Lodges in Cairns, Adelaide, Perth and Sydney. She presented an illustrated talk on Adyar at each of these Lodges.

During the last days of September, Perth Lodge welcomed the return to Australia of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson. Mr. Hodson gave several well attended lectures.

Honorary National Lecturer.—Mr. Leonard Wade continued as Honorary National Lecturer, and he and Mrs. Wade travelled many miles during the year. He gave lectures and conducted discussions in Brisbane Lodge following Convention in April. Two journeys were made in November, one to Canberra,

the other to Newcastle, and a second visit was undertaken to Canberra in June. The small Newcastle Lodge and the Canberra Theosophical Study Group received new stimulation from Mr. Wade's talks. His lecture contributions at Convention and to the Lodges in Sydney were much appreciated. His service to Theosophy and his help to the Theosophical Society in Australia are gratefully recognized.

General Secretary's Travels.—In October I was invited to Adelaide to attend the Lodge's week-end seminar which has become an annual event in the life of the Lodge. I also addressed members and the public. On my return journey to Sydney I visited Melbourne Lodge and had a useful conference with the members of the Melbourne quorum of the National Executive Committee.

Just before Christmas I flew to Adyar to be present at the International Convention and to take part in various General Council meetings and conferences on the "Presentation of Theosophy". It was a unique experience; and the opportunity to meet with so many fellow Theosophists from all over the world at our International Headquarters afforded inspiration and pleasure. After Convention, I visited, with other members from overseas, some Indian Lodges.

Other Tours.—Mr. J. A. Farquharson, a well-known member of Melbourne Lodge, while spending his holidays in New Zealand was invited to be Guest Speaker at the New Zealand Convention, which took place in Wanganui after Christmas.

Miss Marion Caws, President of Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, toured North Queensland Lodges in August and September, speaking to members and friends in Townsville, Cairns and Atherton.

Headquarters' Staff.—I was assisted in the office by Mrs. Gladys MacCartie and

Mrs. Gerda Vanags, whose competence and understanding of the work is most noteworthy. Mr. David Esplin's co-operation in matters concerning the Theosophical Society in Australia is also much appreciated. As Secretary of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. he is working in close connection with the Headquarters' staff. At Convention Mr. Esplin was re-appointed Assistant Treasurer, and together with Dr. H. S. Murdoch, the re-elected National Treasurer, has looked after the Society's financial affairs.

The Headquarters staff handles such duties as membership records; publicity, including the arranging of weekly broadcasts and advertisements in the press; arranging of lecture tours; preparations for Convention; editing of the Section's journal *Theosophy in Australia*; preparing additions to the tape library; as well as dealing with a vast amount of correspondence with Lodges, members and the public.

Lodges.—As last year 16 Lodges, all active in their various ways, remain on the roll. In addition the Canberra Theosophical Study Group and several small groups of members and friends meet regularly.

This year saw the opening of another Lodge bookshop, namely in Adelaide. There are now Theosophical bookshops operating under the direction of Lodges in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide. They are staffed and organized entirely by members, and are becoming an ever more effective avenue for the spreading of the ideas of Theosophy. As the bookshops stock literature not only on Theosophy but on most allied subjects published in recent years they have the further advantage of keeping members informed on modern religious, philosophical and philanthropic thought.

Three of the larger Lodges, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth, send out their own

little publications to members and friends to keep them in touch with Lodge activities.

Adelaide Lodge reported a successful week-end seminar held in October, with "I Am That" as its theme. In March a week-end seminar was organized by the Perth Theosophical Order of Service and the Young Theosophists. It was well attended by members and friends, and a number of speakers, some from other organizations, gave talks. Although an experiment, its success persuaded Perth members to plan another seminar for October 1968.

A point worth reporting is the fact that during recent years a growing number of younger members have been elected to responsible positions in their Lodges, serving as presidents, secretaries and on Lodge committees.

Membership.—At 30th September, 1968, the membership total stood at 1,297 as against 1,294 in the previous year. We lost 28 members through death, and recorded 113 members lapsed and resigned; 20 members re-joined and 125 new members entered our Society, a fair percentage of whom are in the younger age groups; 20 members were transferred in as against 21 transferred out.

Throughout the year new members have received monthly letters from Headquarters, which provide them with an introduction to the study of Theosophy for the first 18 months of their membership. Judging by the correspondence received from many members this assistance is greatly appreciated.

Services to Lodges.—Among services offered to Lodges are supplies of publicity leaflets and pamphlets, study courses, library reading lists, lecture announcement leaflets, lecture tapes, and special artistic programs. Most of the publicity material is made available at half cost price. This has been possible through the subsidy

allocated by the Expansion Fund and by The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. under its promotion of Theosophical objectives. 8,135 leaflets and pamphlets have been sent to Lodges and enquirers, 59 lecture tapes were lent out from Headquarters tape library, 18 new lecture tapes and 2 special artistic programs have been added to this library, one of them arranged by Miss Zahara and members of the American Section. Four leaflets have been reprinted in the new format designed and revised by the American Section.

Again some parcels of new Theosophical publications were sent on approval to the smaller Lodges for selection and addition to their libraries.

As in previous years Headquarters subscribed to the *Adyar News-Letter* for the Lodges and each Lodge receives this important link with the International Headquarters, Adyar, at regular intervals.

Quest Book Agency.—Since the formation of the agency in June 1967 a total of 5,840 Quest paperback books have been imported from the Theosophical Publishing House in America, and 2,241 books have been distributed to 50 book-sellers all over Australia. The list of titles has risen to 25 and original supplies having been distributed, eight titles had to be re-ordered. The agency has been set up under The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd., and as books are sold at the prices marked in U. S. A. the margin of profit is very slight. To maintain expenses on a level which is within the means of the Foundation's resources, advertising, wages and other expenses have to be carefully considered. Although no material gain from the distribution agency can be expected for some time to come, the interest and demand for these low-priced, attractive books is steadily growing. Quest Books form a part of the stock of Theosophical literature available through our Lodge book-

shops and book depots, including the little depot set up by the Canberra Study Group.

Books to Public Libraries.—In order to continue the good work done by members in the past, particularly by the late Miss Edith Gray of America, larger Lodges have been urged to follow up placements of Theosophical books in public and school libraries by further supplies. From the national Headquarters 110 books have been sent to 14 libraries in Launceston, Newcastle, Cairns, Mareeba, Atherton, Townsville and other North Queensland country centres and to Lae in New Guinea.

Journal.—Under Mr. David Esplin's guidance the national journal *Theosophy in Australia* has been published regularly every second month. A new cover design was introduced early in the year and each time has since appeared in a different color.

Advertising.—This year advertising has been extended to *The Bulletin*, a national weekly, and *The Australian Journal of Adult Education*, which is published three times a year. The monthly advertisement in the nation-wide daily, *The Australian*, has been continued. Advertisements have brought good response from the enquiring public in urban as well as in sparsely populated country areas and even from Papua, New Guinea. Leaflets and general information about Theosophy and the Theosophical Society, such as advice as to where to contact branches and Theosophical libraries, were sent to enquirers.

Correspondence Course.—For a long time it has been felt that the need existed to follow up enquiries about Theosophy with something more than just the usual brief information given in the leaflets. Therefore a correspondence course was thought to be a suitable means to further acquaint the enquirer with the wide field of Theosophy. A course is now offered

to all who contact the Headquarters about Theosophy. It consists of the paperback Quest book, *Theosophy—Key to Understanding*, by F. and E. Layton, and letters containing comments, questions and suggestions for study on the subject of each of the 12 chapters in the book. The letters are sent at regular intervals and invite the correspondent to enter into a written dialogue if he or she wishes to do so. The course became available only in September and in less than one month 20 enquirers had subscribed to it.

Broadcasting.—Weekly sessions over Broadcasting Station 2 GB, Sydney, have continued throughout the year. Scripts were received from the American Section for which we are most grateful. Many of them were adapted for use in Australia and supplemented talks presented by Australian members. Miss Zahara, while in Sydney, recorded three of her own talks. A variety of topics were presented from the Theosophical viewpoint, sometimes in dialogue form by two speakers. During the year an innovation was introduced to the program by interspersing suitable talks with short musical interludes.

Melbourne Lodge discontinued its weekly talks program in June, but continued for a short while to broadcast a series of 25-second spot announcements over Station 3XY.

International.—Two further book cover designs were submitted to the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar.

An appeal was made to members for donations to the Non-English Publications Loan Fund. This fund was internationally inaugurated early in 1968 in order to assist non-English-speaking Sections to publish Theosophical books in their native languages. A national contribution of \$100 was transferred to the Fund.

The Adyar Australia Fund, invested in Australia and whose income goes to the Adyar Century Fund, stands at \$18,034.38. The income derived from this Fund amounted to \$904.34 this year.

Some parcels of books were sent to the Vietnamese Section in response to an appeal for library books, many of which have been destroyed or lost in the current hostilities.

Young Theosophists.—Groups of Young Theosophists have been active in Melbourne, Perth, and Sydney. The Adelaide group was dissolved early in the year owing to lack of leadership. However, both in Brisbane and Adelaide Lodges where there are no separate Y. T. groups, young members continued to work within the Lodge. Young people particularly want to express their being in doing, and so the group in Perth successfully organized with the Theosophical Order of Service a week-end seminar for members and friends. In Sydney, also in conjunction with the T.O.S., the Young Theosophists arranged with excellent results an evening of good fellowship to raise funds for the Felix Layton Rice Bowl Appeal. Programs of the Y. T. groups were very varied, but it is evident that discussion and group participation are preferred to lecture programs. The Young Theosophist groups provide the means through which many young people make their first contact with the ideas of Theosophy and some eventually become members of the Society. A combined Newsletter was published twice and *Fraternity*, in new cover design, appeared once during the year.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—Groups function within the larger Lodges around Australia, their attention being directed towards the alleviation of suffering in the world. Fine work has been done to help worthy causes in Australia

and abroad. In Brisbane the Order continued to look after the housing and welfare of 20 elderly ladies in The Hospice. In Perth the group operates a service which endeavors to help distressed people. The McIntyre Centre for Senior Citizens in Sydney has completed a new block of units for 14 elderly residents, all of whom are very happy in their modern lodgings. Activities in connection with "Human Rights Year" were carried out by members of the T. O. S. in Sydney. From Tasmania an isolated member again sent regular donations—proceeds from her little home industry of knitting and jam making—to help T. O. S. projects. The Theosophical Order of Service has affiliated with other

groups and organizations concerned with humanitarian work.

Administration.—The Executive Committee has met regularly in Sydney during the year. Two meetings of the national Council were held at Convention. Members living in other States, belonging to the Executive Committee and the Council have been kept informed of all matters through minutes and correspondence. Directors of The Australian Section Theosophical Trust Ltd. resident in Sydney also met regularly, while the annual business meeting of that company took place at Convention.

RUTH BERINGER,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

Mr. Geoffrey Farthing from England visited the Section at the end of September and early October 1968, as part of a tour to Denmark, Sweden and Norway. He visited the Lodges of Malmö, Gothenburg and Uppsala and talked to members in Stockholm at week-end meetings. Members have been invited to speak in Denmark, Norway and Finland during the year.

For the moment there are 8 Lodges in Sweden which are active and arrange their own programs of public lectures and members' meetings, often with guest speakers from other parts of the country.

During the spring of 1968 there has been a drive for a new start of Theosophical work in the town of Västerås (about 100 km. west of Stockholm), where the earlier Lodge discontinued its work a number of years ago. After some public lectures and an evening for discussion there is a small group that wants to continue.

Swedish members have participated in a series of meetings with the aim of

bringing together such interrelated movements as Anthroposophy, Spiritualism, Theosophy, the Martinus movement from Denmark, etc. It is yet too early to say what will come out of it, but it seems to be a sign of the times to want to remove all kinds of barriers.

Four Swedish members availed themselves of the possibility of joining the second charter flight to Adyar. We feel we owe great thanks to John Coats and others for having arranged these flights and made it possible for a number of members to visit our International Headquarters. In the spring some of those who took part told us at home about the journey and the visit to Adyar and showed slides and a film.

The Convention of the Swedish Section took place in Stockholm on 25th and 26th May.

Eight Swedish members participated in the European Congress at Swanwick, England, in July 1968, and brought home from there new ideas and inspiration for

the work. The Scandinavian regional committee had some valuable meetings.

The joint Theosophical magazine *Teosofi i Norden* for Denmark, Norway and Sweden is going on steadily and is now in its eighth year. The Swedish editor is Mrs. Barbro Melander. The selling of Theosophical books continued its upward trend. A new booklet on Reincarnation and Karma is at the moment with the printer and will appear shortly. To a certain extent it has the same material as a similar pamphlet published in the English Section, but among other things an article by Mr. N. Sri Ram has been added.

The collection of money over ten years for the repair and maintenance of buildings on the Adyar Estate has been continued and about 230 English pounds were collected during 1967.

At the annual elections at the beginning of 1968 Mr. Curt Berg was elected General Secretary of the Section for two years.

Since the last report the Section has got 27 new members, while 40 have left including resignations, lapsings and members who have passed over. The present membership is 349.

CURT BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The Message for Modern Man.—The 1968 Keynote "Theosophy: the Message for Modern Man" is proving apt and timely. World unrest, turmoil in Viet-Nam, Africa, Czechoslovakia, etc., racial problems in U.S.A., youth (particularly university students) in revolt in many countries and economic uncertainty, have all shaken people out of their lethargy. Religion, science and philosophy have all become suspect and thinkers generally are now searching for a spiritual science which is logical, just and fundamental. Hence our keynote for 1969 "Theosophy—the Spiritual Science the world is seeking".

To Meet the Need.—The New Zealand Section almost doubled its lecturers in the field this year and heavily increased its newspaper and weekly journal advertising. The last of 5,000 copies of *Theosophy in a Nutshell* were distributed and a new booklet *Introducing Theosophy* has been printed and circulated free of charge throughout the country; similarly, circu-

lation of book-advertising leaflets "Exciting New Books" has increased book sales most encouragingly. Quest books have sold readily; circulation of our magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand* has increased both in New Zealand and overseas. The increased attendance of men and young people, including university students has been very marked in a number of Lodges. The contribution by all Lodges and Headquarters workers has made it possible for us to present increasingly the sacred teachings of the Ancient Wisdom, making science religious and religion scientific and showing man his rightful place as an evolving spiritual being in a mighty universe guided by Love and Law.

Statistics.—One hundred and twenty-two new members joined the Society during the year, and ten re-joined.

The Lodges number 19; new admissions 110; died 22; lapsed 20; resigned 30; transferred out 3; transferred in 2; membership at 30th September 1968, 1,006—a net increase of 47,

<i>Donations.</i> —Adyar Fund	\$ 300.38
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund	\$ 40.00
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	\$ 118.95
Besant Memorial Schools	\$ 40.00
Tibetan Children's Appeal	\$ 60.00
<i>Adyar Century Fund.</i> —	
Balance 31-10-67	\$ 3,170.51
Donations this year	18.00
	————— \$ 3,188.51

Interest from the Century

Fund for Adyar \$ 202.50

Penny-a-Day Fund.—Generous donors have brought this fund to \$ 712.00 for the year.

Headquarters.—Owing to the full co-operation of all officers and other helpers, Lodges have received considerable support this year. The General Secretary and National Lecturer have visited all New Zealand Lodges, and Basil Gossage and Eric Brown all of the Lodges at least once between them. Jean Sanders, Elizabeth Busch, Cecilia Pollard and many others have also given invaluable help in the lecture field. The General Secretary spent some time with our Lodge in Suva, Fiji. The 75th Jubilee in Dunedin and 50th anniversary in Whangarei were highlights of the year and reflected great tribute on their capable leaders with many happy reunions.

Advertising and Publicity.—Magazine and daily paper advertising has been increased with up to 200 odd replies to a single advertisement. All enquiries have been carefully followed up and booklets and book lists of recommended reading supplied. Repeat orders of the American Study Course "Tenets of Theosophy" have again been almost fully sold.

Foundation for New Zealand.—Thanks to the ever-continuing generosity of the Hon. H. G. R. Mason, a new type of investment is being brought into being on lines adapted from America, to add to

our publicity and propaganda work in popularizing a knowledge of Theosophy.

"Theosophy in New Zealand".—The circulation of our magazine increases both overseas and locally. Quite a number have commented on its ability to interest the public, and at the same time, help new members and stimulate older members.

Youth Work.—Work among the young continues very well in Auckland and with growing interest in many other Lodges. Increasing numbers of university students are attending public lectures and some are joining up. The importance of this work is fully appreciated by Lodge officers. One President successfully operates open house on Sunday afternoons for young thinkers.

T. O. S.—Iona Flats Incorporated continues its good work. Arundale Park has had its main building redecorated and is operating efficiently. The Dunedin T.O.S. continued and extended their work on animal welfare, health, etc.

Conclusion.—Our theme for 1969 is: "Theosophy—the spiritual science the world is seeking". May each one of us become clear-cut in his understanding and presentation, so completely inwardly convinced and dedicated in Their work that we collectively increase the acknowledgement of the great fact of Brotherhood and help lead bewildered humanity out of its dilemma into a new age of spiritual unfoldment and a realization of the unity of all life. May we in 1969 encourage the people of New Zealand to fulfil their Divine Destiny in ushering in the age of the 6th sub-race on the shores of the Pacific, ever remembering what one of our Inner Founders has said: "Believe with all your hearts in the triumph of the Good, the Beautiful and the True and verily they shall prevail. Pursue ardently your ideals and they shall become realities."

BRIAN DUNNINGHAM,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

One Lodge was dissolved in Nijmegen; the members joined the Arnhem Lodge because many of them attend the Vegetarian Centre in Oosterbeek, which is near Arnhem. On September 30th, 1968, we had 32 Lodges and 7 Centres. The total number of members, including Y.T.'s and non-attached members, was 1,197, which represents a decrease of 6. The Hague Lodge is working very hard and enrolled 10 new members this year. They have a study group on *The Mahatma Letters* and are compiling all the Letters chronologically in one volume.

An inspiring week-end was held in Huizen with the Y. T.'s, the subject of the week-end being "Co-operation between Old and Young".

The subject for Convention in 1967 was "The Terror of Spare Time". Man has to change completely his way of life and thinking. The Convention and Summer School for this year were held again at the cultural centre The Pietersberg, near Arnhem, and were devoted to the Jewish religion. This was a very interesting choice for we know so little about the religion on our doorstep. There were talks on "The Tree of Life" by Mr. van Leeuwen, "Orthodox Judaism" by Mr. Poppers, and "Chassidism," a mystic sect of the Jews, with beautiful music, by Mr. van Arend. Mr. Poppers and Mr. van Arend are not members of the Society but are prominent Jews in Holland. The last speaker gave us the opportunity of having a tree planted in Israel. Perhaps other Sections, Lodges or individual members might follow suit and so help to improve the climate of that country.

There was only one new book published during the year, *Esotericism of the Gospel of Thome*, by Dr. K. Freitag. Our Dictionary is still not ready for sale, but it

is in print now. Several other books are on the list to be printed. A non-Theosophical bookseller brought out a photocopy of the two volumes of *Isis Unveiled* and two volumes of *The Secret Doctrine* with a Dutch translation by Brother Fricke (printed in 1928). There are plans to print all the Letters of the Masters in chronological order, not only the Letters to Mr. Sinnett but also those to Colonel Olcott, Damodar Mavalankar and others. One of our young members is very interested in this study and has done a lot of work on it already.

Our library has now 2,636 books, an increase of 720 volumes. A new catalogue has been brought out, with a list of the lost books added, and many of these are being replaced as gifts. Mr. van Leeuwen, the librarian, gives all his time to this work, with two helpers.

In Holland there is a radio corporation, the HIRO (Humanitarian-Idealistic-Radio Corporation—*Omroep*) under the auspices of which different groups (vegetarian, anti-vivisection, etc.), including the Theosophical Society, are invited to give programs. There are half-hour broadcasts on Saturdays and once a month a 20-minute television program. The Society has appeared twice on the radio, once talking about Theosophy with the Vice-President, Mr. van Houten, and once when a subject was chosen at random from a journal and the contributors to the program were asked what they thought about co-operation between the firm of Fokker and another aircraft corporation; our members' view was sought as Theosophists. I was personally invited to appear by another television corporation and speak for 5 minutes on Karma and Reincarnation. The HIRO is trying to arrange a joint program with the English Section.

Mr. G. Wagenborg and I went to the Summer School of the European Federation, held in England, as representatives of the Section.

Mrs. Clara Rebecca de Haas-Sternefeld, for years a faithful worker in the administration, died on October 10th, 1968.

This year I was re-elected President of our Section for three years.

We have a small but fine group of Y. T.'s who are studying *Isis Unveiled*, *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Mahatma Letters*. They are optimistic about the Society and our Section, where I believe there is growing co-operation between young and old members.

N. VAN DER SCHOOT-GROOT,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

The life of the Society from 1st October 1967 to 30th September 1968 has not been very different from what it is generally. Our Lodges and Centres do their regular work.

Among our lecturers in Paris we have had Miss Mary Anderson from Switzerland, and our Convention was fortunate enough to have Mr. Geoffrey Hodson as Guest of Honor, who delivered three lectures in two days. More visitors than usual came from different parts of the country to hear him, and also to take their share of the Convention work, which included two interesting discussion

meetings on the work in groups and Lodges.

Owing to various strikes and social troubles in the months of May and June the work was more or less paralyzed.

Several of our members flew to the Convention in Adyar with the chartered plane of the European Federation, and nearly twenty members attended the European Congress in England.

Our membership shows a very slight loss. We number 1,104 instead of 1,108 as last year.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

Our Annual Convention was held this year in Turin, from 23rd to 26th May 1968, with 110 members taking part of whom 69 were from different parts of Italy while the rest came from Turin. All administrative business was discussed in an atmosphere of fraternal comprehension. This year there were again the elections of the General Secretary and the members of the Executive Committee, the term of office in Italy being three years. For the third time I was re-elected General Secretary. As Dr. Roberto Fantechi resigned

as Vice-General Secretary, I nominated in his place Mr. Erminio Fioriti of Perugia and the Convention approved unanimously.

This year the theme chosen for the Convention was "The Knowledge". This was widely illustrated under the Theosophical aspects by the General Secretary himself in his annual report, as well as by other lecturers. The newly-elected Committee decided to change the name of our Section magazine *Alba Spirituale* to that of *Revista Teosofica*

Italiana, so that it is immediately clear that our magazine is a Theosophical one.

During the month of October 1968 the first volume of that exceptional work *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, translated into Italian, was published. Also published was the first volume of an interesting work by Mrs. Emma Cusani of Naples on an esoteric interpretation of the *Divine Comedy* of Dante.

During the year the General Secretary had the opportunity of twice visiting Trieste, as well as Turin, Perugia and

Sestri Levante near Genoa, lecturing and holding meetings for members in each place.

The work of the Section went on regularly during the year. On 30th September 1968 the membership numbered 523, with 463 belonging to the 25 Lodges and two Centres, and the rest being members at large. Ten members died during the year, while 39 new members joined the Society in Italy.

ROBERTO HACK,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

Due to problems in Berlin, which have been solved now, the German Section has to report a decrease of membership of 79 members, including 11 deaths and some lapsings. Most of the remaining 330 members are active and try to live Theosophy.

Events of value were the study weekends at Inzmuhlen in October and May. These meetings have become fixed events every year. Some 30 to 40 members from the northern parts of Germany, particularly from Bremen, Berlin, Göttingen, Hannover and Hamburg, come to this beautiful place for discussions, talks and walks. The Young Theosophists in Germany and their friends were asked to express their views about an "Ideal Lodge of the Theosophical Society" instead of mere criticism. They call it "Air Lodge" now and go on searching for their views.

The study circle for Theosophy at the University of Göttingen was supported

by some talks by Mr. John Coats, who afterwards visited Lodges in Berlin and Hamburg.

Eleven members from Germany, including the General Secretary and the Recording Secretary and another member of the Board, were able to take part in the European Congress at Swanwick, England, where two talks were given by German members.

The German Summer School at Hustedt near Celle in August 1968 was attended by 58 members. The motto was "Break through to the Essential". They are trying to carry out some aspects of the radiation in the Lodges.

Two information pamphlets about Theosophy and the Theosophical Society were printed in co-operation with the Austrian, Swiss and Yugoslav Sections.

ANNELIESE STEPHAN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

Administrative Activities.—The Board of Directors met on 7th December 1967, with nine out of the twenty Lodges of the Section represented. Most of the Lodges outside the City of Havana could not attend due to transport difficulties.

Convention.—The Section's 63rd National Convention was held from 19th to 21st January 1968. Eleven Lodges sent delegates. The annual report of the National President, covering the period 1st January to 31st December 1968, was read, outlining the Section's activities. At the Convention the election results for President and Vice-President were announced for the triennium 1968-70, Señor Dana Cruz-Bustillo y Artigas being re-elected as National President and Señor Ignacio Munio y Quintero as Vice-President. They were inaugurated in their offices.

Public meetings during Convention included artistic numbers by the Section Chorus and lectures by Señores Manuel Martinez Mendez (Sophia Lodge) Ignacio Munio Quintero (Leadbeater Lodge) and Gaspar Torres Martinez (Dharma Lodge), as well as a talk by the National President on the 5th World Theosophical Congress at Salzburg in July 1966. The dissolution of Lodge Morya, in the city of Remedios, was agreed, its members asking to transfer to national membership or to other Lodges.

The National President announced that following the death of the single tenant who occupied a room in the Section building, the Government on 20th June 1968 had given back the building to the Section free of charge, which now occupies the whole of the building and has been able to extend its office space.

Lodges and Membership.—The year ended with 19 active Lodges, one less

than the year before. The number of members dropped, compared with last year, from 375 to 351, a decrease of 24. There were 21 new members and one re-entry, but against this there was one resignation, 3 died, 4 were transferred to other Sections and 38 were lapsed for non-payment of dues.

Theosophical Festivals.—As usual the Theosophical festivals were celebrated jointly at the Headquarters Building in Havana. On Foundation Day, 17th November 1967, lectures were given by the National President, Sr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo, on "H. P. B. and Her Teachings," by Sra. Elena Seto Angural on "Henry Olcott, Theosophist" and by Sr. Gaspar Torres Martinez on "The Theosophical Society and its Influence in the Present Age".

Adyar Day, 17th February 1968, was celebrated by talks by Sr. Celestino Aguilar Mora on "H. S. O.: His Work and Travels through the Orient," by Sr. Gaspar Torres Martinez on "C. W. Leadbeater: The Giant of Australia," by the National President on "Adyar, The School of the Wisdom," and by Sra. Encarnacion Sanchez on "Giordano: Martyr of the XVI Century".

On White Lotus Day, 8th May 1968, there were the usual readings from *The Light of Asia* and the *Bhagavad Gita*, and a talk by Sra. Carmen Segon on Madame H. P. Blavatsky.

In all these festivals, music, poetry and artistic numbers were offered by members of the different Lodges of the Section.

Finance.—Owing to exchange regulations it has not been possible to comply with our financial obligations to Adyar, but a corresponding amount has been put into a reserve fund.

Conclusion.—As in previous years, it has been one of work. The Section has

co-operated with the Lodges and members in keeping up a spirit of confidence and fraternity, and of the assurance of a better future for humanity, having always

in mind Love, Harmony, Unity and Fraternity.

DANA CRUZ-BUSTILLO,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The Finnish Section of the Theosophical Society has been working on much the same lines as in previous years. There are 22 Lodges altogether, but two of them reported that their work had been cut down during the year because of old age and illness of the few members.

The Lodges have held their meetings each week or fortnight. Theosophical literature has been studied or short lectures have been given by members followed by discussion. This has been the working method in every Lodge. The meetings have been open so that non-members can also have the opportunity of taking part in them.

Public lectures were given in both Helsinki and the country towns. The latter were mostly visited by a lecturer from Helsinki, but also in Helsinki there have been some lecturers from the country towns. The lecture hall in Helsinki especially has been continually crowded.

The magazine *Teosofi* was published ten times during the year, as before, and the articles have been from Finnish writers as well as from writers in other countries. Various members of the Society have done the translation work.

This year again we published a new book, *The Letters of the Masters of the Wisdom*, Second Series, compiled by C.

Jinarājādāsa, the translator being Mr. Eino Vuorinen. The same translator has added to our comparatively small amount of Theosophical literature during the past few years two other books, *The Occult Life* and *The Other Side of Death*, both containing collections from C. W. Leadbeater's works. The Blavatsky Lodge published their magazine *Elonpyors* twice during the year, as before.

The Summer School held at Kreivila in 1968 had as its motto: "What is Theosophy?" Theosophy was dealt with in eleven lectures by nine lecturers, who gave a good review of the main ideas of Theosophy. The course lasted ten days. This time we had no visiting lecturers from abroad.

During the winter and spring months much work was done at Kreivila in order to make the house and its surroundings nicer and more convenient. The most prominent part of the work was in connection with the lecture hall, and one can now hardly recognize it as the same. Many sacrifices were made by the members through work, money and other gifts for Kreivila, and it is obvious that the members feel Kreivila to be more and more their real home.

The Annual Convention was held at Easter and members even from far distances were then gathered together.

Mrs. Sylvi Horstio, who had held the position of General Secretary of the Finnish Section for nine years and who had worked devotedly for the Society, gave up this position and Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa was elected in her place.

The Theosophical work is going on, and though there are no signs of a rapid increase in the membership, we have the

sincere conviction that the work here is not dying. We have good and devoted members working, and we have also our young Theosophists who, as we believe, guarantee us the necessary growth afterwards so that the message of Theosophy shall continue.

ATTE POHJANMAA,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Our work in Southern Africa is reviewed annually during the Convention held at Eastertide. Hence this report to Adyar is based on the report of the General Secretary for the year ended 13th April 1968 with some notes covering activities during the months May to September 1968.

The crown of the year was the visit of Mr. John Coats who arrived on March 1st and left us on April 18th for Accra in West Africa. Mr. Coats visited every Lodge in our Section and greatly stimulated members, their friends and enquirers. His tour proved a great stimulus to the work here and resulted in increased membership and deeper understanding. Many of his talks were tape-recorded and have since been transcribed. The General Secretary is at present editing the talks in the hope of publishing a booklet to be called *John Coats in Africa*.

The Administration of the Section.—

The work has been successfully streamlined. The somewhat grandiose title of "National President," to designate the Senior Officer of the Section, was dropped in favor of "General Secretary," a title which accurately describes the true nature of the work involved. The Southern African Section cannot afford office premises and salaried staff although some individual Lodges within the Section are well endowed and give generous help to the Section as a whole.

The National Executive met four times during the period under review. More frequent meetings are difficult to achieve because of the great distances in this sub-continent. Salisbury in Rhodesia, our northernmost Lodge, is nearly 2,000 miles from Cape Town in the south and air-travel is still expensive. So we resort to "Government by Circular".

The work of the Section is a team job. Key people include Mr. Jacob Bischoff, Assistant General Secretary; Mr. John Martin, Treasurer; Miss Jean Fraser, Registrar and Mrs. Mary Stewart, Information Officer.

Publications.—Three issues of our Section journal *The Link* were published during the year, the last of the three being bigger than usual. The normal procedure is to publish four issues per annum, but we replaced the fourth by issuing a printed souvenir Convention program in honor of the visit of Mr. John Coats. Our magazine, important as it is for our widely scattered Section, is beginning to be a luxury we find it hard to afford, owing to ever-increasing printing costs.

The Lodge-of-the-Air.—This is the title of another journal, edited by Mrs. Pamela Mitford-Barberton and distributed to members and friends. It is especially valued by readers not wholly committed to the Theosophical Society who yet find spiritual consolation in this charming magazine, full of wit, wisdom and beauty.

Notable Dates.—George Lodge (Cape Province) is now 40 years old, the Charter date being 8th July, 1928. This is a very small Lodge established in a historic and beautiful little town.

Bulawayo Lodge in Rhodesia was founded on 13th August, 1943 and is 25 years old.

Our 1968 Convention was also a landmark, being the 60th Annual Convention of this Section. 1969 marks the 70th anniversary of Johannesburg Lodge.

Human Relations.—We paid particular attention during Convention to the fact that 1968 was "Human Rights Year," asking Mr. John Coats to speak on this theme in his opening address. Human relationships, difficult everywhere, present very special problems in multi-racial

Southern Africa. All we ask is that our members all over the world should not fall into the trap of thinking that there is an easy way out. The problems of Southern Africa really cannot be understood unless one lives with them. We are doing our best. We need the helpful and constructive thoughts of our fellow members everywhere.

Membership.—Our membership as at 30th September, 1968 was 500, an increase of 20 over last year's figure. The number of Lodges remains the same at eleven.

Books and Pamphlets.—Leaflets supplied by the American and British Sections have helped us very much. We could not possibly afford to print anything so attractive. Quest Books are taking on in South Africa and richly deserve their popularity. Our Section Information Officer has been authorized to order ten copies of each new title.

Magazines received from other Sections are read by the General Secretary and then distributed to Lodges.

Section Library.—We maintain a Section Library which includes tape-recordings of lectures and some Braille literature. This service helps isolated members and the smaller groups.

Field Work.—Four of our members are charged with the responsibility of lecturing to small Lodges and of extending the work in areas where no Lodge exists. A press advertising campaign is contemplated for areas where there is at present no Theosophical activity. More lecture tours are urgently needed and are planned, but funds for travelling over our vast Section are limited.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—This work was revived by resolution of the National Council. The first two projects are the development of our work for the blind and assisting a bursary fund to help with African education,

Contacts.—In addition to contact by correspondence with many Sections, the General Secretary, in the course of her business, visited Europe in September 1968 and is grateful to officers and members of the English Section for advice, help and encouragement. Much that is new and worthwhile is stirring and it

is good indeed to establish first-hand contact. The Southern African Section was represented at the European Summer School in Swanwick, Derbyshire, by three of its members.

PHYLLIS S. LEAN,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

Membership in Scotland now stands at 104. The various Lodges continue to give public lectures, and the groups meet for study and discussions. Although audiences are small there is a nucleus of loyal members in each area who can be relied upon to help. The public interest at present is in Yoga, and to meet these enquiries arrangements have been made to give a series of talks on the subject at Headquarters.

Individuals have been busy in contributing to literary publications and the Press. Mr. Nelson Stewart of Aberdeen was asked to contribute articles to a new encyclopedia of world beliefs and superstitions which will appear in parts under the title, *Man, Myth and Magic*. Mr. William Andrews of St. Andrews had an article entitled "Theosophy—a Misunderstood Subject" printed in the local paper and this paper, though small, has a world-wide circulation among Scots living abroad.

It is said that nothing happens by chance, and from evidence given by enquirers this saying would seem to have significance, since a few sincere thinkers have come to us, after having explored the claims of other occult bodies and left them, because we do not thrust our views upon them but after stating our principles the enquirers are left to come

to their own decisions. From this beginning one of our Nigerian enquirers became a member, and on his return to Lagos he has formed a group and is working for the Theosophical Society there. He reports that he works in close association with Mr. E. M. Affram, the Organizing Secretary of the Theosophical Society in West Africa.

Death has again removed some of our long-standing, faithful workers, among them Mr. Robert Lamont and Mrs. Jean Allan, both of Glasgow Lodge, and Miss Jean Pagan of Orpheus Lodge, Glasgow.

We need more skilled and unskilled workers with a sense of responsibility, and in this matter a glimmer of hope seems to be rising on the horizon. If we can protect this sign and foster it until it grows stronger there is no reason why Theosophy will not be given its rightful interpretation in the Scottish scene, where for many years it has been regarded as a secret and exclusive subject.

A fresh aspect of the Theosophical Order of Service activity has opened up in healing, sometimes with quite dramatic results. The usual visits to the sick and elderly, the sending of parcels of part-worn clothing to friends in need, work in animal welfare and anti-vivisection

organizations have gone on as before. Parcels of books have been sent to Nigeria and to Vienna in Austria.

The Annual Convention of the Scottish Section was held at Headquarters in Edinburgh during the week-end of June 8-9, with Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins as Guest Speaker. We were happy to welcome new members from the North and the Borders, as well as from the Republic of Ireland and from England. Miss

Hoskins stimulated and delighted her audience with her talks and friendliness, and everyone felt that the Convention had been a most harmonious occasion. At the close of the lecture the metrical version of the twenty-third Psalm was sung and one realized the inner direction of our lives and a stronger link was formed.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

Our Annual Convention was held in Lausanne in March 1968, about 50 members attending. Apart from the usual business meetings, there was an Adyar evening, when members were shown slides of our International Headquarters, and a symposium took place on "The Tasks of the Theosophical Society and how they can be accomplished," contributions being in both German and French.

The General Secretary visited most of the Lodges during May and gave a talk on "Unity" and, in some cases, showed slides of Adyar.

Members received as usual the magazines we share with other French and German-speaking Sections, as well as Newsletters from the General Secretary.

Five Swiss members had the privilege of attending the International Convention in Adyar at the end of 1967, and 15 Swiss members participated in the European Congress in July 1968 at Swanwick, England. Several members from Switzerland also attended the German Regional Summer School at Pichl, Austria, and the German Section Summer School.

In co-operation with the other French and German language Sections it was

possible to issue various brochures during the year under report: in French: "What Theosophy is"; in German: "What Theosophy is"; "Theosophy and the Theosophical Society" and "Do you ever wonder . . .?"; adapted from leaflets kindly supplied to us by the American, English and Australian Sections.

Three new German books were published by the Adyar-Verlag in Austria and *Light on the Path* was re-edited. French publications were also continued by the Adyar Publishing House in Paris.

A legacy made to the Swiss Section enabled us to renovate our Geneva Headquarters, where there has been a full program of lectures and courses, evoking considerable interest among members and the public. Sixteen new members were admitted on 8th May in that town.

The course held from May to August inclusive by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson in our Geneva headquarters proved a great success. About 25 persons on an average, including several members from other Sections, attended each meeting. The course was detailed and profound and we are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Hodson for having come to Geneva,

The Lodges in Basle have rented new premises, also with the aid of the legacy mentioned above, with a view to setting up a large library of very interesting German books which we have also inherited and extending our activities in that town.

We hope that a deepening of the members' understanding will accompany the extension for which we hope in our activities.

MARY ANDERSON,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

Membership.—During the year there was an increase of 24 members, against 5 resignations and one death, making the total membership at 30th September 1968, 268.

The Section has now nine Lodges against eight last year, one new Lodge having been chartered in Bruges during the year.

Brussels has five Lodges, with a total membership of 119. There is a combined public lecture each week with an attendance of about 40. In addition each Lodge meets separately twice a month for study.

In Liège there is one Lodge, with 70 members. They arrange a public lecture about twice a month, which is attended by about 30 people.

The Antwerp Lodge, with 20 members, holds a weekly meeting for members

only but also organizes about eight public lectures during the year.

The Ghent Lodge has 51 members and holds weekly public lectures.

Bruges Lodge, in the Flemish country, is a new Lodge, opened in May 1968 with 8 members. It meets twice a month.

Brussels, which has some new members who are very active, has arranged to meet in a new place, and there is hope of fresh life being brought into the Lodges.

Several members attended the French-speaking meeting held at Huizen, in the Netherlands, at Easter 1968, and the General Secretary was able to visit Huizen, Liège, and attend the European Congress at Swanwick in England, where she gave one of the talks.

B. NYSSSENS,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

Suspended

BURMA

The year 1967-68 may be said to be a year of keeping up the status quo with the number of Lodges remaining the same and the membership decreasing by one from 45 to 44.

With the departure for India of Mr. T. S. Ramanathan, Assistant General Secretary and Mr. B. Rama, our ranks have become thinner still. Mr. Ramanathan has done good work for many

years in the all-round management of the Burma Section, the Theosophical Book Depot, the Bodhi Lodge, the Olcott Lodge and the Trust School. In fact he was one of the main pillars of the Theosophical Society in Burma. The Theosophical movement has thus lost a very active, earnest and sincere veteran worker. Mr. Rama was for long years responsible for the running of the R. T. S. Library.

Amidst difficulties the Section has striven to keep up its level of activities and effectiveness through its constituent Lodges. Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, and Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, maintained the standard of activities throughout the year. Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, however, suffered from lack of active members and Rangoon Youth Lodge remained dormant for want of enough young Theosophists to revive it. With the increase in the number of members Bodhi Lodge was able to carry on its work vigorously and attendance at its meetings was encouraging. The budget of Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, showed a deficit. However, it was possible to make up for a substantial portion of the shortfall from contributions by the members to the Self Denial Fund, thus saving the Society from making too big an encroachment on its meagre reserve funds.

The Section Convention held at its Headquarters on Sunday, 29th October 1967, was presided over by U Kyi Nyunt. The main Convention lecture "Buddhism and Theosophy" was delivered by Dr. Ba Thi. About 21 members attended the Convention. In spite of its lean membership the finances of the Section continued to be satisfactory.

A Farewell Party was given in honor of Mr. T. S. Ramanathan on the 22nd September 1968 on the eve of his departure to India on retirement. He was presented with a white marble statue of Buddha as a souvenir and was also

fittingly seen off at the Mingladon airport. In the case of Mr. B. Rama, a very quiet and shy gentleman, it was only possible to offer him a lacquer betel box as a memento as he did not inform us of his departure in time. Another delightful function was the welcoming of Mr. S. Sittambalam of Malaysia who visited us on his onward journey to India to attend the Annual Convention in Adyar.

The Section land in Thingangyun continued to be occupied by squatters. There is now some hope of gaining possession of the land as, some time back, it came out in the papers that squatters on private and public lands in Taunggyi have been evicted by the Government. However, as some of the squatters have erected fairly substantial buildings it may not be easy or fair to evict some of them. Further efforts should be made to dispose of this problem in a suitable manner either by selling it to the squatters themselves or other buyers or at least by collecting from the squatters some sort of rent which has remained uncollected for the past many years.

The Burma Humanitarian League, which has become dormant with the passing away of U San Hla, should be seriously taken in hand to revitalise it so that the good work already done does not lose all of its momentum and the work have to be started all over again. The revitalisation will nevertheless not be an easy task as the major portion of the Indian members who form the backbone of the Society has gone back to India. It is, however, heartening to note that useful service in the field of animal welfare work was being continued by the Mandalay Vegetarian Society in which active interest was, as usual, being taken by members of the Section.

Regarding the Book Depot, owing to the continued restrictions on the free

import of books, the Depot was unable to augment its stock. There is practically no hope that the Book Depot will be able to import books on its own account in future. However, with the stock still available it is doing its best to cater to the needs of members for Theosophical and allied publications. Before the present stock is exhausted we should approach the "Ava House," which is the government agency for the distribution of books, to keep stock of books on Theosophy and allied subjects if they are not already doing so.

As you are all aware, the Theosophical Movement is not making as much progress as it should in this country. The

reasons for this state of affair may include the inadequacy of publicity work undertaken, the incorrect method of approach and presentation of Theosophy to the public and the insufficiency in the variety of books on Theosophical and allied subjects in Burmese. It is advisable to probe into this matter seriously in order to find out ways and means of solving it as far as we can. However, we should not be pessimistic. Provided we are patient and persevering our efforts to make Theosophy a living force in this country must be crowned with success.

BA THI,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

There is not much to report regarding the local activities of the branches in Austria. Lectures, study courses and discussions were held in similar manner as in previous years. Membership decreased from 250 to 237; the decrease is mostly due to more lapsings of disinterested members, after a thorough perusal of the membership files by the new executive committee of the branches at Vienna.

More prominent were the activities for the German-speaking Region in which Austrian members are active.

The Regional Summer School at Pichl was held this year for the 14th time, from September 14th to 22nd. Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the Federation of the Theosophical Societies in Europe presided; Dr. Erwin Lauppert (Graz) was the organizer. Seventy-five members from 8 nations took part, the speakers coming from 5 different countries. For two days Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and Mrs. Sandra Hodson were Guests of Honor. The theme of the School was "Yoga and the Spiritual Path".

An extremely busy year was had by the official publishing house for the German-speaking Region, the "Adyar-Verlag" at Graz, which is run by a two-members team, Mrs. Margaret Honig who does all book-keeping, mailing, etc., and the undersigned. Thanks to long-term loans from the Swiss Section, Mr. Johannes Meyer (Berlin) and Mrs. Albine Pristeraik (Graz), the working capital of the Adyar-Verlag was increased from 120,000 to 180,000 Austrian schillings (i.e. from about £2,000 to £3,000 in English money). This made it possible to publish four books with altogether 6,000 copies during the last twelve months. They were translations of *A Study in Pleasure and Pain* by Ernest Wood and *Hatha Yoga* by Wallace Slater, and new editions of *Light on the Path* and the book *Bekennntnis zum Einen* by Johannes Meyer. Since its foundation in 1947 the "Adyar-Verlag" has published 23 different Theosophical books with together 49,000 copies.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

There is nothing especially remarkable to be reported regarding the work during the year 1967-68. The work has been continued along the same lines as last year.

The Lodges have had interesting and varied programs, and the special days, Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day have been celebrated.

At the Annual Convention 1968 we were happy to welcome a Swedish guest lecturer, Mrs. Barbro Rydholm-

Melander, who spoke on "Know Thyself" and "From the View of Wholeness". The lectures were warmly appreciated.

Our Magazine *Teosofi i Norden*, in co-operation with Sweden and Denmark, is going on well.

Three old members have passed to greater light. Our membership is now 128.

RUTH WESSEL NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

(Lodges Only)

No Report

DENMARK

As appears from the statistics, the Danish Section has now 12 Lodges and 255 members, which is an increase of 8 since the last report was sent.

In this country as in many others it looks as if we are not getting anywhere, seen from the point of view of the membership, but nevertheless the Theosophical ideas may be traced in many places outside the Theosophical Society, for there are still courageous persons, who are fighting traditional materialism.

Whether Theosophy may be spread by means of propaganda is a question, to which we may have an answer in a few years, when the great experiment which is being made in this respect in the U. S. A. has had time to work.

The Annual Convention of the Danish Section was held at Gamel Praestegaard on the 10th, 11th and 12th of May with

Mrs. Barbro Melander from Sweden as Guest Speaker. The Convention was also influenced by the fact that seven members, including the General Secretary, had visited Adyar during the 92nd Convention and told of their impressions from there. We had no Summer School in 1968, but some members attended the Congress of the European Federation at Swanwick in England in July. I have no doubt that such visits to Adyar or to other Sections have a positive influence on the local work.

Simultaneously with the European Congress in England there was an international camp of Young Theosophists in Denmark, financially supported by the Danish Section. The Section has now got its own publishing department, "Vajra," for the publication of Theosophical books, and we have also begun sending monthly letters to new members.

From the reports of the Danish Lodges it appears that the majority of them are working seriously to study and spread Theosophy. In all Lodges there are members, to whom Theosophy is the most important thing in life, and they are always ready to help when there is work to be done. We are co-operating satisfactorily with our fellow members

in Norway and Sweden, with whom we share our magazine. As General Secretary I get Theosophical magazines from the whole world, and it is inspiring to see how positively members are working everywhere.

NIELS SÖRENSEN,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

Owing to a great many factors we have not had a very comfortable year in the Dublin Lodges. The winter session was spoilt by a virulent type of influenza known as "Asian". We decided against a Convention as we wanted to concentrate on the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, knowing that would bring country members to the lectures. Unfortunately their visit was marred by the most intensely—and most unusually—cold weather and the threat of an electricity strike. Mrs. Hodson could not appear at all as she was far from well and Mr. Hodson was obviously tired out from excessive travelling and a strenuous week-end in Belfast.

In May Mr. Geoffrey Farthing fared better on a two days' visit which was much enjoyed. We had good weather and interested audiences.

On the whole we have had good audiences and a rise in membership, which included a member of a famous Irish literary family, Mr. J. S. Synge; the First Secretary of the Embassy of India, Mr. G. D. Chaudri, who is at the moment *Chargé d'Affaires*; a clever young English business man; and a thoughtful schoolboy of sixteen, his rather astonished father giving his full permission for him to become a member.

We had a visit, too, from a Canadian girl, Miss Weir, who is a graduate of McGill University and was over here writing a thesis on James Stephens. She attended lectures regularly as long as she was in Dublin. We then received visits from Mrs. Kitts and her daughter, Mrs. Honegger, members of a Californian Lodge, who are spending four months in Dublin and we are wishing they were permanent as they flung themselves into our activities with great zest. The other day we entertained a member of Sydney Lodge, Miss Florence Beaufoy, sent to us by our old friend and member, Mrs. Violet Gregg.

We had some excellent lectures throughout the year with help from Belfast Lodge.

The Lodge has been much honored by the presentation of a beautiful book *Recovery of Faith* by Radakrishnan, from Mr. G. D. Chaudri on the occasion of the coming Centenary Celebrations for Mahatma Gandhi.

In June I was able to represent the Lodge at the Scottish Convention in Edinburgh where I passed a delightful week-end. The Society there seems to be very up-and-coming, a great enthusiasm and friendliness prevailing. I was unfortunately prevented from going to Swanwick.

Owing to the much more ecumenical spirit prevailing in this country we feel that the future of the Dublin Lodges rests on a firmer foundation with people

of all faiths meeting in great friendliness.

DOROTHY M. EMERSON,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

During the time covered by this report, 24 new members joined the Mexican Section. Work in the Lodges was outstanding for its interest for Theosophical teachings. A new Lodge, "Luz del Kosmos" was founded in Mexico City. This group stress the note of "service".

The Mexican Section sent a Delegate to the Third Inter-American Theosophical Congress which took place in Brazil, giving our support for the establishment of the Federation of Theosophical Sections in America, with the purpose of intensifying the work in this Continent.

Frequent lectures have been presented at our Section Headquarters to arouse public interest in Theosophy.

The evolving movement of the popular masses in Mexico indicates a clear tendency to break with the psychological ancestral ties and within a program of freedom, it is possible to expect that many of them will inevitably find in Theosophy a strong foundation for the understanding of the true philosophic content of their religions, without exception.

ARTURO VADO LOPEZ,
General Secretary.

CANADA

A net increase in membership during the year, from 387 to 399 brings the Canadian Section to its highest total in 40 years. There has also been a net increase of paid subscriptions to *The Canadian Theosophist*.

Such positive indications of our work are encouraging, yet do not reflect the growing general interest in those areas that are usually identified with Theosophy. On the other hand, Canada is an expanding country in every respect, and it is disappointing that our organization is not developing at the same pace. Numbers are not everything to be sure, but they are indicators.

Membership in the Society implies a recognition by the individual of some

form of responsibility. None the less, the necessary functions of most Lodges and the Section are still being performed by "the few". The present strength of the Society owes everything to those veterans who worked so hard in earlier years; if the organization is to continue to be viable it is imperative that all share in the work that must be done.

The decision of Mr. Dudley W. Barr not to let his name stand for the office of General Secretary for a further term this year was not unexpected, yet still came as a blow to Canadian members. His more than fifty years of devoted service to the cause of Theosophy in Canada will long be remembered as an example of a member living up to his responsibilities. In

addition to his work for Toronto Lodge Mr. Barr served the Theosophical Society in Canada as a long-time member of the Executive and as editor of *The Canadian Theosophist*, as well as General Secretary. We are grateful that we are still able to call on his counsel.

Another member of the Executive from the early days of the Canadian Section, Mr. George I. Kinman, passed away this year. He too set a wonderful example of devotion and hard work.

After being located for many years at 52, Isabella Street, Toronto, the Section office moved with the Toronto Lodge to new quarters at 310 Dupont Street in November, 1967. The transfer naturally increased the work load for all concerned,

but was advantageous in that it prompted a reduction of our files. The accumulation of paper, inevitable in an organization like ours, tends to have a negative effect on efficiency.

During the year Volume II of *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings* was placed in most of the major Canadian university libraries. This continued a Canadian Section project of donating the works of H. P. Blavatsky to these institutions, which now possess *Isis Unveiled*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Voice of the Silence*, and the available volumes of the *Collected Writings*.

TED G. DAVY,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

Intense activity has been registered in the Argentine Section during the year covered by this Report. The plan of activities for the spread of Theosophy, prepared and approved towards the end of 1967, when the General Secretaryship was in the hands of Sra. Andrea E. de Pondé, was completely carried out in spite of the unexpected disappearance of this notable worker from the physical plane on 12th March 1968. The National Council carried out the tasks programmed, under the direction of the Vice-President, Señor Luis Spairani, while at the same time putting into execution the measures necessary for the election of a new General Secretary. Señor Luis Spairani was elected to the office of General Secretary and took up his duties officially on the 17th August 1968, without the work of the Section suffering in any way. Below we give details of the principal work undertaken:

Theosophical Activities.—There were meetings consisting of lectures and Round

Table working which were held in different cities with the participation of members and visitors all over the country. We have fully accomplished our commitments and have not only opened new horizons of teachings to the members but have attracted new members to the ranks of our Society. Our tours were carried out in Mendoza, Tucuman, Rosario and Bahia Blanca. We hope to do the same in other cities in our country in 1969.

Courses in Theosophy.—This type of activity has been increasing in recent years. The National Council organized courses in Buenos Aires, Santa Fé (Lodge Evolucion), La Plata (Lodge Adyar) and Wilde (Lodge En Su Nombre). In addition, some Lodges have offered courses to the public on their own account.

Literary Contest.—This was organized for Theosophical writers who speak Spanish, and 18 works were received, of which 13 were from Argentina and 5 from other countries. Those of the five first

prize-winners are being published in our *Review*; that by Señor Miguel Sanabbria of Lodge Hispano Americano of New York obtained the first prize. The essays submitted were for the most part of good quality, and the National Council thinks of continuing this stimulus to the production of Theosophical works in our language.

Annual Convention and Summer School.—These were held in March 1968. The Convention dealt with various matters and settled administrative questions, etc. The work of the Convention was carried out in an atmosphere of great harmony and understanding. The Summer School consisted of 85 members, with some friends, and its theme was: "The Search for the Inner God in Man". Five groups of workers occupied themselves in preparing reports on different aspects of the theme, and their conclusions were discussed and commented upon in plenary sessions. Much interest was aroused by the studies, and this was manifested in the depth of ideas of many of the students. As usual in our Summer Schools, an important part of the activities were the entertainments in the evenings which were marked by good humor and happiness. They included songs, theatrical representations, poetry, etc. For the Summer School of 1969, the National Council has extended invitations to a representative from Brazil, Uruguay, Bolivia and Chile with costs of the 8-day stay. We hope in this way to have visitors from sister countries permanently.

New Lodges.—During the period under considerations we have founded three new

Lodges, all in the city of Buenos Aires. They are: "Nueva Era"; "Arjuna"; and "Un Acceso a la Realidad".

Theosophical Publications.—This work has been entrusted to Señor Nazareno E. Rimini who shows an intense activity. He has published *A Textbook of Theosophy* by C. W. Leadbeater, and has new editions in preparation. Further, this publishing house maintains a constant interchange of books issued in Colombia, Uruguay and Mexico.

Inter-American Congress.—The Third Inter-American Theosophical Congress was held in Brazil. The Argentina Section was represented by a group of 16 members, headed by Sr. Luis Spairani, our General Secretary. The deliberations were useful and the constitution of the American Federation is being dealt with.

Argentine Federation of Young Theosophists.—This is fully active with a young member, Vicente Fiumano, as President. There are active groups of Y.T.'s in Buenos Aires, Rosario and Mendoza and at the moment of editing this report they are trying to inaugurate a new group in the city of San Rafael.

Argentine-Uruguayan activities.—A special relationship is maintained with the Uruguayan Section, and members from both countries are interchanged during the year in visits and lectures. This gives very fruitful results and we can say that the members in both Sections are very united with the positive result that every meeting carries forward our Theosophical work.

LUIS P. SPAIRANI,
General Secretary.

CHILE

The Section has at present 8 Lodges, five of them in the metropolis, Santiago, and three in Valparaiso, the principal port of Chile. The membership totals 82, 42 of whom belong to the Lodges in the Capital and 40 to Lodges in the Port.

Each Lodge carries out its Theosophical activities separately, independently and autonomously, under the paternal and unifying protection of the National Section. There are directing councils in both cities co-operating in a corporate body called "Local Administrative Council of Lodges" which deal with all questions of an administrative character common to all the Lodges, and they come together also under a single directive to celebrate such occasions as White Lotus Day, Foundation Day, days relating to our Leaders, etc.

The Lodges of the Section carry on their activities normally and continuously, first with the study of Theosophy in members' meetings and secondly in spreading the Ancient Wisdom through public lectures by members for those of the public interested in obtaining esoteric knowledge. Lodge "Fraternidad" dedicates itself particularly to the study of the works of our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. They do not take holidays in the summer in order not to be interrupted in their studies during that period of the year. Lodge "Lob-Nor" studies systematically *Thought Power* by Dr. A. Besant. They enjoyed visits of Sr. V. Goulart Penteado of Brazil, Sra. Ama Aramayo of Bolivia and Mrs. Lola Salbert of the U.S.A.

Lodges "Amor" and "Arundhati" work together, sharing activities and

focusing their attention on *The Mental Body* and *The Causal Body and the Ego* by A. E. Powell, as well as articles in the Spanish magazine *El Teosofa* issued by the Argentine Section. At each meeting they have a meditation for world peace.

The other Lodges, "Luz en el Sendero," "Rakoczi" and "Servidores" study a variety of subjects or arrange lectures for the public on Theosophical themes.

All the Lodges participate in the celebration of White Lotus Day, Foundation Day, etc., the celebration taking a cultural and artistic form, open to the public and free, as are all the meetings for the public in order to spread Theosophy. In Santiago there is a Lodge meeting every day in the year, but in Valparaiso this is not possible due to the smaller number of Lodges.

Replying to an enquiry from Sr. Walter Ballesteros of Bogota, Colombia, concerning the problem of Theosophical literature in Spanish, the General Secretary indicated that the Chilean Section has no Theosophical book available for sale, nor any translated book ready for publication. He considered most essential for the spread of Theosophy in Chile first, titles published by the T.P.H. in India, England and the U.S.A., and secondly, information regarding Theosophical work, magazines, etc., in the various Sections, including the Adyar Headquarters. The existing literature should be graded into elementary for the public; medium, for members and others who have assimilated the elementary teachings; and advanced for investigators and those capable of deeper study.

RICARDO MICHEL,
General Secretary.

BRAZIL

No Report

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

At the end of last September Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson retired from the position of General Secretary of the Icelandic Section after 11 years of hard and devoted service. He has been succeeded by Mr. Sigurlaugur Thorkelsson, who continues on the same lines as Mr. Hjálmarsson.

A great loss was the death of Mr. Gretar Fells at the age of 71 in March 1968. He had been the General Secretary from 1935 to 1956, a longer period than any other General Secretary of the Icelandic Section. Mr. Fells was also the editor of the magazine *Gangleri* for 30 years. A ceremony in honor of the departed was held at our Headquarters in Reykjavik on the day of the cremation. Another great loss was the death this year of Mrs. Gudrun Indri-dadóttir who had served the Section for several years as Vice-General Secretary.

The membership remains about the same, with 644 members compared with 645 at the close of last season. Nineteen people joined the Section in the course of the season, nine died and two left the Society, and nine were transferred to the inactive list and taken off the records. The number of Lodges remains the same, fourteen in all.

The Executive Committee held eight meetings in order to make decisions on pressing issues and to discuss the work of the Society in general.

The Lodge work was carried on in much the same way as in the previous season. The Chairmen of the Lodges participated in two Conferences, together with the Executive Committee, to discuss how to adapt the Lodge work better to the thought of modern man, with his scientific outlook and psychology. However, no effort has been made to alter the working methods but there is a great interest indeed to heighten the standard of study. The Lodges have had regular meetings of two kinds. Meetings with public lectures, which were given every week during the winter season. These lectures were attended by a number of members as well as non-members of the Society and most of the lecturers were members of the Society, but occasionally non-members. Then there have also been "inner meetings" of each Lodge, which were dedicated to study of some special subject, the subject chosen for study usually being under consideration during the whole season in the respective Lodge. One study group was directed by Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson on *The Voice of the Silence* by H. P. B., which has been translated into Icelandic and is available in cyclostyled copies.

The Theosophical book service has carried on selling books, most of which are in the English and Scandinavian

languages. The sale of these books is showing that in Iceland there is always a great number of people interested in Theosophy and therefore it is obvious that there is fertile soil in the Icelandic people for the ancient wisdom.

The quarterly magazine *Gangleri*, with a circulation of 3,000 copies, is a most efficient medium of propaganda and is very popular.

As I close the report of my first year as General Secretary of the Icelandic Section, I wish to express my sincere hope and the hope of every member of the Icelandic Section, that the quality of our Theosophical work may deserve the name of trustful and unselfish brotherhood.

SIGURLAUGUR THORKELSSON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

During the year under review, we maintained our work with the usual activities. We have celebrated all the great Theosophical festivals, Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, and so on. We held public meetings at the Headquarters every month.

The work in the Lodges has gone on, with weekly meetings, but some Lodges are still dormant. Nevertheless, we have pleasure to announce that Lodge "Lotus Branco," after the return of its President, continued its activities, and I hope that Lodge "Koot Hoomi" may begin again during this year.

Among the chief lectures given in 1968, we must refer to "The Occult Light of Christianity," by Mr. Carl Stillman. The Vice-President, Dr. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco held some symposia concerning "Man and Theosophy" through several aspects. The writer of this report

gave two lectures on "Theosophy—Actual Problems".

Some members organized special meetings for children in order to help the development of their interest in the Theosophical ideals.

I myself was unable to attend the 3rd Inter-American Theosophical Congress in Brazil, but some of our members had the happiness to go there.

Concerning the membership, we must report that 9 new members were admitted, but against that we lost 2 by death and we had 6 resignations. The number of members increased from 186 to 189.

We continue optimistic concerning our work and we hope that our Section will prosper in the way of the great ideals of Theosophy.

DELIO NOBRE SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

The past year has on the whole been a fairly quiet one in Wales. The two Lodges at Cardiff and Colwyn Bay are, however, quite active and carry out full programs of study, members' meetings and public meetings. The T.O.S., the Century Fund and the Harijan Free School at Adyar have all been supported generously. This support of charities is a feature of Theosophical activity in Wales. Many members are also active in animal welfare and vegetarian work. About a third of our members are unattached, to whom a news

letter is sent from time to time. Due to deaths, lapsings and resignations our membership is now down to 84. It is difficult to see how this trend can be arrested in view of the advanced age of many of our members. Our Convention this year will be held at the beginning of November when we hope to have the pleasure of a visit by Dr. Hugh Shearman, of Northern Ireland, as our Guest of Honor.

HARRY EDGAR,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

General activities.—The work of the Lodges has been done in full accordance with the different programs outlined by each one of them. Periodically we receive the visit of some well-known member of the Argentine Section who gives public lectures which are well attended by the public. This has proved to be a good means of offering the Theosophical message to our city. Monthly we have informal meetings to which all members and their families and friends are invited and while we serve a cup of tea, we always find an opportunity to talk about Theosophy.

Publications.—*El Sendero* is the name of our official national magazine which is issued every three months and offered to each member and to visitors.

The Mahatma Letters.—Our late member, Mr. Alvaro Araujo, left the transla-

tion into Spanish of this valuable material which is at present being printed. We expect to receive the books by the end of this year. As far as we know this is the first translation into Spanish of this valuable material.

Our own Headquarters.—Thanks to the collaboration of all the members we have been able to effect the purchase of a house which at present we are remodelling, and into which we expect to move shortly. We had not sufficient money to pay for it in cash, and it was necessary to sign a mortgage which will be paid off within the next eight years.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Our Braille Group is printing by hand, in Spanish and English, different kinds of articles which our blind visitors need, some for their studies, and some others just to read. We run a small Braille

library to which blind people may come to read.

Membership.—At the beginning of the year our Section had 122 members in 7 Lodges. Five members passed away and

twelve new members were accepted, thus showing in our records at present 129 members.

VICTOR ALVAREZ BISBAL,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

We had this year the opportunity of welcoming from the United States, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wylie and Miss W. Wylie—all of whom are well-known workers at the Headquarters of their Section. We wish there could be much more visiting between all the Sections because the interchange of ideas on Theosophy and Theosophical work is most helpful. We gained in our Section some new ideas and received from our visitors very good publicity material, radio talks and study outlines for use in our branches.

The study outlines we are now translating and using. We have duplicated copies for any Section or branch wanting them. The excellent talks put out by Radio Theosophy in the American Section are being used in our weekly radio program. One of our members, Mr. José González Quiñones, now living in Madrid, is doing the translating of these talks. They are also being duplicated and are sent to all requesting them.

Through the great help of a friend in Spain we have had the free publicity pamphlets on Theosophy used in the American Section printed very inexpensively in that country. These pamphlets are available to any Section wanting them.

Our Annual Convention was held on Easter Sunday as customary, with a good attendance of members; and we cele-

brated the special dates in our Society with programs suited for the occasions.

We had 7 incoming members this year and an increase in visitors. The weekly radio program has helped in our growth and in spreading Theosophical ideas. We receive many letters from people who hear our radio program and like very much our ideas. We send them copies of the radio talks and additional material. Though most of them do not become members, they get the knowledge of what Theosophy is and we hope they live this knowledge and thus help to bring a change in this world. We started this year two informal study groups meeting weekly, one in San Juan and the other in Caguas, a nearby city.

Our mimeographed Section journal, *Heraldo Teosófico*, continues to be circulated in the Section and outside it. We send it free to all Spanish-speaking members requesting it—locally and from abroad. We try to select articles in current Theosophical magazines which we hope will be useful to our readers. The book sales have been good also. This year we added books in English as not so many of these very good books have yet been translated, and since our Island is bilingual our readers can take advantage of the very good literature published in English.

CARMEN G. BALLARD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

The Yugoslav Section began its new period of work on 1st October 1967 with the celebration of the 120th anniversary of Dr. Annie Besant's birth, in Lodge "Celje," with the General Secretary, Mr. Anton Jesse, presiding.

Meetings in our four Lodges were continued regularly during the whole period. The membership increased this year to 66, but we lost 3 members by death and 1 resigned, so the total membership is now 62, i.e. 20 in the Mother Lodge "Harmony Service," Ljubljana; 14 in "Krishnaji" Lodge, Celje; 18 in "Harmony" Lodge, Zagreb and 10 in "Truth" Lodge, Beograd. The total number of meetings held was 146.

The General Secretary visited all the Lodges and he noted special progress in Lodge "Truth" in Beograd. In his lectures he briefly surveyed the European Congress held at Swanwick, England.

In the Lodges the following themes were discussed: "The Spirit of the 5th World Congress," by Professor B. Mullik; "Consciousness: its Nature and Action," by N. Sri Ram; *Science of Yoga* by I. K. Taimni; *First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarājādāsa; *Karma* by K. O. Schmidt, and some themes by Dr. A. Besant, Miss Clara Codd and J. Krishnamurti.

All the Theosophical festivals were celebrated. Also on the 9th May we solemnized the second anniversary of the renovation of our Section as "The Day of the Society" when we presented diplomas of membership. This remembrance day will be continued every year. This year the

General Secretary in his talk referred to the fact that the United Nations had proclaimed 1968 "The Year of Human Rights," and invited the members to co-operate in this action, since it is a part of the Theosophical principles. He called the attention of his audience to one right which is not mentioned in the Declaration of Human Rights, and that is the right of man to get to know his "Divine origin" and to have an answer to the question: Man: Whence, How and Whither? The General Secretary proposed to the members that in 1968 they should consider three fundamental ideas: "The Inner Ideal," "The Actual Present Time," and "Human Rights".

Members of the Mother Lodge "Harmony Service," with the General Secretary, attended the Congress of the European Federation, the General Secretary participating in the symposium on "The Open Mind". He was also present at meetings of the European Federation Council and the German Regional Committee.

Members of Lodges "Harmony Service," "Krishnaji," and "Harmony" took part in the Regional Summer School at Pichl in Austria and a member from Ljubljana participated in Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's course in Geneva. Lodge "Truth" continued its usual Lodge work during the summer.

In co-operation with other German-speaking Sections we introduced letters for new members and these have been printed as pamphlets in Yugoslavia, the General Secretary having been successful in getting

official permission to print Theosophical literature. This is of great value for our work.

Last year Mrs. Claire Wyss, the new Chairman of the European Council of Theosophical Sections, visited Yugoslavia, and in her talks to the Lodges in Ljubljana, Celje and Zagreb she described her visit to Adyar to attend the 92nd International Convention of 1967.

In celebration of Foundation Day 1967 a Young Theosophists Group was created within the frame of the Yugoslav Theosophical Section, and on 28th April 1968 they met to discuss its work. The young members find their greatest pleasure in helping the Section work with typewriting,

multigraphing, etc. Animated discussions have developed regarding the many problems of Young Theosophists.

In connection with the Theosophical Order of Service, members of the Yugoslav Section have collected money for the rebuilding of Besant Hall at Huizen, and also for the people affected by the earthquake in Debar, Yugoslavia, and for other purposes.

To bring nearer to our members news of events in the Society's International Headquarters at Adyar, the *Adyar News-Letter* is regularly translated and published in a circular letter.

ANTON JESSE,
General Secretary.

CEYLON

The Section is composed of 7 Lodges, with a total membership of 100. The principal office bearers are:

National President: Senator D. L. F. Pedris.

„ *Vice-President,* Mr. N. K. Choksy,
Q.C.

„ *Secretary,* Mr. F. M. P. Joseph.

„ *Treasurer,* Mr. B. J. Thiedeman.

„ *Lecturer,* Mr. F. Rustomjee, J.P.

Four of the Lodges, "Lanka," "Besant," "Satyamarg," and "Olcott" meet in Colombo, while Lodge "Lotus" meets in Demotawa, Pasyala, Lodge "Vasantha" at the Sri Palee Estate, Horana, and Lodge "Shanthi Marga" at Poddala, Galle.

Despite the many difficulties and vicissitudes which the Section as a whole, and some of the Lodges too, have experienced in recent years, due to weaknesses in the organizational and financial set-up, we have contrived to carry on the activities of the Section. We have been handicapped

to some extent without the use of our Hall at Peterson Lane, Colombo 6, which required extensive structural repairs and renovations from time to time. Consequently we were obliged to hire other suitable halls and to fall back on the private residences of some of our members to hold our meetings.

The perennial message and teachings contained in the Ancient Wisdom have continued to be disseminated and studied in seminars, study groups and lectures organized by the Section. Some of these seminars which attracted quite a good number of students of the Wisdom, were organized jointly by an Esoteric Study Group, which is composed of keen and enthusiastic members of several mystic and occult organizations including the Co-Masons and Theosophists. The theme of a recent seminar held on July 8th and 9th, 1968 was: "The Mystic-Occult Path". Dr. K. M. P. Mohamed Cassim, who is a member of "Lotus Lodge,"

has founded a Lodge known as "Perfect Peace" Lodge at Veyangoda to promote the study of esoteric philosophy.

Dr. K. V. Sri Ram, a visiting Theosophist from India, who served as an agro-economist of the team of experts of the UNSF Mahaweli River Diversion Project, was of considerable help and assistance to us during a period of nearly two years' stay in this country. He participated in most of our activities and devoted some of his valuable time to conducting a series of nine study classes on the theme "What is Theosophy?" By his dedicated attitude and devotion to the dissemination of the Wisdom he set a refreshing example and a high standard during his brief sojourn in our midst, which was worthy of emulation by his fellow Theosophists in this country. We wish him well in his new sphere of activities in Afghanistan.

Our National Vice-President, Mr. N. K. Choksy, who is somewhat pre-occupied in other fields of activity, is still able to spare the time to give some of his thought-provoking lectures on topics of general interest. His recent lecture on "Theosophy and Modern Scientific Thought" was well received by members and enquirers who attended the meeting.

Mr. S. Sittampalam, Commissioner of Inland Revenue, who is a very keen student of astrology and has carried out a great deal of research into horoscopes cast by the ancient Rishis on ola leaves, delivered two interesting lectures on "Astrology—The Only Means to an Intelligent Perception of Re-Birth" and also on "The Mystery of Human Existence".

Besant Lodge has been very active in organizing lectures on various religious topics by speakers invited to give monthly lectures from the standpoint of the religions of which they are adherents.

In conformity with the present trend in educational matters in this country, the

new Lodge named "Shanthi Marga" at Poddala, Galle, conducts all its meetings in the Sinhala language. The Lodge holds regular study classes on the ever popular Theosophical classic *At the Feet of the Master* which has been translated into the Sinhalese language by one of their founder members, Mr. A. P. Sugathadasa, one of the oldest members of the Theosophical Society in Ceylon. This is an indication of the virility of the Society and also an example of the Section's awareness of its responsibility in responding to the changing patterns in the social and religious outlook of our country.

It is with a sense of great loss and deep regret that we have to refer to the untimely passing on of our former National Secretary, the late Mr. S. N. B. Wijeykoon who met with a fatal motor car accident. Mr. Wijeykoon was the President of "Shanthi" Lodge and was also the General Secretary of the Congress of Religions of which he was the Founder, and the mainspring of all its activities. In the words of the Hon'ble Dudley Senanayake, Prime Minister of Ceylon, in a touching tribute paid to the memory of this ardent Theosophist and worker in the cause of promoting religious harmony: "Neville Wijeykoon was a man of great humility who devoted all his great talents and energy towards the achievement of his vision of a United Nation".

We have also to record with regret the passing on of Dr. D. D. W. Waidyasekera, an ardent student of the works of Rudolf Steiner on anthroposophy, education, art and his system of medical treatment. The late Dr. Waidyasekera bequeathed his valuable library of books on these subjects to the Theosophical Society in Ceylon, which have formed an interesting and valuable acquisition to our Library at Besant Hall.

An Olcott commemoration stamp and a special brochure were issued on 8th

December 1967 (the date on which the Colonel left Ceylon for the last time was 8-12-1906) to mark the 60th Anniversary of his death.

The 61st Anniversary of the passing on of Colonel Olcott was commemorated on February 17th, 1968, with a public lecture in the Lincoln Auditorium of USIS on "Colonel Olcott's Contribution to Education in Ceylon" by Mr. S. A. Wijeyatilaka, former Principal of Ananda College, a premier Buddhist educational institution founded by Colonel Olcott.

White Lotus Day was observed on 8th May 1968 to commemorate the anniversary of the passing of Madame Blavatsky; selected passages from *The Light of Asia* and the *Bhagavad Gita* were read; the principal speakers were Mr. F. Rustomjee and Dr. K. V. Sri Ram. The National President, Senator D. L. F. Pedris, presided and paid a brief tribute to the memory of Madame Blavatsky.

An event of outstanding interest to all the members of our Section was the well-merited honor conferred by the Government on our National President, Mr. D. L. F. Pedris, who was appointed last year as a member of the Upper House—the Senate. While we look upon the appointment of Senator Pedris to the Upper House as a tribute to his efforts in promoting Universal Brotherhood and

religious harmony in his capacity as the National President of the Theosophical Society in Ceylon and the President of the Congress of Religions, it is also in recognition of his many-sided activities in the field of commerce (as President of The National Chamber of Commerce) in Buddhist education and religious activities (as the Manager of several Buddhist Schools and President of The Bhikkhu Training Centre at Maharagama), in Rotary and several other social service organizations in which he has taken a full and active rôle.

Foundation Day, November 17th, 1967, was celebrated with a Social which was held at the Girl Guides Hall on that date. Mr. F. Rustomjee, who was the chief speaker on that occasion, gave a brief resumé of the life and activities of the two Founders of the Society.

We look forward with confidence in the future towards further expansion and diversification of our activities and would stress the need for more active and young workers who are prepared and willing to take on more responsibilities in helping us to work towards the fulfilment of the great purpose for which the Masters have brought into existence the Theosophical Society through its great Co-Founders.

F. H. P. JOSEPH,
National Secretary.

GREECE

The Greek Section has been doing good work during the whole year.

A new Lodge was formed in April 1968 under the name "Ammonios Sakkas" (after the Alexandrian philosopher of the 3rd century), and is now working actively. Lodge "Truth" of Alexandropolis has

been dissolved, following the death of its President.

The active membership now stands at 177, an increase of 12 over the previous year.

We continue to publish our national magazine *Ilisos*.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The Central American Section comprises 9 Lodges in six different countries, and according to the new rules, the Headquarters of the Section is moved from one country to another every two years in rotation.

San Salvador has one Lodge, "Teotl," in El Salvador, with 25 active members. During the year they held 52 public meetings, and there is a meeting of the Round Table every Sunday. The Lodge has its own library. The Convention of the Section was due to be held in this Lodge from 13th to 17th November, 1968.

"Tegucigalpa" Lodge in Honduras has 9 members. It held eight lectures but with the death of Sr. Gunthur Deja and the temporary absence of his widow, the Lodge has been experiencing difficulties during the past year.

In Nicaragua there are two Lodges, "Blavatsky" Lodge with 11 active members who meet regularly once a week, and are engaged in preparing a Theosophical booklet; and "Pratibha" Lodge with 7 active members. The two Lodges have formed the "Theosophical Association of Nicaragua" which is recognized by the Nicaraguan Government, and they work together on international affairs.

Costa Rica has also two Lodges: "Shakti" Lodge with 8 active members which organized regular public meetings, and arranged 6 lectures during the year; and "Virya" Lodge with 17 active members. One member of Virya Lodge participated in the Theosophical Literary Competition organized by the Argentine Section last year, though he did not obtain a prize. The two Lodges together publish the *Central American Theosophical Bulletin*.

"Luz" Lodge in Panama is active with 7 members. It held 17 meetings. There is also a group in Colon, in the Republic of Panama, which is working laboriously, though not yet able to form a Lodge, their main difficulty being the matter of economy.

In the country of Guatemala there are two Lodges, "Gnosis" Lodge with 14 active members and "Kuthumi" Lodge with 8 members, and both Lodges meet regularly with an attendance of about six each. The two Lodges work together as the "Theosophical Association of Guatemala" to celebrate the Theosophical festivals and for administrative purposes.

CARMEN AGUILAR ALVAREZ,
General Secretary.

 PARAGUAY

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(See Lodges attached to Adyar)

PHILIPPINES

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COLOMBIA

The activities of the members of our Section have been enthusiastic and at every moment we have counted on collaboration for the Theosophical work in our Lodges.

With the object of continuing public lectures for sympathizers, which are given on the first Sunday of each month, we have organized courses for speakers among the members, this being indispensable for our work. The subjects dealt with in the lectures have always attracted a numerous public and we have awakened the interest of the audience by the presentation of these subjects.

We have also organized weekly meetings for young people, with an attendance averaging 30, at which they hold important discussions on the study of Theosophy, and we are pleased with the constant interest shown.

Further, we have organized courses conducted by Señor Gabriel Burgos which permit the members to deepen and become more advanced in this science, with the aim of presenting Theosophy supported by scientific knowledge, as has been amply recommended by Theosophical Congresses throughout the world and by our President.

The weekly meetings of the Lodges have followed along previous lines so that members may come to them with sufficient illustration and preparation to take part in them with really worthwhile contributions to the group.

For the spread of Theosophy we have also the review *Seleccion Teosofica*, with material selected to interest the public in Colombia, carried on for many years past, thanks to the exclusive work of Señor Walter Ballesteros, who chooses the material from magazines (generally in English) which he translates, selecting

the more important points and then publishing them. At present *Seleccion Teosofica* is the most important magazine for the spread of Theosophy, not only in Colombia but also in Uruguay, Venezuela and Spain. Señor Ballesteros also publishes Theosophical news for members and has translated and published five Theosophical books.

Thanks to the generous help of one of our members, we shall soon be able to start visits by lecturers to the various Lodges, to arouse enthusiasm and assist them to give more effective help to the organization.

Our Section Council held its meetings regularly and has sought from the Lodges outside Bogota the nomination of two members to represent them in active form and serve as links between the Council and the Lodges; in this form the meetings can be held more frequently and thus allow an impulse to be given to the work in the Lodges.

During the days 1st to 3rd November the Fourth Convention of the Theosophical Society in Colombia was celebrated in Lodge "Maitreya" in Bogota. The work was presented and fully discussed by means of interesting themes and furnished undeniable benefit to the members. On the same occasion artistic evening functions were provided for a large public audience.

I express my best wishes that the Theosophical ideals may be ever reinforced, with our greater conviction regarding the important mission that the Founders of the Society entrusted to us and that Spiritual Light may ever illumine for us the path of our realizations.

AURELIANA ZEA ZEA,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

It gives me immense pleasure to report with utmost satisfaction the steady progress in general of the Theosophical activities in East Africa during the year. I am proud to mention that looking to the statistical figures of the Lodges and the strength of membership of each national Section, the East African Section in my view occupies the fifth place amongst them.

Membership.—In spite of the much publicised Asian exodus from Kenya in February 1968, due to the generally discouraging and fluctuating conditions of the non-citizens' occupations resulting from trade restrictions and work-permits for non-citizens, the membership position appears to be slightly encouraging even during this critical year. The total strength of members on the roll in good standing as at 30th September, 1968 amounted to 1,259 as against 1,171 last year—thus giving a net increase of 88 members during the year. This is mainly due to the fine work done with sincerity and enthusiasm by many Lodge workers in making Theosophy known to more and more people of the general public as a result of which new Lodges have been opened and more are likely to be opened in the near future. The visit of Mr. John Coats also helped in giving impetus in this respect. In this connection, I am advised to suggest that our International Headquarters at Adyar may initiate a tentative program or scheme whereby an exchange of national lecturers from one Section to another could be made by mutual convenience. We have found in our experience that the visitor from outside attracts more audience from the general public than the local workers, however devoted and persuasive they may be.

I was able to take the opportunity of attending the 92nd Convention at Adyar

in December 1967, when Mr. and Mrs. Jayantibhai R. Patel of Dar-es-Salaam Lodge were also able to join me there. It was perhaps a rare opportunity for me to meet the many General Secretaries from Europe who attended the Convention by the special charter plane headed by Mr. John Coats. I had also the advantage of attending the General Council Meetings and other Sub-Committees.

Visit to Lodges in Gujarat and Saurashtra.—At the suggestion of Mr. Bachubhai Sutaria, the Secretary of the Gujarat Theosophical Federation, I took the opportunity of visiting Lodges at Navsari, Surat, Broach, Rajpipla, Baroda, Godhra, Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Bhavnagar, where I was expected to give a talk at each Lodge. I also had the advantage of attending the study class at Rajkot conducted by Mr. Anantprasad Bakshi and Mr. Kalyanji Jani. It was a very valuable experience for my future guidance.

Visit of Mr. John Coats.—We were fortunate to have Mr. John Coats in East Africa for 32 days while he was on his way to the Southern African Section Convention at Easter, 1968. He visited our Lodges at Kampala, Gulu, Jinja, Mbale, Bududa, Tororo, Eldoret, Kisumu, Nakuru, Nairobi, Mombasa and Dar-es-Salaam. During his journey in Kenya, he also made short halts in order to meet our members of the Lodges at Kakamega and Kericho. He delivered public lectures and addressed members' meetings at every place of his visit and attracted large audiences comprised of mixed races. He also visited several institutions, schools and colleges. On the whole, it was considered that his visit was very successful and of great advantage to our Theosophical movement in East Africa.

We also arranged for him to visit the Game Parks, the Murchison Falls, the Nairobi National Park, Nakuru Birds Sanctuary, Keekorok Lodge and other places of historical interest. During his tour in East Africa, he was accommodated at our members' residences and the transport facilities from one place to another was accorded to him in the member-owned cars. We are most grateful to him for sparing so much time for us.

18th Annual East African Convention.—Our 18th Convention was held at Mbale in Uganda under the auspices of the Mount Elgon Lodge at Easter, 1968. The East African Section comprises the three independent sovereign countries of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. In order to travel from one country to the other, immigration formalities at the borders of the three countries have to be complied with. However, two large buses were hired to transport delegates from Kenya to Uganda in addition to the individual cars carrying several delegates. There were about 400 delegates from all the East African Lodges. It was a unique and memorable occasion, which surpassed previous records and history. The Convention was opened by a Member of the Uganda Parliament, the Hon'ble Mr. D. A. Patel. It was a very successful event as the representatives of 19 Lodges were able to attend it despite travel difficulties. Nineteen new members (including 5 members of one Ismailia family) were enrolled at the closing sessions of the Convention.

Further Appointments of Regional Secretaries.—Last year I appointed two Regional Secretaries for Uganda Lodges and one for Tanzania Lodges. Having been greatly assisted by these appointments I was encouraged to appoint Regional Secretaries for two more regions of Kenya. They are Mr. J. J. Amin for

Lodges at Eldoret, Kitale, Kisumu, and Kakamega and Mr. N. J. Khetani for Lodges at Nakuru, Thomson's Falls, Kericho and Sotik.

These appointments have proved very useful to the smooth and regular working of Lodges and the Sectional work at the National Headquarters; and it is intended to appoint one more Regional Secretary in Kenya in the near future for the Lodges at Machakos, Fort Hall, Karatina, Nyeri, Nanyuki, Meru and Embu.

Registration of Regional Headquarters of Tanzania.—It is very gratifying to report that the Registrar of Societies in Tanzania has recognized the Theosophical Society as a non-political organization by granting it registration of the Regional Headquarters of Tanzania at Dar-es-Salaam. It is now confirmed in writing that there would be no difficulty in granting registration to other Lodges in formation or to be formed in the future in Tanzania. Steps are now being taken to register our Lodge at Tanga.

Study Class at the Nile Lodge, Kampala.—Mr. H. S. Patel, a veteran Theosophist of our East African Section, assisted by Mr. H. M. Chhaya, the National Secretary, Mr. J. B. Oza, the Regional Secretary (Uganda-1), Mr. R. H. Patel, the National Director of the T.O.S., and Dr. J. M. Amin, the President of the Nile Lodge, conducted a Study Class at Kampala from 10th to 19th August, 1968, when about 70 persons took part in a study of Theosophical principles. Every evening one hour of talk was followed by an hour of questions and answers. It was a very useful and successful effort on the part of the organizers and lecturers.

Formation of Lodge at Kakira, Uganda.—I am glad to report that through the sincere efforts of our Regional Secretary (Uganda-1) Bro. J. B. Oza, and Dr. J. M. Amin, the President of the Nile Lodge,

Kampala, a new Lodge known as "Nalubale Lodge" was formed in October, 1968 at Kakira, (7 miles from Jinja), Uganda; and it is most gratifying to note that the President of the Lodge, Mr. J. B. Lubandi is a distinguished member of the African community and a Member of the Uganda Parliament. Its Vice-President is also a reputed African and Educationist, Mr. A. E. N. Lule. Thus slowly but steadily, the indigenous people of this country are now taking an active interest in the Theosophical ideals and its activities and joining the Society to strengthen our ranks, which may have a far-reaching effect favorable to our cause.

Revival of Mwanza Lodge.—The Mwanza Lodge, which was inactive for a long time has now been revived and is functioning regularly under the guidance of Mr. J. K. Ved as its Secretary, a former member of the Dar-es-Salaam Lodge.

Visit to East African Lodges.—Messrs. H. M. Chhaya, R. H. Patel, H. S. Patel and I have tried to visit most of the Lodges in Kenya and Uganda during the year. The Regional Secretaries also visited Lodges in their Regions. We would have liked to visit all the 35 Lodges in the Section during the year, but due to lack of transport and other difficulties, we were not able to do so.

Theosophical Activities and Celebrations.—The following annual and eventful Theosophical days were observed and celebrated by most of our Lodges during the year:

- (1) Dr. Annie Besant's Birth Anniversary;
- (2) Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society;
- (3) Adyar Day, when some funds were also collected and remitted to Adyar;
- (4) White Lotus Day;

- (5) Wesak and Asala full moon days;
- (6) Death Anniversary of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa;
- (7) United Nations Day.

Most of the Lodges regularly meet and study Theosophy. Also lectures by eminent local persons and visiting personalities such as Swami Shri Shankaracharya were arranged for members as well as for the public, when large audiences had the benefit of such opportunities. In addition, cultural programs such as film shows, musical evenings, picnics, social gatherings were also arranged by Lodges on various occasions during the year with a view to building right relationships amongst our fellow beings.

Bookstall Activities.—During the year Theosophical books worth Sh. 4,200/- were sold. Our Theosophical literature was well displayed at our Convention, where a large number of the public took part in the programs (most of our Convention programs are kept open for the public). It resulted in the general public taking advantage of certain types of books available only from the Society at a cheaper rate than from booksellers in the town. We stock a variety of books on Theosophy and allied subjects at our bookstall managed by the Sectional Headquarters at Nairobi.

Publication of our quarterly magazine "The Theosophical Light".—This was regularly published during the year and about 1,200 copies of the same are being distributed, free of charge to every member of the Section. It is also sent to General Secretaries of several Sections as a reciprocal gesture of goodwill.

Gift to East African Lodges from the Section.—The Section voluntarily subscribes for a number of copies of *The Theosophist* and *Jyoti*, a Theosophical magazine in Gujarati, published by the Gujarat Theosophical Federation, as a gift for

each of its Lodges in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—During the year, the International President Mr. N. Sri Ram on my recommendation appointed Mr. R. H. Patel as the National Director of the Theosophical Order of Service; and I am glad to note that he is doing a fine work in guiding and encouraging Lodges as to the work that could be taken up by them. As reported last year, the work of paying school and college fees for poor students; help for the school for the blind, deaf and dumb; help to the disabled children's school; help to flood victims, hospitals and other institutions doing humanitarian work, collecting secondhand clothing and distributing to the needy were continued by many Lodges.

Passing away of Members.—The Section suffered a great loss in the passing away of a number of valuable and pioneer members: Mr. Dwarkadas Morarji Shah, the first National President of the Section, and Mr. T. V. Vyas, one of the oldest members (Nairobi and Nakuru).

Mr. A. B. Patel, General Secretary, and the East African Community.—I have recently accepted a professional appointment as the Legal Assistant in the Chambers of the Counsel to the East African Community at its Headquarters at Arusha in Tanzania. The East African Community is a statutory Body or Governmental Organization created by the three independent sovereign countries of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania for rendering efficient, effective and economical services in various fields common to them all. In accepting this appointment, I intended to take opportunities to contact many Africans who occupy important positions in the Community, based on their qualifications and experience, with a view to promoting and furthering our Theo-

sophical principles and understanding amongst them.

Economic Development of East African Countries.—Personally I am pleased to learn from what I have observed during my stay in East Africa for the last 41 years, during and after the British Rule, that after achieving their hard-earned political independence, they are on their quick way to economic development and independence as a result of their Governmental policy based on African Socialism and a culture of their own pattern—unique to themselves. They have our full sympathy and support for the aspirations and policies adopted by them in comparison with other independent and growing countries on the African Continent.

Shortage of Theosophical Workers.—The East African Section, comprising, as it does, the three independent countries of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, is a very vast area with a comparatively thin population composed of 98 per cent indigenous Africans and only 2 per cent of non-African immigrant population of mixed races from overseas. Our 35 Lodges of the Section are spread out far and wide with long distances and infrequent transport facilities between them. In the circumstances, it is almost impossible to visit each of them even once a year in order to keep them alive and active in their regular functioning in the midst of a very busy and strenuous whole-day occupation of their members. The result is that there are only a few voluntary workers in each Lodge who are able to devote some hours regularly for such work; it would be no exaggeration to state that the full-time workers in the Section, either fully paid, nominally paid or of voluntary free service, are none. We therefore strive to do what we all can, jointly and severally, with full co-operation of all on a purely voluntary basis.

The shortage of such workers is no doubt severely felt at each Lodge, and it is possible that the present position, if continued, may deteriorate in the strength of membership and general activities of the Theosophical Society in this Section as most of the members are non-citizens and non-African immigrants from overseas.

Possibility of separate Sections for Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.—However much we may desire to stay together as one East African Section, the situation seems to be so developing, due to various restrictions and differences in governmental policies relating to financial, commercial and political fields, that it may be found necessary—perhaps in a distant future—to form a separate Section in each country in order to comply with existing restrictions to the free movement of the people and their occupational activities.

The appropriate machinery, however, has already been set in motion with a very successful result and a considerable wealth of experience derived from the appointments of the regional secretaries in each country, who would be able to take over as a separate Section for each country smoothly and efficiently as and when the situation so demands. At the same time I am pleased to place on record that the services rendered by these Regional Secretaries by way of their timely sugges-

tions and regular prompt assistance has proved of great value in discharging the duties and responsibilities attached to the National President of the East African Section.

Appreciation of Team Work.—I cannot but mention the fine team of workers at the National Headquarters, Nairobi, with its splendid achievement, and of each and every member of the Executive Committee, who were called upon to meet regularly each month of the year and whose whole-hearted co-operation has proved of great assistance to me in administering this Section. Mr. H. M. Chhaya, the National Secretary of the East African Section, whether with or without any office or position, has always proved of inestimable value to the efficient running of this Section at any hour or day when so demanded—at the sacrifice of his personal comfort and convenience necessarily required by him in living a normal healthy life.

Our devotional loyalty.—Finally, we as devoted workers of the East African Section pledge our loyalty, devotion and full support to the policies of our International President Mr. N. Sri Ram and to his wise leadership, which is so badly needed in the present upheavals all over the world.

A. B. PATEL,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

During the year to 30th September 1968 the number of Lodges continued to be the same, i.e. 7 Lodges and one centre. From the available statistics, the Presidential Agency has a total membership of 289. During the year 10 new members joined the Theosophical Society.

Activities.—Karachi continues to be the most active Lodge in the country and

probably one of the most active in the world. The Lodge has well organized monthly activities consisting of public lectures, study classes, members' meetings, observance of special days, activities of the Theosophical Order of Service and a number of administrative meetings. While the activities are mostly supported by Theosophists, lecturers are invited from

among non-Theosophists on interesting and useful subjects.

One of the services of the Karachi Theosophical Society, well utilized by members as well as the public, is the Karachi Theosophical Society Free Library and Reading Room. During the year under report more books were purchased and donated and a larger number of readers made use of the Library and the Reading Room. The Library has plans for extension of its services over a three-year period. At present it has 11,076 books with a qualified and full-time paid librarian to look after it.

The Karachi Lodge has also a small book-shop which serves the needs of members. Members find it difficult to keep up to date due to difficulties of importing Theosophical books.

The Annual Report of the Karachi Theosophical Society also speaks of large-scale renovations of its spacious two-storeyed building for which it is planning to collect Rs. 2 lacs. This will include air-conditioning the auditorium and equipping it with modern lighting and sound system.

Other Lodges report sporadic activities, except the Comilla Lodge in East Pakistan which meets every week but only for its few members. Public lectures are held sometimes and special anniversaries observed but the work lacks steady programs and continuity.

The Youth Lodge at Karachi which is one of the seven Lodges of the country, suspended its activities during the year due to difficulties of a meeting place. It is hoped that during the current year, it will once again be able to continue its activities in the premises of the Karachi Theosophical Society.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—The work of the Order exists mainly in Karachi where an excellent program of services in many directions is regularly

carried out. The work is divided into different groups to serve the needs of the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, of school children needing help to pursue their education and of the physically handicapped. There are also groups working for health and healing and animal welfare. During the year Rs. 47,525 were spent on education scholarships which is the outstanding work on the program. This activity is carried on in co-operation with the Save the Children Fund in London.

One of the new activities in this year was the starting of the Jamshed Memorial Montessori School within the premises of the Karachi Theosophical Society. Within a year, the school has over one hundred students. Special funds were raised for the school at a concert and Rs. 8,940 were collected.

Publications.—The Karachi Theosophical Society regularly brings out a 4-page monthly program-bulletin, to publicize its activities and to provide short and useful articles on Theosophy and allied subjects. The National organ, *Theosophy in Pakistan*, which was being brought out quarterly, was suspended from publication last year due to unavoidable difficulties. It is however planned to re-start the publication.

Need for Workers and Lecturers.—The greatest need for the development of the work in Pakistan is for Theosophical lecturers and workers. Even in the large and active Karachi Lodge, this need is very keenly felt. Efforts to invite outside lecturers did not bear fruit during the year. The Presidential Agent herself was able to visit Hyderabad only once.

Presidential Agent's Tour.—The Presidential Agent for Pakistan, Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla, has been invited for a tour of Australia extending over five months. She hopes to leave Pakistan in February and will be the guest speaker at the Convention of the Theosophical Society in

Australia to be held near Adelaide in April 1969.

Conclusion.—The work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan needs to be strengthened, particularly outside Karachi and the work as a whole brought into balance regarding membership and the two regions of the country. There is an open field for the work in East Pakistan but the area particularly lacks local leadership and organization, there being only one very small Lodge in Comilla and a centre in Dacca. For the work to gain a footing in East Pakistan, we need workers who would stay in the place over a period sufficient to enable the work to take root in the country. The work in West Pakistan also needs revitalizing and for this, too, we need

workers who could stay in a place for a sufficient time to develop local leadership.

We are, however, grateful that there is a Theosophical Society in Pakistan to shed the light of Truth, brotherhood and co-operation in the world where these values are sadly losing ground. At a time, when under the impact of a technological revolution, tried and established social systems are crumbling fast, Theosophy, with its direct approach to Reality, its power to sustain outer changes and the light of its teachings capable of resolving human problems, can be a veritable beacon-light—at least to the few who are trying to find solutions to the manifold problems of humanity.

G. K. MINWALLA,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYSIA & SINGAPORE

No Report

NORTHERN IRELAND

We have had an active year on more or less usual lines. At our Annual Convention, held in March, 1968, we were very happy to have as our Guest Speakers Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, on their first visit to Ulster. In the summer we had a holiday visit from Mr. and Mrs. Leslie-Smith. Apart from these visitors, all our programs were run by local talent.

Our isolation does have a stimulating effect by throwing upon a higher proportion of our members responsibilities such as they might not be required to carry in a larger country, including the responsibility of expressing themselves in public.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

ISRAEL

(See Lodges attached to Adyar)

JAPAN

No Report

VIET-NAM

Membership.—In spite of the war, there are this year 70 new admissions, most of them young people, and 7 re-admissions. We have not received any letters of resignation but there have been 10 lapsings. There were 6 deaths, 3 of them victims of the war. So the number of the members in Viet-Nam is now 745, an increase of 60 members.

Lodges.—The number of Lodges is 13, the same as last year.

Theosophical diffusion.—Since the dreadful events in February and May, weekly public lectures have been stopped at the Headquarters, because of the insecurity and infiltration, as our place is in the suburb of the Capital, but every Sunday morning, about 70 members of 3 Lodges meet in the auditorium for regular study courses with discussions. The same work is done at the other Lodges at week-ends.

“Kiêm Ai” Lodge, situated in the middle of the Capital, has succeeded in giving public lectures for about 200 listeners every Sunday afternoon since August.

Publications.—“Kiêm Ai” Lodge continues to issue its quarterly Theosophical magazine *Anh Dao* (The Light of the Way) which is distributed gratis to the members.

“Long-Xuyen” and “Angiang” Lodges published for their provinces one Theosophical magazine at our New Year.

“Bac-Ai” Lodge has printed by hand Theosophical booklets to distribute to people in the country. There were two publications this year: *Invisible Helpers* and *The Rôle of the Invisible Helpers*.

With the collaboration of young members, “Phụng-Su” Lodge has issued a monthly magazine, “To serve Theosophy”. On White Lotus Day, they published one about Madame H. P. Blavatsky.

Since May 1968, the Viet-Nam Section has issued a twice-monthly Theosophical *Bulletin* with much information, for gratis distribution to the members. Concerning propaganda, we have printed colored leaflets on *Brotherhood*, *Some Principles of Theosophy*, *How to train and to use our Thoughts*. Also one booklet on *Some daily ethical teachings*, a selection of moral rules by H.P.B.

Book sales have increased very much. We have published this year “*Cung ai bi khóc*” (To those who mourn), “*Dao ly thuc hanh*” (Theosophy in daily Life), *Phuong phap phat trien tam linh* (Methods of psychical development), “*Con nguoi thac roi ve dau?* (Where do the dead go?), “*Nen giao duc T. T. H.*” (Theosophical Education).

We have received a number of Theosophical books from Holland, England, Australia and the U. S. A. for our Library.

Our Summer School was held in the “Pure Heart Centre,” at Vung Tau City, a seaside resort about 80 miles from Saigon, from 4th to 10th August 1968. In spite of the threat of a great battle in the Capital, we had nevertheless 48 participants. The topic for study was “How to live in Harmony with oneself, with others, with Nature and in the T.S.” The program included meditation, lectures and discussion in the morning, and entertainments in the evening with bonfire, music and songs and a meeting for common prayer to our dead, (this evening meeting coinciding with our traditional ceremony); there were also excursions to the hills and the City, and a Round Table celebration.

We visited six Lodges in the provinces to see again our old friends and to greet the new members. We have been very happy to notice that everywhere our members have been appreciated by the

people and the authorities. Besides their Theosophical work, they participate in public welfare in their towns such as Red Cross, Youth movements, orphanage, restaurants for poor people, etc. We have learnt something from them and also brought to some Lodges zeal, ardor and suggestions. We hope to form a new Lodge at Rach-Gia, a remote province on the Thailand Gulf.

Theosophical Order of Service and other activities.—Our Orphanage is relatively small, so we continue to take care of about 60 children from new-borns to 4-5 years old. They grow nicely in a normal way under the devotion to duty of Mrs. Nguyen-thi-Vien, Director and Manager and the aid of Miss Tran-thi-Qui, Assistant-Director. They have received relief also from the T.O.S. in Australia and U.S.A. Recently, ten of the children went to Norway to be adopted.

The Order of The Round Table in Viet-Nam, officially authorized this year, brings together nearly 45 adult and young members at the Headquarters every Sunday morning for the ceremony.

The infiltration and bombardment of Saigon and its neighbourhood in the previous months caused a great number of homeless and poor people. The Section has organized three subscriptions to help them; among these war victims, there were 14 of our members whose houses were burnt or damaged.

This year, as we could not organize our Convention, about 50 members met together, for common prayer. It was the

same for the Ceremony of Wesak. At the end of the White Lotus Day, we received orders to dismiss promptly.

Fortunately, the C. Jinarājadāsa's commemoration and Dr. Besant's birthday could be held with short lectures and offering of flowers. Now we are preparing for our Convention in December.

Our projects.—Our Headquarters are getting older; we plan to make many repairs and have the plaster model of a new one for future construction.

Plans for the future include:

1. Visits to certain provinces where there are more than 7 T.S. members, in order to form new Lodges.
2. Organizing study courses on Theosophy for new members.
3. Publishing new translated books.
4. Giving Radio Talks.
5. Holding a Training Camp for Theosophical workers. That is our hardest problem, we lack workers. Almost all our good members are civil servants and must earn their living, the cost of which is very high now.

Conclusion.—At the present time, we do not know what will be our tomorrow. But we continue our work, trusting to the light which certainly comes after the darkness. Our duty now is to stand firm in our places and try to help our alarmed countrymen by our thoughts, our sympathy, our deeds and the lessons and experiences given to us by Theosophical teachings.

LUU-THI-DAU,
General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

No Report

WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

Since our last report the work in this Federation has continued to progress. The number of enquiries has increased considerably and the state of membership has been steady.

Annual Convention.—The tenth Annual Convention was held during Easter as usual and was well attended by members of the regional Lodges and Centres. The Guest Speaker was Mr. E. de Graft Johnson, a prominent figure in the local political organization and lecturer in the University of Ghana, Legon, Accra. He spoke generally on the political situation in Ghana which had degenerated owing to lack of co-operation in the social community. He therefore appealed for co-operation in building up a better community life in the future.

New Lodges and Centres.—A new Lodge was formed in Accra with the name "Vigilance" which meets on Thursdays whilst the two previous Lodges, Blavatsky and Leadbeater, meet on Saturdays. It is hoped that these three Lodges, together with Tema Centre, will be capable of dealing with the increased enquiries coming in from the Accra district.

In Nigeria a new Centre was formed under Mr. G. O. Olubi. He had been a member of AMORC for 14 years before changing over, so with the experience gained, he has been a reliable link in the work in Nigeria.

The Leadbeater Lodge in Enugu was hit by the recent crisis in Nigeria and all the members have become disorganized. The Secretary, Mr. J. E. Udoh, wrote recently from Calabar but could not give any information of the fate of the other members, some of whom were detained.

"The West African Theosophist".—This publication has been temporarily suspended whilst a committee is examining the possibility of improving the whole

set-up and method of distribution. When this is again published copies will be supplied to those previously receiving it.

Visitors.—Mr. John Coats arrived in Ghana from South Africa on April 18th on a 10-day visit. He was met at the airport by the Organizing Secretary and other officers of the Federation. As this visit followed closely our Annual Convention, it was not possible to invite the members of the regional Lodges and Centres. It was therefore arranged to take Mr. Coats to the regions to meet them.

At Koforidua he was able to recognize certain members whose diplomas he had signed when he was General Secretary of the English Section in the 1940s.

At Accra he spoke at a members' meeting a day after his arrival in Ghana, and gave two public lectures at the Y.W.C.A. and the Baden Powell Memorial Hall respectively. The radio officials who interviewed him at his hotel recorded a short message on what Theosophy is which was on the air frequently while Mr. Coats was in the country. This gave him a very useful introduction and drew a large number of people to his lectures.

At Kumasi he gave a lecture at the Ashanti Cultural Centre. He also spoke at Ho to the members of the Dharma Lodge and invitees.

He was very willing to fulfil further engagements but as there were no planes leaving Accra the following Sunday when he was due to return to London, it was arranged for him to return on Saturday.

The visit was very much enjoyed by all, his various talks were very stimulating, and most of those who listened to him have since joined the Society.

Young Theosophists Group.—This has now been started in the country with some 34 members in both Accra and

Kumasi. Our attention was called some-time ago to a Group in Ibadan, Nigeria, but an effort made to link up with them was unsuccessful. It is hoped that when personal contact becomes possible in the future, the relationship will be smoothed out.

Books Gift.—Our thanks go to the American Section, certain individuals of the English Section, the Gujarat Theosophical Federation, Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson and all others who were kind

enough to send us books for our local library. We shall be grateful for such timely help until we are able to order books freely ourselves. With the gradual spread of the light of Wisdom in this country, we hope the darkness which in the past had covered the West African horizon will be dispelled, yielding place to the rising sun of peace and goodwill.

E. MICHAEL AFFRAM,
Organizing Secretary.

BOLIVIA

During the past year the activities of the Theosophical Lodges in Bolivia have been well carried on.

Lodge "Inti" (Sol) in the City of Cochabamba which had for a number of years ceased to function, has been revived. It is practically equivalent to a new Lodge. Twelve new members have joined and I have handed over the corresponding 12 Diplomas with the usual ceremony, making a special visit there as Presidential Agent. Actually the Lodge now has 17 members. The day of the meeting was 17th March 1968. They are meeting twice a week and are very enthusiastic.

Two members from Buenos Aires in Argentina were invited as they had expressed a desire to visit Bolivia and co-operate in the work there. They were Señor Juan Vinas and Señor Evaristo Antunez, from the Y. T. Centre in Buenos Aires, and they travelled to La Paz, Oruro

and Cochabamba, visiting Lodges "Paz" "Urus" and "Inti" and joining their meetings. They gave public lectures which were widely passed on to the public. They also made propaganda in the newspapers and on the radio in the three cities, appearing there in articles and photographs. All this served to make intensive propaganda among the public of the ideals of Theosophy. We also held some other friendly meetings, teas, lunches, refreshments, all of which had the effect of strongly enforcing fraternal links and unity among the members during those 15 days.

We also presented a Diploma to Señora Encarnacion Cabrera of the city of Potosi, who came to La Paz to join the Theosophical Society. A group has been formed in that city to study Theosophy and hold meetings.

MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO,
Presidential Agent.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

This last season has been discouraging in some areas, and very encouraging in others. The over-all picture of the strength of the Canadian Federation is good, and the membership sustained, in spite of four deaths, and some drop-outs, and one demit.

The Lodge in Victoria is not functioning, and the membership is not now in good standing, so we have recalled their Charter as from 24th October 1968. I have endeavored to keep the group together and offered to make the trip to Victoria at my own expense at least once a month or every six weeks, to take a meeting, but they replied they do not even wish to meet. There are many aspects to this, and at the moment I am afraid we will have to accept the situation. The books and equipment are in storage, as no one is in a position or willing to take on the library at this time.

Isis and Wayfarers Lodges are also inactive. However, this is not entirely true, since Isis is carrying on with meetings, although they do not pay dues, and do not communicate with us. There is a new member in Montreal in the Section, who may be able to do something in the future to pull the group together in a more positive form. Wayfarers Lodge meets with a member resident from H.P.B. Lodge, and they send out *Discovery*, and are interested. However, as a Lodge, they are comparatively inactive. We get encouraging letters from Miss Cooil who is doing what she can.

Mercury Lodge in Edmonton has had a strong upsurge this year with new members, and a new president, and much interest. Also they are co-operating well with the Section members in Edmonton, which is a very good and encouraging note. They are using the new Wheaton pamphlets and publicity material and getting the new paperback books.

Hermes Lodge is a strong centre of activity and interest with several new members. Their Sunday work continues to attract on the average 30 of the public. The library is open during Wednesday afternoons, Thursdays and Sundays before and after the meetings, and is well used, and kept up to date with new books. The new pamphlets are also distributed and there is much interest in the paperback series.

Fiat Lux Lodge, in the Okanagan Valley, is a very vigorous and interested group; they have made wide use of the new publicity pamphlets and books, and also the tapes. York Lodge and H.P.B. Lodges in Toronto have a good public following, and co-operate with the Section there as well, also using the new publicity material and books, and the tapes. They also have a study group for enquirers.

Discovery and *The Quarterly Magazine* have gone to all Lodges and to individual members on the mailing list, giving much publicity and interest not always noticeable on the surface of our records.

The Canadian Federation Convention was held in Vancouver this year with Hermes as the host Lodge. Representatives came from Fiat Lux, North Vancouver, Mercury and Lotus, and Miss Helen Zahara was the Guest Speaker, sponsored with funds by the Canadian Federation. We had a wonderful three-day Convention with a very large public meeting with Miss Zahara as speaker. Much interest and enthusiasm was felt in all Lodges after this Convention.

Mr. Will Ross from California was sponsored by the Canadian Federation, and visited Hermes, North Vancouver, Fiat Lux and Mercury Lodges in September. He was very well received, and assures us he will come again next

year. He took tapes of his talk and these will be shared with all Lodges.

The Library of the Canadian Federation has had some new book donations, and is being used to some extent, although not to a large extent. However it does reach people living in areas where there are no Lodges active.

I represented the Federation at the Northwest Federation Conventions and meetings in the U.S.A., taking part in their programs and giving our greetings. Many of our members attend the Orcas Island Camp at Indralaya, under the American Section and give strong support to this work. We have wonderful co-operative help and encouragement all the time from the American Section at Wheaton.

New Geoffrey Hodson tapes have been bought from the American Section at a very small cost, and are now being distributed for use across Canada. Also the new publicity material and paperback books are well used, and much appreciated. We are planning to have a set of paperback books in a special display in each working Canadian Federation Lodge this season, and these have been ordered.

Because of the division in Canada the over-all work is weakened, but in view

of the attacks on Dr. Besant, and Bishop Leadbeater, which seem to go on and on, and the articles against the esoteric work, it seems difficult to bridge this gap. However, some progress toward unity is being made and will continue to be made, and the climate of the Convention meeting was that people there felt that it would be a great step together to find unity and that this move should be contemplated and encouraged as much as possible in the months ahead.

Although small in numbers, the Canadian Federation does endeavor to carry on the torch of Theosophy, in the name of our most revered and holy Founders. As we move toward the one hundredth birthday of the Theosophical Society in 1975, living as we do in a world of startling changes and undercurrent, we are challenged to give energy and strength to our work as we move forward together.

In spite of many omissions in my work as Secretary owing to lack of time and energy, I am encouraged and hopeful, because of the fine work and enthusiasm of the Federation members across Canada, that the effect of the work is being felt, and will carry on.

GLADYS COOPER,
Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

My first Report as Chairman of the Theosophical Society in Europe will not be too long, because I began my work only after the European Congress in Swanwick in July 1968. After a stay of one week with Mr. John Coats, who gave me some information about my new job, I was left alone to confront many new obligations about which I did not know very much.

Soon after the Congress our German Regional Summer School took place in Pichl and for the second time I had to take the chair. In addition to the usual members from Switzerland, Germany and Austria, seven friends from Yugoslavia and two from Hungary attended the School. I had a meeting with the Yugoslav members, who told me about the difficulties they had in their Section. Until

now it has been difficult for them to work harmoniously together. The greatest difficulties they had were in connection with the misunderstanding of the rules they follow. The General Secretary of the Section thought that it was he who must lead the work in the different Lodges, which would mean that they would not be autonomous. The members of these Lodges did not agree with this idea, with the result that the work was disturbed. Now I have had good news. The members had a meeting last month in Ljubljana—the groups from Ljubljana, Zagreb and Celje—and it seems that for the moment all is all right. In May next year they will meet for new elections and I have been asked to attend. I think that it would be useful to accept. I must say that every member in Yugoslavia is very eager to work in the Society.

Graz.—The work in Graz is beginning to be better than before. When Dr. Lauppert retired from that work, nobody was there to take over what he had done. But now he has again begun to work in the Section, which means that there is new life in Graz. Of course it would be very nice if young people would join the Society because the greater number of the members are elderly people.

Vienna.—Mr. Peter Lauer with his very active wife began the work there by cleaning and painting the Lodge room. This was indeed very necessary, because the room was very dirty and dark. Now Mr. Lauer is giving a course on Yoga and another for beginners and here too I hope that younger people will join the Society. Mr. Lauer was in Swanwick where he led a study group together with me. He did it very well and with much enthusiasm. Mr. Fritz Schleifer, is willing to help him in his work.

Germany/Berlin.—I was the first visitor to Berlin in many years who found a harmonious atmosphere there! All

three Lodges were together to meet me. Everybody was happy and, after my short lectures in two of the Lodges, I told them about my happy stay in Adyar last year and it was a great pleasure for me to see how all the members listened with great interest and joy. I feel that now a new wind is blowing in Berlin, especially with the Lodge President Mrs. Mattern, who is very intelligent and is good at including all the members in the work.

Hamburg/Hanover/Dortmund/Düsseldorf/Frankfurt.—In these towns and groups I gave a lecture on Yoga. Yoga is sometimes misunderstood in the Western world and it is a very good thing that Mr. Wallace Slater has written his two books on Hatha Yoga and Raja Yoga, from the Theosophical standpoint, which is a universal one. The groups are not very big but the members work everywhere well and with enthusiasm. Here too I gave a picture of Adyar and the people were thankful to hear about the “Heart of the Society”. Of course, there are problems here and there, but they are not so serious that they cannot be solved.

Switzerland.—As we have in this Section such an active General Secretary, we need not be anxious about our work. In Geneva Mr. Tripet is giving a course “Know Thyself,” and his son Claude one on *The Secret Doctrine*, and there is also a beginners’ course. In Basle we have a fine new Lodge room and we hope that we shall do good work there.

Regarding the other Sections in Europe I know only that the work goes on and I hope that next year I can visit a few of them. In January the Executive Committee of the Federation will meet in Basle and I think that on this occasion we shall discuss work for the future.

Young Theosophists.—Recently I had a letter from Mrs. Verhoog-Müller, Amsterdam, telling me a little about

her work in this town. She is working in a group of Young Theosophists. She says that in the course of their work it has become clearer and clearer to them what immense treasures of knowledge and wisdom are entrusted to the Theosophical Society and what a great responsibility Theosophists have not to let them be lost. They are trying to classify under particular subjects some Theosophical literature which is too involved to be easy of access. There is one point which causes them great anxiety—the Library at Adyar with its inestimable riches. They fear that the Library there is perhaps threatened due to the political situation

in India. They make the following proposal: that microfilms should be made in order (1) that certain books could be lent in different parts of the world and (2) that a copy of the most important works could be kept in some “safe” place. I should be glad to know what you think of this idea, particularly the idea of having a “shadow library” somewhere. Or have such steps perhaps already been taken? The Young Theosophists intend to hold their annual camp in Saanen next summer, when Mr. J. Krishnamurti is there.

CLAIRE WYSS,
Chairman.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR PERU

“H.P.B.” LODGE, LIMA

We send herewith a report for the two years 1967 and 1968, not having sent one for the year 1967 at the proper time due to the disorganization of our work suffered through the earthquake on 18th November 1966 and its consequences, which endangered the continuation of our activities because of the damage to our local headquarters.

Work of the Lodge in 1967.—We had during the year 81 meetings for study, with an attendance of from 14 to 18 persons. The earthquake referred to above diminished our work as there was a fall in attendances due to the bad state of the building, a situation which we could only remedy at the end of last year, by sacrificing part of the same. During 1967 18 persons joined, of which 7 remained as members. The threat of imminent collapse of our building incited us to constitute a committee to take on the hard task of collecting funds for it and we hope to be successful in this aim.

Work during 1968.—Our year lasts usually from mid-February until mid-December and we have seen a uniform increase in the work and in the attendances this year. The interest that is aroused by Theosophy in our area and the prestige that our institution has, has permitted us to be precisely the “H.P.B.” Lodge, the Alma Mater of all the movements that have subsequently appeared, the Lodge having turned out leaders from within its bosom, but who by a very human law, have disowned their mother once they have left her warmth. We have succeeded in spreading the craving for Theosophical study by a massive diffusion among our friends and acquaintances in the street, at social meetings, in business conversations; in all places we have left this hunger. In the work of the Lodge we have given fundamental preference to the attitude of man in face of the challenge of Life, and also that no knowledge can be separated from ethics, the first of them being the most important at this time of

confusion and discord. We have not neglected the study of the classical teachings, which is carried out chiefly at our members' meetings on Fridays when we give readings of articles in *The Theosophist*.

Diffusion of Theosophy.—As it has not been possible for us since 1955 to publish the official organ *Serenidad*, we have undertaken the task of spreading the Theosophical teachings by means of monographs which are distributed to members and friends monthly without the resources of the Society being drawn on for this end. This is a task that we personally have been undertaking and will continue so long as this may be possible.

Visits.—We have had the pleasure of receiving visits from the following members: Mrs. Lola Shanti Selbert of New York, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Strauss of Sierre Madre, California; Mrs. Alicia Uribe, of Pasadena, California, and Mrs. Norma Zachary of Vernon, N. J., U.S.A. We have also had a visit from Sr. José Salomé Hernandez of El Salvador.

Conclusion.—Our work during these two years can be synthesized as fruitful; we have passed through the crisis of the year 1966-7, have succeeded in re-uniting a harmonious group, full of goodwill, studious and fraternal, maintaining our

weekly talks on two useful days and working courageously to crystallize as a reality the obtaining of our own building in spite of conditions that are hardly favorable in our country at the present time.

JORGE TORRES UGARRIZA,
Lodge President.

“PAZ Y AMOR” LODGE, LIMA

The work this year has been carried on with much difficulty, due to the lack of a meeting place; but there are good prospects of getting a house for ourselves in the near future.

Propaganda has not ceased and we have done all we could within the limits of our possibilities; but it has not made much impression on persons who have a mind to investigate it but have not yet decided to join, either through fear of the new or a lack of confidence in us; also partly, again, to propaganda made against us from the pulpit.

We had visits from some members who came here passing through to learn about the cyclopean citadel of “Mach-Picchu” in the imperial city of Cuzco, the archeological capital of America.

ALFONSO REVEREDO I.,
Lodge President.

MEXICO

“EVOLUCION” LODGE, PIEDRAS NEGRAS

This Lodge has a present membership of eight. Separated from the Mexican Section at the end of 1966, it has been attached to the International Headquarters at Adyar, but is working continually for the unity of the Mexican Section, keeping contact with the Mexican General Secre-

tary and also with dissident Lodges, but so far without much positive success.

TRINIDAD SALINAS,
Lodge President.

“MERIDA” LODGE, MERIDA

Lodge “Merida” now has a membership of eleven, three new members having

joined last year. It held 52 meetings during the year, with a high average attendance. The book taken for study was *The Ancient Wisdom* by A. Besant. Seven lectures were arranged to which friends were also invited. Foundation

Day on 17th November 1967 and White Lotus Day on 8th May 1968 were celebrated by the Lodge with an attendance at each of twenty-five persons.

PEDRO GONZALEZ MILAN,
Lodge President.

ISRAEL

"COVENANT" LODGE, TEL-AVIV

"Covenant" Lodge, the oldest Lodge in Israel, founded in 1954 in Tel-Aviv, now has 21 members. Meetings for members and friends are held fortnightly, and Theosophical festivals such as White Lotus Day and Dr. Besant's Birthday are celebrated with members coming from the north and south of the country, so that at least twice a year all may be together. All celebrations include piano recitals, an invocation, meditation and a short speech.

Lectures have been on subjects selected by the members, for example: "The Difference between Christ and Jesus," "The World Mother," "The Hidden and Symbolic Side of Manifestation," "New Signs in the Educational World and the strong interest for the Transcendental," with three evenings on "Meditation". We have also a group of seven members who discuss Theosophy in the Hebrew language.

We were happy to have the visit of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Carl Stillman of the U.S.A. early in the year.

In the summer I visited Rumania and met many friends there who were interested in learning about the Society and the work abroad. I found study circles in three of the main cities visited. Since my return I have translated and sent to them some articles by Mr. J. S. Perkins, Mrs. Sandra Hodson and Mr. B. Hegaard.

T.O.S. work by Lodge members included a lecture in an Old Age Home

on Reincarnation; visits to the sick in hospitals; care of animals; education of problem children; and the healing service. Books from the library and magazines received from abroad are sent to members and friends all over the country. Many young men are interested in Yoga and Eastern philosophy and this is a good sign, even though it is now the fashion.

We hope that our humble but sincere work will find an echo in the unseen world and Helpers will strengthen our endeavor so that in the world of thoughts it may be an inspiration for those who are seeking the Truth.

BERTHE AL. DOMINIC,
Lodge President.

"HARMONY" LODGE, TEL-AVIV

"Harmony" Lodge remains one of the really active Lodges in Israel. It has continued to work regularly in spite of difficulties. The book *Light on the Path* was read and thoroughly discussed, and a study of *The Secret Doctrine* has been begun.

In January 1968, Rear-Admiral Carl Stillman and Mrs. Stillman of the U.S.A., visited Tel-Aviv on their way home from Adyar and gave a lecture to the Lodge which was well attended by members and visitors.

Membership doubled during the year and now stands at fourteen. The Lodge President, Mr. Hans Zeuger, was repeatedly invited by various public institutions, organizations, co-operative settlements

(kibbuzim) and private groups to lecture on Theosophical themes. He was furthermore interviewed by Hebrew newspapers as well as by the newly-established television service of the Israeli Government. Fees received for astrological consultations were distributed to various humanitarian institutions in the spirit of the T.O.S.

HANS ZEUGER,
Lodge President.

"EMANUEL" LODGE, HAIFA

Although Lodge "Emanuel" is hardly functioning as such, the individual members remain linked to each other in true friendship, and we retain our spiritual and intellectual interests. As with a large percentage of the general public, besides being members of the Theosophical Society, we are also members of kindred societies such as Freemasonry, Bahai, Rosicrucianism, etc., and engage in serious study of the Bible, archaeology, philosophy, astrology, etc. We remain Theosophists and hope that soon we will be able to resume our former activities.

HEINRICH SREBROW,
Lodge President.

"B'SORAT-HAGALIL" LODGE, ZEFAT

Lodge "B'sorat-Hagalil" ("Message from Galilea") was formed in 1968, with four members of the original "Galilea" Lodge, the first to be formed in Israel in 1953, which ceased to function as a Lodge in 1963 when its Charter was recalled. The membership at present numbers fourteen. Meetings take place at the home of the Mor family, Mr. Pinchas Mor being the President of the Lodge. Books studied were *At the Feet of the Master*, *The Bhagavad Gita*, and *Reincarnation* by I. S. Cooper, and a series of lectures was arranged on *The Masters and the Path* by C. W. Leadbeater. All the lectures are given in the Hebrew language. We translated into Hebrew a lecture by Mr. C. W. Leadbeater, and published in a bulletin lectures and articles on Theosophical subjects. Steady contact is kept with Lodge "Covenant," with which books and study materials are exchanged, and with which we join to celebrate Theosophical festivals.

PINCHAS MOR,
Lodge President.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

Council Meeting 1967.—During the International Theosophical Convention at Adyar, December 1967, the W.F.Y.T. held its Council Meeting. The Chairman, Mr. John Coats, the Secretary, Miss Mira Brandt, and the Treasurer, Mr. Joris Brandt, were all re-elected; the other members of the Executive Committee continue their terms of office. Young members from Pakistan, Sweden, England, Holland, Indonesia, Malaysia, U.S.A. and

India, who were all participating in the International Convention, attended the Council Meeting. Several informal discussions were also held.

W.F.Y.T. Newsletter.—There have been two issues of the W.F.Y.T. Newsletter, one appeared in November 1967, the second in October 1968. The Newsletter, which is edited by Mrs. Margreet Meijer of Holland, has been circulated to all the groups and also to the General Secretaries

of the various Sections of the Theosophical Society to keep them informed about Y.T. trends.

Executive Committee.—An Executive Committee meeting was held at Adyar in January 1968, at which the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and one member, Terry Dennis, were present.

The Chairman, Mr. John Coats, paid a short visit to the camp of the European Federation of Young Theosophists held in Denmark in July 1968. In September 1968 he was in Brazil for the Inter-American Theosophical Congress, and wherever he went he got in touch with the young members and encouraged them in their work.

In the course of the year Miss Mira Brandt, the Secretary, visited Theosophists and Y.T. groups in different parts of the world. During these visits it became obvious that there is a great deal of interest for international co-ordination and for exchange of ideas on how to work effectively as a Y.T. group. Also there is a wish for more personal contacts with people in other countries.

Passing through Durban Miss Brandt met the President of the Lodge, Mrs. Joan Currie, and one of the members. In Bombay she met the Y.T.'s on several occasions. After attending the International Theosophical Convention at Adyar she spent some time at Kalakshetra, which is part of the Besant Cultural Centre of which Srimati Rukmini Devi is the President. At the end of March 1968 she visited Colombo as the guest of the General Secretary of the Society in Ceylon, Mr. D. L. F. Pedris, and the possibilities of youth work were discussed at a Lodge meeting. People in Colombo would like to organize a camp in their country. They are quite impressed by the experience of the European Young Theosophists in this respect. Mr. Pedris welcomes Young Theosophists

who pass through Ceylon to spend some time as his guests, so that contacts can be established between the young members in Ceylon and those in other countries. On her way to California the Secretary further visited Singapore, Manila and Honolulu. In Singapore she met the President of the Lodge, Mr. Chan Chim Lim at his home. He expressed the wish that some young members would come to Singapore, spend some time there and visit the Lodges in Malaysia, as this will arouse new interest. They want to hear a new approach to Theosophy and life.

In Manila the Secretary met the Y.T.'s and Theosophical members, after having been in touch with them by correspondence. It does make the work more interesting when we can actually meet. Therefore it is suggested that Y.T.'s who have to travel for their profession or otherwise, should get in touch with other young Theosophists and members of the Society in the places they visit.

In Honolulu the Secretary attended a meeting of the Lodge, on which occasion she showed color slides of India. In May 1968 she visited the "Krotona" Centre at Ojai, California. On her way to Europe in October 1968 she stopped in Chicago and met the group of Y.T.'s there. She also visited the National Headquarters of the American Section of the Society at Wheaton, Illinois, and attended a meeting of the Lodge in New York, which was held in the Quest Bookshop.

Congress in Brazil.—At the third Inter-American Congress of the Theosophical Society held in Brazil in September 1968, the Y.T.'s decided they too should have more communication on an inter-American scale.

Argentina.—In Argentina the Y.T. work is well organized and everywhere present. The Y.T. groups do a great deal for the spreading of Theosophy. They travel

around every week-end, going immense distances in buses to enliven the Lodges in the different cities and even form new Lodges where none exist. They have a sense of mission in this direction and are very successful in their efforts.

Brazil.—There is no organized national group of Y.T.'s in Brazil, though there are many young members in the Dharma Lodge of Porto Alegre, the majority being college and university students who are members of the Society. The Jinarājadāsa Youth Lodge in Rio de Janeiro has been recently transformed into a Lodge open to members of all ages. Further, in Belo Horizonte there is a group of young people, the majority between 16 and 24 years of age.

Australia.—There are active groups in Perth, Melbourne and Sydney. The group in Perth is small. They have discussions or invite an older Lodge member to speak to them about some Theosophical subject. The Melbourne group had a camp at Christmas 1967, when they had lectures on subjects like The Tarot, Psycho-Cybernetics, Numerology and Nutrition. The Sydney group meets on Friday nights and has had discussions on human transplants and one on drugs and LSD. On another occasion they saw and discussed the B.B.C. film of an interview with Carl Jung. There were talks on Ahimsa, and on *The Egyptian Book of the Dead*. At art evenings the artists in the group come forward with a program.

The Australian Federation of Young Theosophists produces a quarterly newsletter to maintain contact between the groups in Australia. They also send it to various groups abroad.

Canada.—The group in Toronto tries to make Theosophy adaptive to modern society through group projects relating to social action and research into psychic phenomena, determining the effect and utility in a modern industrial society.

European Federation.—The European Federation of Young Theosophists held their annual camp at Thy, Jutland, Denmark, in July 1968. It was an "expression-camp". There was a music group, an art (painting) group, a literary group, a dramatic group, and even a camp orchestra. Themes for discussion were: "Man in relation to himself, and Man in relation to his fellows in contemporary society". In the latter part of the camp the participants prepared an exhibition which was visited by about 80 local people.

Denmark.—The Y.T.'s in Denmark were in charge of the practical arrangements for the European camp held in their country in July 1968.

Germany.—The President of the group issues a quarterly newsletter to form a link between the members who live far apart. Some of them took part in the autumn week-end organized by the German Section of the Theosophical Society, held at Inzmühlen in October 1967. For Y.T.'s living in the southern part of Germany a regional autumn week-end was organized one week later. In June 1968 the Whitsun gathering was held at Waake. Topics for discussion were: What is Theosophy?, Yoga Methods, Relation between Art and Religion, Meditation, and Vegetarianism.

Netherlands.—Some 35 to 45 Y.T.'s come to the week-ends that are held twice a year in the International Theosophical Centre at Huizen. In the Fall of 1967 the Dutch Y.T.'s organized a week-end that had Drugs as the subject. There were two speakers, one explaining the medical side of the subject and the other approaching it from the occult point of view. A Spring week-end was held in May 1968. A very interesting talk was given by Dr. Mees, member of the Anthroposophical Society. Without using one "difficult" word he spoke about how

Life manifests itself in the world. A lively discussion followed.

Yugoslavia.—The young members in the Yugoslav Section of the Theosophical Society have formed a group. They study Theosophy in the Lodge together with the older members, but they have their own meetings as a working group. It was decided that they will help the Society and the Theosophical Order of Service in a practical way.

Ghana.—A small group of Y.T.'s has been formed in Ghana, the leader being Thomas Allotey. A letter has been received from Kumasi, Ghana, about another group which is being started there.

India.—Many of the Indian Young Theosophists take an interest in humanitarian work, such as work for children, blind welfare, work for the distressed and disabled, and visiting hospitals. They want to promote understanding between people of different castes and communities. The group in Bombay is very enthusiastic and interested. They conduct Lotus classes, Children's Welfare centres, and the Round Table movement is very active. A large group of them came to Adyar at the time of the International Theosophical Convention in December 1967. The Y.T. groups exchange news by means of newsletters as frequent contacts are not possible since members are scattered all over the country, and distances are immense.

Indonesia.—The group in Sourabaya meets every week, either for discussion or study, and occasionally older members are asked to give talks.

Pakistan.—In Karachi the Y.T.'s meet every Saturday. They have quiz sessions in the Theosophical Society's Auditorium which is the largest hall in the

city. These sessions are on Theosophical as well as non-Theosophical topics. There are also social activities for young people.

The Philippines.—Study classes for Y.T.'s are conducted by one of the older Theosophical members. They meet every week at the Society's Headquarters in Manila. A new group has come into being at Sta. Ana. Many of the young members take an active part in the work of the Section.

U.S.A.—The American Federation of Young Theosophists has adopted a new constitution. They sponsored a leadership training workshop during Thanksgiving week-end in 1967. It was held at the Y.M.C.A. Camp in a suburb near Chicago. There was an attendance of 22 Y.T.'s. Activities ranged from discussions, psychological games, and non-verbal activities, which included creative dramatics and folk dancing. The main purpose was to explore all leadership training. There are two active organizations now, one in Chicago and the other in Detroit, with 22 members.

Conclusion.—Can an organization like the W.F.Y.T. fulfil its purpose? We should all realize that it is up to us. We have to remember two things: (1) We have to provide an atmosphere in which we can work harmoniously, individually and in a group; (2) We should be practical, realistic. Our occupation with Theosophy should not become an escape; it should lead us to greater awareness of the reality behind all problems. How can we otherwise arouse an interest for Theosophy? Let us see what we can do, each one of us.

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

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During the year 1967-68 the total out-turn of business of The Theosophical Publishing House was the highest so far, amounting to Rs. 2,69,154. The increase was mainly due to larger orders from The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton.

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 Chairmen of the Council and the membership (Messrs S. Somasundaram, S. G. Venkataramanan and K. N. Ramanathan) remained unchanged. The Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, and the Manager of The Vasanta Press, Mr. K. Ramanathan, participated in all the three meetings by invitation, and their help was very valuable.

New Publications.—Two new books were published during the year:—*Trust Yourself to Life* (Clara M. Codd) and *Life's Deeper Problems* (N. Sri Ram).

New Editions and Reprints.—The following 28 titles were issued in new editions or reprints during the year: *Practical Occultism* and *The Voice of the Silence*, both by H. P. Blavatsky; *The Universal Textbook of Religion and Morals, Part II, The Laws of the Higher Life, Karma, Man and His Bodies, Thought Power: Its Control and Culture, The Bhagavad Gita*, (a) text and translation, (b) translation only, and *Death and After*, all eight by Annie Besant; *The Chakras, How Theosophy Came to Me, The Hidden Side of Things, Clairvoyance*, and *The World Mother as Symbol and Fact*, by C. W. Leadbeater; *Thought Forms* and *Creating Character*,

by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater; *Meditation, Its Practice and Results*, by Clara M. Codd; *Through the Gateway of Death, Meditations on the Occult Life*, and *The Seven Human Temperaments* by Geoffrey Hodson; *An Approach to Reality*, by N. Sri Ram; *Meditations* (Extracts from Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom), by Katherine A. Beechey; *Reconstruction in Education* (Maria Montessori); *Lotus Blossoms* (Bhikku Silacara); *The Science of Yoga* (I. K. Taimni); *The Gospel of the Guru Granth Sahib* (Duncan Greenlees); and *Viveka Chudamani* (translation by M. M. Chatterjee).

The reprint orders were in several cases for considerably larger numbers of copies than in previous years, owing to development of the United States market. We thus reprinted *Thought Forms* in 3,000 copies and *The Chakras* in 4,000 against the print orders for earlier editions of 1,000 copies. *An Approach to Reality* and *The Science of Yoga* were reprinted in 6,000 copies each, of which a large supply in unbound sheets was sent to Wheaton for publication in the Quest Books Series. At the end of the year we had on hand orders for supply of four titles in sheets to Wheaton. All this reprinting work and the export of books and sheets kept both the Vasanta Press and the T.P.H. very busy during the year.

Jackets.—The Theosophical Society in America continued the supply of jackets for a number of titles. These included the seven Theosophical manuals, *The Voice of the Silence* and *At the Feet of the Master* (the latter two, both Miniature

and Standard). A consignment of jackets for *A Textbook of Theosophy* was received after the close of the year. These attractively designed jackets serve to increase the display appeal of the books and we are very thankful to the Theosophical Society in America for the gifts.

The Theosophical Society in Australia also continued their help in regard to jackets and supplied us with designs for dust covers for *The Seven Human Temperaments* and *The Hidden Side of Things*, meeting the entire cost of such supply. We express our thanks to them for their valuable help.

Workers: There was a change in the Assistant Editorship of *The Theosophist*, Mrs. M.E. Nairn taking the place of Mr. Zoltán de Álgya Pap. A number of residents in the Adyar Estate have helped by reading proofs and to all of them the T.P.H. expresses its thanks.

The Theosophist.—The circulation of *The Theosophist* has continued at about the same level as before. The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, The Theosophical Publishing House London Ltd., and a number of book depots attached to Sections and Lodges have continued to help us by registering subscribers and collecting and remitting subscriptions. The increase in postal rates

announced by the Government of India during the year costs us an approximate additional Rs. 1,800 in a full year. It was however decided that the additional burden should be borne by *The Theosophist* and should not be passed on to subscribers.

Royalty on Translations.—Following a proposal made by the Chairmen of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund, Miss Helen V. Zahara, the T.P.H. Council decided to waive its share of the Royalty on translations of T.P.H. publications sponsored by the Non-English Publications Loan Fund anywhere in the world. In regard to publications sponsored by Theosophical Groups or individual Theosophists, it decided that the waiver of its share of the Royalty would be determined on the merits of each application.

Finances.—Excess of income over expenditure in 1968 was Rs. 36,487 against Rs. 6,685 last year.

Sales of The Theosophical Publishing House publications showed an increase of Rs. 33,026 this year, photos and pictures Rs. 1,356, incense sticks Rs. 2,100, Adyar Library publications Rs. 5,365 and sales of other publications Rs. 9,313.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

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As reported last year, the construction of the new building for the Library was completed in February 1967 and the Library was shifted to the new premises. A function to dedicate the new building was held on 28th December 1967 (the 81st anniversary of the founding of the Library) during the International Convention of the Theosophical Society, when more than a thousand members of the Society, prominent citizens of Madras and representatives from various organizations were present. The function opened with an Upaniṣadic invocation, and the building was dedicated by Mr. N. Sri Ram, President of the Theosophical Society. He said that the Library was a lasting testimony to the great interest Colonel H. S. Olcott and Madame H. P. Blavatsky evinced in the promotion of Eastern literature and philosophy, and was an effective means of linking Eastern and Western thought in fundamental matters.

Mr. James S. Perkins, Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, Dr. V. Raghavan, Adviser to the Library, and Mrs. Radha Burnier, Director, spoke on the occasion. Messages of good wishes and tributes were received from Sardar Ujjal Singh, Governor of Madras, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, former President of India, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, former Governor-General of India, Mr. Sri Prakasa, former Governor of Madras and of Bombay, Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliar, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras, and from various other individuals and research institutions.

STAFF:

Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan who had worked as Librarian with zeal and devotion since 1958 has gone on leave for two years from 1st October 1968 to work for the Theosophical Society in the U.S.A.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Descriptive Catalogue of Stotra MSS. dealing with over 3,250 Stotras, prepared by Pandit K. P. Aithal, has been completed, and it is hoped to release it shortly. *Vedic Studies* by Dr. A. Venkatasubbiah, containing a collection of papers, some of them reprints from *The Adyar Library Bulletin*, has also been printed and will be issued at an early date.

A revised and enlarged edition of *The Number of Rasas* by Dr. V. Raghavan, and reprints of the *Yoga Upaniṣads* with the commentary of Upaniṣad Brahmayogin and of *Varivasyārahasya* by Bhāskara-rāya were published during the year.

A revised and amended edition of the *Daśarūpakāvaloka*, a standard work on Sanskrit poetics and dramaturgy, with an unpublished commentary by Bhaṭṭa Nṛsiṃha, prepared by Prof. T. Venkatacharya of Toronto University, is in process of being printed.

Progress has been made in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of the MSS. in the Visva Bharati collection by Dr. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma, Professor of Sanskrit in the Venkateswara University, Tirupati. Our thanks are due to him for sparing time for this work. Pandit K. P. Aithal is engaged in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of Sāṃkhya, Yoga

and Nyāya-vaiśeṣika MSS. and Prof. A. A. Ramanathan has continued his work of editing some South Indian commentaries on the *Amarakośa*.

The Indian Language Highway for All, a guidebook for seventeen spoken languages, with a supplement describing the grammatical structure of Hindi and Tamil, by Mrs. A. P. Siitaa Devii, was released as an additional publication during the year.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY BULLETIN:

A special issue of *Brahmavidyā* entitled "Dr. V. Raghavan Felicitation Volume" was released on the occasion of the sixty-first birthday of Dr. Raghavan. This is a combined issue of volumes 31 and 32, and includes thirty-eight papers on Indology by eminent scholars from abroad running to more than 650 pages. The Bulletin has now 129 subscribers and is being exchanged with 115 journals.

SERVICE RENDERED:

Copying.—Transcripts of 18 MSS. and of one printed book were prepared for the use of other institutions and for research scholars. Twenty-five Stotra works were copied for use in the Library.

Microfilming.—Fifteen MSS. and ten books were microfilmed at the request of research institutions and scholars and supplied to them.

Works Used.—The Library had during the year under report a total of 419 registered readers and borrowers, of whom 102 were resident readers cum borrowers, 73 non-resident borrowers, and 244 non-resident readers.

There were 4,260 consultations during the year, making use of 14,142 books and 5,520 MSS. The books and MSS. taken on loan were 3,774 and 7 respectively.

Research Scholars.—In addition to various research students from different universities and institutions in India as well

as from Australia, America and Ceylon, the scholars mentioned below utilized the collections of the Library: Mr. K. Seetarama Sastri, Professor of Śaivāgama, Mysore Sanskrit College; Mr. T. Muthukannappan, Research Fellow of the University of Madras; Dr. W. J. H. Collins, Dublin University, Ireland; Dr. H. Scharfe, University of California; Mr. Pascual Capiz, University of the Philippines; Mr. James A. Kirk, University of Denver; Mr. G. R. Welbon, University Professor, Rochester, U.S.A.; Dr. H. F. Owen, University of Western Australia; Mr. S. A. Barnett, University of Chicago; Mr. E. F. Irschick, Assistant Professor, University of California; and Mrs. Doris Srinivasan, American Institute of Indian Studies, University of Pennsylvania.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

The Vasanta Press of the Theosophical Society bound 127 journals and 16 books for the Library. In the repair section of the Library, 496 books and 185 transcripts were repaired and bound. Apart from these, 24 old books were hand-laminated and two palm-leaf MSS. were cleaned and varnished for better preservation.

Nearly 75% of the books in the Western section were treated with ammonia gas to neutralize the residual acid in the paper.

ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

Books.—Excluding journals, 1,952 books were accessed and catalogued during the year. Out of these, 44 were purchased, 72 were obtained in exchange, 26 received for review and the rest were obtained as gifts.

MSS. Register.—Slips for 600 MSS. were made and details for 150 MSS. were entered in the new register which is being prepared. Apart from the above, more than 1,000 slips were prepared for the MSS. in Tamil.

GIFTS:

We are grateful to the many donors who have presented books to the Library. Among them are: Mr. N. Sri Ram, President of the Theosophical Society; Sri S. Natarajan, Adyar; Mr. C. S. Sarangapani, Mylapore; the late Mr. A. N. Relton, Adyar; Mr. Bhupatray Mehta, Ahmedabad; Mrs. A. P. Siitaa Devii and Dr. Dorothy Rood, Adyar; Government of India, Ministry of Education; Mr. Vaideswaran, Adyar, books for children; *The Theosophist* Office; Mr. and Mrs. J. Cochrane, Australia; Mrs. F. Balsara, Bombay; Mrs. Gopi Thadhani, Madras; The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar; Mr. Mansukh Ray Mor, Calcutta; Mr. B. C. Barai, Madras; Mr. V. D. Sampath Raj, Madras; Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan; Aurobindo Ashram and a number of other individuals.

The Library also received gratefully Braille books from Mr. K. Mariappan, Madras, the Matilda Zeigler Foundation and the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind.

We express our grateful thanks to all donors for the following donations in cash:

General Fund:

	Rs.	P.
Anonymous, Adyar	6,900	00
Miss K. A. Beechey, Adyar	1,436	35
Miss H. Wirdzinkiewicz, Berlin	500	00
Miss S. Kivilinna, Finland	300	00
Sri N. D. Roy Chowdury, Calcutta	125	00
Mrs. M. G. Kantawala	100	00
Through Mr. N. Sri Ram	100	00
Mr. F. Brunch	100	00
Below Rs. 100	406	70
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Building Fund:

	Rs.	P.
Esoteric School of Theosophy	10,000	00
Mr. N. Sri Ram	5,000	00
Anonymous	500	00
Camberley Lodge, T.S., England	291	20
Estate of the late Mrs. Elmore	10,330	46
Below Rs. 100	265	50
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VISITORS:

The following distinguished visitors came to the Library, besides various others: Dr. C. D. Deshmukh, Chairman, Sanskrit Board, Government of India; Professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji, National Professor, Calcutta; Professor G. Marulasiddhiah, Director, Oriental Research Institute, Mysore; Acharya Tulasi, Head of Anuvrata Movement; Professor K. L. Janert, Institute of Indology, University of Cologne; the Ambassador for Brazil, New Delhi; Mr. Paul K. Morris, Director of U.S. Information Service, Madras; Mr. R. H. Barrow, Ministry of Community Development, Trinidad; Mr. Corredo Pensa, Italian Institute for the Middle and Extreme Orient (ISMEO), Rome; Mr. E. Deutsch, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Hawaii; Mr. Pentti Alto and Mr. C. G. Hartman, Helsinki; Mr. S. E. Demetrian, Bucharest; Dr. Daniel Arbon, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Prof. J. Clifford Wright, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London; Dr. Albert Franklin, American Consul General, Madras; Mr. James K. Penfield, State Department, U.S.A.; Prof. K. E. Yamaguchi, Dept. of Indian Philosophy, Osaka University; Mr. J. Bruce Long, Dept. of Religions, Haverford College, U.S.A.; Mr. Robert W. Caldwell, American Consul, Madras,

We are glad to record that during the year Pandit V. Krishnamachariar, who retired last year after serving the Library for nearly twenty-five years, was awarded the Certificate of Honour by the Government of India in recognition of his service to the Sanskrit language.

In concluding we wish to express our thanks and gratitude to Dr. V. Raghavan and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for their help and advice in conducting the research and publication work of the Library.

RADHA BURNIER,
Director.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT FOR 1967-68

The first term of the 1967-8 session of the School of the Wisdom opened as usual on the first Monday of October, and lasted until the 15th of December. The Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, presided and gave a short welcoming address, after which the Director of Studies, Dr. I. K. Taimni, spoke of the work to be accomplished in this term.

The session started with a smaller number of students than usual, only eleven, but more joined later, bringing the strength to fourteen. The average attendance of students was 12 and observers and visitors brought the total average attendance to 18. Very few students from overseas attended the School this term; we were nearly an "all-India" group.

All lectures were well and enthusiastically received. Dr. I. K. Taimni delivered three lectures weekly, bringing us down from the Absolute and Unmanifest by easy stages into the non-speculative and practical application of these truths. Some of the lectures lasted well over one and a half hours, with as much interest evident in the last five minutes as in the first.

We were fortunate in having our Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, speak to us five times during the month of November, giving us inspiring and helpful lectures on *At the Feet of the Master* and *Light on the Path*.

Guest speakers during this term included Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap, Mrs. Bridget Paget and Mr. Peter Meyer-Dohm of

Germany. Students also prepared and gave papers each week.

Afternoon discussions for the first three weeks were conducted by Mr. Charles Shores, later by Mrs. M. E. Nairn. In general these recapitulated the talks heard in the morning.

Various Departments of the estate were, as ever, hospitable, and gave us many enjoyable Thursday afternoons. These included the Garden Department, the Maintenance Department, the Vasanta Press, the Archives and the Adyar Library. The children of the Olcott School also entertained us.

We visited several places of interest in Madras City, and were also entertained by four of the city Theosophical Lodges. These included Mylapore, Triplicane, Kilpauk and Georgetown Lodges. At all of these the members of the group were invited to speak. We combined some sight-seeing with these trips, visiting temples and other places of interest near the Lodges. We gave one tea party for our Principal and our Directors of Study, present and future. And finally we had one evening of stargazing, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. N. Yagnesvara Sastry.

The second term of the School of the Wisdom lasted from 8th January to 8th March, 1968, with Mrs. M. E. Nairn acting as Director of Studies. Three young people from Europe joined the School in the new term.

It was assumed, in preparing the term's program, that the students would be active Lodge workers, as well as students

of Theosophy. The program was planned, therefore, around the theme of "getting to know our literature". We have a valuable literature about which we frequently know very little, and this means that our understanding of Theosophy suffers, the Lodges are not the living centres they should be, and our presentation of Theosophy to the enquiring public frequently falls short of what it should be.

At the beginning of the term students were asked to make subject headings in their note-books, as follows: Creation, Evolution, Reincarnation, Karma, Planes of Activity, the Spiritual Life, Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. We then compiled lists of books falling under these headings. A limited number of books was selected for actual study, and this was conducted in the form of verbal book reviews. The books studied were *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *Man: Whence, How and Whither*, *First Principles of Theosophy*, *The Ancient Wisdom*, the seven *Manuals* and *An Approach to Reality*. Afternoon sessions were devoted to the study and practice of a speakers' training course and *Concentration*, by Ernest Wood.

Our Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, gave a series of talks on Indian philosophical thought. The Vice-President, Mr. J. S. Perkins, spoke on the subjects of J. Krishnamurti, "The Scheme of Evolution Visualized," "The Space-Conscious Whole" and Meditation. Mrs.

Radha Burnier spoke on Indian Art, Jainism, and Zoroastrianism. At the opening of the term we were fortunate in having with us in Adyar a number of visitors who had stayed on after the International Convention. Miss Joy Mills, the National President of the American Section, and Miss Helen Zahara both addressed the School, also Admiral Carl and Mrs. Ruth Stillman, of the U.S.A. Miss Elizabeth Preston kindly gave four valuable talks on *The Secret Doctrine*. Other members who helped with talks were Miss Katherine A. Beechey, Mrs. Kathrine Perkins, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Mr. N. Yagnesvara Sastry, Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap, Mr. C. D. T. Shores, Dr. C. R. Kamath and Miss Jeanne Dumas.

During the final week we had some interesting talks by students who had put much work into these lectures. The afternoons were spent in revising and reviewing the work of the term. It was expressed by a number of students that we should not underestimate the privilege of attending the School of the Wisdom, or its value as a Centre for study and research from which we can return to our normal work and to our Lodges with fresh understanding of the nature of the work of the Theosophical Society, and a new appreciation of how each one may take a more active part in that work.

JEANNE DUMAS,
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.



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

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St. London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

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

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

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

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

Additional

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or

deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

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

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

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

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

Witnesses to the signatures:

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

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

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

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer 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 fewer 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 fewer 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 a meeting 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 from the date of assuming office.

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.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office 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 fewer 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 Theo-

sophical 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 fewer 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, 1969

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, W1H 3HJ
1891	India	... Mrs. Radha Burnier	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 1
1895	Australia	... Miss R. Beringer	... 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000
1895	Sweden	... Mr. Curt Berg	... Östermalmmsgatan 12, S-114 26 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, 50125 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	... Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa	... 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	... Bruderholzstrasse 88, 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, 8010 Graz
1913	Norway	... Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen	... Oscars gate 11, Oslo 3
1918	Egypt*	... Mr. Zaki Awad	... (President, "Hikmet El Kadima" Lodge), 18 Emad El Din St., Cairo
1918	Denmark	... Mr. N. Sörensen	... Söndergade 41, 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. T. G. Davy	... 310 Dupont Street, Toronto 4, Ont.
1920	Argentina	... Señor Luis Spairani	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile	... Señor Ricardo Michel A.-P.	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1920	Brazil	... Dr. Alberto Lyra	... Rua Anita Garibaldi 29, 11° andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria	...	...
1921	Iceland	... Hr. S. Thorkelsson	... Asvallagata 12, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	...	...
1921	Portugal	... Prof. Délio Nobre Santos	... Campo Mártires Pátria 69, Lisbon
1922	Wales	... Mr. H. Edgar	... 10 Park Place, Cardiff
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	... Señor Victor Alvarez Bisbal	... Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo

* No Section; Lodge only.

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1925	Puerto Rico ...	Señora Carmen G. Ballard ...	Box 534, G. P. O. San Juan, Puerto Rico-00936
1925	Rumania ...	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia ...	Mr. A. Jesse ...	Celovska c. 280, Ljubljana
1926	Ceylon ...	Mr. D. L. F. Pedris ...	8 Alfred Place, Colpetty, Colombo
1928	Greece ...	Mr. K. Melissaropoulos ...	Dragatsaniou str. 6, Athens (K.) 122
1929	Central America ...	Señor José Salomé Hernandez...	Colonia Guatemala, Calle A, 130, San Salvador, El Salvador
1929	Paraguay ...	...	...
1929	Peru ...	...	...
1933	Philippines ...	Mr. F. T. Escudero ...	Corner Iba and P. Florentino Sts. Quezon City
1937	Colombia ...	Señor Aureliano Zea Zea ...	Carrera 6a. No. 56-35, Bogotá
1947	East Africa ...	Mr. Ambalal B. Patel ...	P.O. Box 1565, Nairobi, Kenya
1948	Pakistan * ...	Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla ...	47 Maqbool-Abad, Alamgir Road, Karachi 5
1948	Malaya and Singapore † ...	Dr. C. H. Yeang ...	88 China St., Penang
1949	Northern Ireland† ...	Dr. Hugh Shearman ...	18 Brookhill Ave., Belfast 14
1950	State of Israel ...	...	...
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 ...		Mrs. Claire Wyss ...	Bruderholzstrasse 88, 4000 Basle, Switzerland
(of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)			
Canadian Federation ...		Mrs. Gladys M. Cooper ...	2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada
(attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)			

Additional Members of the General Council

MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Eckenrhode A. 8, Aalst-Waalre (N.B.) the Netherlands (for 1969, 1970 and 1971).

DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36 Cliftonville Road, Belfast 14, United Kingdom (for 1969, 1970 and 1971).

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 1969, 1970 and 1971).

MR. J. B. S. COATS, C/o. Mrs. Hollie Salmon, 70 Worple Rd., Wimbledon, London S.W. 19, 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 ZAHARA, P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois-60187, U.S.A. (for 1969, 1970 and 1971).

MRS. ANN WYLIE, P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187, U.S.A. (for 1968, 1969 and 1970).

* Presidential Agency } Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the
 † Federation } General Council.

MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on
Wednesday, 25th December 1968 at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT

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| Mr. N. Sri Ram | .. | <i>President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Ceylon, Cuba, England, Puerto Rico and Yugoslavia.</i> |
| Miss Katherine A. Beechey | .. | <i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, and for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Burma, Central America, Colombia and Southern Africa.</i> |
| Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan | .. | <i>Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Belgium.</i> |
| Mrs. Radha Burnier | .. | <i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in India and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Chile, Sweden and Switzerland and for Mrs. Ann Wylie, Additional Member.</i> |
| Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale | .. | <i>Additional Member.</i> |
| Mr. C. D. T. Shores | .. | <i>Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Viet-Nam.</i> |
| Mr. J. E. van Dissel | .. | <i>Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Germany and for Mr. John Coats and Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Additional Members.</i> |
| Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla | .. | <i>Additional Member.</i> |

PRESENT BY INVITATION

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| Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio | .. | Joint Treasurer |
| Mrs. M. E. Nairn | | |

The President welcomed the members. Mr. J. E. van Dissel said that he had received many messages from members who wished to express their sympathy to the President in the recent difficult time he has had. The news that he had fully recovered from the operation he underwent in U.S.A. and had resumed all his normal functions would be received with great happiness.

1. *To read and, if approved, to adopt the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th December 1967 and on 1st and 2nd January 1968, at Adyar.*

The Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th December 1967 and on 1st and 2nd January 1968, having been circulated to the Members, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes:*

Item 17(d) Meeting of 2-1-68: Proposal of Mrs. A. Stephan, General Secretary of the T.S. in Germany, for a Century Book.

Postponed for consideration at Council Meeting on 1st January 1968.

3. *Confirmation of results of voting on Amendments to the International Rules and Regulations:*

The following Amendments to the Rules and Regulations were circulated for voting with the following results:

(a) Rules 1, 2(b), 3, 15, and 44(b) (twice): (substituting the word "fewer" wherever the word "less" occurs)

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
47	Nil

(b) Rule: 4(a): "...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)

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
47	Nil

(c) Rule 9: "The term of office of the President shall be seven years, from the date of assuming office." (Alteration in italics)

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
47	Nil

(d) Rule 10: Delete the whole of the present wording and substitute the following:

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 votes 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.

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
47	Nil

(e) Rule 11: "Within three months *of assuming office* the President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council. . ." (Alteration in italics)

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
47	Nil

Having received the required number of votes, all the above-mentioned Amendments to the Rules were adopted.

(f) Rule 12: "*The President shall 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. . . the newly appointed Recording Secretary not being present. . .*" (Alterations in italics)

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
6	40

The Amendment to Rule 12 was not adopted.

In voting against the Amendment in its present form, Miss Ruth Beringer, General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Australia, made the following suggestion:

"The Treasurer be appointed by the President which appointment shall be subject to the approval by a majority of votes of the whole number of members in the Executive Committee voting in person or by proxy at a special meeting called by the President for this purpose, the newly appointed Treasurer not being present at such a meeting nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for the purpose of such vote. The term of office shall be at the discretion of the President and shall continue to be valid unless rejected at any time by a majority vote of the Executive Committee or of the General Council. In this event the President shall make a new appointment."

The President said that the suggestion could be considered but it would have to be brought up as an Amendment to Rule 12 and discussed by the Council.

4. *Election of Four Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1969, 1970 and 1971:*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations, the President had re-nominated Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Dr. Hugh Shearman, Mr. V. Wallace Slater and Miss Helen Zahara as Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1969, 1970 and 1971.

The four names were circulated for voting, with the following results:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mr. J. E. van Dissel	47	Nil
Dr. Hugh Shearman	47	„
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	47	„
Miss Helen V. Zahara	47	„

The above-mentioned were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1969, 1970 and 1971.

5. *To consider the Treasurer's Report for 1967-68 and to pass the accounts for the year ending 30th September 1968:*

The Treasurer's Report and the accounts were considered and adopted.

6. *To consider the Budget for 1968-69:*

The Budget for 1968-69 was considered and adopted.

7. *Appointment of Auditors for 1968-69:*

Messrs. Naganathan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were re-appointed as Auditors for the year 1968-69, on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

8. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1969:*

The following were appointed as Members of the Executive Committee for 1969:

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>

9. *Any other business:*(a) *Prayers of the Religions:*

The President said that he had received a letter from the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Italy, Mr. Roberto Hack, who put forward, on behalf of Mr. N. Yagnesvara Sastry who was not on the General Council, the view that the recital of the Prayers of the Religions at the International Convention constituted an infringement of the neutrality of the Theosophical Society. Mr. Sri Ram explained his views on this matter and read to the Council the following reply he had sent to Mr. Roberto Hack:

“As regards the Prayers of the Religions recited at Conventions and also certain other occasions at Adyar, these were introduced by Dr. Annie Besant to illustrate the cosmopolitan spirit of the Society and the fact that Theosophy means the age-old truth that is in every religion. She deeply enjoyed and appreciated those so-called Prayers we recite. Dr. Arundale and Brother Jinarājādāsa also had the same attitude and feelings with regard to them. When Colonel Olcott started the Adyar Library in 1885, he invited a Christian, a Mussalman maulvi, Parsi priests, Buddhist monks and Hindu pandits to recite from their respective scriptures, and this fact is recorded in *The Theosophist*, and was considered at that time to constitute a landmark in the development of inter-religious understanding and fellowship. H.P.B. was living at that time, and she did not object to Colonel Olcott's action.

“The ‘Prayers’ are held separately from other Convention proceedings and at a different time, and those who do not care to participate in them are not obliged to do so.

“It may be argued that the Theosophical Society should not be committed to the idea of a ‘prayer,’ but these are not prayers in the ordinary sense of seeking any personal favor or benefit. Every one of them—Hindu, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Mussalman—express certain beautiful truths and aspirations of a wholly unselfish nature. The Hindu ‘prayers,’ for instance, besides stating some thoughts of the profoundest character, express an ardent desire for the welfare and happiness of every being on earth, human and sub-human. So does the Jain ‘prayer’. We might call them recitations,

if we like, but since 'prayer' is the conventional term used for such recitations from religious books, we call them 'Prayers of the Religions,' and I think they create a beautiful atmosphere which greatly helps the work.

"Even if the word 'God' is used in a particular 'Prayer,' it does not necessarily mean an anthropomorphic entity. 'God' may mean some Transcendental Power, the Unknown. Even Krishnaji does not disapprove of the use of the word 'God' in an appropriate context.

"I do not see how these recitations, in which everyone is not obliged to take part, can affect the 'neutrality' of the Society. The Society is not neutral between Truth and its opposite; but it stands for an open approach, in which the truth is not prefixed or imposed; but this open approach cannot be opposed to what one perceives to be true, and his response to that truth. When we have a lecture, the lecturer is free to express his views and the audience has to listen to them. Could that be called an infringement of the Society's neutrality, because the lecture is held under its auspices?

"There is also the argument that it is not the Society as a collective entity which indulges in the recitations, but members who come together in their individual capacity and listen to or otherwise take part in them, and the Society only permits these recitations."

The members of the Council were of opinion that there is no objection to having the Prayers of the Religions at Conventions.

(The Meeting of the General Council was then adjourned to Wednesday, 1st January 1969, at 8.30 a.m.)

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held on Wednesday, 1st January 1969 in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, at 8.30 a.m.

PRESENT

All Members present at the meeting held on the 25th December 1968 were present.

PRESENT BY INVITATION

Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio

.. Joint Treasurer

Mrs. M. E. Nairn

Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson

9. Any other business:

(a) Prayers of the Religions: (Continued)

The discussion concerning the Prayers of the Religions was continued, since Mr. N. Y. Sastry had sent his letter to more than one General Council Member. The

President stated that he had received a letter from Miss Joy Mills, National President of the American Section, in which she said she fully agreed with the position as set forth by the President in his letter to Mr. Hack. She knew from personal experience what a beautiful atmosphere was created during the prayers. The President had also received a letter from Mr. V. Wallace Slater who said that he had adopted a similar view to that of the President but would express no opinion till he had heard the views of other Councillors. Mr. Curt Berg, General Secretary of the Society in Sweden, regarded the Prayers of the Religions as an expression of the open attitude of the Theosophical Society though they should not be considered as indispensable.

The President had received a second letter from Mr. Roberto Hack to the effect that the Prayers should be held separately from the Convention proceedings. Mrs. Radha Burnier stated that people could take part in the Convention proceedings without attending the Prayers. The President had stated that they were not Prayers in the sense of supplication for personal benefits. She suggested that a series of articles on the true meaning of the Prayers might be published in *The Theosophist*.

(b) *Mrs. Stephan's Proposal for a Century Book:*

The President said that in a letter regarding the proposed Century Book Mrs. Stephan suggested that each Section should appoint a Committee to give information to the press, television, etc. about Theosophy, to build up publicity towards the Century Celebration.

The 1967 Conference on the Presentation of Theosophy which had considered this question of a Century Book had agreed that it might be published, collating Theosophical knowledge in a modern form. It recommended that a Committee be appointed to implement the proposal for the preparation of the Century Book. It also decided that co-editions in various languages would not be feasible. The Committee which considered this question at the Conference consisted of:

Miss Joy Mills
Mr. James S. Perkins
Miss Helen Zahara
Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith
Miss Ruth Beringer
Mr. John Coats
Mr. V. Wallace Slater
Miss Elizabeth Preston
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan

Mr. Slater suggested that the Committee which is appointed should first draw up the terms of reference for authors and editors. The Council thought that Dr. I. K. Taimni's name might be added to the above list to form the Committee.

(c) *The Irish Section:*

Reference was made by the President to the Irish Section which has only thirty-one Members and three Lodges of which only two are active. He had informed them

that the Section would have to become a Federation, with an elected Organizing Secretary. The decision had been postponed in view of questions arising out of the property bequeathed by Mrs. E. Hornidge for the benefit of The Theosophical Society in Ireland. The President had informed the General Secretary that a Federation can also be styled as "The Theosophical Society in Ireland," but the General Secretary and her Committee wished the Section to be continued. It did not seem to him justifiable that it should continue as a Section, however small its membership may be. It was thought by the Council that the European Federation Council might be consulted.

(d) *Co-ordination of Work in Smaller Sections:*

Mr. J. E. van Dissel brought up the question of the smaller Sections in Europe and thought it might be a good idea to group some of them together, so that they might function more effectively. They might pool their resources for inviting lecturers and for organizing other activities. The Council was of the view that this question might be discussed by the Council of the European Federation.

(e) *Centre at Geneva:*

Mr. van Dissel also suggested the formation of a Theosophical Centre at Geneva where various auxiliary bodies of the United Nations are situated, in order to make the outside organizations which are active in Geneva acquainted with Theosophical ideas. Mr. van Dissel, Mrs. Gool Minwalla and Mr. S. Hjalmarsson were asked to consider this question and give their suggestions in a concrete form.

(f) *Protection of the Adyar Estate:*

The President said that a wall had been built along part of the boundary of Olcott Gardens in the Adyar Estate with the approval of the Executive Committee, as a measure of protection against the increasing intrusion and trespass by neighboring villagers. It might become necessary for a strip of land along the southern boundary of Olcott Gardens to be sold to protect that area more effectively and he might address a communication to all Members of the Council to get their approval, which is necessary according to the Rules.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1968

National Sections (Active) ...	39		No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active) ...	3		Lodges	Members
Federations formed under				
Rule 35 (c) ...	3			
Total Lodges ...	1,241			
Total Membership:				
1967 ...	31,365			
1968 ...	31,262			
	No. of	No. of		
	Lodges	Members		
1. United States of				
America ...	124	4,354		
2. England ...	85	2,656		
3. India ...	418	7,567		
4. Australia ...	16	1,297		
5. Sweden ...	12	349		
6. New Zealand ...	19	1,006		
7. The Netherlands ...	32	1,197		
8. France ...	36	1,104		
9. Italy ...	25	523		
10. Germany ...	16	330		
11. Cuba ...	19	351		
12. Hungary ...	—	—		
13. Finland ...	22	420		
14. Russia ...	—	—		
15. Czechoslovakia ...	—	—		
16. Southern Africa ...	11	500		
17. Scotland ...	11	104		
18. Switzerland ...	9	219		
19. Belgium ...	9	268		
20. Indonesia ...	—	—		
21. Burma ...	4	44		
22. Austria ...	10	237		
23. Norway ...	7	128		
24. Egypt (Lodges				
only) ...	2 (Not known)			
25. Denmark ...	12	255		
26. Ireland ...	3	34		
27. Mexico ...	30	627		
28. Canada ...	14	399		
29. Argentina ...	44	722		
30. Chile ...	8	82		
31. Brazil ...	33	1,028		
32. Bulgaria ...	—	—		
33. Iceland ...	14	644		
34. Spain ...	—	—		
35. Portugal ...	12	198		
36. Wales ...	2	84		
37. Poland ...	—	—		
38. Uruguay ...	7	129		
39. Puerto Rico ...	7	79		
40. Rumania ...	—	—		
41. Yugoslavia ...	4	62		
42. Ceylon ...	7	100		
43. Greece ...	6	177		
44. Central America ...	9	106		
45. Paraguay ...	—	—		
46. Peru (Lodges at-				
tached to Adyar) ...	—	—		
47. The Philippines ...	20	89 (1967)		
48. Colombia ...	7	128		
49. East Africa ...	35	1,259		
50. Pakistan * ...	7	259		
51. Malaysia & Singapore† ...	8	125 (1962)		
52. Northern Ireland † ...	3	50		
53. Israel (Lodges at-				
tached to Adyar) ...	—	—		
54. Japan ...	—	—		
55. Viet-Nam ...	13	745		
56. Venezuela * ...	2	37		
57. West Africa † ...	8	270		
58. Canadian Federation ...	10	147		
59. Bolivia * ...	2	29		
60. Fellows-at-Large ...	—	50		
61. Lodges attached				
to Adyar:				
H. P. Blavatsky,				
Santiago, Chile ...	1	8		
Hong Kong ...	1	9 (1967)		
Israel: ...	5	61		
Mexico ...	2	19		
Peru ...	3	49		
Others ...	12	266 (1964)		
,, ...	3	282		
Total	1,241	31,262		

KATHERINE A. BEECHEY,
Recording Secretary.

* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 20, INDIA

Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1968

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.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Madras Loan, 1972	10,000
4.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1969-76	1,00,000
5.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % „ 1970-80	15,000
6.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % „ 1966-73	25,000
7.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Andhra Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1971-76	30,000
8.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % „ 1971-76	1,00,000
9.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % „ 1970-75	20,000
10.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % „ 1966-68	25,000
11.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % „ 1967-69	1,00,000
12.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % „ 1967-69	20,100
13.	4% Mysore Land Mortgage Bank Debenture	20,000
14.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit	83,000
15.	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ % „	3,85,000
16.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ % „	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	2,37,243
20.	4% Government of Australia 1955-70 £ 1,049	22,032
21.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway £ 3,000	63,000
22.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Queensland Government 1955-70 £ 1,400	29,400
23.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Kenya Government Loan £ 500	10,500
		18,86,475

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

		1966-67		1967-68	
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	..	3,227	79	..	
„ Australia	..	3,123	60	3,431	01
„ Austria	..	548	35	605	93
„ Belgium	..	1,359	37	1,249	80
„ Brazil	..	..		804	66
„ Canada	..	1,040	30	1,494	05
„ Central America	..	669	13	493	02
„ Colombia	..	228	24	263	83
„ Denmark	..	394	07	344	50
„ East Africa	..	686	00	1,230	65
„ England	..	7,486	69	6,694	72
„ Finland	..	1,257	72	..	
„ France	..	3,388	25	6,030	28
„ Germany	..	942	67	855	88
„ India	..	687	60	11,960	57
„ Iceland	..	..		1,668	80
„ Ireland	..	49	21	40	97
„ Israel	..	..		896	85
„ Italy	..	982	57	..	
„ Mexico	..	..		449	86
„ Malaysia	..	..		248	75
„ Netherlands	..	7,642	93	8,425	20
„ New Zealand	..	2,022	05	1,609	36
„ Norway	..	121	40	137	15
„ Philippines	..	153	05	820	56
„ Puerto Rico	..	298	00	..	
„ Scotland	..	255	83	..	
„ Southern Africa	..	582	75	725	92
„ Sweden	..	..		1,118	97
„ Switzerland	..	1,466	71	1,285	30
„ U.S.A.	..	39,330	21	25,628	98
„ Uruguay	..	178	80	112	27
„ Venezeula	..	374	72	303	79
„ Wales	..	..		141	00
„ Yugoslavia	..	361	37	565	67
Canadian Federation	..	257	75	..	
Spanish-Speaking Members through the Recording Secretary	..	1,351	56	..	
Non-Sectionalized Lodges, etc.	..	1,332	92	2,780	45
		81,801	61	82,418	75

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			...			
President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	00			6,600	00		
The School of the Wisdom ...	3,000	00			3,000	00		
			14,600	00			9,600	00
Departmental Results:								
Adyar Library ...	— 5,692	91			— 8,360	18		
Bhojanasala ...	— 8,163	53			— 10,417	94		
Garden Department ...	+ 4,443	12			— 2,367	10		
Laundry Department ...	— 6,348	49			— 6,305	92		
Leadbeater Chambers ...	— 1,917	64			— 12,626	96		
Maintenance Department ...	— 37,135	95			— 36,035	14		
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 6,685	38			+ 36,487	08		
Vasanta Press ...	— 2,901	21			— 6,138	43		
			51,031	23			45,764	59
Depreciation:								
On Gulistan Property ...	403	40			403	40		
„ Immovable Property ...	16,463	80			16,463	80		
„ Motor Car ...	1,000	00			1,000	00		
„ Movable Property ...	87	53			143	96		
			17,954	73			18,011	16
Establishment and Other Expenses:								
Bad debts written off ...	64	38			191	92		
Convention 1967 ...	...				6,016	24		
Damodar Garden Expenses ...	2,269	15			...			
Dispensary ...	6,032	44			8,768	86		
Eastern Border Boundary ...	7,399	45			1,954	78		
Fire Insurance ...	376	06			312	17		
Gulistan House Property Expenditure Account ...	571	53			36	62		
International Offices ...	7,947	82			7,180	52		
Legal and Audit Fees ...	3,015	00			2,311	75		
Light and Water ...	7,742	54			7,744	33		
Miscellaneous ...	9,353	06			6,138	63		
Museum and Archives ...	...				2,657	41		
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones...	5,949	55			3,918	42		
Printing and Stationery ...	656	72			854	31		
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,035	71			2,421	69		
Repairs and Renewals ...	94,914	11			98,857	16		
Retirement Allowances ...	3,211	38			4,103	89		
Salaries and Wages ...	28,548	11			21,253	74		
Sanitation ...	6,217	90			6,450	88		
Taxes ...	16,485	69			16,558	45		
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	00			12,000	00		
Travelling and Conveyances ...	1,562	92			581	79		
Watch and Ward ...	22,578	46			24,705	69		
			2,37,931	98			2,35,019	25
Reserve for Gratuity			3,344	00			2,863	00
			3,24,861	94			3,11,258	00

ADYAR
13th December 1968

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
S. G. VENKATARAMAN,
Hon. Treasurer.
ANNIE TJOE SIANG NIO,
Hon. Joint Treasurer.

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

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BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year					
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
FUNDS:									
General Fund:									
As per last Balance Sheet	...	21,08,054	23			22,15,388	09		
Add: Receipts during the year	...	91,480	74			...			
" Increase in the value of Life Policy	...	...				474	00		
" Transfer from Adyar Library Capital Account	...	...				16,196	42		
" Value of Compensation on land Acquisition	...	20,674	00			...			
		22,20,208	97			22,32,058	51		
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	4,820	88			3,962	81		
				22,15,388	09			22,28,095	70
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund: (b)				18,86,285	94			19,79,342	38
Century Fund: (a)	...			2,24,748	19			2,39,248	09
Exchange Equalization Fund:	...			2,43,821	56			2,15,316	44
Other Funds: (see notes below)									
(1) Of the Society: Interest Bearing:									
Miscellaneous Funds (a)	...	85,963	09			62,099	18		
do. do. (c)	...	12,824	64			30,319	76		
				98,787	73			92,418	94
(2) Of the Society: Non-Interest Bearing:									
President's Travelling Fund	...	19,829	18			17,724	41		
Miscellaneous Funds	...	1,02,482	05			93,874	94		
				1,22,311	23			1,11,599	35
(3) Of Others: Interest-Bearing:	...			70,103	53			69,985	47
(4) Of Others: Non-Interest Bearing:				3,971	83			6,077	73
Adyar Library: Funds and Reserves:									
Capital Account	...	16,196	42			...			
Building Fund Cash (c)	...	5,42,760	29			5,70,640	23		
Fixed Property	...	43,000	00			42,000	00		
Miscellaneous Funds	...	4,135	97			4,595	97		
Gratuities Reserve	...	15,021	93			19,821	93		
				6,21,114	61			6,37,058	13
T. P. H Funds and Reserves:									
Capital Fund	...	1,21,958	32			1,21,958	32		
Reserves and Surplus	...	68,222	31			86,261	33		
Creditors	...	86,085	91			1,12,408	47		
T. P. H. Investments	...	...				13,000	00		
				2,76,266	54			3,33,628	12
Vasanta Press Printing Machine Fund:						1,22,615	53		
Vasanta Press Machinery Replacement Fund	...	...				14,500	00		
				...				1,37,115	53
Gratuities Reserve:				1,25,248	89			1,44,634	75
Reserves:									
Adyar Day Unallocated	...	304	03			42	91		
Casuarina Development	...	13,509	51			16,273	54		
Electrical Line	...	6,000	00			6,000	00		
Meter and Water Line Renewal	...	4,000	00			4,000	00		
Water Tank	...	2,000	00			2,000	00		
				25,813	54			28,316	45
C/o				59,13,861	68			62,22,837	08

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1968

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
<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 ...	8,23,189	53	8,23,189	53
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	4,54,283	79	4,70,747	59
		3,68,905 74		3,52,441 94
<i>"Gulistan," Kotagiri: (At Cost)</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,169	72	20,790	72
Add: Additions ...	621	00	...	
	20,790	72	20,790	72
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	6,131	04	6,534	44
		14,659 68		14,256 28
Movable Property at Adyar:				
<i>Furniture and Fixtures: (At Cost)</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	84,664	61	85,415	32
Add: Additions ...	790	71	1,008	00
	85,455	32	86,423	32
Less: Sales ...	40	00	...	
	85,415	32	86,423	32
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	84,335	80	84,479	76
		1,079 52		1,943 56
<i>Motor Cars: (At Cost)</i>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	33,692	84	33,692	84
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	31,776	17	32,776	17
		1,916 67		916 67
Investments: (At Cost)				
Government of India Loans ...	3,32,798	88	3,32,798	88
State Govt. Loans ...	4,69,811	50	4,54,611	50
Foreign Investments ...	6,40,325	85	8,01,875	85
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	33,970	00	34,444	00
Miscellaneous Securities ...	56,084	69	56,084	69
Fixed Deposits ...	18,88,000	00	20,26,500	00
		34,20,990 92		37,06,314 92
C/o		40,50,555 84		43,18,876 68

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f				
		59,13,861	68	62,22,837 08
Sundry Creditors:				
For Departments	11,611	26	11,391	54
For Others	2,12,533	23	2,59,930	06
		2,24,144	49	2,71,321 60
Sundry Deposits:		49,571	17	48,957 93
Liabilities for Expenses:		2,250	00	2,363 70
 <i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.</i> <i>(b) Interest only available for general purposes.</i> <i>(c) Interest only available for specific purposes.</i>				
		61,89,827	34	65,45,480 31

ADYAR

16th December, 1968

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

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

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER, 1968

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
B/f ...				
Interest Accrued on Investments: ...	40,50,555	84	43,18,876	68
Departmental Assets:	46,183	12	43,150	18
(As valued and certified by the Management)				
Water Line Meter Installations ...	353	00	318	00
Electrical Installations ...	19,304	00	21,639	00
Telephone Installations ...	2,109	00	2,607	00
Tools, Equipments, etc. ...	28,194	05	32,635	80
Printing, Machinery, etc. ...	65,076	00	1,80,298	53
Accounts Recoverable ...	12,058	42	12,270	93
Standing Crops and Developments. ...	67,310	57	64,935	50
Stock on hand ...	1,60,256	57	1,92,061	59
Building in Progress (Vasanta Press) ...	...		3,795	00
Adyar Library Assets: ...	3,54,661	61	5,10,561	35
	10,53,768	97	10,88,033	31
T. P. H. Assets:				
Assets ...	2,31,444	54	3,32,338	38
Investments ...	13,516	50	13,300	00
Cash and Bank Balances ...	37,857	19	18,162	20
	2,82,818	23	3,63,800	58
Sundry Assets: ...	4,922	63	4,900	53
Loans and Advances: ...	19,163	05	25,252	53
Security Deposit: ...	290	00	290	00
Sundry Debtors: ...	43,345	34	41,463	32
(Considered good by Management)				
Gratuity Advances to Employees: ...	7,239	64	4,743	80
Prepaid Expenses: ...	2,943	86	3,180	70
Cash:				
In Madras Banks on Current A/c. ...	1,20,411	23	1,06,046	00
„ London Bank „ „ ...	1,91,447	65	22,868	57
On Hand ...	12,076	17	12,312	76
	3,23,935	05	1,41,227	33
	61,89,827	34	65,45,480	31

Examined and found correct,

N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1968-69

EXPENSES	Budget for 1967-68	Actuals for 1967-68	Budget for 1968-69	INCOME	Budget for 1967-68	Actuals for 1967-68	Budget for 1968-69
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bad Debts written off ...	200	192	200				
Convention ...	6,000	6,016	6,000	Fees and Dues ...	60,000	82,418	83,000
Dispensary ...	7,000	8,769	9,000	Interest (Gross) ...	1,74,000	1,54,310	1,90,000
Eastern Border Boundary ...	1,500	1,955	2,000	Quarters' Maintenance ...	56,000	61,779	62,000
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	32,000	21,254	25,000	Wood ...	1,200	1,089	1,000
Fire Insurance ...	400	312	400	Special Departments:			
Gulistan House Property Expenditure ...	700	37	100	Adyar Library ...	39,600	38,871	38,900
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	6,000	3,969	9,000	Bhojanasala ...	22,000	24,530	24,500
International Office ...	8,500	7,181	8,000	Garden Department ...	42,000	36,143	35,000
Legal and Audit Fees ...	3,500	2,312	3,000	Laundry ...	6,000	6,502	6,500
Light and Water ...	8,000	7,744	8,000	Leadbeater Chambers... Maintenance	37,000	27,746	28,800
Miscellaneous ...	7,000	6,139	7,000	Department ...	1,84,000	2,01,729	1,82,000
Museum and Archives ...	1,000	2,657	2,600	Sanitary Department ...	3,000	2,924	3,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones ...	6,000	3,918	4,000	Theosophical Publish- ing House ...	80,600	1,16,152	87,850
Printing and Stationery ...	1,000	854	1,000	Vasanta Press ...	1,75,000	1,82,682	1,80,000
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,100	2,422	2,400	Donations ...	10,000	11,668	10,000
Provision for Gratuity ...	3,500	2,863	3,000	Deficit ...	53,650	3,962	20,940
Repairs and Renewals ...	95,000	98,857	98,800				
Retirement Allowance ...	4,000	4,104	4,400				
Sanitary Department ...	9,500	9,375	9,500				
Taxes ...	18,000	16,558	17,000				
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	12,000	12,000				
Travelling and Conveyance ...	2,000	582	600				
Watch and Ward ...	24,000	24,706	26,000				
Contributions:							
To The Adyar Library ...	...	...	...	
„ President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom. „ Vice-President's Travelling Fund ...	3,000	3,000	3,000				
Depreciation: ...	18,000	18,011	18,000				
Special Departments:							
Adyar Library ...	44,000	47,231	50,300				
Bhojanasala ...	30,000	34,947	35,000				
Garden Department ...	40,000	38,510	32,000				
Laundry Department ...	12,500	12,808	13,000				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	39,000	40,373	41,000				
Maintenance Department ...	2,31,000	2,37,764	2,21,500				
Theosophical Publishing House ...	78,050	79,665	81,090				
Vasanta Press ...	1,84,000	1,88,820	1,93,000				
Capital Expenditure:							
Vasanta Press New Building and Canteen Rs. 3,00,000							
Steel Composing and Printing Equipment etc. Rs. 5,000							
Types and Metal Rs. 5,000							
Machinery and Plant Rs. 5,000							
T.S. Compound Wall erection Rs. 30,000							
	9,44,050	9,52,505	9,53,490		9,44,050	9,52,505	9,53,490

ADYAR

14th December, 1968

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

S. G. VENKATARAMANAN,

Hon. Treasurer.

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO

Hon. Joint Treasurer.

The Adyar Library
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1968

THE ADYAR

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE

DEBIT				PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
				Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Opening Stock of Publications	...	...	...	29,246 93	27,022 94
„ Cost of Publications:					
Including <i>Brahmavidya</i>	...	...	...	9,473 37	20,251 88
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	...	...	16,754 62	19,918 46
				55,474 92	67,193 28

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE				PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
				Rs. P.	Rs. P.
To Administration Charges	...	...	...	2,632 00	2,839 00
„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	...	1,581 13	894 65
„ Depreciation	...	...	...	2,426 92	2,060 00
„ Ex gratia Payment	...	...	...	3,000 00	...
„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	105 90	105 90
„ Microfilming Charges	...	...	...	487 40	641 79
„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	8,609 49*	4,545 24†
„ Postages and Telephones	...	...	...	660 05	855 01
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	425 23	1,334 34
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	...	1,684 61	2,737 39
„ Reserve for Gratuities	...	...	...	1,200 00	1,229 00
„ Retirement Allowance	...	...	...	1,594 56	1,594 81
„ Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	26,321 67	28,393 41
				50,728 96	47,230 54

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

† Adyar Library Shifting Charges	...	...	...	Rs.	760 02
Book Binding Charges	...	...	...	„	893 16
Insecticides etc.	...	...	...	„	2,086 65
Garden and Lawn Maintenance	...	...	...	„	332 65
Other items	...	...	...	„	472 76
					4,545 24

ADYAR

9th December, 1968

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

S. G. VENKATARAMANAN,

Hon. Treasurer.

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hon. Joint Treasurer.

LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

CREDIT				PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
				Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Central Government grant for Publications	...	...	...	16,582	00	4,520	00
„ Sale of Publications:							
Including <i>Brahmavidya</i>	...	...	...	11,869	98	24,736	97
„ Closing Stock of Publications	...	...	...	27,022	94	37,936	31
				55,474	92	67,193	28

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

INCOME				PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
				Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By Income from Publication b/f.	...	...	...	16,754	62	19,918	46
„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations	...	...	...	17,128	41	15,068	05
„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	...	2,189	65	1,068	15
„ Interest on Endowment Fund	...	...	...	647	84	...	...
„ Micro Filming Receipts	...	...	...	614	32	1,601	60
„ Miscellaneous Receipts	...	...	...	2,701	21	1,214	10
„ T.S. Contribution	...	...	...	5,000	00	...	...
„ Excess of Expenditure over Income...	...	...	...	5,692	91	8,360	18
				50,728	96	47,230	54

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.
Add-A-Brick Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...		43,775 11		...
Advances by the T.S. ...		2,12,671 45		2,23,156 03
Book Deposits:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	3,171	00	3,451	00
Add: Receipts ...	620	00	820	00
	3,791	00	4,271	00
Less: Refunds ...	340	00	360	00
		3,451 00		3,911 00
Building Fund:				
(i) Fixed Property:				
Value of Building				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	50,000	00	50,000	00
Less: Depreciation to date ...	7,000	00	8,000	00
		43,000 00		42,000 00
(ii) Other Donations:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	4,45,097	13	4,98,985	18
Add: Received during the year ...	53,888	05	27,879	94
Add: Add-A-Brick Fund ...	...		43,775	11
		4,98,985 18		5,70,640 23
Capital Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,25,675	82	2,36,179	33
Add: Transfer from Endowment Fund ...	22,732	40	...	
	2,48,408	22	2,36,179	33
Less: Net Balance from Endowment Fund ...	12,228	89	...	
	2,36,179	33	2,36,179	33
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	...		8,360	18
		2,36,179 33		2,27,819 15
C/o		10,38,062 07		10,67,526 41

LIBRARY

30TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR				Current Year			
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Adyar Library Building			7,53,433	25			7,74,660	29
Advances:								
Director's Discretionary Loan Fund Account ...	37	00			85	00		
Deposits—Telephones	...		37	00	300	00	385	00
Fire Extinguisher			...				407	86
Furnishings	175	50			...			
Less: Depreciation	175	50			...			
Furniture: (At Cost)			...					
As per last Balance Sheet	34,769	88			56,347	63		
Add: Additions	21,577	75			...			
	56,347	63			56,347	63		
Less: Depreciation up-to-date	14,796	63			15,835	63		
			41,551	00			40,512	00
Immovable Property at Juhu:								
Value of house property gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet	50,000	00			50,000	00		
Less: Depreciation	7,000	00			8,000	00		
			43,000	00			42,000	00
Manuscripts and Books:								
As per last Balance Sheet	1,59,661	98			1,60,816	63		
Add: Additions	1,154	65			1,084	53		
			1,60,816	63			1,61,901	16
Microfilming Equipment:								
Value of Microfilming Equipment gifted								
As per last Balance Sheet	21,495	65			20,421	00		
Less: Depreciation	1,074	65			1,021	00		
			20,421	00			19,400	00
Stock on hand:								
Publications	27,022	94			37,936	31		
Insecticides, Binding materials, etc.	4,475	35			2,404	23		
			31,498	29			40,340	54
Sundry Debtors								
(Sale of Publications)			3,011	80			8,426	46
C/o			10,53,768	97			10,88,033	31

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ADYAR
9th December, 1968

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

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

EXPENDITURE		Actuals for 1967-68	Budget for 1968-69	INCOME		Actuals for 1967-68	Budget for 1968-69
		Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
To Administration Charges	...	2,839	3,000	By Income from Publication	...	19,918	20,000
„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	895	900	„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations	...	15,068	15,000
„ Depreciation	...	2,060	2,100	„ Copying and Comparing Charges	...	1,068	1,100
„ Fire Insurance	...	106	1,000	„ Micro Filming Receipts	...	1,602	1,600
„ Micro Filming Charges	...	642	700	„ Miscellaneous Receipts	...	1,214	1,200
„ Miscellaneous	...	4,545	4,600	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	8,360	11,400
„ Postage	...	855	900				
„ Printing and Stationery	...	1,334	1,400				
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	2,737	2,800				
„ Reserve for Gratuities	...	1,229	1,300				
„ Retirement Allowance	...	1,595	1,600				
„ Salaries and Wages	...	28,393	30,000				
		47,230	50,300			47,230	50,300

V. RAMANATHA IYER,
Librarian.

Theosophical Publishing House
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1968

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF "THE THEOSOPHIST"

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Administration Charges and Overhead ...	1,200	00	1,200	00
Depreciation ...	116	71	99	54
Editorial ...	4,175	00	3,675	00
Establishment ...	2,909	31	3,075	11
General Expenses ...	254	89	147	62
Postage and Packing ...	8,730	52	8,980	02
Printing and Blocks ...	17,911	65	17,509	07
Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	4,772	91	4,292	53
	40,070	99	38,978	89

MADRAS
11th December, 1968

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1968

INCOME		PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year	
		Rs. P.	Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Miscellaneous Income	...	18 19		
Subscriptions:	...			
Unexpired on October 1	...	22,026 35	21,247 39	
Add: Receipts during the year	...	39,273 84	37,108 62	
Less: Unexpired on 30th September 1968	...	61,300 19 21,247 39	58,356 01 19,377 12	38,978 89
		40,052 80		
		40,070 99		38,978 89

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

S. G. VENKATARAMANAN,
*Hon. Treasurer.*ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
*Hon. Joint Treasurer.*N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE			PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
			Rs. P.	Rs. P.
Gross Income carried down	...	...	75,008 04	1,08,569 15
			75,008 04	1,08,569 15
Advertisement & Catalogue	...	...	735 92	1,002 11
Audit Fees	...	...	750 00	750 00
Conveyance & Transit	...	...	144 69	101 56
Depreciation on Furniture, Fittings & Office Appliances	...	...	162 76	142 75
Establishment	...	...	21,965 59	25,019 14
Ex-Gratia	...	...	110 00	...
Fire Insurance Premium	...	...	108 00	141 00
Gratuity Reserve	...	...	3,000 00	3,000 00
Office Printing & Stationery	...	...	1,305 06	1,491 06
Postage & Telegrams	...	...	1,571 95	1,608 92
Publications Reserve	...	...	15,000 00	15,000 00
Quarters Maintenance	...	...	2,000 00	2,450 00
Repairs & Upkeep	...	...	486 09	...
Retirement Allowance	...	...	2,909 52	2,909 52
Royalty on Sale of Books	...	...	21,423 17	22,779 53
Sales Tax	...	...	41 50	102 30
Trade Expenses	...	...	1,714 05	2,039 55
Water, Electricity & Conservancy	999 98	1,127 69
Excess of Income over Expenditure	6,685 38	36,487 08
			81,113 66	1,16,152 21

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HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1968

INCOME				PREVIOUS YEAR	CURRENT YEAR
				Rs. P.	Rs. P.
By Books: Agency and Others	...	...	...	7,112 01	6,362 53
Incense Sticks	...	...	...	1,474 32	2,396 41
Packing Charges recovered from Customers	...	...	...	736 73	156 71
Photos and Pictures	...	...	...	100 00	772 01
Stationery	...	...	...	175 10	568 95
T.P.H. Publications	...	...	...	65,409 88	98,312 54
				75,008 04	1,08,569 15
By Gross Income brought forward	...	...	...	75,008 04	1,08,569 15
Administration and Overhead charged to <i>The Theosophist</i>	...	...	...	1,200 00	1,200 00
Interest on Investments	...	...	...	894 49	611 16
Miscellaneous Income	...	...	...	1,043 30	272 46
Royalty Receipts	2,967 83	5,499 44
			
				81,113 66	1,16,152 21

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

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Hon. Treasurer.ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
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THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1968-69

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 1967-68	Budget for 1968-69	INCOME	Actuals for 1967-68	Budget for 1968-69
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Advertisement and Catalogue ...	1,002	2,000	Gross Income ...	1,08,569	82,000
Audit Fees ...	750	750	Administration charges ...		
Conveyance and Transit ...	102	100	and Overhead ...		
Depreciation on Furniture ...	143	140	from Theosophist ...	1,200	1,200
Establishment ...	25,019	28,000	Interest on Investment ...	611	650
Fire Insurance Premium ...	141	140	Miscellaneous Income ...	272	...
Gratuity Reserve ...	3,000	3,000	Royalty Receipts ...	5,499	4,000
Office Printing and Stationery ...	1,491	1,500			
Postage and Telegrams ...	1,609	1,700			
Publications Reserve ...	15,000	15,000			
Quarters Maintenance ...	2,450	2,450			
Retirement Allowance ...	2,910	2,910			
Royalty on Sale of Books ...	22,780	20,000			
Sales Tax ...	102	100			
Trade Expenses ...	2,040	2,100			
Water, Electricity & Conservancy ...	1,128	1,200			
Excess of Income over Expenditure.	36,487	6,760			
	1,16,154	87,850		1,16,151	87,850

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