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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 94TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1969

BY N. SRI RAM, *President*

I WELCOME to the 94th Annual Convention of the Society all who have come from far and near to attend it. I most earnestly hope that we will be able to look back upon it, when we leave, as a time of deep peace, happiness and understanding. May the days of our stay at Adyar and the influences of this place give to each and everyone the purest possible inspiration for a life that ever more beautifully exemplifies the nature of a Wisdom which makes all the difference to one's life, when he is attracted by it and takes it to his heart.

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 Convention open.

It is 94 years now since the Society came into existence. Since then it has passed through various vicissitudes and several different phases. Even while H. P. B. was alive there was a change in the character of the Society and its aims. At first, in the words of Colonel Olcott, the President-Founder, "The Brotherhood

plank in the Society's future platform was not thought of." The successive changes in the Objects of the Society, up to the time when they were finally fixed, indicate that it was Occultism, and after a time the study of Eastern literatures, religions and philosophy which were largely in the picture. Commenting on these changes, Colonel Olcott says in his *Old Diary Leaves* that the T. S. "on the visible plane was not a planned creation, but an evolution". In the final phase of the H. P. B. period, she stressed in *The Key to Theosophy* and other writings the importance of practical Theosophy, which she translated as pure altruism.

Then followed the period when Colonel Olcott was still President, but without H. P. B.'s strong influence. He carried on the work on what one might call broadly philosophical and practical lines, not stressing so much the occult side which was very prominent at the inception of the Society. At the same time Dr. Annie Besant came into prominence in the Society as a lecturer and writer, making a deep impression upon all who met her, not only by the brilliance of her oratory and the fervor of her spirit, but also by her expositions of the Ancient Wisdom and by the ideals which she seemed to embody in herself.

Dr. Besant became President after Colonel Olcott passed, and the period of her Presidentship fell into two distinct phases. The first seven years were devoted to the expansion of the Adyar estate and the work of the Society as carried on from there, including the opening of the School of the Wisdom under its old name of *Brahmavidya Ashrama*. During the later period she continued her lecturing work but also plunged into political work for India's freedom, vitalizing, expanding and guiding it so far as that was possible. She believed this work was necessary not only to enable the Indian people to share with the rest of the world the treasures of thought and philosophy that were their heritage, but also as a step necessary for the progress of the world as a whole into a new and more spiritual era. Subsequently the Society has passed through other phases on which I need not dwell; they are comparatively recent.

Now we have come to a point at which we need not only to look back upon the past, but also to consider what should be the main direction of the Society's progress during the coming times. In some ways this last phase of the hundred year cycle may be fateful, not only because of the present world crisis, but also for the reason that the directions we pursue at present and the climate created by our work in the Society may be decisive for its future.

Theosophists all over the world are looking forward to 1975, and there is a natural desire that the occasion should be marked by celebrations organized on a world-wide scale, including the issuing of publications which will stand as a landmark in the history of the Society. While this may be good so far as it goes, at the same time it is necessary to realize that a grand birthday celebration will not necessarily take the Society forward in

a real sense or make it into an effective instrument for helping the world to progress into a really new era. What is needed is not so much a congratulation of ourselves on our past record, but rather a new spirit and outlook, out of which there will perhaps be developments which we do not foresee at present. There has to be a change in the world as a whole in all matters pertaining to human living, and the Society must play its part in the coming of this change. This can come only through individuals, for it is always what the individual feels and realizes deeply within himself which is the basis for any important change.

The Divine Wisdom we call Theosophy is so comprehensive that no expression of it, however excellent it may be judged from the standpoint of a particular time, can exhaust its relevancy and beauty. There is always the possibility of realizing the nature of this all-round Wisdom from a fresh point of view, one that can best serve the conditions of a particular time. Broadly speaking, Theosophy is both subjective and objective. In its aspect of Occultism it embraces a knowledge of the universe extending far beyond the areas which fall within the scope of Science. As regards what lies beyond our present capacity to know for ourselves, we have to accept any statements that may be made on the basis of the knowledgeability, as we might judge it, of those who have observed and investigated. It is not necessary for us to accept merely on faith. One can judge by the extent to which such statements shed light on our problems and by the guidance they afford to one's own life, ways of thinking and conduct. One would also do well on many matters to refrain from any judgment.

Theosophy in the ancient days was understood not so much as a description of the external universe, but as the Science

of the Self, including an understanding of life with all its phenomena and problems and an understanding of the mind. This was the case not only because the facilities for investigating the nature of the external world had not been developed, but also because of the enormously greater significance and importance to be attached to the kind of knowledge that can show the way to an unfoldment of one's inner faculties; a knowledge that illumines our pathway in life resulting in a change in oneself that alters all values and relations with all beings and things.

There are some who feel that Science has made giant strides in its progress since H. P. B. wrote *The Secret Doctrine* and that it is still advancing, whereas Theosophy with all its early revelations, continues, in their view, as before. They want if possible to prove that what we call the Ancient Wisdom is also up to date and that the essence of what Science has to tell us has already been forestalled in such books as *The Secret Doctrine* and still more ancient works. While this may be true, merely to make this claim or even demonstrate it, will not give the world any real idea of the unique Wisdom that Theosophy is, or show how amidst modern conditions the pursuit of this Wisdom can be a means of enriching one's life beyond imagination, solving its problems.

Theosophy as a knowledge of oneself, what one subjectively is, and the interaction between subject and object, that is, between oneself and his fellow-beings or the world in general, can always be as fresh and significant as one's own living at the moment we call the present. It is knowledge by direct observation, involving aspects of man's nature which can be known only through personal experience. It is knowledge of our own being which holds within itself the values of true morality, beauty and altruism. To know

oneself as a human being is to cease from thinking of oneself as an Indian, an Englishman, an American or a Russian, with interests opposed to those of others, or as superior to them. To see things in perspective is also to see life as a whole, not fragmented by specializations of knowledge, technology or any of the innumerable aspects of the complex modern world. It is only through an understanding of oneself that one can come to a true and not a merely formal understanding of the world and all things in it. For one has to look with new eyes and in a perspective which is not enclosed, but completely open, not distorted but true and meaningful.

Miss Joy Mills, the National President of the American Section, writes that "the past year has seen unusual growth and expansion in many areas of our work, thanks to sizable grants from the Kern Foundation". These grants have been given for the publication of the Quest books (in paper backs, attractively presented); for advertising the several Regional Expansion programs; for broadcasting Theosophical talks on radio; leaflets in large quantities, and other purposes. The book sales of the Theosophical Publishing House have also increased very considerably as a result, and a new building for the Publishing House is under construction on the grounds of "Olcott," the Section headquarters. There has been a striking increase in membership, as well as in attendance at meetings and lectures. The total membership on May 31st stood at 4,932. All the other activities of the Section, including the four Theosophical Summer Camps in different parts of the country and the donation of Theosophical books to libraries, universities and other institutions, are being carried on with more vigor and success than ever before. A noteworthy feature of the work is

Theosophy for the blind through the production and distribution of books in Braille, a piece of work which serves the blind also in other countries.

The new General Secretary of the English Section, Mr. G. A. Farthing, reports that the Section is "in a transition stage," as a number of dedicated older members have either passed on or have become less active through old age, and new members have not come in in sufficient numbers to take their places. However, the Section is attempting to stimulate interest and create new workers by introducing a number of Study Courses on Theosophy, for Lodges as well as individual members. One of these is the "Theosophical Self-Training Course" which was started some years ago. Mr. Farthing says that *The Key to Theosophy* is much used in these studies. There has been a fall in membership, the present strength of the Section being 2,561.

The General Secretary for India, Mrs. Radha Burnier, refers to the existing conditions in India and the prevalence of prejudices based on religion and caste. She emphasizes the importance of individual Theosophists making brotherhood practical in their own lives by embodying an attitude which is truly universal in its sympathy, eschewing all communal, caste or sectarian leanings. She says: "It is essential that through our speech, conversation and demeanor we should contribute harmony and understanding between all human beings and completely cease to think in terms of caste, sect, or other divisive groups." She also suggests that no Theosophical Lodge should have an exclusively Hindu or other restricted program, but the Lodge should be a centre where people of different denominations can feel at home. She urges members of the Society to make the people in their respective areas aware of the need for right values and the use of

right means. The work of the Section goes on much as before; the number of members on the first of October stood at 7,294.

Both Australia and New Zealand report an encouraging increase in activity and greater response on the part of the public to Theosophical propaganda. Miss Ruth Beringer, General Secretary for Australia, writes of the work of Mr. and Mrs. Hodson in Adelaide where Mr. Hodson conducted a Theosophical seminar for three weeks. Other such seminars were being arranged at Perth, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. There has been a constant flow of letters from enquirers in response to regular monthly advertisements in one of the leading Australian papers, and weekly talks over the broadcasting station 2 GB. It is interesting to note that a number of requests for information regarding Theosophy and the Theosophical Society have come from university and theological students. The New Zealand Section has also increased its advertising and other publicity work as well as the number of lecturers in the field, as a result of which many new members have come in. Mr. Brian Dunningham, the General Secretary, reports that classes and lectures on yoga have been particularly popular. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson directed a School of the Wisdom for several months, which attracted audiences of close on 200. Several thousand letters have been sent to enquirers. The emphasis has been on the idea that Science should be religious and Religion scientific.

Turning to Sections on the continent of Europe, it is significant that the aspect of Theosophy which has the greatest interest, especially for young people, is yoga, meditation and self-realization. Mr. Curt Berg, the General Secretary for Sweden, refers to this fact, and interprets it as a search on the part of the new

generation for "wholeness and depth in the life and being of the individual". There is a new Lodge in Oslo, Norway, formed by 20 young people, and this fact is referred to by Mrs. Ruth Nielsen, the General Secretary, as indicative of a new trend amongst the young people in that part of the world. Although there has been no marked increase in membership in any of the Sections in Europe, the work is being carried on steadily everywhere, including countries where the conditions at present obtaining cannot be regarded as propitious for the propagation of such a philosophy as ours.

It is reassuring to note that among the various Latin American Sections, Cuba is still carrying on the Theosophical work actively. The General Secretary, Señor Dana Cruz Bustillo, reports that there are 19 active Lodges and the total membership in the island is 357. This must be considered satisfactory, in view of the very disturbed conditions which have existed there for several years.

There is a new General Secretary in Mexico, Señorita Rosita Olmedo, who was elected at their last Annual Convention in November. As a result of this election, in which members of the dissident Lodges were invited to take part, the Lodges which had separated from the Section have come back into it, and there is reason to hope that the work which had been interrupted by dissensions for some years will now proceed in a spirit of harmony and mutual friendliness.

There is also a good report from Señor Spairani, General Secretary for Argentina, mentioning much touring for lecturing work and the institution of study courses in a number of new places.

The number of members in Viet-Nam is now 784. Miss Luu-thi-Dau, the retiring General Secretary of the Section, writes that there has been a small increase

in membership. The work in all the Lodges seems to be going on actively and much as ever, in spite of the difficulties and disruptions caused by the war.

There has been an increase in membership also in the West African Federation, comprising Ghana and Nigeria. Here too, Mr. E. M. Affram, the Secretary of the West African Federation, reports that most enquiries come from young people. At Kumasi two-thirds of the members are students from universities.

I have had reports from a number of Lodges in Israel, indicating that the work goes on steadily and in spite of the war conditions, which unfortunately still prevail.

In a movement so widespread as ours it is bound to be the case that while there is progress in certain parts, conditions in others suffer from a spirit of apathy and other tendencies not helpful to our work. But it has to be remembered that the burden of carrying on the work along the right lines always rests on a few, rather than on the many. Happily, in our Society there are members who keep the torch alight in spite of every discouraging circumstance, and their unselfish and continued endeavors are sure to bear fruit, if not immediately, at some propitious time.

The various Summer Schools (sometimes called Study Camps) which take place are an important feature of the work, especially in Europe. They extend usually from a week to ten days. During the year there have been Summer Schools in Iceland; at Uddevala in Sweden, jointly with a session of the Council of the European Federation; at Nottingham in England; in Brussels, Belgium, for the French-speaking areas; in Kreivila, Finland, an annual event; at Hustedt in Germany; and in Pichl, Austria, for the German-speaking areas, also held every year. All these were very well attended

and were occasions for meeting well-known workers from different countries, who usually attend these gatherings, and other interested members. As usual there was a Summer School at "Olcott" in the U.S.A., following their Annual Convention in July. Our Vietnamese members were able to hold a Summer School at the Pure Heart Centre at Vung Tau, in the mountains well to the north of Saigon. Mr. E. M. Affram mentions the holding of a Summer School at Kumasi in Ghana. There was a Summer School in Argentina also following their Convention. There were many Study Camps and Conferences in India, including the South Indian Conference at Adyar, followed later by a Workers' Training Camp, and a Study Camp at Nandi Hills near Bangalore. There was a North American Theosophical Students' Conference at Niagara Falls, Canada, jointly sponsored by the Canadian and American Sections, in which some members from other Theosophical groups also took part.

I made a trip in April, along with Srimati Rukmini Devi, to Nairobi for the Annual Convention of the East African Section and the Golden Jubilee of Nairobi Lodge. Later, during the summer I had the pleasure of attending the Summer Schools in Sweden, England and Belgium. I was also in London for some time, where there were opportunities to meet the principal workers, including Mr. G. A. Farthing. These visits were all occasions for discussing various questions pertaining to the Theosophical work. Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary for India, accompanied me on this tour, as she had been invited by the Swedish and English Sections, and took part in the Summer Schools at Uddevalla and Nottingham. The Vice-President and Mrs. Perkins made a tour in the United States, later attended the Convention and Summer School at "Olcott," and took part

in the work of the School of Theosophy at Krotana during the autumn months. Mr. John Coats, after completing his tour in South America, visited and lectured in various places in the United States and Canada. Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the European Federation, visited during the year various Sections in Europe including Yugoslavia, and presided over the Summer School at Pichl. Srimati Rukmini Devi, after the visit to Nairobi made an extensive tour in East Africa, and later made a brief trip to Europe. Mr. Juan Viñas of Argentina visited and lectured in Peru, Venezuela and Brazil. Mrs. Gool Minwalla of West Pakistan toured and lectured in Australia and New Zealand during the year. Members in all places are generally glad to receive visits from travelling lecturers. It is not possible for me to mention all the lecturing that takes place and the good work done by lecturers within their own Sections.

Among those who have passed on during the year, I might mention Mr. Soemardjo who was General Secretary of Indonesia for a number of years; Mr. E. L. Gardner of England, well known throughout the Theosophical world by his writings (he had passed the age of 100); Dr. G. W. Bean, who was General Secretary for Australia from 1919 to 1924; Mr. Juan Cruz Bustillo, General Secretary for many years in Cuba; Professor J. N. van der Ley who was General Secretary for Holland for a number of years after the War; Mr. José Ulloa, former General Secretary of Central America; Mr. Basil P. Howell, a well-known worker of the English Section; Miss G. Hemus, who had donated a fine three-storey home in Auckland to the New Zealand Section for use as its headquarters; Mrs. Elsie Pearson, well known in the United States; and Dr. W. E. Wilks of Vancouver, Canada. It is difficult to name the many other good workers

who have passed away during the year. But I would like to take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to all those who have so devotedly supported and helped our movement in the past.

Very many of the reports from Sections mention the work of the Theosophical Order of Service in their areas. Australia, for instance, mentions the fact that there are such T. O. S. groups in most of the larger Lodges. Such groups, both in the United States and Australia, have helped the Orphanage in Saigon, amongst other good causes. Mr. J. Fleischanderl who succeeded Mr. John Coats as Director of the T. O. S. in Europe has been very active stimulating work of different sorts in various places. Mr. R. H. Patel, former General Secretary for East Africa, is now the Director of the T. O. S. work in East Africa.

At Adyar there have been some changes in the staff: Professor H. E. Hakim from Gujarat was appointed as Public Relations and Information Officer, because of Mr. Advani's health condition, but the latter continues in the department and assists Mr. Hakim; Miss Marion Caws of England has taken over the Assistant Editorship in *The Theosophist* Office since the return to South Africa of Mrs. M. E. Nairn; Mr. N. S. Narasimhāchāri took over charge as Superintendent of Movable Properties when Mrs. Meenākshi Shankar Rao resigned to take up work as Headmistress of the Olcott Memorial Schools; Mrs. C. de Vogel-von Gogh returned recently to Holland after working for ten years at Adyar in several departments. Mrs. Bridget Paget now assists in the Estate Administration office in her place; Miss Evelyn Potter of England assists in the Recording Secretary's office; and Mr. Manfred Mey of Australia, in the Treasurer's office.

The 21st session of The School of the Wisdom opened on the 2nd October,

with Miss Ianthe Hoskins of England again as Director. The attendance has averaged 22 students during the first term, just over, and as usual they represent a number of different nationalities: the United Kingdom, Australia, India, France, Iceland, Sweden, South Africa, Denmark, U. S. A. and Germany. Miss Marion Caws has been helping the School as Secretary.

The new Vasanta Press building, situated in Besant Gardens, is nearly ready for occupation. It is already a handsome addition to the buildings on the estate. Mr. K. Ramanathan, Manager of the Press, is planning to transfer all the equipment and work to the new building early next year.

The Adyar Library and the Theosophical Publishing House have carried on their work as usual. Mr. Ramanatha Aiyar continues to be the Librarian. The T. P. H. again reports considerably increased sales, mainly due to orders received from Wheaton.

Last year I directed attention to the Century Fund which has been instituted with the specific object of bringing the Adyar Estate, with all its buildings, into as fine a condition as possible by the time the Centenary is celebrated. Many of the buildings on the Estate, especially the large ones, have been in existence for a very long time and need to be renovated and in parts reconstructed. The electrical system at Adyar, with all its wirings, also needs to be renewed, and because the Estate is now surrounded by crowded housing areas of the city, it is also necessary to adopt measures which will protect it from incursions so that it may be possible to maintain on the Estate the atmosphere that should exist for the purposes of the work carried on here. All this has been explained by the Vice-President in a number of circular letters sent to General Secretaries and others.

I would like in this Address merely to draw attention to the fact that the Century Fund represents a program which is well worth the support of members everywhere, especially those who appreciate the part that Adyar has had and still has in the Theosophical movement as a whole.

In her address to the last American Section Convention, Miss Joy Mills quotes the statement made by H. P. B. about 1889, that "a remarkable psychic and spiritual change" was taking place in the world as a whole. But H. P. B. also said that the change would not proceed smoothly, but would be marked by a bitter struggle between mysticism and materialism. We can all see how true these words have proved to be, and how

applicable they are to our present times. We see violence and strife in the conditions of today and in the mentality of people. At the same time there is in the thinking of many people, especially the younger generation in a number of countries, a movement away from all this and towards a less materialistic, more peaceful and freer way of living. As Theosophists we must appreciate this tendency at its proper worth, and help it by what we do and say in the course of our activities. We must expound and exemplify in our lives and thinking the beauty of Theosophy as a Wisdom that can not only transform individual lives, but also re-order the affairs of men so as to reflect life's true values.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

This year's results are fairly encouraging. Two departments, namely the Theosophical Publishing House and the Vasanta Press have started the Pension Fund as envisaged in last year's report. Other departments will provide such a fund from the ensuing year.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

The year closed with a deficit of Rs. 2,920 which is less than the previous year's deficit by Rs. 1,042. Excepting the Garden and Maintenance Departments, other departments have given fair results. Under Establishment and other Expenses expenditure incurred is Rs. 4,066 less than last year. As per the advice of our Income-tax consultants "Donations" and "Fees & Dues" have been transferred to the General Fund.

The **Adyar Day Collections** received during this year amounting to Rs. 47,978 was allocated by the President as follows:

	Rs.	Rs.
Faithful Service Fund ..	5,000	
Olcott Harijan Free Schools ..	5,000	
T. S. Animal Welfare Fund ..	2,000	
Vice-President's Travelling Fund ..	6,000	
Welfare Fund ..	2,000	
	—————	20,000
General Fund towards deficit		27,900
		—————
		47,900
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1. Adyar Library:

There is a surplus of Rs. 39,334 under Publication Account as against Rs. 19,918 for last year. A contributing factor is the grant received from the Government of India for the editing and publishing of the Descriptive Catalogue of Stotra Manuscripts—Parts I & II, which have been completed in this year. The cost of compiling this catalogue had been incurred during several years, the accumulated amount of expenditure being recovered through the grant this year. Therefore this department shows this year an apparent net income of Rs. 15,050 as against a deficit of Rs. 8,360 for last year as the result of the above grant receipt from the Government of India.

2. Bhojanasala:

The department shows a deficit of Rs. 7,504 (Rupees 2,967 less than the previous year) mainly due to minimising of expenditure even though the Mess income has gone down by Rs. 1,669 in the current year.

3. Garden Department:

On account of the heavy fall of income in cultivation, the deficit has increased by Rs. 11,671 over last year. As there was severe drought in the past 2 years, the income from coconut sales has been very poor. Casuarina Development No. IV (1953) has yielded an income of Rs. 2,850 in this year and there are chances of better revenue in future years.

4. Laundry:

There is a slight decrease in expenditure and a small increase in receipts resulting in decrease of deficit by Rs. 746 from last year.

5. Leadbeater Chambers:

Strict control over Expenditure has reduced the deficit from Rs. 12,626 to Rs. 10,828 this year. In spite of the higher cost of provisions, the Mess income has gone up over last year's receipts.

6. Maintenance Department:

There is a considerable decrease in expenditure as well as in the receipts but the recoveries under Labour and Materials are less than last year in relation to expenditure incurred in previous year. The deficit of this department is more by Rs. 3,565 than last year.

7. The Theosophical Publishing House:

There is a short fall in the net income of the Theosophist due to increase in the Editorial charges and Establishment.

In the Income and Expenditure account of the Publishing House there is a net increase of Rs. 13,268 over last year. Sale of T. P. H. publications is more this year by Rs. 54,845 especially due to export of books to Wheaton, Illinois (U.S.A.). A sum of Rs. 43,000 has been transferred this year to Publication Reserve to meet possible future loss in the sale of certain publications. The amount so far provided is Rs. 110,000 including this year's provision. The department has provided Retirement Allowance Reserve for the first time to meet future payments under this head.

8. Vasanta Press:

The gross income of this year is Rs. 58,200 more than last year due to printing receipts. As the Vasanta Press will shift to its new premises in 1970, an amount of Rs. 15,000 has been provided for dismantling and assembling the machinery. The department shows a net income of Rs. 2,989 as against a deficit of Rs. 6,138 last year. The construction of the Manager's Quarters has commenced this year and the new Vasanta Press Building is still under construction. A provision for Rs. 21,500 has been made for retirement allowance from the current year.

BALANCE SHEET**1. A.B.C. Fund**

There has not been much addition to this fund. The increase of Rs. 8,867 is due to contributions from:

	Rs.
1. Mr. & Mrs. Apsara Krishna	1,000
2. Dr. Shila Ransom, London	3,586
3. From interest	3,000
4. Sundry receipts	1,281
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	8,867
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2. Century Fund:

Donations received for this fund during the year totalled Rs. 39,946. Large contributions are i) T.S. in The Netherlands Rs. 1,264 ii) T.S. in Sweden Rs. 2,433 iii) T.S. in Argentina Rs. 9,893 iv) T.S. in Colombia Rs. 1,459 v) Mrs. Eva Sonnenstein, France Rs. 2,247 vi) Mr. Jurgen Wandel, West Germany Rs. 1,855 vii) T.S. in Canada Rs. 1,039 viii) Mr. W. R. Musto, England Rs. 8,996. A sum of Rs. 38,141 has been spent on the maintenance of buildings in the T.S. Estate, Adyar and for the erection of boundary walls around the T.S. Estate. The fund stands at Rs. 241,052 as on 30th September 1969 as against Rs. 239,248 last year.

3. Faithful Service Fund:

Dr. Shila Ransom, London, has donated Rs. 3,586 in the year and Rs. 5,000 has been transferred from Adyar Day Collections. The Fund stands at Rs. 31,637 as on 30-9-1969.

ADYAR,
15th December 1969

4. General Fund:

This fund shows an increase of Rs. 341,341 over last year mainly due to the following bequests received, which were originally credited to suspense account for want of particulars.

	Rs.
1. Estate of Miss N. E. Ockenden, New Zealand	15,014-74
2. Estate of Miss R. E. Dickerson, U.S.A.	22,254-70
3. Estate of Mr. E. G. Ashly, England	9,039-44
4. Estate of Miss W. Knowles, England	20,870-19
5. Estate of Mrs. G. E. Allen, England	163,332-00
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	230,511-07

The balance represents receipts from donations, fees & dues etc.

With all good wishes for the ensuing year,

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

As we review the events and activities that have taken place in the Theosophical Society in America during the year 1968-69 we may well recall the words of H. P. Blavatsky written just 80 years ago: "The great psychic and spiritual change now taking place in the realm of the human Soul is quite remarkable. . . [It] is not effected in solemn silence, nor is it perceived only by the few. On the contrary, it asserts itself amid a loud din of busy, boisterous tongues, a clash of public opinion. . . . A death struggle between Mysticism and Materialism . . . is already raging." These words are as descriptive of this closing year of the decade of the 1960's as they were of the final year of the 1880's.

No challenge could be greater, no opportunity richer, no responsibility more grave, than those before the Theosophical Society today. It is for us, the Theosophists of this time, to be, as H. P. B. advised us to become, "the practical . . . philanthropists and altruists of our age; the unselfish lovers of man, and the defenders of human right to the freedom of the Spirit."

"*Olcott, the National Centre.*—We are particularly fortunate in both the location and size of our national headquarters estate, a centre through which flows the vital strength of the work in this country and to which have been attracted an ever a growing number of enquirers and students. Few are the visitors who do not comment on the peace and loveliness of this centre, the atmosphere of spiritual inspiration as well as of practical concentration on the work that pervades Olcott.

T. P. H. Building.—With the rapid growth of the activities of the Theosophical Publishing House, and with the consequent increase of work in every department at Headquarters, the National Board of Directors last year agreed to proceed with plans for erecting another building on the Headquarters estate to provide the necessary facilities for the Publishing House and additional living units for the resident staff.

Lecture Tours.—This year we welcomed to the American Section our International Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins. Arriving at Olcott in September, he and Mrs. Perkins later proceeded to Ojai, California, where Mr. Perkins was guest teacher at the Krotona School of Theosophy for the 1968 fall term. After the first of the year, they began their tour of the Section with talks in the Los Angeles and San Diego area, travelling then through the Texas Federation to New Orleans and on through the Florida Federation. After a visit to Atlanta and other cities of the Mid-South Federation, they spoke in Washington, Baltimore, New York, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Detroit. Following a sojourn in Toronto as guests of the Canadian Section, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins returned to Olcott briefly before meeting engagements in Milwaukee, Minneapolis, and Casper. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins came to Olcott in mid-April, where Mr. Perkins gave the concluding lecture of the Olcott Sunday series on May 25.

My own travels this year began with participation in the workshop programs last August at the west coast camps,

Indralaya on Orcas Island and Far Horizons in California. As authorized by the National Board of Directors, I travelled to Brazil in late September to represent the American Section at the Third Inter-American Congress held from September 22nd to 26th in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Upon my return, I was able to give a public talk in New York. In October, at the invitation of the Houston branch, I conducted a seminar on *The Secret Doctrine*, which proved to be highly successful, attracting members from throughout Texas and adjacent areas. En route to the West Coast Conference in November, I visited the branches in San Francisco and the Bay area, before travelling on to Portland for the Conference itself. Since the first of the year, I have visited the Los Angeles area, and attended as guest speaker the first Southwest Inter-Federation meeting, held in San Antonio in April, and the Middle Atlantic Federation Conference, held at Pendle Hill near Philadelphia in May. In the course of the latter tours, I was able to meet with the new groups established last fall by Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton.

Miss Helen Zahara, in addition to her numerous duties at Headquarters, participated in the workshop at Pumpkin Hollow Farm in New York last August, as well as in the annual Tri-Federation Conference held during the Labor Day week-end at "The Oaks" in Michigan. In May, she was the guest speaker at the Ohio Federation spring Conference.

Field Work.—The major emphasis of our national field program continues to be the Regional Expansion efforts carried on principally by the National Vice-President and his wife, Felix and Eunice Layton. This truly outstanding team of workers, who are competent not only in the presentation of Theosophy in basic terms for an ever growing number of enquirers, but are also well skilled in

techniques of advertising and publicity that ensure excellent attendance at the meetings, are ably supported and assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. McNiece. In addition, Mrs. Mattie Louise Moore and Mrs. Jean Tappendorf, have given invaluable service.

Mr. and Mrs. Layton began their fall work in the three cities of Hunstville, Alabama; Louisville, Kentucky; and Knoxville, Tennessee, attracting audiences as large as 500 in Louisville, where an official study centre has now been established. During the winter and spring months, they carried the program to the four cities of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and El Paso and Amarillo, Texas. All attendance records for the Regional Expansion program were broken, when an audience in excess of 800 heard the first lecture by the Laytons in Albuquerque. Study groups have now been established in all the cities in which the work was carried forward during the year.

Mrs. Moore began her fall program in Michigan, conducting class series in the four cities of Lansing, Kalamazoo, Flint, and Jackson. New members joined in every city and official study centres were established in Lansing, Kalamazoo, and Flint. This spring, Mrs. Moore conducted a most successful series attracting unusually large audiences. A group of 15 members in Nashville has now been certified as an official study centre.

Mrs. Tappendorf carried on a variety of field work in six states and twenty-two cities during the past year, giving public lectures, conducting workshops with members, and aiding new as well as older groups in meeting the problems that arise wherever people come together.

The work undertaken by Mrs. Tappendorf emphasizes the need for continuing assistance, through personal visits as well as by the supply of materials from

Headquarters, to all of the newly organized groups, particularly during the critical two years following their formation. Such follow-up work is essential to ensure that new members become acquainted with Theosophical study, particularly in these days when interest in so many other groups delving into psychism or the pseudo-occult seems to be rampant. As Mrs. Tappendorf comments in her report: "Many people in their teens, twenties, and thirties are joining us, but they bring with them certain attitudes and problems. Most are anti-authoritarian and one needs to meet their problems with non-dogmatic frankness, sympathy and understanding."

Membership Department.—During the past fiscal year, 782 new members were added to the rolls of the Society. This is the highest number of admissions in forty years. Of particular interest may be the fact that nearly 46% of the new members admitted during the past year are under the age of 35. On May 31, 1969, our membership totalled 4,932, a net gain of 468, and the highest we have recorded since 1932. Regrettably during the past year, 267 allowed their membership to lapse. Resignations during the year totalled 70, while death removed 76 members from our rolls. Among those whom death has taken from our midst may be mentioned particularly Dr. Pieter K. Roest, for many years prominent in the work as a lecturer and writer; Miss Lola C. Fauser, who for more than 25 years served on the Olcott Staff in a number of capacities, including manager of the Theosophical Press and national librarian; Mrs. Esther Marksbery, a former member of the Olcott Staff and Mrs. Elsie Pearson, wife of a former National Vice-President and herself a well-known lecturer and class teacher.

Seven branches and two study centres were dissolved during the year, while the Board of Directors chartered one new

branch and granted certification to nine official study centres. At the end of the fiscal year, there were 118 branches and 20 official study centres. Many are reading into these figures indications that the formalized structures of branch or lodge organization are less relevant to the interests and needs of newer members than the more flexible structure of study centres. It may be of interest to note that of the total membership as reported on May 31, 68% belong to branches, 5% to official study centres and 27% are national members. The growing number of national members also has received our attention, and efforts have been made to maintain closer communication with this group through occasional letters from the National President, the Department of Education, and the National Library, as well as through the monthly mailing of *Discovery* sent by Headquarters to each national member. As an aid in keeping vital the links between Headquarters and every branch and study centre, a letter called *Contact* is sent monthly by the National President to every group. There is in addition the invaluable program of monthly letters sent to every new member during the first two years of membership.

The American Theosophist.—As the official organ of the Section, *The American Theosophist* serves as the principal means of communication linking together the membership. The ten regular issues have provided original articles, official news, and other information of interest, including regular reports on the several programs sponsored by the Kern Foundation, summaries of the year's work of the specialized activities and reports on branch and federation programs. The journal keeps the members informed on all official matters. Two special issues have been published during the past year, one in the fall of 1968 being devoted to the

theme, "The Nature of Consciousness," and the other, issued in the spring of 1969, devoted to "*The Secret Doctrine* and the Influence of H. P. Blavatsky on World Thought," and have continued to bring enthusiastic response. Undoubtedly none has brought more widespread praise and commendation than that published in May, discussing the work and teachings of H. P. B. This was also the largest issue ever published by *The American Theosophist*.

Discovery.—Serving as another link in our chain of communication, but directed particularly towards the public, *Discovery* continues to elicit numerous expressions of appreciation. This small leaflet, published from September through May, is used by 67 branches in this country and 3 groups in Canada, including the Canadian Federation which distributes nearly 4,000 copies annually. In addition, some 14 individuals have ordered *Discovery* in varying quantities through the year, accounting for a further distribution of approximately 1,700 copies. Distribution of *Discovery* during 1968-69 totalled 82,961; an increase of more than 2,200.

Department of Information.—The Department of Information reports considerable increase in its activities. Through this department introductory literature is sent to enquirers, including every book purchaser; in addition, the department handles the Olcott Sunday lecture mailing list of approximately 850 names, co-ordinates the reports on the distribution of the "To Those Who Mourn" booklet, sends names of new enquirers to branches in the various cities, and is responsible for welcoming the increasing number of visitors who call to learn about Theosophy, the Society, and the services of our Publishing House and Library. During the past year, the department sent out 5,671 form letters to

enquirers, of which more than 3,800 were to purchasers of Quest books. Replying to requests for information on membership, 158 of the "You Are Invited" booklets were sent out, with 120 individuals joining the Society following contact with the Department of Information. In addition, 128 individuals were referred to the National Library for specific information on the services of that department. Through the year, a total of 57,223 publicity leaflets were distributed through the department, an increase of more than 20,000 over the number recorded last year. Of these, more than 15,500 were taken from the publicity table maintained at Olcott for the benefit of visitors coming into our Headquarters building. Among these visitors, special mention might be made of the growing number of college and high school classes brought by teachers who feel that such a visit can be enriching to the educational experience of the students.

The leaflet, "To Those Who Mourn," continues to bring appreciative comments for its healing and helpful message at the time of bereavement. During the past year 11,570 copies of this booklet were distributed.

National Library.—The National Library, which should be considered a highly specialized library, not only for the study of Theosophy as presented in all its aspects by author-members of the Society, but also for the study of the occult sciences, philosophy, psychology, comparative religion, mysticism, yoga, and related subjects, continues its very active program in meeting the reading needs of its borrowers. During the past year, 5,479 books were circulated, an increase of nearly 50% over the previous year and almost 100% over the five-year period of 1962-67. Of the books circulated, approximately 55% were sent by

mail while 45% were taken out personally by borrowers visiting the library. This also will indicate the increasing flow of enquirers who contact the headquarters in person and utilize its services directly. The library records 638 active borrowers, of whom 190 were new during the past year.

Attention is being given constantly to improving and expanding the library services, particularly through the addition of up-to-date works in all areas of Theosophical interest. As a result of donations by members and friends, as well as a generous grant from the Kern Foundation in addition to the normal budgetary allocation for new accessions, 553 books were added to the shelves last year. Thirty-five library reading lists assist in making known to borrowers some of the significant titles available, and a bibliography of books acquired during the past year is now in process of preparation.

We are fortunate indeed that in response to an invitation from the National Board of Directors, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, for many years librarian of the Adyar Library and Research Centre, has joined our staff at headquarters and is giving concentrated attention to the establishment of an Oriental Section in the Library. Her availability to us, coincident with the approval by the Kern Foundation Trustees of a major grant for the work she has undertaken, marks a further step in the development of the research facilities of the National Library. During the past year, Mrs. Neelakantan has reclassified and added detailed references for the library's index files on 220 volumes on Oriental studies. In addition, 145 new books have been added to the Oriental section, covering the major religions of the Eastern world—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Sikhism, Jainism and Zoroastrianism—as well as the religions of China and Japan. Books on Tibet and

its religion and culture, some classic texts with translations of the philosophy and teachings of Shankaracharya, works of general interest about Eastern culture and philosophy, including Indian civilization, are among the additions to the library. Thirty-one volumes have been added to our collection of the Bollingen Series, covering such topics as Jewish civilization and culture, the religion and culture of ancient Egypt and China, the civilization of the American Indians, Jungian psychology, etc. All of these acquisitions, and others contemplated for the further expansion of the Oriental Section, as well as for the Western Section, are serving to make our library increasingly useful to its member-borrowers and invaluable as a research centre for scholars throughout the country, whose principal interest may be in the study of Eastern philosophies, psychology, and religions in particular and of both Eastern and Western civilizations and cultures in general. The library must be, of course, the major source in this country for literature on the Theosophical philosophy, but this further development implements the application of the Society's Three Objects, with special emphasis on the Second Object, the study of comparative religion, philosophy, and science.

Attention has been given during the past year to the establishment of a special section of works in other languages, principally in Spanish. Four branches of the American Section are composed of Spanish-speaking members, and with the expansion of their efforts to reach a larger public in the Spanish-speaking areas of such cities as New York, Miami, and Los Angeles, as well as for their own studies, we may look towards meeting the reader needs of those for whom Spanish is their first language by ensuring that Theosophical works in that language are available from the library.

One further service of the National Library deserves special mention, for the library staff undertakes to supply all new study centres with a basic selection of titles as the nucleus for a local branch library. During the past year, 690 books were sent to 12 study centres; these books are drawn from our supply of duplicate titles which have been donated to the library.

Department of Education.—The Department of Education, supplying branches, study centres and unofficial groups with program materials, educational aids, and workshop manuals, reports another busy and rewarding year. The department's staff was necessarily increased to cope with the ever expanding activities of the work. As a consequence, it is inevitable that much of the work that flows through headquarters as well as most of the programs undertaken with Kern Foundation support, touch upon or involve the Department of Education in some manner.

A unique service of the Department of Education through the years has been the offering of audio-visual aids to branches and groups. During the past year, a further set of 108 professionally recorded radio talks and a series of six talks given by the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, during the 1968 Summer Sessions, were added to the department's tape library. Two further audio-visual art programs were also added. During the year, 602 tape recordings, 175 programs with slides and scripts, and 3 movies were loaned to groups and branches. An innovation during the year was the offering of a selected list of tapes for loan to national members; 19 members took advantage of this service.

The department is responsible for preparing and revising study courses offered for sale through the Publishing House. During the past year, a revised version of Part II of the "Introductory

Study Course in Theosophy" was issued, and a new course, "Introductory Study Notes on *The Voice of the Silence*," prepared by Gaile V. Campbell of Toronto, was published. A new manual on workshop techniques, prepared by Jean Tappendorf, was printed and a free copy sent to all branches and study groups. The department is also responsible for the preparation and revision of the reading lists for the National Library.

Since its inception a little over a year ago, the program of correspondence courses has continued to grow, with 27 enrollees now participating in the study.

The Department of Education is also responsible for arranging the production of the "Theosophy in Brief" publicity leaflets. Nine new titles were added to the listing during the past year, including four prepared by the National Committee on Universal Brotherhood. Among those issued, special mention should be given to the leaflet on "H. P. Blavatsky and her Writings".

Workshops—Seminars—Conferences.—During the year, the Department of Education was associated with several workshop, seminar, and conference programs. Three inter-federation meetings were arranged during the year: a Labor Day week-end gathering at "The Oaks" for members of the Michigan, Illinois-Wisconsin, and Ohio Federations; the annual West Coast Conference, held at Portland last Thanksgiving week-end, with members from Southern and Northern California and the Northwest Federations attending; and the Southwest Inter-Federation Conference at San Antonio, Texas, in April, arranged by the Texas Federation and with members from the Midwest and Gulf Coast Federations, as well as from non-federated areas in the southwestern states, participating.

Two workshop programs organized by the Department of Education were

held at Olcott in March and early April. The first of these was an invitational session bringing together a group of educators who could give special attention to the preparation, assembling, and issuance of materials for the use of parents, teachers, and children, as well as of leaders of children's groups. Eight members uniquely qualified in this field met with three staff personnel at Olcott for a concentrated period of four days, and while considerable material was produced, additional time has been necessary for putting it in order. Eighteen members attended the annual spring workshop, devoted to training in group dynamics and emphasizing the utilization of group techniques in study and presentation of Theosophy.

Radio.—Closely associated with all our educational efforts, particularly in connection with our public presentations, is the work carried on through our national radio programs. The Foundation for Radio Theosophy, working with the National Radio Committee, and with the financial assistance of the National Radio Fund has long served as the main channel for the distribution of professionally prepared tapes and scripts for the broadcasts undertaken by branches in various cities. During the past year, Radio Theosophy was aired in 17 cities. Work has now been completed on the production of two full year programs of radio talks, all professionally recorded; these broadcasts are available for either 5-minute or 15-minute programs. Twelve further booklets, each containing four radio talks, were printed this past year, bringing the total number of booklets available to 24. The Foundation for Radio Theosophy reports that sale of the booklets during the year totalled 935.

The Theosophical Publishing House.—Again this year we can record a substantial growth in the sales and operation of the

Theosophical Publishing House. For the past several years, Miss Clarice Richie has efficiently served as manager. On March 1, Mr. Stephen Kellogg succeeded her as manager, with Miss Richie becoming sales manager, and with the addition of Mr. Malcolm McCay to the T. P. H. staff. Total merchandise sales during the past year reached a record high in excess of \$179,000, an increase of more than 25% over last year's sales. Gross profit was in excess of \$59,000, and it may be estimated now that the net profit for the past fiscal year in the Publishing House will approximate \$22,000. Particularly encouraging has been the growth in dealer sales, which advanced this year from \$68,000 as recorded last year to more than \$116,000, accounting for nearly 70% of our totalsales.

Some indication of the work involved in this book distribution effort may be gained by noting that during the past year more than 16,000 packages were shipped from the Theosophical Publishing House. Another interesting set of figures is that concerning the cash sales from the book display room at Headquarters. From 1962 to 1967, those sales approximated \$2,000 and \$3,000 annually; last year, they reached more than \$5,300 and this past year were \$6,992.95.

Among the new works issued this past year by the three Theosophical Publishing Houses—Adyar, London, and Wheaton—have been Vol. III of the *Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*, edited by Boris de Zirkoff; *Life's Deeper Aspects* by the President, N. Sri Ram; *Trust Yourself to Life* by Clara M. Codd; *William Quan Judge, Theosophical Pioneer*, by Sven Eek and Boris de Zirkoff; *Diamonds in the Family* by Eunice Buckley; and *The Wheel of Rebirth* by H. K. Challoner. A number of reprints, mainly of Theosophical classics, have been issued by the three Publishing Houses.

A deeply appreciated service of the Theosophical Publishing House is the handling of the sales of the publicity leaflets when ordered in quantity lots by the branches and groups. During the past year, 118,524 leaflets have been sold.

Quest Books.—The publication and distribution of the Quest books continues to influence to a very large degree the growth and expansion of the activities of the Publishing House. While we can record actual sales totals of the Quest books themselves, we cannot fully estimate either the immediate or the long-term impact of this publishing program upon our primary objective of the dissemination of Theosophy. It is increasingly evident, however, that the publication of high-quality paperbound books to which we have given the name Quest and which continues to be the major Kern Foundation sponsored program has been responsible for awakening widespread interest in the further study of Theosophy and in the work of the Society itself. Paperback purchasers discover the additional wealth of literature available in hard cover; many go on to become library borrowers and finally members of the Society.

At the conclusion of the last fiscal year, we reported that 30 titles had been published; during the past year, eleven more titles—five from original manuscripts and six as reprints from hardcover editions—have been added to the Quest Book series. Among the original titles recently published mention may be made of *The Pearl of the Orient*, a commentary on the *Bhagavad-Gita* by Geoffrey Barborka; *Raja Yoga*, a simplified and practical course by V. Wallace Slater; *Psychism and the Unconscious Mind*, prepared by the Theosophical Research Centre of London; *Movement and Emptiness* by L. C. Beckett; and *The Secular Abyss* by Gerald Graham and John Alexander.

Since publication of our paperbacks began in 1966, 151,547 Quest books have been sold, 87,557 during the last fiscal year alone. Between January 1 and May 31, sales averaged 7,696 copies per month, and in March, when the sales year peaks, 9,526 were sold.

The advertising program is dual in nature, developed so as to maintain a strong and regular program of announcements in the book industry's leading marketing journal, *Publishers' Weekly*, and at the same time to expose each new Quest Book title, occasionally repeating good sellers or titles pertinent to a particular interest, to as many potential buyers as possible through advertisements in media of national circulation.

In addition to the advertising placed through the agency of Wolf and Krautter, we ourselves arranged promotion by placing Quest Books in combined book exhibits, including those at 50 colleges around the country, 8 library association conferences and the conferences of the Society for Scientific Study of Religion and the Association for Asian Studies.

The past year has seen a sizeable increase in the number of retail book sellers handling Quest Books, now in excess of 2,500. In this connection, special mention must be made of the services of Mr. E. H. Heintz of Ojai, California, who became our first Quest Book salesman, calling on dealers in selected parts of Southern California.

Quest Bookshops.—Last year we announced the initiation of a pilot program in the establishment of Quest Bookshops, the first of which opened on February 11, 1968 in New York City, under the auspices of the New York Theosophical Society and with the assistance of a major grant from the Kern Foundation. The New York Quest Bookshop has continued to build up its sales record, which totalled in excess of \$10,000 during the past year.

Apart from its function as a source of books, the book shop serves to bring enquirers to the Society, introducing them to the excellent library which is located on the same premises and to the many public functions of the New York Branch.

This year, the Theosophical Society in Seattle, which owns its own property in an excellent location and which has an outstanding library, in addition to a very active members' and public program, presented a proposal for the establishment of a Quest Bookshop in that city, utilizing its quarters for this purpose and guaranteeing to staff the book store during the usual business hours. Arrangements were worked out so that everything would be in order for the launching of our second Quest book store early in the new fiscal year.

The Kern Foundation.—Since the announcement in 1965 of the establishment of the Kern Foundation and the first references to it in the Annual Report submitted to the membership in 1966, the stimulus given to every area of our activity and the impetus resulting from the many unique new programs that have been undertaken with Kern Foundation support have been remarked upon in frequent progress reports. The availability of the Kern Foundation to support and maintain creative programs designed to fulfil the Foundation's objectives has revolutionized our work, made possible activities never before within our resources, and enabled us to move ahead with the Society's central task in spreading Theosophy on a scale never before achievable anywhere in the world.

More than 20 programs now receive grants from the Kern Foundation, the major one of which, as already mentioned, is the Quest Book publications. Several new programs have received approval for grants in the 1969-70 fiscal year. Approximately \$269,000 has been received

during the past fiscal year to assist with or fully support programs approved by the Kern Foundation Trustees.

Other programs which have received financial assistance from the Kern Foundation include the continuation of the writer's fellowship program, the film production project, a special public relations program, assistance for branch and regional programs, support for advertising nationally sponsored lecture tours, and the continuing program for the publication of the H. P. Blavatsky *Collected Writings* under the editorship of Boris de Zirkoff.

Agreement has been reached to negotiate a contract with Moynihan Associates of Milwaukee for the production of our first Quest Film, a 28-minute color, sound motion picture presenting the broad philosophical principles upon which Theosophy rests. Work is well begun on the film, and we anticipate that it may be released by the middle of the new fiscal year, so that proposals are now under study for professional distribution.

As a consequence of the unusual publicity, much of it erroneous and misleading, given to the Society, Theosophy, and H. P. Blavatsky during the summer of 1968, the Corporate Trustee of the Kern Foundation approved the proposal of the National Board of Directors to retain public relations counsel in order that there might be made available, through the public media, more accurate information about the Society, its aims, its work, and its literature. Accordingly, the services of Herbert M. Kraus & Co. of Chicago were engaged on a trial basis from October 1 through May 31. To supplement the general public relations program, it was further agreed that a special grant would be made available for the placement of direct newspaper advertising, designed to give accurate information about the Society, its founders, its

aims and literature. Large advertisements were placed in the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*, drawing excellent response and creating considerable interest not only in the purchase of books but in the Society itself.

Finances.—The task of financing the Society's basic activities must rest, as always, upon the membership. The encouraging response of the members to the appeals for contributions to the T.P.H. Building Fund indicates that we are indeed prepared and willing to meet our central obligation of ensuring that the Society's financial structure will remain sound while at the same time supporting the expansion of facilities necessary for continued growth.

The actual construction of the new Publishing House building has begun. The National Board of Directors evaluated the needs also for the increased personnel to staff the work at Headquarters. Ten additional living units will thus be made available, permitting us the necessary space for anticipated growth in all the Headquarters activities and departments. Construction contracts for the entire building totalled \$279,881. As of May 31, actual donations to the T.P.H. Building Fund were \$65,843, with a further \$19,666 pledged. Loans from members and branches added an additional \$1,500 to the fund, and interest-bearing gifts totalled \$7,000. Therefore, the Building Fund, on May 31, stood at \$94,009.00.

The total expense for the activities and administration of the Section during the past fiscal year approximated \$105,000.00 while income was \$70,350. The deficit for the past year is estimated at \$34,600 exclusive of depreciation. Bequests totalling \$1,166 during the past year were substantially less than usual.

The Theosophical Investment Trust, the principal financial arm of the Society, has been given the responsibility for the

management of the Society's reserve funds, including the Membership Endowment Fund. The Trust's capital funds now exceed \$736,500, of which approximately \$151,000 is in the ABC-America Fund for the benefit of the international work as administered through Adyar. This past year, the Trust remitted to the Society more than \$22,500.

The Membership Endowment Fund, continues to attract members as an ideal manner in which the Society's financial future can be assured. The fund now exceeds \$77,500, of which over \$3,000 has been added during the past year. Two hundred and twenty-three members have now endowed their membership, becoming life members of the Society.

Olcott Staff.—The principal burden of carrying on the day-to-day operations of the Society through its National Headquarters rests upon that remarkable group of workers, the Olcott Staff. They are the first to recognize, however, that all that goes forward through our national centre and the breadth and scope of our work throughout the Section would not be possible of achievement were it not that in branches and centres and isolated areas throughout the country there are those loyal, dedicated and hard-working members who faithfully, often in silence and frequently without outward recognition, sustain the numerous programs that ensure the Society's continued existence.

Public Activities at Headquarters.—The Olcott Sunday lecture series, held the fourth Sunday of each month from October through May with the exception of December, continues to attract large audiences, indicating both the increased interest in Theosophy generally and the growing awareness in the Chicago area of the accessibility of the Society's national headquarters. In fact, so large have the audiences become that we are no longer able to hold the lectures in the library,

but during the past year have utilized the third floor auditorium. Again this year two series of weekly public discussions were held at Olcott, each series drawing unusually large attendances. The fall series explored the general subject of "Techniques of the Spiritual Life," while the spring series was devoted to "Approaches to Yoga".

Allied Activities.—So numerous are the ways in which members, acting either individually or in groups, give expression to the ideals of Theosophy in practical application that it would be impossible in the scope of any report to include them all. Let me touch briefly, however, on those particular groups whose members derive their stimulus from the Theosophical philosophy and seek to put that philosophy to work—the Theosophical Order of Service, the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, the Theosophical Book Gift Institute, and the Parents Theosophical Research Group. Each of these organizations, carrying on valiantly under serious handicaps of lack of personnel and often lack of financial resources, many of them fully dependent on volunteer workers, engage in outstanding programs. It would be difficult to estimate the value of each of these activities.

Other activities, specialized in nature, deserve mention as contributing in diverse ways to the total picture of the work of the Society in the United States. The Krotana School of Theosophy at Ojai, California, is steadily becoming an outstanding institute for the study of Theosophy and related subjects, attracting an ever growing number of participants. The Taormina Theosophical Community in Ojai has begun its development as a centre to which many members are drawn, and several homes have now been built. The Young Theosophists of America, part of the World Federation of Young Theosophists, exists as an organization

drawing together younger members who wish to discuss, in informal groups, ideas pertinent to their own interests.

Adyar and the World.—No report on the condition of the American Section would be complete without reference to that larger body of which we are a part. For while The Theosophical Society in America is autonomous in its organizational structure and operation, we are enmeshed in the work of The Theosophical Society throughout the world and what we do here must inevitably have its effect upon other National Societies just as what is done elsewhere must affect our efforts. In this larger view, our thoughts turn inevitably towards that world centre which is the sun of our Movement, Adyar, as well as to all our sister planets, the many national Sections who derive their inspiration as we do from that bright luminary.

Each year the membership throughout the world gives special attention to the needs of Adyar through contributions to the Adyar Day Fund. This year the contribution of the American Section was somewhat less than usual, no doubt as a result of the particular need for the members in this country to support our own building program, but \$2,195.69 has been collected and sent to Adyar. The Century Fund, established in 1965 as a ten-year program to finance improvements and repairs to the property and buildings at Adyar, continues to grow at a steady pace and \$1,634.80 represents the amount now invested in this country as donations from the members of the American Section.

The main communication link between the members and the world Society, especially with the President's views as expressed monthly in his "Watch Tower" notes, is *The Theosophist*, the journal of the President. It is, I feel, unfortunate that a larger proportion of the members

in this Section are not subscribers to this excellent publication, for at the present time only 400 subscribers are recorded in this country, an increase of only 24 over the number recorded last year.

In commenting on the international character of our work, I must also refer to the closer ties which are uniting the members and Sections in this hemisphere. It was my good fortune to attend the Third Inter-American Theosophical Conference held in Brazil; a major portion of the conference was devoted to consideration of the formation of an Inter-American Theosophical Federation and I was invited to serve as chairman of the study committee appointed during the conference to give attention to this matter, drawing up and recommending basic rules of procedure. With the unanimous vote of the delegates attending the Inter-American Conference and with agreement on the appointment of Ulisses Riedel de Resende of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as the organizing secretary, the Inter-American Theosophical Federation was born. Subsequently, the National Board of Directors approved the participation of the American Section in this Federation.

The Board of Directors has also authorized the participation of this Section as a joint partner in a unique program proposed by the Theosophical Society in Canada, co-sponsored by our two Sections, the North American Theosophical Students Conference to be held in October 1969, at Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Whenever we give thought to the world Society of which we are an integral part, we must not forget the privilege and good fortune that is ours in the availability of a wealth of Theosophical literature, most of it written and published in the English language. The Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee, an international group appointed by the President with

the approval of the General Council, continues to give attention to the need for the publication of Theosophical works in languages other than English in order that the benefits of this philosophy may be extended to all, not only without regard of race, color, and creed, but, very importantly, without regard for those language barriers which can create major problems in communication. If each member throughout the world were to set aside annually the cost of just one Theosophical book as a contribution to the Non-English Publications Loan Fund, that fund would soon be able to sustain a really adequate publishing program to ensure that Theosophy is available in every language that man speaks.

National Board of Directors.—During the spring months, the triennial election of officers was held. Mr. Felix Layton and I were returned to office as National Vice-President and National President respectively.

The election for Directors to represent the five electoral districts of the Section resulted in the retirement of four members, Mrs. Irene S. Durham of Seattle, Mr. E. H. Heintz of Ojai, Mrs. Dora Kunz of New York, and Mr. Samuel H. Wylie of Olcott, to whom I express my and your deep appreciation for their splendid service through the years. It is with happiness, of course, that I welcome the return of Mr. Paul A. O'Neal of the Southeast District, re-elected for a second term on the Board, and, in addition, I am pleased to welcome the newly elected Directors, Mr. Anthony Dizzo of the Central District, Mr. George E. Linton of the Northwest District, Mr. Capel McCutcheon of the Northeast District, and Mrs. Hyta Tilson of the Southwest District.

Conclusion.—As I conclude this review of the past year's activities and progress in the American Section, it may not be inappropriate to share some thoughts about

the future. For this may be considered, in some respects, a watershed year, marking as it does the conclusion of a decade. Let us not forget the unfinished business before us, the work still to be done if we are to remain true to the Society's purposes. As we look to the decade of the 1970's and the celebration of the Society's centennial, let us not forget that the realization of brotherhood to which this Movement is dedicated is part of the unfinished business of humanity and that it is a labor not of a decade or of ten decades or indeed a task of time at all, but a work of lives and a labor of love in the transformation of hearts and minds. And we have only just begun. At a dark moment in the Society's early history, when ridicule and calumny were being heaped upon H. P. B. and the Society, that fearless woman wrote to A. P. Sinnett: "Make your activity commensurate with your opportunities. . ." The activities in which we engage, in either their scope or their nature, must never be measured in terms of the resources we command, for we cannot know what our reserves may be—reserves of inner strength and outer capacity—until we have endeavored to spend ourselves in the cause of mankind's enlightenment, until we have matched our activities to our opportunities. There is but one measure to guide us and that is the measure of our love for humanity.

The decade of the 1970's can see the turning of the tide, if we so resolve; the resources, the workers, the talents and capacities, all will be present, if we give

ourselves to the task. For *together* we can build tomorrow.

(Supplementary Report, June 1 to September 30, 1969)

The eighty-third Annual Convention and Summer School were held from July 13-19, 1969, with the International Vice-President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Perkins, and the former Chairman of the European Federation Council, Mr. John Coats, as our guest speakers. The theme for these sessions was "A Theosophy to Match the Times". Because of the construction program under way on the National Headquarters estate, it was impossible to hold the 1969 sessions at Olcott, as has been customary for many years, but the meetings were held at a motel, nearby so that members were able to visit Olcott every afternoon.

A highlight of the Convention program was the laying of the cornerstone of the new Theosophical Publishing House building being erected on the Headquarters estate.

Workshop and study programs were held during August at the three main Theosophical summer camps, Indralaya on Orcas Island in Washington, Far Horizons in the High Sierras of California and Pumpkin Hollow in New York, with Mr. John Coats as the chief speaker at each of these sessions. In addition, the Young Theosophists of America held a workshop at the camp in the midwest, "The Oaks" in Michigan, with Mr. John Coats participating.

JOY MILLS,
General Secretary.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY ENGLAND

Organization.—At the National Council meeting in March new Section officers were appointed as follows: General Secretary: Mr. G. A. Farthing; Treasurer: Sir Hugh Sykes. Warm appreciation of the work done by the previous officers was expressed.

State of Section.—Statistics show a net loss of 95 members from a total of 2,656 in September 1968. Four Lodges closed down.

Indications are that the Section is in a transition stage. The number of older members who joined at the end of the Besant era is now rapidly declining. Where they are left they are tending to become, through age, not so effective. The replacement membership tends to lack the strong traditional outlook of the late thirties. There is less of a common direction to effort. There is very little private study being done. Lodges organize public lectures and members' meetings. The public lectures are of a very mixed character, with Theosophy tending to feature perhaps less than it should. Members' meetings usually take the form of reading "study" books. There is a resurgence of interest in basic Theosophy and *The Key to Theosophy* is much used.

Course Material.—To give some direction to Lodge activity and personal study the Section has produced some Courses:

(i) An Introductory Course on Theosophy. This comprises papers on the history of the Movement, general Theosophy, and seven papers on specific aspects of the subject. It incorporates a reading list. This course is sent to new members one paper per month, but is available to existing members and is suitable for group work.

(ii) A Fundamentals Course. This is based on *Mme. Blavatsky on How to*

Study Theosophy and the Fundamental Propositions in *The Secret Doctrine* Proem. It comprises a kit for a group of 6 people. There is a tape recording, of about 11 hours' worth of material, course-leader notes and notes for students. The method is to listen to the tape for one or two minutes and then discuss. There is enough material for some months of Lodge or Centre work. We charge two guineas or \$7.50 a set. Additional copies of student notes are available at 3s. 6d. or \$0.75.

(iii) An Instructional and Practical Course. (This has become known as the Self-Enlightenment Course.) It is for group work, for groups of up to, say, 12 members. It is in nine parts. Each part should be worked through at least twice. The procedure is, in one-hour session to give basic data on the fundamental principles of Theosophy, as given and much expanded in *The Secret Doctrine*, from the papers, then discuss, then think about it in roughly 20-minute periods.

(iv) A Self-Training Course. This is in two series of papers: (a) Introduction and Intermediate, (b) Advanced. Each series is designed to take students about one year to work through. The course is for private study. Papers are sent to students only as they request them. The course covers study, care of the body, meditation, Theosophical action. It uses quotations and makes reference to helpful books.

In addition to these group and home-study courses are series of eight classes and study groups for evenings designed for the autumn, at London Headquarters. Some of these are experimental to see what demand there is for them.

Study Week-ends and Public Lectures.—Five residential study week-ends at Tekels Park, Camberley, were arranged in the

year. These were well attended. The usual series of public lectures was held at Headquarters.

Summer School.—The English Section Summer School was held at Nottingham, in one of the halls of residence at the University. It was attended by the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and Mrs. Radha Burnier, both of whom gave much appreciated talks. The number of members enrolled was 130, including some from overseas. Lectures were given by Mr. V. W. Slater, Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, Lady Welby, Miss I. H. Hoskins, Mr. E. J. Burton, Mrs. J. Beavis, apart from those given by the President and Mrs. Burnier. The theme of the Summer School was "Theosophy in the field of Human Activity".

Convention.—The Annual Convention of the English Section was held in London from May 24 to 26. The theme was "Man's Responsibility". Lectures were given by Mr. V. W. Slater, Dr. C. G. Trew, Mrs. E. Stakesby-Lewis, Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith, and Mr. G. A. Farthing, and the speakers in three symposia were Mrs. B. Dennis, Mrs. G. Eedle, Dr. H. T. Edmunds, Mrs. J. Coulsting, Mr. L. C. Soper, Mr. A. J. Ellison, and Miss I. H. Hoskins.

Library.—Headquarters Library issued 5,660 books during the year, of which 469 were by post; 96 members of the public have taken out subscriptions. Public Libraries from all over the country have borrowed 77 books; 85 new books have been added to the Library.

Theosophical Publishing House, London Ltd.—The Theosophical Publishing House published *Raja Yoga* by V. W. Slater, and reprinted the following during the year: *The Etheric Double* (A. E. Powell), *The Wheel of Rebirth* (H. K. Challoner), *The Key to Theosophy* (H. P. Blavatsky), *The Occult World* (A. P. Sinnett), *The Zodiac and the Soul* (C. E. Carter). It sold \$19,000 worth of books altogether; of these \$12,700 were wholesale sales to the trade. Mr. Maxwell does invaluable work in the Publishing House. He is supported by Mr. B. Blower and Mr. P. Bowen. Miss E. Ashton has not been able to give full-time assistance during the year.

Appeals.—Appeals have been made for the Century Fund and the Non-English Publications Loan Fund.

G. A. FARTHING,
General Secretary.

INDIA

Nearly two years ago, when the General Council of the Theosophical Society, which is composed of all the General Secretaries and some other well-known members, was in session, the prevalence of racialism in various parts of the world, and its justification or tacit acknowledgment by some members of the Theosophical Society was discussed, and it was thought fit to pass the following resolution:

"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."

To pass such a resolution was in fact hardly necessary, except as a re-affirmation of an attitude which is fundamental to membership of the Theosophical Society, and which should never be forgotten by any member of the Society. To have racist views or to have an attitude contaminated by any tinge of racial prejudice is a denial of the basic requirements of membership and a contradiction of the principle of Universal Brotherhood whose truth we recognize and subscribe to when joining the Theosophical Society.

If any form of racialism is contrary to the basic character and aims of the society, so is any encouragement of or acquiescence in distinctions based on religion, sex, caste or color. Members are obligated, in my opinion, not to accept only passively the principle enunciated in the first Object of the Society, but also actively to combat all tendencies, policies and practices which are a contradiction of the first Object.

In India, we find even after twenty-two years of independence and a professed secularism, that prejudices based on religion and caste are everywhere in evidence and not infrequently lead to violent and deplorable situations. The official reports about the treatment of Harijans even in the present time make sad reading. Hindus and Muslims still entertain suspicions and animosity against each other of a wholly irrational kind.

In this context, it is incumbent on every member of the Society, first of all, to embody in his own words, actions and relationships an attitude which is truly universal in its sympathy, and not to fall into the prevailing pattern of prejudice and suspicion. Any communal, caste or sectarian leanings on the part of a Theosophist, let alone membership of or support of communal organizations, can only

be considered as extremely regrettable. It is essential that through our speech, conversation and demeanor we should contribute to harmony and understanding between all human beings, and completely cease to think in terms of caste, sect or other divisive groups.

I might here quote Mr. J. Krishnamurti who says: "Killing is not with the bayonet or with the bomb only but also with the attitudes, the opinions, the judgments and the gestures that one uses to destroy others. We are taught to hate from childhood. There is the parent who says to his children: 'He is not one of us'—and so the seed of hate has been sown." From childhood, we are taught to think of ourselves as Hindus, Muslims, Brahmans, non-Brahmans and so forth and we entrench ourselves in such separatism as we grow older, making our children imbibe in turn these poisonous attitudes. If the nation is torn by dissension, conflict and riots, as we can see, every one of us must ask himself: "Have I added to the strife by my opinions and suspicions? Have I contributed to the killing, violence and conflict by my attitudes?" For every individual is responsible for what is happening in the land. It is the prejudices and opinions which develop into passions and violence.

Proceeding from the individual to our work as members gathered in a Lodge, I would suggest that no Lodge should have an exclusively Hindu or other restricted program. Every Lodge should be a centre where people of different denominations can feel at home. The Second Object of the Society must not be ignored and we should all acquaint ourselves with the fundamental truths stated in every religion. Lodges should organize functions on suitable occasions with the participation of people belonging to different religions and organizations, with the aim of bringing about an understanding of other

outlooks and points of view. For instance, advantage could be taken of the celebration of Guru Nanak Jayanti this year to give publicity to the great ideals of Brotherhood which he taught in beautiful and simple language. I suggest that throughout India during the coming year, our Lodges should try to arrange meetings, organize publicity, distribute leaflets, approach schools and colleges in order to speak to the students, and do whatever else is possible to promote unity among the divided people of India.

The Theosophical Society and its Lodges cannot stand apart from the crying problems and the distressing events which are part of the contemporary scene. We must go out to heal the rifts and illumine the scene with Theosophical light. It was with this view that the work of the New Life for India movement was started whose objects I outlined in my Report of last year. Wherever possible I would request Theosophists to take a lead in initiating such work and make the public aware of the need for right values and the use of right means.

The Madras Federation, during the year under report, organized a "Youth Rally," and invited students from various colleges to spend a day together in Adyar to discuss problems of citizenship. More than forty students attended. Students were also invited to discuss such questions as "How I Live as a World Citizen" and "Humanism above other Isms" at friendly contests. Other Federations and Lodges might usefully consider what ideas and plans can be taken up, and organize and evolve their own programs.

Work has gone on in the Federations as usual, but there has been a drop in the membership of 273. Thus the membership as on 1st October 1969 stands at 7,294, as against 7,567 last year. The Telugu Federation, which had been losing

members, reports a good recovery, with an increase of 103 members. Several Federations have been losing members during the last seven years. They are the Bombay, Marathi, Tamil and U.P. Federations. Utkal Federation which came into existence in 1964-65, and Gujarat Federation have been declining in numbers for the last three years. The office-bearers and other workers of these Federations need to discuss seriously the measures to be taken to make their Federation strong.

I regret to say that some Federation Secretaries send the most cursory reports and scarcely comment on items on which they are requested to report, so that a reading of the report alone will hardly convey a picture of the work done in the Federation. In the Marathi Federation, contrary to the Section and Federation constitutions, annual conferences are rarely held, elections are not carried out as per rules and no work is organized.

The number of Lodges and Centres on 1st October this year were 318 and 25 respectively and the number of Lodges and Centres with less than the required number were 112 and 13 respectively.

I was able to go to a number of Federation conferences during the year. These included the Gujarat conference in Godhra, Rayalaseema in Chittoor, Telugu in Eluru, Bihar in Gaya, Bengal in Calcutta (when the Golden Jubilee of the Federation was celebrated), Karnataka in Davanagere (this Federation celebrated its Diamond Jubilee on that occasion) and Bombay. I also visited some Lodges in the Telugu Federation, besides making a voyage to Europe during which I was able to participate in some Summer Schools and other gatherings and make useful contacts with workers in other Sections.

Mr. S.G. Venkataramanan, who was appointed as one of the National Lecturers, visited a large number of Lodges in the Andhra, Karnataka, Kerala, Madras and

Tamil Federations. Professor H. E. Hakim also toured in the Tamil and Kerala areas and visited some Lodges in the Rajasthan, Gujarat and Marathi Federations. Professor M.N. Tolani conducted the Workers' Training Camp at Bhowali and presided over the joint session of the U. P. and M. P. Federations at Gwalior besides visiting some other places. Mr. Ramjivan Sinha toured in his home Federation of Bihar. Besides the National Lecturers among those who did lecturing work was Mr. B. C. Sutaria who visited many Lodges in Bihar, Bengal and Utkal Federations.

As usual conferences and camps were held all over the country, including the South Indian Conference and the Workers' Training Camp at Adyar and a study camp at Nandi Hills near Bangalore organized jointly by the Tamil and Madras Federations. The reports of the Karnataka and Telugu Federations show that a large number of gatherings were organized and workers were active in going even to out-of-the-way places. Similar activity in other Federations would no doubt be beneficial.

Theosophical publications brought out by some Federations in the vernaculars included a Gujarati translation of *Light on the Path*, a Kannada translation of *The Masters and the Path* and *The Astral Plane* and an Oriya book on Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. The Indian Bookshop published during the year a translation of Dr. Besant's *A Study in Karma*, a Hindi work on Evolution by Dr. R. P. Chaturvedi called *Vyakti, Vyavahar aur Vikas* and new editions of the Hindi translation of *The Schoolboy as Citizen* and Mr. Panda Baijnath's *Chakra, Kunda-lini aur Shastroke Anubhav*.

Under the guidance of the Advisory Committee of the Bookshop, the Manager, Mr. R. P. Agrawala, took much interest in improving sales. The shop and display have now been shifted to a room facing

the main road and arranged so as to attract more customers. The stock of books for sale has been improved and general progress can be reported.

During the year some more buildings were renovated at Headquarters and two new rooms were built by the Section for the use of the Girls' College with funds specially donated for the purpose. We were happy to welcome as a resident in the compound Mr. J. D. Vaish who retired as Deputy Director of Education in Rajasthan. He has been entrusted with the management of the Besant Theosophical School.

The activities of the Theosophical Order of Service have been extending. There are branches now in several Federations and they have done useful work. It would be gratifying if, wherever members of the Society are working as a group to render service to the needy and the suffering, they would affiliate themselves to the T.O.S., so that there is an integration of this type of work. There seems to be some misconception as to the aims of the Order and sometimes the running of a school or a library is designated as part of the work of the Theosophical Order of Service. The Order of Service exists to help those who suffer physically, such as the poor, the destitute, the blind and so forth and not to duplicate the work of the Society or to uplift mankind morally or spiritually.

The Theosophy-Science Study Group has continued to publish its *Bulletin* and hold regular meetings at Adyar. A book on the *Impact of Theosophy and Science* has been projected for which articles and donations are being collected.

Before ending my report I would like to mention the passing away during the year of Miss Elizabeth Preston who joined the Society in 1910 and first came to India while a young woman, at the suggestion of Dr. Besant. She lived and worked in

England later for many years and became well known through her books. She settled down in the Nilgiris during the latter part of her life, doing most valuable social work to help the women in the neighborhood, along with Miss Gladys Taylor who is also a member of our Section and who is carrying on this activity. Others who

passed away during the year after fifty or more years of membership were Mr. M. H. Kalvani of Baroda, Mr. Rama Charan Das of Delhi, Mr. Veerabhadra Chetty of Doddballapur and Mr. G. P. Thanavala of Thana.

RADHA BURNIER,
General Seretary.

AUSTRALIA

Guest Speaker.—From an over-all point of view the visit by Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla of Pakistan was the most outstanding event of the year. Our visitor arrived in Perth in February and carried out busy programs there and in Adelaide before attending the Convention near Adelaide as guest of honor. Visits to most of the Lodges followed. In addition to addressing members and the public Mrs. Minwalla fulfilled lecture engagements for a number of other organizations. Her deep interest in and work for human welfare and education, and knowledge of her country, Pakistan, made her an excellent ambassador for her homeland. Everywhere she visited she received considerable publicity through press, television and radio. In Sydney, Mrs. Minwalla, a trained Montessori teacher, conducted an introductory course for 20 enrolled students, and through it aroused further interest in the Montessori teaching method. In Townsville, Queensland, where her Australian tour concluded in July, she spoke to groups of University students and on invitation from the Townsville University College gave a public lecture on Theosophy. She endeared herself to members and friends, and her visit to Australia, her lectures and personal friendly approach, have been of great benefit and were much appreciated.

Convention.—The Easter Convention was held at Clarendon Youth Camp, near Adelaide, with Mrs. Minwalla as guest speaker. Three members from Viet-Nam spent a month in Australia to attend Convention and gather information about our work in general. Mrs. Minwalla's and their presence contributed much to our annual gathering, and we learnt much about conditions and the work of the members in Viet-Nam and Pakistan.

The theme of the Convention, "A Mind for the World of Tomorrow," was featured in a public lecture given by Mrs. Minwalla in Adelaide Lodge. There were also talks by the national lecturer, Mr. L. Wade, and discussion meetings on the wider issue of the theme. For many years residential Conventions in Australia have followed a well-tested pattern, and yet each is a fresh approach, a new experience of a rich and different mixture of, and opportunity for, friendship and learning. A group discussion, based on an American Section program entitled "Project: Brotherhood Now," brought lively response from the participants. Adelaide Lodge was the kind and efficient host of Convention.

National Lecturer.—In October the year's activities started for Mr. and Mrs. Wade with a visit to Adelaide Lodge, where Mr. Wade delivered several public lectures, members' talks and attended group

meetings of members. At the end of January Mr. and Mrs. Wade travelled to Canberra and their visit brought new impetus to the Theosophical study group meeting in Canberra. Mr. Wade continued to help the work in Sydney, lecturing for Mosman and Blavatsky Lodges and the afternoon Contact Group, as well as attending Isis Lodge. Although Mr. Wade's physical health has been far from good, his valiant service and loyalty to the work of the Society in Australia are admired and gratefully accepted.

Other Visits.—In October Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson returning to New Zealand from overseas spent some time in Perth and a short period in Adelaide. Mr. Hodson's lectures in both cities were well attended.

As a follow-up measure to Mrs. Minwalla's visit, Mr. D. Esplin of Sydney toured North Queensland in August and September. He addressed the Lodges in Atherton, Cairns and Townsville, visiting members in Mackay, Bundaberg and Brisbane on the way.

In July I took my annual leave in North Queensland, and before and after it contacted members in Townsville and en route in Mackay, Rockhampton and Brisbane.

Study Seminars.—For several years some of the Lodges have held occasional week-end seminars and the exercise has shown the great need for more sequential study. Therefore Adelaide Lodge took the opportunity of inviting Mr. and Mrs. Hodson to return to Adelaide this year so that Mr. Hodson could conduct a three-months' study seminar. This was held from July to September with most encouraging results. Mr. Hodson, an accomplished speaker and teacher, attracted good audiences, many of them young people. His progressive course of studies fulfilled the purpose of introducing members and enquirers to the funda-

mentals of Theosophy, guiding them into the deeper aspects of the study. Adelaide Lodge reported increases in membership, library subscribers and book sales as a result of the study seminar, which had been well publicized. Other such seminars of six weeks' duration are being arranged in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane for the end of 1969 and in 1970.

Perth Lodge held a week-end seminar early in October with the theme "In Search of Truth". Among the speakers were Mr. G. Hodson, who delivered the first address, and several leaders of other organizations and religious institutions in Perth. Each contributor approached the subject from a different angle and yet in the ecumenical spirit.

Adelaide Lodge held its annual week-end seminar in the middle of October on the subject: "Understanding Ourselves through Self-Purification".

A group of 14 members from Sydney joined members living in the Blue Mountains on a November Saturday for study and discussion. There was also time for reflection and enjoyment of the beautiful garden of the property where the meeting was held.

Headquarters Staff.—Good team-work has continued in the Headquarters office. There is no doubt that by sharing a task, however arduous, it becomes easier. I was assisted by Mrs. Gladys MacCartie and Mrs. Gerda Vanags and the Assistant Treasurer, Mr. David Esplin, in the many varied duties, and would like to place on record my sincere appreciation to them and to Dr. Murdoch, the Hon. National Treasurer.

Lodges.—No change has occurred in the number of Lodges, which is 16. In addition to the regular Lodge activities, the Theosophical Study Group in Canberra and groups of members and friends in other places have met periodically. The oldest extant Lodge in Australia, Hobart

Lodge, celebrated its 80th anniversary in June. Besides lecture and study activities the larger Lodges operate extensive lending libraries with service for country subscribers. The Lodge bookshops in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide have expanded their book sales and now are well established.

Considerable renovations and alterations have been carried out to the premises of Toowoomba and Brisbane Lodges; the former provided a newly decorated and enlarged Lodge meeting room and the latter created space for the Brisbane Lodge Reid Art Gallery in its former hall as well as a studio for a children's art class and Round Table meeting room in the basement of the Lodge's property.

After calling for literary contributions from members in Australia, Adelaide Lodge selected an article by Mr. T. Van Erp of Brisbane entitled "In a Nutshell," and produced the material on its own printing press in a new illustrated pamphlet on Theosophy. Furthermore, the Adelaide Lodge printing press has been used to print stationery for itself and other Lodges and the first issue of a small periodical "Theosophy in Sydney".

The Lodges in Sydney formed a publicity committee which is responsible, amongst other duties, for arranging monthly Sunday night film programs in the Savoy Theatre. One or several documentary films are shown on these evenings, suitably introduced and linked to the Objects of the Society by an appointed speaker. The film evenings have proved popular with the public and many young people have attended.

On a week-end in November a group of Sydney members travelled to Canberra to visit the Theosophical Study Group there. Miss Marion Caws, then President of Blavatsky Lodge, gave an evening address and on the following day members

met for exchange of ideas and discussion. Mutual assistance and co-operation between the Lodges are most welcome, particularly any help that larger Lodges can afford to offer to smaller Lodges and groups.

A monthly Contact letter was sent to Presidents of all Lodges with the aim of keeping a close link between them and Headquarters.

Services to Lodges.—Study aids and publicity material made available to the Lodges included 21,682 pamphlets and leaflets, 30 lecture tapes, 98 copies of study courses, 260 lecture announcement hand bills, and 3,700 publicity leaflets. The work of reproducing leaflets in a new and attractive format was continued, and four new leaflets and two pamphlets were issued. We are indebted to the American and English Sections for sending us samples of their material and allowing us to copy them for our use. One special artistic audio-visual program was purchased from the American Section and four tapes with talks by J. Krishnamurti have been added to the national tape library. This now consists of 165 lecture and study programs and five artistic presentations available for hire to Lodges.

As in previous years some parcels of newly issued Theosophical publications were sent on approval to smaller Lodges for selection and addition to their libraries. The national Society subscribes to the *Adyar News-Letter* on behalf of all Lodges in Australia, which receive issues of it regularly.

Quest Book Agency.—The agency which was set up under The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. had another year of steady growth. Mrs. Shirley Miller took over the management from Mrs. E. Henderson in January. During the year 3,700 Quest books were imported from The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, U.S.A., and 2,690 of them were

distributed to 10 Lodges and 41 booksellers in Australia. The number of titles in the Quest Book series has risen to 40 and supplies of 6 titles were re-ordered. Regular advertising through Australian papers and on the Society's broadcasting session are beginning to bear results. A mail order coupon service was introduced with moderate success. In July the agency became sole representative for distribution of their books in Australia of Messrs. Vincent Stuart and John Watkins, and The Theosophical Publishing House, both publishers of London. In addition to Mrs. Miller's services, Mr. Esplin and I have taken the opportunity of contacting booksellers in North Queensland and Brisbane, and some members in Canberra have done likewise.

It must be emphasized that no material gain from the operation of the agency in regard to Quest Books can be expected for some time, but the subsidy carried by The Theosophical Foundation is considered to be well spent on a medium for spreading Theosophical thought. However, it is anticipated that distribution of the London publications will work to the advantage of the agency as a whole.

Books to Libraries.—From the Headquarters office donations of 70 books, among them *The Secret Doctrine*, were sent to 14 public, university and school libraries in Newcastle, Tasmania and North Queensland. Larger Lodges are encouraged to make regular book donations to public and school libraries in their own cities. Some Theosophical study books were sent on loan to a group of interested people in Darwin, in Australia's far north.

Journal.—Six issues of *Theosophy in Australia* have been published during the year. Mr. David Esplin is responsible for most of the editing and preparatory work whilst the whole Headquarters staff

shoulders the routine work of issuing the magazine.

Advertising.—Regular monthly advertisements have been inserted in *The Australian*, a national daily newspaper, and on a six-weekly basis in *The Bulletin*, an Australian weekly. Through this and the announcement over the Section's broadcasting session we receive a constant flow of letters from enquirers. Particularly noteworthy is the number of requests for information regarding Theosophy and The Theosophical Society from university and theological students. Sixty-five enquirers subscribed to the Correspondence Course "Theosophy—Key to Understanding" based on and inclusive of the Quest book of the same title by E. and F. Layton. Nine of the subscribers have joined the Society and others have joined Lodge libraries.

Broadcasting.—Every Sunday night throughout the year a 15-minutes talk on a Theosophical subject has been presented over Broadcasting Station 2 GB, Sydney. Radio scripts are supplied free to listeners on request. To maintain the constant weekly demand for script material and the presentation of the talks we rely mostly on members from Sydney. Every assistance, including that rendered by members of the radio committee, is much appreciated.

International.—The Adyar Australia Fund invested in Australia has grown to \$19,795.27. Its income during the year amounted to \$937.66 which was allocated to the Century Fund in Adyar. Collections from members for Adyar Day, including a national contribution, and for the Olcott School were sent to Adyar, and collections for the Saigon Orphanage were transmitted to Viet-Nam.

Another appeal for the Non-English Publications Loan Fund was made through *Theosophy in Australia* and brought a most gratifying response. A total of \$625.00 was transmitted to the Fund.

It is our policy to offer some aid to Sections in need in the Indo-Pacific area, and a few parcels of Theosophical books were sent to Lodge libraries in Indonesia and Karachi, Pakistan.

In my official capacity I have corresponded with many other Sections and also sent greetings on behalf of the Society in Australia to Conventions and Theosophical conferences abroad.

Young Theosophists. Activities of the Young Theosophists were mostly integrated within the Lodges' programs. This year Young Theosophists groups have met intermittently in Perth and Melbourne and on a regular basis in Sydney. The turbulence so prevalent in youth movements throughout the world is also reflected to some degree in the Young Theosophists, and it is hoped that it will be taken as a challenge by all members and Lodges to re-examine our commitment to the Society's Objects, and to endeavor to work harmoniously with all age groups for the good of humanity.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Groups of the Order are operative in most of the larger Lodges and individual members elsewhere also contribute to the good work. In Adelaide the T. O. S. has been re-organized and collected a generous donation towards acquisition of an Amplivox machine urgently needed for deaf and dumb children in Pakistan.

In Sydney the T.O.S. affiliated with the Austcare organization and took part in a door-knock appeal. In consequence Austcare allocated \$3,000 from this collection to a project sponsored by the T.O.S. in Viet-Nam, the Theosophical Orphanage in Saigon, and \$500 to the free school in Vung Tau, which is run by members of the Theosophical Society. Two huge crates of clothing, toys and other supplies were also sent to the T.O.S. in Viet-Nam. The Women's Co-operative in Kotagiri, India, has again been supported by all T.O.S.

groups in Australia. A total of 49 different welfare organizations throughout Australia have been assisted by donations and practical help.

Membership.—The total membership at the end of the year stood at 1,485, an increase of 188 over the previous year. This is mainly due to an extensive campaign by Melbourne Lodge, which enrolled 144 new members. Adelaide Lodge reported an increase in membership due to Mr. Hodson's three months' study seminar.

Among members passed to the peace are Professor J. N. van der Ley, former General Secretary of the Dutch Section, and Dr. J. W. B. Bean, former General Secretary of this Section. Inevitably and to our regret a number of other faithful old workers in different Lodges have passed away, amongst them Mrs. D. Blundell of Sydney who had reached the age of 104.

At the end of September 326 new members were receiving monthly letters, a service provided by the Headquarters office to every new member for the first 18 months of membership. We are grateful to Mr. W. McKenzie who has continued to inscribe members' diplomas.

The results of this year's activities as shown in the foregoing indicate promise and expansion in some fields of our work. Yet it is necessary to keep in mind that the roots of any beneficent achievement must go deep in order to be of lasting effect. Vigilance and steadfast dedication as well as spontaneity are needed to carry our work purposely forward into the future. Planning for tomorrow ought to include a program for training, and it requires practical vision to develop useful talents and potentialities of each and every member if we are to widen the influence of Theosophy in all spheres of life in our communities.

RUTH BERINGER,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

The main event of the year under report was the Scandinavian Summer School, combined with the Council Meeting of the European Federation. The gathering took place from July 12-20, 1969, at Uddevalla on the west coast of Sweden. We were very happy to have the international President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, with us as the guest of honor and also Mrs. Radha Burnier from India. We further had the pleasure of having with us the Chairman of the European Federation Council Mrs. Claire Wyss and the General Secretaries of eight European Sections. In all there were about 130 persons attending the Summer School, which was held in beautiful surroundings and in the very appropriate premises of the Bohusgården, a place run by the Society for cultural exchange between the five countries of the North of Europe. The keynote of the Summer School was "Our View of Man in the World of Today," and this was dealt with under many sub-titles in lectures, short talks and six different study groups, each meeting on three occasions. Music, excursions and films formed parts of the program. Summer Schools are always felt to be very important parts of the activities of the Section, but through the presence and talks of the President and so many good contributions from different countries this Summer School has been of outstanding value. The Annual Convention of the Swedish Section was incorporated in the gathering at Uddevalla. The Scandinavian Regional Committee met during the Summer School.

Members of the Section have been invited to give lectures and talks at the Annual Conventions in Denmark and Norway, and there has been an exchange of lecturers between Lodges in Sweden.

Judging by the size and response of audiences at lectures, it seems that the latent powers in man attract very much the interest of people today. To a certain extent this is true about the parapsychological field, including cases suggestive of reincarnation. But I think it is an important sign that the interest is still greater for subjects connected with yoga, meditation and self-realization. To a large extent one gets the impression that this could be understood as a search for wholeness and depth in the life and being of the individual.

A new Lodge has come into being during the year. It was formed in the town of Västerås some 100 km. west of Stockholm in June after a series of public lectures and discussion meetings during the preceding 18 months.

In addition to the booklet on *Reincarnation and Karma*, mentioned in our last report, three small pamphlets have been issued, all three of them containing talks and articles by the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram.

The joint Scandinavian magazine *Teosofi i Norden* has been continued. The selling of Theosophical books reached about the same level as in the previous year.

The collection for the repair and maintenance of buildings at Adyar during 1968 resulted in the amount of 140 pounds sterling.

The Section now has 12 Lodges, nine of which have regular public meetings and members' meetings. There are now 341 members. Since last year 27 members have joined and 35 have left, 27 of them lapsings, which means a net decrease of 8 members.

CURT BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

The increasing search by mankind for truth was intensified recently by the mighty moon landing achievement. Science and technology are beginning to dominate world thought with, fortunately, scientists themselves coming closer to the Theosophical viewpoint concerning the universe and man. Whilst many of them will not accept the idea of a transcendent God, nevertheless they are accepting God immanent in His whole creation and embodying an impersonal natural law. Our keynote for 1969 "Theosophy—the Spiritual Science the world is seeking," is being followed in 1970 with the theme: "Theosophy—Spiritual Science for the Space Age". The vast age of the moon and indeed the universe calculated by astronomers and such, is intriguing the mind of man as never before, with the consequent shattering of long-held beliefs. Herein lies our great opportunity as Theosophists to enter the arena and make a vital contribution in these fast moving times.

To Satisfy the Demand.—So that a vacuum will not be left in people's minds and lives as they discard outworn theories, dogmas and old scientific creeds, the New Zealand Section has increased its advertising, publicity and lecturers in the field. A wide distribution of the booklet *Introducing Theosophy*, Geoffrey Hodson's booklist, special propaganda leaflets for the visit of Mrs. Gool Minwalla and thousands of reprints of the national network on radio stations of "I Believe," has been undertaken. Many new members have joined, Gisborne Lodge having doubled its membership. Quest books and classes and lectures on yoga have been found to be popular, with interest and audiences at lectures increasing. The School of the Wisdom, directed for several months by Geoffrey Hodson and later by local directors, brought audiences of close

on 200 for quite a long period. It is still continuing to be very deeply followed by the public as well as members. In addition to the splendid work done by our National Lecturer who visited all Lodges, many other speakers have made lecture tours and helped nearby Lodges, with benefit to all. The General Secretary, also, has visited all Lodges giving members' as well as public talks in many centres. He has been invited to address university students, teachers' training colleges, the Technical Institute Students' Association as well as as other organizations. The splendid efforts made by members, all Lodge groups and Headquarters workers have made it increasingly possible to offer the teachings of Theosophy to thousands more in New Zealand. Emphasis has been placed on the fact that science should be religious and religion should be scientific, that man in the Space-Age should know his rightful place as an evolving spiritual being in a gigantic universe, guided by love, justice, intelligence and law.

Membership.—One hundred and thirty-two new members have joined this year, giving us a total of 1,096, an increase of 90 for the year after deducting resignations, transfers and deaths.

Visit of Mrs. Gool Minwalla.—The response of members and public alike to this charming and expert speaker was very gratifying. T. V., Radio and the Press were generous to her in most centres, and had it not been for the landing of men on the moon at the time, greater space on T. V. would have been allocated. Increased audiences and additional membership were symbols of her success.

General.—In addition to the visits of the General Secretary and National Lecturer, Miss E. Busch, Miss Cecilia Pollard and Mr. Eric Brown have visited a number of Lodges and other members have given

generously of their time and service in helping to support Lodges.

75th Celebration in Christchurch.—A highlight of the Society was the Christchurch Lodge Anniversary, when members paid tribute to their very capable leaders in the past. There were many happy reminiscences when old friends came together for this very special occasion. The audience for the public gathering was such that every seat was taken.

Advertising and Publicity.—The expansion of our magazine and daily advertising have continued to bring fresh interest and hundreds of replies. One *Herald* advertisement brought 140 replies with 14 new members. Every enquiry has been followed up with booklets and lists for recommended reading, thanks to the efficiency of our Treasurer, Mr. Neill Edgar, our Assistant General Secretary, Miss Cecilia Pollard and our Librarian, Mrs. Joan Patterson. Fresh supplies of the American Study Course "Tenets of Theosophy" have been sold out and some 2,000 letters posted to new members throughout the year. Each new member receives a monthly membership letter for 18 months.

Mason Foundation for New Zealand.—This Kern-type undertaking is now built into our financial structure and is open for donations, gifts to the Society and legacies to enable it to expand and in time to emulate the important work being done in America. The critical period through which the world is passing at present calls for considerable sacrifices from those who have the wisdom and the means to support realistic channels for the dissemination of Theosophy. Thomas A. Edison, a personal friend of Madame Blavatsky, carried the world forward, it is said, by a thousand years inventionwise. We may not all be Edisons, but our contributions can be the means of providing the capacity and opportunity to influence thousands! Let it

not be said of any one of us that we failed to make our maximum effort when the minds of men were in such need of the eternal wisdom and the inspiration that Theosophy provides.

"Theosophy in New Zealand".—This "digest" type of production with original articles as well as summaries of many valuable overseas contributions, increasingly arouses interest and comment among members and the public. It is popular overseas and at home, bringing many congratulatory letters on its production, and on the helpful subject matter it contains. Some have come across *Theosophy in New Zealand* in their local libraries and have joined the Society as a result.

Libraries and Archives.—Mrs. Joan Patterson has expanded the use by members of the Section Library, hundreds of books having been sent out this year. This is better than last year's figures which were above those of the previous year. Mrs. Pat Edgar is in charge of the Tape Library work which is also increasing. Our Archive section is being added to appreciably.

Youth Work.—The Auckland activities proceed apace, with youth activity being aroused in other Lodges as well. Increasing numbers of university students are attending lectures, joining up and one of them is writing a thesis on the Society's work! One of our Presidents has had success in opening up her house on Sunday afternoons for young thinkers.

T. O. S.—Iona Flats are continuing to fulfil their very useful and helpful function in providing accommodation for the middle aged workers. Orewa House is operated most efficiently by Mrs. E. Naylor and Mr. and Mrs. Mayne. Yoga activities by Mrs. Sylvia Mayne have been very popular and well accepted by all, and the Theosophical activities, which included an Easter seminar with Geoffrey Hodson,

have been most successful. All members should benefit by a holiday at this well run Centre.

The Dunedin T. O. S. continues its splendid work for animal welfare, health, etc. There were 500 entries and 40 prizes in the "Kindness to Animals" poster competition this year. Many of the posters will be sent to Denver, Colorado, for the international competition.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey and Sandra Hodson.—Our special thanks go to these untiring workers for their special help in New Zealand during the latter part of last year and the early part of 1969, for inspiring lectures, personal interviews, classes of the School of the Ageless Wisdom, to name only a few of their many invaluable contributions.

Special Thanks.—The selfless contribution of our officers and members in New Zealand and Fiji has made 1969 a year of substantial progress and development. Miss Cecilia Pollard, who was appointed Assistant General Secretary early in the year, has fulfilled all her duties efficiently and congenially, proving an added tower of strength to the Section. As there can be no cause without an effect, it is highly probable that we have all worked together on many previous occasions and are now enjoying friendships and sharing mutual abilities which will bring us all together again in Their service throughout

eternity. On the shores of the Pacific, where the 6th Sub-Race is about to emerge, we have a special responsibility in preparing the spiritual atmosphere of culture, co-operation and brotherhood in action, which is necessary for its speedy introduction.

Conclusion.—May our inner convictions be so deep and vital, our understanding of the message so clear cut, our dedication to the work so complete, that we are able to help the Inner Government of the World to lead humanity out of its suffering caused by ignorance, into a new age of truth, brotherhood and spiritual unfoldment. As we go forward into 1970, may we fulfil our divine destinies by making a worthwhile contribution to the establishment of a new civilization on the shores of the Pacific. In the words of one of our Founders:

"Have confidence in yourselves, as we have in everyone of you, for there is not one single member of the Society without a link with us, or whose help we do not need. Have we not chosen each one of you because we need you? You need each other, and we need you all. Be brave for Truth and Brotherhood, and we shall be with you throughout the ages." (An Elder Brother)

BRIAN DUNNINGHAM,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

Membership shows again a decrease of 24. There were 40 deaths. The number of the Young Theosophists did not change, but in their group a centre has been formed, "Workgroup Occultism". Its President is Mr. Henk Verhoog. They study *Isis*, *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Key to Theosophy*, and the Letters of the

Masters, in comparison with modern science and biology. One group is working in Amsterdam, another in Utrecht and a third in The Hague, each with 16 members. Mr. Spierenburg, a very active member, started a magazine, *Lucifer*, as a neutral centre to reach all the offsprings of the Theosophical Society. It is

completely self-supporting and has 400 subscribers. The study-subjects in the Lodges are the Theosophical classics, Depth Psychology and New Ethics (Erich Neumann), also Polemology—the wisdom or science of peace and war. On this subject we had our Summer School. We had two young workers from the Polemological Institute at Gröningen as speakers and three of our own members. After each lecture the members formed discussion groups to go deeper into the subject. It was like a diagnosis of our time now, what is our place in that pattern and how can we act in the right way, as individuals and as the Theosophical Society. It was a pity that none of our young members was present—no time but also no interest.

Publishing House.—Our dictionary, *Ganesha*, is ready and well received in the country by non-Theosophical bookshops. There was a reprint of *Reincarnation* by Cooper, and *The Winged Pharaoh* by Joan Grant, in co-operation with the publishing house "De Driehoek". *Theosophia* has a new lay-out, and looks more attractive inside. The Library is still going strong under the guidance of Mr. Van Leeuwen. Members of the Society were asked to co-operate in some television and radio programs. Henk

Verhoog had a television-spot of 15 minutes on the several aspects of Theosophy. Mr. Espeet was in a program on reincarnation. On the HIRO we had a 3-minute spot in television about the Theosophical seal and got 80 letters asking for more information. These programs show that Theosophy has its place in the world and in the minds of many people. But it lays a heavy burden on the shoulders of all the members and the Lodges. Are we living up to the things we propagate? This is most important. Also at high school the children are taught about the various spiritual movements and often they come to us for more information and pamphlets. But we must give them the answers in the language *they* understand. So we have to study as hard as they do to keep pace with them or at least to know what they are talking about. Only then, when we are willing to listen with open minds and open hearts to them, can we hope that our Theosophy will be received by them. It is not what we can give, but what we are and what we do with all our ideals. That is what youth is asking for.

N. E. v. d. SCHOOT-GROOT,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

Though doing our best, we do not succeed in enlarging our impact on the public, so we have to do our routine work as well as we can, with Lodge meetings, lectures, courses on Theosophy and on *The Secret Doctrine*, books, magazines and correspondence with members.

As we cannot have a long Convention and must adapt it to a short week-end, we try to pack as many activities as

possible into the two days. It seems that it is becoming a little more attractive to members.

About forty of our members attended the Pays-Latins Regional Summer School in Brussels in August 1969.

Our membership remains the same.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

This year our Annual Convention was held in Ascoli Piceno (near Ancona), and notwithstanding the distance about 100 members took part in it. All administrative business was discussed in an atmosphere of fraternal comprehension.

This year the theme chosen for the Convention was Karma and Reincarnation. Different lecturers examined the problem under its various aspects, while the General Secretary spoke particularly on "The Problem of Nationality, Nationalism and Internationalism in the Light of the Theosophical concepts of Reincarnation and Karma".

With regard to the life of our Section during the past year, while the activity of most of our Theosophical Groups and Centres has continued in the normal way, some painful occurrences have taken place. At Bari our dear and faithful friend, Mr. Enrico Vigliano, President of the *Isis* Group in that town, was struck down by a heart attack and up to the present none of the members of that Group has felt equal to assuming the leadership and carrying on the work. A similar situation had occurred previously in Rome where Mr. Guido Parisch, President of the Group *Veritas et Jus* and of the *H.P.B. Roman Theosophical Lodge*, was no longer able to take the lead of the above two Groups. I therefore considered it necessary to address personal letters to each of the members, in the hope that some one of them would wish to take on the duty of continuing the work of their ex-President; this was, unfortunately, of no avail. Only a few of them thought it necessary to respond to my call, and these stated that they wished to remain in our Society only as unattached members. Consequently, as these Groups have no longer been operating

since January of this year, I have had to remove their names.

It has also happened that, owing to the transfer from Messina to Palermo of Mr. Gaetano Arcara, President of the *Arise and Walk* Group at Messina, this group too has ceased to function, as none of the members was prepared to continue the work. A similar thing took place in Bolzano because of the transfer to another town of Mr. Michael T. Greifenegg, President of the *Jehoshua* Group of Bolzano, and that Group has also ceased operating.

During the year eight members passed beyond the veil; among these we must particularly remember our dear brother Enrico Torcetta of Turin, one of the oldest and most faithful members of the Italian Section.

On September 30th of this year the number of members in our Section who have paid their subscriptions is 523, of whom 443 belong to the present 21 Groups and two Centres and 80 are unattached members. Altogether 43 new members have joined the Section.

In accordance with our hopes, the activities of the "Sirio" Publishers of Trieste have continued with renewed energy; consequently the promulgation of the first volume of *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett* has continued without pause, as well, of course, as the sale of other Theosophical works.

In accordance with the decision of the Executive Council of the Italian Section, later approved unanimously by the General Council at our Annual Convention, the name of our Sectional monthly magazine was changed from the original one of *Alba Spirituale* to the present one of *Rivista Teosofica Italiana*, meeting with the approval of most of the members and sympathizers, who found the new title

more in keeping with the spirit of the times and a clearer expression of the magazine's contents. The work of our magazine has continued with perfect regularity and without interruptions, being increasingly appreciated by its readers, both in Italy and abroad.

From the 10th to the 15th October, 1968, I visited Trieste, and on the evening of Friday, 11th October I gave a talk on "The Science of Spirit and the Modern World" followed by another on the evening of Monday, 14th October.

To close, I wish to express the warmest thanks to Dr. Franco Collina and all his co-workers for the excellent organization

of our Convention; and at the same time I heartily thank our Vice-Secretary General, Mr. Erminio Fioriti and all the members who have contributed in one way or another to the very considerable work entailed in producing our *Rivista Teosofica Italiana*; to all the Group Presidents for their activities; to our Treasurer Mr. Loris Carlesi, for his constant assistance in the administrative work of the Theosophical Society in Italy; and to the Administratrix of the Theosophical Library Foundation of Rome.

ROBERTO HACK,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

During the General Convention on 2nd and 3rd August 1969 at Hustedt the elections for the board took place and Mrs. Anneliese Stephen was re-elected General Secretary.

Members present at the Convention discussed harmoniously our work within the Section for the next three years and our effort for 1975. Our hope is the world-wide distribution of the proposed "Century Book".

From the 4th to 10th August 1969 the German Summer School was attended by 64 members with much sunshine within and without, the subject being: "Our Ideals, how to present them and put them into everyday life". Since 1966, every year at Summer School time we have one or two meetings of the Lodge leaders for discussions and co-operation with the General Secretary. This time the international report about the Presentation of Theosophy was discussed; some action will arise out of it.

Mr. Ekhard Rösch, Wiesbaden, finished his work as Editor of the German regional magazine *Adyar* at the end of 1968. Members will always gratefully remember

his dedicated work; the seeds of Theosophy he has sown will grow.

Some of our Lodges were visited on lecture tours by Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the European Federation Council; Mr. Axel von Fielitz-Coniar, Muralto; Dr. Grete Hansmann, Graz; Dr. Frederic Mellinger and Mrs. Beate Mattern, both from Berlin.

The Theosophical Study Circle at the University of Göttingen was strengthened by several lectures and discussions during November by Dr. Frederic Mellinger and Mr. Egbert Richter, Bremen.

During our week-end meetings at Inzmühlen in October and May some of the young people from Göttingen were present and we shared the results of their work under the Lodge leadership of Mr. Heinz Müller-Jung, Waake.

Seven members from Germany, including the General Secretary attended the Summer School at Uddevalla (Sweden) and were very happy to meet our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram and Mrs. Radha Burnier there.

ANNELIESE STEPHEN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

Activities.—The Section organized among the eight Lodges which meet in the Section building, an Elementary Theosophy Study Course. The program was based fundamentally on H. P. Blavatsky's *The Key to Theosophy*, and Colonel Olcott's *Old Diary Leaves*. No special lecturer or lecturers were appointed by the Section. All eight Lodges were asked to appoint among their members those who wanted to act as lecturers, and at the same time were asked to select from the program the subject of study they preferred. The study course took place once a week with a duration of 90 minutes per meeting, divided into two parts: The Theosophical Society, basic history and organization, and Theosophy, each with 30 minutes of lecture and 15 minutes for questions and answers on the subject explained. The Course started on October 3, 1968, and was closed in the first half of March 1969. The Course proved attractive to the members of the Lodges and to non-member visitors.

Another activity of the Section was to organize regular once-a-week joint meetings of the eight Havana Lodges of the Section. This was started after the closing of the Theosophical Study Course and is still going on. Every week the joint meeting is in a different Lodge. It started with "Atma" Lodge which meets on Mondays, the following week it is in "Annie Besant" Lodge which meets on Tuesdays, and so on. Every Lodge is free to select the program for the joint meeting that takes place in it.

64th National Convention.—This was held on January 24, 25 and 26, 1969. Twelve Lodges of the Section sent their Delegates. The Annual Report of the National President was read. The Administrative meetings of the Convention and of the Board of Direc-

tors were held in a high spirit of fraternity.

It was agreed that the National President should organize a Group for Theosophical Investigations, to work on the corroboration of Theosophical teachings. Señor Celestino Aguilar was appointed by the President to organize this group.

It was also agreed that the National President should appoint a group of members to compile in a synthesized form the History of the Cuban Section.

In the meeting for members held on January 24, 1969, during the Convention, the Vice-President of the Section, Señor Ignacio Muñio Quintero, lectured on "The Immediate Needs," and Señor Manuel Martinez Mendez, President of "Sophia" Lodge of the City of Cienfuegos, on "The Eternity of Life". In the public meetings during the Convention, Señora Raquel Catala (Mahachohan Lodge, Havana) lectured on "Sublime Mystic". A panel of members lectured on Atomic Energy, which proved very interesting and instructive on the scientific side of Theosophy.

Lodges and Members.—This year ended with 19 active Lodges, the same as the year before.

The number of members has increased, compared to last year's report, from 351 to 357, as at September 30, 1969. The new entries were 37, of which 36 were new members with 1 re-entry; and the decreases 21: 4 resignations, 5 deceased, 4 lapsings and 8 transfers to other Sections.

Señor Juan Cruz Bustillo, a member of the Theosophical Society since December 10, 1905, died on July 12, 1969 at the age of 90.

The Theosophical Festivities.—These were celebrated as usual in the Section's building at Havana.

On Foundation Day, (November 17) there were lectures on "H.P.B. and The Masters of Wisdom," by Señora Encarnación Sanchez; on "H. S. O. President Founder," by Señor Juan Bautista Rodriguez; and on "The Theosophical Society and Its Position before the World," by Señor Roberto Latour.

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

As in previous years, we have not yet been able to comply with our financial obligations to Adyar. The National Bank regulations at present do not allow the export of dollars. We have made the corresponding reserve of funds.

Conclusion.—We think of a better future for humanity through Love and Theosophy.

DANA CRUZ-BUSTILLO,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The Theosophical work in the Finnish Section has been carried on much in the same way as before. The Lodges have had their meetings twice or four times during the month and their working method has been discussion on different subjects. The Lodges use either a study book or the members prepare short lectures and in both cases discussion follows. Once a month the Board sends to each Lodge a short circular to be discussed in the meeting. This has also been used as an information medium and it has proved very useful.

There are several Lodges in the country with a small number of members. To give these Lodges more support, visits arranged by the Board have been paid to some of them. The visit of 20-30 members is experienced by the Lodge as quite an occasion in its rather quiet life, especially as the visitors give on those occasions one or two lectures and there has been much discussion. Several times during the year the members have also

gathered at Kreivilä. However, the most important gathering was in June, when the Summer School was held there. It lasted for ten days and the motto of the School was "Theosophy, as the Light of Life". More than a hundred members attended and 15 lectures were given by the members. After each lecture there was a lively discussion. Those ten days were very happy ones, because there was an opportunity to study Theosophy, to make friends with many people, to swim and bathe. Also the weather was excellent all the time.

At the end of August the last visit during the year was paid to Kreivilä. It was a happy meeting of about 50 members for two days. Some lectures were delivered, there was much discussion, music and singing together.

The Annual Convention was held at Easter as usual. This occasion was a very inspiring one. The custom in Finland is to be together for three days. Friday is the day of arrival and at night

there is a meeting which includes an address of welcome, music, singing, etc. On Saturday there are two sessions: a symposium and the Annual Convention. At the symposium three short lectures were given, concerning the same given subject, which this time was "The Changing Theosophy".

Some 150 members took part in the Annual Convention. The General Secretary, Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa addressed the audience and read the invocation to the Masters at the end of his speech.

On Sunday there are usually three sessions: the meeting of the Young Theosophists, the gathering of all members and the annual celebration for the public. All these occasions were wonderfully organized and very inspiring because of their fine lectures. The annual celebration on Sunday night was very pleasing because of the young artists who recited Kalevala, played the violin and sang.

ATTE POHJANMAA,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

The 61st Annual Convention held in Johannesburg during the Easter week-end of 1969 coincided with the 70th Anniversary of the Johannesburg Lodge which was the first Lodge to be established in South Africa. The Johannesburg Lodge Charter, signed by Colonel H. S. Olcott, is dated 14th April, 1899, and gives the geographical location of the Lodge as being within the then Republic of South Africa.

The highlight of Convention 1969 was a Golden Jubilee luncheon given by the Johannesburg Lodge. The guest of honor was the Mayor of Johannesburg, Councillor Patrick Lewis. He has himself an outstanding record of service to the

poor and needy in our community, and particularly to our vast African population. He spoke of the early history of Theosophy in this country and of the ideal of brotherhood.

The city of Johannesburg, which began as a mining camp, has recently considered the aesthetic aspects of modern town planning, and statues, fountains and gardens have been encouraged. Mr. Ivan Mitford-Barberton has agreed to model on a large scale his famous "Serpent Fire," a symbolic bronze, and the Johannesburg Lodge will present this to the City to mark the 70th anniversary.

Meetings of the Section Executive Committee.—The Section Executive met five

times during the year mainly for the conduct of routine business, but time was devoted to the possibility of organizing a Summer School at a guest farm. We have not as yet achieved this.

Membership.—The membership returns submitted to Convention reflect statistics as at the end of the calendar year. On December 31st, 1968, the membership was 469, an increase of 17. We had enrolled 61 new members, lost 10 by death, 5 by resignation and removed 25 from the roll.

Membership over the past 20 years was reviewed: 482 members in 1949, 625 in 1953 an all-time high, dropping to 474 in 1962 and still lower to 413 in 1964. We are beginning to climb up again but our membership is poor when one considers the growth of our country in population and prosperity.

The Link.—The production of our modest quarterly journal presents many problems, for printing costs have risen steeply and much time was wasted experimenting with cheaper alternatives. Yet, if only we could afford it, we have enough valuable and original material to produce *The Link* once a month.

"Lodge in the Air".—This valuable magazine is edited and produced by Mrs. Pamela Mitford-Barberton and is greatly appreciated, especially by sick and lonely people.

Books.—We have imported considerable quantities of the Quest books and they sell well on Lodge bookstalls. A leading chain bookstore also stocks these titles. As we are unable to print our own pamphlets we rely on imports from London and America, which are always eagerly snatched up.

Section Library.—This library consists of books and tapes; the Librarian is experimenting with the distribution of a tape lecture together with a small parcel of books on the same subject. The

B.B.C. tape "Against the Tide" is a valuable addition; we are most careful about copyright rules in using this recording.

Lecture Tours and Overseas Visits.—The General Secretary, accompanied by the Section Treasurer and her husband, visited Rhodesia in June 1968 for a Congress and paid two visits to Durban. Lack of money has prevented visits to other centres.

Three South African members were able to attend the European Congress at Swanwick in July 1968, travelling at their own expense. The General Secretary was in Europe on business in August and September 1968 and so was able to visit the English Headquarters for valuable discussions.

When we heard that Mr. Sri Ram planned to visit East Africa for the Golden Jubilee of Nairobi Lodge, we wrote at once to ask him to visit South Africa but it proved impossible.

Public Relations.—Extracts from Mr. E. L. Gardner's work on Fairies were published in *Eve*—color supplement to the *Rand Daily Mail*—on the 27th February 1969, just before Mr. Gardner's centenary celebrated on 19th March, 1969.

Local newspapers and magazines published interviews with Mrs. Hilda Jaffa, a member from England, who visited Johannesburg in January.

Small advertisements asking leading questions such as "Is man master of his fate?"; "What happens when we die?"; "Is it true that you have lived on earth before?"; "Are you interested in extrasensory perception?"; were placed in weekly newspapers. The question about extrasensory perception prompted the most interest.

Journals received from other Sections and kindred societies are distributed to Lodges for their study groups.

Finance.—The income of the Section during the year was 1,008 rands (approximately £504). The net loss during the year was 510 rands. *The Link* also ran at a loss, income amounting to 270 rands and printing costs 526 rands.

The Clara Codd Pension Fund was maintained.

The Southern African Section has no headquarters, no paid staff and no equipment. Most of the Lodges are having a struggle to make ends meet, but Cape Town and Pretoria now both have their own premises and Johannesburg Lodge,

the largest and wealthiest, is able to rent large central city premises.

Conclusion.—Further expansion of our work seems impossible unless the financial situation improves, as we do not count amongst our members the wealthy South Africans—though the whole world tends to think of this as a country populated by very wealthy people. It is a false idea; we struggle on as do Theosophical groups everywhere.

PHYLLIS S. LEAN,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

There are 92 members in Scotland, including one affiliate (in Nigeria), one associate, and one honorary member.

With the departure of older members, either by death or emigration, our numbers are decreasing and there are not many of the younger generation who will take on responsibility as members of the Society. Fortunately, there are a few devoted members in each Lodge who can be relied upon to keep the door open.

Those members who have gone home to their own country of Nigeria have worked very hard, and are happy to have received a Charter for their Lodge in Lagos. One of their number wishes to remain an affiliate and keep in close touch with us.

Lodges meet regularly, and our visiting lecturers have attracted interested audiences. During the year we have been delighted to welcome a few new speakers to our platform, notably Dr. Jane Shepherd, Miss Rowena Harris, Miss Alice Entwisle and Mr. W. J. Ross of U.S.A. They have also been introduced to fresh

areas in St. Andrews and Cowdenbeath (Dunfermline Lodge) in Fife.

The Convention was held in Glasgow with Dr. Hugh Shearman as Guest Speaker. Numerically, the meetings were smaller than usual, but the atmosphere was harmonious and brotherly. A fine impact was made on both members and the public.

The General Secretary attended the Convention in England and also the Summer School at Uddevalla when the European Federation Council meetings took place.

Practical support is given to services like Oxfam, and "Save the Children" Fund, and parcels of necessities are sent to these organizations via the T.O.S. in London.

Help is also given to individual enquirers with personal difficulties, and to young people who are seeking for authority, particularly along the fashionable cult of Hatha Yoga.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

The General Secretary and the various officers were re-elected in the autumn of 1968 for a further three-year period.

The 1969 Annual Convention was held at our renovated Geneva headquarters with about 40 members attending. Besides the usual business meetings, a symposium was held on "How can we help the world with thought?"

Members in Switzerland share the magazines *Le Lotus Bleu* and *Adyar* (in an attractive new form under the editorship of Dr. N. Lauppert, Austria) with other Sections. They also receive from the General Secretary periodical newsletters with various enclosures, including instalments of a text by Christmas Humphreys on *The Secret Doctrine*.

Visitors to the different Lodges were much appreciated. They included Mrs. S. Neelakantan (India), Mrs. C. Wyss, Chairman of the European Theosophical Council, Mrs. A. Stephan (Germany), Miss I. Hoskins (England), Mrs. N. Grandi (Monaco) and the General Secretary.

The Lodges are active, though in some cases forms seem to be weakening or changing. The autumn program of the Geneva group consisted of courses: a beginners' course, a *Secret Doctrine* course and a course entitled "Know Thyself". A new Lodge was formed in Geneva, "Pythagoras," the members being mostly of about two years' standing. The Lodge "Lotus" in Zurich has not met for some time, but a nucleus of

members has met several times along with the European Chairman and the General Secretary and it is to be hoped that work will be organized on a fresh basis. The Lodges in Basle are still engaged in the task of installing a library.

We much regret the death of an old and beloved member, Mr. Hans Kläsi.

The General Secretary attended the European Council meetings in Sweden in July 1969 and various Swiss members attended Summer Schools in Belgium, Germany and Austria and the Young Theosophists Camp which was held in Saanen, Switzerland.

The Executive Committee of the European Theosophical Federation and the German-speaking regional committee met at the headquarters of the Basle Lodges in January 1969.

The budget of the Meyer Fund (administered by Mr. G. Tripet) was adopted for 1969 by the National Committee and provided among other things for contributions to various Theosophical funds and causes, subsidies to the rent of premises in Geneva and Basle and the distribution of Theosophical books to about 60 public libraries in the French-speaking part of the country. Books for libraries in the German-speaking part of Switzerland will follow in 1970. An international Theosophical literary competition has also been launched.

MARY ANDERSON,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

During the year 36 public lectures were arranged in Brussels, with an attendance of 40 to 50 persons. We have had 22 new members, two resignations and three deaths, a gain of 17 members. Mr. De Pauw is doing very good work in the Flemish area.

In Brussels the Blavatsky Lodge continued its course of study on *The Secret Doctrine*, Brussels Lodge held a course on astrology; Light Lodge is studying the Kabala, Central Lodge, the Laws of the Inner Life; and Lotus, the Bodies of Man.

As General Secretary I have been twice to Liège to give lectures and once to Antwerp. I was at Huizen for the French-speaking week-end at Pentecost.

Our annual General Meeting was held on 25th June in a very good atmosphere of cordiality. I was re-elected as General Secretary for another three years.

The great event of the year was the organization by the Section of the Pays-Latins Summer School in Brussels from

8th to 16th August 1969. It was held in the buildings of the University of Brussels. We had the great opportunity of having with us the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and also Mrs. Clare Wyss, the Chairman of the European Theosophical Council. This gave us the privilege of spending a very good time in a spiritual atmosphere. The Summer School was attended by 126 members, coming from France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland and other places. We had 12 lectures, also study groups, an excursion to Bruges, a visit to Brussels, a beautiful concert and a film about the performance of the cosmonauts. In their free time the members could visit the beautiful forest near the University building. In addition the weather was unusually fine, all this tending to make of the Summer School a great success.

B. NYSENS,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

Section Suspended

BURMA

During the year 1968-69 the number of Lodges remained the same. Though there were 16 new admissions, owing to the departure of 6 members for abroad and 2 deaths, the membership increased from 44 to 52 only.

With the departure for India of the two sisters Mrs. Sheila Natarajan and Miss Ranjitham Arumugam and Mr. N. Gurunathan, and for U.S.A. of Mr. Ronald K.

Large, and also the death of Mr. Kantaya, President of the Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, the Theosophical movement has lost five active members. The deep sense of great loss and regret felt by the Section at the death of Mr. Kantaya could be appreciated when it was realized that he was not only a pleasant and kind-hearted old gentleman but was one of the veteran Theosophists who had kept the Theosophical movement

alive in Maymyo. Mrs. Sheila Natarajan was an active and earnest and sincere worker who served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Rangoon Theosophical Society as well as of the General Council of the Burma Section. She has endeared herself to her fellow Theosophists by her grace, amiability and serenity. Miss Ranjitham Arumugam, a quiet, taciturn lady also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Rangoon Theosophical Society.

The Section has as usual striven to keep up its level of activities and effectiveness through its constituent Lodges. The Olcott Lodge, Rangoon, and the Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, maintained the standard of activities throughout the year. The Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo, however, suffered from lack of enough active members. The Rangoon Youth Lodge remained more or less dormant for want of sufficient young Theosophists to revive it.

The Section Convention held at its Headquarters on Sunday the 27th October 1968 was presided over by Dr. Tun Min. The main Convention lecture "The Mount of Bliss" was delivered by Dr. Ba Thi. About 30 members and friends attended the Convention.

Farewell parties were given in honor of Mrs. Sheila Natarajan and Mr. N. Gurusathan on 16-3-69 and of Mrs. Ranjitham Arumugam on 15-6-69. They departed for India on 21-3-69 and 16-6-69 respectively.

Circumstances have curtailed our T.O.S. work and work connected with the dissemination of the knowledge of Theosophy in Burma. Nevertheless, it is hoped that once our pending problems, inclusive of the Society's land in Thingangyun and the import of books on Theosophy and allied subjects, are solved though probably on a more modest scale, our activities will come into full swing again. It will become

possible to revitalise the Burma Humanitarian League and though we will not be able to play as big a role as before in the field of education, we will be able to undertake other services to humanity such as contributing to funds for the relief of victims of fire, flood and cyclone which are of frequent occurrence in this country, and other services such as awarding educational stipends to poor students, making contributions to hospitals, home for the aged poor and other institutions doing humanitarian work. Apart from hopes and aspirations animal welfare work was being continued vigorously by the Mandalay Vegetarian Society. The Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, also contributed K. 50,000/- towards the Mandalay Home for the Aged fund.

As you all know life devoid of trials and tribulations is not only monotonous but is of comparatively less value for our moral and spiritual uplift. They are tests to find out whether we are fit to climb up the next step in the evolutionary process. In spite of or rather as a challenge to our trials and tribulations the Section has, as usual, in its quiet and humble way continued to keep the torch of Theosophy alight in Burma, especially to serve as a centre for the radiation of the rays of brotherly love so that order, harmony and peace may rule the world. This is an indication not only of the devotion and dedication of the members, who, though of different nationalities and religious beliefs, are linked to one another in true brotherhood, but also of a sure foundation that has been laid in the country for the propagation of Theosophy. There is no doubt that though our membership is small the impact and influence of our Society on the moral and religious thought and belief in this country is immeasurably greater than its size.

BA THI,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

The year under report was a year of increased activity in the Austrian Section. Especially the Lodges in Vienna showed intensified life. A study course in Yoga, held by the President of the Vienna Federation of Lodges, Mr. Peter Lauer, M.A., and Mrs. Janie Lauer, attracted a number of younger people. An expert in Egyptology and an expert in Buddhism, who had been invited as guest-speakers, afterwards joined the Society. In the Blavatsky Lodge at Graz a co-operative study group on "The Spiritual Path" attracted new interest.

The membership remained stationary. There were 14 admissions, 7 resignations, 6 deaths and 2 lapsings, resulting in a total membership at the end of the year of 236, against 237 in the previous year.

The Summer School for the German-speaking Regions in Europe was again held at Pichl, Austria, from 7th to 14th September 1969, presided over by Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the Council of the European Federation, and organized by Dr. Erwin Lauppert of Graz. It was attended by 85 members from 7 countries. Mrs. Gertrud Bänzner, a leading member of the independent "Theosophical Society in Germany" was invited as a guest; she gave a lecture on "The Spiritual Hierarchy".

The undersigned is in friendly correspondence with all the other Theosophical organizations working in the German-speaking area.

The activities of the Publishing House for the German-speaking regions, the Adyar-Verlag at Graz, Austria, again increased.

In connection with the resignation of Mr. Ekhard Rösch, of Wiesbaden, Germany, the previous Editor of the regional quarterly magazine *Adyar*, and the appointment of the undersigned as the new Editor, the printing and the business management of the magazine were also transferred to the Adyar-Verlag at Graz. The magazine has been given a new appearance, with special sections on religion, esotericism, comments on contemporary events, news from the different Theosophical organizations and the youth movement, book reviews and letters to the Editor. By intense propaganda, especially by mailing many free copies as samples, it has been possible to double the number of subscribing non-members.

The book sales of the Adyar-Verlag also showed an increase of about 25 per cent; they amount this year to more than 50,000 Austrian schillings. During 1969 there was published a new slightly abridged translation of H. P. B's *The Key to Theosophy* and a second edition of the booklet *Fragen an das Leben (Questions unto Life)* by the undersigned which has been out of print for some years.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

The Norwegian Section has been working regularly during the past year. At our Annual Convention this year we were happy to welcome Mrs. Ingrid Dale of Sweden as our guest speaker. She spoke

on "Ethical Problems" and "Theosophy and Occultism".

This year we have lost our two oldest members, Mr. and Mrs. Birger Zadig. Both of them were already members when

the Norwegian Section was formed in 1913, and they worked for Theosophy the rest of their lives.

From the beginning of 1969 we got into contact with a number of young people, and in May twenty of them joined the Society and formed a new Lodge in Oslo, the Lodge Aquarius.

Our magazine *Theosofi i Norden* has continued along the same lines, in co-

operation with Denmark and Sweden, and is very much appreciated in our Section.

In February this year the General Secretary was re-elected for a period of three years. The membership of the Section is now 138.

RUTH WESSEL NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

(Lodges only—No Report)

DENMARK

The Section has 11 Lodges with 272 members—an increase of 17 members. The number of the unattached members is constantly rising in proportion to the number of Lodge members. This is a thing that should be examined in detail, and we might ask ourselves whether our forms are in need of renewal.

Our Annual Convention was held in Copenhagen on the 3rd and 4th of May 1969 with the Swedish General Secretary, Mr. Curt Berg as guest speaker, and it ended with a symposium, in which Jens Moller, Kaj Sorensen, Ove Skod and the General Secretary spoke on the subject of the "Message of Theosophy to people of our time".

Many Danish members attended the Scandinavian Summer School at Uddevalla in Sweden, where also the council meetings of the European Federation were held.

The Summer School was presided over by Mr. N. Sri Ram and was visited by leading Theosophists from many countries, and

its success was in no small degree due to the fact that it had been so well and carefully planned by our Swedish brethren. At meetings there it was decided to have an Inter-Scandinavian Summer School at G1. Præstegaard in Denmark in the first week of August 1970.

After we had succeeded in 1967 in having a Danish translation of the *Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. B. published, the translator, Sigrid Moller, has now completed the translation and the copying of the whole unabridged work. We are at present negotiating with a Danish publishing house about the publication, as, from a financial point of view, this is too heavy a task for our own publishing house.

During the past year we have as usual held well-attended public meetings at the National Museum in Copenhagen, and the Lodge work has been going on in the winter all over the country as formerly.

Some of our members have worked diligently to procure means for our building

fund to make it possible at some future time to have a house for the Theosophical Headquarters in Copenhagen.

We continue to send monthly letters to new members, and I have often been told that the receivers appreciate these letters and have been inspired to study the subjects mentioned in detail.

A report like this can only be an enumeration of outer activities, and it would be desirable, if possible, to give a better description of the life in the Section

which is due to the many eager and faithful members. Since, according to our rules, a General Secretary must not be in office for more than six years, this will be my last report. Therefore I should like to express my gratitude for the support and help I have always received from Adyar, and I feel convinced that it will be transferred to my successor, who will be elected in May 1970.

N. SÖRENSEN.
General Secretary.

IRELAND

Since my last report we here in Ireland have lived in a turmoil. This unfortunately spread to the Dublin Lodge, not politically or religiously, I am glad to say, but through circumstances much beyond our control, that is to say weather and health. The autumn session passed fairly well, but after Christmas Arctic conditions prevailed and we could not even open the Lodge—as icy roads precluded travelling, and then we were smitten by illness. Three members and two associates were so ill that their lives were despaired of but now happily all five have recovered. Before this we lost by death two members: Mrs. Violet Hadden-Deering, who lived in England but visited Ireland in the summer, and who kept us supplied with excellent papers to be read. The other member was Mr. William McBride who had been a member for fifty years.

All this meant that our spring and summer programs became completely demoralized. We had two bright spots—a very

short visit from Mr. Curt Berg, the General Secretary for Sweden, who was over on a Town Planning Conference. Unfortunately again we could only greet him with a cup of tea and three members.

Mrs. Kranz from Calgary Lodge, Canada, arrived next. She had been here before. This time we managed to get together a fairly comprehensive gathering. After tea she gave us a very interesting talk on how they carried on meetings in Canada owing to the vast spaces they have to travel through.

We welcomed five new members to the Lodge. We hear that two members who have lapsed are returning. We greatly miss Mr. Gordon Godfrey, who after being with us for five years finished his studies at Trinity College and is now working in London. As to the future I can only say, Hope on, hope ever.

DOROTHY M. EMERSON,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

No Report

CANADA

The period covered in this report includes most of the fiftieth year of the Theosophical Society in Canada. It is gratifying to note that some of the members who transferred to the new Section in 1919 are still among the stalwarts of the Society. Their continuity of service, added to that of all who joined subsequently and who are still active, is the real strength of our organization.

The year under review was disappointing so far as membership was concerned, the Section suffering a net loss of ten per cent. It is hoped, however, that at least some of the members who have been transferred to the inactive list will be reinstated in the coming months. It is not easy to identify the reasons for this drop, in so far as new members continued to be attracted in gratifying numbers, and the work of the Lodges did not cease to be as active as in past years.

One common problem faced by many Lodges has been the difficulty in finding suitable accommodation. Several changed their meeting places during the year; others stayed put in spite of financial or other drawbacks. Considering the inflated values on property in our major urban centres, it is quite likely that many organizations including ours will have to be more realistic in allocating funds for space which for the most part is used only for a few hours per week.

During the year, the International Vice-President Mr. James S. Perkins and

Mrs. Perkins visited Toronto. Mr. John Coats visited most of our Lodges on a tour that was co-sponsored by the Canadian Federation of the Theosophical Society.

Preparations for the North American Theosophical Students' Conference to be held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, on October 11 and 12, proceeded during the first nine months of 1969. The Conference is being co-sponsored by the Theosophical Society in America and has as its theme, "Theosophy in the Coming Age".

In July the General Secretary attended the opening of the Convention of the Theosophical Society in America, and also spent a day at the English Section's Summer School. These meetings enabled him to make or renew acquaintance with several General Council members, and impressed on him the amount and quality of the work being done on behalf of the Society all over the world.

During the year Volume III 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 Madame Blavatsky to these institutions. Copies of the book, *William Quan Judge, Theosophical Pioneer* were freely distributed on a per capita basis to the Lodges.

TED G. DAVY,
General Secretary.

 ARGENTINA

Theosophical Tours.—Theosophical tours have been undertaken in the provinces of San Luis, San Juan and Tucuman. Their object is to support the work

where Lodges exist and to try to create them where there are none. The programs include lectures and Round Table meetings arranged by the members in

these localities, and journeys are made to other places with this end in view. It is to be noted that in the city of San Juan a group of eight persons was constituted, with the intention of forming a Theosophical Lodge in the coming year. In San Luis, where there is not yet a Lodge, there were four persons who were interested and next year it is intended to give a new impulse to this locality. Courses in elementary Theosophy were arranged in the cities of Santa Fe, San Juan and Tucuman, consisting of separate classes in each of these places where there is the possibility of members travelling there who offer their co-operation. The courses are followed by a large number of the public, and at these places we have also sold a good quantity of books of our classic Theosophical literature.

Annual Convention and Summer School.—These two events stand out in the life of the Section. They were held during the first week in April 1969 and lasted for eight days. The attendance was 120 persons, which increased at times to 150. Also present were a large number of delegates from the neighboring Section of Uruguay, with some also from Brazil and Bolivia. Among those from Brazil were Mr. and Mrs. Ulisses Riedel de Rezende. Mr. Rezende is the co-ordinator of the newly-formed Inter-American Theosophical Federation. The deliberations of the Convention resulted in fullness of understanding and harmony, and the sessions of the Summer School provided a climate of elevated study, inspiration and brotherhood.

Theosophical Propaganda.—Our Publishing House promoted the sale of books in this country and those nearby. Under consideration is the publication of

Mr. C. W. Leadbeater's book, *A Text-book of Theosophy*, which we hope will shortly be on sale. We should also mention the promotion and sale of books published in Mexico by the "Orion" publishing house, and in Colombia by Mr. Walter Ballesteros.

With regard to the spreading of Theosophy, we should point out that in addition to the courses already mentioned, numerous lectures were arranged throughout the Section by particular Lodges and by the Section Council. For this purpose, an increasing number of exponents must visit various places, in which they are encouraged by the Section Council which collaborates with them.

Visit of Mr. John Coats.—The visit of Mr. John Coats constituted a special event. A tour was organized which enabled him to include all the Theosophical centres of activity in Argentina. This allowed his lectures to be followed and appreciated by our members and the public in all the places which he visited and much benefit was obtained thereby.

Lodge "Annie Besant".—An important event was the inauguration of its own premises by Lodge "Annie Besant" in the city of San Rafael in the Province of Mendoza. On this occasion we had the presence of the donor, Mr. Casto Sauquet, as well as that of the General Secretary, Mr. Luis Spairani, the President of the Cuyana Federation and Mr. John Coats, as well as many delegates from various Lodges in this country. Advantage was taken of the inauguration to give public lectures and hold fraternal meetings.

LUIS P. SPAIRANI,
General Secretary.

CHILE

No Report

BRAZIL

(The Report which follows is a summarized translation of a long Report in the Portuguese language received from the Acting General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Brazil; it has not been possible to include a translation of the complete report.)

It should be stated initially that during the period from 1st October 1968 to 30th September 1969, three of our members have acted as National President (General Secretary). Dr. Alberto Lyra was elected President but went on leave on 28th March 1969; Señor Joao Baptista Brito Pinto, the First Secretary, was then appointed to act by the Section Council and held office until 18th August 1969, on which date the Vice-President, Señor Olavo Desiré Dantas returned from abroad and automatically became the National President. Due to these interruptions the presidential work lost some of its normal rhythm.

Membership.—At 1st October 1968 the membership stood at 1,012, but during the year there was a loss of 39, so that the total at 30th September 1969 was 973. During the period 98 new members joined

and 19 rejoined, but deaths numbered 6, resignations 15 and 135 members became inactive.

Lodges.—The number of Lodges is now 35. During the year three new Lodges were formed: "Arjuna" in Sao Paulo; "Estrela do Norte" in Recife; and "Sidarta" in Rio de Janeiro. Lodge "Harmonia" in Sao Paulo was dissolved.

Administration.—Regular meetings of the National Council were held, as well as one extraordinary meeting called in connection with the election of the new President of the Sao Paulo Federation of Lodges, about which there was some dispute in regard to the conduct of the election; it is not possible to go into the details here.

Publicity.—The Section managed with some difficulty to publish the Spanish edition of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's book *O Reino dos Devas* (*The Kingdom of the Gods*). The Section's official organ *O Teosofia* was published at regular quarterly intervals.

OLAVO DESIRÉ DANTAS,
Acting General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

The last season has been discouraging in some areas and very encouraging in others. The over-all picture of the strength of the Icelandic Section is good.

Since our last report ten new members have entered the Society, ten were lost through death and we have recorded 12 members lapsed and resigned during the season. At 30th September 1969 the membership total stood at 630 as against 644 in the previous year. The number of Lodges remains the same, 14 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.

During the year under review, the Lodge work was maintained with the usual activities as in the previous year. The Chairmen of the Lodges participated in two conferences together with the Executive Committee to discuss how the Lodge work could be improved and the standard of the study heightened. The Lodges had regular meetings of two kinds: meetings with public lectures which were given every week during the winter season and "inner" meetings. The lectures were attended by members as well as non-members of the Society and most of them were given by members of the Society although occasionally lectures were also given by non-members. Then there have also been the

"inner" meetings of each Lodge, which were dedicated to the study of some special subject, the subject chosen for study usually being under consideration during the whole season in the respective Lodge.

The Summer School was held from June 11th to June 15th at Jaoar in the neighborhood of Reykjavic. Thirty-two members took part and one guest from abroad, Mr. Fred Whittle from Sydney in Australia. The main subject under discussion was Theosophy in daily life. The Theosophical book service has continued to sell books on occultism, philosophy, etc., for members of the Society. Some new titles were added to the Society's library this year, but owing to its restricted space it cannot function adequately at present. The magazine *Gangleri*, with a circulation of 2,500 copies, is a most effective medium of propaganda and is very popular.

In closing my short report I would like to express my deep appreciation to my fellow-workers throughout the Lodges and to all members for their good co-operation and ready assistance in all matters connected with the work of the Icelandic Section. We are now looking forward to another year of work rewarding in itself.

SIGURLAUGUR THORKELSSON,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

During this year we maintained our work with the usual activities. We celebrated all the great Theosophical festivals, Founders Day, Adyar Day and White

Lotus Day. We held public meetings at the Headquarters every month.

The work in the Lodges has gone on regularly, every week. Lodge "Koot

Hoomi" did not meet regularly but we hope that during this year it will work in a satisfactory way.

Among the chief lectures given in 1969, we must refer to: "Old and Modern Theosophy—a comparative study," by the writer of this report and "The Child and Theosophy," by the Vice-President, Dr. Maria Beatrix Serpa Branco. This member organized also a Symposium on "Buddhism and Theosophy".

The President of Lodge "Annie Besant" organized some Theosophical meetings in the country, in order to gather the members in the spirit of a Theosophical Summer School.

I was unable to attend the Theosophical meetings of the Summer School in Belgium,

because of my professional work, but some of our members had the happiness to go there.

Our Section will begin the new Theosophical year on the 13th October.

Concerning the membership, we must report that 13 members were admitted; we lost 3 by death and had 4 resignations. The number of members increased from 198 to 204.

We continue optimistic concerning our work and we hope that our Section will grow with the help of the Great Ones in the way of the Eternal Ideals of Theosophy.

DELIO NOBRE SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

The report this year is one of steady effort rather than one of spectacular happenings. Our main Lodges at Cardiff and Colwyn Bay have again carried out good programs of members' meetings with emphasis on particular aspects of the Wisdom Teaching. There have also been some excellent public meetings, some illustrated by colored transparencies, others with musical interpretations. Our Annual Convention was held at the Cardiff Lodge in November 1968, with Dr. Hugh Shearman of Northern Ireland as guest of honor. A few unattached members were able to attend and the Convention was a happy and harmonious family gathering. Members of the Section have again contributed generously to the Theosophical Order of Service, the Olcott Schools at Adyar and other charities. There have been a few

new members enrolled but like many other Sections we would like to see some younger people coming along to take up some of the tasks older members have borne for so long. An interesting development which has grown over the years following a link established, is the interchange of colored transparencies and tape recordings between the Auckland Lodge, New Zealand (Mr. and Mrs. Wilson) and Wales. These have been much enjoyed by members in both countries.

We are again grateful to the English Section for their continued help and co-operation. The General Secretary and Mrs. Edgar attended the Scandinavian Summer School in Sweden and the European Federation Council Meetings.

HARRY EDGAR,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

No Report

PUERTO RICO

Several interesting events characterized the year for the Section. We were pleased to have a visit from Mr. John Coats. He arrived the day before Christmas and left in the middle of January 1969. The public responded most favorably to his lectures, and the members greatly enjoyed meeting him. The second event of the year was the election of a new General Secretary during the Annual Convention on Easter Sunday. Mrs. Carmen G. Ballard, who during two three-year terms had done so much for the Section, declined to stand for a third term. The undersigned was elected. Mrs. Ballard brought various innovations in to the Section's functioning. A very important one of them has been the establishing of group discussions in many of the programs. The fine green lawn the Headquarters building now enjoys is due chiefly to her efforts. In the autumn of 1969 the Section sponsored its first art show. A group of art students from the

University of Puerto Rico were invited to exhibit their work. We expect to organize another one in the future. Also this past autumn a panel was presented as a public service to discuss the problem of alcoholism in the community. The head of the government program to cope with this problem was one of the speakers.

As a result of our weekly radio program and the work of several members, we are accumulating a large number of radio talks in Spanish. Most of our source materials are the excellent talks prepared by the Society in the United States. They are available to those Spanish-speaking groups who wish to use them. Most of the free publicity leaflets developed in the U. S. A. we have had translated and printed in Spanish. These, too, are available to Latin-American groups.

SEYMOUR D. BALLARD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

The Annual Convention was held in Ljubljana on 20th October 1968. There were 23 members present in person and 9 by proxy. After the official opening with welcome to all present there followed a talk by the General Secretary Mr. Anton Jesse, on "Life in Freedom". The budget for 1968-69 was granted. Suggestions were made to lower the membership fee to those who are not able to pay the prescribed amount, and to family members.

Most of the members present at the Convention suggested a change in the names of the Lodges in Ljubljana and Celje. Now the Lodge in Ljubljana is named "Sluzenje" ("Service") instead of "Mother Lodge Harmony-Service," and the Lodge in Celje: "Razumevanje" ("Understanding").

The membership at 30th September 1969 amounted to 62.

The Chairman of the European Federation Council, Mrs. Claire Wyss, visited all four Lodges and her talks and lectures brought a brotherly atmosphere into our Lodges. She spoke of "New thoughts and revolt of the modern youth in the Light of Theosophy".

On May 17, 1969 Mrs. Mila Grubacevic was elected as the new General Secretary, and she presided over the first session on June 21, 1969, with the newly elected Executive Committee.

Six members of the Yugoslav Section attended the Summer School at Pichl, Austria.

MILA GRUBACEVIC,
General Secretary.

CEYLON

The year under review has revealed certain organizational weaknesses; while some Lodges have shown both keenness and consistency in maintaining regular Lodge activities, others have remained in a more or less dormant state. Besant Lodge has continued to hold regular lectures and discussions monthly, and Lotus Lodge at Pasyala also meets regularly on the last Sunday of each month. Shanthi Marga Lodge, which used to meet regularly at the residence of its Secretary at Poddala now holds fortnightly talks and also meditation groups on full-moon days. Lanka Lodge has held joint meetings with other Colombo Lodges whenever such meetings could be arranged. Discussions and lectures covered many subjects; some of them by members of the Society and others by exponents of different religions.

Although the Section as a whole may not have achieved much during the year under review, its members have individually made valuable contributions towards the achievement of religious and communal harmony, the advancement of religious activities and relief of the sufferings of our less fortunate brothers in this Island, as, for example, the Congress of Religions of which I am the President; the Bhikkhu Training Centre at Maharagama, of which I am also the President; a Leprosy Relief Association started by the Congress of Religions and the All Ceylon Buddhist Congress.

In view of the fact that sufficient support has not been forthcoming from the members due to various reasons such as the pressure of other duties and the lack of retired persons who could devote most of

their time to Theosophical activities, we are now making arrangements to carry on joint activities in the Colombo Lodges.

The total membership of the Section has not altered appreciably during the past few

years, new members being enrolled to offset the few resignations and lapsings of members due to non-payment of Lodge dues.

D. L. F. PEDRIS,
General Secretary.

GREECE

The Theosophical Society in Greece has been working very regularly during the whole past year.

A new Lodge under the name "Artemis" has been formed this year by Mr. Christofor Kamarotakis who joined the Society in 1946. The new Lodge has 21 members and is working in our Headquarters in Athens.

The active membership of our Section is now 210.

The book of Mr. Sri Ram, *Life's Deeper Aspects*, has been translated by Mr. John Haritos, one of the founders of the Theosophical Society in Greece in the year 1923, and will soon be published in the Greek language.

We continue to publish our magazine *Ilisos*.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

It is not possible for me to give the statistics regarding the work of the Lodges of this Section because up to the present the only Lodges sending in annual reports are Lodge "Kuthumi" of Guatemala and "Pratibha" of Managua, Nicaragua. Eight new members have joined, 2 in Lodge "Shakti," San José, 5 in Lodge "Luz" in Panama, and one in "Gnosis" Lodge, Guatemala.

The new Lodge "Blavatsky" of this City, which received its Charter this year has continued its teaching work as before and is much visited by young people who are studying in the universities and colleges. It is a very active Lodge since its President, Señora Ella Ruth Rostau has enough time to do the work and has a very good will and capacity for teaching. It has seven members including the Presi-

dent. They resigned from Lodge "Teotl" to form this new Lodge.

Round Table "Luz en el Sendero".—This Round Table works under the protection of Lodge "Teotl" under my direction, and though the active members of this Lodge are not increasing I hope that the young members of the Round Table who are being instructed at special meetings to equip themselves will in time become members of the Lodge, and with this idea such meetings are held the first three Sundays in each month. There are meetings also every Saturday giving Theosophical teachings and people are invited, in the hope that through this opportunity they may feel the desire to become members of the Society.

Five members have died, including Señor José Joaquín Ulloa Zamora, active

member of Lodge Virya, San José, Costa Rica, who was General Secretary of this Section for many years.

Since last July my country has entered into a series of war-time difficulties with Honduras and for this reason we are unable to communicate normally with Lodge "Tegucigalpa" in that Republic. From this Lodge we received the annual dues but not an annual report.

Perhaps I am a little pessimistic in my remarks, though I am not losing faith. Knowing as I do the Theosophical teaching, I feel at times rather despairing because our members do not show a little more

enthusiasm for spreading the teachings, though I try to give voice and encouragement and do all I can to give an impulse towards the realization of our ideals. Above all, I preoccupy myself with the young who, through scientific advancement and various circumstances, feel they lack faith or are losing it; in this way, if they continue our work, it is from now on that we should orient ourselves towards the good and it is in Theosophy that we can undoubtedly meet and respond to all enquirers.

JOSÉ SALOME HERNANDEZ,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

Dissolved

PERU

(See Lodges attached to Adyar)

PHILIPPINES

No Report

COLOMBIA

During the year 1969 the work of our Section was carried on with enthusiasm and activity on the part of all the members, who collaborated with great goodwill in the various programs that had been arranged.

The public lectures at the Headquarters on the first Sunday of each month, given by Messrs. Gabriel Burgos, Walter Ballesteros, Alfonso Ortiz, Antonio Martinez, and Aureliano Zea on various subjects attracted a large number of the public and

the hall was filled to capacity. Those present were able to confirm that Theosophy is an invaluable help in all fields and activities of life.

The Young Theosophists Group, under the charge of Mr. Antonio Martinez and Mrs. Julita Ballesteros de Martinez, assembled more than 35 young people of both sexes in its weekly meetings for the study of Theosophy and for acquiring a better understanding of their own lives

and those of others. They worked with complete enthusiasm, elaborating their own rules, appointing a board of directors and drawing up a program of interesting activities to be carried out during the year with dedication and enthusiasm.

Meetings of our Directing Council were held each month, with effective representation from the Lodges outside Bogota, with the object of taking care efficiently and quickly of their needs, and studying the suggestions presented by them to the Council; this method has achieved good results. The Council agreed to organize visits to the Lodges at Barranquilla, Bucaramanga, Cali and Medellin. Mr. Antonio Martinez began with a visit to the Lodge at Barranquilla and aroused much enthusiasm and ideas for the work. He gave two lectures in this city which were given a magnificent reception.

A Theosophical "workshop" was also organized under the direction of Mr.

Gabriel Burgos, with a weekly meeting for the members of the Society. In these meetings the study of Theosophical subjects and explanations of H. P. B.'s *The Secret Doctrine* are intensified.

We have also established informal meetings for members and sympathizers which are led by Mrs. Julita de Martinez; they are held weekly and deal with the problems of those present such as matrimonial problems, the education of children and the influence of Theosophy to give orientation and guidance to resolve them rightly. Many come to the meetings and they awaken the interest of those present.

Steps are being taken for the acquisition of a new and larger building for our Headquarters, with a capacity that will permit the holding at one time of various activities carried out by our Section.

AURELIANO ZEA ZEA,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

The most significant and memorable events for the East African Section during the year under report was the first visit of our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who presided over the 19th Annual Convention held at Nairobi, and the visit of Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale, who was our main Guest Speaker at the Celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Nairobi Lodge in April, 1969.

19th Annual Convention.—This was held during the Easter holidays from 4th to 7th April, 1969 under the auspices of the Nairobi Lodge and Mr. N. Sri Ram was specially invited from India to preside over it. This gathering was well attended by about 550 delegates from 22 East African Lodges. Mr. N. Sri Ram delivered the first Convention lecture on "The

Nature of the Divine Wisdom". The participants fully enjoyed the peaceful and harmonious atmosphere during the Convention and at the end they expressed their sincere thanks for the excellent arrangement for boarding and lodging and the hospitality offered free of charge by one of the members of the Nairobi Lodge. A special 120-pages issue of *Theosophical Light* containing valuable articles from other Sections was published to mark the occasion. The Theosophical Bookstall sold books worth Shs. 4,500/-.

Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Nairobi Lodge.—The celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Nairobi Lodge (founded on 9th September, 1918) was purposely made to coincide with the 19th Annual Convention; and Mrs. Rukmini Devi

Arundale was specially invited for the Golden Jubilee. Her public lectures were arranged at Taifa Hall of the University College, Nairobi, on 7th, 8th and 9th April, 1969 after the closing of the Convention. A long itinerary was arranged for Mrs. Rukmini Devi's visit to various Lodges: 6 in Tanzania; 10 in Uganda; and 10 in Kenya. She addressed public meetings and members' meetings at most of the Lodges. She was well accommodated at the members' residences, and was taken to the game parks and bird sanctuaries of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania wherever it was possible and convenient.

Study Class at Nile Lodge, Kampala.—This year also a study class was arranged under the auspices of the Nile Lodge at the residence of Dr. J. M. Amin for ten days in August, 1969, by the same group of veteran workers, Messrs. H. S. Patel, H. M. Chhaya, J. B. Oza and Dr. Amin, on *At the Feet of the Master*, when there was a regular daily attendance of about 60 members.

Membership in the Section.—The membership during the year has not decreased to the extent it was anticipated. New admissions during the year numbered 248; rejoinings 12; total 1,519; *Less:* membership dropped 364, transfers to other Sections 11, deaths 4, total 379; Net Membership 1,140 a decrease of 119 members.

It is, however, quite likely that the membership may decrease considerably during the year 1970 in view of the severe effect of intense Africanization in all sectors of occupational life—particularly due to recent trade licensing and immigration legislation.

Lodges.—I am compelled to report with deep regret that out of the 35 Lodges on record, only 20 Lodges are regularly functioning with their weekly or fortnightly meetings and the remaining 15

Lodges in the up-country small towns could be considered as dormant or inactive.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Work is being organized and carried on according to the capacity, time and means at the disposal of each Lodge under the guidance of the National Director Mr. Rattanji H. Patel.

The East African Section has recently suffered a great loss in the passing away on the 5th October, 1969 of the late Mr. Shanabhai N. Patel, the Regional Secretary (Uganda 2), who was a real moving figure behind the six Lodges in the eastern province of Uganda. He was stationed at Mbale. In November, 1968 he visited Tanzania Lodges at the invitation of and arrangement by the Regional Secretary, Tanzania, and attracted large audiences at all public and Lodge meetings.

Conclusion.—Although the future of the East African Section would appear to be shaky and a bit gloomy, the present team of workers throughout East Africa is determined to carry on the Theosophical activities with all possible hopefulness and enthusiasm at their command.

The main obstacle to our steady and sound foundation of the East African Lodges is the lack of participation of our African brothers in joining the Society. Hardly five per cent of the present membership are registered as citizens of East Africa; and it is unfortunate that only a few amongst them have come forward to offer their active services in the cause of Theosophy.

With a view to attracting more Africans towards Theosophical principles and understanding, the Executive Committee of the East African Section decided to invite Mr. E. Michael Affram, the Organizing Secretary of the Theosophical Society in West Africa, as our Guest Speaker at the 20th Annual Convention to

be held in March, 1970. With an itinerary in East Africa of four weeks, it is hoped to succeed in presenting Theosophy before the enlightened African mass so that

they may be inclined to join our ranks for their own good.

A. B. PATEL,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

Although the year under report has been one of turmoil, difficulty and uncertainty so far as conditions in the country are concerned, the work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan has been carried on uninterrupted and the Lodges report steady activities with no appreciable change in statistics of membership or of the number of Lodges.

Lodges in Pakistan.—Lodges continue to function efficiently in Karachi, Hyderabad and Comilla. The work in Quetta is sporadic, depending on special efforts of the few members present there. There has been no report of the work in Lahore although a sufficient membership prevails to keep the Lodge intact. The Youth Lodge at Karachi which had remained suspended for the past two years has been activated as a Youth Group which meets every week since March 1969. There is a growing interest of young people in the activities of the Group and also in the work of the Lodges at Karachi and Hyderabad.

Karachi continues to be the most important centre of Theosophical work in Pakistan. Public lectures, weekly study classes, members' meetings, together with special observances of anniversaries of Theosophical leaders, religious days and other events form the general pattern of its activities. The Lodge has a well furnished library containing over 11,000 books. During the year under report 411 new books were purchased for the library and another 216 books were donated by the Theosophical Publishing

House, Adyar, the Australian Section of the Theosophical Society and by individuals. A special section of 1,030 books is reserved for children. Forty-five new books were added to the Urdu Section of the library.

The Besant Lodge at Hyderabad is the next largest Lodge in the country with a membership of over 80. Its activities include public lectures on Theosophy and allied subjects and observances of special anniversaries. It has also a well-stocked library of Theosophical and other books.

The only active Lodge in East Pakistan is at Comilla with a small but dedicated membership of 12 persons. There are weekly Sunday lectures and the members meet at the Lodge almost every evening for readings from *The Theosophist* and other magazines and books. The Lodge is isolated from the rest of the Theosophical work, East Pakistan being more than 1,000 miles away from the west wing of the country.

Lodges in Quetta and Lahore continue to mark time because of lack of Lodge organizers, speakers and Theosophical scholars.

Properties.—Lodges in Karachi, Hyderabad, Quetta and Comilla own their Lodge buildings, these Lodges being of more than 50 years standing. Karachi Lodge has an imposing two-storeyed building with a large auditorium, library, offices, guest room, roof garden, etc. The Besant Lodge has similarly a beautiful building with a lecture hall which is very

much in demand. The Quetta Lodge property has now become rather dilapidated and there are plans to sell the present building and buy a new one in a better locality. The small property of the Comilla Lodge is very centrally situated and is well used for Lodge activities. But the building is old. Recently a plan has been prepared for large scale repairs.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—The work of the Theosophical Order of Service in Karachi has expanded during the year under report. There has been a slight growth in membership of the Order and greater financial support to its charitable work. Over 275 children are now under the scholarship scheme for promotion of education; this work is helped greatly by the sponsorship department of the Save the Children Fund. Other work includes monetary relief to poor persons, a club for the adult blind whose membership is increasing, a small Braille Library and reading services to the blind, healing services twice a month and the work for animal welfare. The Montessori School started in October 1967 has now achieved its full strength and is serving the neighborhood well. A significant number of Theosophists are prominent in welfare work in the city in the fields of handicapped children, women's welfare, prevention and cure of tuberculosis and activities along such lines.

Theosophical Convention.—Although it is not possible to meet for a Theosophical Convention annually, we were fortunate to be able to do so during the year under report. The Convention was held at Karachi in March with Miss Ianthe Hoskins presiding. During the three days of Convention, meetings were held both in the mornings and in the evenings. Although due to political disturbances in the country the audiences were small,

the contributions by the speakers were very well received and good discussions followed.

Visitors.—During the year under report we had visits from Miss Florence Beaufoy of Australia, Mr. and Mrs. van Dissel of Holland and Miss Ianthe Hoskins of England. Miss Beaufoy and Mr. and Mrs. van Dissel stayed briefly for three days each but we are happy that Miss Hoskins could stay with us for two weeks and visit both Karachi and Hyderabad, giving lectures on Theosophy and allied subjects which were very greatly appreciated. These visitors have helped to arouse further interest and enthusiasm of members in the work of the Theosophical Society and we are grateful to them for kindly including Pakistan in their itinerary.

The Presidential Agent in Australia and New Zealand.—At the invitation of the Theosophical Society in Australia, I visited the Australian Section for a tour of 22 weeks, beginning in February 1969. The tour included visits to Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Launceston, Latrobe, Hobart, Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Toowoomba, Townsville, Cairns and Atherton. Besides lecturing to members and public audiences arranged by the Lodges, I was able to address several other groups such as the United Nations Association, Rotary Clubs, the Women's Services Guild, the Women's League for Peace and Freedom, the T. O. S., the Vegetarian Society, etc. In all over one hundred lectures were given during this period.

Finishing my work in Australia I flew to New Zealand where I visited Lodges at Auckland, Tauranga, Orewa, Rotorua, Wellington, Palmerston North, Christchurch and Dunedin. It was a short trip of 3 weeks in both the Islands of this small but beautiful country.

These extensive tours throughout Australia and New Zealand, though somewhat

tiring, were extremely valuable to me personally. They have given me an opportunity to study the work of two Sections rather well and to get to know a large number of members personally. The work in those Sections is extremely well organized with good speakers in many places, fine and well run libraries, very popular book shops and the propagation of Theosophy through the Section journals and the radio. A large number of questions from audiences, which included many young people, evinced keen interest in problems of life at the present time and Theosophy's approach to them. There was a genuine interest in the Eastern philosophy and outlook upon life and a deep appreciation of the contribution of Eastern culture to international progress. A good deal of interest was also shown towards understanding problems in the East particularly in India and Pakistan.

Besides lecturing generally at the Lodges, I was privileged to attend the National Convention of the Theosophical Society in Australia, held at Clarendon Hills outside Adelaide city.

The Challenge of the Work in Pakistan.—The spirit of the Ancient Wisdom, though one and indivisible, needs a many-sided approach, and the Truth needs to be interpreted in the light of the various religions, beliefs and ways of thought which have developed in different areas and among different groups of people.

In West Pakistan, 97 per cent of the population follows the Islamic faith. In

East Pakistan the Muslim community constitutes 88 per cent of the population of that region. The total population of the country now numbers 120 millions, 56 per cent of whom live in East Pakistan. Among this mass the Theosophical membership in Pakistan—about 200—is like a drop in the ocean. But when one studies Islam, the religion by which so many millions live with such deep faith and belief, one finds in it in great abundance the wisdom, truth, vitality and beauty of Theosophy.

The challenge then is to interpret Theosophy to these followers of the Prophet in the language and spirit they can understand and appreciate. And this task, for the very few workers in Pakistan is formidable. Yet the problem is ours and the first step we must take is to create workers from within the country, translate Theosophical literature into their own language and find our own resources to support the work, financially and otherwise. To a handful of Theosophists this may seem an impossible task, but it was only a handful of persons who started the Theosophical Society. It was the sacrifice, faith, dedication, perseverance and courage of those few which enabled the Society to grow and spread throughout the world. So we must meet the challenge in Pakistan with faith, wisdom, work and dedication, knowing that Truth will prevail.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYSIA

No Report

SINGAPORE

(See Lodges attached to Adyar)

NORTHERN IRELAND

We have had a quiet year with an increased intake of new members in Belfast. At our Annual Convention in May, 1969, our guest speaker was Mrs. Greta Eedle. She was our only speaker from outside the province during the year, and all our programs are sustained by local talent. The core of our work in Belfast is the weekly members' meeting which

is a very informal occasion. The Society in Northern Ireland has now completed twenty years as a separate administration and during that time almost exactly 100 people have joined it; but losses have been greater than intake and membership now stands at 47.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

ISRAEL

(See Lodges attached to Adyar)

JAPAN

(Fellows-at-Large only)

VIET-NAM

Membership.—Between 1st October 1968 and 30th September 1969 there were 66 new admissions. Against this there was 1 resignation, 21 lapsings and 5 deaths. The number of members in Viet-Nam is now 784, an increase of 39.

The number of Lodges is 14. One new Lodge is soon to be founded in Dinh-Tuong.

Theosophical Activities.—Every Sunday morning from 9 to 11, members of three Lodges meet in the auditorium of the Headquarters to study *The Key to Theosophy*, *The Secret Doctrine*, and the Universe and Man. Saigon Lodge studies *The Power of Thought* at Headquarters on Saturday afternoons. Kiem Ai Lodge continues to give public lectures every Sunday afternoon and conducts a study

course on Saturday evenings. They have completed their study of *Gods in Exile* and *Meditation for Beginners*. Regular courses on Theosophy with discussions have been held at the other Lodges at week-ends.

Publications.—We continue to issue for free distribution to members a twice-monthly Theosophical *Bulletin*; and *Anh Dao (The Light of the Way)*, a monthly magazine. This year the Bac Ai Lodge printed by hand two booklets for free distribution in country areas. These booklets, entitled *Practical Theosophy*, Parts I and II, are very useful to people in the villages, helping them to combat superstitions by explaining the real meaning of ceremonies and traditional customs.

This year we published two translated books, *The Voice of the Silence* and *Meditation for Beginners*. We plan to publish two others: *Theosophy in Lessons* and *Theosophy for Beginners*. People of other religions are beginning to take a great interest in our teachings.

We had our Annual Convention on December 25, 1968 at our Headquarters with many members from the Capital and delegates from the Lodges in the provinces.

The Anniversary of our Section was held on April 6, 1969 with prayers for peace to our country, and a symposium on the topic: "What Theosophical teachings have helped us in this present time?" treated by the delegates of some Lodges.

On C. Jinarājadāsa's Commemorative Day, June 18th, we had a visit from the Venerable Jinarakkhita from Indonesia. He was a delegate of The Buddhist World serving Humanity. In the name of the Society in Indonesia, he offered to our Section a picture of a Buddha painted on silk. We all spent a happy time although very short.

Our Summer School was held as usual at Pure Heart Centre facing the China sea, from July 27th to August 3rd, 1969. There were 80 participants. First they attended a flower ceremony of the Round Table and later a big bonfire in the evening. Each day began with a joint meditation, then lectures on Bhakti, Karma, Jnana and Raja Yoga. After each lecture, there were group discussions, bringing together the ideas and application in a general meeting in the afternoon.

This year, after the Summer School we organized at the Headquarters a week's study course about Evolution and Theo-

sophical work in the Lodges. This first course was appreciated very much by young people.

Three members of our committee attended the 1969 Australian Annual Convention at Clarendon. They were very enthusiastic, and have learned many things from this great Section. It was also for them an opportunity to make a link with members abroad.

Other Activities.—Before leaving Viet-Nam for France, Mr. Nguyen-van-Luong donated a part of his land on which are built our Headquarters and The Theosophical Orphanage.

Our Orphanage works well as before. Now we find easily the maids to take care of the orphans. We have received much help from the Theosophical Order of Service in Australia and U. S. A. The big problem for us now is how to help Vietnamese youth in the right way since they will constitute the future of our country.

Conclusion.—In my opinion, I think that the cause of all disputes, quarrels and wars is the lack of understanding between people, who feel that they are different from others in everything. We cannot realize that all are One, that God or Natural Goodness is within each person, the Reality which is the Purest Light shining in every creature.

Briefly, in our Section, we need more mutual understanding, tolerance and a solid and frank co-operation between old and new members, above all between aged and young members. Each of us must put aside his self and think more of our beloved Society as well as of our unfortunate country.

LUU-THI-DAU,
General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

The year just ended was much better than the previous year, although on a relative scale. Seven new members joined during the year, but six were lapsed for non-attendance and failure to pay dues. A new Lodge, "Leadbeater," was formed, and started its work in July with 11 members. Lodges "Blavatsky" and "Heracles" carried on with their meetings during the year, as well as celebrating Theosophical festivals such as Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and Foundation Day.

During the year we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. Walter Ballesteros of Bogota, Colombia, who delivered some very interesting talks. We also had a five-day visit from Messrs. Juan Viñas and Evaristo Atunez, members of the Argentine Section, who gave some pleasing and interesting talks which were enjoyed not only by the members but also by the public.

The most important event of the year was the purchase for the Theosophical Society of an apartment dedicated solely to the study of Theosophy. It was not possible to have the purchase documents made out directly to the Theosophical Society due to certain legal and other conditions; I was therefore obliged to have them made out in my name, with the end in view of transferring them one day to the Theosophical Society. Our study activities since 15th October 1968 have been held in that apartment.

It remains to inform you that in future we will send our help and collaboration for the Century Fund annually with the annual report and membership dues. We send 50 per cent of what is received.

PABLO BONILLA T,
Presidential Agent.

WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

During the year the main thought which occupied our minds was one of preparation for the year 1975 which has been predominant most of the time; the whole of Ghana is preparing for civilian Government, and on our part to plan our activities to fit in with the times. Coincidentally, Dr. K. A. Busia in his country-wide tour talks on Civic Education had been stressing the qualities of self-respect, self-reliance, original thinking, unselfish service and brotherly feeling for one another—all of which evoked Theosophic thought and reflected favorably on the teachings, and attracted the public to our meetings.

The membership position continued to be progressive. Forty-eight new members joined the Society in both Ghana and

Nigeria, and one resigned in Nigeria; leaving the total figure at 310.

The Lagos Centre in Nigeria has graduated into a Lodge and a new Centre was formed at Calabar under the leadership of Mr. J. E. Udoh who was previously Secretary of the Leadbeater Lodge at Enugu. This Centre, which now has ten members, could have been formed into a Lodge straightaway, but it was felt that the new members might be allowed to mature in experience before asking them to accept responsible posts in the Lodge.

In Ghana a new Centre was formed at the Legon University under Mr. Benjamin A. Noamesi. It is gratifying to note that most of the enquirers into Theosophy at the present time are of the youth group. At Kumasi alone about two-thirds of the

total membership of the Lodge is made up of youths from the local colleges.

Our eleventh Annual Convention was held as usual during the Easter week-end and was well attended by the regional representatives of the Lodges and Centres. The highlight of this was a public lecture by Mr. Yaw Twumasi of the Department of Political Science of the University of Ghana on "Political Development in Ghana and the responsibility of the individual".

The Summer School was held at Kumasi during August with the Raja Lodge as hosts.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mundt of California visited us on their way to South Africa, and spent five days in Accra. Mr. Mundt was taken to greet Mr. K. Brakatu Ateko and later attended the Blavatsky Lodge meeting. Mrs. Lola Shanti Salbert of the New York Lodge also visited Accra and Kumasi as part of her visit to various places in Africa. At Kumasi she took part in the Summer School and contributed heartily to the discussions before leaving for East Africa.

E. MICHAEL AFFRAM,
Organizing Secretary.

BOLIVIA

Theosophical activities in Lodge "Paz" in La Paz continued normally, with an average attendance of fourteen at the weekly meetings. Books and themes of basic Theosophy were studied with black-board illustrations.

Lodge "Inti" at Cochabamba holds two meetings each week, one on Saturdays for members only and the other for the public on Sundays. It has an average attendance of about ten persons.

We had an eight-day visit from Mr. John Coats, whose public lectures in the two cities where we have Lodges inspired Theosophical activity and announcements in the press. We received also a visit from two members of the Argentine

Section, who gave Theosophical lectures in La Paz and Cochabamba and also visited two other cities in the interior of the Republic, Potosi and Sucre, where they gave public lectures with some success. At Cochabamba they conducted a week's study course. We have now started a Youth Group, which it is hoped will crystallize into a Theosophical Lodge when its members are sufficiently prepared.

We report the death during the year of Señora Remedios Assin, Vice-President of Lodge "Paz" for many years. It was she who gave this Lodge its premises.

MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO,
Presidential Agent.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

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EUROPEAN FEDERATION

I welcome Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, who became the new General Secretary of the English Section in April 1969 in succession to Mr. Leslie H. Leslie-Smith, who gave the Section his precious services for a period of four years.

Mrs. Mila Grubacevic is the new General Secretary of the Yugoslavian Section. The retiring General Secretary, Mr. Anton Jesse, is to be congratulated on his work in reviving the Section.

It is with regret that I report the death of two prominent and beloved members of the Society, Professor J. E. Marcault, France, and Mr. L. Lorenzana, Spain.

I should like to mention Mrs. Greta Eedle, Assistant Editor of *Theosophy in Action*. Without her help the paper would not be what it is. I should not like to omit our Vice-Chairman, Dr. N. Lauppert. In his capacity as a lawyer he is very useful and helpful and always ready with excellent advice. Most valuable help is given to me by Miss Mary Anderson, especially with English texts. As we live in the same house, we can work together and this fact makes the work easier and happier!

Interesting echoes have been received of the Annual Conventions held in Switzerland, Finland, France, Denmark and Italy.

A very important event is the change in the editor of the German-speaking regional journal, *Adyar*. *Adyar* was edited for many years by Mr. E. Rösch, Wiesbaden. Mr. Rösch did this work very well and the paper was much appreciated by members as well as by subscribers. He had to retire due to illness and we were fortunate in finding a successor in the person of Dr. Lauppert. The first two numbers for 1969 have appeared in an absolutely new form, which pleases

almost everyone. The contents have also changed and, in general, everyone is most satisfied with them also. Our thanks to the retired editor as well as to his successor.

Mr. J. Fleischanderl, Austria, is now concerned with the promotion of the T. O. S. work in European countries, in succession to Mr. John Coats. He is already very busy and has had the opportunity to travel around Europe in connection with his anti-vivisection activities. We are very grateful to him.

Mrs. Ingrid Fjellander has been conducting the work of the Round Table for many years now, for which we are most grateful.

Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan visited many European countries on her way from India to the United States and delighted members with her lectures and the atmosphere of Adyar which she conveyed to us.

On her way back to England from Adyar, Miss Ianthe Hoskins visited members in Geneva and Basle. She spoke about the work of the School of the Wisdom, whose Director of Studies she was in 1968-69 and will again be in 1969-70.

I visited Lodges in Austria and south Germany in the autumn of 1968 and, later, Berlin and various towns in western Germany. I took part in the Convention in Paris in April 1969 and also lectured in different towns in Switzerland. In May I met members in Athens, Greece, and also visited the Lodges in Yugoslavia. I was happy to see how the work is continuing very well everywhere.

I am conscious, especially among younger members, of the desire to work happily together, to take part in discussions and short talks on present-day

matters from a Theosophical point of view. To contact Sections, Lodges and members seems to me one of our most important tasks, and it is very satisfying to see how we are in the process of forming

a mosaic of unity out of very different but beautifully colored stones.

CLAIRE WYSS,
Chairman.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR PERU

"H. P. B." Lodge, Lima

In spite of much interest shown by the public in attending meetings and talks, the group of students is much reduced, there being a strong tendency to obtain benefits without making any contribution in service or money. During the year 17 members' meetings and 43 public lectures were held. We also carried on a course in Raja Yoga in order that Yoga may be known as a whole and not taught fragmentarily as Hatha Yoga by institutions and individuals for economic gain. Five new members joined during the year. We receive many applications to join but hold them up for a time to ensure that it is not just momentary enthusiasm but a real interest in Theosophy. Diplomas are granted only after

a period of probation and assurance of support for the work.

The visit of Mr. Juan Viñas and Mr. Evaristo Atunez, members from Buenos Aires, proved a tonic to our work. Mr. Juan Viñas gave two lectures entitled respectively "The Problems of Knowledge: a Theosophical Examination" and "Man, Instinctive, Psychic and Spiritual".

JORGE TORRES UGARRIZA,
Lodge President.

"Paz y Amor" Lodge, Lima

Señor Alfonso Reveredo Iglesias has resigned as President of this Lodge, and Señora Zoila Rosa Salvatierra has been elected to succeed him.

MEXICO

Lodge "Merida," Merida, Yucatan

During the year we held 52 meetings from October 1968 to September 1969, with an average attendance of 75 per cent throughout the year.

We continued the study of the book *The Ancient Wisdom* and we also try to make each member talk, or make a speech at the next meeting of what he learned in the previous meeting.

We had four extra meetings, inviting our friends for the lectures of Mr. John Coats on February 25, 26, and 27, and another meeting only for the members of our Lodge on the 25th. The attendance at the lectures averaged 30 persons at each of the three.

Also we celebrated the 17th of November, White Lotus day, and the birthday of Dr. Annie Besant.

At the beginning of the year we had eleven members, now we have 13, gaining 2 new members.

We have had a great deal of correspondence with the Mexican Section and with almost all of the Lodges of Mexico, with the object of finding the way to rejoin to the Mexican Section the Lodges and members that are now affiliated to the International Headquarters of Adyar. We thank our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, for the idea given to the Mexican Section, that all the members of the Society in good standing could vote in the coming month of November for a new Secretary. We hope that after the voting, we will all be able to join again in mutual brotherhood, fellowship and harmony.

PEDRO GONZALEZ MILAN,
Lodge President.

Lodge "Evolution," Piedras Negras

Our work towards unity was continued and was made our chief enterprise by means of a continuous flow of circulars to separated Lodges and Lodges of the Mexican Section. Our Lodge President

travelled to see and talk with various influential separated Lodge Presidents and we contacted the National Council in an effort to achieve unity before the November Convention. Señorita Rosita Olmedo has been most helpful and understanding.

For the time being we shall cease our efforts to print our translation of *The Mahatma Letters*, since a translation has appeared in Uruguay and has been printed in this country. It is being sold at a very high price. If the translation is not satisfactory we shall continue to find the way to publish our translation which we would sell at the lowest price possible.

This Lodge has now eleven active members. Rules and regulations have been made fixing obligations and rights for the members, striving to establish discipline and stimulate study. Our meetings have been held regularly and it has been at these meetings that everything has been planned for the good of our Lodge and our national endeavor.

EMILIO SANDOVAL,
Secretary.

ISRAEL

"Convenant" Lodge, Tel-Aviv

Activity continued as last year, except that the Hebrew group was dissolved for lack of time. Three new members joined the Lodge one of them an immigrant, and this gave us the idea of making newspaper announcements in five languages for other immigrants to contact this Lodge for Theosophical literature. The Lodge now has 22 members. Lectures are given on various subjects, Madame H. P. Blavatsky, the Sacred Word, Problem Children, Stonehenge, our Arab

brothers, etc., and the Theosophical festivals are celebrated, attracting members from all over the country.

BERTHE AL. DOMINIC,
Lodge President.

"Harmony" Lodge, Tel-Aviv

Work in "Harmony" Lodge was conducted regularly throughout the year, with meetings once a month for the first half period, but on request of the members this was changed to twice a month as

from February 1969. Membership is now 24, an increase of ten over the year. In March we were happy to welcome a member of Blavatsky Lodge, London, Mrs. Val Thompson-Glaser. On Adyar Day the sum of £3-10-0 was collected and forwarded to Adyar. The trend continues to invite our Lodge President, Mr. Hans Zeuger to lecture in various institutions and organizations and to be interviewed on radio and by the local press, thus disseminating throughout the country the various aspects of Theosophy.

HANS ZEUGER,
Lodge President.

Lodge "B'sorat Hagalil," Zefat

The membership numbers 15. Meetings are held monthly at the home of the Lodge President. The Lodge publishes the magazine *Theosophia* in Hebrew, with additional English and German articles.

Young people are entertained at week-ends and weeks of study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Taveor, members of the Lodge, where themes such as Theosophy, Meditation, Art of Life, etc., are discussed on a broad and open-minded basis.

PINCHAS MOR,
Lodge President.

Lodge "Emanuel," Haifa

Despite lack of regular meetings, the nine members of this Lodge maintain close contact with each other, reading Theosophical literature, the latest editions of books in German from Austria, and *The Theosophist*, followed by discussions and analyses of the subjects. The Lodge also keeps in active touch with Theosophical groups in Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

HEINRICH SREBROW,
Lodge President.

SINGAPORE

Singapore Lodge, Singapore.—The Singapore Lodge sends its report for the year ended 30th September 1969 after a lapse of 20 years. It was then under the Presidential Agent or Federation of Lodges in Malaya and Singapore, but is now separate and affiliated to Adyar direct.

During the year, the following members were elected office bearers: Messrs. Chan Chim Lim as President, Charlie Lee as Vice-President, Tan Siow Hee as Hon. Secretary, P. Bandara as Hon. Treasurer, and Ho Seng Hee as Hon. Librarian.

There were 37 full members and 25 associates (library members).

Public meetings were held on Thursdays, and study classes and meditation for members on Saturdays. Lectures were given by guest speakers and members. Highlights of the year's lectures were those given by Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Marie-Louise Busby of the Spiritual Unity of Nations, which attracted capacity crowds.

Visitors from other Lodges were Mr. Manfred Mey, Mrs. Peggy de Vogel-van Gogh and Miss Marion Caws on their way to Adyar.

The Lodge has its own building fund, started before the war, which is growing steadily, but it will take many years yet before we can have our building.

In conclusion we take this opportunity of appealing to all members of the Society who may be passing through Singapore to look us up. Our address is No. 8

Cairnhill Road, and the telephone number is 447065. Ask for Mr. Chan Chim Lim.

TAN SIOW HEE,
Hon. Secretary.

CHILE

“H.P.B. Lodge, Santiago.—Meetings of the Lodge are held on Monday evenings, but an extraordinary meeting was held on Sunday 10th November 1969 at the house of the Lodge President when we had a visit from Mr. John Coats and his

friends. We also celebrated Foundation Day on 17th November 1968 and White Lotus Day on 8th May 1969. The Lodge has 13 members.

M. ESTRELLA GONZALEZ A.
Lodge President.

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

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HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, MADRAS 20

OFFICERS

1 October 1969

Executive Committee:

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| (1) THE PRESIDENT | } | <i>Ex-officio</i> |
| (2) THE VICE-PRESIDENT | | |
| (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY | | |
| (4) THE TREASURER | | |
| (5) SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI | | |
| (6) MRS. RADHA BURNIER | | |
| (7) MRS. NORMA Y. SASTRY | | |
| (8) MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN | | |

Adyar Library: DIRECTOR: MRS. RADHA BURNIER.

LIBRARIAN: MR. V. RAMANATHA AYYAR.

Archives: MR. Z. DE ALGYA-PAP.

Bhojanasala: SUPERINTENDENT: MRS. SAROJINI KANNAN.

Estate Administration Committee: SECRETARY: MRS. NORMA Y. SASTRY.

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Information Department: PROFESSOR H. E. HAKIM AND MR. P. M. ADVANI.

Laundry: SUPERINTENDENT: MR. M. V. GOPALAKRISHNA IYER.

Leadbeater Chambers: SUPERINTENDENT: MRS. MICHELE ROBINE.

Legal Adviser: MR. N. K. CHOKSY, Q.C.

Maintenance Department: ADVISERS: MR. J. B. SINGH AND MR. E. FERNANDO ORFILA.

Medical and Sanitary Department: MEDICAL OFFICER: DR. S. V. JOSEPH.

Movable Properties Department: CUSTODIAN: MR. N. S. NARASIMHACHARI.

Public Relations Officer: PROFESSOR H. E. HAKIM.

The School of the Wisdom: PRINCIPAL: MR. N. SRI RAM.

The Theosophical Publishing House: MANAGER: MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN.

The Theosophist: ASST. EDITOR: MISS MARION E. CAWS.

The Vasanta Press: MANAGER: MR. K. RAMANATHAN.

Watch and Ward Department: SUPERINTENDENT: MR. D. V. SUBRAMANIAM.

THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1968-69

In 1968-69 The Theosophical Publishing House reached a new peak in the volume of its business, the total out-turn being Rs. 459,000. The previous highest turn-over was Rs. 270,000 in 1967-68. This increase in business was due to large orders from the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, both for bound books and for supply of sheets for the Quest books.

T. P. H. Council.—Two meetings of the T. P. H. Council were held during the year. Mr. N. Sri Ram, President of the Theosophical Society, continued to be the Chairman of the Council and the membership remained unchanged.

New Publications.—We published three new books and six pamphlets during the year. The new books were *The Light of Asia* (Sir Edwin Arnold), *Man, God and the Universe* (I. K. Taimni) and *The Supreme Splendour* (Geoffrey Hodson). Under pamphlets we issued four in the Fundamentals of Religions series compiled by Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan, namely, *Fundamentals of Jainism*, *Fundamentals of Islam*, *Fundamentals of Sikhism* and *Fundamentals of Zoroastrianism*. We also published the pamphlets *Theosophy the Divine Wisdom* (N. Sri Ram) and *Application of Yoga to Daily Life* (Miss Ianthe Hoskins).

In addition to these titles which we published from Adyar we printed and supplied sheets of two new books to the T. P. H., Wheaton, namely (1) *The Mystery Teachings and Christianity* (Gerald Tranter) and *The Light of Asia* (Sir Edwin Arnold).

New Editions and Reprints.—The program of supplies of sheets to Wheaton included the following reprints (slightly abridged editions): *Thought Forms* (Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater), and *Man Visible and Invisible* (C. W. Leadbeater).

A list of books reprinted and issued by T. P. H., Adyar during the year is given below. Owing to the increase in the demand from the United States for books our reprint orders were generally for larger numbers of copies. Thus we reprinted *The Chakras* (C. W. Leadbeater) in 5,000 copies and *The Life After Death* (C. W. Leadbeater), *The Masters and the Path* (C. W. Leadbeater) and *The Ancient Wisdom* (Annie Besant) in 3,000 copies each.

The thirty-two books reprinted during the year, or issued in new editions, were:

The Key to Theosophy, and *Two Books of the Stanzas of Dzyan* (H. P. Blavatsky); *Seven Principles of Man*, *The Wisdom of the Upanisads*, *Birth and Evolution of the Soul*, *Sri Ramachandra, the Ideal King*, *The Ancient Wisdom*, *Aspects of the Christ*, *Beauties of Islam*, *Sanatana Dharma Catechism* and *Thought Power, Its Control and Culture* (Annie Besant); *The Astral Plane*, *Man Visible and Invisible*, *The Life After Death*, *The Masters and the Path* and *The Chakras* (C. W. Leadbeater); *Thought-Forms* (Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater); *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* (Clara M. Codd); *Light on the Path and Karma* (Standard and Miniature Editions) (Mabel Collins); *The Mirror of Life and Death* (L. J. Bedit); *A Yoga of Light* (Geoffrey Hodson); *The Seven Veils*

Over Consciousness (C. Jinarājadāsa); *At the Feet of the Master* (Standard and Miniature) (J. Krishnamurti); *The Formation of Man* (Maria Montessori); *The Human Interest, Death and Its Meaning and Thoughts for Aspirants* (N. Sri Ram); *An Introduction to Hindu Symbolism* (I. K. Taimni); *The Story of Creation* (E. W. Preston); and *Concentration* (Ernest Wood).

In order to fall in line with modern printing styles and also to take note of recent developments in scientific and other thought, a number of our books coming up for reprinting (whose authors are no longer living) were read through and necessary changes suggested by Miss Helen V. Zahara, Mr. V. Wallace Slater and Mr. Leslie H. Leslie-Smith. Care was taken to ensure that the style of presentation and wording of the authors remained unchanged. But a few alterations and omissions were made, and such books have been issued as slightly abridged editions. The T. P. H. is grateful to Miss Helen Zahara, Mr. Leslie-Smith and Mr. Wallace Slater for their help, so generously given.

Book Prices.—We have continued the policy of effecting reductions in the prices of our new publications, new editions and reprints. During the year we were able to reduce the prices of soft cover editions of the following books: *The Gospel of the Guru Granth Sahib*, (Duncan Greenlees); *The Hidden Side of Things, Man Visible and Invisible and Clairvoyance* (C. W. Leadbeater); *The Ancient Wisdom, and Death and After* (Annie Besant); *Mirror of Life and Death* (L. J. Bendit); *Introduction to Hindu Symbolism* (Taimni); *Key to Theosophy* (simplified by Clara M. Codd); and *Seven Human Temperaments* (Geoffrey Hodson). The hard cover price of *Man Visible and Invisible* (C. W. Leadbeater) was also reduced when a new reprint was issued.

Workers.—During the year Miss Marion Caws succeeded Mrs. M. E. Nairn as Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist*. The T. P. H. has had the help of a number of residents in the Adyar Estate in reading proofs, and expresses its thanks to all of them.

Book Gift Fund.—Books of a total value of Rs. 9,617 were given as gifts to Sections and Federations of the Theosophical Society, Lodges, public libraries and individuals during the year. The total number of institutions and individuals who thus benefited was 146. National Secretaries and Secretaries of Federations and Lodges in the regions concerned were requested to suggest suitable recipients of such gifts, and most of the gifts were made on their suggestions. These gifts were possible, thanks to the generosity of Messrs. J. K. Patnaik and B. K. Patnaik in England, who sent their own contributions and also collections they made for the Book Gift Fund. The T. P. H. expresses its thanks to all the donors for having made possible this work, and also thanks the many friends who responded to its request to help in the selection of suitable recipients of the gifts.

The Theosophist.—The circulation of *The Theosophist* continued at about the same level as before. The T. P. H. has had the effective and valuable co-operation of The Theosophical Publishing House, London, The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, and book depots attached to various national Sections and Lodges as well as of Theosophists in many countries in registering and collecting subscriptions. It offers its thanks to all of them for their generous help.

Finance.—There is a fall in the net income of *The Theosophist* due to increase in the Editorial charges and Establishment.

In the Income and Expenditure account of the Publishing House there is a net

increase of Rs. 13,268 over last year. Sale of T. P. H. publications is more this year by Rs. 54,845, especially due to export of books to Wheaton, Illinois (U.S.A.). A sum of Rs. 43,000 has been transferred this year to Publications Reserve to meet possible future loss in the sale of certain publications. The amount

so far provided is Rs. 110,000 including this year's provision. The department has provided Retirement Allowance Reserve for the first time to meet future payments under this head.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1968-69

We are happy to announce that during the year under report five books as per details furnished below were added to the Adyar Library Series.

STAFF:

Mrs. A. P. Sitadevi retired after 34 years of devoted service in the Library and other departments of the Theosophical Society. We acknowledge with gratitude her comprehensive contribution to the cataloguing of books and librarianship. Dr. A. Kannan has been appointed for cataloguing work. Pandit K. Parameswara Aithal was promoted as Curator. Mr. K. N. Krishna Sarma was employed to expedite the preparation of the MSS. register.

PUBLICATIONS:

The *Sanat Kumāra Saṃhitā*, a rare canonical text of the Pāñcarātrāgama was edited by Pandit Krishnamacharya and released as A. L. S. 95 with a foreword by Dr. V. Raghavan. The Descriptive Catalogue of Stotra MSS. prepared by Sri K. P. Aithal was published as A. L. S. 96. A standard work on Sanskrit poetics and dramaturgy—the *Daśarūpaka*—was made available to the public as A. L. S. 97, with the commentary *Avaloka* and the sub-commentary *Laghutīkā* by Bhaṭṭa Nṛsiṃha and with notes and introduction by Prof. T. Venkatacharya of the University of Toronto. The book *Vedic Studies* by Dr. A. Venkatasubbiah mentioned in the last year's report was released as A. L. S. No. 98. The first volume of a collection of 50 rare and unpublished stotras from the MSS. in

the Library was edited by the Curator, Sri K. P. Aithal, and published as A. L. S. 99, with an introduction by Dr. V. Raghavan, under the name of *Stotra Samuccaya*. Another set of 51 stotras was also assembled, edited, and sent to the press to form the second volume of the same series.

We are thankful to the Ministry of Education, Government of India, for the financial contribution made towards the editing and the printing of the above mentioned A. L. Series No. 95, 96 and 99.

Prof. A. A. Ramanathan completed the editing of a portion of the South Indian commentaries on *Amarakośa* and it was sent for printing as parts 1 & 2 of the proposed publication. Sri K. P. Aithal has almost completed the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of Sāṅkhya, Yoga, Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika MSS. Its printing will be taken up soon.

An article "Āyatana" contributed by Prof. J. Gonda to the Adyar Library Bulletin was printed as pamphlet No. 38 in the A. L. P. Series.

Due to unavoidable circumstances, much progress could not be made during the year in the preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of MSS. in the Visva-bharati collection by Prof. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma of the Venkateswara University.

As all the copies of the first edition of the *Indian Theories of Meaning* by Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja were sold out, a revised edition of the book was taken up and practically completed. It is expected to be published in the course of three months. The need for reprinting *The*

Philosophy of Viśiṣṭādvaita by Prof. P. N. Srinivasachari was likewise felt and the work was sent to the press.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY BULLETIN:

Its subscription was raised to Rs. 12/-per year. It was deemed desirable to print Vol. 33 (1969) in a single issue. It includes research papers on the rights of inheritance of women by Prof. J. D. M. Derrett, on the Laos version of the *Pañcatantra* by Dr. A. Venkatasubbiah, and on "Āyatana" by Prof. J. Gonda as mentioned previously. Besides, it contains the Sanskrit text of *Rtumarṇana* edited by Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, and the *Kṛṣṇabhavaśataka* of Bukkapatnam Venkatacharya edited by Sri K. P. Aithal. During the year under report, the Bulletin had 116 subscribers and 117 exchanges with journals as against 133 subscribers and 130 journal exchanges recorded last year.

NEW MSS. REGISTER:

As reported previously, new MSS. registers are being prepared to replace the old ones which are in a dilapidated condition. All MSS. are being checked and fresh slips prepared before entry into the new registers. As a consequence of the recruitment of a special worker, slips for 5,000 MSS. were prepared in the year under report. Amongst these, 445 palm leaf MSS. and 240 paper manuscripts were entered in the permanent register.

MSS. ACCESSED:

Nine palm-leaf MSS. which were received as a gift were accessed.

SERVICES RENDERED:

Copying.—27 transcripts were prepared and supplied to other institutions and research scholars. In addition 14 micro-films and manuscripts and one photostat of a portion of a book were furnished on request.

Works Used.—The Library had during the year 272 readers, 184 readers-cum-borrowers and 19 Braille borrowers. Apart from these, 3,643 persons used the library by consulting 6,165 books and 47 MSS. and by borrowing 3,582 books and 17 MSS.

RESEARCH SCHOLARS:

As in previous years, a number of research students from different institutions in the city utilized the collections in this library. Besides these the facilities of the Library were also made use of by scholars from Universities in other parts of India and from abroad.

REPAIRS AND PRESERVATION:

421 books and 39 transcripts were bound in the repairing section while 86 books and journals were sent to the Vasanta Press for binding. In addition, 38 paper manuscripts and 14 books were hand laminated with the object of preventing them from further deterioration.

As a wave of infestation by bookworms was noticed in some manuscripts and books, all the stack rooms including those containing palm-leaf manuscripts were fumigated with methyl bromide. We are grateful to Sri Mohanlal Velji for arranging the free supply of gas by Messrs. Tata Chemicals of Bombay and to Mr. E. F. Orfila for conducting fumigation. Treatment of books with ammonia gas to neutralize the residual acid was also in progress.

ACQUISITIONS AND CATALOGING:

Books.—Excluding journals 2,856 books were accessed. Amongst these 44 were purchased, 100 got by exchange, 986 sent from Mr. Jinarājādāsa's library, and the rest were received as gifts. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all the donors. Among the gift books were 199 from the Ministry of Education,

New Delhi; 166 from Dr. Sivakamu, Adyar; 154 from Dr. D. Rood, Adyar; 145 from Mrs. & Mr. J. Cochrane of Australia; 122 from Mr. N. Sri Ram, the International President; 86 from the library of the late Miss E. W. Preston; 45 from Mr. M. K. Appadurai Iyer, Madras; 40 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar; 38 from Mr. M. V. Gopalakrishna Iyer of Adyar; 34 from Dr. S. Kandaswamy of Madras; 28 from *The Theosophist* Office, Adyar; 24 from Mrs. Radha Burnier, Adyar; 22 from Mr. L. Gottfried of the U. S. A.; 19 from the Recording Secretary, Adyar; 14 from Mrs. Walker of Australia; 14 from Miss J. Thadhani, Adyar; 14 from Mr. K. Narayanji; 13 from Mr. T. V. Ramamoorthi of Madras.

The library is also grateful to the Matilda Zeiger Foundation, Theosophical Book Association for the Blind and to Mr. K. Mariappan for presenting Braille books.

Most of these books have been catalogued by Mrs. A. P. Sitadevi and Dr. D. Rood. Mention might be made here of the comprehensive indexing done for the 30 volumes of the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi.

DONATIONS:

The following donations were received during the year. We are very thankful to all the donors for their generosity.

General Fund:—Dr. D. Rood, Rs. 5,500; Institute of Eclectic Study, England, Rs. 3,590.54; Meyer Foundation, Switzerland, Rs. 3,454.23; Miss Mary Graham, Rs. 1,143.87; T. S., France, Rs. 462.81; Camberley T. S. Lodge, England, Rs. 291.46; Surya T. S. Lodge, Berlin, Rs. 187.90; T. S., Netherlands,

Rs. 103.77; T. S., Germany, Rs. 93.16; Mr. L. Gottfried, Rs. 73.42; Hundi Collections, Rs. 63.22; Blavatsky T. S. Lodge, Sydney, Rs. 50; T. S., Argentina, Rs. 33.75; Indraprastha T. S. Lodge, Delhi, Rs. 20; Anonymous, Rs. 6.80; and Mrs. I. Y. Johnson, Rs. 4; total Rs. 15,078.93.

Other Purposes.—Through Mr. N. Sri Ram, Rs. 6,000, for fire prevention; Dr. D. Rood, Rs. 50, for the purchase of books; and Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, Rs. 26, for air conditioning. Total, Rs. 6,076.

VISITORS:

Among the distinguished visitors during the year were: Dr. L. Martinelli, Florence, Italy; Dr. A. M. Haberland, Professor of Psychology, Berne, Switzerland; Prof. Dr. W. Rau, Marburg, Germany; Brigadier J. S. Paintal, Surveyor General of India, Dehra Dun; Justice D. P. Madon, Bombay; Prof. Ryojan Sato, Tokyo, Japan; Muni Raja Yogi; Prof. Dr. J. Schropfer, Hamburg, Germany; Sri K. A. Subramania Iyer, Retd. Vice Chancellor, Lucknow University; Mr. V. C. Martin, British High Commission, Madras; Prof. R. Bharat, University of Denver, U.S.A.; Mr. Henri Duvieux, Consul General of France, Pondicherry; Mr. M. M. Swell, Sri Shivakumar Sastri, Sri Rameshchandra, Sri Shashibhushan and Sri Ramavatar Sastri, Members of Parliament, Delhi.

Lastly we express our appreciation and gratitude to Dr. V. Raghavan and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for their deep interest and constant help given in research and publication work.

V. RAMANATHAN,
Librarian.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT FOR 1968-69

The School opened on Wednesday 2nd October 1968 with short talks by the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and the new Director of Studies, Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins, who had come from England for the purpose. Of the twelve registered students who were present at the beginning of the term, two came from Europe (England and Holland), the others from different parts of India. The School was glad to welcome back Dr. I. K. Taimni, who was at Adyar for about two months in connection with work on his forthcoming books and who had kindly offered to take part in the lecture program.

During the first term, the following study courses were arranged for the morning sessions:

Mondays: Fundamentals of Theosophy (based on the booklet *H. P. B. on How to Study Theosophy*); Tuesdays: Aspects of Yoga (with special reference to evolutionary science); Thursdays: *Viveka-Chudamani* by Sri Shankaracharya (a study of the text, using the translation by Mohini Chatterji entitled *The Crest Jewel of Wisdom*). These three courses were conducted by the Director of Studies. Fridays: A course of lectures by Dr. I. K. Taimni on psychological aspects of Yoga (with special reference to the *Yoga Sutras* of Patanjali). On Wednesdays, talks were given by invited speakers, including students of the School.

The afternoon work during the first term consisted of courses of a more practical nature: Creative Study; a Speakers' Class; and an introductory course on Yoga Asanas conducted by

Mrs. M. E. Nairn. On Wednesday afternoons, visits were made to the various Departments at Headquarters.

At the closing meeting of the term on December 6th, several students gave their impressions of different parts of the work, and the President concluded with a short talk.

The second term ran from January 6th to March 7th 1969. For this term the students were joined by a new member from Israel and two more Indian members. Apart from the Wednesday talks by invited speakers, the work again took the form of courses as follows:

Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays: *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky; Thursdays: the practical study of the *Yoga Sutras* of Patanjali. These courses were conducted by the Director of Studies. On Tuesday afternoons, members took turns to lead the study of the Mahachohan's Letter of 1881, and on Thursday afternoons, Mrs. Nairn continued the course on Yoga Asanas.

The study of *The Secret Doctrine* attracted the interest of resident workers from different Departments, several of whom attended these classes assiduously throughout the term. As such a study course seems not to have been previously attempted as an integral part of the program of the School of the Wisdom, a brief account of this work may be found helpful for the future.

In view of the limited time available (9 weeks) and the varied backgrounds (both Theosophical and cultural) of the students, the objectives set were modest but clearly determined: first, to give some

overall familiarity with the content and manner of exposition of H. P. B.'s encyclopaedic work; and second, to show that a useful approach to its study could be made both by individuals and by Lodges who lack "expert" leadership. To achieve these ends, three major threads were followed: on Mondays, Cosmogogenesis, using mainly Volume I (Adyar Edition) with excursions into Volume II as and when appropriate; on Tuesdays, Anthropogenesis, using mainly Volume III, with excursions into Volumes II and I; and on Fridays, topics relating to the individual (e.g. the seven principles of man; immortality; the Monad; karma and reincarnation, etc.) using mainly Volume V, but again making excursions into other Volumes. As it was the object

of the course to obtain an aeroplane view of the whole rather than absorb detailed information, no other books were used during class periods, except *H. P. B. on How to Study Theosophy*. Passages from the different volumes of *The Secret Doctrine* were selected for study, and little explanation was attempted beyond elucidation of complex sentence-structures and obscurities of language.

At the closing meeting of the School on March 7th, students again gave short talks on the work of the School. The President and the Director of Studies thanked all who had helped to make the School a happy and profitable period of study.

M. LIEBECK,
Secretary.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

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



Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

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

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

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

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

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

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

Additional

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or

deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

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

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

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

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

Witnesses to the signatures:

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

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 { „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDAL
 „ 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.

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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

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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.

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, 1970

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. N. SRI RAM

Vice-President: MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

Recording Secretary: MISS KATHERINE A. BEECHEY

Treasurer: MISS TJIOE SIANG NIO

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. Geoffrey A. Farthing	... 50 Gloucester Place, London, W1H 3JH
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	... Östermalmsgatan 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	... Mr. Roy Charsley (Acting)	... P.O. Box 2254, Bulawayo, Rhodesia
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. Sørensen	... Söndergade 41, Nakskov
1919	Ireland	... Miss Dorothy Emerson	... 31 Pembroke Road, Dublin, 4
1919	Mexico	... Señora Rosita Olmedo de Muller	... 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 J. Blumenfeld	... Calle Medanos 1085 Montevideo

* No Section; Lodge only.

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1925	Puerto Rico ...	Señor Seymour Ballard ...	Box 534, G. P. O. San Juan, Puerto Rico-00936
1925	Rumania ...	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia ...	Mrs. Mila Grubacevic ...	Lino Mariani, 17, Pula
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 Hernández...	Colonia Guatemala, Calle A, 130, San Salvador, El Salvador
1929	Paraguay ...	...	...
1929	Peru ...	...	...
1933	Philippines ...	Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio ...	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	Malaysia †	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 ...	Mrs. Nguyen-Thi-Hai ...	72/4 Nguyen-dinh-Chieu, 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
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European Federation (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		Mrs. Claire Wyss ...	Bruderholzstrasse 88, 4000 Basle, Switzerland
Canadian Federation (attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)		Mrs. Gladys M. Cooper ...	2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada

Additional Members of the General Council

- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Eeckenrhode 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 1970, 1971 and 1972).
- MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, c/o The Manor, 2 Iluka Road, Mosman, N. S. W. 2088, Australia (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, 14, Cranmer Court, Wickliffe Avenue, London, N. 3, England (for 1969, 1970 and 1971).
- MR. J. B. S. COATS, C/o Mrs. Hollie Salmon, 35 Stile Hall Gardens, London, W. 4, England (for 1970, 1971 and 1972).
- 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).
- MRS. CLAIRE WYSS, Bruderholzstrasse 88, Basle 4000, Switzerland (for 1970, 1971 and 1972).
- MR. SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON, P.O. Box No. 1036, Reykjavik, Iceland (for 1970, 1971 and 1972).

* 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
Thursday, 25th December 1969 at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	<i>President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Ceylon, Finland and Puerto Rico and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. James S. Perkins	..	<i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in America and Cuba and for Mr. V. Wallace Slater, Additional Member.</i>
Miss Katherine A. Beechey	..	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Belgium, Burma, Scotland, Wales and Yugoslavia.</i>
Miss Tjioe Siang Nio	..	<i>Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Chile.</i>
Mrs. Radha Burnier	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Germany, Sweden and Switzerland.</i>
Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai	..	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Viet-Nam.</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Ann Kerr Wylie	..	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for Miss Helen Zahara and Mr. J. B. S. Coats, Additional Members.</i>
Mrs. Gool Minwalla	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>

The President welcomed the Members of the General Council, especially those who had come from a distance.

The list of Proxies was read out.

1. *To read and, if approved, to adopt the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th December 1968 and 1st January 1969 at Adyar.*

The Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th December 1968 and 1st January 1969, having been circulated to the Members, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes:*

Item 3(f)—Miss Ruth Beringer's proposed amendment to Rule 12.

Miss Helen Zahara had made a proposal as follows for amending Rule 12: "The President shall appoint the Treasurer, who shall be responsible to the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President, unless he is removed from office by the General Council, as provided in Rule 3 of the Society's Rules and Regulations. The present Rule 12 then becomes Rule 12(b), except that the references to the Treasurer should be omitted."

This proposal was discussed along with Miss Beringer's suggestion (Vide Item 3(f) of Minutes of the 25th December, 1968) and it was decided to accept Miss Beringer's suggestion with some modifications. A Committee consisting of the Vice President, Mrs. Radha Burnier and Mrs. Ann Wylie was appointed to frame the exact wording and submit it to the meeting of the General Council on the 1st January, 1970.

Item 9(b)—Mr. V. W. Slater's Report to the General Council re Proposal for a "Century Book".

Mr. Slater's report was circulated to the members of the General Council on 30-8-1969. The main recommendations made by the committee of which he was Chairman were that a book giving the message of Theosophy to the modern world, in the form of articles, be brought out, as well as a History of the Theosophical movement. The Vice-President said that he and some other members of the General Council were in favor of publishing a History of the movement, and not the proposed book of articles. After discussion the General Council decided that the President should ask Dr. Hugh Shearman to write the History, with a small consultative committee to assist him, consisting of the Vice-President, Mr. Georges Tripet and Miss Helen Zahara, with power to co-opt others as necessary.

The General Council approved also the plan of bringing out a book of articles, and it was agreed that Mr. Leslie H. Leslie-Smith be asked to be the Editor of the book, assisted by a consultative committee, chosen by the committee of which Mr. V. W. Slater was Chairman. The committee thus chosen would decide, along with Mr. Leslie-Smith, the principles to be followed in editing the book.

(c) *T. S. in Ireland: Section or Federation?*

This matter was postponed for discussion under Item 3, *Amendment to Rule 2(a).*

(d) *Geneva Centre.*

The report of the Committee appointed to consider this matter is still awaited.

3. *To consider amendment to Rule 2(a): To add after the words "their qualifying office" the words "or in the case of General Secretaries also, when the membership of their respective Sections falls below 49".*

The proposed amendment was discussed, and a committee composed of the Vice-President, Mrs. Radha Burnier and Mrs. Ann Wylie was asked to present a draft suitably worded, at the adjourned meeting of the Council on the 1st January, 1970.

4. *To consider the following amendments to Rule 10:*

- (a) Para. 1: To add to the last sentence, "*including those of General Secretaries of Sections the sum total of whose membership is not less than one-fifth of the total number of members of the Theosophical Society.*"
- (b) Para. 2: Change third and fourth sentences, so that the last two sentences read: "*The names of the nominees qualified to be on the voting list shall be listed in alphabetical order. This voting list shall not be subject to challenge.*"
- (c) Para. 3: Change the second sentence to read: "*Each General Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Agent shall make known the names of the candidates and their respective nominators to the members in his area and take the votes of the individual members. . . .*"

(Alterations in all cases in italics.)

With regard to the amendment to Para. 1 of Rule 10, after discussion the General Council appointed a committee consisting of the Vice-President, Mrs. Ann Wylie and Mrs. Radha Burnier to consider the wording of the amendment, and present a draft at the adjourned meeting of the Council to be held on 1st January 1970.

The amendments to Paras. 2 and 3 were approved for circulation, to be voted upon by the members of the General Council.

5. *Election of Four Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1970, 1971 and 1972:*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President had re-nominated Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale and Mr. J. B. S. Coats and had nominated Mrs. Claire Wyss and Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson as Additional Members for the years 1970, 1971 and 1972.

The four names were circulated for voting, with the following results:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	40	—
Mr. J. B. S. Coats	40	—
Mrs. Claire Wyss	41	—
Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson	41	—

The above-mentioned were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1970, 1971 and 1972.

6. *To consider the Treasurer's Report for 1968-69 and to pass the accounts for the year ended 30th September 1969:*

The Treasurer's Report and the accounts were considered and adopted.

7. *To consider the Budget for 1969-70:*

The Budget for 1969-70 was considered and adopted.

8. *Appointment of Auditors for 1969-70:*

Messrs. Naganathan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were re-appointed as Auditors for the year 1969-70, on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

9. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1970:*

The following were appointed as Members of the Executive Committee for 1970:

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		

10. *Any other business:*

(a) *Non-English Publications Loan Fund:*

The Report of Miss Helen V. Zahara, Chairman, for the period ending 30th September 1969 was presented, together with the Financial Report, dated 1st December 1969, and is circulated to General Council Members herewith. (Annexe "A")

(b) *Brazilian Section:*

The President reported that he had received a suggestion from some members in Brazil that the qualifications for voting in elections in all Lodges, Sections, etc., should be on the same basis as that stated in Rule 10, paragraph 3 of the International Rules and Regulations. It was decided to advise the Sections that this basis, wherever adopted, has been found satisfactory and that it might be adopted as qualification for voting in all Lodges and Sections.

(c) *Mexico.*

The President reported that a new General Secretary for Mexico had been elected, and that the dissident Lodges and members had returned to the Section.

MINUTES

Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held on Thursday, 1st January 1970 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 1969 were present.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes (continued)*

Amendments to Rule 12:

The Committee appointed on the 25th December 1969 presented a draft of the Amendments to Rule 12. After consideration the following amendments to Rule 12 were approved for circulation to members of the General Council, for voting:

"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 *for consideration* at its next following meeting, and shall become valid if approved by a majority of votes of the whole number at the said meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present nor counting as members of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote. *The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.*"

(Alterations in italics.)

3. *Amendment to Rule 2(a)*

The Committee appointed on 25th December 1969 proposed that instead of altering Rule 10, paragraph 1, the following should be added as paragraph 2 of Rule 36:

"If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below 49, the Recording Secretary shall report that fact to the General Council. If during the following three years the membership of the National Society remains below 49, the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter."

The General Council agreed to circulate this amendment to Rule 36 for voting by members of the General Council.

4. *Amendment to Rule 10, Para. 1:*

It was decided that the proposal needed further consideration, and that the views of other members of the General Council might be obtained.

10. *Any other business.**Damodar Gardens Bungalow and grounds:*

The President reported to the General Council a Resolution passed by the Executive Committee on the 6th December 1969, that there should be no further extension of the lease after *June 1970*. The General Council at its meeting held on 25th December 1968 had decided that after the expiry of the 15-year lease in December 1968, a year-to-year extension might be given, but not beyond June 1971.

It has been repeatedly found difficult to collect the rent which was fixed. Sometimes it has been in arrears for one whole year, and that in spite of numerous reminders from the Theosophical Society.

The President remarked that the Besant Theosophical School is under the control and management of the Besant Centenary Trust, over which the Society has no control whatever, and the School has been in occupation of the present premises for more than 34 years. There is already a strong feeling of a vested interest in the occupation of these premises, and it gives rise to ill-feeling whenever the question is raised of the School vacating the premises. He further stated that the Besant Centenary Trust, of which Rukmini Devi is the head, has large grounds in Tiruvanmiyur, and in his opinion it can remove the School to those grounds, if it is really willing to do so; that whatever difficulties might be pleaded as standing in the way of such removal now would exist also in future years, and it would become increasingly difficult to have the School removed. Also, he had information that certain people connected with the Besant School were instrumental in stirring opposition amongst the local public and in official circles to the idea of the School being removed from the present premises. He feared that if any extension is given beyond June 1971 (which had been considered by the General Council in 1968 to be the outside limit for occupancy of Damodar Gardens), it would eventuate in the Society completely losing its rights over the building and grounds, for all practical purposes.

The President stated that as a trustee for the preservation and proper use of the Society's property, he was quite opposed to any idea of extending the lease beyond June 1971.

There was some discussion on this question, in which Srimati Rukmini Devi participated. The Vice-President and Mrs. Ann Wylie had met with representatives from the Besant Centenary Trust to confer upon the matter, at which time it was plainly stated by those representatives that no date could be set when the Damodar Gardens premises could be vacated by the School. A specific request was made for a 5-year extension of the lease from June 1970, with a proviso of a further extension of 5 years if necessary.

The President said he would make a report to the members of the General Council, expressing his views, and that he would also be willing to forward to the members a statement by Rukmini Devi, if she wished. He also pointed out that under Rule 21(c) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society any extension of the lease, for whatever period, can only be given "if specially authorized by a Resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of its members," throughout the world.

Annexe "A"

NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Report for Period Ending September 30, 1969

The Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee has now been functioning for a little over two years. During the past year, Mrs. Claire Wyss, the new Chairman of the European Federation, was added to the committee, by appointment of the President so that the committee now stands as follows:

Helen V. Zahara, Chairman of Committee
L. H. Leslie-Smith, former General Secretary, T. S. in England
Joy Mills, General Secretary, T. S. in America
Claire Wyss, Chairman, European Federation
John Coats, former Chairman, European Federation
K. N. Ramanathan, Manager, Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar.

During the year the Committee initiated a further appeal for funds. A letter was drawn up and circulated on April 1, 1969, to General Secretaries, Federation Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and Presidential Agents throughout the world, suggesting that they appeal to their members to contribute the value of one book each. It is not known how many countries followed this scheme, but the donations received indicate that only the members in England, Australia, U. S. A. and Canada participated. Donations from Australia have been the highest. In addition the Council of the European Federation arranged a transfer from their Trust Fund. (Also shortly after the close of the fiscal year a contribution was received from the Canadian Section.)

The Non-English Publications Loan Fund is sponsored and approved by the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and by the General Council of The Theosophical Society. The fund is held in two accounts: At Wheaton, Illinois, U. S. A. (through The Theosophical Society in America), and at Basle, Switzerland (through The Theosophical Society in Europe). Attached is a summary of these accounts.

All contributions received in response to our appeal are greatly appreciated. However, we need to build up the fund to a much greater amount, if we are to fulfil our purpose to provide help to non-English speaking countries for the publication of more Theosophical literature in their languages.

It is important that members everywhere be kept aware of the existence and the needs of this fund, and it is hoped that those concerned will keep the appeal before their members.

December 1, 1969

HELEN V. ZAHARA
Chairman.

C/o P. O. Box 270
Wheaton, Illinois 60187, U. S. A.

NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS LOAN FUND

Financial Report For Year Ended September 30, 1969

1. Account in Geneva, Switzerland (submitted by Miss Ilse von Tresckow, Treasurer, European Federation):

Balance, October 1, 1968	2,600.00	Sw. Fr.
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Receipts:

From English Section—April, 1969	£154.12.0	1,590.83
From English Section—July, 1969	£ 26.12.6	273.98
Transfer from European Federation Trust Fund		1,700.00
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Balance as at September 30, 1969		6,164.81 Sw. Fr.

(6,164.81 Sw. Fr. equals approx. \$1,440 or £600.)

2. Account in Wheaton, U. S. A.:

Balance, October 1, 1968	\$ 824.96
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Receipts:

Donations—U. S. Members	414.00
Donations—Australian Members	572.23
Interest	33.02
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	1,844.21

Payments:

Postage and duplicating	12.15
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Balance as at September 30, 1969	\$ 1,832.06
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(\$1,832.06 equals approx. £ 763.)

Note: Since the close of the fiscal year on September 30, 1969 the balance in U. S. A. has been increased by further donations from Australian members \$673.96, Canadian Section \$100, and individual donations from Canadian and U. S. members totalling \$33.28. These will appear in next year's financial report. They bring the balance in the U. S. account as at October 31 to \$2,639.30. Including these further donations, the total balance available in the Non-English Publications Loan Fund (both in Switzerland and U. S. A.) at current rate of exchange is \$4,079 or £1,700 (approx.)

Submitted by
HELEN V. ZAHARA
Chairman

Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee

November 30, 1969

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1969

National Sections (Active) ...	39	No. of	No. of
Presidential Agencies (Active) ...	3	Lodges	Members
Federations formed under			
Rule 35 (c) ...	3		
Total Lodges ...	1,222		
Total Membership:			
1969 ...	30,530		
	No. of	No. of	
	Lodges	Members	
1. United States of			
America ...	121	4,678	
2. England ...	81	2,561	
3. India ...	430	7,294	
4. Australia ...	16	1,485	
5. Sweden ...	12	341	
6. New Zealand ...	19	1,096	
7. The Netherlands ...	32	1,173	
8. France ...	35	1,105	
9. Italy ...	21	523	
10. Germany ...	16	317	
11. Cuba ...	19	357	
12. Hungary ...	—	—	
13. Finland ...	23	422	
14. Russia ...	—	—	
15. Czechoslovakia ...	—	—	
16. Southern Africa ...	11	486	
17. Scotland ...	11	91	
18. Switzerland ...	9	233	
19. Belgium ...	9	285	
20. Indonesia ...	—	—	
21. Burma ...	4	52	
22. Austria ...	9	236	
23. Norway ...	8	138	
24. Egypt (Lodges			
only) ...	2	—	
25. Denmark ...	11	172	
26. Ireland ...	3	31	
27. Mexico ...	30	267 (1968)	
28. Canada ...	14	360	
29. Argentina ...	45	769	
30. Chile ...	8	82 (1968)	
31. Brazil ...	35	988	
32. Bulgaria ...	—	—	
33. Iceland ...	14	630	
34. Spain ...	—	—	
35. Portugal ...	12	204	
36. Wales ...	2	82	
37. Poland ...	—	—	
38. Uruguay ...	7	129 (1968)	
39. Puerto Rico ...	7	75	
40. Rumania ...	—	—	
41. Yugoslavia ...	4	61	
42. Ceylon ...	7	100	
43. Greece ...	7	210	
44. Central America ...	10	131	
45. Paraguay ...	—	—	
46. Peru (Lodges at-			
tached to Adyar) ...	—	—	
47. The Philippines ...	20	121	
48. Colombia ...	8	132	
49. East Africa ...	23	1,140	
50. Pakistan * ...	7	259	
51. Malaysia † ...	7	90	
		(Approx.)	
52. Northern Ireland † ...	3	47	
53. Israel ...	—	—	
54. Japan ...	—	—	
55. Viet-Nam ...	14	784	
56. Venezuela * ...	3	41	
57. West Africa † ...	9	318	
58. Bolivia * ...	3	31	
59. Canadian Federation ...	9	135	
60. Fellows-at-Large ...	—	70	
61. Lodges attached			
directly to			
Adyar:			
Chile ...	1	13	
Mexico ...	2	24	
Israel: ...	4	70	
Peru ...	3	47	
Hong Kong ...	1	7	
Singapore ...	1	37	
Total	1,222	30,530	

KATHERINE A. BEECHEY,
Recording Secretary.

* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 20, INDIA

Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1969

A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

No.	<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Amount</i> Rs.
1.	3% Conversion Loan, 1986 ..	261,200
2.	3% First Development Loan, 1970-75 ..	80,000
3.	4½% Madras Loan, 1972 ..	10,000
4.	4½% Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1969-76 ..	100,000
5.	4½% Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1970-80 ..	15,000
6.	4½% Madras Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1966-73 ..	25,000
7.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1971-76 ..	30,000
8.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1971-76 ..	100,000
9.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1970-75 ..	20,000
10.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1967-69 ..	100,000
11.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank Debenture, 1967-69 ..	20,100
12.	4% Mysore Land Mortgage Bank Debenture ..	20,000
13.	7½% Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit ..	468,000
14.	7½% Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit ..	100,000
15.	7% State Bank of India Deposit ..	100,000
16.	7% National & Grindlays Bank Ltd., Deposit ..	50,000
17.	12 years National Defence Certificates ..	10,000
18.	4% Funding Stock (Sterling) 1990 £ 11,297 ..	237,243
19.	4% Government of Australia 1955-70 £ 1,049 ..	22,032
20.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway £ 3,000 ..	63,000
21.	3½% Queensland Government 1955-70 £ 1,400 ..	29,400
22.	4½% Kenya Government Loan £ 500 ..	10,500
		1,871,475

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1969

		1967-68	1968-69
		Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	..	—	3,799-41
..	Australia	.. 3,431-01	3,378-50
..	Austria	.. 605-93	599-40
..	Belgium	.. 1,249-80	881-14
..	Brazil	.. 804-66	1,295-83
..	Canada	.. 1,494-05	—
..	Central America	.. 493-02	—
..	Colombia	.. 263-83	276-87
..	Denmark	.. 344-50	343-95
..	East Africa	.. 1,230-65	1,596-45
..	England	.. 6,694-72	5,816-£0
..	Finland	.. —	1,070-63
..	France	.. 6,030-28	3,371-42
..	Germany	.. 855-88	612-29
..	India	.. 11,960-57	7,336-34
..	Iceland	.. 1,668-80	—
..	Ireland	.. 40-97	39-22
..	Israel	.. 896-85	—
..	Italy	.. —	935-70
..	Mexico	.. 449-86	484-01
..	Malaysia	.. 248-75	500-00
..	Netherlands	.. 8,425-20	7,648-98
..	New Zealand	.. 1,609-36	1,656-17
..	Northern Ireland	.. —	40-38
..	Norway	.. 137-15	164-97
..	Philippines	.. 820-56	183-33
..	Puerto Rico	.. —	299-31
..	Scotland	.. —	201-10
..	South Africa	.. 725-92	506-00
..	Sweden	.. 1,118-97	—
..	Switzerland	.. 1,285-30	1,516-02
..	U.S.A.	.. 25,628-98	27,447-10
..	Uruguay	.. 112-27	112-35
..	Venezuela	.. 303-79	—
..	Wales	.. 141-00	150-14
..	Yugoslavia	.. 565-67	334-82
Canadian Federation	..	—	534-24
Non-sectionalized Lodges, etc.	..	2,780-45	2,683-38
		<hr/> 82,418-75	<hr/> 75,816-25

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Appropriations:				
President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600-00		6,600-00	
School of the Wisdom ...	3,000-00		3,000-00	
		9,600-00		9,600-00
Departmental Results:				
Adyar Library ...	— 8,360-18		+ 15,050-64	
Bhojanasala ...	— 10,417-94		— 7,504-67	
Garden Department ...	— 2,367-10		— 14,038-79	
Laundry Department ...	— 6,305-92		— 5,559-75	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	— 12,626-96		— 10,828-70	
Maintenance Department ...	— 36,035-14		— 39,600-15	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 36,487-08		+ 49,755-79	
Vasanta Press ...	— 6,138-43		+ 2,988-94	
		45,764-59		9,736-69
Depreciation:				
On Gulistan Property ...	403-40		415-80	
On Immovable Property ...	16,463-80		16,463-80	
On Motor Cars ...	1,000-00		616-67	
On Movable Property ...	143-96		145-76	
		18,011-16		17,642-03
Establishment and other Expenses:				
Bad debts written off ...	191-92		1-00	
Convention 1968 ...	6,016-24		7,577-69	
Dispensary ...	8,768-86		8,321-66	
Eastern Border Boundary ...	1,954-78		—	
Fire Insurance ...	312-17		294-16	
Gulistan House Property				
Expenditure Account ...	36-62		835-39	
International Offices ...	7,180-52		8,669-00	
Legal and Audit Fees ...	2,311-75		3,850-00	
Light & Water ...	7,744-33		7,538-11	
Miscellaneous ...	6,138-63		8,142-89	
Museum and Archives ...	2,657-41		4,199-24	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones	3,918-42		4,278-94	
Printing and Stationery ...	854-31		1,372-14	
Publications to General Secretaries	2,421-69		1,188-00	
Reserve for Doubtful Debts ...	—		147-93	
Repairs and Renewals ...	98,857-16		60,958-01	
Retirement Allowances ...	4,103-89		4,324-07	
Salaries and Wages ...	21,253-74		48,096-20	
Sanitation ...	6,450-88		6,484-20	
Taxes ...	16,558-45		17,098-60	
T.P.H. Management ...	12,000-00		12,000-00	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	581-79		744-89	
Watch and Ward ...	24,705-69		24,831-01	
		235,019-25		230,953-13
Gratuity allocation ...		2,863-00		2,693-00
		311,258-00		270,624-85

ADYAR,

11th December 1969

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hony. Treasurer,

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

Examined and found correct,
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Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
FUNDS				
General Fund:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,215,388-09		2,228,095-70	
Add: Receipts during the year:				
" Donations ...	—		9,802-95	
" Fees and Dues ...	—		75,816-25	
" Others ...	—		258,411-07	
" Increase in the value of Life Policy ...	474-00		231-00	
" Transfer from Adyar Library Capital Account ...	16,196-42		—	
	2,232,058-51		2,572,356-97	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	3,962-81		2,920-11	
		2,228,095-70		2,569,436-86
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)		1,979,342-38		1,988,209-94
Century Fund (a) ...		239,248-09		241,052-98
Exchange Equalisation Fund ...		215,316-44		215,316-44
Other Funds: (See notes below)				
(1) Of The Society: Interest Bearing				
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	62,099-18		27,826-79	
Miscellaneous Funds (c) ...	30,319-76		115,554-08	
		92,418-94		143,380-87
(2) Of The Society: Non-Interest Bearing				
President's Travelling Fund ...	17,724-41		19,651-70	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	93,874-94		145,130-17	
		111,599-35		164,781-87
(3) Of Others: Interest Bearing ...		69,985-47		70,723-11
(4) Of Others: Non-Interest Bearing		6,077-73		3,829-73
Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:				
Building Fund Cash (c) ...	570,640-23		574,672-97	
Fixed Property ...	42,000-00		41,000-00	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	4,595-97		4,955-97	
Gratuity Reserve ...	19,821-93		18,346-30	
		637,058-13		638,975-24
T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:				
Capital Fund ...	121,958-32		121,958-32	
Reserves and Surplus ...	86,261-33		130,637-48	
Creditors ...	112,408-47		113,377-66	
T.P.H. Investments ...	13,000-00		13,000-00	
		333,628-12		378,973-46
Vasanta Press:				
Heidelberg Printing Machine Fund ...	122,615-53		122,615-53	
Machinery Replacement Fund ...	14,500-00		14,500-00	
Machinery dismantling & assembling Reserve ...	—		15,000-00	
Retirement allowance Reserve ...	—		21,500-00	
		137,115-53		173,615-53
C/o		6,049,885-88		6,588,296-03

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Immovable Properties (At Cost)		229,220-91		229,220-91
Lands at Urur (At Cost) ...		3,782-40		3,782-40
Lands in Sindh ...		10,000-00		10,000-00
Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	823,189-53		823,189-53	
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	470,747-59		487,211-39	
		352,441-94		335,978-14
"Gulistan", Kotagiri (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,790-72		20,790-72	
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	6,534-44		6,950-24	
		14,256-28		13,840-48
Movable Property at Adyar:				
Furniture & Fixtures: (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	85,415-32		86,423-32	
Additions: ...	1,008-00		3,049-86	
	86,423-32		89,473-18	
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	84,479-76		84,625-52	
		1,943-56		4,847-66
Motor Cars (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	33,692-84		33,692-84	
Less: Depreciation to-date ...	32,776-17		33,392-84	
		916-67		300-00
Investments (At Cost)				
Government of India Loans ...	332,798-88		332,798-88	
State Government Loans ...	454,611-50		444,811-50	
Foreign Investments ...	801,875-85		801,875-85	
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	34,444-00		34,675-00	
Miscellaneous Securities ...	56,084-69		58,084-69	
Fixed Deposits ...	2,026,500-00		2,007,195-00	
		3,706,314-92		3,679,440-92
Interest Accrued on Investments ...		43,150-18		43,078-46
Departmental Assets: (As valued and certified by the Management)				
Water Line Meter Installations ...	318-00		286-00	
Electrical Installations ...	21,639-00		19,475-00	
Telephone Installations ...	2,607-00		2,346-00	
Tools, Equipments etc. ...	32,635-80		30,374-20	
Printing Machinery etc. ...	180,298-53		165,014-00	
Accounts Recoverable ...	12,270-93		12,548-33	
Standing Crops and Developments	64,935-50		21,807-62	
Stock on hand ...	192,061-59		149,030-24	
Buildings in Progress (Vasanta Press & Manager's Quarters) ...	3,795-00		299,020-98	
		510,561-35		699,902-37
C/o		4,872,588-21		5,020,391-34

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 1969

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		4,872,588-21		5,020,391-34
Adyar Library Assets ...		1,088,033-31		1,151,848-58
T.P.H. Assets:				
Assets ...	332,338-38		389,259-66	
Investments ...	13,300-00		13,300-00	
Cash and Bank Balances ...	18,162-20		56,342-05	
		363,800-58		458,901-71
Sundry Assets ...		4,900-53		4,867-53
Loans and Advances ...		25,252-53		30,595-69
Outstanding Fees & Dues ...		—		5,371-50
Security Deposit ...		290-00		290-00
Sundry Debtors (Considered good by Management) ...		41,463-32		57,881-89
Gratuity Advances to Employees ...		4,743-80		6,953-80
Prepaid Expenses ...		3,180-70		2,677-95
Cash:				
In Madras Banks on Current Account ...	106,046-00		67,245-41	
In London Bank Account ...	22,868-57		26,542-23	
On hand ...	12,312-76		10,838-32	
		141,227-33		104,625-96
		6,545,480-31		6,844,405-95

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

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1969-70

EXPENSES	Budget for 1968-69	Actuals for 1968-69	Budget for 1969-70	INCOME	Budget for 1968-69	Actuals for 1968-69	Budget for 1969-70
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bad Debts written off ...	200	1	50	Fees and Dues* ...	83,000	—	—
Convention ...	6,000	7,578	7,500	Interest (Gross) ...	190,000	204,315	204,300
Dispensary ...	9,000	8,321	8,500	Quarters' Maintenance ...	62,000	64,434	64,400
Eastern Border Boundary † ...	2,000	—	—	Wood ...	1,000	2,135	2,200
Establishment—Salaries and				Special Departments:			
Wages ...	25,000	48,096	50,000	Adyar Library ...	38,900	61,774	50,300
Fire Insurance ...	400	294	400	Bhojanasala ...	24,500	22,804	24,000
Gulistan House Property				Garden Department ...	35,000	21,764	30,000
Expenditure ...	100	835	900	Laundry ...	6,500	6,691	6,700
Interest on Funds and				Leadbeater Chambers ...	28,800	30,632	30,700
Accounts ...	9,000	3,180	5,000	Maintenance Department ...	182,000	129,486	150,000
International Offices ...	8,000	8,669	9,000	Sanitary Department ...	3,000	2,652	3,000
Legal & Audit Fees ...	3,000	3,850	4,000	Theosophical Publishing			
Light & Water ...	8,000	7,538	8,000	House ...	87,850	175,108	96,430
Miscellaneous ...	7,000	8,143	9,000	Vasanta Press ...	180,000	260,922	205,000
Museum & Archives ...	2,600	4,199	4,500	Donations* ...	10,000	—	—
Postage, Telegrams and				Deficit ...	20,940	2,920	66,181
Telephones ...	4,000	4,279	4,300				
Printing and stationery ...	1,000	1,372	1,500				
Publication to General							
Secretaries ...	2,400	1,188	2,500				
Provision for Gratuity ...	3,000	2,693	3,000				
Repairs & Renewals ...	98,800	60,958	61,000				
Retirement allowance ...	4,400	4,324	8,000				
Sanitary Department ...	9,500	9,137	9,200				
Taxes ...	17,000	17,098	17,100				
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	12,000	12,000				
Travelling & Conveyance ...	600	745	1,000				
Watch & Ward ...	26,000	24,831	25,000				
Reserve for doubtful debts ...	—	148	150				
Contributions to:							
President's Travelling Fund	6,600	6,600	6,600				
School of the Wisdom ...	3,000	3,000	3,000				
Depreciation ...	18,000	17,642	18,000				
Special Departments:							
Adyar Library ...	50,300	46,724	67,100				
Bhojanasala ...	35,000	30,308	31,000				
Garden Dept. ...	32,000	35,803	40,000				
Laundry ...	13,000	12,251	12,500				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	41,000	41,461	41,500				
Maintenance Dept. ...	221,500	169,085	170,000				
Theosophical Publishing							
House ...	81,090	125,352	89,426				
Vasanta Press ...	193,000	257,934	202,485				
Capital Expenditure:							
Vasanta Press Manager's							
Quarters Rs. 50,000							
Types & Metal Rs. 15,000							
Plant & Machinery							
Rs. 5,000							
	953,490	985,637	933,211		953,490	985,637	933,211

ADYAR,

15th December 1969

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

ANNIE THOE SIANG NIO,

Hony. Treasurer.

The Adyar Library
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1969

THE ADYAR

PUBLICATION ACCOUNT FOR THE

DEBIT				PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
				Rs.	Rs.
Opening Stock of Publications	...	...	...	27,022-94	37,936-31
Cost of Publication	...	...	...	20,251-88	68,225-77
Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	...	...	19,918-46	39,334-26
				67,193-28	145,496-34

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE				PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
				Rs.	Rs.
Administration Charges	...	...	...	2,839-00	626-70
Copying and Comparing	...	...	...	894-65	— *
Depreciation	...	...	...	2,060-00	21,377-28
Fire Insurance	...	...	...	105-90	311-90
Gratuity Allocation	...	...	...	1,229-00	1,187-00
Micro Filming	...	...	...	641-79	— *
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	4,545-24	4,243-17
Postage and Telephones	...	...	...	855-01	577-37
Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	1,334-34	306-11
Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	...	2,737-39	1,304-95
Retirement Allowance	...	...	...	1,594-81	1,595-16
Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	28,393-41	15,194-38
Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	...	...	—	15,050-64
				47,230-54	61,774-66

ADYAR,
8th December 1969

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer

LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1969

CREDIT					PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
					Rs.	Rs.
Central Government Grant for Publications	...	...	...	...	4,520-00	40,316-55
Sale of Publications	...	...	...	...	24,736-97	12,166-53
Closing Stock	...	...	...	...	37,936-31	93,013-26
					67,193-28	145,496-34

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1969

INCOME					PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
					Rs.	Rs.
Income from Publication Account	...	...	...	...	19,918-46	39,334-26
Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations	...	...	...	...	15,068-05	21,081-51
Copying and Comparing	...	...	...	...	1,068-15	— *
Micro Filming...	...	...	...	...	1,601-60	— *
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	1,214-10	1,358-89
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	...	...	...	8,360-18	—
					47,230-54	61,774-66

* Copying, Comparing and Microfilming are included in the Publication Account this year.

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

THE ADYAR

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Advance by the T.S.	...		223,156-03		269,891-28
Book Deposits:					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	3,451-00		3,911-00	
Add: Receipts	...	820-00		940-00	
		4,271-00		4,851-00	
Less: Refunds	...	360-00		580-00	
			3,911-00		4,271-00
Building Fund:					
(1) Fixed Property:					
Value of Building					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	50,000-00		50,000-00	
Less: Depreciation to date	...	8,000-00		9,000-00	
			42,000-00		41,000-00
(2) Other Donations:					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	498,985-18		570,640-23	
Add: Receipts during the year	...	27,879-94		4,032-74	
Add: Add-A-Brick Fund	...	43,775-11		—	
			570,640-23		574,672-97
Capital Fund:					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	236,179-33		227,819-15	
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	—		15,050-64	
		236,179-33		242,869-79	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	8,360-18		—	
			227,819-15		242,869-79
Discretionary Fund	...		684-97		684-97
Gratuity Reserve:					
As per last Balance Sheet	...	15,021-93		19,821-93	
Allocation for the year	...	1,229-00		1,187-00	
Add: Adyar Day Allocation	...	3,571-00		—	
		19,821-93		21,008-93	
Less: Payments	...	—		2,662-63	
			19,821-93		18,346-30
Sundry Creditors	...		—		112-27
			1,088,033-31		1,151,848-58

ADYAR,
9th December 1969

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

LIBRARY

30TH SEPTEMBER 1969

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Library Building:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	774,660-29		774,660-29	
Less: Depreciation ...	—		19,366-29	
		774,660-29		755,294-00
Advances:				
Director's Discretionary Loan Fund ...	85-00		—	
Deposit (Telephone) ...	300-00		300-00	
		385-00		300-00
Books & Manuscripts:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	160,816-63		161,901-16	
Additions ...	1,084-53		1,757-16	
		161,901-16		163,658-32
Fire Extinguisher		407-86		407-86
Furniture:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	56,347-63		40,512-00	
Additions ...	—		1,104-99	
	56,347-63		41,616-99	
Less: Depreciation ...	15,835-63		1,040-99	
		40,512-00		40,576-00
Grant Receivable (from Government of India) ...		—		38,436-55
Immovable Property at Juhu:				
Value of house property gifted:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	50,000-00		50,000-00	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	8,000-00		9,000-00	
		42,000-00		41,000-00
Microfilming Equipment:				
Value of Equipment gifted:				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,421-00		19,400-00	
Less: Depreciation ...	1,021-00		970-00	
		19,400-00		18,430-00
Stock on hand:				
Publications ...	37,936-31		93,013-26	
Insecticides, Binding Materials etc. ...	2,404-23		440-09	
		40,340-54		93,453-35
Prepaid Expenses:				
Fire Insurance ...		—		192-50
Sundry Debtors ...		8,426-46		100-00
		1,088,033-31		1,151,848-58

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

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
ACCOUNT FOR 1969-70

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 1968-69	Budget for 1969-70	INCOME	Actuals for 1968-69	Budget for 1969-70
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Administration Charges ...	627	1,500	By Income from Publication ...	39,334	20,000
„ Copying and Comparing Charges ...	—	900	„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations ...	21,081	26,000
„ Depreciation ...	21,377	22,000	„ Copying and Comparing ...	—	1,000
„ Fire Insurance ...	312	400	„ Micro Filming receipts ...	—	1,800
„ Gratuity Allocation ...	1,187	1,200	„ Miscellaneous receipts ...	1,359	1,500
„ Micro Filming Charges ...	—	700	„ Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	—	16,800
„ Miscellaneous ...	4,243	4,500			
„ Postage & Telephones ...	577	800			
„ Printing & Stationery ...	306	1,000			
„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ...	1,305	2,500			
„ Retirement Allowance ...	1,595	1,600			
„ Salaries & Wages ...	15,194	30,000			
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	15,051	—			
	61,774	67,100		61,774	67,100

V. RAMANATHA IYER,
Librarian.

Theosophical Publishing House
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1969

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF "THE THEOSOPHIST"

EXPENDITURE						PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
						Rs.	Rs.
Administration Charges and Overhead	...	...	...	...	...	1,200-00	1,200-00
Depreciation	...	...	...	...	...	99-54	85-45
Editorial	...	...	...	...	...	3,675-00	4,900-00
Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	3,075-11	3,467-96
General Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	147-62	148-94
Postage and Packing	...	...	...	...	...	8,980-02	8,845-27
Printing and Blocks	...	...	...	...	...	17,509-07	17,563-37
Excess of Income over Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...	4,292-53	3,455-17
						38,978-89	39,666-16

ADYAR,
 27th November 1969

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
 Manager.

D 30TH SEPTEMBER 1969

INCOME				PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year	
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Subscriptions:	...	...	...
Unexpired on October 1, 1968	...	...	...	21,247-39	19,377-12	
Add: Receipts during the year	...	...	...	37,108-62	41,307-32	
				58,356-01	60,684-44	
Less: Unexpired on 30th September 1969	...	...	...	19,377-12	21,018-28	39,666-16
				38,978-89		39,666-16

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
ANNIE TJOE SIANG NIO,
Hony. Treasurer.

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

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE				PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
				Rs.	Rs.
Advertisement and Catalogue ...	...	...	...	1,002-11	831-89
Audit Fees ...	...	...	...	750-00	750-00
Conveyance & Transit ...	...	...	...	101-56	67-84
Depreciation on Furniture, Fittings & Office Appliances ...	...	...	...	142-75	124-63
Establishment ...	...	...	...	25,019-14	28,335-84
Fire Insurance Premium ...	...	...	...	141-00	141-00
Gratuity allocation ...	...	...	...	3,000-00	3,000-00
Office Printing & Stationery ...	...	...	...	1,491-06	1,689-02
Postage and Telegrams ...	...	...	...	1,608-92	2,008-51
Publications Reserve Allocation ...	...	...	...	15,000-00	43,000-00
Quarters Maintenance ...	...	...	...	2,450-00	2,565-00
Repairs & Upkeep ...	...	...	...	—	250-41
Retirement Allowance ...	...	...	...	2,909-52	—
Retirement Allowance Allocation ...	...	...	...	—	8,000-00
Royalty on Sale of Books ...	...	...	...	22,779-53	31,497-94
Sales Tax ...	...	...	...	102-30	74-93
Trade Expenses ...	...	...	...	2,039-55	1,988-94
Water, Electricity & Conservancy ...	...	...	...	1,127-69	1,026-47
Excess of Income over Expenditure ...	...	...	...	36,487-08	49,755-79
				116,152-21	175,108-21

ADYAR,
27th November 1969

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1969

INCOME					PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
					Rs.	Rs.
Sale of Books: Agency and Others	...	...	...	...	6,362-53	7,765-34
Incense Sticks	...	...	...	...	2,396-41	2,553-23
Packing Charges recovered from Customers	...	...	...	...	156-71	528-80
Photos and Pictures	...	...	...	...	772-01	455-41
Stationery	...	...	...	...	568-95	31-64
T.P.H. Publications	...	...	...	...	98,312-54	153,157-27
					108,569-15	164,491-69
Administration and Overhead charged to The Theosophist	...	...	...	...	1,200-00	1,200-00
Interest on Investments	...	...	...	...	611-16	638-44
Miscellaneous Income	...	...	...	...	272-46	307-72
Royalty Receipts	...	...	...	...	5,499-44	8,470-36
					116,152-21	175,108-21

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hony. Treasurer.

N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Capital:				
Balance as per last Balance Sheet ...	128,643-70		165,130-78	
Add: Excess of Income over expenditure for the year ...	36,487-08	165,130-78	49,755-79	214,886-57
Reserves & Surplus:				
(i) Kale Memorial Fund ...	300-00		300-00	
(ii) Gratuity Reserve ...	15,088-80		11,995-55	
(iii) Special Publications Reserve ...	67,000-00		110,000-00	
(iv) General Contingency Reserve ...	2,801-73		3,132-65	
(v) Reserve for doubtful debts ...	1,070-80		1,070-80	
(vi) Retirement allowance Reserve ...	—	86,261-33	4,138-48	130,637-48
Current Liabilities:				
(a) Book Gift Funds ...	10,304-44		13,170-47	
(b) Sundry Creditors ...				
(i) for Royalties ...	27,104-64		32,131-66	
(ii) „ Purchases and Publications ...	37,781-30		24,642-71	
(c) Customers' Credit balances ...	4,867-34		6,162-74	
(d) Sundry deposits ...	3,908-19	83,965-91	3,731-19	79,838-77
THE THEOSOPHIST:				
1. Unexpired Subscriptions ...	19,377-12		21,018-28	
2. Balance in I and E A/c ...	9,065-44	28,442-56	12,520-61	33,538-89
		363,800-58		458,901-71

ASSETS		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Fixed Assets:					
Furniture etc.	...		1,207-24		2,805-46
Investments:					
Fixed Deposit with Indian Bank	...	300-00		300-00	
Fixed Deposit with T.S.	...	13,000-00		13,000-00	
			13,300-00		13,300-00
Current Assets:					
(i) Stock as per Inventory:					
(a) Books etc.	...	165,166-03		139,180-97	
(b) Office Printing etc.	...	1,693-46		1,583-69	
(ii) Advances for books and Royalty	...	758-05		123-14	
(iii) V.P.P. under collection	...	288-15		240-10	
(iv) Deposits	...	45-00		6,046-85	
(v) Cost of Printing Paper in Stock	...	58,663-17		91,380-34	
			226,613-86		238,555-09
Sundry Debtors	...		102,878-93		142,702-58
Gratuity loan and festival advance to staff	...		—		3,191-60
Pre-paid Expenses	...		24-85		47-97
THE THEOSOPHIST:					
(i) Equipment and Furniture	...	718-45		633-00	
(ii) Stock of Paper etc.	...	895-05		1,323-96	
			1,613-50		1,956-96
Cash and Bank Balances:					
(i) Cash on hand	...	1,556-13		189-02	
(ii) Balance in current a/c with					
State Bank of India	...	6,540-90		8,203-69	
National and Grindlays	...	9,841-00		46,618-19	
United Commercial	...	224-17		1,331-15	
			18,162-20		56,342-05
			363,800-58		458,901-71

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

EXPENDITURE	<i>Actuals for 1968-69</i>	<i>Budget for 1969-70</i>	INCOME	<i>Actuals for 1968-69</i>	<i>Budget for 1969-70</i>
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Advertisement and Catalogue ...	832	2,000	Gross Income from Sales ...	164,492	86,000
Audit Fees ...	750	750	Administration charges and		
Conveyance and Transit ...	68	100	Overhead from The		
Depreciation on Furniture ...	125	125	Theosophist ...	1,200	1,200
Establishment ...	28,336	29,600	Interest on Investment ...	638	638
Fire Insurance Premium ...	141	141	Miscellaneous Income ...	308	260
Gratuity Allocation ...	3,000	3,000	Royalty Receipts ...	8,470	8,000
Office Printing and Stationery ...	1,689	1,700			
Postage and Telegrams ...	2,008	2,100			
Publications Reserve ...	43,000	15,000			
Quarters Maintenance ...	2,565	2,570			
Repairs ...	250	250			
Retirement Allowance Allocation ...	8,000	4,000			
Royalty on Sale of Books ...	31,498	25,000			
Sales Tax ...	75	60			
Trade Expenses ...	1,989	2,000			
Water, Electricity & Conservancy ...	1,026	1,030			
Excess of Income over Expenditure .	49,756	6,672			
	175,108	96,098		175,108	96,098

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

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