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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 95TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Adyar, December 26, 1970

BY N. SRI RAM, *President*

It is with very real joy that I welcome to Adyar and to this 95th Convention of the Society those who have come to attend it, some from far-off places in India and some others from farther off abroad. A gathering such as this can be a harmonious meeting place or *sangam* of many streams of influence, each with its beneficent properties—as many streams as there are members attending it. This can be if each one, while he is here, will give himself with no pre-occupation, in a spirit of peace, friendliness and harmony, to the work before us and all that it should signify and convey.

May we, when the time comes to leave, be able to feel that it has been greatly worth our while to come here, and be able to look back upon this event in the history of the Society as upon a beacon casting its beams on a pathway we can securely tread amidst the darkness and difficulties of the world as it is at present.

(Rise, Brethren)

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.

(Be seated)

I declare this 95th Convention open.

As long ago as 1889, with all the developments of the present century still in the future, H. P. Blavatsky referred to this period of the world's history as one of “mental increase and spiritual decrease”. The evidence of this statement is all about us today. We are witnessing the high noon and triumphs of the human mind, or to be more precise, the scientific, analytical mind, which for all its achievements covers only the outer aspect of things, even when it seems to penetrate to their core, as in the discovery of the elementary particles, and is able to determine the number of vibrations in an atom. All the knowledge that has come through modern Science, as well as a large part even of the knowledge that pertains to what is termed “occult,” in so far as it only enlarges the pattern of the phenomenal world and fills it with more detail, cannot effect in man the deep change that is needed to make him the self-contained yet inwardly unfolding, joyous and wise being that he can be. He is today far from being in such a condition, suffering as he does from acute discontent, frustrations and tension, wars and neuroses, violence in every form, in emotions as well as action, more than at any previous time.

The increase of knowledge and its diverse applications excite and goad the

human mind into a tempo of activity hitherto unknown. This increased activity has given rise to a continuous increase of inventions, explorations, knowledge and applications of knowledge. The whole bent of the human mind is more and more towards the objective world and its multifarious phenomena. It is not confined to the gaining of knowledge and the achievements made possible by it, but also towards the gaining and enjoyment of power and other sensations which the new world conditions have brought within the field of our personal lives. Thus, with all the developments of one sort and another, whether in themselves good or bad, there has been set up in the whole nature of man a centrifugalism which arouses his vitality and makes him dynamic, but only at a certain level and in a blind headlong manner. This development has led to his breaking away from his previous moorings, the restraints of tradition, the guidance of religious beliefs, adherence to the virtues they inculcated, and also respect for those who exemplified those virtues. Under the stress of the outward-moving impulses, he has in reality moved away from himself, that is, from that inner condition which would still exist if he had not been subjected to the new forces. He is now so involved in reactions of one sort or another that he has neither the time nor the inclination to assess their nature or even notice them in relation to his conduct. He does not realize how he is being shaped, twisted and disequilibrated by them, thus making his own existence a problem both to himself and to society at large. It is this condition of man and modern society, the problem of the knowledge he has gained, knowledge of a certain sort, mixed up and interacting with violent instincts in himself, hitherto kept submerged or under control, that our Society's work has to take into account.

The Divine Wisdom we call Theosophy is not meant to be mere head-learning; in its true nature it is soul-wisdom, a distinction clearly made by H. P. B. in *The Voice of the Silence*. It is as much the science pertaining to the nature of the knower, that subjective being which suffers so many transformations, a nature which remains for the most part concealed as an unexplored and unperceived ocean. It is as much *Ātma Vidyā*, as it was called of old, as it is the science of an occult universe extending far beyond the bounds of what modern Science can reveal with its present methods and implements.

We have to present this Wisdom in a manner which makes it practical and relevant to the problems of life, particularly the problems of the present time, and also reveal it in all its attractiveness, its native beauty, breadth and depth. In order to be able to do so, we must ourselves first approach the task with an understanding marked by this aim and quality. It is obvious that we cannot help others to a comprehension that will solve their problems if we ourselves have not in some measure experienced their solution. Therefore, I feel that the work, especially in this period of a fateful transition, must be of such a nature as to change ourselves as much as it is work aimed at helping others. The distinction between these two aspects of the work will however vanish to the extent that we are inspired by that altruistic spirit which is the hallmark of Theosophy in all the pursuits in which we engage as Theosophists.

Let us go ahead, then, each with such tasks as come to his hands, spreading the Wisdom as best he can, stressing most of all what is most vital for right conduct and right living, but at the same time bringing about in himself the clarity needed for right understanding, and opening himself to whatever new intimations

of Truth may dawn upon him in that condition. Our own inner horizons and sky have to be free from the fogs and confusion which are so marked a feature of the present time.

Progress as understood in the world at large is at present mainly outwards, but it is also slanted downwards, metaphorically speaking. Yet the present time can be a turning point. The needle must turn upward and inward. "Inward" does not mean towards a condition of self-involvement, which is isolation in a prison, but towards those depths which lie concealed in our own pure nature, of which we become cognizant and to which we gravitate only as that self is put aside. Those who call themselves Theosophists must be among those who make this change possible.

An important step in the development of the work in the United States was the completion of a new building at "Olcott," the national headquarters, to house its Theosophical Publishing House. There has been an enormous increase in the sale of books, due especially to the demand for the Quest Book publications, a program which is being carried on with major grants from the Kern Foundation. The Report of Miss Joy Mills, the National President of the Section, gives a figure approximating to 100,000 as the number of books sold during the year ending June 1, 1970. The Quest Book sales registered an increase of 17% over the previous year. The Report gives a comprehensive view of activities in the Section, including those in the three Summer Camps in New York State, California and Orcas Island, where members, their families and friends gather in an atmosphere of informality during the Camp periods. Special "Workshop" sessions have been held in these Camps, attracting members from different places in the States. The Report also mentions prominently the Regional

Expansion efforts which have been increasingly successful, as indicated by attendance at meetings and lectures. The Kern Foundation has been very generous in the help it has given, covering more than twenty programs and amounting to more than \$400,000, in one year. An interesting new venture, carried out with the Foundation's assistance, is the production of a Quest Books film entitled "How Many Lifetimes," which has won several awards for excellence. It is a sound-colour film which runs for about 28 minutes. The work of all departments, particularly the Department of Education, described as a "key department," has shown considerable expansion, thanks largely to help given by the Foundation. The Section membership now stands at 5,436, including 943 new members.

The number of members in the English Section was 2,478 on September 30th. The Report of the General Secretary, Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, mentions again the four Study Courses recently introduced, among which the courses described as "An Introductory Course" sent to all new members, and "A Fundamentals Course" have been particularly effective. Every endeavor is made now, says Mr. Farthing, to ensure that people joining the Society know its nature and what it stands for, with the hope of reducing the high level of members who resign or lapse.

The General Secretary for India, Mrs. Radha Burnier, mentions that there has been an over-all improvement in the work of the Section during the last ten years. Because India is a land of many languages, the Federations, which follow the linguistic demarcations, have to undertake with their very scanty resources the heavy task of translating Theosophical books into their particular languages. But there is a growing volume of such translations. Mrs. Burnier's Report mentions numerous

Study and Workers' Training Camps held in different parts of the country during the year, including a seven-day Study and Training Camp in Ujjain, conducted by herself, which was mostly attended by young members eager to study and work. Among these Camps I might make particular mention of one in Bhowali in the foothills of the Himalayas, extending over a period of three weeks, and the Annual Workers' Training Camp at Adyar for a similar period in May. There were a number of Federation and Inter-Federation Conferences during the year, including a North Indian Conference presided over by myself at Varanasi in October. The General Secretary mentions also the progress of the New Life for India movement, marked by discussions on such subjects as Citizenship and Education, Violence in a Democracy, and Unity and its Problems. The membership of the Section now stands at 7,469.

The Report of the General Secretary of the Australian Section, Miss Ruth Beringer, refers to the fact that the Convention held last March at Katoomba in the Blue Mountains, north-west of Sydney, marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Society in Australia. There were some 250 members present, including quite a contingent from New Zealand and a number of members from Saigon, Viet-Nam. The work of the Section has been greatly helped during the year by Study Seminars conducted by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson in Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, and later in Brisbane Lodge, each over a period of two months. Miss Beringer says that while the Lodges in the big cities have a very large membership, for instance Melbourne with 518, the smaller Lodges have difficulty in holding regular meetings. The number of members in that Section is now 1,655.

New Zealand has also been very active, and the Report of the General Secretary,

Mr. Brian Dunningham, is full of a spirit of enthusiasm and hope. The number of members in New Zealand has risen to 1,134.

I would like to mention particularly, as I have done during the last few years, the work which is being carried on so devotedly and faithfully by our members in Viet-Nam, in spite of the extraordinarily difficult conditions existing there. The war has gone on now for nearly 25 years. The General Secretary, Madame Nguyen-thi-Hai, says that the members, who now number about 852, are preparing themselves methodically for the beginning of a new cycle in 1975. There has been an increasing number of university students attending Theosophical lectures. Incidentally, I would like to mention another country in which members carry on the work amidst war conditions, namely Israel, which is not yet a Section.

Both the East African Section and the West African Federation have been very active in their respective ways. East Africa has now a membership of 1,142, consisting mostly of Asian settlers, but the Section extends over a vast area, comprising Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, which are all separate States. Mr. A. B. Patel, the National President, writes that they have had to appoint Regional Secretaries for these areas, in order to keep in touch with the Lodges, co-ordinate their activities and help them. The Organizing Secretary of the West African Federation, Mr. E. M. Affram, refers to the fact that small groups of students in colleges have been carrying on studies in Theosophy. At first there was some opposition from the college authorities on the ground that Theosophy did not favor belief in God, but it was later found that the best behaved students were those who were attending Theosophical meetings, and that had caused a change in the attitude of the authorities. The

Ghana Weekly Advertiser has been publishing every week for the last six months the Objects of the Theosophical Society free of charge, and as a result Mr. Affram says enquiries have been pouring in. The Federation has now 330 members.

The work in the Latin American Sections is being carried on along the established lines. The members are looking forward to the next Inter-American Congress, which is to be held in Bogota, Colombia, in February next year. Mr. Gabriel Burgos, who is again the General Secretary of the Colombian Section, writes that it has now a new Headquarters building with three Halls, named Blavatsky, Olcott and Besant, for meetings of various sorts. In June they held a course of lectures and discussions, named Inter-American Days, in which there were participants from Argentina, Brazil, Costa Rica and Panama. In July, there was a similar program in Brazil, in which members from Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay participated. Mr. Spairani, General Secretary for Argentina, reports much activity at different places. The Section has now a large and convenient building in Rosario.

The Report from Denmark, sent by its new General Secretary, Mr. Preben Sørensen, records the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* in the Danish language. It will be in three volumes, but the third has yet to come out. The translation had been made by Miss Sigrid Möller. This publication will greatly help the work not only in Denmark, but also the other Scandinavian countries. The Section has now 278 members, and Mr. Sørensen mentions the interesting fact that the great majority of new members are young people in their twenties. The Section is also issuing, as a supplement to its Section journal, a monthly entitled *Nu* (Now) which has a circulation of 1,000, reaching very many outside the Society.

The Dutch Section has at present a membership of about 1,200. Its General Secretary, Mrs. Schoot-Groot, mentions the construction of the Besant Hall on the estate of the Huizen Centre as a facility which can be used for Theosophical lectures and meetings. The Hall will accommodate an audience of about 300.

An important activity of the Swedish Section, as reported by Mr. Curt Berg, the General Secretary, was the holding of a Study Course during the spring and autumn of this year, on the subject, "A Way towards Self-Realization". The course was divided into six sessions, and was marked by study as well as discussions. It is an encouraging fact that many Sections mention an increase of interest in Theosophical ideas and activities among the young people.

Iceland has 14 Lodges and 625 members. Each Lodge has members' meetings for study, as well as public lectures. It is of interest to note that one of these Study Groups has taken up the subject "Tibetan Esoteric Teachings," under the guidance of the ex-General Secretary, Mr. Sigvaldi Hjalmarsson.

It is not possible for me in a survey such as this to include all the Sections, but work in all of them goes on steadily and satisfactorily, on the whole.

Outside regular Lodge meetings, members get together at Study Week-ends; Annual Conventions, which in many cases are not confined to the transaction of business, but become regular Theosophical Conferences; Regional Conferences; Federation Camps of a shorter or longer duration extending from 4 days to perhaps 21 days; and Summer Schools. The Camps I have mentioned in India are all Study Camps similar to the Workshops in the American Section. In Europe, members look forward to the Summer Schools, which bring together members from different Sections, especially

the most active workers, and these are held during the holiday season. There were Summer Schools during the year at "Olcott," following the Annual Convention of the American Section; an English Regional Summer School at St. Andrews, Scotland; a French-speaking Summer School at Aussois, France; a Scandinavian Summer School at Gammel Praestegaard, Denmark; also at Kreivila, Finland; Hustedt, Germany; Oosterbeek in Holland; Pichl, Austria for German-speaking members; in Iceland, Viet-Nam, Israel and Argentina. Next to the attendance at the Olcott Summer School, the largest attendance was at the English Regional Summer School where about 130 attended.

During the year I made a tour of Australia and New Zealand from March to June, visiting the principal cities in both countries and was also present at the Australian Convention in Katoomba. I was accompanied on the tour by Miss Elithe Nisewanger, as Secretary. Mr. and Mrs. James S. Perkins made a tour in Europe and attended the Summer Schools in Germany, Denmark, Scotland and France. Srimati Rukmini Devi made a trip to Europe, chiefly to inaugurate the new Besant Hall at Huizen, and also visited London and later spent some time in Southern California. Mr. John Coats visited most of the Lodges in Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia, and also lectured in Manila, Philippines. Mr. B. Mullik visited a number of Sections in Europe, lecturing in different places and also recently in the Krotona School of Theosophy in U. S. A. Mrs. Claire Wyss, as Chairman of the European Federation, was present at several of the Summer Schools in Europe, and made tours in Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia and other areas. Mr. E. M. Affram of Ghana made a visit to East Africa, attending their Convention and also visiting a number of Lodges. Mr. A. R. Bakshi of Ahmeda-

bad, India, made a four-months' tour of East Africa, accompanied by Mrs. Bakshi, holding study classes in many different places, as well as lecturing to members and the public. They were both assisted in these tours by Mr. H. M. Chhaya, who is the Vice-President of the East African Section. Mr. Juan Vinas from Buenos Aires, Argentina, visited many places in the Latin American Sections, giving lectures and generally helping the work.

Among those who have passed away during the year I might mention Mrs. Sarah Mayes, a worker for many years at "Olcott" and more recently at Ojai, California; Miss Hilda Kemp, Brother Jinarājādāsa's private secretary for many years; Mrs. Lavender Berry, who was General Secretary in England some years ago; Mr. G. Nevin Drinkwater, known through his writings to members, particularly in England; Mrs. Anna Masalin Arvidsson, a well-known and very much respected member in Finland; Mr. Gaston Polak, who was General Secretary of Belgium for a very long period of years; Mr. N. K. Bhide, a member of long standing, who was Treasurer of the Indian Section for some years; Mr. Venugopala Rao, head of the Indian Bookshop at Varanasi for many years; Mrs. Goolbanoo Wadia, well known to members in India and to many from abroad who have passed through Bombay; Mrs. Suzanne Verheyen, a very active and devoted member in Belgium; Mr. Milan Reiching of Yugoslavia, an enthusiastic worker; Mr. Fred Morgan of Canada, a frequent contributor to THE THEOSOPHIST; Mrs. Laura G. Chase, very well known at Adyar and among the members in New York. I am unable to mention all workers who have passed away during the year, but we owe all of them our gratitude, and they will be remembered with affection by all who knew them.

At Adyar, Mr. K. N. Ramanathan was appointed Honorary Treasurer, in the place of Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio who will be away from India for a year. Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan has resumed the post of Librarian at the Adyar Library after about two and a half years at Olcott where her particular work was the organization of an Oriental Section in the National Library of the American Section. I take this opportunity to thank Sri V. Ramanatha Ayyar who has been carrying on in her place, without sparing himself any trouble in spite of his years. The Adyar Library has had to forego the services of a very valuable helper in Dr. Aithal, who has taken up an appointment in a German university. Mr. V. R. Manickam, who has been supervising the operations in the Gardens for very many years, is now Assistant Superintendent in that Department; Mr. Yagnesvara Sastry continues to give as Adviser the help he has been giving for so many years as Superintendent in an honorary capacity. Other Department heads and assistants at Adyar remain as reported last year.

Quite a number of the Section Reports mention the work of the Theosophical Order of Service. The nature of the work has of course to be adapted to local needs and conditions. I believe it was Dr. Annie Besant who described the Order as a union of all who love for the helping of all who suffer. The extent of the tangible help that the T.O.S. Groups are able to render may seem infinitesimally small, considering the need that exists. It may be a drop in the ocean, yet that drop can become potent as an elixir if it expresses a spirit of pure altruism and self-sacrificing help, untainted by the personality of the giver. In Australia, the T.O.S. work is now directed by Mrs. Lorraine Moseley, who took over the office from Mrs. Winifred McKenzie at the time of the Australian Convention.

In Switzerland Miss H. Balmer, who was the Head of the T.O.S. there, retired after many years of work, and her place has been taken by Miss Elizabeth Jenny. In previous Addresses I have mentioned others who direct the work in other areas.

Reports from the Adyar Library and the Theosophical Publishing House record a year of considerable activity. The sales of the Publishing House have been steadily on the increase, due mainly to orders from the United States as part of the Quest Books program. Unfortunately, due to delays on the part of Government over sundry small points, the Vasanta Press could not be transferred to its new building during the year, as expected. It is hoped that the transfer will be possible soon.

I would like again to draw attention to the various Funds, with the help of which the work has to be kept going. I will mention particularly the A. B. C. Fund which is specially intended for the upkeep of the Adyar Headquarters; the Century Fund which is meant for improving the Adyar Estate and its facilities, particularly in view of the approaching Centenary of the Society; and the Non-English Publications Loan Fund, established to build up funds for assisting in the translation and publication of English Theosophical works into other languages.

All over the Theosophical world there is a growing awareness of the fact that we are approaching the end of a hundred year cycle and the beginning of a new one. What is really new can be experienced only in so far as we are open to receive it and thus become ourselves renovated. The Society at any given time consists of its members, and its character is determined by them, and not solely by its Objects. What the members actually think and how they act must necessarily be portrayed in the Society's aura, so to say, and this can change considerably. We begin our

life's career, howsoever it may turn out eventually, with a clean slate which is not mere ignorance, but we lose that condition of freshness and purity. It is only in such a state, which can co-exist with knowledge, that real renovation can begin. Therefore, it seems to me that those who look for a new influx of life must prepare themselves for it. In this connection I quote the following words (somewhat altered) from the Viet-Nam Report, referring to the way in which the members

there plan to prepare themselves: a study of Theosophical teachings, unselfish service in every possible way and maintenance of a truly fraternal spirit by the members. Translated into other terms, this should mean opening oneself to the influence of the deep wisdom which is Theosophy, manifesting its spirit in ways of service and such friendliness and co-operation among the members as will make them collectively the vessel of Truth that the Society can be.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

There is an excess of expenditure over income of Rs. 3,534 this year against Rs. 2,920 in 1968-69. Departmental results show a total deficit of Rs. 44,339 in spite of improvements in the Bhojanasala, Leadbeater Chambers and the Maintenance Department. Expenditure on repairs and renewals is less, also under Watch and Ward.

The Adyar Day Collections received during the year totalled Rs. 52,854, and there was a balance of Rs. 79 left over from the previous year. The amount was allocated by the President as follows:

| | | Rs. |
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| The Adyar Library | .. | 10,000 |
| Faithful Service Fund | .. | 8,000 |
| Olcott Harijan Free Schools | .. | 3,000 |
| Vice-President's Travelling Fund | .. | 6,000 |
| Welfare Fund | .. | 3,000 |
| General Fund towards deficit | .. | 22,900 |
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| | | 52,900 |
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1. Bhojanasala: The Department shows great improvement in the position, with a deficit of only Rs. 1,793 this year compared with Rs. 7,505 last year and Rs. 10,418 in 1967-68. This has been due to stricter supervision and economy.

2. Garden Department: There is a large deficit of Rs. 19,469 which is Rs. 5,431 higher than last year's. Contributory factors this year are: the failure of the mango crop in many parts of South India, including Adyar, this year, owing to seasonal conditions; coconuts have not recovered fully from the severe drought of the previous two years; and wage increases have added to the expenditure. Casuarina Development Plantations II, III and IV have yielded a profit of Rs. 7,401 this year.

3. Laundry: The deficit has increased from Rs. 5,560 in the previous year to Rs. 6,565. This is due to increase in cost of raw materials and fuel. The receipts have also decreased owing to lower turnover of business.

4. Leadbeater Chambers: The deficit has been wiped out—it amounts to only Rs. 39, against Rs. 10,829 in the previous year. This phenomenal improvement is due to greater control and economy, also rise in income following increase in rates.

5. Maintenance Department: This Department also shows improvement over the previous year, the deficit having been reduced by Rs. 6,300. The recoveries under Labour have improved.

6. The Vasanta Press: The gross income amounted to Rs. 109,975, which is Rs. 15,598 less than in the previous year. Owing to increasing work, it has been found necessary to make urgent plans for the purchase of additional machinery totalling over Rs. 200,000. Provision has been made for part of this by providing an additional Rs. 48,766 in the Machinery Replacement Fund, which now totals Rs. 63,266. The allotment for moving the Press to its new premises has been increased by Rs. 3,000. Work on the new Press building has been completed, the total expenditure on it being Rs. 400,000, of which Rs. 107,695 has been met this year. The Department shows a net income of Rs. 2,579 against Rs. 2,989 in the previous year.

7. The Theosophical Publishing House: There is a fall of Rs. 91,900 in the volume of business and this is reflected in the excess of income over expenditure, which amounts to Rs. 41,000 against Rs. 49,756 in the previous year. As the Publication Programme includes the printing of *The Secret Doctrine* and certain other books which may require subsidy, Rs. 48,000 has been added to the Publication Reserve. In the abnormal situation of a near-famine in India over printing paper supplies, the T. P. H. has put in a stock of paper for immediate needs, amounting to Rs. 182,377 at the close of the year. Contributions of Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 8,000 respectively to the Gratuity and Retirement Allowance Reserves are maintained.

The Theosophist shows a lower surplus (Rs. 2,142) than last year (Rs. 3,455). Receipts stand at about the same figure,

but expenses on postage and printing have been higher.

8. Adyar Library: There is a deficit of Rs. 26,752 this year against last year's surplus of Rs. 15,051. The Library has been publishing a series of Catalogues and some other works with Indian Government aid. In years when grants are received there may be a surplus, as was the case last year. When expenditure is incurred on such publication in a year in which corresponding grants have not been received, a deficit may appear, as in the present year.

The income from sale of publications is the highest in the decade this year. This is due to new business resulting from The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, taking up the agency for sales in America and the region.

A.B.C. Fund: Donations to the Fund totalled Rs. 9,686 in the year. The Fund is still short of the initial target of Rs. 2,000,000 by about Rs. 2,100. The target was increased to Rs. 3,000,000 in 1967. To reach this total it seems necessary to appeal to members of the Society and to admirers of Dr. Besant to contribute liberally to the Fund.

The Century Fund: Contributions to the Fund amounted to Rs. 24,609 during the year. A sum of Rs. 51,970 was spent from the Fund in 1969-70 on the renovation of buildings and on fencing the Estate boundaries. At the close of the year the Fund totalled Rs. 213,691.

General Donations: The total received was Rs. 16,519, against Rs. 10,021 last year and Rs. 59,711 in 1968.

Exchange Equalisation Fund: There is a decrease of Rs. 7,469. This arises from the loss on redemption on maturity of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent Queensland Government Inscribed Stock and 4 per cent Commonwealth of Australia Stock due to the

1967 devaluation of the pound sterling. The effect of devaluation on these stocks had not been taken into account then.

Faithful Service Fund: Including a transfer of Rs. 8,000 from Adyar Day donations, the Fund received Rs. 8,802 during the year. Expenditure charged to the Fund totalled Rs. 8,820, and at the end of the year the Fund stood at Rs. 31,620.

Fees and Dues: These amount to Rs. 75,838 against Rs. 75,816 in 1969 and Rs. 82,419 in the previous year.

Legacies: Legacies received during the year include Rs. 46,670 from the estate of the late Mrs. G. E. Allen; Rs. 62,654 from the estate of Mrs. Juliette A. Maye; and Rs. 16,155 from the estate of Mrs. E. G. Ward.

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We are informed that the rockets which launched the Apollo 12 and 13 space capsules generated sound waves in the atmosphere 100 miles above the earth's surface. We have yet to discover the thrust necessary to generate acoustical shock waves to a height or depth essential to awaken the spirit in man to its full human responsibility expressed in a constant concern for the welfare of all life upon our planet. Yet sound is all about us and there is always the danger that resistant to the cacophony of modern existence, we shall grow deaf to life's deeper melody and fail to hear with inner attunement of heart and mind the cry of our brother in his struggle to humanhood. The Theosophist is, or should be, the one uniquely qualified to listen to the human cry; he is, or should be, also the one uniquely qualified to generate the kind of sound that will serve to draw men together in that universal brotherhood envisioned by the Adept Founders of this Society. The acoustics of compassion is a science not fully explored, yet upon its application may depend our own future as indeed the future of all sentient existence upon our earth.

As we pause once more to review a year's activities in The Theosophical Society in America, we might wish there were some means for measuring the extent of the Theosophical sound waves generated by the combined efforts of members and groups throughout the Section. What is the sound of a Quest Book? How many decibels in a selfless act of service? What are the acoustics of sacrifice, of dedication, of a willingness to commit

oneself year in and year out to the steady maintaining of an ideal? The audibility of constancy, the resonance of love, the sonority of ceaseless effort in the cause of brotherhood: these are immeasurable by physical instruments, yet surely they are heard and must register on those inner planes which constitute the realm of causes.

Whatever, therefore, may be the record of outer events, and the record this year is once more one of splendid achievement born of tireless effort and unflagging energy, we must ever keep in mind the purpose for which we labor. We must beware the traps of overconfidence and pride in accomplishment, traps so easily set when growth and expansion lull us into the euphoric dream that outer effects may be independent of inner causes. It is a wise people that tempers its pride with humility. In his Presidential Address to the last international convention, Mr. N. Sri Ram, commenting on the direction of the Society's progress during the coming times, remarked: "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."

We need to remind ourselves of the foundations of this Movement, the magnificent directives that guided and inspired the early leaders and that enabled them to withstand ridicule, slander, and abuse. Today we meet in comparative freedom from the venomous attacks of the uninformed.

So let our cause be clear, the vision of our purpose undimmed. Of the value of this Society we have some intimation in the words of the Master K. H. who wrote in 1884 that the crisis then shaking the organization "is a question of perdition or salvation to thousands; a question of the progress of the Human Race or its retrogression . . .". Today the crises are without, not within, our Movement, and yet they reach at us to assail our will, to shadow our determination. Today, as 90 years ago, the mandate for our efforts is still the same: "... the *Chiefs* want a 'Brotherhood of Humanity,' a real Universal Fraternity started . . .".

1969 Convention-Summer School: Conferences and Workshops.—The year just past saw a number of Theosophical meetings, each one with its own unique resonance, creating its own unique sound pattern generating the thrust toward brotherhood. First was our customary annual meeting, the Convention and Summer School of 1969, held for the first time in some years away from our national centre, Olcott, and yet close enough to the headquarters to permit some meetings to be held on the estate. The Holiday Inn of Glen Ellyn was the site of our 1969 Summer Sessions, when we explored "A Theosophy to Match the Times". It was a happy occasion as we welcomed home our guest speakers, the Vice-President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Perkins, and the former chairman of the European Federation, Mr. John Coats. A major event of the Convention was the laying of the corner stone of the Theosophical Publishing House Building at Olcott, a structure now completed as I shall mention later in this report.

A second significant gathering of the past year occurred in mid-October, as members and students assembled at Niagara Falls, Ontario, for a North

American Theosophical Students' Conference, to consider "Theosophy in the Coming Age". Hosted by The Theosophical Society in Canada and co-sponsored by our two Sections, this Conference served to forge more closely the links that unite fellow workers throughout the North American continent.

Among the unique and valuable resources of this Section are the several summer camps, where members, together with their families and friends, may gather in the relaxed atmosphere of informality which the term camp denotes. We have been very fortunate in recent years that a scholarship program, funded by a generous grant from the Kern Foundation, has enabled us to assist with special workshop sessions at these camps, bringing together members for a concentrated program developed in collaboration between the camp officials and the Department of Education at Headquarters. As part of his tour of the Section, Mr. John Coats was able to attend the workshop sessions at each of the three major camps, Pumpkin Hollow in New York, Far Horizons in California and Indralaya on Orcas Island in the State of Washington. In addition, Mr. Coats, who is the President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists, participated in a special Young Theosophists' program at "The Oaks," the camp at Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is encouraging to note that members in other parts of the Section where camps have not yet been established are contemplating the development of camps similar to those now in existence, so that in the not too distant future we may have a camp in the Ozarks serving members throughout the mid-west, and a camp somewhere in the south-eastern area for members of that section of the country.

Well-established among regional conferences are the Tri-Federation meeting, held annually at "The Oaks" over the Labor

Day weekend, and the West Coast Conference, held each year at Thanksgiving time. This past year, Mr. Coats was available as the guest speaker at both these events, as well as at the Gulf Coast and Mid-South Interfederation meeting in Memphis in October. In April, the Mid-West and Texas Federations joined for a second year in a Southwest Interfederation conference, meeting this time on the spacious and beautiful grounds of the Unity Centre at Lee's Summit, Missouri; it was my privilege to attend this conference and to conduct a seminar on *The Mahatma Letters*. Again, most fortunately, the Kern Foundation-supported scholarship program has enabled us to assist many members to attend these several inter-federation gatherings.

Lecture Tours.—Among the most travelled of our international speakers is Mr. John Coats. Coming to the U. S. from Canada, Mr. Coats spent some time in June at Pumpkin Hollow and in New York, lecturing for the branch there. Following his participation in the 1969 Summer Sessions in July and in the several camp programs in August, Mr. Coats made a somewhat whirlwind tour around the country, visiting the branches in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Casper, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Atlanta, Memphis, Tulsa, as well as most of the branches in Florida, Texas and California, flying on to Honolulu for engagements there before continuing his travels in the Sections "down under"—New Zealand and Australia.

Happily, in spite of the unusually heavy load of responsibilities at Headquarters, particularly in connection with the construction of the new building, I was able to make a number of brief trips to various parts of the Section. Miss Helen Zahara and I, travelling together to

Niagara Falls for the North American Students Conference, visited the Indianapolis and Fort Wayne branches and, following the Conference, I travelled on to visit the groups in Springfield, Hartford, and Boston. In November, I visited the Study Centres in Salt Lake City, Las Vegas and Phoenix, as well as the new centres in Albuquerque, El Paso, Amarillo and Oklahoma City. After the first of the year, my itineraries included visits to Detroit, Ann Arbor (for the Michigan Federation meeting), Cleveland and Mansfield. A trip to San Diego in March was for the express purpose of participating in the Southern California Federation's first bilingual conference, as members from the Mexican Section, particularly the branch at Tijuana, joined California members to discuss the provocative theme, "Beyond the Borders". In conjunction with the San Diego visit, I spent some time at Ojai, speaking to both members and public for the branch at that centre. Following the Southwest Interfederation meeting to which I have already referred, I visited Huntsville Study Centre en route to Atlanta, where the lodge was host to a gathering of some 100 members from all parts of the Mid-South Federation for a weekend seminar on *The Secret Doctrine*. Engagements in May included a seminar on *The Secret Doctrine* for the Illinois-Wisconsin Federation meeting in Decatur and a workshop on "Your Latent Powers," as well as a public talk for the Ohio Federation conference at Pittsburgh.

In addition to accompanying me on the trip to the Niagara Falls Conference, in which she also participated as one of the main speakers, Miss Zahara was the guest lecturer this spring at the Northeast Federation gathering near Springfield, Massachusetts.

Regional Expansion and Regional Expansion Follow-up.—The main thrust of our field programs continues to be the

increasingly successful Regional Expansion efforts, spearheaded by that truly incomparable team, Felix and Eunice Layton. Possessed not only of competence in the presentation of Theosophy to new audiences, but having gained through years of experience an expertise in advertising and publicizing the series of lectures, Mr. and Mrs. Layton have attracted unusually large audiences this year. The outstanding record achieved by this team, as well as by our entire field staff—Mrs. Jean Tappendorf, Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt and Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. McNiece—all of whom are uniquely qualified for the types of programs they are undertaking, has so impressed the representatives of the Kern Foundation that we were encouraged to request, and happily that request was approved, funds to support fully our growing field efforts. It is this generous financial subsidy that enables us to advertise on a scale never before possible and so to reach a larger public. This year, the Kern Foundation grant has supported not only the advertising and publicity of the Regional Expansion and follow-up programs, but the entire cost of these efforts and we are surely grateful to the Corporate Trustee of the Kern Foundation for recognizing the importance and urgency of this national effort.

In previous years, Mr. and Mrs. Layton have confined their programs to communities in which no Theosophical groups existed, but this year, upon agreement of the National Board of Directors, they have carried their series into some of the major cities in a broad-based effort to strengthen the existing groups in those areas and to attract new audiences. Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland were selected as the cities upon which the program would focus during the fall months; audiences ranged in size from 500 to 800 and, in each instance, there

was an influx of new members. In the winter and spring, attention was turned to the three cities of New Orleans, San Antonio and Austin; again, audiences were very large, with more than 1,000 in attendance at the opening lecture of the series in New Orleans.

Without the excellent assistance of Mr. and Mrs. McNiece, it would be impossible as well as impractical for such large audiences to be given the kind of attention that must accompany our Regional Expansion effort. Travelling with Mr. and Mrs. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. McNiece assume responsibility for a major part of the preliminary arrangements as well as for book sales, ushering and other important aspects of the program itself. In addition, they remain with the groups following the conclusion of each series, mainly to assist the newly formed new members' classes with their initial studies. Supplementing their work with the Laytons, Mr. and Mrs. McNiece have also found it possible to visit a number of the other newer groups in the Section, so that last fall they met with the several relatively new study centres in Michigan and this spring, following the program in the south, they revisited both El Paso and Amarillo to aid the groups in these cities.

One of our most indefatigable field workers began the year under one name and concluded it under another. On December 19, 1969, midway through the past year's activities, Mrs. Mattie Louise Moore became Mrs. Robert Gephardt, and both Mr. and Mrs. Gephardt have taken up residence at Olcott, where Mr. Gephardt has been and now continues to be a member of our regular staff at Headquarters. During the fall months, Mrs. Moore, as she then was, conducted Regional Expansion programs in the four southern cities of Savannah and Augusta, Georgia, and Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina, with the result

that new study centres were established in each of these cities. This spring, Mrs. Gephardt carried the program to the western New York cities of Rochester, Syracuse, and Utica, strengthening the branches in the first two of those cities and forming a new study centre in Utica. During the course of her work in that area, she was also able to meet with members in Schenectady and give public talks there as well as in Albany. Fortunately, we were able to release Mr. Gephardt from his duties at Headquarters for a two-week period at the beginning of Mrs. Gephardt's work in western New York in order that he might assist her with some of the tasks incident to the opening of the series in the various cities.

Mrs. Jean Tappendorf, whose creative workshops and singularly effective follow-up training programs have served to maintain and strengthen the interest among the newer groups of members, experimented with a new type of program in several Montana cities last fall. Three public talks were followed by three members' classes; later follow-up visits concentrated on training sessions as well as discussions on questions relating to the study materials. New groups were organized in Great Falls and Butte, and the branches in Missoula and Billings were given some assistance. Special mention should be made of a venture in Missoula, where the members arranged for a display of Quest Books in the mall at the University of Montana; no sales were permitted by University regulations, but a poster at the display announced a talk by Mrs. Tappendorf to be held in one of the University conference rooms. More than 200 students attended the meeting and many came to a later off-campus public lecture at which books could be purchased. Following her work in Montana last fall, Mrs. Tappendorf revisited centres in Colorado. After the

first of the year, she conducted follow-up programs in the California cities of Santa Ana and Monterey, going then to Phoenix, Tucson, and Albuquerque for work with the groups in those areas.

Seven new study centres were organized, an additional nine certified as official study centres in cities where Regional expansion programs had been conducted in previous years, more than 250 new members were admitted to the Society, and book sales in excess of \$7,000 recorded. Beyond these statistics, we may confidently say that as a result of our combined efforts around the Section, due to the widespread television, radio and newspaper coverage possible because of major grants from the Kern Foundation, literally hundreds of thousands have seen or heard the word Theosophy and become aware of the existence of this Society founded to channel the ageless wisdom to a world starved for Truth.

We cannot move on from this survey of our general field efforts without commenting on the numerous workers throughout the Section who, in their own branches and federations, carry on week by week and month by month the burden of public and class work. Without asking any financial assistance from national funds and without engaging in the wishful thinking that often paralyzes efforts, Mr. Robert F. Peters of Columbus, Ohio, recognized the need for developing Theosophical work throughout Ohio and, on his own, initiated class programs that are proving highly successful. An Official Study Centre in Mansfield has already been established, and groups in Canton and Lima are now being formed. The example Mr. Peters has set should inspire others to take stock of their own resources and capacities, not waiting until a national program is available in their particular area, but determining to do what can be

done, however small the venture may seem. At the invitation of Mr. Peters, Mrs. Dora Van Gelder Kunz, former member of the National Board of Directors, visited a number of cities in the Ohio Federation this spring, and it may be noted that her audience in Mansfield totalled 170, or an average of one out of every thousand of population.

The Theosophical Publishing House.—Always in the forefront of our efforts to popularize Theosophy has been the role taken by the literature published by and distributed through the three major Theosophical Publishing Houses—Adyar, London and Wheaton. Our literary heritage is unique in the literature of the world, and each year the additions to that heritage remind us that the wisdom of the ages is truly ageless and that truth can be continually re-phrased in language relevant to human need. No work remains so timeless and continues to be so timely as that most priceless part of our heritage, *The Secret Doctrine*. One measure of its increasing acceptability and popularity may be indicated by the fact that this year a professor at The City College of New York adopted *An Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine* as required reading for his course, "Introduction to Comparative Religion".

The year 1970 will surely be remembered in the annals of this Section as the one in which a second major structure on our headquarters estate was completed. This beautiful addition to our national centre symbolizes both the expansion in the work of our Theosophical Publishing House and the importance we place on that activity as a central part of our efforts to present Theosophy to the modern world. With the installation of an electronic billing computer in the office and of modern equipment in the shipping room, the Publishing House can now operate with greater efficiency, handling a greater

volume of business, without a corresponding increase in manpower, than was ever possible previously.

Stimulated by the national advertising of the Quest Books and by the consequent continuing increase in sales of these high quality paperbacks, overall sales in the Publishing House have moved forward again this year to establish a new record. Total sales in excess of \$ 210,000 for the past fiscal year represent a 17% increase over the previous year, with gross profit approximating \$ 78,000.

While dealer sales have remained about the same as last year, accounting for approximately \$ 115,000, there has been a substantial increase in sales to Theosophical branches and groups, including the two Quest Bookstores—New York and Seattle. Consequently, while dealer sales in the previous year accounted for approximately 70% of total sales, this year they accounted for only 53%, while maintaining the same dollar volume, because sales to Theosophical groups advanced from approximately 13½% in 1968-69 to more than 23% this past year, for a dollar volume in excess of \$ 51,000. In analyzing further the total sales for the past year, we may note that sales in conjunction with the Regional Expansion programs were about 3% of the total volume, and retail sales from the bookstore of the Publishing House accounted for 4% of the total. Sales from our small bookstore at Olcott have steadily advanced; last year they were in excess of \$ 8,000, reflecting both the increased awareness of our presence in the community and the accelerating interest in Theosophical literature. This year more than 18,000 packages were shipped from our Publishing House, an increase of more than 2,000 over the previous year, and this in a year of unusual readjustment with the adoption of new procedures and the move into the new building.

It was fortunate perhaps that while adding greatly to the burden of work in the Publishing House during a period of major readjustments and reorganization, a new system was adopted throughout the book industry this year, making it essential to assign a number to every book published according to a preassigned series of numbers. As part of the introduction of new procedures, therefore, this system, known as the SBN, or Standard Book Number, was adopted and all records changed accordingly. In order to keep pace with the extension of the SBN system to the world publishing industry and to ensure that there would be a uniform world system for all Theosophical publications, we undertook the assignment of SBN numbers for the works of the Theosophical Publishing Houses of Adyar and London, thus rendering a service to our world Society. Add to all of this the fact that, as part of the essential preparation for the installation of the electronic billing computer, it was necessary to assign numbers to every account, and one can appreciate the tremendous work load carried in the Publishing House during the past year, without any diminution in service and indeed with a continuing increase in volume of business.

In addition to the many new titles in the Quest Book list, which will be reported on directly, the three Publishing Houses continue to produce notable works in hard cover editions, either as new titles or reprints of standard publications. Among the works issued by our own Publishing House during the past year, we should mention Vol. IV of the *Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky*, edited by Boris de Zirkoff; the American edition of *Man, the Measure of All Things* by Sri Krishna Prem and Sri Madhava Ashish; and the long awaited *Rebirth for Christianity*, the final manuscript by

Alvin Boyd Kuhn, completed shortly before his death. From Adyar, during the past year, have come the following: *Seeking Wisdom* by N. Sri Ram; *Man, God and the Universe* by I. K. Taimni; *The Supreme Splendor* by Geoffrey Hodson; a new edition of *The Masters and the Path* by C. W. Leadbeater; and a series of studies on six of the world's religions by S. G. Venkataramanan. The Publishing House of London has issued *Everyone's Guide to Theosophy* by Harry Benjamin; a new edition of *From Pioneer to Poet* by Isabel Pagan; the 1970 Blavatsky Lecture, *H. P. B., the Light-bringer* by Geoffrey Barborka and *Principles of Astrology* by C. E. O. Carter.

A continuing and much appreciated service of the Theosophical Publishing House is the handling of sales of the Society's publicity leaflets, when these are ordered in quantity lots by branches and members. During the past year, more than 124,000 leaflets, including the one titled "To Those Who Mourn," were sold. Because of a generous grant from the Kern Foundation, these leaflets, when ordered in quantity, are subsidized at 50% of cost, certainly a major contribution to the branches utilizing these pamphlets in their public work.

While the full report on personnel changes in various departments of the Headquarters staff will be given subsequently, I cannot leave this section of the year's summary without mention of two significant changes that took place in the Publishing House during the past year. In November, Miss Clarice Richie, whose name had become nearly synonymous with T. P. H., and one whose knowledge of Theosophical books in or out of print, as well as of publishers, was almost without equal, accepted the assignment as bookkeeper for the Society, when that position suddenly became vacant. Her years of service in the Publishing House,

at virtually every desk including that of manager and then more recently sales manager, surely deserve our heartfelt gratitude. Last year, in my report, I announced that Mr. Stephen Kellogg had found it possible to join our staff to assume the duties of manager of the Publishing House. He has most efficiently and effectively seen us through the major period of transition, including the move into the new building, but unfortunately, as the fiscal year began to draw to a close, Mr. Kellogg felt that he must leave Olcott to fulfil other obligations and commitments. On May 11, Mr. Kellogg was succeeded by Mr. Clarence Pedersen as manager, and we are indeed grateful to Mr. Pedersen for so arranging his own personal affairs that he can now give full time service to the Society, so ably carrying on the work in the Publishing House as we continue to expand our efforts in the distribution of Theosophical literature.

Quest Books.—As has been indicated, it has been the advent of Quest Books that has given the major impetus to the expansion and sales growth of our Theosophical Publishing House, resulting in the need for the new building on our Headquarters estate. The publication of these outstanding paperbacks, which are commanding increasing attention among book dealers throughout the country, continues to be the largest single program undertaken with the financial assistance of the Kern Foundation. In fact, I believe we may say with confidence that this program is having a growing impact on the Theosophical work throughout the world, most particularly, of course, throughout the English-speaking Sections of the Society. The Quest Book Agency of Australia and the Theosophical Publishing House of London are two main distributing agencies of these publications. During the past year, 99,765 Quest Books

were sold, an increase of 12,208 over the previous year; we can now record, therefore, that since the inception of this publishing program just four years ago, more than a quarter million Quest Books have been distributed. Surely by our centennial, we shall be able to say that one million Quest Books have been sold. Is it an idle dream that the great ideals and principles of the Theosophical philosophy shall so permeate the mental climate of our age as to transform the minds and hearts of peoples everywhere, creating a world brotherhood in fact, a world at peace? Who shall measure the sound of a book, the impact of an idea on a mind awakening to the potential of the inherent deific powers in man?

The editorial decisions incident to the Quest Book program are not always easy ones, for the committee frequently finds itself confronted with a number of significant titles and excellent manuscripts, so that choices must be made based on a variety of factors. There is a constant effort to maintain a balanced program of publication, with the issuance of some new works as Quest Book originals and the reprinting of older important and timely volumes in the series of Theosophical Classics. Attention is also given to maintaining a schedule of new releases in the series of Quest Books for Children and the Quest Miniatures. During the past year, 14 new titles have been added to our listing, of which 6 were originals and 8 were titles previously issued in cloth editions. This brings our total listings in the regular series of Quest Books to 56. In addition, two further titles were added to the Quest Books for Children and there are now four titles in the Quest Miniature series. During the year, seven of our earlier titles went into their second printing, while three titles are now in their third printing. Print orders on most titles have been

increased, sometimes to as high as 25,000, to meet the growing sales demand as well as to reduce the cost per unit. However, this has necessitated the procurement of larger storage space, since the bulk of our stock is accommodated in public storage facilities. Therefore, it may be anticipated that our next major expansion in a continuing building program should be the provision of adequate storage facilities on our own grounds.

It is especially encouraging to note the increasing frequency with which copies of Quest Books are requested for examination by professors in a number of colleges and universities throughout the United States. Courses for which various titles have been considered range all the way from Black Studies Programs to classes in comparative religion, philosophy, mysticism, parapsychology, anthropology, social science and humanistic studies with course names such as "Approaches to Self" and "God and Man in Contemporary Thought". *Roots of Peace*, the Quest Book by Viva Emmons, has been considered for text adoption in a course on Human Ecology. Perhaps one of the most interesting requests came from the Institute for African American Affairs, a newly established division at Kent State University, a campus much publicized this spring for the tragic events that followed on student demonstrations there; under consideration for collateral reading in the Institute were *Personal Memoirs of H. P. Blavatsky*, *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* and the Quest Miniature, *Sayings of the Ancient One*. Fortunately, the Theosophical Book Gift Institute, so generously supported by grants from the Kern Foundation, has been able to supply all the numerous requests for examination copies of the Quest Books.

National Advertising.—Closely allied to our Quest Book program, and indeed an integral part of it as essential to creating

the market for these works, has been our schedule of national advertising. If we compare the increase of total merchandise sales from the Publishing House during the last several years, the impact of our advertising programs will be apparent; in 1965 for example, total sales were just under \$ 43,000, increasing the following year to approximately \$ 53,000 and a little over \$ 65,000 in 1967. As already mentioned, total sales for the fiscal year just ended were nearly \$ 211,000.

We have continued the policy of a dual focus in our advertising program, maintaining a regular schedule of announcements in the book industry's leading marketing journal, *Publishers' Weekly*, and, simultaneously, exposing each new Quest Book title to the mass market through well placed advertising in media of national circulation. During the past year, advertisements have appeared in the *New York Times* Book Review Section, *Saturday Review*, *National Observer*, *Harpers*, *Atlantic*, *Psychology Today*, *Psychic*, *Book World* (of the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Washington Post*), *Los Angeles Times* and *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* (the latter used to aid the growth of the Quest Bookstore of Seattle). Occasional advertisements were placed in various other publications as circumstances warranted. Mr. L. Martin Krautter, president of our advertising agency, commented in his summary of the year's program: "Briefly, the campaign was designed not only to sell books to bookstores and to retail customers, either through stores or direct, but also to promote the objectives of the Society. In addition, the style of the advertisements themselves set patterns that other publishers have been copying. Because of both appearance and content the ads have been placed in preferred positions by most of the publications at no extra charge."

Mr. E. H. Heintz of Ojai, California, continued the experiment initiated in early 1969, when he undertook to serve as our first Quest Books salesman, calling on dealers in the Southern California area. Although his own circumstances did not permit his engaging in sales work on a full time basis, Mr. Heintz has surely proved to us the importance and value of the employment of salesmen who can call on dealers on a regular basis. In fact, we have learned in many cases the extent to which dealers depend on such calls both for placing orders and for learning of new titles which should be on their shelves. During the year, a member in Milwaukee, Mr. Ron Bogan, who is an experienced sales representative travelling through a number of mid-western states, offered to handle Quest Books along with his other work and the result of his calls on dealers in several major cities has already become apparent in the development of new accounts. With the Publishing House established in its new facilities, we have been able in recent weeks to work out a mutually satisfactory contract with a well-known sales representative whose territory covers eleven western states; a special dealers' catalogue had to be prepared, delaying the beginning of this extended representation into the new fiscal year. It is our intent to expand such representation into other areas of the country, as we are able to do so.

In addition to the advertising and sales programs just noted, advertising has been placed in academic and professional journals, in order to draw attention to our Adyar Library Series of Oriental Texts, since we are now the representatives in this country of the Adyar Library and Research Centre publications. In conjunction with this advertising, we were able to announce at the same time the availability of the

book-lending services offered by our National Library, especially in connection with the enlarged Oriental Section of the Library. Full page advertisements were inserted in three publications: *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Philosophy East and West*, and *The Review of Metaphysics*. A display table was also engaged for the annual conference of the Association for Asian Studies, held in San Francisco in early April, and Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan was released from her work in the Library to attend this conference in order to take charge of our exhibit.

Quest Bookshops.—The Quest Bookshop operated by the New York Theosophical Society reports a steady increase in sales, with a total of \$ 18,108 this past year as compared with \$ 10,815 for the year previous. The mailing list is now composed of 1450 names, of which some 600 to 700 were added this year. In addition, it is worth noting that there is a small but steady influx of customers to the bookshop in response to the Sunday morning radio broadcasts sponsored by the New York Branch. The second Quest Bookshop to receive financial support from the Kern Foundation was inaugurated by the Theosophical Society in Seattle on October 19, 1969. The work of redecorating and refurbishing the Society's premises to provide the appropriate setting for the bookstore operation was undertaken from the branch's own funds, with members donating their services to keep the bookstore open seven days a week. Mrs. Dorothy Abbenhouse, manager of the Seattle Quest Bookshop, comments in her report: "Sales have increased steadily in spite of the near depression conditions in the Puget Sound area which have developed during the past three months particularly." The report reflects the optimism of the members in the future growth of the bookshop and concludes with the statement that

total sales for the first year's operation were \$ 5,690.00.

Quest Books Film.—This year the word "Quest" was extended to a new venture and a beautiful new sound was added to the symphony of our efforts. The first Quest Books Film, a 28 minute, sound-color production entitled "How Many Lifetimes" was completed in late December; discussions and negotiations then began for its distribution on as wide a scale as possible. Professionally produced by Moynihan Associates of Milwaukee, the film was previewed by the National Board of Directors at our mid-year meeting in January and subsequently viewed by the representatives of the Kern Foundation's Corporate Trustee and other bank officials at the Northern Trust Company of Chicago. After extensive investigation and with the approval of the Corporate Trustee, we then entered into a contract with Modern Talking Picture Service, Inc., for the national distribution of the film, on loan, to general audiences consisting of community groups, clubs, and educational organizations and to television stations around the country. Sufficient prints had then to be produced to supply the distributor, as well as to provide for our own service in loaning the film to branches. Since the distribution contract was entered into relatively late in the fiscal year, we have statistics only for the first month of distribution, but these are most encouraging for they reveal that there were some 34 bookings and showings in eight states, to a total estimated audience in excess of 600, and 5 telecast showings in 5 states, with an estimated number of viewers over 111,000. To assist with the presentation of the film to general audiences, a discussion guide was prepared and has been printed in handsome format; this guide provides a tie-in with our literature, through a bibliography appearing on the last page,

and with the Society, through reference to the free leaflets that are available upon request.

Several other Sections of the Society were notified of the availability of the film and, as a result, copies of the film were purchased by the Societies in Canada, England and Australia. In the latter two instances, the film was part of the convention programs in those Sections.

Meanwhile, during the time we were absorbed in the preparations incident to the distribution of the film, the producers had entered the work in international competition, with the result that the film has already received two major awards in world film festivals, often competing with films produced at budgets as much as five times that of ours. Moynihan Associates received the Certificate of Creative Excellence in the category of World Peace, Brotherhood and Understanding, at the U.S. Industrial Film Festival of 1970, where our film competed with some 400 films from 15 nations. More recently, and actually within the new fiscal year, the film won the gold medal award as the top entry in the category of Religion and Ethics at the prestigious Atlanta International Film Festival of 1970 at which 26 nations were represented. Those who have viewed the film have commented on the sensitivity of the production, the beauty of imagery combined with a clarity of presentation in which the Theosophical philosophy is shown to be not only inspiring but eternally relevant to man's searching needs.

Preliminary plans have already been discussed with Moynihan Associates for the production of a second Quest Books Film, with release of funds tentatively approved by the Kern Foundation. The launching of a film program marks a further step on this road, enabling us to reach new audiences through one of

the most important media in use today. I am bold enough to suggest that it may well be within the realm of the possible to produce a filmed documentary history of this Movement that will command the attention of audiences throughout the world in the year of our centennial, 1975, and so validate those remarkable words of our President-Founder, Col. H.S. Olcott, who opened his first inaugural address with the statement: "In future times, when the impartial historian shall write an account of the progress of religious ideas in the present century, the formation of this Theosophical Society. . . will not pass unnoticed."

National Library.—As already noted, a major emphasis in all our work through the years has been the thrust provided by our literature. From the very inception of the Society, attention has been given to the publication and subsequent distribution of books conveying the rich treasures of Theosophical philosophy. The establishment and growth of libraries have consequently been of especial concern, beginning with the founding of the Adyar Library and Research Centre at our international headquarters. This truly outstanding and now world-famous library was the outgrowth of a vision of our President-Founder, Col. Olcott, and it is therefore most appropriate that at our national centre, named in memory of the Colonel, there should be a library which is becoming increasingly well-known.

Recognizing the essential importance of the service given by the National Library, the Kern Foundation Trustees for a second year approved a major grant to support and expand the development of the library holdings. As reported last year, we have been most fortunate in having with us Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, who had served for eleven years as librarian at the Adyar Library and who, therefore,

brought to her work in this Section specialized skills and knowledge of inestimable value in establishing the Oriental Section of our National Library. During the year just past, 786 volumes were added to the Oriental Section, bringing the total of additions since the project began to 931. These books include all available titles in the Adyar Library Series, as well as a complete set of *Brahmavidya*, the research journal of the Adyar Library. Important texts on the major religions of the eastern world and works on the civilization and culture of China, Egypt, Japan and Tibet have been placed on our shelves. The reclassification of all works—some 2099 in all—in the Oriental Section has now been completed, with detailed subject references as in the Adyar Library, so that that part of our Library now comprises a general Asiatic Section, with books on Asiatic studies in general including comparative religions and philosophies; a section on Buddhism with subsections on Theravada, Mahāyāna, Zen, Chinese, Japanese, and Tibetan Buddhism; a section on Hinduism with 32 subsections including works on the Vedas, Upanishads, Purānas, Hindu ethics, linguistics, philosophy, art, literature, etc., and special sections on Sikhism, Islam and Sufism, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, etc.

Although the larger part of the Kern Foundation grant was directed toward the developments in the Oriental Section, to take advantage of Mrs. Neelakantan's limited time in this country, funds were also utilized to add many important works to the Western section, embracing a wide variety of subjects including Jewish civilization and culture, modern Christian thought, depth psychology, mysticism, and Negro civilization and culture. The children's section of the library was also enlarged with the addition of several titles. As customary, the Society continued to add, from its own funds,

standard Theosophical works and new titles in Theosophical literature. There have been a number of magnificent and beneficial gifts to the library, principally composed of private libraries as well as books donated by individual members in response to an appeal for Theosophical titles that could be shared with new groups. There has also been developed a most useful Spanish Section in the library, and some Theosophical texts are available in German, Dutch, and Polish. A complete inventory of the library, at the end of the fiscal year, indicated that our total holdings now exceed 20,000 volumes.

Our devoted team of librarians, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Loenholdt, report that the circulation of books during the past year has increased 20% over that of the previous year, with a total of 6,832 books circulated. Especially interesting to note is the increased percentage of these books taken out personally, rather than sent by mail; last year, we recorded that approximately 55% were sent by mail, while 45% of the total circulation were books taken out by individuals from the area visiting the library. This year, the volume taken out personally has increased to 51%, marking the first time when books taken out directly outnumbered those sent by mail. Naturally this reflects the growing awareness of our library by the public in and around the Chicago area and indicates also that as more time and attention must be given to borrowers who visit the library in person, the library staff must be increased to cope with the growing volume of work. The present total of active borrowers numbers 796, of whom 158 have been added during the past year. Thirty-five reading lists, many of them newly revised to include the recent accessions, assist borrowers in the selection of titles. A special list of all titles in the Oriental Section, with commentaries

on each work under classified headings, has been prepared by Mrs. Neelakantan. In concluding the summary of the year's activities in this department, Mr. and Mrs. Loenholdt have pointed out that the library can perform a valuable service and has an obligation to do so in providing the resources for study for member, student, and professional researcher. While less than 10% of the Society's membership are active borrowers, the number of earnest non-member student borrowers seeking the knowledge our literature provides continues to increase, and as the specialized resources of our library are becoming better known, scholars in the fields of comparative religion and philosophy are turning to us for works not elsewhere obtainable.

Department of Information.—With the increasing flow of visitors to our library and the larger number using the book store, the duties of our hostess have also multiplied. The addition of the new building and growth of activity in the Publishing House itself required a third telephone line to be installed and while calls directed to the T. P. H. are taken in that building, still there is a considerable interchange of telephone calls and some days it seems the telephone is in almost constant use, adding further to the tasks of the hostess. However, Mrs. Estelle Case who serves so efficiently and graciously in meeting the numerous visitors who come into the main building and in answering the telephone during business hours continues to carry on the work of the Department of Information. Through this very active department, introductory literature is sent to inquirers, including every new book purchaser, information about the library and membership supplied to those who ask about these services, and announcements of all Headquarters' activities mailed to our list of some 1,000 names.

During the past year, 3,795 form letters were sent out by the Department of Information to inquirers, the large majority of these to purchasers of books referred to the department by the Publishing House. Replying to requests for membership information, 207 of the "You Are Invited" booklets were sent out, with 86 individuals first contacted by this department later joining the Society. In addition, 159 names were referred to the library for specific information on that service. Through the year, a total of 48,728 publicity leaflets were distributed through the Department of Information, with more than 21,000 of these taken from the publicity table in the reception hall at Headquarters, an increase of more than 5,000 from the previous year, once again indicating the growth in the number of visitors to Olcott.

Department of Education.—One of the largest and busiest departments at Headquarters is the Department of Education; its activities cut across strictly departmental lines in the development of programs and services for members and branches, making it indeed a key department in our total structure. Through this department flows the work of, as well as the responsibility for, the many Kern Foundation supported programs, but since it has long been our view that the principal emphasis of all our efforts is educational in nature, it is but natural that the Department of Education should play such a central role in the activities coordinated at and through our national headquarters. Appropriate too, therefore, is the dual responsibility so competently handled by Miss Helen Zahara who serves as chairman of the Department of Education and as coordinator of the Kern Foundation Programs Committee. Further evidence of the considerable overlapping of and interrelationship among the various activities carried on at Olcott as well as

evidence of the unique capacities that Miss Zahara brings to our work is provided by the fact that she also serves as secretary of the National Radio Committee and as a member of the Library, T. P. H. Management, and Executive Committees.

A continuing service of the Department of Education is the offering of audio-visual materials to branches and study centres, including a list of tapes available to national members. Miss Marion Peterson, who serves as secretary of the Department of Education, handles with beautiful efficiency all of the tasks related to the supplying of these program materials in addition to numerous other duties within the department. During the past year, material on loan to branches and groups was sent out for 442 programs; 20 national members took advantage of the tape-loan service. New tapes added to the tape library during the year included talks by Mr. James S. Perkins, Mr. John Coats, and Miss Joy Mills.

Early in the fiscal year, the department released its first kit of children's materials, containing a unit on "Theosophy Through Nature for Children". Based on the discussions initiated at a workshop session in the previous fiscal year, when a group of teachers and others associated in working with children gathered at Olcott to formulate a Theosophically oriented program that would aid those interested in children's work, this first kit is directed particularly to use with young children. Mrs. Edith Schlosser spent much of her time this past year in research, writing and collating the material for the continuation of the children's project in the development of educational programs for older age groups; in addition, Mrs. Schlosser has prepared reading lists for the National Library and has participated in some of the workshop programs held during the year.

The activities of the department also included the development of new programs for White Lotus Day and Foundation Day, some of which have now been recorded, utilizing the professional services of one of our newer members, Mrs. Judith Younghusband of Pittsburgh. Four study courses were released during the year, each one carefully reviewed and, where necessary, revised before publication. The department has been fortunate in being able to call on the services of Mrs. Jean Tappendorf who, between regional expansion engagements, could spend some time at Headquarters developing some of the new program material and assisting with the annual spring workshop, as well as the services of Mrs. Marian Bateman and Mrs. Neelakantan for assistance with editing and proofreading. In this department is handled all the correspondence incident to the scholarship programs for the several workshop sessions at the summer camps and at Headquarters. The programs for the workshops themselves are co-ordinated by Miss Zahara, and in addition to those sessions mentioned earlier in the report, special mention should be made of the annual spring workshop at Olcott, held this year from April 5 to 10, which brings together a number of members from widespread areas of the country for an intensive training period.

The correspondence course program, administered through the Department of Education, continues to prove successful. We are grateful to Mr. George Linton of Portland and Mrs. Alicia Ripple of Ojai for their services in acting as corresponding advisers for those enrolled in the courses. Since the program began, 28 students have been assigned to Mr. Linton and 11 to Mrs. Ripple. It is our hope to expand this program, not only by attracting new students but also by increasing the number of corresponding advisers.

During the 1969-70 season, the Department of Education, in conjunction with the National Committee on Universal Brotherhood, issued a series of eight kits, one per month from October through May, containing program material on the subject of brotherhood and human relationships. Material was drawn from scientific, sociological and religious sources, and correlated with Theosophical literature. Needless to say, the preparation and assembling of these kits, which included suggestions for a variety of presentations in the study and use of the material, consumed many hours of research and labor. The series was ordered by 39 groups and a number of individuals. Four Brotherhood Bulletins were issued during the year and circulated to all branches and study centres, the department drawing on the services of Mr. Clarence Pedersen for this aspect of its work.

In addition to her duties as editor of *The American Theosophist*, Mrs. Virginia Hanson continued her invaluable service in the Department of Education sending out the letters to new members and handling an increasing volume of correspondence not only with the newer members but also with student inquirers. The new members letters program continues to prove of outstanding importance and the growth of the program reflects, quite naturally, the growth in membership itself. On May 31, 1970, there were 1,461 active cards in the files of this program; during the year, a total of 15,716 letters were sent out, an increase of 3,764 over the previous year. The accurate and competent assistance of Mrs. Magdalene Pierro, a part-time worker in the department, makes possible the handling of such a volume of mailing. The inquiries are handled by Mrs. Hanson, with the secretarial assistance on a part-time basis, of Mrs. Nita Deschamps. During the past year,

some 240 letters were written, resulting in 48 individuals joining the Society. In this regard, we might mention especially that there were a substantial number of inquiries received immediately following the appearance of the March 1970 issue of *McCall's* magazine, in which there appeared an article by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., entitled "On the Mysterious Madame Blavatsky".

It is quite evident that with the far-ranging nature of the activities of the Department of Education, Miss Zahara must depend upon secretarial assistance to cope with all the varied programs and related correspondence. For a major part of the year Miss Martha Hoagland served in this capacity.

The American Theosophist and Discovery. *The American Theosophist*, official organ of the Section, is the principal means of communication linking together the membership and serving to keep them informed on official news, policy decisions of the National Board of Directors, and matters of general interest. Necessarily, a great deal of space in the ten regular issues is devoted to matters of official business, including the publication of the American Report of the National President, the Presidential Address of the International President delivered at the Convention at Adyar, summaries of the proceedings of the Board of Directors, the financial statements, progress reports on the Kern Foundation sponsored programs, and reviews of the programs of branches, federations, summer camps, and the several allied activities. Again this past year, we have continued the issuance of two special issues, a program which has brought widespread praise and commendation. The Fall 1969 issue was devoted to "Reincarnation and Karma: The Harmonics of Nature," and the Spring 1970 issue gave attention to "An Inquiry into ESP and Other Aspects of Para-

psychology". We are indeed fortunate in having Mrs. Virginia Hanson as editor.

Mrs. Hanson is also responsible for the publication of the leaflet, *Discovery*, issued monthly from September through May primarily for the use of branches in publicizing their local programs. Miss Marie Minor, who has been chiefly responsible for the maintenance of the records, reports that during the past year 71,121 copies were distributed to 62 branches, to the Canadian Federation and to the branch in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In addition, 1,352 copies were sold to individual members for redistribution, 750 copies sent to inquirers following Regional Expansion programs and 10,434 copies sent to National members, for a total of 84,657 copies distributed during the past year, an increase of 2,159 over the previous year. Here again a Kern Foundation grant enables branches and members utilizing this excellent little publication to receive a 50% subsidy on all quantity orders.

The Kern Foundation.—Each year since it has been my privilege to serve as your National President, the annual survey of our activities has reflected the continuing and steadily increasing impact of the Kern Foundation upon our efforts. Certainly at no other time in the Society's history has any group of members been so singularly fortunate in both the challenge and opportunity afforded by the availability of this Foundation, established by a member whose vision of the future potential of the Theosophical Movement was surely far from small. Mr. Herbert A. Kern seeking, as he expressed it in the Trust Agreement he prepared for the creation of the Kern Foundation, "to aid in the spiritual enlightenment of his fellow man through the wider dissemination of the Theosophical philosophy," laid a responsibility upon us all to implement upon a scale commensurate with the

world's needs the possibilities inherent in the Society's objectives. More than 20 programs receive grants from the Kern Foundation; more than \$ 400,000 have been received during the past year to assist with or fully support programs approved by the Corporate Trustee of the Foundation upon the recommendation of the Kern Foundation Programs Committee and at the request of the National Board of Directors.

Among the programs not already mentioned in this report, attention should be called to the long-established effort of radio broadcasts. The National Radio Fund, receiving a grant of \$ 12,000 from the Kern Foundation, was augmented by approximately \$ 5,700 received from the Edith Gray Trust. Some branches continue the series through the entire year, while others broadcast for shorter periods; during the past year Theosophy was on the air in 16 cities, and in some instances we were able to assist with grants for advertising these broadcasts. The copying and handling of the tapes for use in the radio programs continues to be the responsibility of the Foundation for Radio Theosophy in California.

Other programs receiving support from the Kern Foundation include a greatly modified and reduced writers' fellowship program (with one writer's fellowship awarded this year to Dr. Beatrice Bruteau for a work comparing the thought of Teilhard de Chardin with Hindu metaphysical, cosmological and ascetical traditions, and a special fellowship to Mr. Fritz Kunz to assist with a project he is undertaking in cooperation with scholars in India); the continuation in the program of publishing a definitive edition of *Isis Unveiled* under the editorial guidance of Boris de Zirkoff; a modified public relations program to assist with securing radio, television and newspaper coverage for the Regional Expansion programs;

programs to assist with the development of the education and information services at Headquarters, including the production of training manuals, the printing of publicity leaflets, and the provision of the subsidies for these leaflets as already indicated; a program to assist branches with extraordinary expenses in advertising national or international lecturers; and a program to subsidize new subscriptions to the International President's journal, *The Theosophist*.

The burden of responsibility in administering these several programs falls quite naturally upon the co-ordinator of the Kern Foundation Programs Committee, Miss Helen Zahara. In respect to the Kern Foundation sponsored programs, we are also greatly indebted to Mr. John Kern, Advising Trustee, and Mr. Paul Williams, Vice President of the Northern Trust Company, representing the Corporate Trustee, for their counselling assistance throughout the year.

Membership Department.—It is only inevitable that the expansion of our activities in every area, from the field work to book distribution to all the departments at Headquarters that serve to meet the growing interest in Theosophy, should result in a steady rise in membership in the Society. This year we can report the admission of 943 new members, a record unequalled since 1928. On May 31, 1970, our membership totalled 5,436, a net gain of 504, and it was the first time since 1932 that our membership has exceeded the 5,000 mark. It is always with regret, however, that we must also record a certain number removed from our active rolls for various reasons. During the past year, 390 allowed their membership to lapse into inactivity. Resignations for the past year, totalling 100, were also considerably higher than in recent years and death removed 77 members from our rolls. Among those that death has

taken from our midst, I would mention Mrs. Sarah C. Mayes, long an active worker on our Headquarters staff prior to her retirement to the community at Krotona, Ojai, California, where she continued to serve in many capacities. It was Sarah under whom I first served when I came to our national centre as a young Theosophist, a member of the temporary staff in the summer of 1941, and it was to her I turned frequently after becoming a full-time staff member in 1942. I know from experience that her loving concern and her willingness to listen to any problem helped more than one fledgling staff member in the sometimes difficult adjustment to life in a community. The other member whose passing was recorded this year was Mrs. Grace Harrison; her presence at the Conventions and Summer Schools year after year made her indeed a familiar figure to many members throughout the Section. She was at Olcott for the laying of the cornerstone in 1926 and was among the very few who, having been present for that notable event, was with us again last year when we laid the corner stone of the new building. She was one of those who by her presence symbolized the constancy and loyalty so important in the maintenance of the Society. It is because of these members, and countless unknown members of the Society whose faithfulness does indeed insure that this Society, founded to further the work of the "High Masters" as H. P. B. referred to the Adept Brothers, shall always merit Their blessing.

The year just past saw the dissolution by action of the Board of Directors of five branches and three study centres, with the chartering of one new branch and the certification of 16 new Official Study Centres. At the end of the fiscal year, therefore, we recorded 114 branches and 33 Study Centres,

Olcott Staff.—Statistics may comprise a report but it is people who build and sustain an organization. The Society is its members.

Of all those who are spending themselves in the Society's service, no group deserves more appreciation than the team of workers at Headquarters, for it is the Olcott staff that carries the day-to-day burdens of the work, many of them all too often stretching the working day into 12 and 14 hours and the working week into 7 full days because of the shortage of personnel to handle the growing volume of activity. Not only does each one who comes to Olcott to serve for a longer or shorter period bring unique talents and capacities to enrich the total effort but there is also discovered in service a joyous comradeship, a happy sharing that makes of life at Olcott a rich and rewarding experience. Throughout this report I have mentioned a number of names in connection with the various departments, but everyone who serves at Olcott is engaged in a work of equal importance, for a vacancy in any area impinges on every aspect of our labors.

As usual, the year just past has brought a number of changes in personnel. A major number of changes occurred in the Publishing House, the principal one in the transfer of management from Mr. Kellogg to Mr. Pedersen having already been noted. In August, Mr. Malcolm McCay, who had served as office manager of T. P. H., left the staff and in September we welcomed Mr. Stephen Englander to fill that position. In the final days of the fiscal year, at the end of May, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Balch arrived to take up residence at Olcott; Mrs. Balch has taken on the duties of Sales Manager in the Publishing House, while Mr. Balch is assisting part-time in the housekeeping department.

After nine years on the staff, Mrs. Beatrice Boroff felt that for health reasons

she must leave Olcott; with her departure in November, Miss Clarice Richie assumed the duties of book-keeper. However, in March Mrs. Boroff happily returned to us to fill the vacancy created by Miss Minor's departure on leave and is continuing to serve in the Membership Department. For several months during the year, Miss Frieda Yordy joined us as secretary to the National Secretary and to assist with work in the Membership Department.

A number of changes have occurred in the dining and housekeeping departments, among which special mention should be made of the departure, after seven years of service at Olcott, of Mr. Ray Matthews, who, at the age of 80, felt he could no longer carry on the custodial work he had been doing so beautifully. For several months, Mrs. Ann Wylie, in addition to her duties as National Secretary and with the assistance of other staff members, principally Mrs. McCain and Mrs. Edith Schlosser, managed the dining department, but in late November we welcomed Mrs. Ellen Gerster to our resident staff to assume the responsibilities of manager of that important aspect of our life at Olcott.

No review of the Olcott Staff would be complete without a special mention of the worker upon whom I lean most heavily, Mrs. Ann Wylie. She sets for us all a beautiful example of selfless service and, as I have said on other occasions, I shall be ever profoundly grateful that she is my closest colleague in the administration of the Society's affairs.

Headquarters.—The varied nature and the wide-ranging scope of the activities carried on at our national centre, Olcott, emphasize the signal importance of our Headquarters. Writing on "The Olcott I have Glimpsed," Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan commented on the quality of serenity which pervades the estate, "a

serenity which one could pass by without being touched if one were absorbed in the routines and pressures of life," and she added, "There is an atmosphere here . . . where one can be lifted into heights, whence all differences blend into a symphony and the song of life in its many rhythms and delicate nuances can be heard". Few indeed are the visitors who do not remark on the beauty of the grounds, the quality of life that pervades the entire estate, and the peace that seems almost tangible as one enters the main building. Yet, as this report testifies, it is a busy centre, a scene of intense activity. Olcott belongs to each member, and we who have the privilege of living and serving daily at Olcott are ever mindful of our stewardship.

Through the years members have contributed generously to the physical beauty of the estate, giving funds for plantings, oftentimes as memorials to those who have passed on and sometimes just for the joy of knowing that another tree is adding to the loveliness of the grounds. Following discussions last fall with the officers of the Young Theosophists of America, I was especially happy to see that group, under the talented leadership of its president, Mrs. Ijya Tulloss, take on a project of tree planting to beautify the area around and near the Youth Circle. Those who love Olcott as our national Theosophical home may wish to consider an occasional gift with which to purchase a tree or flowering shrub.

As in previous years, we have continued to hold lectures and classes at Headquarters to which the public in the surrounding area is invited. Attendance at these events has steadily increased until, this spring, we were in the strange position of having to refrain from publicizing our Thursday evening public meetings because we simply could not accommodate a larger

audience. The regular series of Olcott Sunday lectures has, on several occasions during the past year, attracted overflow audiences, necessitating the purchase of additional chairs so that at least people could be seated. A public address system in the third floor auditorium provides amplification to two speakers in the library, so that those who cannot be seated in the auditorium for lack of space still hear the lecture. There is an urgent need to provide additional living quarters for our expanding staff, for as the work has increased, we have added personnel, and while several on our staff are not resident at Headquarters, many must be accommodated here. Fortunately, provision was made at the time of the construction of the new building for the Theosophical Publishing House to include a second floor with ten living units.

Finances.—Very wisely some years ago the members concurred in the establishment of the Theosophical Investment Trust as the Society's major financial instrument. A Financial Advisory Committee, appointed by the National Board of Directors, is responsible for annual budget reviews and for such financial counseling service as the Directors request from time to time.

While the financial statements will be published, as usual, following the annual audit, we may note here that the total expense for the activities and administration of the Society during the past year approximated \$ 145,000, while income received in the general operating fund, including the net income from the Publishing House is estimated to be just under \$ 62,000. Fortunately, special grants from the Kern Foundation subsidizing a number of areas of our expanded activities program, including the vital Regional Expansion effort, will aid substantially in closing the deficit gap for the past fiscal year.

Most encouraging has been the splendid response of the membership to the appeals for contributions to support the construction of the T. P. H. Building. Donations now total \$ 123,888.00. Many branches and members also assisted by extending loans, repayable in five years at five per cent per annum; such loans total \$92,675 and, added to the donations, aided greatly in enabling us to meet the costs of construction along the way, without needing to borrow from other sources. While the financial picture on the new building is not yet complete, the construction costs, including the necessary exterior developments, have come very close to our original estimate of \$ 300,000, it is estimated that an additional \$ 30,000 will cover the cost of furnishings both for the ten living units on the second floor and the new equipment which had to be installed to modernize the offices, book store, and shipping room of the Publishing House.

The funds held by the Theosophical Investment Trust now total in excess of \$ 682,000, of which approximately \$164,000 is in the ABC-America Fund established for the benefit of the international work administered through Adyar. This past year, the Trust remitted to the Society more than \$ 25,000, including some \$ 2,600 allocated to dues income for those who have joined the Membership Endowment plan. That fund, held as a segregated fund by the Investment Trust, now exceeds \$ 81,500, a gain of more than \$ 4,000 over the previous year. A total of 237 members have now endowed their membership, becoming life members of the Society and assisting thereby in securing the foundations for a solid financial structure for the future of the Society. In the years since the establishment of the Membership Endowment Fund, 32 members who had so endowed their membership have died, and since the

capital of this fund remains untouched in perpetuity, the income from that portion of the fund represented by the donations of those members is truly an endowment of the Society's work.

National By-laws.—Ever alert to the Society's organizational structure—that it may be both sound enough to sustain growth and flexible enough to provide maximum freedom in operation—the National Board of Directors at its Annual Meeting last July appointed a new committee with Mr. E. H. Heintz as chairman, to consider revisions to the National By-Laws. Several amendments were prepared and referred to the National Board of Directors who then requested their review by the National Judiciary Committee. The review was favorable in each instance so that the National Board of Directors authorized the publication of the amendments for action to be taken thereon at the 1970 Convention.

Allied Activities.—Reports on the work of the Theosophical Order of Service, the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, the Theosophical Book Gift Institute, and the Parents Theosophical Research Group are published annually in *The American Theosophist*. Let me note here, therefore, only the following items: during the past year the Theosophical Book Gift Institute has placed over 5,000 books in various libraries throughout the country, truly an outstanding service; the Theosophical Order of Service was able this year to reactivate its Department of Peace and, in order to bring the Theosophical view to bear upon one of the most crucial problems of our time, to expand its activities to give attention to the environmental crisis, re-naming the Animal Welfare Department the Department of Ecological Research. All those who contribute in whatever measure to these closely allied groups deserve special appreciation.

Mention should be made also of the continuing work in the presentation of outstanding programs of Theosophical study carried on by the Krotana School of Theosophy at Ojai, California. While administered independently of the Society, of course, the School contributes greatly to the standard of our activities throughout the Section; happily a close liaison is maintained between the School officials and our National Headquarters. Among the guest teachers at the School this past year have been Mr. James S. Perkins, International Vice-President, who had been able to extend his stay in this Section through the fall months, Dr. Jose B. Acuna and Mrs. Joyce Beavis.

International Aspects.—One of the unique aspects of our Society is that while national Sections in various countries throughout the world pursue Theosophical activities in a manner consonant with the particular needs and temperaments prevailing in those countries, we are all linked together, one world-wide group of students, by our mutual allegiance to the great objectives on which the Theosophical Movement was founded. We need to remind ourselves from time to time of the international character of the Society, of our bonds with members throughout the world, and of the fact that, because of these bonds, whatever occurs to benefit the work in one Section must inevitably affect the vitality of all Sections. Our international centre, Adyar, is the visible symbol of the unity of our endeavors; annually, on Adyar Day, we have an opportunity to give tangible support to the furtherance of the work at our world headquarters. This past year, the Adyar Day collections amounted to \$ 4,315 almost twice the contributions recorded last year, but approximately the level remitted in previous years when the demands on our resources (as for example

in contributing to the Publishing House Building Fund) were less.

Members throughout the world have an opportunity to keep in contact with the work in the various Sections, with the thinking of prominent member-authors, and most especially with the views of the President as expressed in his "Watchtower" notes, by subscribing to *The Theosophist*, the President's journal of which he is the editor. Subscriptions to this magazine now total only 376 in this country, but it is heartening to note that an increasing number are taking out two and even three year subscriptions.

Earlier in this report, I commented on the North American Theosophical Conference held last October at Niagara Falls, Canada. A second such conference, agreed to by our National Board of Directors, will be held in Detroit in September, with program plans now well under way. During the coming year, the Fourth Inter-American Theosophical Conference will be held. Such gatherings that cross national boundaries are an essential part of the Society's activities.

Recognizing the need for the translation and publication of Theosophical books in languages other than English, the President with the approval of the General Council appointed a Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee, and members have been invited to contribute. If each member were to contribute just the price of one book, his favorite Theosophical text, the Fund would soon be sufficient to initiate a publications program to aid those countries where English is not the first language. Miss Helen Zahara, who serves as chairman of the international committee responsible for this effort, commented in a recent appeal: "Let us make our goal to have *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* published in at least twenty different languages by

1975. Only with the help of the members everywhere can this be done."

Conclusion.—As we conclude this report for a year that bridged the ending of one decade and the beginning of another, we may well ask what lies ahead. Commenting on the anticipation of members throughout the world in looking toward the centenary observations, the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, has said that "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". Our function, as I see it, is to calculate the dimensions of ourselves to ensure that we shall measure up to the demands of our time.

The 1970s have opened with new promise and high hope; a conscience of concern for the quality of human life is stirring in the world. But if our ears become more closely attuned to radio waves from outer space than to the cry of our brother man, this decade will be shadowed by the same tragic ills of war, poverty and pollution that have haunted the previous years of this century. Our Society, I believe, was founded by great Adepts and dedicated to great ideals; great men and women have moved among us, endowing the Society with the greatness of the examples set by their lives and bequeathing us a literary heritage unequalled in history. We who are the members of this Society today share the special obligations of greatness, for the Cause we serve is the greatest of all enterprises. Ultimately the validity and significance of the Theosophical movement must rest upon the perception of its members. The brotherhood of which we speak can only arise from the individual experience of kinship with all life. The world's sorrow in all Nature's kingdoms must find an echo in the heart of the

disciple; our circle of compassion must ever be extending its circumference.

Long years ago, a Master wrote: "In the fields of Theosophy none is held to weed out a larger plot of ground than his strength and capacity will permit him You are the free volunteer workers on the field of Truth." We are, I believe, just at the edge of a new frontier on that field of Truth, privileged to aid those Great Ones whose Society this is in the preparation of "the foundations of a new continent of thought," on which all mankind will one day live in peace. The problems before us today are humanity-wide; the solutions must be individual-deep. In this great enterprise, each one is needed, each one can contribute, each one must reveal in his own inward renewal of spirit the possibilities of the transformation of all mankind. Therefore, even as we rejoice with the achievements of the year just past, let us look to the road ahead, the path still to be walked, the tasks still to be undertaken, the triumphs yet to be achieved, and recognize that in this work in which we have come together, *we have just begun.*

(U.S.A. *Supplementary Report, June 1 to September 30, 1970*)

The Eighty-Fourth Annual Convention and Summer School were held from July 10-19. Fortunately, these Sessions could be held once again at the National Headquarters, Olcott, and since they were in the nature of a "family" gathering, no international visitors being present this year, there was maximum participation by all present in the discussions. The theme, "Theosophy Enters the 1970s" provided opportunity for an exploration of the emphasis to be given to Theosophy and the work of the Society in the coming decade. Highlight of the Convention was the official opening of the new Theosophical Publishing House building, with its Quest Bookstore. Among the digni-

taries present for this occasion was the Mayor of Wheaton, Mrs. Marget Hamilton, and Mr. Paul Williams, Vice-President of Northern Trust Company of Chicago, representing the Kern Foundation Corporate Trustee.

During the Summer School, which followed the Convention period, presentations on the Society's Three Objects stimulated considerable interest. These talks were subsequently published in *The American Theosophist* and have been reprinted by the Department of Education as the basis for a study program on the Objects.

As has become customary in recent years, August was devoted to a number of workshop and study programs at the three main Theosophical Summer Camps. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton, Miss Helen Zahara and Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan were the guest speakers and teachers at a miniature "School of Theosophy" held at Far Horizons Camp in California; Mr. and Mrs. Layton, with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNiece, later participated in a study program at Camp Indralaya on Orcas Island in Washington. Miss Joy Mills and Mrs. Neelakantan conducted a workshop on "Man the Measure of All Things" at Pumpkin Hollow Farm in New York. The annual Young Theosophists Camp was also held at Pumpkin Hollow.

The American Section was host in September to the second North American Theosophical Students Conference. Held in Detroit, Michigan, this gathering was co-sponsored by the Canadian Section. Theme of the conference was "H. P. Blavatsky and Today's Search for Meaning," and Mr. Boris de Zirkoff, compiler of the H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings, was guest speaker.

JOY MILLS,
General Secretary.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY ENGLAND

Officers.—The following were re-elected to office last March: General Secretary: Mr. G. A. Farthing, Treasurer: Sir Hugh Sykes.

State of the Section.—Statistics show a net loss of 82 members, from a total of 2561 in September 1969.

Courses.—The Courses introduced during the previous year have received considerable publicity. (i) The Introductory Course sent to new members ensures that the elements of Theosophical thinking are, at least, made available in the course papers and in the fairly broad based reading list. The serious enquirer gets from this plenty of fundamental material.

(ii) The Self-Enlightenment (Instructional and Practical) Course has been appreciated by some of the students who have been in the few groups who have used the course.

(iii) The Fundamentals Course, of the new courses has had the widest use and reports indicate that it has been useful.

(iv) The Theosophical Self-Training Course is being taken by some 60 member students. The few letters we get from the field are appreciative.

Publicity.—Our advertising attracts about 1000 enquiries a year. Each enquirer is sent descriptive hand-out literature. Every endeavor is made now to ensure that people joining the Society know its nature and what it stands for. In this way it is hoped to reduce the rather high level of members who resign or allow their membership to lapse.

Public lectures have continued to be the mainstay of Headquarters and Lodge work for the public. Members' meetings are still a feature of Lodge work. There is however little evidence of real private study being undertaken. This will result in the near future in a dearth of members

able to talk and write on Theosophical matters.

By and large we seem to attract people averse to making any effort either on their own or the behalf of others. The effect of this on the future of the Society will be very serious. Our publicity hand-out literature and booklets are being reviewed to see if we can make an appeal to other sections of the public.

Study Weekends and Convention.—Five study week-ends at Tekels Park were reasonably well attended. Mr. Geoffrey Barborka deservedly attracted to one such meeting and others elsewhere, numbers of interested students, many of whom were surprised at the extent of the teaching available to us in *The Secret Doctrine*, its definite character and Mr. Barborka's evident mastery of it.

The Section's Convention was for the first time since the building of Besant Hall in 1937, held in an Hotel. This was done mainly because the Hall has been let for commercial purposes for some years. The new venue was generally acceptable. The Theme of the Convention was "Our Society". It was discussed under various aspects. A synopsis of the talks was circulated with the programs. Intending speakers in the discussions were asked to fill in coupons prior to the meeting and were called by name to speak, for not more than five minutes each. This experiment was judged to be successful. The speakers introducing the subjects were: Mrs. G. Blake, Mr. J. Christensen, Mrs. J. Coulsting, Mrs. O. Dutta, Mrs. J. Hammond, Mrs. I. Korving, Mrs. E. Lauber, Mrs. B. Paul, Miss M. Pontefract and Mr. G. Stevenson. An attempt was made to have as many younger speakers as possible.

There was no English Section Summer School in 1970.

Library.—During the past year we have issued 5,494 books. However, with increased postage rates and bus fares etc., it is becoming more difficult for our older members who live outside London to borrow books from Headquarters Library. Public Libraries have borrowed 78 books. 346 parcels of books have been sent to all parts of the British Isles. 87 new books have been added to the Library.

Theosophical Publishing House Ltd.—The Theosophical Publishing House has published *H. P. Blavatsky, the Light-Bringer* by Geoffrey Barborka, and reprinted the following during the year: *From Pioneer to Poet* by I. M. Pagan, *Everyone's Guide to Theosophy* by H. Benjamin, *The Principles of Astrology* by C.E.O. Carter, *An Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology* by C.E.O. Carter,

The Astrology of Accidents by C.E.O. Carter, *The Pyramids and Stonehenge* by A. P. Sinnett. In conjunction with Kalakshetra: *The Absorbent Mind* by Maria Montessori and *The Discovery of the Child* by Maria Montessori.

Books were supplied for show and sale to the bookstalls at the English Convention in London and the Summer School of the English-Speaking countries of the European Federation held at St. Andrews. The Bookshop has had a very busy year.

Appreciation.—Thanks are expressed to all those members, on the staff at Headquarters and out in Federations, Lodges and Centres, who have helped to keep the Society going and who have loyally supported it in its great work.

G. A. FARTHING,
General Secretary.

INDIA

This is the eleventh annual report I have the privilege of presenting to the members of the Indian Section. I feel that it would not be an exaggeration to say that there has been an overall improvement in the work of the Section during the last decade. Work has been steadily done in most of the Federations and the inspiration that a knowledge of Theosophy provides has been brought to an ever-widening circle of men and women. The financial position of the Section has been mended. There is a considerable increase in investments. The Section headquarters has been improved by the renovation of a number of buildings. A harmonious and capable group of workers is carrying on the administrative work. There

is a growing literature available in the vernacular languages and in the form of information leaflets. We are encouraged to hope that work will continue with fresh enthusiasm and earnestness so that the climate of India will be brightened by the spiritual radiance which only the Ancient Wisdom can shed.

In view of the increasing need for literature in the vernacular of different States, an attempt has been made to help Federations in publishing translations. A grant of Rs. 500 was made to the Utkal Federation to bring out an Oriya translation of *What Theosophists Believe* by C. Jinarājadāsa. Other books in Oriya published during the year were a translation of *The Seven Principles of Man* and *What is*

Theosophy, a work by Dr. R. C. Rath. The Tamil Federation has published *An Outline of Theosophy* by C. W. Leadbeater rendered into Tamil. The Karnataka Federation has published the second part of *The Masters and the Path* in Kannada, the first part having been brought out last year. A Malayalam translation of *At the Feet of the Master* was printed in Kerala, and a Telugu commentary on *Light on the Path* called *Moksha Marga Pradipika* was brought out. In Bengal, the Federation has nearly completed the printing of a Bengali history of the Theosophical Society. Hindi publications of the year were *Atma Vikas* by Dr. R. P. Chaturvedi, *Antar Bodha* by Smt. Manorama Saxena, *Theosophy ke Mul Siddhant*, a pamphlet by Dr. B. R. Mullik and *Manava Shatru: Madya Pan* by Bro. M. K. Vyas. A Marathi translation of *Popular Lectures* called *Subodh Vyakhane* and a Gujarati translation of the first part of *Light on the Path* were also among the publications of the year.

The Canadian Section very generously sent a gift of a 100 Canadian dollars towards the publication in a non-English language of any of the works of Madame Blavatsky. Enquiries were made about possibilities of publishing such a work and the Bengal Federation has undertaken to bring out a Bengali version of *Practical Occultism* and we trust that this will soon be ready.

The need has been felt to establish a consistent and adequate vocabulary in Hindi to be used in presenting Theosophy to the public, as confusion is caused when the terminology used is not consistent in all the books, or contrary to the usage traditionally accepted in well-known schools of philosophy. The Indian Bookshop at Varanasi headquarters is endeavoring

to standardize terminology by preparing a suitable glossary which will make translation into Hindi more satisfactory in the future. There is a plan to publish ten basic Theosophical books in Hindi using such standardized vocabulary.

New information leaflets published during the year included *The Theosophical Society: What is Theosophy?* and *Death and After*. Reprints of *Theosophy: The Divine Wisdom, Information for Enquirers* and *The Tenets of Theosophy* were also brought out. Within six months 15,000 copies of these leaflets were sold. It is planned to print more leaflets in the near future.

The Secretary of the Publicity Committee of the Section, Dr. C. V. Agarwal, has been in correspondence with new Lodges, giving suggestions regarding programs, work, etc. The monthly letters to new members have also been sent regularly in order to give them an outline of Theosophy, stimulating further study.

The Bombay Federation took advantage of the International Book Fair held in the metropolis in November 1969 to open a bookstall on behalf of the Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar. This was fruitful in its results; not only was there a satisfactory sale of books, but the interest created in the public resulted in a number of enquiries about Theosophy and in some enquirers becoming members of the Society.

The report from Gujarati mentions that the Federation has started a library of tape-recorded talks which are lent to Lodges. They have also prepared charts and slides illustrating Thought Forms, the invisible bodies of man, etc. to be used in study classes. Experiments are being made in producing coloured slides with a talk and

background music recorded on tape. Such aids to study and exposition could usefully be prepared in different languages.

In the Kerala Federation, a new experiment has been started in two places, namely Cannanore and Calicut, by forming groups named after H. P. Blavatsky. The groups are constituted of members who feel the need to study Theosophy deeply and make the essence of that study perfume daily living.

The need for a deep study of Theosophy cannot be overstressed—study implying not mere academic or daily intellectual grasp of the contents of Theosophical literature, but study of such a nature that it leads to thought and understanding which give true direction in life, harmonizing one's actions and intentions. If the importance of such a realization of Theosophy were more widely understood, there would not be a shortage of workers, lecturers, and dynamism in the Lodges.

The Adyar Lodge at International Headquarters, with 190 members, has also been trying out various experimental programs including Open Discussions, New Speakers' Evenings and Current Affairs' Evenings. The members of the Vasantha Youth Lodge at Adyar, which has been active with its own programs, have participated in the New Speakers' Evenings of the Adyar Lodge and other programs, thus setting an example of the type of collaboration between young and old, which is much to be desired.

The Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan Federations organized a seven-day study and training camp at Ujjain in the spacious premises of the Lodge, which was particularly notable for the fact

that it was mostly attended by younger members, whose eagerness to study and to work was a source of enthusiasm for older members present. *The First Principles of Theosophy* by C. Jinarājadāsa was taken as the basis of study, but the discussions ranged over a wide area of Theosophical interest. The Vikram Lodge at Ujjain provided accommodation and free meals to all the participants, thus encouraging several members to attend who could not otherwise have done so. Other Lodges with financial resources could think of similar ways of employing their means, so as to further the Objects of the Theosophical Society.

As in previous years, a study and training camp was held in the hill-station of Bhowali from June 2 to June 20, conducted by Bro. M. Krishnamacharyulu. *The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant was mainly studied, and in addition the Narada Bhakti Sutras, Patanjali's Yoga Sutras and the Master's Letters were taken up. As an experiment, a second camp in which the courses were conducted in Hindi was arranged in September 1970. Bro. R. P. Agrawala was the Director of Studies and the subject discussed was *The Astral Plane*. As this Hindi camp attracted twenty-one participants, besides a few local participants, it is hoped to organize another such gathering next year.

A Workers Training Camp was also organized as usual at Adyar. For all the above camps, financial help was received from Dr. Kamath's Trust.

Besides these the Madras Federation organized a camp at Nandi Hills in Mysore State, which was directed by Prof. H. E. Hakim. *The Key to Theosophy* was studied. The Tamil Federation had two camps at Tirunelveli and Coimbatore; the Telugu Federation had seven camps; and the Karnataka Federation, nine camps. In

Surat in the Gujarat Federation, the Rajaji Workers' Training Camp was organized with the help of the endowment made by Bro. D. M. Dabhoiwala.

Besides these study and training camps, there were various Federation and regional conferences, as well as regular inter-Lodge conferences in some Federations. A North India conference was held at Varanasi from 19-21st October 1969, over which the International President, Sri N. Sri Ram, presided. The annual conferences of the U.P. and M.P.—Rajasthan Federations were jointly held concurrently with the North India conference in order to take advantage of the presence of the President.

I was able to visit various places in Madhya Pradesh, after conducting the study camp at Ujjain, and also Lodges in Orissa, besides some other places. I also had the opportunity of meeting workers and members at the annual conferences of the Karnataka Federation held at Chintamani, the Tamil Federation held at Tanjavur, the Utkal Federation held at Cuttack and the Bihar Federation held at Motihari, over all of which I presided.

The National Lectures covered as large an area as possible. Bro. S. G. Venkataramanan, our veteran worker, visited 22 Lodges in the Tamil Federation and many Lodges in Kerala and Madras Federations. Prof. H. E. Hakim toured in the U.P., Tamil, Kerala and Telugu Federations, visiting a large number of places in every region. Bro. M. Krishnamacharyulu visited 6 places in the Telugu Federation and 13 in Rayalaseema, going to some of them more than once, besides 16 Lodges in the Tamil area, and some in the U.P., M.P. and Maharashtra. Sri Ramjivan Sinha visited 6 Lodges in U. P. as well as some others in his home Federation of Bihar.

There is a slight increase of membership this year, the total on 1st October 1970

being 7,469 in comparison to 7,294 on that date last year. It is apparent that the enhancement of annual dues made three years ago has not had an adverse effect. I trust that the special effort made by some Federations to improve their work will continue and that they will do everything possible to keep Lodges and Centres active and the membership alive. The number of Lodges this year is 319 and the number of Centres 30; there are 108 Lodges and 12 Centres with less than the required number of members.

There is a Lodge at Chandigarh directly attached to the Headquarters at Varanasi, being situated in a region where there is no Federation. I would particularly request any members who happen to go there to get into touch with the members there, so as to keep a link with them and help them. There are also isolated members at Amritsar, Ludhiana and Jagadhari in the Punjab. Work needs to be done in this State with the help of the existing members and more Lodges and Centres established.

Among the well-known workers who passed away during the year was Bro. N. K. Bhide who was Treasurer of the Indian Section for several years and rendered most valuable service during his tenure of office as well as earlier during his long years of residence at the Section headquarters. Others who left our ranks on the physical plane were Bro. Kameshwar Prasad Bhargava of Allahabad who joined the Society in 1903 and who was a benefactor of the Allahabad Lodge; Miss Hilda S. Kemp, who was long a resident of Adyar (member from 1912-70), and Secretary to our late International President, Bro. C. Jinarājadāsa; Mrs. Gulbanoo K. Wadia (1915-70) who was one of the stalwart members of Bombay; Bro. M. S. Venugopala Rao (1915-70), who was a very successful Manager of the Indian Bookshop at Varanasi for

more than two decades and who had worked for the Society earlier in Madras and elsewhere; and Bro. Harprasad Asthana (1914-69), who was Treasurer of the Indian Section for a short time and had previously worked in the U.P. Federation. The Tamil and Kerala Federations lost their Presidents by the passing away of Bro. K. V. Srinivasan and Bro. K. V. Suryanarayana Iyer.

A very generous donation of Rs. 46,300 was received from Bro. D. M. Dabhoiwala and Mrs. D. B. Modi of Surat to which Sri and Smt. R. J. Trivedi have also made contributions. This amount now forms a Fund called the Jamshed Nusservanji Mehta Fund according to the wish of the donors, the income from which is meant to be used for the work of the Indian Section. It is hoped that other members will add to this Fund, the capital of which cannot be expended.

The Section has also received a gift of Rs. 5,000 from Bro. D. P. Rajbansi of Varanasi with the condition that the income from the amount be paid to him during his lifetime.

The work of the Theosophical Order of Service is being steadily carried on in different centres. The work done is of a varied nature. In Bombay the members of the Order have been reading to the blind, transcribing Braille books and collecting money for such work, they have distributed old clothes and books, and helped to maintain a crippled child in a home, etc. The report of the group in Delhi indicates that they have also been active in a variety of ways. In Madras clothes have been made and distributed to a large number of poor children, homoeopathic dispensaries have been run in Kilpauk and Adyar, and patients visited in hospitals. Reports have been received of good work done in other places such as Tapeswaram and Tuni in Andhra, Ernakulam in Kerala, etc.

The Theosophy Science Study Group has continued to publish its Bulletin and hold meetings in Adyar. It has also formed a subcommittee to promote "Integrative Education" as enunciated by Mr. F.L. Kunz, with Bro. M.S. Prasad as Co-ordinator. A seminar on Theosophy and Science has been planned under the directorship of Mr. Kunz to be held at Adyar in January.

Efforts continue to be made to promote the objects of the New Life for India movement. A day-long seminar on "Citizenship and Unity" was held at Adyar in December 1969 when professors and students from 27 colleges participated and discussed in groups "Citizenship and Education", "Citizenship in Everyday Life", "Responsibilities of Citizenship" and "Unity and Its Problems". Efforts are being made to get the students of educational institutions interested in the movement and to form units in the different colleges of Madras. Meetings have been held in various cities and towns in the country and interest created. A series of leaflets will be brought out for distribution on such subjects as "Violence in a Democracy", "Good Citizenship and Its Responsibilities", "The Call of the Country", and "The Generation Gap". With the co-operation of the Principal of the Presidency College in Madras, students from colleges were invited to give brief talks in the college on "What Constitutes a True Indian?" and prizes were awarded to those whose talks were adjudged the best from the point of view of the thought bestowed on the subject. The organizers hope that this work will grow and that people will come forward to spread the principles of the movement.

RADHA BURNIER,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

It is my pleasure to present the annual report for the year ended 30th September, 1970. We were fortunate in welcoming no less than three international guest speakers to Australia. Their separate tours, preparation for which had been in progress throughout most of the previous year, commenced early in February 1970. Our visitors' presence and contributions gave a great impetus to the life and work of the Society in Australia. A highlight of the year's activities was undoubtedly Convention with a great assemblage, headed by the President, of members from abroad and from all the Australian States.

The President's Tour.—Mr. N. Sri Ram, accompanied by his secretary, Miss Elithe Nisewanger, visited for short periods all major Lodges on the Australian mainland. Mr. Sri Ram addressed members and the public, as well as giving several broadcasts on the Society's radio session in Sydney. We are truly grateful to the President for coming to Australia once again, and sharing with us his deep and encompassing knowledge.

Other Guest Speakers.—Mr. John Coats visited all Lodges and Theosophical groups in Eastern Australia during the first months of 1970. In May and June he gave lectures in New Zealand, returning to Australia in July to continue his travels in North Queensland. There were second visits to Sydney and Canberra and he also contacted a new Theosophical group in Albury, N.S.W., in September. His lectures were well received by both members and public. In addition he gave radio and television interviews and had meetings with other interested groups in many cities. Mr. Coats' approach to today's problems in the light of Theosophy was refreshing and helpful to all and his appeal to the younger

generation was most pronounced. In all places Mr. Coats had very full engagements and we appreciate his untiring and thoughtful contributions. In October 1970 the tour will conclude with visits to Adelaide and Perth. Mr. W. Ross from U. S. A., paid another visit to our country and lectured in Perth, Adelaide, Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane and Toowoomba. His talks were stimulating and interesting and he was cordially received everywhere.

Convention.—1970 marked the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Theosophical Society in Australia, and we were privileged to have Mr. Sri Ram preside over the memorable Convention which was held at Easter time in Katoomba, New South Wales. Other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson, Miss Elithe Nisewanger, Mr. John Coats and Mr. Will Ross. The New Zealand Section, which in the early days had been linked with the Australian Lodges, was represented by the General Secretary, Mr. Brian Dunningham, his wife and daughter, the presidents of Auckland and Dunedin Lodges, and 15 other members from New Zealand. Ten members from Saigon, South Vietnam, had also joined us for Convention in the Blue Mountains. Two guest houses and a number of holiday flats accommodated about 250 participants.

Based on the theme "Exploration and Renewal," the program included talks by the President, and by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Mr. John Coats and Mr. Will Ross. New Zealand members also contributed to the program.

The Theosophical Order of Service, taking advantage of the presence of several international workers, presented a very informative session, during which the President inducted a new director

for the work in Australia, Mrs. Lorraine Moseley, in place of Mrs. Winifred McKenzie who retired after ten years of devoted service.

Blavatsky Lodge, with the help of members from other Sydney Lodges, was a generous and hard-working host.

Study Seminars.—Continuing the good work begun last year, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson conducted study seminars of six weeks duration in Perth Lodge (September-October), Melbourne Lodge (November-December), Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, (April-May), and Brisbane Lodge (June-July). The benefit derived by the Lodges from Mr. Hodson's well-planned study course and popular approach to Theosophy has been far-reaching.

The Tasmanian Lodges arranged a residential weekend seminar with Mr. and Mrs. Hodson as guest speakers. Miss Florence Beaufoy, President of Blavatsky Lodge, attended the seminar as representative of the Executive Committee. It was held at "The Grange," a historical home, now a conference centre in Campbell Town, about midway between Launceston and Hobart.

On the invitation of the President of Cairns Lodge, the Hodsons visited North Queensland in August, where Mr. Hodson gave several lectures in Cairns and Atherton. In September Mr. and Mrs. Hodson visited Toowoomba Lodge. All these visits, particularly to isolated and far-away Lodges and Groups, are invaluable and very much appreciated.

A second weekend seminar was held in Tasmania with Mr. Coats as guest speaker. He presented several talks under the general theme of "The world is my Country," which were enjoyed by all who attended.

Hon. National Lecturer.—Mr. and Mrs. Wade visited the Theosophical Study Group in Canberra in November, and Mr. Wade addressed a small but interested

audience on the subject of "Gnostic Christianity". Mr Wade also contributed to the program of Convention. Owing to indifferent health Mr. Leonard Wade retired at Convention from his duties as Hon. National Lecturer, and a tribute of thanks is paid to him and Mrs. Wade for their fine work in the cause of Theosophy over the years. Mr. Wade continues to support the activities in Sydney, and whenever he can give talks in the Lodges, which are always popular.

Headquarters Staff.—In the office I was assisted by Mrs. Gladys MacCartie and Mrs. Gerda Vanags, with Mr. David Esplin, the Assistant Treasurer, sharing many of the duties. Besides the daily, weekly and monthly routine jobs there is much variety of work in the many departments which makes the task interesting if at times a little exacting. I thank my co-workers in the Headquarters office for another year of happy association. I would also like to mention that I have received much assistance and advice from the Hon. National Treasurer, Dr. Hugh Murdoch, and from Mr. Norman Hankin, for which I am most grateful.

In the course of my duties I visited Brisbane and Melbourne Lodges, and also the members in Hobart, Launceston and Latrobe in October 1969. In August and September 1970, twice accompanied by members of the Headquarters' staff, I paid three visits to Newcastle in preparation for and in support of two lectures Mr. Coats gave in that city.

Lodges.—The number of Lodges on the roll is now 17. A new suburban Lodge, called Peace Lodge, also known as Churinga Group, with 12 members, was formed in Melbourne in June. While membership of Melbourne Lodge has continued to increase, there is a justified reason for decentralization in the big cities. The new Lodge's aim

is to bring into being a suburban centre for the purpose of propagating Theosophy in an intimate and informal setting. Its members endeavour to work in co-operation and brotherhood with Melbourne Lodge which provides speakers from time to time. The new Lodge was welcomed into the Australian "family of Lodges" by its brothers in Melbourne and other States.

Adelaide Lodge reported a small profit in its bookshop for the first time after two and a half years of operation. Improvements to the bookshop and the hard work of its managing staff have resulted in expansion.

Perth Lodge has re-organized its library, bringing it up to date and re-classifying most of the books as well as making substantial additions of new works. Perth Lodge also helped Gosnells Lodge by providing speakers.

The monthly public film evenings organized and presented by the Sydney Publicity Committee in the Savoy Theatre have proved very popular and have introduced many aspects of the Ancient Wisdom to a wide audience.

A new feature in Sydney was a "Theosophical service" presented by several members one Sunday morning in August at the Wayside Chapel as part of the Rev. Ted Noffs' "Family of Man" project. After a short introduction on the tenets of Theosophy, prayers of different religions on the general theme of the Oneness of Life were given. Following the "service" the Order of the Round Table performed a short ceremony which particularly the younger members of the congregation seemed to have enjoyed. The morning closed with a discussion on Theosophy in the Wayside Chapel coffee shop.

In Brisbane Lodge, the Reid Gallery had held continuous exhibitions of paintings and is becoming well known as an

art gallery in Eastern Australia. Many young people visit the gallery and thus become acquainted with the Lodge's other activities.

In Albury, N. S. W., a small group of people interested in Theosophy has begun meeting under the leadership of Dr. S. W. Shellshear, while the Canberra Theosophical Study Group continued with regular meetings. It is worthy of mention that some Lodges have responded to the call for mutual co-operation between groups of members and Lodges, for instance, Launceston Lodge supplied a number of its surplus library books to Hobart and Peace Lodges, and in this way new use is found for the books.

No separative activities of Young Theosophists are in progress at the end of the year. The group in Sydney, having decided to discontinue under the name and direction of the Young Theosophists, still meets weekly, its program is now under the direction of Sydney members and is open to all ages.

Services to Lodges.—Apart from coordinating, recording and organizing the activities on a national level, study aids and publicity material were distributed and lent to Lodges and groups from the Headquarters office which included: 27,634 leaflets and pamphlets; 66 lecture tapes and special art programs; 53 study courses and study guides and 150 library reading lists. 28 different leaflets and pamphlets presenting various facets of the Theosophical philosophy are now available through the Headquarters office to enquirers. Several new lecture tapes, recorded during the visits of guest speakers have been added to the national tape library. Others are in preparation.

A copy of the first Theosophical film "How Many Life Times?," the original of which was produced in the U. S. A. under a grant from the Kern Foundation, was obtained from The Theosophical

Society in America. It was shown at Convention and has been lent to several Lodges. A wider distribution is envisaged.

Almost all the smaller Lodges in Australia have difficulty in maintaining regular and effective activities. In some cases elderly members cannot attend because of sickness, and it is generally a heavy burden for the few members to carry on the work. The national Headquarters is aware of this and endeavours to help with program aids, visiting speakers, hall hire and publicity.

The monthly "Contact Letter" to Lodge Presidents was continued.

The Adyar Newsletter had again been sent to all Lodges in order to keep them informed about international Headquarters.

Membership.—The membership continued to rise and stood at 1,655 as at 30th September, 1970. This represents an increase of 170 over the previous year. Unfortunately most of the smaller Lodges experienced losses in membership, whilst the larger Lodges have become even larger! A total of 297 new members joined during the year, 155 in Melbourne alone, which has now a membership of 518. The impetus given by visiting lecturers in the different cities and particularly by Mr. Hodson's study seminars has undoubtedly contributed to the rise in membership, many of whom are young people.

Regrettably the death of several well-known members has been recorded, amongst them Miss C. M. Kemp and Mrs. Ray Kimber-Hill, Mr. F. A. Ogilvie, former President of Launceston Lodge, and Mr. D. C. Stevenson, former trustee of the Melbourne T. S. Total losses through death were 27, through lapsing, 80 and through resignation, 39.

Under the scheme of supplying every new member with a monthly letter for the first 18 months of membership, 4,565

letters were mailed from the Headquarters office during the year. In September 1970, 445 new members received this monthly communication. Often we received appreciative remarks from members on the helpfulness of this service.

We are indebted to Mr. W. McKenzie of Sydney for inscribing membership diplomas as in previous years.

Journal.—*Theosophy in Australia* was published 6 times per year. A new format with larger print was tried out in the April issue, however a proposal to continue with the new but more expensive format was rejected for the time being by the National Council at Convention. Mr. David Esplin has again carried out the arduous task of editing the magazine.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Booklet.—In Commemoration of the founding of The Theosophical Society in Australia a booklet was published, containing articles about the history and work of some Australian Lodges as well as information on aspects of the Section's work in various fields, such as broadcasting etc. Mr. F. W. Houstone, who has been connected with the Section longer than any other member, wrote some of the articles and co-ordinated the Lodges' contributions. The booklet has been sent to most of the public libraries in Australia, also to University libraries, and has been distributed to a few individual members and Lodges and all national Sections of the Theosophical Society throughout the world.

Advertising.—Regular advertisements in *The Australian*, *The Bulletin* and the *Australian Journal of Adult Education* have been continued throughout the year. The response for information and leaflets has been steady. Fifty-four enquirers subscribed to the correspondence course, of which eleven joined the Society. Enquiries have come from further afield than just Australia. One subscriber to

the course, a Portuguese sailor on a Swedish ship, which was stationed in Japan for several months, was, as we heard later, shipwrecked but finally returned home where he hopes to continue his Theosophical studies in a Lodge in Portugal.

Broadcasting.—Each Sunday night from 9.45 to 10 p.m. a Theosophical broadcast was presented over Station 2GB, Sydney. Amongst the speakers were Mr. N. Sri Ram, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Mr. John Coats and Mr. Will Ross. Requests for scripts of the talks were received from as far away as New Zealand, where, apparently, the broadcast is heard more clearly than in many nearer places in Australia.

Quest Book Agency.—Operating under the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. the Quest Book Agency has passed through another year of marked expansion. In December 1969 once more a change occurred in the management and Miss Doris Williamson succeeded Mrs. Shirley Mills who with her husband and relatives moved to Brisbane. The Agency handled the distribution of books published by The Theosophical Publishing House and Vincent Stuart & John Watkins, both of London, for the first full year in addition to the distribution of Quest Books from U. S. A. which is still its major activity. A total of 6,341 books was sold to 87 booksellers in Australia and New Zealand and 11 Australian Lodges and Theosophical groups. 8,133 books were imported, 4,134 (Quest Books) from U.S.A. and 3,999 from London. Frequent dock and postal strikes, here and abroad, have made the smooth supply of books very difficult, but this is a hazard beyond our control. A reasonable stock has now been built up and this helps to offset the effects of the strikes. 52 different titles of Quest books, 87 of Stuart & Watkins and 94 of T. P. H., London,

are carried in stock, and the majority of these are in good demand.

New catalogues were issued in January and July, which have been distributed to booksellers and individuals, an extensive and useful mailing list having been built up over the past years. Supplies of catalogues were also sent to Lodges and effectively aided Lodge bookshops to keep their customers informed of new arrivals. In reply to enquiries from capital cities, reference is always made to the respective Lodge bookshops.

Several avenues of advertising were followed, but experiments have shown that the most effective method in our present circumstances is the frequent small-size advertisement in *The Australian*, a nation-wide daily newspaper. It was found that spot advertisements over country radio-stations brought disappointing results which were not in proportion to the expenditure. Although less was spent on advertising this year compared with the previous one the response has improved. The number of cash orders from individuals answering newspaper advertisements has grown, several of whom have repeated their orders.

Visits to booksellers by sales representatives is a most necessary function of the Agency but because of pressure of work it cannot be carried out regularly. Miss Williamson contacted booksellers in Newcastle and Sydney and Mrs. Henderson attended to this duty in Canberra. During my visits to Tasmania, Melbourne and Brisbane in 1969, I called on bookshops in these places. There are now 38 trade customers in N. S. W., 15 each in Queensland and Victoria, 2 in South Australia, 4 in Western Australia, 1 in the Northern Territory, 6 in Tasmania and 6 in New Zealand. Our aim of making Theosophical books available to a wider public would be greatly helped if a sales representative

could be found amongst our membership in each State and city.

We are indebted to Miss Williamson and before her to Mrs. Miller for the efficient performance of the Agency.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Throughout Australia, the T. O. S. groups have continued their work on special local programs which they assist as the need arises. They have also given their valuable support in goods and finance, once again, to the Women's Co-operative in Kotagiri, India—which brings a source of income to Indian women, as well as assisting Tibetan refugees—and the free school and orphanage run by Theosophists in Viet-Nam. The T. O. S. Group in Perth is working with renewed vigor, and a new Group has emerged from the T. S. Lodge in Launceston.

While all groups continue to give practical support in the form of financial assistance to their own projects, the presence of Mr. Sri Ram, Mr. John Coats and Mr. Geoffrey Hodson on the T. O. S. platform during the last Convention, has inspired the Order to further extend its influence wherever possible, into other fields of service. These include Amnesty International, animal welfare and social work for the sick and underprivileged in our community. In addition active support is given for the ecological programs which include the problems of man's environment, with its urgent need for planned conservation, and enquiries are being made into possible remedial and preventative measures regarding all forms of pollution.

The T. O. S. recognizes that while, at the moment, it may not have the numbers to set up new programs, it can be a source of information to others already in the field including the United Nations Association of Australia and

its U. N. associate organizations, and the humanitarian bodies—such as Freedom from Hunger Campaign, UNICEF, AUSTCARE, UNESCO and others. As a member-body of the AUSTCARE National Council, receiving aid, the T. O. S. has extended its involvement with refugees, and has also been able to send a VW micro-bus to the Vietnamese orphanage last July.

Non-English Publications Loan Fund.—This fund, which was internationally launched several years ago with the aim to make Theosophical literature in non-English languages more widely available to readers throughout the world, has received contributions totalling \$ 143 from Australian members. In addition a national allocation of \$ 300 was forwarded to the fund this year for investment in the U. S. A. Miss Zahara, Chairman of the Committee administering the fund, expressed her appreciation on behalf of the Committee.

Adyar-Australia Fund.—The Adyar-Australia Fund stood at \$ 21,374.30 as at 30th September, 1970. Its income during the year amounted to \$ 1007.83.

Indo-Pacific Area.—Nine Australian members attended the international Convention at Adyar and another six members visited the international Headquarters in India during the year.

As earlier reported, ten members from Saigon, Vietnam, travelled to Australia and attended the Australian Convention in Katoomba as guests of the Section.

Some Theosophical books were sent to the Burmese Section.

Australian Lodges and members have contributed donations to the Adyar Day Collection, the Olcott School, the Felix Layton Rice Appeal, the Century Fund, and for the Orphanage in Saigon.

Conclusion.—It is unavoidable that someone has been left out in this report and therefore to all and everyone I say

thank you for helping in the work. Although the foregoing presents a lot of statistical data it should not be taken as a dry account of moving through the year but should remind us to examine our individual attitudes to what is the meaning of our membership of the Society. For it is the quality of membership, not

numbers, which is important, and that cannot be measured in words or charted with statistics. It depends on the depth of our insight into Theosophy and how we put it into practice in daily living.

RUTH BERINGER,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

Regular work is going on in nine Lodges, situated in six different towns of Sweden. The Lodges usually have public meetings as well as members' meetings. Six Swedish speakers have visited the Lodges as guest speakers on twelve different occasions, the visits being arranged by the Section or by the Lodges concerned.

We have had visits and valuable help from two guests from abroad, Prof. B. R. Mullik, India, who went to six places in the beginning of 1970, and Mr. J. E. van Dissel, who visited Stockholm in November 1969. May 16-18 the Section had its Annual Convention for 1970 in Stockholm, the meetings being held one day at a place in the Archipelago. Our much appreciated guest was Mr. Arne Hansen from Norway—Swedish speakers have visited the Sections of Denmark and Norway.

A joint Scandinavian Summer-School was held in August 1970 at Gammel Praestegaard, Denmark, attended by about 70 members. The motto of The Theosophical Society, "There is no religion higher than Truth" was chosen as the keynote of the Summer-School. We had the great pleasure of having the Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, and his wife, Mrs. Kathrine Perkins, with us during the Summer-School.

In Stockholm a study course has been held during the spring and autumn of 1970 on the subject "A way towards Self-Realisation". The course treated aspects of life like Self-understanding, Study, Meditation and Theosophical action in daily life, and provided material for individual work at home between sessions. The material, partly based on the "Theosophical Self-Training Course" of the English Section, was available successively in advance of each session, six in all. Many members, including those of long standing, have felt this to be a very important activity.

This experience is again a reminder of the truth, that when Theosophy is allowed to enter the whole of our life and being, not being restricted to a sphere of thought, then it begins to work like a mighty force within us.

An article by a member under the title of "Theosophy and The Theosophical Society" was published in a magazine for the study of different religions and views of life and brought many enquiries, especially from younger people, to the Headquarters. Many copies of our information material on Theosophy has been sent or given to visitors as a result.

A pamphlet on "What is Theosophy?" has been reprinted and another one on the same subject has been printed. A

Study Course on Theosophy and a Reading Course on *The Secret Doctrine*, both from the English Section, were translated and are now available in cyclostyled form for members, Lodges and others. A pamphlet on the question of different races has been prepared and is at the printer.

The selling of Theosophical books from our bookshop, also by post, is going on to an undiminished extent. The joint Scandinavian magazine *Teosofi i Norden*

is published regularly and goes to members and subscribers and to some public libraries, schools and hospitals.

The Section has in all 12 Lodges. There are now 328 members. Since last year 18 new members have joined while 31 have left, 17 of them lapsing, which means a decrease of 13 members.

CURT BERG,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

Theosophists in New Zealand have responded in a most encouraging manner to the challenge of our times. As a general policy, they have sought to counter the violence and disenchantment in the world with an increased emphasis on the great need for an acceptance of the fact of brotherhood and the unity of all life.

At every opportunity, the ideal of the Pacific as home of a new race is stressed, with the contribution we can all make towards ushering in this era. New Zealand is envisaged as the "Greece" of this new period of the development of the Sixth Sub-race civilization on the shores of the Pacific with its co-operative, brotherly and intuitive aspects.

Whether familiar with the esoteric background or not, the fact that a great many people, young and old, in high places and low, obviously recognize the present mode of life on earth as illusory and non-productive of true salvation, is an evolutionary gain visible on the horizon of global consciousness and, for that reason, pregnant with great potentiality and promise for the spiritualization of civilization.

In his Presidential address to the last International Convention, Mr. N. Sri

Ram, commenting on the direction of the Society's progress during the coming times, said:

"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 direction we pursue at present and the climate created by our work in the Society may be decisive for its future."

This year has witnessed a great search for truth among the people of New Zealand—an opening of the mind to logic and understanding. In every possible way the Theosophical Society in New Zealand has availed itself of the opportunity thus presented through advertising, the Section Magazine, lectures, and answers to personal enquiries etc.

Miss Joy Mills, National President of the American Section, recently wrote: "To-day, as 90 years ago, the mandate for our efforts is still the same: . . . the Chiefs want a 'Brotherhood of Humanity', a real Universal Fraternity started. . . . Wherever and whenever members come together in the joyous spirit of sharing ideas and exploring aspects of the Society's work or the philosophy which undergirds it, the quality of brotherhood and

mutual affection is always present. So every gathering becomes, in that sense, an opportunity for generating those sound waves that must, one day, attract all peoples into one magnetic unity of purpose. For this reason, I suggest each such gathering must become a channel through which those inner forces of love and beauty and power and light must flow to aid in the healing of the world. The year just past saw a number of such Theosophical meetings, each one with its own unique resonance, creating its own unique sound pattern generating the thrust toward brotherhood."

Our work this year has been greatly strengthened and supported by a visit from our International President to Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, where he delivered a number of inspiring lectures. Mr. N. Sri Ram, assisted by his Secretary, Miss Elithe Nisewanger, left a deep and intimate feeling of the unity which exists throughout our Society in all parts of the world.

Mr. John Coats visited all our Lodges and gave a series of refreshing and encouraging talks to members as well as the public. His close association with Sections in so many countries and personal friendship with most of our leaders, combined with a good sense of humour and human sympathy, left a deep mark on those who came into contact with him. His press publicity and radio and T. V. appearances further improved our public image.

Mr. William Ross of U. S. A. spoke at most of our branches, bringing an impressive cultural and intellectual note into all his addresses. Generous press interviews were granted him and we express our gratitude for his help.

The Society has always been blessed in having capable leaders and lecturers who give freely of their talents in the presentation of our philosophy. To them goes our deep gratitude.

Local lecturers have helped Lodges very considerably during the year. Mrs. Elsie Wilson, Miss Elizabeth Busch, Mr. Eric Brown and others have given generously of their time and effort. We thank them all.

Easter Camp at Orewa brought a good response despite the absence of 22 members who attended the 75th Australian Convention at Katoomba. Mr. Leslie Hardy, B.A. and his helpers are to be congratulated on a well-prepared syllabus and splendid presentation.

The New Zealand "contingent" to the Australian Section's Celebrations last Easter were fully appreciative, not only of the addresses by Mr. N. Sri Ram, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Mr. John Coats and Mr. William Ross but also of the calibre and dedication of each speaker, from their General Secretary, Miss Ruth Beringer to their newest and youngest members. The whole gathering, held in the beautiful setting of the Blue Mountains, reflected credit upon all responsible for the organization which brought over 250 delegates together in such congenial and happy circumstances.

The General Secretary's visits to all Lodges and Groups drew increased public audiences, with a noticeable increase in the attendance of young people with quite a few new ones joining. Members' meetings were well supported. Linking some of our general advertising with the public lectures proved successful, and gave renewed hope of better attendances at the Lodges in question.

Advertising was changed this year to encourage the sale of books and subscriptions to our Magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand*. We campaigned to bring Theosophy through our literature to an ever increasing number of readers and utilized the benefits of the Kern Foundation Quest Books to the full. 500 copies of *Introducing Theosophy* have been sent

to enquirers and 1000 follow-up letters. New members have received 2031 messages from Headquarters. 2000 leaflets, being Australian reprints of the U. S. A. *To Those Who Mourn, H. P. Blavatsky and Her Writings* and *The Emblem of the Theosophical Society*, were distributed free to Lodges and have been used very effectively.

In America, almost 100,000 Quest Books were sold and they hope by our Centennial in 1975 to have distributed over a million copies. If each member were to be responsible for the sale of only a few of these attractive paperbacks each year, we could ensure the success of this goal and help very many readers en route.

Quest Books are now being increasingly requested for examination by University Professors in the U. S. A. and used for a wide range of courses, including comparative religion, philosophy, mysticism, parapsychology, anthropology, social science and humanistic studies with course names such as "Approaches to Self" and "God and Man in Contemporary Thought," etc.

Theosophy in New Zealand is now at a record circulation not only in New Zealand, but also overseas. We are endeavoring, through its pages, to bring up-to-date news and modern articles to a very wide range of readers and are increasing our membership in consequence. It is not easy to combine a "house organ" within the Society with a "propaganda journal" for public consumption, but this is being achieved with considerable adroitness. We feel that the dissemination of Theosophy through books, newspapers and periodicals, advertising, etc., is one effective way we can combat the modern day reluctance to attend ordinary lectures. This year there were 102 incoming members and 64 outgoing, bringing the membership total to 1134.

Library and Tapes.—Lodges generally, as well as the Section, have experienced a greater demand for books during the year and many tapes have been called for.

Youth Work.—The Y. T.'s at H. P. B. Lodge, Auckland have increased their average attendance and maintained a high standard of presentation. Unofficial groups in other parts are drawing sustained interest, particularly from university students.

T. O. S.—Iona Flats at Orewa continue to provide accommodation for older workers in ideal and beautifully maintained surroundings.

The Dunedin T. O. S., specializing in animal welfare work and health, continues its considerable success with poster competitions, lectures, press publicity and other avenues.

Finances progress satisfactorily, despite increased costs for printing and stationery. *The Voluntary Fund* (one Penny-a-Day Fund) continues to be a mainstay of our work and produced \$ 894 this year against a budget of \$ 800.

Our sincere gratitude goes to each member for his or her generous support which enables us to extend the Masters' work and meet our essential obligation "to popularize a knowledge of Theosophy".

The Mason Foundation has had its initial assets transferred to its own account and been augmented by a further most generous gift by its founder the Hon. H. G. R. Mason, C.M.G., Q.C., of another 1600 Shares in the South British Insurance Co. Contributions towards the fund will be gratefully received by Section Headquarters. Like the Kern Foundation of America, it exists "to aid in the spiritual enlightenment of man through the wider dissemination of the Theosophical philosophy."

Donations.—Money was sent to Adyar for the Tibetan Refugees; Olcott Harijan

School; Adyar Day and the Century Fund.

Appreciation.—We are indeed indebted for the help we have received from Adyar, Australia, United Kingdom, U. S. A. and many other Sections during the year.

We are much blessed in this land to have dedicated Section Officers, Lodge Officers and personnel who give unstintingly of their time and effort to help humanity through spreading the Ageless Wisdom.

Again I quote Miss Joy Mills: "The 1970's have opened with new promise and high hope; a conscience of concern for the quality of human life is stirring in the world. But if our ears become more closely attuned to radio waves from outer space than to the cry of our brother man, this decade will be shadowed by the same tragic ills of war, poverty and pollution that have haunted the previous years of this century. Our Society, I believe, was founded by great Adepts and dedicated to great ideals; great men and women have moved among us, endowing the Society with the greatness of the examples set by their lives and bequeathing us a literary heritage unequalled in history. We who are the members of this Society today share the special obligations of greatness, for the Cause we serve is the greatest of all enterprises. Ultimately the validity and significance of the Theosophical movement must rest upon the perception of its members. The brother-

hood of which we speak can only arise from the individual experience of kinship with all life. The world's sorrow in all Nature's kingdoms must find an echo in the heart of the disciple; our circle of compassion must ever be extending its circumference. . .

"Long years ago, a Master wrote: 'In the field of Theosophy none is held to weed out a larger plot of ground than his strength and capacity will permit him. . . . You are the free volunteer workers on the field of Truth.' We are, I believe, just at the edge of a new frontier on that field of Truth, privileged to aid those Great Ones whose Society this is in the preparation of 'the foundations of a new continent of thought', on which all mankind will one day live in peace. The problems before us today are humanity-wide; the solutions must be individual-deep. In this great enterprise, each one is needed, each one can contribute, each one must reveal in his own inward renewal of spirit the possibilities of the transformation of all mankind. Therefore, even as we rejoice with the achievements of the year just past, let us look to the road ahead, the path still to be walked, the tasks still to be undertaken, the triumphs yet to be achieved, and recognize that in this work in which we have come together, *we have just begun.*"

BRIAN DUNNINGHAM,
General Secretary.

NETHERLANDS

This year ended with 32 Lodges and Centres and a total membership of 1142, a decrease of 31.

Summer School.—A Summer School was held in the cultural centre in Oosterbeek. It was attended by 50-70 members. The theme of the Summer School was "Modern thought and the Ageless Wisdom," compared to biology, psychology, techniques, astrology, medicine, and psycho-cybernetics. We had lively and profound discussions in groups and with the speaker.

Besant Hall.—Although the International Theosophical Centre at Huizen is not a part of the T. S. in the Netherlands, there is a strong link with the Dutch Section. A beautiful Besant Hall has replaced the old wooden building which was destroyed by fire.

Convention.—The Convention was held in this new Hall with its large windows, so that we felt one with Nature around us. The theme was: "What are we doing with everything we know?" (in the field of Theosophy).

What is happening in the world around us and how are we as Theosophists reacting? What can we do when young people come to us with their drug-problems? We have to study more deeply the first messages of the Masters and H. P. B.

Lodges.—The Lodges have regularly once a week, public or members' meetings. One of the best Lodges is in The Hague with 120 members giving several courses on astrology, *The Secret Doctrine* and psycho-cybernetics. There are also courses for non-members.

The three Lodges in Amsterdam organize their public meetings together, having as subject this year "What is Occultism?" (Occultism and the mystery

of life and death; Occultism and medicine; dreams and Occultism; Occultism and Yoga; Theosophy and Occultism). These lectures attract a number of young people.

Centres.—C. W. O. (Centre Workgroup Occultism) has groups in Amsterdam, Utrecht and The Hague, studying *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Key to Theosophy*. They organized study-weekends in the International Theosophical Centre, Huizen; one was on the subject "dreams" in several aspects (Theosophy, Anthroposophy, Jung). They made a cyclostyled booklet of their proceedings. They are very serious workers.

Young Theosophists also are working hard in their own way, seeking new ways to communicate with other groups, as the Sufi, Point Loma, etc. Their president, Mr. Robert Gorter, a medical student, gave a course on astrology. Some of the Y. T.'s are very "modern" young people. They also have their study-weekends in Huizen, which are well attended.

Library.—The Library under guidance of Mr. van Leeuwen does good work. Non-members are the best customers, modern young people, and during the last years the Roman-Catholic Universities from Nijmegen and Tilburg often borrowed books. However, it remains difficult to get assistance for the work in the Library, the Publishing House and the administration of Headquarters.

Publishing House.—The Publishing House printed the translation of *The Way of the Disciple* by Clara Codd. Till now it has sold well. Mr. Fik Gouverne, together with Mrs. Burger and Mr. van Houten do the work, but Mr. Gouverne retires in January 1971. We hope Mrs. Burger will take over. Her husband,

Mr. Will Burger, died on the 22nd of November. He became a member in 1916, was a good lecturer and writer and was several years vice-president of the Dutch Section. One year he was General Secretary but due to a severe illness he had to resign. Mrs. Burger can now give all her attention to the Publishing House.

Guest-Speakers from Abroad.—Mr. Mullik from India gave some lectures. Unfortunately he was in Holland during Christmas-time, when there are no Lodge meetings.

Board.—The members of the Board met regularly once a month in a spirit of harmony and co-operation.

I was present at the International Week in Huizen and at the meeting of the European Federation at St. Andrews.

Proklos is the chair we have at the University in Leiden, Prof. Dubbink being the teacher this year on the Hermetic doctrine. Some 10 students attended the courses.

N. E. VAN DER SCHOOT-GROOT,
General Secretary.

FRANCE

Not much is to be said for the period under consideration. The routine work goes on. We had a Summer School of the Latin-people region in France in August-September. There were 99 present, 63 of which came from the French Section.

There seems to be an increased interest in Theosophy in French-speaking Canada, and we are fostering this new nucleus till it can become autonomous.

This fact may explain the small increase in our membership.

We share always our magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* with the Belgian and Swiss Sections.

One new Lodge was formed during the year under report.

There were 121 new admissions, 8 re-admissions and 124 outgoing members, bringing the total membership at 1110, an increase of 5.

PAUL THORIN,
General Secretary.

ITALY

The Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society in Italy was held in Tremezzo, a picturesque place on the shores of Lake Como from 30th May to June 2nd with about eighty members and sympathizers participating.

Mr. Roberto Hack, the General Secretary, spoke on that occasion on "The influence of Theosophical thought on our present times," showing the positive side of the work accomplished by the

Theosophical Society and pointing out that we should not only look at the outer facts as they appear on the physical plane, but above all think of the occult action which takes place through the power of thought and feeling. He finished his talk by saying: "It is necessary to live the spiritual teachings we have received, because it is only through the example of our own life that we shall be able to contribute effectively towards the

transformation of humanity, and through our strong and firm spiritual will bring about that age for which we so ardently long."

The theme of the Congress, "The Contribution of Theosophy to the Study of Christianity," was expounded in four lectures given respectively by Dr. E. Zarattini, Mrs. E. Cusani, Mr. E. Bratina and Professor L. del Sere. The Congress decided that the lectures should be published as a special pamphlet.

One evening was dedicated to the International Headquarters at Adyar, when Miss Robutti gave an informative talk on the work of our International Headquarters and showed many colored slides taken by her at the International Convention of 1968. Her contribution was much appreciated. Another evening was dedicated to music with the performance of Beethoven's Sixth Symphony.

One of the highlights of the Congress was an excursion by boat across the lake to Varenna where a visit was made to the park of the Villa Monastero which has many

exotic plants and ancient trees; and all admired the Orrido of Bellano, a beautiful phenomenon of Nature, before visiting the XI century Abbey of Piona built on the remains of a temple of the VI Century. During the year under report the activities of the Lodges went on as usual.

The number of members in our Italian Section was 532. Of these, 526 subscribed to our magazine. It is unnecessary to say what a good thing it is that our magazine should have a wider circulation. It not only brings to our members the most important news about our Section and the latest from Headquarters at Adyar, but above all it serves for the greater spreading of the Theosophical teachings.

I close with the wish that our Society may grow ever more; it is the most authoritative carrier in the world of the message of Universal Brotherhood, backed as it is by Those whom we call the MASTERS.

ROBERTO HACK,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

Members in Germany appreciated very much the lecture-tours of Prof. Ballak Ram Mullik from Agra, India; Mrs. Claire Wyss from Switzerland and Mrs. Nyborg-Fjellander from Sweden.

A particular highlight during the year was our Summer-School at Hustedt under the motto "We and Reality".

Some 50 members were present and shared the very strong atmosphere created by the guests of honor, the Vice-President, Mr. James Perkins, and his wife Mrs. Kathrine Perkins, both coming directly from Adyar to us. Every afternoon all of us were guided into the study of *The Secret Doctrine* by Mrs. Ila and Mr. Geoffrey Barborka, who encouraged many of us to continue the study.

There was much happiness and inspiration in this Summer-School.

The English Regional Summer-School and European Council-meeting at St. Andrews, Scotland, was attended by the General Secretary and 5 members of our Section.

With regard to the European Congress in 1971, no Summer-School will take place in Germany next year, but several more study-weekends in different parts of Germany are planned. Such meetings are of increasing value and attract more interest from members and non-members.

ANNELIESE STEPHAN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

National Presidency.—It stands as in last year's Report. This year elections for National President and Vice-President will be held.

65th National Convention.—This was held on January 16, 17 and 18, 1970. Fourteen Lodges of the Section were represented. The Annual Reports of the National President and the National Treasurer were read. The Administrative meetings of the 65th National Convention and of the Board of Directors were held in a fraternal spirit.

In the meeting for members held on January 16, 1970, Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo, the National President, read an article by Dr. I. K. Taimni on "Yoga and the Common Man". In the public meetings, Señor Manuel Martines Mendez, President of Sophia Lodge of Cienfuegos, lectured on "Tears—Divine Substance," and Señor Ramon Mayol of Annie Besant Lodge, Havana, lectured on "Man and God".

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

The number of members has decreased compared to last year's Report, from 360 to 340, as at September 30, 1970. The new entries were 32, of which 28 were new members and 4 re-entries; and the decreases were 52, of which 37 were for lack of payment, 6 had passed on and 9 transferred to other Sections.

Activities.—The once-a-week joint meetings of the eight Havana Lodges which meet at the premises of the Section's Headquarters building, continued regularly until the month of June 1970. This promoted fraternal relations among the members of the Lodges, and many visitors attended the meetings. The

Lodges have been very active. Lectures were given on a great variety of subjects and several Theosophical books were studied. Films were shown on India, Holland, Japan and Egypt.

The members of one of the Lodges practise a daily meditation with the purpose of strengthening and supporting the ideals and work of the Theosophical Society and suggested to the other Lodges of the Section to do the same.

Theosophical Festivities.—These were celebrated as usual in the Section's Headquarters Building at Havana. On Foundation Day there were lectures on "Mission of H. P. B." by Señora Raquel Catala; on "H. S. Olcott, Co-founder of The Theosophical Society" by Señor Danilo Bernot and on "The Theosophical Society and Its Great Mission" by Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo. On Adyar Day Señor Alfredo Cabrera lectured on "Henry Steel Olcott"; Señora Carmen Segón on "Charles W. Leadbeater"; Señora Sonia Fernandez on "Annie Besant" and Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo on "Adyar". On White Lotus Day there were the usual readings from *The Bhagavad Gita* and *The Light of Asia*. A lecture on "H. P. Blavatsky" was given by Señora Carmen Segon Pozos.

All festivities were enlivened by music, poetry and artistic items.

Theosophical Publications.—No publications were possible in the period of the Report, for the same reasons as in previous years. We have not been able to comply with our financial obligations to Adyar, as export of dollars is not allowed. However we have made the corresponding reserve of funds.

DANA CRUZ-BUSTILLO,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The Theosophical work in Finland has gradually improved; there are signs of it being a steady, if not rapid, growth of membership in spite of the fact that the death rate in the Society is rather high. Among the faithful members who left the Society through death, was Mrs. Anna Masalin-Arvidsson. She died on 10th August at 95 years of age. Mrs. Masalin-Arvidsson joined the Swedish Section before the Finnish Section was founded, and when it was founded in the year 1907, she joined the Aurora Lodge in Turku. She worked for several years in the Society being in close contact with Adyar as well as the individual members of the Society.

Theosophical Lectures have been delivered each Sunday at the Headquarters in Helsinki and occasionally in some other cities.

The work of the Lodges has been quite active in the bigger cities such as Helsinki, Tampere, Lahti and Turku. At the smaller places, however, one cannot say there is much of improvement. New, younger members are very much needed in the countryside.

The *Annual Meeting* was held at Easter-time as usual. The members gathered together for three days and several meetings took place. On these occasions the Finnish Section had the great pleasure of having as its guest speaker Mrs. Claire Wyss, the Chairman of the European

Federation. On Good Friday at the first meeting Mrs. Wyss spoke on the work of the Society and the members. On Easter Saturday a symposium was held concerning the question of making the work of the Society more effective. The annual meeting was opened by the General Secretary, Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa and the election of the board members was held. On Easter Sunday Mrs. Claire Wyss gave two talks. First she spoke to the Young Theosophists answering also their questions. In the evening the annual festival for the members and the public was held. Here our guest gave her third talk in which she dealt with the subject of the nature of Theosophy and our task as its advocates.

A Summer School was held at Kreivila, Matku, at the end of June. The members gathered together for eight days during which period 14 lectures were delivered. There were subjects such as: "the responsibility of knowing," "self control," "the development of the consciousness," "the meaning of becoming conscious," "the Elder Brethren etc."

In spite of the intense study there was time left for swimming and sun bathing and to enjoy Nature, the quietude and the companionship of members and friends.

ATTE POHJANMAA,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Mrs. L. M. Membrey, the General Secretary for Southern Africa, reports much activity in the Lodges. Interesting subjects have drawn good attendances at Lodge and public meetings. Interest in social service work by the members has done much to bring the existence of the Society before the notice of the public. Cape Town Lodge has attracted good audiences to its public meetings, and members meetings provide the opportunity for new members to participate in discussions. The interest in the Library has increased and every effort is being made to keep it up-to-date with the new publications.

The attendances of Durban Lodge have improved by changing the Sunday evening meetings into morning meetings. Johannesburg Lodge has arranged discussions regarding the demands of daily living and responsibility to one's fellow-beings, and special studies on the

Stanzas of *The Secret Doctrine* and the *Bhagavad Gita* have provided much mental stimulation. There is an enthusiastic group of active Young Theosophists. Public and members meetings at Pretoria Lodge have shown an increased attendance. Weekly classes were held to cater for non-members and talks involving the social work which is being done in Pretoria were included in its syllabus.

The Link.—The official organ of the Theosophical Society in Southern Africa has continued to keep the members in touch with current events and it has thus formed a link between them and the Society at large.

The Southern African Section has nine Lodges in South Africa and two in Rhodesia, with a membership on 30th September 1970 of 470.

L. M. MEMBREY,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

There are four Lodges in Scotland with 88 members.

Severe, crippling illness among our members slowed down the work in the early part of the year, although valuable service was rendered to the T. O. S.

through London H. Q. and Mrs. Dean's work in Jordan and Algeria (hospital work mainly).

Visiting lecturers were Mr. W. J. Ross of the U. S. A. and Mr. Kabir-el-Rahmin Khan, speakers of excellent quality.

The response to appeals sent out for the Olcott School Celebrations and the N. E. P. L. F. was encouraging. The customary commemoration meetings were celebrated and gifts of money were forwarded to Adyar.

As the British Regional Summer School and Council meetings of the European Federation were to be held at St. Andrews, Fife, no Convention was planned for Scotland, since it was hoped that more members would take the unusual opportunity of hearing some of our outstanding international speakers and also of getting to know members from other Sections. This project entailed a considerable amount of organisation in St. Andrews with University officials, but the School was a happy and harmonious success, and especial thanks are extended to Mr. and

Mrs. Wallace Slater, who laid a reliable foundation on which to build the work of the School.

In addition to some of our Continental friends who visited our Headquarters before and after the St. Andrews meetings, we were glad to welcome Mr. Pierce Spinks, U. S. A. and Mr. Lesley Sheppard formerly of South Africa.

Like many other Sections, we have our difficulties but manage to keep a fairly even keel, and think that some of our younger (i.e. middle-aged) members are beginning to realise the value of the Theosophical Society and its opportunity for service at the present time of crisis in world affairs.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

The 1970 Annual Convention and AGM of the Section were held in Locarno with about 30-40 members attending. Our guest of honor was Professor Emma Cusani of Naples, who spoke on "The Worlds of Dante and Theosophical Cosmogony" and a symposium was held on "Fundamental Principles of Theosophy".

The Swiss National Committee met three times in the year under report, once in order to study proposals for the amendment of the Statutes.

The Lodges continued work as usual. Weekly public lectures are held at the headquarters in Geneva. A new Lodge "Ananda" was formed in Geneva with several young members. In addition to Lodges and Centres, two informal groups have been meeting in Zurich and one in Berne. Work proceeds on the library of the Basle Lodges and a catalogue should be issued within the next year.

Visitors to the Section were much appreciated, particularly our Vice-President, Mr. James Perkins, and his wife, Mrs. Kathrine Perkins; Miss Ianthe Hoskins from England, who gave a course in French; Professor B. R. Mullik from India and some speakers from France. Members from abroad usually visit the groups in Geneva, Basle and Locarno. It is however difficult to find translators in the case of speakers lecturing in English. Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the Theosophical Society in Europe and the General Secretary, lectured in different Lodges.

Members in Switzerland share the magazines *Le Lotus Bleu* (in French) and *Adyar* (in German) with other Sections and we have at our disposal the books published by the Adyar Publishing House in Paris and Graz.

The General Secretary attended the European Council meetings in St.

Andrews, Scotland, in August 1970 and various Swiss members were present at Summer Schools in Scotland, France and Austria, and the Young Theosophist camp in Yugoslavia.

Books have been placed by the Section's Meyer Fund in libraries in the German-speaking part of Switzerland.

Miss Elisabeth Jenny has taken over the work of the Theosophical Order of Service in Switzerland in succession to Miss H. Balmer.

A scheme was launched by Mr. Georges

Tripet to help members save to attend the international centenary gathering in New York and the World Congress in Adyar in 1975.

During the year under report a number of very faithful old members died. We have a few promising young members who, we hope, might play an active part in the work in years to come. The Section has 10 Lodges with 218 members.

MARY ANDERSON,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

This Theosophical year was marked by remembrances various and numerous, some of them happy, others less happy. It began last August, with the Summer School of the Latin Countries, which took place in the buildings of the University of Brussels, in the presence of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram and Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the European Federation. According to all delegates it was a success. It was followed by a Flemish day in Antwerp with 80 participants coming from Holland, Flanders, Brussels and the French-speaking part of Belgium. It was a very happy day.

This year a revision of the Statutes was undertaken. Some revised articles have already been approved by the General Assembly.

Activities in Brussels.—The principal festivals of the Theosophical Society, Commemoration of Dr. Annie Besant on 1st October, Foundation of The Theo-

sophical Society on 17th November, Adyar Day on 17th February and White Lotus Day on 8th May, were celebrated.

Public Lectures.—We have had 30 of them given by members and non-members with a good attendance on average of about 40 to 50 persons.

The Lodges have continued their work and studied: *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Bhagavad Gita*, *The Ancient Wisdom* and *Yoga*. We noticed a special interest in astrology. The Section has 9 Lodges with 226 members.

The bookshop regained its activity and closed the year with a benefit of 10.500 Frs.

The Theosophical Order of Service worked particularly for the welfare of animals. We have had a visit by Prof. Mullik from Agra, India, who left a very precious remembrance.

BERTHE NYSENS,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

Section Suspended

BURMA

The year 1969-70 saw a slight progress in spreading Theosophy, though the total membership of the Section stands at 53, with 2 admissions and one death during the year, as against the previous year's 52.

A new Lodge named "Taung-Dwin-Gyi Theosophical Centre" was established at Taungdwingyi, Upper Burma in April, 1970. The founder was none other than Mr. U San Mya, a well known veteran Theosophist. It was founded with the co-operation of an enthusiastic new member, Mr. Thakhin Khin Maung Oo of the same place. The Centre is trying to arouse the attention of the Burma Section by mailing to each member, post cards and letters containing suggestions on reading matter, and other relevant information and certain popular sayings by Theosophical leaders, such as H. P. Blavatsky, C. W. Leadbeater, C. Jinarājadāsa, etc. The Lodge has just begun to establish its identity, and we have great hope that it will very soon attain its full-fledged stature.

Lodges.—The Burma Section is now constituted of the following six Lodges, as compared with nine Lodges in the pre-war period: "Olcott Lodge," "Youth Lodge" and "Bodhi Lodge," all in Rangoon; "Lotus Lodge," Mandalay; "Blavatsky Lodge," Maymyo, and "Taung-Dwin-Gyi Theosophical Centre" in Taung-Dwin-Gyi.

Activities.—Under the Presidentship of Mr. A. Peters, an enthusiastic Theosophist, Olcott Lodge is gradually but firmly consolidating the influence of Theosophy in Burma in its unique way. The

membership, though small, forms a closely knit brotherhood representing various religions and races of Burma. The programme for its activities includes a study-class on *The Voice of the Silence*, a social gathering to give the members an opportunity to meet friends and each other's family and meetings to discuss Theosophy and allied subjects. In addition to the above, all important days such as Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, Wesak Day, Annie Besant's Birthday, U. N. Day, Foundation Day, Christmas Day, and Shadow Convention in support of Adyar Convention were also celebrated.

The Lodge possesses one of the finest collections of books on Theosophy, Religion, and Philosophy in its Library. Our thanks are due to the International Headquarters, Adyar, for sending us a free gift of 69 Theosophical books in November 1969 for the Library. Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, is under the untiring and ever active leadership of U Kyaw Hla. Members regularly meet on Sundays for lectures and discussions on certain themes of Theosophy. Occasional tea parties are held on important days. There has been no activity in Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo since the passing away last year of U Kantaya, though U Lu Din, an ex-President, who is well over 85 years of age looks after the affairs of the Lodge in co-operation with the Secretary, Mr. D. P. Sarup. The Rangoon Youth Lodge is still in a dormant state.

The 57th Annual Convention of the Section held on 19th October 1969 at the

Section's Headquarters, was presided over by Dr. Tun Min of Kyaukphyu. The main Convention Lecture "Understanding Theosophy through Buddhism" was delivered by Dr. Tun Min. Over 30 members and friends attended the Convention. Owing to an accident, Mr. U San Mya of Taung-Dwing-Gyi was unable to deliver his lecture on "Theosophy as seen through the eyes of a Burman Buddhist".

Since the nationalisation in April 1966 of the Burma Educational Trust there has been no activity in the educational sector. With the nationalisation of the school, the Trust's Current Account was also frozen by the authorities concerned, although it was separate from that of the School.

Owing to exchange control restrictions an amount of K 30,000, intended to be donated to the Annie Besant Commemorative Fund by Mr. U Kyaw Hla, could not be remitted to the International Headquarters at Adyar. The benefits of the Savings Certificates bought for the above mentioned amount have now been assigned to another purpose.

The sudden death of Mr. K. K. Chakraborty, a very active and conscientious member, was deeply felt by all members. He served the Section till his death as a trustee of the Burma Educational Trust, a member of the Executive Committee of the Burmese Section and of Olcott Lodge. He had all the qualities of a true Theosophist.

Conclusion.—At times, we are so sorely troubled that the future appears to us extremely bleak and uncertain. We turn to the religions we profess but mostly in the wrong way and either expecting miracles or the unreasonable, and they seem to offer us very little consolation, as they neither give us immediate relief nor in the form we require. We lose faith in them, become disappointed, confused

and cynical, or we become infidels or change from one religion or sect to another, to go through the same experience over and over again. We hunt for Gurus and run from one Guru to another almost always to be exploited or swindled.

To serve as a source of inspiration which will enable us to face the future with greater confidence and courage, let us always remember the following passage from *The Secret Doctrine*: "There is one Universal Deity, the God of Immutable Law. It is not the ever-present God that is rejected, but the humanized God of religious dogmas which man has shaped from his own brain fabric."

We cannot reject the one Universal Deity, though we may reject the humanized God of our religious dogmas. All religions are fundamentally the same, although superficially they seem to be different, for they have been sent according to the needs and capacities of those for whom they came.

We forget that we ourselves are the wonder of wonders. Every religion teaches us that we are parts of the One Universal Deity, called differently as—sons of God, sparks of the one Flame, Buddhinkaras, etc.

As sons of God of Immutable Law, we can control our destinies and lead happy, serene, contented, and satisfying lives within the framework of the laws which have been taught us by the various religions.

Recitation of the innumerable names and words of praise of Gods, Angels, Archangels, Devas, Masters, or Prophets, etc., without having complete and correct knowledge of their significance may bring us some meagre and doubtful benefits lasting for a very short time. However, let us not forget that we may have to pay back heavily in return for them.

BA THI,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

As in previous years the main activities took place in the two cities of Vienna and Graz. In each of those cities there are active Lodges, meeting regularly every fortnight for study and discussion. But for their public activities the Lodges in both cities form Federations. They have common premises in which public lectures are held every week. In both places the activities went on more or less along the same lines as in the previous year. The Vienna Federation suffered a loss, as its President Mr. Peter Lauer, who was newly elected but two years ago, and his wife resigned in order to concentrate entirely on their work for the propagation of Yoga. The President of the Vienna Federation is now Mr. Rudolf Hammer.

In Bruck and Linz there are small Lodges meeting weekly for more or less informal studies and discussions.

We were happy to welcome in November 1969 Professor Mullik from Agra as guest speaker at Vienna, Bruck and Graz, and in September 1970 Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the Council of the European Federation, at Graz, Vienna and Linz.

Membership shows a small increase. There were 15 admissions, 7 resignations and 5 deaths, resulting in a total membership at the end of the year of 239, against 236 in the previous year.

The General Secretary, Dr. Norbert Lauppert, being the only candidate, was re-elected in May 1970 for another term of three years, with a great majority of votes and Mr. F. Schleifer, Dr. E. Lauppert, Mrs. M. Hönig, Mr. A. Burian, Mr. J. Fleischanderl and Mr. R. Hammer were elected or appointed as members of the Executive Committee.

The Regional Summer School for the German-speaking area in Europe, at Pichl, Austria, was again organized by

Dr. Erwin Lauppert, Graz. More than 80 members from Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Yugoslavia, Netherlands and France attended. Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the European Federation Council, presided. It was a great pleasure to have Mr. and Mrs. van Dissel present at the Summer School, for it was Mr. van Dissel who in his capacity as Chairman of the European Federation Council at that time, inaugurated the regional work, and founded the Pichl Summer School in 1953, together with the former Austrian General Secretary, Mr. Fritz Schleifer.

There was no general theme for the School. Lectures were given every morning. Prof. Karl Schmidt (Germany) spoke on "Some new discoveries of Science", Dr. Emma Bilger (Austria) on "The development of conscience and the belief in reincarnation", Prof. Peter Sedgwick (Austria) on "Creative Psychology", and Mrs. Hermine Sabetay (France) on "Individuals and Societies". On one evening Mrs. Mary Linné, President of one of the groups of the former Theosophical Society Point Loma, which are active in Germany, and who attended the School as a very welcome guest, gave a short lecture on the spiritual heritage of Mme. Blavatsky; and Mr. Fleischanderl (Austria), in his capacity as European Representative of the T. O. S., gave a short review of the work of the Theosophical Order of Service in Europe. Dr. Norbert Lauppert lectured on "The World of Freedom" and "In what direction?"

Seven study groups were formed, each consisting of about one dozen members, and met on four evenings for deeper study and discussions. The themes of study were: "The task of the T. S. in the next decades" (two groups); "The personality

and the teachings of Krishnamurti in the light of Theosophy" (two groups); "Non-Violence" (one group); "Mental Hygiene" (one group) and "Yoga for Theosophists" (one group).

The weather during the week was very fine, and on the free afternoons the members were able to make many personal contacts during excursions in the midst of the beautiful mountains.

The *Adyar-Verlag*, the German Regional Publishing House, increased its activities.

During the year under report the following books were published:

Beiträge zur Geschichte der Weisheitsreligion (Contributions to the History of the Wisdom Religion) by Helena Wegner—a book of 480 pages, consisting mainly of extracts from *Isis Unveiled*, *The Secret Doctrine* and from books of Dr. Franz Hartmann, and a German translation of Clara Codd's *Trust Yourself to Life*.

Two more books are in the press: Translations of *The Mirror of Life* and

Death by Dr. L. J. Bendit, and of *Raja Yoga* by Mr. V. W. Slater.

The German quarterly *Adyar* is being sent to 650 members in the German-speaking area, subscriptions by non-members and gift subscriptions by members to non-members are increasing.

The General Secretary attended the meetings of the Council of the European Federation at St. Andrews, Scotland, in August 1970; the meetings of the German Regional Committee at Munich in November 1969 and at St. Andrews in August 1970, and in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the Council of the European Federation the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Theosophical Society in Europe at Huizen in February 1970 and at St. Andrews in August 1970, besides three meetings of the Organizing Committee for the European Congress which will take place in Paris in August 1971.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

We had a happy year and were fortunate to welcome three fine guest lecturers. Prof. B. Mullik from India spoke on "Lead me from Darkness to Light", on "Universal Religion" and to the Youth Lodge on "The New Generation". In March we had a visit from Mr. Sigfrid Fjellander of Sweden, who spoke on "Reincarnation—pleasant Dream or Reality?", and in September, at our Annual Convention the General Secretary of Denmark, Mr. Preben Sørensen, spoke on "Expansion of Consciousness—the natural Way and the Psychedelic Way", and "What is Meditation?—many Ways, one Goal".

On Adyar Day in Oslo we were pleased

to hear one of the new young members speak on "Adyar of Today". This young member has also proved to be an excellent translator for English-speaking visitors.

The Magazine *Teosofi i Norden* has continued along the same lines in co-operation with Sweden and Denmark, and is very much appreciated in Norway. There have been several good translations and also some original articles.

During this year two of our oldest members have passed on to greater Light. Membership now stands at 144.

RUTH WESSEL NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

(Lodges only—No Report)

DENMARK

The past year has been in many respects a happy one. For several decades one of the highest wishes of the Danish Section has been to be able to publish in Danish *The Secret Doctrine* by H.P.B., and this has been realized partly this year due to a gigantic work by one of the members, Miss Sigrid Möller, who has translated and nicely typed the whole work, which is now being published in three beautiful volumes, in co-operation with a publishing house in Copenhagen. The second volume has just appeared, and the third one will follow soon. An *Abridgement of The Secret Doctrine* published by the Section in 1967 was a "child" of the above-mentioned complete translation.

Another happy event is the fact that the great majority of the members who have joined the Section during the last year have been young people in the twenties, so that we have got a better and healthier age-balance within the T. S. in Denmark. The enthusiasm and energy of these young people are a blessed infusion into the Theosophical body, which like a human one "gets tired" at times and needs regeneration.

In November 1969 a pamphlet on *Karma—the Law of Cause and Effect* was published which in a modern language tells about karma and reincarnation. A Lodge in Copenhagen especially dealing with the drug-problem distributed a pamphlet about the inner effects caused by the abuse of drugs (hashish, LSD, etc.). This pamphlet pointing at meditation as an alternative to drugs was especially

meant for young people and followed up by lectures on the same subject. The same Lodge published 1,000 copies of a very extensive catalogue of Danish and English Theosophical books. A list on public tape-lectures was included which can be lent at a fair price, and a page also stated the Objects of the Theosophical Society, "Freedom of Thought" and "Universal Brotherhood".

This Lodge publishes also a monthly magazine *Nu* (Now) as a supplement to the official one, *Teosofi i Norden*. This magazine *Nu* has now been sent out free to members and especially interested people for more than four years. The circulation was in the beginning about 100, but has in the meantime increased to 1,000. The cost has been covered by free contributions. Through this magazine it has been possible to reach a great number of people outside Theosophical circles, and new subscriptions are being received each week not only from Denmark, but also from Norway and especially Sweden.

A couple of months ago the last contact letter of a series of 24 was sent out to new members. These monthly letters to new members have been a great success and are much appreciated by those who receive them.

The annual Convention of the Section was held at Gammel Praestegaard on the 23rd and 24th May 1970. Mr. Preben Sørensen was elected General Secretary, succeeding Mr. Niels Sørensen. An important amendment of the laws was passed stating that the General Secretary in

future should be elected directly (each member will receive a voting-paper to fill in), and not as earlier more or less indirectly. In the evening Mrs. Birgitte Valvanne gave a lecture which she called "Finding the Third Man in Each". The next day Mr. R. K. Chowdhry, former judge of an Indian High Court and deputy of the General Secretary of the Indian Section, gave a talk on "A Way of Living". Mr. Chowdhry spent several months at Gammel Praestegaard and also attended the Danish Summer School. He was an inspiring and much appreciated guest.

The Scandinavian Summer-School was held at Gammel Praestegaard from 1-8th August 1970 and was quite international. About 80 people from Denmark, England, Germany, Holland, India, Norway, Sweden and U. S. A. took part in the School. The keynote was "There is no Religion higher than Truth". Guests of honour were Mr. James S. Perkins, international Vice-President, Mrs. Kathrine Perkins and Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins. The program included morning meditation, lectures, symposia, group discussions, questions and answers, several stereo-music programs, an excursion and a slide and movie-color-film evening taken from the Young Theosophist Camp in Switzerland in 1969.

Several young people participated in the Summer-School and added a colorful aspect to this happy week which was blessed with most beautiful and sunny weather.

Besides the above-mentioned guests from abroad we have been visited by Professor B. R. Mullik from India who gave several fine lectures in Denmark; Mr. Curt Berg, the Swedish General Secretary, and Mrs. Barbro Rydholm-Melander of Malmö, Sweden.

Our monthly public lectures in Copenhagen have been a great success, and the

beautiful lecture room at the National Museum is often crowded. About 3,000 pamphlets giving information about the Theosophical Society and these lectures, are distributed in August each year. As a supplement to these lectures we have just started a series of public study-group meetings. The intention of this program is to follow up the theme of the monthly public lectures and be able to come into closer contact with interested people in order that a fruitful interchange may take place.

A meeting of the Executive Committee combined with a weekend-gathering took place at Gammel Praestegaard from the 12th to 13th September this year. One of the main subjects was "Publication of Theosophical Literature". *Karma* by Dr. Annie Besant which has been out of print for several years, will probably be revised and reprinted in 1971. *Man, the Measure of all Things* by Krishna Prem is being translated by Miss Sigrid Möller and may appear in 1971-72. A third book which we would like to publish is *Concentration and Meditation* by Christmas Humphreys.

At this meeting of the Executive Committee, the four English "Home Study and Group Courses" were presented, and two of them "Introductory Course" and "Fundamentals Course" are now being translated into Danish. During the weekend we had two inspiring and fruitful group discussions about the following themes: "Presentation of Theosophy—are there better up-to-date methods?", and "Theosophy in the Seventies".

The total membership is 278, and the number of Lodges 11.

PREBEN SÖRENSEN,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

In the Dublin Lodge we did not have a very happy year. Three old friends and valued members left us through death. The first to go was Seamas Reader, unexpectedly, as he had been much improved in health. Seamas was a devoted member and many a time walked miles rather than miss a meeting. Then just before Christmas our Secretary, Miss Aimée McCormick, met a tragic death through a car crash. Aimée, a clever lively woman, was another devoted member and the greatest help in the Lodge. In the outer world she was well known for her work in the cause of Animal Welfare. After that, David Lundström died suddenly. We did not see so much of David as we could have wished, as he lived rather far away, but he wrote to me just before he died, "I am with you in spirit." Later, a good friend, the head of our firm of Solicitors, Brenden Walsh, died. He enlivened our meetings with his learning and ready wit. We miss them all greatly.

We welcomed four new members. Austin May, Kenneth Hammond, Antony Fitzpatrick and Brian O'Donnell, all keen students of the Ancient Wisdom.

Lectures kept to a high standard. Amongst others Mr. G. D. Chaudri, our member who is First Secretary of the Indian Legation, gave us a brilliant exposition of Raja Yoga.

I represented Ireland at the London Convention and also at the European Conference in Scotland. Both gatherings were impressive and interesting, leaving one optimistic and stimulated. "Friendliness" was the key-note of both.

At the moment we in Ireland are held up in every way owing to a prolonged Bank strike. It has left all walks of life in a state of chaos. However with the help of a member we managed to "raise the wind" and have had our Lodge rooms done up in sunshine yellow and white. This will have the effect, we hope, of cheering us up and pleasing new members. We have had some enquiries as to possible membership. Let us hope that 1971 will be happier for us and this tossed world in general.

DOROTHY M. EMERSON,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

The General Secretary for Mexico reports that in reorganizing its different Departments, an inventory of more than 1700 Theosophical books in Spanish for sale at the Bookshop, has been constituted and prepared.

White Lotus Day was celebrated together with a group of delegates from the Argentine Section including the General Secretary, Señor Luis Spairani and Nora Spairani, Senor Juan Vinas, Señor Carlos Palmeri and Señora Paulina Palmeri.

Señor Ballesteros from Colombia and

his wife visited the Section and delivered a number of lectures. They also did some touring in Orizaba and Veracruz.

Mr. Gordon Plummer who visited Mexico with his wife took as the topic for his lecture: "True and False Occultism".

The Annual Convention of the Section was scheduled for the 18th, 19th and 20th December, when delegates from every Lodge in the country were expected to attend.

SONIA PEREZ VERA,
General Secretary.

CANADA

The activities of the Theosophical Society in Canada are necessarily limited in scope; moreover, they are usually of a nature that tangible results are unlikely. Those responsible for making and implementing decisions can but hope that over the long term their efforts will be for the good of Theosophy in this country. One might add, in the world, because there should be no national barriers to restrict our important work.

Canadian Theosophists inherit a tradition of free-thought—in the best sense of that term—and freedom of expression, but these freedoms have never been abused to the point where any and everything is admitted as Theosophy; a basic loyalty to the message of H. P. Blavatsky has always characterized the work of the Section. Yesteryear this meant relative isolation in the Theosophical community, but this no longer holds true and a similarity of approach is noticed all over the world.

The international aspect of our Society is becoming increasingly important. The existence of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund is indicative of this. To our shame it spotlights years of neglect in failing to help students in countries where English is not spoken, to have access to the basic Theosophical literature. In the past year the Canadian Section has supported the Fund both in India and the rest of the world and it is to be hoped that individual members will generously recognize the importance of this work. One project of the Fund—to make available the Preston-Humphreys *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* in twenty languages by the time of the Society's Centennial—will undoubtedly appeal to Canadian members whose neighbors, in the larger urban areas at least, speak these languages and many more.

Two happy and promising “international” events occurred during the year under review. These were both North American Theosophical Students' Conferences; the first was held in October, 1969 in Niagara Falls, Ontario, and the second in September, 1970, in Detroit, Michigan. These conferences were co-sponsored by the Theosophical Society in America and served to emphasize the close and friendly relationship we enjoy with our sister-Section. The themes of the two Conferences, “Theosophy in the Coming Age” and “H. P. Blavatsky and Today's Search for Meaning” both indicate the relevance of Theosophy in a world, where brotherhood for the most part lacks meaningful expression. A feature of the Conferences is that they truly are for *students*, and representatives of many Theosophical affiliations have attended without in any way feeling they were strangers; furthermore, direct participation by all delegates has been encouraged with great success.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Barborka were guests of the Theosophical Society in Canada. They kindly visited Lodges in eastern Canada en route from Europe to their home in California.

A print of the Quest Books film, “How Many Lifetimes” was purchased and has been circulated from Montreal to Victoria.

The Canadian Section project to place all H. P. Blavatsky's works in Canadian universities has been continued. Volume IV of the *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings* was published in 1969 and as soon as copies were available in Canada the usual distribution was made. Many Canadian university libraries also request sets of the the Section magazine, *The Canadian Theosophist*.

For many years, thanks to the generosity and co-operation of the members of

Toronto Lodge, the office of the Canadian Section has occupied space in the Lodge's premises. In June, 1970, the Lodge and Section vacated temporary quarters at 310 Dupont Street and in August moved to a new permanent location at 12 Mac-Pherson Avenue.

The Section recorded a slight drop in

membership during the year, but it is expected that the trend will reverse in the coming months as a result of increased activity, especially in the Toronto area.

TED G. DAVY,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

Señor Luis Spairani, the General Secretary of the Argentine Section, reports that all the Lodges have been very active during the year under report.

Lectures and Meetings.—In the city of Tucuman lectures were delivered on several week-ends and this enabled the small local Lodge to increase its membership, making it stronger. Also in Santa Fé, Bahia Blanca and San Juan many lectures were given and study courses were held in Rosario and Mendoza. Buenos Aires had a full program of public lectures, courses and readings. An outstanding feature were the Theosophical meetings, held in Buenos Aires and Montivideo in November 1969 by the Argentine and Uruguayan Sections jointly. In July 1970 the South Atlantic meetings were held in Brazil by the Sections of Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. They were very useful and inspiring and were organized by the Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

Annual Convention and Summer School. Our Annual Convention was held on March 22nd, followed by our Eighth Summer School which lasted for seven days. About 180 persons attended these meetings, including members from Bolivia, Brazil and Uruguay. Summer Schools are promoting a brotherly link not only among the members of the Section but

also with the members of adjacent countries.

In the city of Rosario, the Section has now its own premises. The inauguration took place on Sept. 26th, presided over by the General Secretary and attended by members from different parts of the country. It is situated near downtown and has large lecture rooms on the first and second floors and also some smaller rooms. Since its opening several public meetings were held attracting large audiences. There is also a public Library and bookshop. This new building is at Santiago 257, Rosario. Other premises will be inaugurated soon in the city of Cordoba.

Theosophical Propaganda.—The Publishing House has enlarged the sale of books by printing cheap editions of two books by Dr. A. Besant, *Popular Theosophical Lectures* and *The Laws of the Higher Life*, which were not available in Spanish for a long time.

Also *A Basic Course on Theosophy* by Simmons is being printed and will be available at a fairly low price. It will be given free of charge to every new member. A booklet containing the gist of the main Theosophical topics was published in two colors, with a nice cover, with the purpose of being given to newcomers. Some more subjects are

under study to be printed for the same purpose.

The Section is preparing to attend the fourth Inter-American Congress to be held at Bogota, Colombia, and to that end we have been in contact with the Organizing Secretary of the Inter-

American Federation and the International Headquarters at Adyar.

The Section has 44 Lodges and 760 members.

LUIS P. SPAIRANI,
General Secretary.

CHILE

No Report

BRAZIL

Federations of Lodges.—There are two Federations of Lodges, one of Lodges in the States of Rio de Janeiro, Guanabara and Espirito Santo, with Headquarters in Rio de Janeiro, and the other in the States of Sao Paulo and Goias, with Headquarters in Sao Paulo. There are 36 active Lodges and two Study Groups. On 17th Nov. 1969, a new Lodge was founded in the city of Salvador, State of Bahia, named "Kut-Hu-Mi," through the efforts of an old member of Lodge "Alcione," long since dormant. Also in the city of Santo André in the neighborhood of the Capital, a Lodge named "Krishnamurti" was founded through the efforts of a group of members of "Raja" Lodge.

Propaganda.—Under the direction of Dr. Ulisses Riedel de Resende much work was done in this Department. In the month of July, from 10th to 12th, he promoted an encounter of members from Argentina, Uruguay and various States of our country in Porto Alegre, on which occasion it was decided at the suggestion of Señor J. Blumenfeldt of Uruguay, to hold some "South Atlantic Theosophical Days". At this meeting Señor Juan

Viñaz gave lectures, as well as others. Dr. de Resende also organized a caravan of members from other States to the city of Nova Friburgo, to the east of Rio de Janeiro, where lectures were given by Dr. Alberto Lyra, Dr. Ulisses de Resende and Zaida Sachs. Also our friends in Parana were visited by other members and lectures were delivered in Gurutib by Señor Joaquim Gervasio de Figueiredo. In October visits were paid to Belo Horizonte where there are two active Lodges.

In collaboration with the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, of which Dr. U. de Resende is the Organizing Secretary, a visit was paid to our country by Señor Juan Viñaz of Argentina who gave some lectures in various cities. His talks were recorded and used for publicity purposes. Besides this, Dr. de Resende found time to translate from the North American Section a series of publications, giving courses in Theosophy for use in our Lodges.

Publicity.—For 14 years this Department has functioned under the direction of Señora Carmen P. Piza. Books printed included G. Hodson's *The Kingdom of the Gods*, C. Jinarājadāsa's *First Principles*

of *Theosophy*, and recently a new series *Conduct and Meditation*.

T. O. S.—There was some activity in this Department, consisting of the distribution of goods to needy persons.

Also for the protection of animals, work has been started by the President of "Raja" Lodge, in collaboration with other Theosophical organizations, against the introduction of cock-fighting in our country.

O Teosofista.—The official organ of the Section was issued each quarter and sent to all the Lodges.

Y. T.'s.—Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Ulisses R. de Resende and his wife, enthusiastic groups of Young Theosophists were formed and directly linked to the W.F.Y.T. under the guidance of Mr. John Coats in the cities of Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo

and Porto Alegre and we hope soon also in Belo Horizonte and other places.

"Raja" T. S. Centre and Pythagoras Theosophical Institution.—These two institutions are actively working for Theosophy with enthusiastic help from the members in the Capital, Sao Paulo.

Round Table.—Groups are functioning enthusiastically in the cities of Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte and Sao Paulo.

The Vice-President of the Section, Señor Olavo Desire Dantas is working on his own responsibility for the realization of the spread of Theosophy.

The work in our Section has been carried on with the general co-operation of all its officials and the participation of a great number of members in all the Lodges.

ALBERTO LYRA,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

At its annual Convention, held in Reykjavik in January 1970, Mr. Sigurlaugur Thorkelsson retired as General Secretary of the Icelandic Section after two years service in that office. He was succeeded by Mrs. Svava Fells, a member of the Theosophical Society for many years and who has served the Section as Recording Secretary for the last two years.

The Icelandic Section now consists of 14 Lodges with 625 members, most of whom are living in the capital town Reykjavik and its neighbourhood. 15 people joined the Section in the course of the season, 7 died, 5 left the Society, and 8 were transferred to the inactive list and taken off the records.

The Lodges in Reykjavik held regular meetings every Friday during the winter months, from September to May, which were well attended by members as well as non-members. Public lectures were given by members and non-members. Also "inner meetings" were held in each Lodge, which were dedicated to some special subject to be studied during the whole season in the respective Lodge. One of these study groups studying "Tibetan Esoteric Teachings" was directed by Mr. Sigvaldi Hjalmarsson.

Two special meetings were held by those who administer the affairs of the Section and by the Chairmen of all the Lodges, the purpose being to discuss the

work of the Section and to endeavor to bring it to a higher level, to strengthen it and make it more practical. These meetings have proved to be very encouraging.

The Summer School was held from 11th to 15th June at Jadar in the neighbourhood of Reykjavik. The motto was: "The Potential of the Human Mind". This time there were no visiting lecturers from abroad but numerous facets of this topic were presented by speakers of the Icelandic Section including Mr. Sigvaldi Hjalmarrson, ambassador Mr. Helgi P. Briem, ex-General Secretary Mr. Sigur-laugur Thorkelsson and others. Several discussions were also held. A lively atmosphere pervaded the Summer School, which was a very successful one. More than thirty members took part in it.

The Theosophical book service has continued to sell books as in previous years, mainly for members of the Section. Some new titles were added to the Library this year. The magazine *Gangleri* with a circulation of 2500 copies is a most effective medium of propaganda and is very popular.

In the beginning of this year, a special club was opened in the centre at Reykjavik, open every Monday and Wednesday afternoon during the season, both for members and non-members interested in Theosophy. At that time, the Library is also open. This new activity of the Section is very promising and some members have shown much interest in it.

At the close of this short report, I wish to add, that I am interested to continue to put into operation the plans of Mr. Thorkelsson and to carry out the work in the Icelandic Section along similar lines as in previous years. I am grateful that there exists a Theosophical Society in Iceland to shed the light of Truth, brotherhood and co-operation in the world where these values are sadly losing ground. Theosophy, with its direct approach to Reality, and with the light of its teachings capable of resolving human problems, can be a veritable beacon-light to the few who are trying to find solutions to the manifold problems of humanity.

SVAVA FELS,
General Secretary.

SPAIN

No Report

PORTUGAL

The General Secretary for Portugal reports that the Section has been working regularly during the past year, celebrating all the Theosophical Festivals, Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day

and holding public meetings at the Headquarters every month.

In the Lodges weekly meetings were held. In some of them the work was supported by the old members who are

trying "to maintain the light" until younger members are able to become the new leaders.

Among the chief lectures given during the year the following have to be mentioned: "Theosophy and Zen" by the Vice-President, Dr. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco; the talks on "White Lotus Day" and "The Meaning of Christmas" by the General Secretary, Professor Délio Nobre Santos; "The Zen" by Mr. A. Chaves Cruz and "Theosophy and Neo-Buddhism" by Con. Rocha de Abreu.

We had the pleasure of a visit by Mr. and Mrs. Chase, who attended a public meeting and spoke on the "Theosophical Centre at Ojai".

The President of Lodge "Annie Besant" organized some Theosophical meetings in the country, in order to gather the members as in a Theosophical Summer School. Meetings were also arranged for

little children as well as a "Christmas party".

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Theosophical meetings of the Summer School in France, because of my professional work, but some of our members attended the School.

Our Section will begin the new Theosophical Year on the 11th October and we have planned to have public meetings every fortnight. This year we lost two members by death, we have recorded 17 lapsings and 14 joined the Society. The membership at 30 September 1970 stood at 182.

I like to finish this report with the hope that our Section will grow with the help of the Great Ones for the enlightenment of the world through the Ideals of Theosophy.

DÉLIO N. SANTOS,
General Secretary.

WALES

In his annual report, the General Secretary, Mr. Harry Edgar, writes that the work has proceeded steadily in the Lodges and Centres. They had the privilege of visits from Mr. Geoffrey Barborka as well as from Professor B. Mullik from India. Both of them gave a rare insight into the Wisdom Teaching, each in a different way. The Annual Convention was held in October, 1969, in North Wales at the Colwyn Bay Lodge, the guest of honour being Mr. I. Hawliczek. As before there was an exchange of tapes and transparencies with the Auckland Lodge,

New Zealand, which were greatly appreciated by both Sections. As usual the members have been generous in their support of the Olcott Harijan School at Adyar and other charities. During the year I had the opportunity to give a number of talks to Church groups on Theosophy. There is much interest and a great demand for our Theosophical teachings. There is, I feel, a need to be more outgoing and not to keep moving around in a closed circle.

HARRY EDGAR,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

The election of a new General Secretary and members of the Council took place on 5th July 1969, Mr. J. A. G. Blumenfeldt was elected General Secretary and the following persons as members of the Council: Mr. Antenor Dalmonte, Mr. Joaquin Mesias, Mrs. Josefina Vazquez and Mrs. Romilda Branda. Since Mr. J. A. G. Blumenfeldt assumed office, the Section has been very active with new members joining. Through

talks, public lectures and talks on T.V., the members of the Section have made efforts to spread the Theosophical teachings and ideals to the public. Their main aim is to stress the importance of the First Object of The Theosophical Society. There are 9 Lodges in the Section with 171 members.

JOAQUIN BLUMENFELDT,
General Secretary.

 PUERTO RICO

The record of the Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico during 1969-70 shows continued progress. For the last several years we had a steady gain in members. Some of these new members are young people. Our book sales (Spanish and English) continue to be good. We regret that certain Theosophical books are not yet available in Spanish. In addition to our regular Sunday-morning meetings, we have begun week-day meetings on Wednesday and Friday evenings. We are very fortunate in having several people, who maintain our weekly radio talk by translating and giving the talks.

The highlight of the year was the brief and inspiring visit of the General Secretary of Argentina, Luis P. Spairani, his wife, Señor and Señora Juan Carlos Palmeri, and Señor Juan Vinas, late in May, 1970. Interesting talks were given by Señor Spairani and Señor Juan Vinas to the public and members, and transparencies were shown by Señor Juan Carlos Palmeri.

The membership in Puerto Rico, at 81, shows an increase of six during the year.

SEYMOUR D. BALLARD,
General Secretary.

 RUMANIA

No Report

 YUGOSLAVIA

Our Section held its Annual Convention on 14th December 1969 in Zagreb. The theme of the Convention was "Relationship". A lecture on this subject was

delivered by the General Secretary who emphasized the importance of good relationship, understanding, tolerance and confidence among the Theosophical

fellow-workers, and hinted at the necessity for thorough study of Self-Knowledge. The Vice-President, Prof. Djuro Robotic, who was the acting chairman gave his talk on "Our Theme—Theosophy" and laid stress on truth and freedom of expression.

Three Lodges have their meetings once a week, and in one Lodge and the Centre once in a fortnight. Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated by all Lodges; the birthday of Dr. Annie Besant is at the same time the beginning of the activity of each Lodge.

Lodge "Harmony" in Zagreb received in the year under report 61 lectures, all of them were followed by interesting discussions. All Lodges registered an increase of students and sympathizers, many of whom intend to join the Society in due course.

Mrs. Mila Grubacevic visited and lectured in the Lodges Beograd, Zagreb and Ljubljana.

About 50 Young Theosophists and their friends camped in Slovenia between

5th and 18th July. Much help was given them by the Lodge members in Ljubljana and five members of the Yugoslav Section attended the Summer School at Pichl, Austria.

Visits from Mr. G. Farthing, the General Secretary for England, Prof. Mullik from India and Prof. Schmid from Austria were very much appreciated.

The Theosophical Order of Service, whose representative is Mrs. Damjana Gec. Koper has been very active. Money was collected and sent for the Olcott Harijan School and the Tibetan Relief Fund.

The Section suffered a great loss by the death of two staunch members, Mr. Milan Reiching of Lodge "Harmony," Zagreb, and Mr. Franjo Zivic of Lodge "Service," Ljubljana. Three unattached members passed away. On 30 September 1970, the membership stood at 65.

MILA GRUBACEVIC,
General Secretary.

CEYLON

Due to various causes there has not been much activity in some of the Lodges, but a process of resuscitation and reconstitution of these Lodges has taken place and there are indications of more consistent activities in the Section as a whole.

Several lectures and a seminar were arranged during the year under review, mainly through the efforts of the Besant Lodge with the co-operation of a few other Lodges.

A symposium on "Re-birth and Re-incarnation" was held by exponents of different religions. Mr. L. E. Juriansz spoke on this topic from the Christian point of view; Mr. W. M. O. Perera

from the Buddhist; Mr. M. R. Unni Nayar, B. Sc. from the Hindu and Yogic; Mr. O. L. Abeysekera from the Theravada Buddhist and Mr. T. R. Rustomjee from the Zoroastrian point of view.

In Lotus Lodge lectures were delivered on the following subjects: "Islamic view of Re-birth" by Mrs. Theja Gunawardhana; "Nature and Significance of the Evidence on Re-birth" by Dr. K. N. Jayatilleke, late Professor of Buddhism, University of Ceylon, Colombo; "Rosicrucian view of Re-birth" by Mr. C. E. S. Gunasekera, M. Sc.; "Re-birth in Hinduism" by Mr. Lakshmanan Aiyer; "Mrs. Annie Besant" by Mr. F. Rustomjee; and in Vasantha Lodge on "Reminiscences

of Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa" by Dr. E. W. Adikaram and on "Theosophy" by Mr. F. H. P. Joseph.

Vasantha Lodge, which was originally inaugurated at Sri Palee, Horana, has been re-constituted and established at 26 Jaya Road, Colombo 4, because several

members and office-bearers who were on the staff of Sri Palee Institute had been transferred elsewhere. The Section has 7 Lodges with a total membership of 66.

D. L. F. PEDRIS,
General Secretary.

GREECE

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

One Lodge has been dissolved. But the membership increased by 14 new admissions, so the active membership of our Section is now 224.

Our Section magazine *Ilissos* is issued quarterly and sent to subscribers, amongst

whom are members as well as non-members.

The great difficulty for our Section is the translation and the printing of Theosophical books due to lack of funds. We need them so much for those members who do not understand foreign languages.

K. MELISSAROPOULOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

As not all the Lodges sent their annual reports, it is impossible to give the proper statistics of the Section.

There are ten active Lodges in the Section. No new Lodges were formed during the year.

Lodge "Teotl" in El Salvador lost two staunch workers in Señora Maria Leonor Chacón de Vidal who died and Señor Salvador Sagastizado who lost his sight.

Twenty new members have joined, 7 in Lodge "Blavatsky" and 1 in Lodge

"Teotl," both in El Salvador; 3 in Lodge "Pratibha" and 1 in Lodge "Blavatsky" in Nicaragua; 6 in Lodge "Shakti" and 2 in Lodge "Virya" in Costa Rica. On the other hand twenty-seven members lapsed, due to non-payment of Lodge dues.

At our next Convention we will make a study of this situation and try to find a way of keeping our members interested in the work so that they do not abandon us.

JOSÉ SALOMÉ HERNÁNDEZ,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

Dissolved

THE PHILIPPINES

Against the background of a country torn by tremendous social, political and cultural upheavals, the first few months of the year found the Section in a state of quivering wakefulness, jolted out of its long somnolence and now beginning to reach out into new directions. Change was in the air and it was more than evident, some drastic changes were needed. From environs to membership, to Lodge work, to approaches in dissemination, to inner attitudes and values, each one itched for change and re-evaluation.

The thrust towards new directions was three-pronged. First, there was our Headquarters building which was the work-centre of our activities and to which, in a way, the Society is publicly identified. Second was the need to create opportunities which would stimulate fresh interest and increase knowledge of the teachings, which is Theosophy. Third, to popularize a knowledge of Theosophy by bringing it not only to a wider segment of the population, but also by relating it to the needs of the present. These last two might be called a policy of attraction, preparation and dissemination.

To implement these last two, however, there was the need for competent teachers and lecturers, an enlightened corps of members who can go out to proclaim by precept and example the Wisdom of the Ages. Where did we begin?

Our Building.—Drastic renovations have taken place to make our Headquarters building habitable. Walls, roof, windows and floors were repaired and repainted. The roof-garden was covered up; a big new Library was built on the top floor and living quarters for the Librarian and a Guest room were added.

Hand in hand with these changes at Headquarters, there was the more im-

portant job of improving the quality and quantity of our work. Needed was the necessary stimulus, the opportunity which would bring to the fore the needed workers. As far back as three years ago, I first thought of asking Mr. Geoffrey Hodson to conduct a School of the Wisdom, and that plan is swiftly concretizing into reality; Mr. and Mrs. Hodson will be arriving by January 1971, to start for us a three-month lecture course, entitled "The School of the Wisdom".

Activities at Headquarters.—Prominent among the activities held at the Headquarters, was the observance of Feast days and Holidays, like the Holy Thursday Program which drew a big crowd. So did Adyar and White Lotus Day. However, the best attended and the most interesting was the two-Sunday Symposium on "Youth Activism," in which prominent youth leaders were participants and the occasions were featured in the local newspapers. There was also a Social in honor of past officers of the Section and old members of the Society. The Study Group meetings at Headquarters every other Sunday are always well attended and the most interesting is the question-and-answer period. Other Sundays are taken up by formal lectures and inter-lodge meetings.

Lodge Activities.—A fully revitalized Lodge Hamsa has introduced the open-forum meetings, a departure from the formal lecture patterns. Here a moderator, a discussant, a resource-person and another, who sums up the discussion afterwards, insure a smooth flow of discussion and allow participation of all those present. One of the best and most interesting of its meetings featured Dr. B. F. Reyes, who expounded for a full two hours on "Can Occult Philosophy solve the World Problems?".

One outstanding work carried on by a group of members of the Ilaw Lodge, is a tour of far-away towns and cities all over Luzon, "infiltrating" Spiritist and other interested groups, explaining the teachings of the Ancient Wisdom in non-Theosophical terms. To date they have toured many towns of Pampanga (particularly Angeles, known Huk ramparts), the towns of Pangasinan, Cavite, Nueva Ecija, Rizal, and have lectured to groups totalling over 500 people.

Another thrust at "popularizing Theosophy" is a project of the Manila Lodge, a husband and wife team, Mr. and Mrs. F. Doval Santos, who have started in their own house a class of Theosophy for little children using E. Rutledge's *Teachers' Manual*. The heartwarming response and enthusiasm of the children have given them hope it may be possible to transfer this activity to the Headquarters' ground floor and thus enlarge the group.

One other Lodge which is very much revitalized and which meets every other Sunday at the Headquarters, is Rizaliana. It had steadily grown in number from three to eight after a few months. Far up North, two other Lodges, Cabanatuan and Mundoz, find a two-hour session is not enough, so stretch it far into the night. It has a big group of enquirers and has landed in new members. Another Lodge in the outskirts of Manila is Cavite, which reported a steady increase in attendance and increase in membership. A big Study Group organized by Mel Albano is doing very well on its own by now. I have had occasion to conduct two study meetings there and found the group very responsive. Another revitalized Lodge is Pagibig which has five new admissions.

Lodge Visitation.—It was possible to pay three visits to far away Munoz and Cabanatuan Lodges this year and contact with the members was a most refreshing

as well as instructive experience. The rare opportunities, when personal contact with members were possible, have paid off in better co-ordination and deeper links with workers, who ordinarily would have had no chance to be in touch with workers at the Headquarters.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—One department has been functioning continuously all these years, doing very much needed if seldom-heard-of work. This is the Healing Group which meets every Saturday evening at 7.00. The same group also composes the Peace Prayer Group which meets on the same evening. Another service, carried on by individual members, is visitation of sick and bereaved friends and members. Comfort and monetary help is part of the visit, and to those who are bereaved, a copy of the booklet "To Those Who Mourn" is sent.

The Library.—For so many years the Section has suffered from the absence of a real Library which can serve the needs of the members. Work on the propagation and popularizing of Theosophy is impossible without such reading facilities. At long last we now have, what can be aptly called a Lending and Research Library, with an airy and comfortable place in which to read. This was made possible when early in the year the newly-elected Librarian, Mr. Tony Francisco, started his campaign for books. Last July 25th, the formal opening of the Lending Library and the Bookshop with a Mail-order Section was open-house to members and friends. A special 10% discount made the initial sale of books zoom up. There are 450 books available at the Library, with 88 in the Reserved Section and 300 in circulation. Out of 72 card-holders, 41 are members of the Society. Orders from the provinces have swelled the sale receipts of the books, which are sold even below the

prevailing "floating-rate" prices. Additional books are expected soon, both from Adyar and Wheaton, and some of these are donations.

Membership.—From January to September, we have gained 32 new members and chartered one Lodge, while another, Santa Rosa, is still unchartered. There are 128 members on record. Three deaths have diminished our ranks. An encouraging trend has been observed—some of those, who long ago dropped out of the ranks, have now renewed their membership and are active again.

Visitors.—A distinguished visitor from the parent Society in Adyar was Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio, the Treasurer, who stayed with us for three weeks. At the time of writing, another visitor, Miss Jean Nisewanger has also arrived and will be staying for some three weeks. Other visitors expected soon are Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan and Mr. John Coats, who will be the Section's special guest for Convention on November 29 and 30.

Progress if we may so term the work initiated so far, may be summed up as

a fresh beginning and a new awakening. The environmental changes, however physical, had deep psychological effects. The pervasive influence of inconducive surroundings has been very much lifted and like a plant divested of choking weeds, we are perking up. The prospect too of participating in the much-hoped-for School of the Wisdom is also a great morale-booster. It is important to remember, however, that the happier prospects envisioned, also beckon to hard work, persistent and unrelenting; to courage indomitable and resistless. Our theme for Convention "The World is Changed from Within," seems so pertinent in our case. The changes if they are to be meaningful must be changes from within. They must start from changes of attitudes, re-polarization of objectives and re-orientation of values. The vastness of these unconquered territories is appalling—but the human spirit will go on.

CLEO Z. GREGORIO,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

During the year 1970 the Society realized an appreciable progress. The Headquarters Building was sold and a new one acquired of greater capacity, with three halls for lectures and various activities which we have named Blavatsky Hall, Besant Hall and Olcott Hall. They will be used for meetings of Lodges, social meetings on Monday evenings and meetings of the Young Theosophists Group on Saturdays.

During the first week of the month of June 1970 we celebrated in this new building the Theosophical Inter-American Days with delegates present

from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica and the Republic of Panama. Round-table discussions were held for those attending on the following subjects: "Theosophists and their Contribution to Spiritual Culture," "What do we understand by Theosophy and the Practice of Theosophy?" and "What Contribution should be made by the Theosophists of the Americas?". These discussions aroused great interest among those who participated. During these "Inter-American days" three lectures were given in the halls of the buildings to a numerous public by Señor Juan Vinas on

"Theosophy, a Wisdom for all time for the present-day Man," "Theosophical Techniques for Spiritual Realization" and "Vedanta Philosophy and the Realization of the Self". Señor Luis Spairani lectured on "Evolution and Life".

Regarding our Section, the Lodges at Bucramanga and Barranquilla were visited to give them necessary help for a better organization.

Our National Section is at present organizing the meeting of the IV Inter-American Theosophical Congress, which will be held in the city of Bogota from 15th to 20th February 1971, and in which the American Sections have shown great interest and enthusiasm.

For the period 1970 to 1972 Señor Gabriel Burgos was elected General

Secretary for Colombia in accordance with the Rules.

Public lectures will continue to be given on the first Sunday of each month, with up-to-date Theosophical subjects by Bros. Walter Ballesteros, Gabriel Burgos, Ricardo Molina, Aureliano Zea and for the Young Theosophists by Yolanda Obando, Pedro Martinez, Jose Cobos and Dr. A. Martinez.

We are proceeding with preparations for a hall, destined for giving classical music and activities, demonstrating the occult influence of music through the ages, so that the members may enjoy this cultural activity.

AURELIANO ZEA ZEA,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

The Membership of the Section at 30th September, 1969, was 1140, while at 30th September, 1970, it reflected the total net figure of 1142 with a loss of 233 members on account of lapsings, transfers and deaths as against the most encouraging addition of 235 new members during the year. This inspiring position has been brought about and can be attributed to the recent visits of our Guest-Speakers Mr. E. M. Affram, the Organizing Secretary of the Theosophical Society in West Africa and Mr. A. R. Bakshi, the President of the Gujarat Theosophical Federation in India. The success of their visits amongst our 22 Lodges in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania was also due to the organizing ability and personal attention of our National Vice-President Mr. H. M. Chhaya, who is very well known as the first and foremost Theosophical worker.

20th Annual Convention.—Mr. E. M. Affram from West Africa was invited as a Guest-Speaker for four weeks in March-April, 1970, to preside over the 20th Annual Convention of the East African Section, held under the auspices of the Highland Lodge, Eldoret, Kenya and to visit some of the Lodges in East Africa. About 200 delegates from 14 Lodges attended the Convention, and the Host-Lodge had made excellent arrangements for boarding and lodging free of charge for the up-country delegates at the residences of members and sympathizers. Our Guest-Speaker delivered two Convention Lectures, one on "Theosophy, a Spiritual Science for Man To-day" and another on "Let us Give Brotherhood a Trial". He gave also a short address to the newly enrolled members at the end of Convention. Thus, the visit of Mr. Affram to our Lodges

in East Africa has surely given some impetus and encouragement to the African Brethren. I am proud to mention that Mr. Affram is an illustrious example from amongst the African Brethren, who has dedicated himself to the cause of Theosophy in West Africa and elsewhere. He has continued his link with the East African Section and many active workers over here.

At the Annual General Meeting held during Convention on 29th March 1970, Mr. A. B. Patel was re-elected unanimously as General Secretary for East Africa for the three ensuing years. It was decided at the Convention gathering to extend the jurisdiction of the Section to the Republic of Zambia, where there is a possibility of establishing Lodges.

Regional Secretaries.—The appointment of Regional Secretaries has contributed greatly in assisting the regular administrative functioning of the Section, and their services at all times are well appreciated and recognized. Mr. H. D. Shah, the Regional Secretary for Tanzania, is one of the most outstanding and experienced workers at my disposal, with a deep knowledge of Theosophy. This year I have renewed the offices of the Regional Secretaries and have added some more, by appointing Mr. C. M. Patel and Mr. J. L. Rajgor in Uganda, Mr. Ram Singh Tak in Kenya and Mr. K. N. Patel in Tanzania for the term of three years.

Visits.—Mr. A. R. Bakshi, the President of the Gujarat Theosophical Federation and a retired Judge of the Gujarat State in India, was invited to tour the Section. During his visit, he held Study Classes at Mombasa, Nairobi, Nakuru, Kisumu, Eldoret, Mbale, Kampala, Tabora and Dar-es-Salaam and conducted Workers' Training Camps at Kisumu, Kampala and Mombasa, where members in large numbers attended from Nairobi, Nakuru, Meru, Dar-es-Salaam and Embu.

Mr. Bakshi gave also public lectures and visited schools, local authorities and public institutions, delivering short addresses to the audiences on suitable subjects. In October 1970, Mr. Bakshi paid a visit to the newly established Lodges Mufulira and Kabwe in Zambia. On this tour, which lasted four months, Mr. Bakshi was accompanied by Mrs. Manjulaben Bakshi.

Publicity.—The Section has been very fortunate in securing the services of an enthusiastic bookstall manager, Mr. Babubhai P. Patel. His services have proved of inestimable value in the sale and supply of Theosophical books in English and Gujarati to all the Branches in East Africa. The sale during the year amounted to Shs. 9,606.60. Mr. B. P. Patel's continuous endeavor in promoting the sale at Conventions and public functions is worth mentioning. The sale of books on a non-profit making basis is the general policy of the Section.

Translation in Gujarati of the *Ageless Wisdom of Life* by Miss Clara M. Codd, was undertaken by our devoted and sincere worker, Mr. J. B. Oza of Kampala, the Regional Secretary for Uganda-1. It was published and put on sale for the benefit of Gujarati-speaking members and the public in East Africa and India. Also *Jiwan Drashti* (meaning Right attitude in Life), a valuable book written in Gujarati by the late Mr. Shanabhai N. Patel was published. Mr. Shanabhai N. Patel served the Section as the Regional Secretary for Uganda-2, for the past two and a half years.

Gift of Theosophical Books.—One of our leading workers in Uganda, Dr. J. M. Amin, the President of the Nile Lodge, Kampala, at whose residence the Lodge meetings are being held for several years, most generously donated the large sum of Shs. 3000/-, for use of publication of the translation in Gujarati of the

book *Ageless Wisdom of Life*. He further donated English Theosophical books of importance, worth Shs. 800/-, to all the Universities in Nairobi, Kampala and Dar-es-Salaam, the capital cities of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. The Section also donated some valuable Theosophical books in English to the Federation in West Africa, through the good offices of Mr. E. M. Affram.

The Section's journal *Theosophical Light* is published quarterly in English and Gujarati and distributed among the members free of charge. It serves the purpose of a closer link between the Branches and members of the East African Section, containing news and notes of the activities of the various Lodges, valuable articles and extracts from different contributions.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Various kinds of practical services are being rendered to the poor and disabled according to the local needs. During the year the Nairobi Lodge has opened a Health Centre, under the direction of Dr. H. R. Pavagadhi and Dr. Dhanji with the help of a Committee of T. O. S. members and the guidance of the

National Director of the T. O. S., Mr. R. H. Patel.

Circumstances in East Africa have changed so fast, that it is becoming increasingly difficult for non-citizen nationals to continue their peaceful living.

Inconsistent policies in each sovereign country in East Africa with regard to movement of men and material, make it increasingly difficult to carry on the Theosophical work in an efficient manner, due to considerable hardships in collecting and remitting fees and other payment internally and externally. Under these circumstances, it may be necessary to consider in the near future the decentralization of the East African Section and the forming of a Federation of the different sovereign parts.

Conclusion.—In spite of the present difficult position of the non-citizen members of the Section, we hope to carry on our work with courage and tolerance. We pray that the Great Guardians of Humanity may inspire us with strength and enthusiasm to hold the banner of Divine Wisdom in East Africa.

A. B. PATEL,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

Theosophical work in Pakistan has continued as in previous years with no significant changes in the work of the Lodges or in the increase of membership.

As reported previously, two Lodges exist at Karachi, two at Hyderabad, one at Quetta and one at Lahore in West Pakistan and a Lodge at Comilla, East Pakistan. Of these seven Lodges, two are Youth Groups with no regular administration. There is also a small centre of Theosophists at Dacca, East Pakistan.

As statistics of membership from Lodges outside Karachi have not been given, it has not been possible to assess the correct number of active members in Pakistan at present. However, from office records available, it is estimated that the membership stands at 260 approximately.

Activities of the Lodges.—The Karachi Theosophical Lodge remains the largest and most active Lodge in the country, with a membership of 100. Besides its regular monthly activities, consisting of

public lectures, members' meetings, study classes and special observances of annual days, the Lodge had during this year a number of visitors from abroad, thus infusing the Lodge activities with fresh enthusiasm and interest.

Miss Helen George from Adelaide, South Australia, came to make a long stay at Karachi. She arrived in early January 1970 for a stay of one year and gave a number of public lectures, interpreting Theosophy through art and beauty. Her presentations were given with colored slides, music and poetry and added much interest to her subjects. Miss George also addressed a number of members' meetings. She was able to utilize her artistic talents in training Montessori teachers in art presentations to their pupils. She also served on the Animal Welfare Committee of the Theosophical Order of Service. With the Presidential Agent she visited the Lodges at Hyderabad and Quetta.

The Karachi Lodge was visited by Mr. Fred Whittle from Australia, who addressed some members' meetings and also spoke to different groups on "Health and Diet". The Lodge had also a visit from Miss Ianthe Hoskins who gave a public lecture and five evenings of Study Classes with members. Although the classes were held for five days continuously, the attendance of members did not lag, but kept on increasing. About 50 members attended the classes regularly. Miss Marion Caws was our next visitor in April 1970. Miss Caws gave two public lectures, addressed two members' meetings and gave a study of the "Mahatma Letters" for three evenings. Later in the year we had a very brief visit from Mr. Stache Black, also from Australia. Mr. Black met the members briefly and saw something of the city, which he found very interesting and stimulating. The Karachi Theosophical Lodge

continues to bring out its monthly Bulletin, *Theosophy in Karachi*, this little four-page news-sheet is sent out to a number of friends outside Pakistan and keeps the work in the country in its largest Lodge linked up with many friends and workers.

The next largest Lodge at Hyderabad received a visit during the year from the Presidential Agent, Mr. M. H. Abdi, Miss Helen George and Miss Ianthe Hoskins. The Lodge has continued its activities in the form of public lectures and the celebrations of the anniversaries of the Founders of Religions, Theosophical Leaders and the great Sufis of Sind.

The Comilla Lodge in East Pakistan, although small in the number of its membership, has a gathering of its members every evening at the Lodge premises and has public lectures every Sunday evening by its President, Mr. Rashmohan Chakravorty, a scholar and an intellectual in the city. The Lodge had its premises repaired and put in good shape during the year. It had also appealed for more recent publications of Theosophical books for the Library.

The Young Theosophists at Karachi have been meeting every week in a small group for Theosophical studies. During this year the book *The Key to Theosophy* by Madame Blavatsky has been studied.

Visitors and Visits.—A mention has been made already about the various visitors, whom we were fortunate to have, mainly at Karachi during the year under report. Their participation in the activities of the Lodge, and particularly their contribution to the study of Theosophy, has helped our work very greatly and we are extremely grateful to these visitors for having kept us in mind during their travels abroad.

For the year to follow, i.e. 1970-71, we already have promises of visits from Miss Joy Mills, the National President

of the Theosophical Society in America, accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Hanson, the editor of *The American Theosophist*. It is proposed to hold the National Pakistan Convention during their visit in December 1970.

We are also expecting a visit in January 1971, by Mr. G. Farthing, the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England and in March 1971 a three weeks visit by Mr. John Coats, who has been travelling intensively in different parts of the world for Theosophical work. We are looking forward happily to these visits. It is our hope, that our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, may be able to visit us in the forthcoming year. This has been a hope long delayed, mainly due to his busy schedule and the difficulty of visas between India and Pakistan. We hope, nevertheless, that in the coming year, we shall have the inestimable privilege of having the President in our midst.

The Presidential Agent for Pakistan was able to visit the Lodges at Hyderabad and Quetta. At Hyderabad, Miss Ianthe Hoskins gave a public lecture and met the members at a reception. Miss Helen George accompanied the Presidential Agent to Hyderabad as well as to Quetta. At Quetta, they attended a members'

dinner and spoke on Theosophy and the trends of Theosophical work in the world to-day. Miss George spoke about the nature of the work in Australia. The important work during this visit was the reaffirmed and unanimous decision of the members of the Quetta Lodge, to dispose of their present property on Prince Road, as the same had become dilapidated and a part of an unsuitable area and to re-invest the money from the sale in a more suitable property.

Conclusion.—This year, the work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan has shown a slight progress, mainly due to the help of visiting lecturers. The possibility of extending the work in the country especially in the eastern part of Pakistan is still remote, because of lack of workers and lecturers in places outside Karachi. Efforts are being made to send 2 or 3 qualified persons in the field. Already Mr. M. H. Abdi has offered his services, and has been appointed as the National Lecturer for the country. It is hoped, that his efforts and that of other members will prove helpful in the intensification of the work in other areas of Pakistan.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYSIA

No Report

NORTHERN IRELAND

The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland had a quiet year and has made some new friends. Attendances at meetings in Belfast were well maintained in spite of several adverse circumstances, including riots in the vicinity and the very high cost and occasional unreliability of public transport. Our only lecturing visitor from outside the province was

Miss Grace Blanch who was the guest speaker at our Annual Convention at the close of May 1970. Bangor Lodge held several meetings, but experienced difficulty in finding a meeting place. Total membership at 30th September, 1970, stood at 47.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

JAPAN

No Report

VIET-NAM

We are particularly fortunate to work in our beautiful Headquarters which can contain about 500 people. On the first floor, we have a nice sanctuary. In spite of the war in our country, the main thought which occupied our mind, during the year 1970, was one of preparation for the Centenary in 1975. According to oriental thought, and following "The Law of Cycle," we believe that the Year 1975 is the whole "Circle of Light," because the Centenary or the Millenary marks always a great event on earth, showing the result of this time. So, we try to prepare ourselves in order to fit in, by training methodically, by studying Theosophical teachings, by unselfish service and brotherly feelings towards one another. The result of all this is a fine atmosphere which attracts the public to our meetings.

Membership.—During the past year, there were 67 new admissions. The total membership on 30 September 1970 stood at 852, an increase of 68 over the

previous year. There were 5 deaths, 1 resignation, and 7 re-admissions.

Lodges.—During the year under report, one new Lodge named Dinh Tuong Lodge has been founded.

The Section has now 15 Lodges, 13 of which have regular members and public meetings. Besides lectures and study activities, the larger Lodges, Kiem Ai and Dung Hanh (Lodge of women named Fine Conduct), and Phung Su (Lodge of the Young named Service) have extensive lending libraries. The following Lodges which were dormant were revived during the year: Duoi Chon Thay and Bac Ai. The largest Lodge Kiem-Ai at Saigon had every week public lectures.

A monthly program of activities of all Lodges was sent to the Board, which made it known throughout the country every month. That helped to revive the dormant Lodges.

Service to Lodges.—Study aids and publicity material made available to the Lodges around the year, included

96,000 copies of study courses on *The Higher Mental* and *The Ancient Wisdom*, translated into Vietnamese by Mme. Nguyen Thi Hai and 600 copies of her lecture about the 94th Convention at Adyar. The work of reproducing leaflets in a new and attractive form was continued, and one new leaflet and three pamphlets were issued.

Visit to Lodges.—In February, six members of the Board and two other members of the Section went to Dinh Tuong (70 km. from Saigon) to inaugurate the new Lodge named Dinh Tuong Lodge. Miss Luu Thi Dau, Mrs. and Mr. Nguon Har and Mme. Nguyen Thi Hai went from time to time to some Lodges which needed help. They also gave talks to the new Lodges.

Youth Work.—Increasing numbers of university students and of college scholars are attending lectures. The Youth Lodge Phung Su directed by Mr. François Mylne contributed much to the work of the Section. The young members are enthusiastic and ready to serve.

Headquarters Activities.—Good team work has continued in the Headquarters Office. There is no doubt, that if we share fraternally a task, however arduous, it becomes easier. I am assisted by Miss Luu Thi Dau and would like to place on record my sincere appreciation.

Every Sunday morning, from 8.30 to 9.30, members of two Lodges Dung Hanh and Phung Su met in the auditorium of the Headquarters, to study *The Voice of the Silence* and to talk on various subjects. Then from 10 to 11, also in the same place, members of various Lodges came and studied *The Secret Doctrine* or "The Higher Mental," conducted by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai, or *The Ancient Wisdom* conducted by Miss Luu Thi Dau and Mr. François Mylne. The members, even the old ones, are eager to study.

Publications.—We continue to issue for free distribution to members monthly

the Theosophical courses, translated from English into Viet-Nameese by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai. We issued also 2000 *The Tenets of Theosophy* by Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa.

In the year 1970, the Saigon Lodge printed by roneo *Thought Power* by Mrs. Annie Besant, translated into Vietnamese by Mr. Nguyen Tan Tai.

The book *Daily Truth* (extracts from the Masters' Letters) is brought out by Mr. François Mylne, an ardent worker. The Bac Ia Lodge has issued by roneo *The Invisible Helpers* by C. W. Leadbeater.

Convention.—We had our Annual Assembly in December 1969 at our Headquarters with many members from different Lodges. At that meeting, I was elected General Secretary of the Viet-Nameese Theosophical Section for a 3 year-term 1969-1972.

Our 18th Convention was held on April 30th, 1970, at our Headquarters, with about 150 attending. Besides the usual business meetings, a symposium was held on "How Theosophy helps us to progress quickly?". The Convention was a very inspiring one with a harmonious and brotherly atmosphere. It was closed by a banquet at Headquarters.

Summer School.—The Summer School was held at the Pure Heart Centre at Vung Tau, facing the China Sea, from July 26th to August 1st 1970. There were about 85 participants.

Each day began with a joint meditation. Then lectures and discussions followed. Our theme was "How to be a servant of humanity?". The delegates attended also a Flower ceremony of the Round Table. The meeting was a fraternal and inspiring one.

Orphanage.—We have a nice Orphanage with about 60 abandoned children. We got much help from the Theosophical Order of Service in Australia and U. S. A. In September 1970, we received, as a donation, from the Theosophical Society in

Australia, a pretty micro-bus for our orphans. We would like to express here our special thanks to the Australian Section for their generous and selfless contribution.

Travels.—Our General Secretary, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai, represented our Section at the 94th Convention at Adyar. On her return, she gave an interesting lecture on her experiences during the Convention, and sent to each member a copy of her speech which was much appreciated.

In March, ten members of our Section attended the 1970 Australian Annual Convention. They were very enthusiastic and appreciated very much the true brotherhood existing among the members of this great Section. We are all looking forward to the visit in December 1970 by Mr. John Coats, and in April 1971 by Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson.

I would like to express my deep gratitude and appreciation to my fellow-workers in all the Lodges and to all members for their good co-operation and ready assistance in all matters connected with the work of the Viet-Nam Section.

Conclusion.—There are many many thousands in our country who have never heard of the Ancient Wisdom and a great missionary spirit is needed at the present time. So the Theosophical work in our Section is most useful and indispensable to our compatriots. By leaflets and pamphlets to be distributed freely to people, we hope to spread the illuminating truths of the Ancient Wisdom, to make Theosophy widely known to all. Vigilance and pure dedication as well as spontaneity are needed to carry our work purposely forward into the future.

To this we are pledged for "The sun of Theosophy must shine for every one". To carry on this task well, we must be always optimistic and strong inspite of the lasting war—more than 25 years of fighting—between the North Viet Nam communists and the South Viet Nam republicans. May the Masters bless our country.

NGUYEN THI HAI,
General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

During the year ending on 30 September 1970, the work of study and teaching remained satisfactory, as shown by the enthusiasm of the members.

The Theosophical festivals, Foundation Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day, celebrated with enthusiasm in joint meetings, gave great satisfaction to all.

A contribution from the Lodges to the Century Fund was sent to Adyar.

The total number of members is unchanged compared to last years', since

there were 7 new admissions, but an equal number lapsed for non-payment of their annual dues.

We hope that the coming Inter-American Congress, which is to be celebrated in Bogota, Colombia, and which some of us are planning to attend, will result in a balance of progressive ideas, for the better development of our great ideals.

PABLO BONILLA T,
Presidential Agent.

WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

This year the emphasis of our work has been on Youth and Culture. This thought was also predominant in the national atmosphere. Whilst the government was organizing Youth Councils, we were formulating plans to bring Theosophy to the Youth, encouraging them to aim high in education, health, business and professional life. Gift books, supplied to us from India, including *At the Feet of the Master*; *Outline of Theosophy*; *Theosophy, Its Meaning and Value*, were quite suitable for our program of work.

When the interest in Theosophy started among the Youth, most of them at college organized themselves into small groups to study on their own. Some college staff opposed them, arguing among other things, that Theosophy did not favor "belief in God," and if the students adopted that attitude, they would be difficult to control. In spite of much persuasions, those interested continued to hold the meetings outside the college compounds and endeavored to apply the knowledge gained from the meetings to their life and work at the college. At the end of the Academic year, it was found, that the best and most well-behaved boys at the colleges were mostly those attending the Theosophical group meetings. The college authorities therefore permitted the meetings to be held at the college. Also 25 of the boys were offered scholarships to study abroad.

In order to help maintain the growing interest among the youth, without incurring financial obligations, we have organized a branch of The Young Theosophists Groups to absorb them. Free literature is distributed to them and periodical talks given to them on health and education for happiness. The response has been very encouraging and the provincial groups are growing rapidly.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—A branch of this has been formed here, to afford the older members an opportunity to render suitable services to the community. Elaborate plans have been drawn up to embody the lines of our work.

Membership.—85 new members joined the Society, 45 lapsed (apparently the student members who have changed over to join the Young Theosophists Groups) and 25 left on Government scholarships abroad, leaving the total membership at 330.

Convention.—This was postponed when the Organizing Secretary was invited to be guest speaker in East Africa at their 20th Annual Convention.

New Lodges.—A new Lodge was opened at Nkawkaw on the 26th of September, named after Mr. K. Brakatu Ateko, who brought Theosophy to Ghana in 1918. In his honour wide publicity was given to the inauguration, which was attended by representatives of the local Lodges and Centres.

Publicity.—For the first time the Ghana Weekly Advertiser has been publishing the Objects of the Theosophical Society in their paper every week for the past six months, almost free of charge. This was after the Management had been presented with copies of elementary literature to introduce Theosophy to them. This publicity has created great interest, regular inquiries keep pouring in each day—a good sign for rapid rise in membership.

Nigeria.—The work here continues to progress. The Centre in Calabar has rapidly increased in membership and hopes soon to evolve into a Lodge. At Enugu, the Leadbeater Lodge, which became defunct during the recent civil war, may soon revive. Five of the members

have returned home and are going about their normal business. A report from the Secretary of the Lagos Lodge confirmed this, adding that the Government

of Nigeria is doing all it can to resettle those affected by the war.

E. MICHAEL AFFRAM,
Organizing Secretary.

BOLIVIA

During the past year the work of the Theosophical Lodges in Bolivia has gone on normally, and without any particular activity to be noted.

The meetings of Lodge "Paz" at La Paz, and "Inti" at Cochabamba, have been held weekly with an attendance of about 8 to 15 members. Also Lodge "Urus" of Oruro (although it is incorporated in the Argentine Section) continues its work with very few attending.

We have been studying the classical books of Theosophy, with commentaries

and questions on them. We also held extra meetings on Foundation Day of the Theosophical Society and White Lotus Day, followed by social gatherings.

In Cochabamba we had the idea of forming a Youth Group. It was inactive for some time but has come to life again and there is hope of its becoming a Lodge in the future.

MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO,
Presidential Agent.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

The Canadian Federation has had another change of Secretary. Mr. James Himbury, who was appointed Secretary on May 16th, found he was not able to carry on, owing to pressure of business. Mrs. Ida F. Stephen was appointed in his place in October 1970.

Hermes Lodge has concluded an interesting year. A note in our local paper stressed the interest being shown in "comparative religion" by young students at our University. Six hundred students

wanted to sign up, but there were not sufficient teachers able to give this course. We saw this as our opportunity, to put on a series under this heading, and were able to secure a Moslem, a Hindu, a Buddhist Priest, and a Rabbi. All these gentlemen were most interesting and co-operative, and the lectures were well attended, particularly by young people.

IDA F. STEPHEN,
Federation Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

As in my last report, I would like to begin with the principal event of the year for the T.S. in Europe: the annual meetings of the European Council held in July 1969 during the Summer School of the Scandinavian Sections at Bohusgarden near Uddevalla. At the Council Meeting the following Sections were represented by their General Secretaries, and in some cases, by delegates: England, Sweden, Holland, Germany, Scotland, Switzerland, Norway, Denmark and Wales. France, Italy, Finland, Belgium, Greece and Yugoslavia had appointed proxies. Miss T. Fleetwood represented the Young Theosophists. The European Executive Committee also met during the Scandinavian Summer School in July, and again in January 1970, at St. Michael's, Huizen. Meetings of the Scandinavian Regional Committee took place also in Uddevalla. We were fortunate in having the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and his daughter, Mrs. Radha Burnier, the General Secretary for India, as guests. This gave the School a very special character and the lectures of the President and his daughter were among the highlights of the gathering.

The President took further part in the English Summer School and later on, in the Pays Latins School in Brussels. We are very grateful to him for kindly accepting various invitations to attend Summer Schools, for he brings a very special note to all the gatherings which he attends, and he links the members present with our International Headquarters in Adyar.

There was a Summer School at Hustedt in Germany, presided over by the General Secretary and which was very well attended.

The German Regional Summer School, which is held each year in Pichl, Austria,

was presided over by the Chairman of the Council and was also well attended.

The Young Theosophists held their Summer Camp in Gstaad, Switzerland, during the period of Krishnamurti's talks in Saanen, which is near Gstaad. The Chairman visited the Camp twice. Krishnamurti was invited by the Young Theosophists to speak to them. The visit was not particularly successful. From Gstaad, the Chairman, along with some representatives of the Young Theosophists, visited the Grand Hotel in Territet on Lake Geneva, where the 1971 European Congress will be held. The hotel should fulfil our needs and expectations.

Towards the end of 1969, the International Vice-President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. Perkins, returned to India from America, where they had stayed for some length of time, Mr. Perkins having lectured at the Krotana School of Theosophy in the autumn term of 1969. They touched Europe, but were unfortunately unable to visit any Lodges or Sections. They are however, as you know, touring Europe this summer and will visit the German Section Summer School in Hustedt and the Scandinavian Summer School at Gammel Praestegaard as guest speakers. They are also our guests of honor at St. Andrews for the British Summer School.

The Icelandic Section has a new General Secretary. We are grateful to the previous General Secretary for his work and send Mrs. Fells our best wishes for a happy and successful period of office.

Early in the year under report, news reached us of the death of Mr. Edward L. Gardner at over 100 years of age. Mr. Gardner was well known and highly esteemed as a deep student of Theosophy, as an author and lecturer and as a wise

teacher and guide. He was General Secretary of the English Section from 1924-28 and was one of the group, which established the Theosophical estate at Tekels Park, Camberley. He was also instrumental in the establishment of the Theosophical Research Centre in England.

I very much regret to report that two well-known members of the Belgian Section have passed on, Mr. Gaston Polak (at 95) and Miss Suzanne Verheyen (at 55). Mr. Polak was for 25 years General Secretary of the Belgian Section, and became its "President of Honor" for life. He was an excellent lecturer. His partial blindness did not prevent him from attending meetings and being generally very active. I saw him for the last time at the Summer School in Brussels, where he addressed the members present. Mr. Polak had a rich life, devoted above all to Theosophical work. We can hardly believe that Suzanne Verheyen, known as Zouky, is no longer with us. She was also present at the Brussels Summer School and was as active and lively as ever, supervising the tape-recordings. No one would have thought, that she would soon disappear from our midst, as the result of a treacherous illness. Contrary to Mr. Polak, she was very young when she left us. Those who knew them both will remember them with great affection.

Another well-known and active member followed our Belgian friends. Milan Reiching of Yugoslavia left his physical body in May. Although we are all convinced, that death cannot really separate us, I personally was very much shaken by this news, as Milan was a good friend. He had been a member of our Society for many years and he worked intensively for the Yugoslavian Section, before the work there was interrupted for many years. He had close contact with the other countries in that part of Europe,

where he paid numerous visits and kept in touch with many friends. We shall miss Milan Reiching very much, also at the Pichl Summer School, which he attended regularly. All who knew him will remember him with gratitude.

My most cordial thanks go to my closest co-workers: Dr. N. Lauppert, the Vice-Chairman, whose advice is very precious on many occasions; Miss M. Anderson, who is for me the "perfect Secretary;" Mrs. G. Eedle, without whom "Theosophy in Action" would not be what it is today, and my other helpers in England. I would also like to mention the harmonious co-operation between Miss Ilse von Tresckow, the Treasurer, and myself. And my thanks to those friends in the whole of Europe who help me with their understanding and their friendship.

There is good news from the various Conventions held in different Sections: France, Yugoslavia, Finland, Switzerland, England, Italy etc.

The new Besant Hall at the International Theosophical Centre at Huizen, Holland, is practically complete at the time of writing and will certainly prove a very beautiful building. The inauguration will take place in July. Gifts are still welcome, as construction proved more expensive than was originally expected.

Mr. J. Fleischanderl of Graz, who is responsible for the Theosophical Order of Service in Europe, continued his successful activity during the period under report. Mr. Fleischanderl works in different related institutions, which provides good possibilities of contact for the T.O.S. In the Swiss Section, Miss E. Jenny is now responsible for the T.O.S, replacing Miss H. Balmer to whom we are grateful for her tireless devotion to this work over many years.

Mrs. Ingrid Fjellander continues to be in charge of the Round Table. She

paid a visit to Germany and lectured in various Lodges.

International lecturers were active in various Sections. First of all, our International President visited as mentioned above, the Summer Schools in Sweden, England and Belgium. Mrs. Radha Burnier accompanied her father to Sweden and England. The lecture tour of Professor B. R. Mullik through many Sections was a great success. Miss I. Hoskins, on her way back from Adyar, where she was Director of Studies at the School of the Wisdom, held short courses and gave public lectures in French in various towns in Switzerland. Within an area where the same language is understood, speakers are very often invited to visit Lodges in other countries. Professor E. Cusani (Italy) visited Switzerland, Mr. G. Tripet (Switzerland) France, Professor K. Schmidt (Germany) visited Yugoslavia and Switzerland, etc. Such invitations often arise spontaneously and are very useful, due not only to the lecture material presented, but also to the contacts made. I do not always hear of such "spontaneous" lecture tours, but the important thing is, that they take place.

Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale will be present in Huizen in July for the inauguration of the new Besant Hall.

Mrs. Claire Wyss took part in the Summer Schools in Sweden, Belgium and Austria. She undertook a short lecture tour to Austria and Germany. In November she presided over a German Regional Committee Meeting in Munich, which was also attended by the Vice-Chairman and the General Secretaries of Germany and Switzerland. In January, she was at Huizen for the Executive Committee meeting and in March, she accepted an invitation to the Convention of the Finnish Section in Helsinki, where

she gave a lecture and spoke to the Young Theosophists.

Preparations for the 1971 European Congress in Switzerland are underway, although they are for the moment more on the mental level. After the European Council meeting in St. Andrews the organisational work will be taken in hand.

There is a new General Secretary for Denmark. Our best wishes go to Mr. Preben Sørensen and our thanks to Mr. Niels Sørensen for his work.

Everywhere work continues steadily, and everywhere is enthusiasm for Theosophy, especially in little groups, which are more or less thrown back on their own resources. One has the impression that in such groups the Theosophical truths are held in great esteem and deeply understood. They are lived rather than talked about. In the Summer Schools too, spiritual forces concentrate spontaneously and the living together for some days of different people who have the same ideals, influences the Theosophical work very positively. Work in the Lodges, which is based on short talks and discussions rather than on long lectures, helps also, to make life in our Society more dynamic and better adapted to modern needs. Although not many young people are joining our ranks, the few who do so, bring vitality and they ensure, that our connection with the world in which we have to live and work, is never severed. If we all open ourselves to the influences from the spiritual world—which will be particularly strong in coming years—and become channels for these forces, then we shall contribute to fulfilling the mission of the Society.

CLAIRE WYSS,
Chairman of the Council.

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ISRAEL

"Covenant" Lodge, Tel-Aviv

Our work went this year slowly but smoothly, with lectures twice a month. We studied almost at all meetings *The Secret Doctrine*. The first of October, Foundation Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated with adequate programs. The first Summer School took place for four days at a place, called Amirin, which has a wonderful view of Lake Genezareth and the mountains of Galilea round about. Clean, peaceful, surrounded by verdure, with no traffic, it has an ideal atmosphere for meditation and quiet reflection.

More than 30 persons attended the Summer School, mostly young people, who showed great interest in Theosophy. Every morning and afternoon there was a lecture, preceded by a meditation. Lectures were given on "What is Theosophy" by Mrs. Shoshana Lustig, "Different Paths of Yoga" by Mrs. Dominic, "How can Reality be understood" by Jehuda Carmeli, "The Source of Violence" by Mrs. Chana Mor and short talks on "Meditation" by Mrs. Dominic and on "The Feast Days of the Tabernacle seen from three points of view" by Mrs. Chana Mor. Most lectures were in Hebrew and German.

Various films of Africa were shown by Mrs. Carmeli, and Mr. M. Dallach, who had been in Adyar for 6 months, spoke on the School of the Wisdom. An interesting excursion was made to Galilea, and to places mostly unknown but extremely interesting and beautiful.

The initiator of the Summer School was Mrs. Shoshana Lustig and the organization was in the hands of Mrs. Varda Ben Itzhac and Jehuda Carmeli of Covenant and Besorat Hagalil Lodges respectively. This first Summer School in Israel was such a success, that it was decided to repeat the experiment next year on a larger scale.

Six new members joined the Lodge Covenant, which has now 28 members.

MRS. BERTHE DOMINIC,
Lodge President.

"Harmony" Lodge, Tel-Aviv

During 1969-70, membership has increased by six. With five new admissions and one re-admission, the Lodge has now 30 members. Meetings were convened twice monthly, one in Hebrew and one in German. The Hebrew lectures were delivered by invited guests, and were very well attended.

As Parapsychology and Astrology have aroused much interest in Israel during the recent years, offering opportunities to spread Theosophical ideas, particularly among the younger generation, by means of lectures, newspaper-articles and Radio-interviews, the Lodge President accepted an invitation to serve on the Board of the Israel Parapsychological Society in Tel-Aviv and was duly elected to it. Requests for lectures and interviews have since much increased.

HANS ZEUGER,
Lodge President.

SINGAPORE

In the beginning of the year under report the Lodge was fairly active. Due to the introduction of stimulating programs, the Lodge became more and more lively as more members and public attended our meetings.

The highlight of the year was a visit by Mr. N. Sri Ram, the international President, who gave a talk on "What is Theosophy" to a large audience, stimulating therewith the life and interest of the Lodge.

Other visitors passing through Singapore were Mr. Harry McAlister Jr. of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Vally and children of Karachi Lodge, Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai, General Secretary for Viet-Nam, Mr. William Ross of U. S. A., Mr. R. J.

Cartwright of Cairns Lodge and Mrs. Betty Collins of Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney.

Our membership showed a slight decrease, standing at 35 as against 37 in the previous year and a slight increase in the associate membership (library members).

We are looking forward to the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of our Lodge in August 1971. The Committee has also ambitious plans for the coming year.

We request all fellow members, who pass through Singapore to look us up at our Lodge building No 8 Cairnhill Road. The telephone number of Mr. Chan Chim Lim, the Lodge President, is 447065 and of Mrs. Rose Veeredoon 33533.

CHAN CHIM LIM,
Lodge President.

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| (7) MRS. NORMA Y. SASTRY | | |
| (8) MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN | | |

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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 1969-70

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. The other members were Mr. James S. Perkins, Vice-President, Mr. K. Ramanathan, Manager of the Vasanta Press, and Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan, with Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, Manager of the T. P. H., as Member-Secretary. Mr. S. Somasundaram resigned his membership as he had decided to settle down in Bangalore.

New Publications.—Mr. Sri Ram's book, *Seeking Wisdom*, was released for the 1969 Convention. We published for the first time an edition of *The Song Celestial* (Sir Edwin Arnold), a book which is in the public domain, its copyright having terminated.

The following pamphlets were published during the year: *The Real Work of the Theosophical Society* and *Theosophy The Divine Wisdom* (N. Sri Ram); *The Yoga of Beauty* (Laurence J. Bendit); *Fundamentals of Christianity* and *Fundamentals of Hinduism* (S. G. Venkataramanan).

Work on the following new publications was taken up: *H. P. Blavatsky and The Secret Doctrine*, consisting of commentaries on H. P. B.'s contribution to world thought; and *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible, Vol. III*, (Geoffrey Hodson). Owing to the heavy pressure of reprinting work on the Vasanta Press, the printing of *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible, Vol. III*, was entrusted to a firm of printers in Madras City. Due to the same cause, namely, pressure of work on the Press, work could not be taken up during the

year on Dr. I. K. Taimni's *Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga*, which is a sequel to his *Man, God and the Universe*.

Certain matters that had arisen with regard to the publication of *The Mahatmas and Their Letters* (Geoffrey A. Barborka) were cleared during the year, and it is expected to finish work on this new publication in the first half of 1971.

New Editions and Reprints.—We printed and supplied sheets of the following books to the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton for the Quest Books: *Esoteric Christianity* (Annie Besant), *The Buddhist Catechism* (H. S. Olcott), *The Song Celestial* (Sir Edwin Arnold), and *Self-Culture* by I. K. Taimni. Adyar editions of these books were also released.

The work of reprinting *The Secret Doctrine* (H. P. Blavatsky) was taken up during the year, and work on the first three volumes was completed. Supplies of these volumes in sheets were shipped to Wheaton. Work on reprinting the IV and VI volumes is in hand at the time of writing this report, and it is planned to finish the whole work of reprinting the six volumes early in 1971. This work has greatly contributed to the heavy load of printing during the year on the Vasanta Press.

One feature of the work has been, that we have been reprinting large numbers of copies owing to the increased demand, mainly from the United States. Where we were formerly printing 1000 copies, we have been reprinting this year in numbers varying from 2,000 to 5,000, according to the demand. The Theosophical Manuals, when they fall due for

reprinting, are being printed in 3,000 or more copies.

In addition to those mentioned above, the following are the titles reprinted during the year:

Kundalini (G. S. Arundale); *H. P. B., Tibet and Tulku* (Geoffrey A. Barborka); *Bhagavad Gita*, text and translation, *Christianity, The Masters and Reincarnation* (Annie Besant); *The Voice of the Silence* (H. P. Blavatsky); *Light on the Path* and *The Idyll of the White Lotus* (Mabel Collins); *Man's Supersensory and Spiritual Powers, The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible, Vol. I, and The Kingdom of the Gods* (Geoffrey Hodson); *How We Remember Our Past Lives* (C. Jinarājādāsa); *At the Feet of the Master* (J. Krishnamurti); *Dreams, Vegetarianism and Occultism, The Power and Use of Thought and The Astral Plane* (C. W. Leadbeater); and *Gods in Exile* (J. Van der Leeuw). A London publication, *Madame Blavatsky on How to Study Theosophy* (Robert Bowen) was also reprinted by us.

Revision of Books.—Miss Helen V. Zahara and other friends in the United States and Dr. A. Kannan have helped in revising some books on our reprinting program with a view to taking note of recent developments in scientific and other thought. Attention has also been paid in such revision to modern printing style. Books belonging to the "middle period" of Theosophical literature, whose authors are no longer living, have thus been re-examined. Care has been taken not to change the phrasing of the authors or their mode of presentation, but a few omissions and alterations have been made so that in the changed context of world affairs and thinking, the meaning of the authors may be made clearer. The T. P. H. thanks Miss Zahara, Dr. Kannan and other friends who have helped in this work. The advice of Mrs. Radha Burnier has also been of great value in this.

Book Prices.—We have continued with the policy of effecting reductions in the prices of the soft cover editions of our reprintings and new editions. Such reductions have not always been possible, owing to the heavy increase in printing costs and paper prices in recent years. Where the last edition of a book was printed before 1960, it has not generally been possible to reduce the price of the reprint now, as the rise in costs during the intervening period has been very high. But in the case of reprints of books whose last editions were more recent, we have been able to effect reductions in soft cover prices. We have thus reduced the prices of the following titles (soft cover editions) this year: *Esoteric Christianity and Thought Power, its Control and Culture* (Annie Besant); *Man's Supersensory and Spiritual Powers* (Geoffrey Hodson); *How We Remember Our Past Lives* (C. Jinarājādāsa); *The Astral Plane and Invisible Helpers* (C. W. Leadbeater); and *Gods in Exile* (J. J. Van der Leeuw). The prices of 19 books have thus been reduced in the last two years.

Book Gift Fund.—Books of a total value of Rs. 10,522 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 benefited thus, was 149. The same procedure as in previous years was followed in selecting the recipients. National Secretaries, Secretaries of Federations and Lodges and National Lecturers 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.

Workers.—Miss Marion Caws, the Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist*, went on leave during the year, and Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap acted for her during the period. Miss Caws has since returned to her work. The T. P. H. continued to receive the help of several residents in the Adyar Estate in reading proofs, namely Dr. K. P. Aithal, Miss Jeanne Dumas, Dr. A. Kannan, Mr. Syamala Rau, Mr. J. B. Singh and Mr. K. Sundaraswami. It was also helped in evaluating MSS. submitted to it, by Miss Jeanne Dumas, Dr. A. Kannan, Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mr. Homi M. Shroff and Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap. Some MSS. were also referred to the Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, for advice as to acceptability and his suggestions were very valuable. The T. P. H. expresses its thanks to all who have thus helped in its work during the year.

The Theosophist.—There was a fall in the circulation of *The Theosophist* in the early part of the year, but as soon as this became evident, a plan was put into operation to rebuild the circulation. Various National Sections were addressed on the matter, and in some of them schemes of concession subscription prices for those booking subscriptions for two

years and more were instituted. *The Theosophist* was brought to the attention of a number of Libraries and Lodges which were not subscribers. These measures enabled us in a few months to restore the circulation to the level of the previous year. The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, is greatly indebted to the T. P. H., Wheaton, the T. P. H., London, and to book depots attached to various national Sections and Lodges as well as to Theosophists in many countries for their help in registering and collecting subscriptions. Their work has been of invaluable assistance in carrying the message of Theosophy to the interested membership and the public through *The Theosophist*.

Finances: There was a fall of Rs. 91,900 in the volume of business and this was reflected in the excess of income over expenditure, which amounted to Rs. 41,000 against Rs. 49,756 in the previous year. As the Publication Programme includes the printing of *The Secret Doctrine* and certain other books which might require subsidy, Rs. 48,000 was added to the Publication Reserve at the end of the year.

The Theosophist showed a lower surplus (Rs. 2,142) than last year (Rs. 3,455). Receipts totalled about the same figure, but expenses on postage and printing were higher.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Manager.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1969-70

STAFF:

Dr. K. P. Aithal resigned his post as Curator at the end of the year, as he secured an appointment in the Heidelberg University. The Library has lost in him a devout, painstaking, and unassuming scholar. Mr. T. H. Viswanathan, a retired Pandit from the Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras, was appointed in March. Mr. K. T. Venkatarama Sarma retired in July on account of superannuation, but he was re-employed to continue his work.

PUBLICATIONS:

The reprinting of *Indian Theories of Meaning* by Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja was completed and it was released during the year. *The Philosophy of Viśiṣṭādvaita*, a critical and comprehensive exposition of the central features of Viśiṣṭādvaita Philosophy, by Prof. P. N. Srinivasachari was also reprinted during the year under report. The reprinting of the *Vedānta Paribhāṣā* of Dharmarāja is in progress.

The preparation of the Descriptive Catalogue of Sāṃkhya, Yoga, Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika manuscripts mentioned in the last year's report was completed and it is in the press. The Descriptive Catalogue of manuscripts in the Visvabharati collection was completed by Prof. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude and thanks to Prof. Sarma, Head of the Sanskrit Department, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, for preparing it during his spare time. The manuscripts

in Tamil numbering more than 1,000 are being catalogued by Mr. S. Aravamudachariar and slips were prepared in that connection.

Four hundred and thirty pages out of six hundred pages in vol. I of the critical edition of *Amarakośa* prepared by Prof. A. A. Ramanathan were printed. Further, the manuscripts relating to vol. II of the same work were collated and sixty pages have been prepared for printing.

Kanakāvali, a rare work on Vedic schools edited by Dr. V. Raghavan, and *Ṛtunarṇana*, a lyric poem on the model of Kālidāsa's *Ṛtusamhāra*, edited by Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, were reprinted from the journal and published as Nos. 39 and 40 in the Adyar Library Pamphlet Series.

ADYAR LIBRARY BULLETIN:

As the English translation of the *Laghuyoga-Vāsiṣṭha* written by K. Narayana-swami Iyer was out of print for a long time and as there was a demand, it was thought expedient to reprint it in vol. 34 of the Bulletin. Opportunity was taken to revise it wherever it was necessary. Since the matter was extensive for a single volume, it had to be spread over in volumes 34 and 35. It is also intended to publish it in the form of a book as vol. 3 of the Adyar Library General Series. During the year under report the number of subscribers and exchange with journals was 102 and 112 respectively.

NEW MSS. REGISTER:

The work of checking the palm-leaf manuscripts and of the preparation of

the slips for entry into the new MSS. register was continued. 10,000 slips were prepared during the year. Of these, 1,848 were entered in the permanent register. Besides, 7 palm-leaf manuscripts accessed last year and 20 transcripts were also recorded.

SERVICES RENDERED:

Copying.—10 transcripts, 7 microfilms, and photostat copies of 5 books, were prepared on request and supplied to other institutions and individuals. Apart from these, 47 manuscripts were made available to be transcribed by the parties themselves.

Works Used.—The library had during the year under report 356 readers, 174 borrowers and 19 Braille readers. There were 4,525 consultations making use of 7,676 books and 103 manuscripts. Besides 4,525 books and one manuscript were taken on loan.

RESEARCH SCHOLARS:

Apart from research students from various institutions and universities from India and abroad, the scholars mentioned below used the library: Dr. C. S. J. White, Wisconsin; Mr. D. Ritzel, Los Angeles; Mr. A. S. Drooby, Beirut, Lebanon; Prof. R. Karunakaran, Trivandrum; Prof. Srinivasan, Varanasi; Dr. Y. Pandey, Sagar; Mr. N. S. Venkatanathachar, Mysore; Prof. S. Parthasarathy, and Mr. V. L. Sethuraman, Madras.

REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

In the repair section 377 books and 58 transcripts were bound. Besides 29 books and 15 paper manuscripts were hand-laminated. The process of deacidification of books with ammonia gas was continued as in previous years.

ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

Excluding journals, 1,643 books were accessed. Amongst these, 139 were

purchased, 94 were got on exchange and 1,374 were obtained by way of gifts. The last category consisted of 289 books from Mr. S. Natarajan, Theosophical Society, Adyar; 163 from various institutions and individuals subsidized by the Ministry of Education, New Delhi; 56 from the Office of *The Theosophist*; 51 from the President of the Theosophical Society; 44 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar; 43 received for review; 38 from Mr. and Mrs. Murphet; 34 from Sri G. B. Raj, Madras; 30 each from Mrs. Radha Burnier, Adyar, and from Mr. Gottfried, New York; 29 from Mr. Carl Gordon, U. S. A.; 27 from the Theosophical Publishing House, London; 26 each from Miss Elithe Nisewanger, and Mrs. A. Sitadevi and Dr. D. Rood, Adyar; 22 from Dr. A. Kannan, Adyar; 20 from Mr. C. P. Krishnaswamy, Madras; 362 from other individuals and institutions. We tender our thanks to all the donors.

We are also grateful to the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, California, and the Scottish Braille Press, Edinburgh, for presenting 56 and 36 books respectively in Braille.

In the cataloguing department, 1,600 new books were classified and numbered. Besides 816 books were reclassified and catalogued.

DONATIONS:

We wish to express our grateful thanks to the following organizations and individuals for their donations in cash: friends who wish to remain unnamed Rs. 6,050, inclusive of a special gift of Rs. 1,150 for the purchase of books; the Theosophical Society, Germany, Rs. 101.33; Mrs. A. N. Jayammal, Bangalore, Rs. 100; Rt. Rev. Harry Banks, Australia, Rs. 51.44; Mrs. A. Sitadevi Rs. 36; Mrs. Caroline Ross Rs. 32; Dr. A. G. K. Warriar Rs. 15; Anonymous

Rs. 15; other miscellaneous donations Rs. 42.03. Total Rs. 6,821.52.

VISITORS:

The following distinguished persons visited the library: Mr. Nityanand Mahapatra, Minister, Supply and Cultural Affairs, Bhuvaneswar; Mr. C. K. Bhattacharyya, Member of Parliament, Delhi; Mr. M. N. Shukla, Judge, High Court, Allahabad; Prof. G. Oberhammer, Vienna; Mr. and Mrs. Ludo Rocher, University of Pennsylvania; Mr. R. Goldman, University of Rochester, U. S. A.; Prof. and Mrs. Paul Skreap, University of Copenhagen; Mr. O. P. Bhatnagar, University of Allahabad; Mr. H. S. Srivastava and Mr. R. M. Sinha, University of Gorakhpur; Mr. G. P. Bhatt, Principal, Teachers' College, Gaya; Mr. B. Kutumba Rao, Principal, A. J. Kalasala, Masulipatnam; Mr. J. H. Broomfield, Chairman, Committee on South Asia, Association for Asian Studies, U. S. A.; Mr. Arthur

Isenberg, Consultant on Cultural Affairs, Ford Foundation, New Delhi; Mr. D. V. Chauhan, Member, Public Service Commission, Maharashtra; Mr. V. G. Bholankar, Director of Archives, Bombay; Mr. Vaikuntanath, Mayor, Surat; Mr. V. K. Desai, Registrar, Sourashtra University; Miss Mehreen, Librarian, Abudan, Iraq; Mr. Visvanath, University Librarian, Raipur; Mr. P. F. Patel, University Librarian, Ahmedabad; Mr. J. H. Advaryu, University Librarian, Rajkot; Mr. K. G. Vaidya, University Librarian, Baroda and Mr. M. N. Chakravarthy, Dept. of Atomic Energy, Bombay.

In concluding we wish to express our appreciation and thanks to Dr. V. Raghavan and to Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for their unstinted help and interest in all matters concerning this library.

V. RAMANATHAN,
Librarian.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT FOR 1969-70

As an experiment this session was shortened to three months from November 17, 1970, to February 16, 1971, with Miss Ianthe Hoskins, M.A. again as Director of Studies.

When the School opened on November 17th, there was an enrolment of 9 students, of whom 2 came from Sweden, 1 from Holland and 1 from Malaysia, while the rest came from South India.

The School was officially opened on the date mentioned by the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, who welcomed the students wishing them a happy and fruitful stay at Adyar and in their studies in the School.

Miss Hoskins, the Director of Studies, spoke briefly, mentioning the books for study, namely, *The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. B., *The Crest Jewel of Wisdom*, *Viveka Chudamani* by Shankarāchārya and the *Yoga Sutras* of Patanjali. She also expressed her view, that it was important to get down to work right away and to cut out inessentials. She said that the work was difficult, but that should not dissuade them. She was going to indicate ways of study, but the main work would be done by the students on their own.

Immediately following this talk, refreshments were served to about 40 members living on the Compound as well as to the students.

Though the numbers of registered students has been small, hardly a day has passed without the presence of visitors from overseas, or from other parts of India.

For two weeks after Convention, about 20 members, many from Bombay, joined the classes temporarily as observers. The international character of our Society is amply illustrated by this continuous stream of visitors, including members from W. Germany, France, New Zealand, Australia, the Philippines, East Africa and Brazil.

Visits were made to the various departments on the Compound, and the students are grateful for the unfailing readiness of the Heads of Departments to spare the time necessary for this work, including in some cases talks by the Heads of Departments themselves. In a brief report it is not possible to indicate all the varied aspects of the life of the School, but the integration of the students into a harmonious group was helped by invitations by individual members to visit their homes for lunch or supper. In one case one student entertained the whole group to a Malaysian supper, which was greatly appreciated by everyone.

In concluding I would like to thank the Director of Studies for her willingness to receive students in her room or elsewhere to discuss with them their problems and for coming again to direct the studies which have been so enriched by her own deep knowledge.

Thanks must also be given to the staff of the Bhojanasala for preparing the Opening and Closing meetings, to the cleaners who have kept the lecture room so spotless throughout the session, to

our elderly attender, who turns up each year, to prepare the daily refreshments and to prepare the lecture room for the daily classes.

Finally I would like to express the gratitude of everyone to our International President for making it possible to hold the School each year in our beautiful International Headquarters. It is to be

hoped, that not only the students go away enriched by their stay, but also that the hard working residents too are enriched by the arrival in their midst of this international band of students of the Ancient Wisdom.

MARION E. CAWS,
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 qualified to be on the voting list 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 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 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 tallied 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 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 votes. 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.

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 Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favor thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion

it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches).

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter

shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Federation to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Federation necessary or desirable. Any such Federation may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of Federation business.

A Federation shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Federations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Agents to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Agent shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

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.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not

incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, £1; for each Diploma (Certificate) of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Federation or Presidential Agency for Charter £1, when printed at Adyar, or supplied from Adyar Headquarters. The Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of

the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their Annual Subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £0-1-3 per quarter.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a), shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than 5s. and £1 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of 5s. and an Annual Subscription of £1.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 30th September.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31 (c), (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided), and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges (Branches) desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

DIRECTORY

AT
1 JANUARY, 1971

Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. N. SRI RAM

Vice-President: MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

Recording Secretary: MISS KATHERINE A. BEECHEY

Treasurer: MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN

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 3HJ |
| 1891 | India | ... Mrs. Radha Burnier | ... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 1 |
| 1895 | Australia | ... Miss R. Beringer | ... 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000 |
| 1895 | Sweden | ... Mr. Curt Berg | ... 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 | ... Mrs. L. M. Membrey | ... 5, Wilford, Miller Grove, Durban |
| 1910 | Scotland | ... Miss Jean Carstairs | ... 28 Gt. King St., Edinburgh EH3 6QH |
| 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 ElDin St., Cairo |
| 1918 | Denmark | ... Mr. P. Sörensen | ... Duntzfelts Allé 21, DK-2000 Hellerup |
| 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 P. Spairani | ... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires |
| 1920 | Chile | ... Señor Ricardo Michel A.-P. | ... Casilla 3603, Santiago |
| 1920 | Brazil | ... Señor Armando Sales | ... Rua Anita Garibaldi 29, 11° andar, Sao Paulo |
| 1920 | Bulgaria | ... | ... |
| 1921 | Iceland | ... Mrs. Svava Fells | ... Ingolfsstraeti 22, 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. Blumenfeldt | ... Javier Barrios Amorin 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 Benvenuto Martinez Gutierrez | ... Apartado 355, Managua, Nicaragua |
| 1929 | Paraguay | ... | ... |
| 1929 | Peru | ... | ... |
| 1933 | Philippines | ... Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio | ... Corner Iba and P. Florentino Sts. Quezon City |
| 1937 | Colombia | ... Señor Gabriel Burgos | ... 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* | ... Mr. S. Narayanan | ... 30 Jalan Ang Seng, Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur |
| 1949 | Northern Ireland† | Dr. Hugh Shearman | ... 18 Brookhill Ave., Belfast BT 14 6BS |
| 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 |
| European Federation | | ... Mrs. Claire Wyss | ... Bruderholzstrasse 88, 4000 Basle, Switzerland |
| (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903) | | | |
| Canadian Federation | | ... Mrs. Ida Frances Stephen | ... 2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada |
| (attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924) | | | |

Additional Members of the General Council

- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Eeckenrhode A. 8, Aalst-Waalre (N.B.) The Netherland (for 1969, 1970 and 1971).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 14 6 JY, 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 1971, 1972 and 1973).
- MR. C.D.T. SHORES, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1971, 1972 and 1973).
- 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 1971, 1972 and 1973).
- 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 1971, 1972 and 1973).
- 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
Friday, 25th December 1970 at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT

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|----------------------------|----|---|
| Mr. N. Sri Ram | .. | <i>President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Finland and Puerto Rico and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel and Mrs. Ann Kerr Wylie, Additional Members.</i> |
| Mr. James S. Perkins | .. | <i>Vice-President, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Belgium and the Philippines.</i> |
| Miss Katherine A. Beechey | .. | <i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Cuba, Wales and Yugoslavia and for Mr. S. Hjalmarsson, Additional Member.</i> |
| Mr. K. N. Ramanathan | .. | <i>Treasurer.</i> |
| Mrs. Radha Burnier | .. | <i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Sweden.</i> |
| Miss Joy Mills | .. | <i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America and Proxy for Miss Helen V. Zahara, Additional Member.</i> |
| Mr. Geoffrey Farthing | .. | <i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands.</i> |
| Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale | .. | <i>Additional Member and Proxy for Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla, Additional Member.</i> |
| Mr. V. W. Slater | .. | <i>Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Germany, Scotland, Switzerland and Mr. J. B. S. Coats, Additional Member.</i> |
| Mr. C. D. T. Shores | .. | <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 1969 and 1st January 1970 at Adyar:*

The Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th December 1969 and 1st January 1970, having been circulated to the Members, were taken as read and after adding to Item 3, "Amendment to Rule 2(a)," the words "and Rule 10" after the words "Rule 2(a)" the Minutes were adopted and signed.

Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale said that in Item 10 of the Minutes, the statements in paragraph 2 were incorrect. The President said that the statements were based on facts in the Treasurer's Office and that the Besant Centenary Trust had failed to pay rent for months together several years.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes:*

Further consideration of Rule 10, Para. 1:

Further consideration of Rule 10, Para. 1, was postponed to the General Council Meeting to be held on 1st January 1971.

3. *Confirmation of voting for election of Vice-President:*

The term of the Vice-President having expired on 30th April 1970, the President re-nominated Mr. James S. Perkins to that office. The result of the voting by Members of the General Council to confirm this appointment was as follows:

| <i>For</i> | <i>Against</i> |
|------------|----------------|
| 48 | Nil |

Mr. James S. Perkins was declared re-elected as Vice-President, the term of his office beginning on 1st May 1970.

4. *Confirmation of voting on Amendment to the Rules and Regulations as follows:*

(a) *Amendment to Rule 10, Para. 2:*

Change third and fourth sentences so that they read:

"The names of the nominees *qualified to be on the voting list* shall be listed in alphabetical order. This list shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge." (Alterations in italics.)

The result of voting was as follows:

| <i>No. Voting</i> | <i>For</i> | <i>Against</i> |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| 40 | 37 | Nil |

Having received the required number of votes, the above Amendment was adopted.

(b) *Amendment to Rule 10, Para. 3:*

Change the second sentence to read:

"Each General Secretary, Federation 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 italics.)

The result of voting was as follows:

| <i>No. Voting</i> | <i>For</i> | <i>Against</i> |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| 40 | 33 | 4 |

Having received the required number of votes, the Amendment was adopted.

(c) *Amendment to Rule 12:*

Change to:

“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 votes. 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.)

The result of voting was as follows:

| <i>No. Voting</i> | <i>For</i> | <i>Against</i> |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| 40 | 33 | 4 |

The Amendment was declared adopted, having received the required number of votes.

(d) *Amendment to Rule 36:*

It was proposed that instead of altering Rule 10, Para. 1, the following should be added as Para. 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 result of voting was as follows:

| <i>No. Voting</i> | <i>For</i> | <i>Against</i> |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| 40 | 36 | Nil |

The Amendment was declared adopted, having received the required number of votes.

The Recording Secretary was requested to give a report at the meeting to be held on 1st January 1971 with regard to the National Societies with fewer than 49 members.

5. *Election of four Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1971, 1972 and 1973:*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society the President re-nominated Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, Mr. C. D. T. Shores, Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla and Mrs. Ann Kerr Wylie as Additional Members of the General Council. The four names were circulated for voting with the following results:

| | <i>For</i> | <i>Against</i> |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------|
| Mr. Geoffrey Hodson | 39 | Nil |
| Mr. C. D. T. Shores | 39 | ” |
| Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla | 39 | ” |
| Mrs. Ann Kerr Wylie | 39 | ” |

The above-named were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1971, 1972 and 1973.

6. *To consider proposal put forward by Miss Ruth Beringer to amend Rule 5 of the International Rules and Regulations as follows:*

“5.(a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with the relevant supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than four months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Recording Secretary.”

and that the present Rule 5 shall become 5(b).

This proposal was supported by Miss Joy Mills, General Secretary of the American Section, and also by the General Secretaries of the English, Australian and New Zealand Sections. After discussion it was decided that the following Amendment be circulated for voting:

“5(a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Recording Secretary.”

and that the present Rule 5 become Rule 5(b).

7. *To consider proposal by Mr. Charles Shores to amend Rule 10, Para. 3, of the International Rules and Regulations as follows:*

“... 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 *who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least three years previously* and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary who shall himself take the votes of the *members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters at the close of the last official year of the Society, who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least three years previously...*” (Alterations in italics.)

After discussion it was decided to alter the words “for at least three years previously,” occurring in two places, to “for at least one year previously” and circulate the proposal for voting.

8. *To consider proposal put forward by Miss Joy Mills that the General Council appoint an international committee to co-ordinate plans for world-wide celebration of the Centennial in 1975:*

Miss Joy Mills explained that co-ordination of the celebrations in different places was necessary as many members were thinking in terms of a world tour, including New York, England, Europe, India, etc., culminating in the Adyar Convention in December 1975. The co-ordinating committee is to concern itself with a general scheme and not with detailed arrangements in each place. It was decided that a Centenary Celebrations

Co-ordinating Committee be formed as follows: The General Secretary (National President) for the U. S. A. (Chairman); the General Secretary for Australia; the General Secretary for India; the Chairman of the European Federation; the Secretary of the Inter-American Federation; and the Recording Secretary.

9. *To consider the Treasurer's Report for 1969-70 and to pass the Accounts for the year ending 30th September 1970:*

The Treasurer's Report and the Accounts for 1969-70 were considered and adopted.

There was a discussion on the publication of low-priced books on the fundamental teachings of Theosophy, for sale in Eastern countries where people could not afford to buy higher priced books. It was thought advisable to publish a few such books as an experiment, subsidizing them if necessary.

Miss Joy Mills spoke about the need to keep H. P. Blavatsky's books in print and mentioned that an H. P. B. Publication Reserve Fund had been started in the U. S. A. for the purpose and 10 per cent of the proceeds of the sale of H. P. B.'s books was being credited to the Fund. She suggested that this might be done at other publication centres also.

10. *To consider the Budget for 1970-71:*

The Budget for 1970-71 was considered and adopted.

11. *Appointment of Auditors for 1970-71:*

Messrs. Naganathan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were re-appointed as Auditors for the year 1970-71, on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

12. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1971:*

The following were appointed as Members of the Executive Committee for 1971:

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| President | } | |
| Vice-President | | |
| Recording Secretary | | |
| Treasurer | | |
| Smt. Rukmini Devi | | <i>Member, General Council</i> |
| Mrs. Radha S. Burnier | | <i>Member, General Council</i> |
| Mr. C. D. T. Shores | | <i>Member, General Council</i> |
| Mrs. N. Y. Sastry | | |
| Mr. K. N. Ramanathan | | |

Ex-Officio

Member, General Council

Member, General Council

Member, 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
Friday, 1st January 1971 at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT

All members present at the Meeting held on 25th December 1970 were present, with the addition of Mr. Curt Berg, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Sweden, Mr. A. B. Patel, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in East Africa, and Mr. John B. S. Coats, Additional Member. The Proxies held were the same except for those given by the above-mentioned three Members who were not present at the Meeting held on 25th December 1970.

1. Matters arising out of the Meeting held on 25-12-1969:

(a) *Amendment to Rule 10, Para. 1:*

To add to the last sentence, "*including those of General Secretaries the sum total of whose membership is not less than one-fifth of the total number of members of the Theosophical Society.*"

The President said that a number of the smaller Sections were against this Amendment as it meant that without backing from the larger Sections their nominations would be ineffective. After discussion it was decided to drop this Amendment.

(b) *Amendment to Rule 2(a):*

The Recording Secretary reported that two National Societies had a membership below 49 in the last few years. The position as on 30th September was as follows:

| | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|
| Ireland (Eire) | 34 | 31 | 31 | 30 |
| Burma | 44 | 45 | 52 | 53 |

It was decided to review the position with regard to the Irish Section later in view of the Amendment to Rule 2(a).

2. *Non-English Publications Loan Fund:*

The President mentioned that in her current Report of the working of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund Miss Helen Zahara had expressed the desire to be relieved of the chairmanship of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund. She was of the view that this work should be directed from some other place than the U. S. A., preferably from Adyar, the International Headquarters.

After discussion it was decided that the President of the Theosophical Society should be the Chairman and that appeals would be issued under his name and that Miss Helen Zahara should be requested to be the Vice-Chairman and carry on the work as hitherto.

3. *Mr. T. G. Davy's Proposal to "internationalize" Section magazines:*

Mr. T. G. Davy, General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in Canada, had proposed that Sections should voluntarily "internationalize" their respective magazines by publishing "simultaneously news and articles emanating from international headquarters" and "a miniature *Theosophist* would then in effect be a supplement to these Section magazines". Miss Joy Mills said that the American and other Sections often reprinted the President's Watch-Tower Notes.

The President said that the orientation of the different Section magazines varied; they might not care to reprint material sent to them. He was willing to send what might be useful from the Watch-Tower Notes to the Canadian and other journals as an experiment.

4. *Theosophical Glossary and Encyclopaedia:*

The Vice-President spoke about the need to publish a good glossary of terms used in Theosophical literature, and also of an Encyclopaedia of Theosophical knowledge.

It was decided that the proposal might be circulated to Members of the General Council and suggestions invited before next year.

5. *Lease of Damodar Gardens to Besant Centenary Trust:*

The President said that he had stated what was necessary in the communications sent to General Council Members on this subject. A summarized statement of the replies received from Members of the General Council had been sent to all those who were present, showing that 82% of the Members of the General Council supported the President in asking the Besant Centenary Trust to vacate Damodar Gardens without further extension of the lease, and in offering the three alternatives he had proposed.

The President said that this is not a matter between him and Smt. Rukmini Devi but a question between the Theosophical Society and the Besant Centenary Trust, which were entirely independent bodies. He had been concerned with the matter as President since 1953, and he was glad that fresh minds could be applied to the problem.

Mr. Wallace Slater read the following statement by Mr. G. S. Arundale issued in 1936 in an appeal on behalf of the Besant Memorial School:

"In 1934 the Besant Memorial School was duly started on land leased from The Theosophical Society, and in a number of available buildings. . . In due course the Madras Government, satisfied with the management and equipment, gave official recognition to the school. . . .

So far, so good. But the Besant Memorial School cannot indefinitely continue to live in hired buildings and leased land. The Theosophical Society will sooner or later require the accommodation it has temporarily been able to spare. And in any case, if the School is to become a memorial really worthy of Annie Besant it must incarnate its individual and unique life in forms sincerely expressive of its purposes. The Besant Memorial School must be established on its own land and in its own premises."

Mr. Slater said that Smt. Rukmini Devi had taken steps to move the primary section of the Besant School from Damodar Gardens and had undertaken at the General Council Meeting on 2nd January 1968 to remove it completely. So the question was to fix a definite time by which Damodar Gardens is to be vacated.

Miss Joy Mills also said that she had been present at the General Council Meeting on 2nd January 1968 when the issue came up as the lease was to expire in December 1968. At that meeting Smt. Rukmini Devi had assured the Council that within one to two years it would be possible to move the Besant School from Damodar Gardens. The Theosophical Society had therefore generously given a three-year extension of the lease up to June 1971. It is necessary that the School should be on its own grounds and the first consideration is the T. S. work and the availability of the total property for the T. S.

Mr. Geoffrey Farthing said that the B. C. T. should propose a programme of planned and speedy removal for the consideration of the General Council.

The Vice-President pointed out that the President had offered three alternatives to the B. C. T., none of which had been accepted.

Smt. Rukmini Devi said that it was not she who put the School in Damodar Gardens. With reference to the statement of Mr. Arundale quoted above, she said that Dr. Besant had wanted the School in the T. S.

The President replied that Dr. Besant had expressed a wish that there should be a school *near* the T. S. and not in it. When Dr. Besant herself started the National School in 1918, she had located it outside the compound in grounds purchased for it. The above-mentioned appeal by Mr. Arundale on behalf of the Besant School also states that it was her wish that an educational institution should be established "*close to Adyar*".

Smt. Rukmini Devi said that she had also been of the view that the School should move and had therefore bought land for it. She had already moved the Weaving Department, the Montessori and Training Schools, the Hostel and the Photographic Department from the T. S. premises. The Besant School had yet to be moved. There was no question of the School staying in the T. S. permanently and the B. C. T. found it very inconvenient to run the School partly in the T. S. and partly on its own grounds at Tiruvanmiyur. The School had land and buildings at Tiruvanmiyur and therefore it could not be handed over to the T. S. with all its assets, as proposed in one of the alternatives given by the President. The delay in moving the School was due to litigation in which the B. C. T. was involved, and other circumstances.

The Vice-President said that Dr. Besant had bought Damodar Gardens and Besant Gardens to protect the T. S. estate and that he was of the view that Damodar Gardens should be used for cultural work, with the Olcott School also situated there and that educational work should continue in that area under the ownership of the T. S. A highway passing through Besant Gardens as per a plan he produced was part of his vision of the future.

Other members of the Council were of the view that the question of the use of Besant and Damodar Gardens, including the question of a highway through Besant Gardens as suggested by the Vice-President, was separate from the question of occupation of Damodar Gardens by the B. C. T. and that the former questions were not under discussion. The President said that Dr. Besant had not bought Damodar Gardens, which was a gift from Mr. Schwarz.

Mr. Farthing and Mr. Slater stated that if the B. C. T. gave a concrete proposal of phased and quick withdrawal, then a new lease for a limited period of time and a reduced area might be given,

Smt. Rukmini Devi said that they were prepared to remove the Middle School by June 1971 and also to vacate Yellow Bungalow (Krishna Cottage) situated between Damodar Gardens gate and the Bungalow by June 1971, and to take on lease a reduced area from June 1971.

The Council was of the view that the reduced area should be leased on a higher rental, more on a par with the rentals prevailing in the neighbourhood.

An ad-hoc committee consisting of Mr. G. Farthing (Chairman), Miss Joy Mills, Mr. Curt Berg, Mr. John Coats and Mr. A. B. Patel was appointed to go into the question of the area to be given under the fresh lease and the rent to be fixed.

The meeting was adjourned until 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd January 1971.

MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held in the H. P. B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar,
on Saturday, 2nd January 1971 at 8.30 a.m.*

PRESENT

All present on 1st January were present, with the exception of Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale.

1. *Lease of Damodar Gardens (Contd.):*

Mr. Farthing reported that he had met Mr. K. Sankara Menon who had told him that the Besant Centenary Trust would be able to move the Middle School by June 1973 and the High School in June 1975.

The General Council decided that the time given to move the entire School could be only up to June 1973. Smt. Rukmini Devi had said at the previous meeting that the Middle School could be moved by June 1971.

Mr. Curt Berg proposed that the rent charged should be divided into rent for the buildings and rent for each acre of ground leased.

Miss Joy Mills said that if Damodar Gardens is vacated completely by June 1972, the Theosophical Society might consider giving a donation to the Besant Centenary Trust.

The terms of a draft agreement with the Besant Centenary Trust were discussed. It was decided that Mr. Farthing, Mr. Berg and Mr. Patel should visit Damodar Gardens before the Council decided on the area to be leased and the rent to be charged.

The Treasurer was of the view that the rent should be about Rs. 1,500 per month and not Rs. 750 as at present and that the Society had in fact been contributing to the B. C. T. by not charging a normal rent.

2. *Theosophical Propaganda:*

Mr. Farthing recalled the discussion on 25-12-1970 concerning the publication of low-priced books on Theosophy for sale in Eastern countries. He said that there was a great need for vernacular books and exponents of Theosophy. Very few members studied Theosophy and there was a necessity to organize courses on the fundamentals of Theosophy, to train lecturers and workers. Conferences and Summer Schools which offered lectures and programmes on general themes did not serve this purpose.

The President spoke on presenting Theosophy without labels such as Blavatsky Theosophy and Besant Theosophy. Our presentation of Theosophy should help others to realize the inward truth of things and of such concepts as Godhead, which were dealt with in *The Secret Doctrine* and other Theosophical books in a manner entirely different from popular ideas.

Miss Joy Mills said that there was a programme of sending letters to new members, syllabuses for study, etc., in the American Section intended to give an outline of Theosophy and stimulate deeper investigation.

Members of the General Council were requested to bring concrete proposals next year regarding literature to be published on the lines discussed, presenting technical Theosophy in a series of small books, as well as inspirational literature.

The Meeting was adjourned to Monday, 4th January 1971 at 9.00 a.m.

MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held in the H. P. B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Monday,
4th January 1971 at 9.00 a.m.*

PRESENT

All present on 1st January 1971 were present with the exception of Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale and Mr. V. W. Slater, Additional Members.

1. *Lease of Damodar Gardens (Contd.)*

A draft agreement proposed by the ad hoc Committee appointed on 1st January 1971 was examined. Mr. Farthing, Mr. Berg and Mr. Patel had been to Damodar Gardens and discussed with Mr. Sankara Menon the area to be leased. Mr. Sankara Menon had said that the entire area of the previous lease excluding Yellow Bungalow would be needed for the School. Mr. Curt Berg presented a map showing how the area could be reduced in the North and South. He said that when the Middle School was removed in June 1971 the School would not need the same area as before. The General Council agreed in principle to the draft agreement presented and decided that it should be sent to the Besant Centenary Trust.

Mr. Patel said and it was agreed that the previous lease would have to be formally terminated.

The Council Meeting was adjourned to 8.30 a.m. on 6th January 1971, but subsequently the time was changed to 2.30 p.m. on the 6th January.

MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society
held in the H. P. B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on
Wednesday, 6th January 1971 at 2.30 p.m.*

PRESENT

All the Council Members present on 4th January 1971, with the addition of Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale, were present. Mr. K. Sankara Menon was present by invitation.

1. *Lease of Damodar Gardens (Contd.):*

A letter had been received from the Secretary of the B. C. T. to the effect that the Executive Committee of the Trust had considered the draft lease agreement sent to them and wished that (1) The new lease should be up to June 1974 instead of June 1973; (2) There should be no enhancement of rent as they had only recently approached the Government for enhancement of their grant on this account and it was not possible to do so again. The T. S. may try to approach the Government to enhance the grant to the Besant School; (3) The B. C. T. did not wish to receive any amount from the T. S. in appreciation of the School being moved before the end of the lease period but it would be glad to receive compensation for the loss it thought it would suffer in moving.

It was decided by the General Council that the period of the lease cannot be beyond June 1973 and that the School must be removed by that time.

Mr. Sankara Menon and Smt. Rukmini Devi agreed that the Government was not likely to entertain a request from the T. S. to increase the grant to the Besant School although this had been suggested in the letter from the B. C. T. After discussion, and having heard the views of Mr. Sankara Menon and Smt. Rukmini Devi, the General Council agreed not to increase the rent for the area to be leased and to charge Rs. 750 as heretofore. It was also decided that the clause proposed about giving a donation to the B. C. T. in case of vacation of Damodar Gardens before June 1973 be omitted from the lease deed.

Mr. Sankara Menon and Smt. Rukmini Devi said that the School would be cramped for space if the area were reduced beyond the reduction they considered possible. Miss Joy Mills pointed out that when the Middle School is removed in June 1971, the students of the School would actually have increased space, as Mr. Sankara Menon had stated that there were 350 children in the Middle School and that after its removal only 450 children would be left in the High School.

The General Council decided after discussion to reduce the area of the previous lease in the North as per the plan presented by Mr. Curt Berg in the previous meeting of the Council and to make the boundary in the South the same as before. The President said that he would have no objection if the one cottage in the North outside the new lease area were used by the School on a nominal rent until such time as the T. S. may require the land for its own purpose.

The lease deed as annexed herewith and agreed upon by all present was approved.

Smt. Rukmini Devi said that she would like to conclude the meeting by expressing appreciation of the helpful attitude of the ad-hoc committee of General Council Members who had gone into the whole question.

The meetings of the Council were closed.

Annexes:

- (a) Lease Agreement approved by General Council on 6-1-1971.
- (b) Report of Non-English Publications Loan Fund for year ending 30th September 1970.

Annexe "A"

**LEASE AGREEMENT IN RESPECT OF AREA IN
DAMODAR GARDENS**

Approved by the General Council at its Meeting on 6th January 1971

This Agreement for Lease is made this day of , one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one

Between: THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, Adyar, Madras-20 Registered under the Registration of Societies Act XXI of 1860, represented by its President, Sri N. Sri Ram (hereinafter referred to as "The Lessor" which expression shall wherever the context so admits include his successors in office).

of the one part

AND

THE BESANT CENTENARY TRUST, represented by its President, Shrimati RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE (hereinafter referred to as "The Lessee" which expression shall wherever the context so admits include her successors in office).

of the other part

Whereas the Deed of Lease dated the 18th day of December 1953 was executed of and between the Lessor and the Lessee of the premises described in the schedule thereto for a term of fifteen years, under the terms and conditions therein stated:

And whereas a further extension of three years of the said lease under the same terms and conditions by way of exchange of letters in writing between the parties hereof was granted and which Lease is now due to expire on the 30th day of June, 1971.

And whereas the Lessee through its President, the said Shrimati Rukmini Devi Arundale, declared and expressly stated at the General Council Meeting of the Lessor on the 1st day of January, 1971 that the primary School Classes of the Besant Theosophical School with the equipment have already been vacated and removed to their new and appropriate site, and that the Lessee is earnestly using its best endeavours to vacate and remove the Middle School classes of the said Besant School with the equipment by 30th June, 1971 (the number of students being thereby reduced by about 350 so that the remaining number of students thereafter will be about 450) and the High School classes with equipment by 30th June, 1973; and that a reduction of the area at disposal can be made:

And whereas having full regard to the hereinbefore stated declaration of the Lessee, the Lessor in full sympathy and faith in the Lessee's efforts, intends to accommodate the said programme for vacating the said premises:

Now it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

1. **That** in consideration of the said declaration a lease of **Two Years** of that part of the said Damodar Gardens premises measuring six acres and seventy cents, which on the enclosed map is surrounded by a red line (hereinafter called "The Premises") shall be granted by the Lessor to the Lessee with effect from the 1st day of July, 1971 to expire on the 30th day of June, 1973, and that at the end of this period it shall be incumbent upon the Lessee to vacate the premises in toto and deliver up the possession of the same in good order and condition together with the buildings and improvements thereon.

2. (a) **That** the monthly rent of the premises shall be Rs. 750 as before, payable at the end of each month during the term of the lease, until otherwise mutually terminated earlier.

(b) **That** the Lessor will pay the taxes, on the property levied on the owner. If taxes are increased the Lessor has the right to proportionately increase the rent.

3. **That** the Lessee be granted the permission to use an area of approximatelyacres in Besant Gardens as a playing field, for which the Lessee shall pay to the Lessor a formal rent of One Rupee a month only.

4. **That** this Agreement supersedes all previous Leases, extensions and arrangements, if any.

5. **That** the Lessee hereby agrees with the Lessor to the following terms and conditions:

- a. The charges for the supply of electricity, water and the other amenities for the premises covered by this lease shall be paid for by the Lessee.
- b. The Lessee shall not carry out any structural alterations to the existing buildings or erect any temporary buildings thereon, without the express consent in writing of the Lessor obtained in advance.
- c. The Lessee shall keep and maintain the buildings, roads and land leased hereunder in good order and good condition including white washing and maintenance.
- d. The Lessee shall pay all outgoings and rents regularly.
- e. The Lessee shall be at liberty to raise short term crops such as banana, vegetables, ragi, and so on and to enjoy the produce therefrom up to 30th June, 1973; but the Lessor shall be entitled to the produce, fruits, etc. from the existing trees standing on the premises.
- f. The Lessee shall not sublet the buildings and land leased hereunder in part or in whole or use the premises or any portion thereof for any purpose other than their own educational, cultural or artistic purposes.
- g. On the termination of this lease either by efflux of its time provided herein or in any other manner the Lessee shall deliver up vacant possession of the buildings along with the land in good order and condition allowing for normal wear and tear.

6. **The parties hereto** hereby mutually agree as under:

- a. In case of dispute or difference on the interpretations of the terms and conditions of this Lease, or any difficulty or unforeseen contingency that might arise during the term of the Lease, the same shall be referred to the General Council of the Theosophical Society after due notice to the parties, and the decision of the General Council shall be final and binding on the parties.
- b. The Lessor or its authorised representative shall always have the liberty to enter into and upon the premises leased hereunder either to satisfy itself as to the condition of the premises, or collecting of the produce and fruits therefrom or for other lawful and legitimate purposes.

7. The Lease is not transferable.

8. The Lessee shall present annually to the Lessor not later than the 1st of November (a) a progress report as on the 31st August of the same year as to the steps taken for vacating of the premises; and (b) a phased and time-scheduled programme for remaining activities up to the time granted herein for vacating the premises.

In-witness whereof the Lessor and Lessee above named have set their respective hands hereto the day, month and the year first above mentioned in the presence of witnesses hereof:

Signed by Sri N. Sri Ram for the said Lessor,
The Theosophical Society, in the presence
of:

Signed by Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale
for the said Lessee, The Besant Centenary
Trust, in the presence of:

N.B.: This Agreement was Approved by the General Council of the Theosophical Society on 6th January, 1971 in its 5th Session when the Lessee was represented.

Annexe "B"

To the President and Members of the General Council:

NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

Report for year ending September 30, 1970

The Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee has now been functioning for a little over three years. The committee, which has been appointed by the President, is 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, a further appeal for funds was circulated by the Chairman on behalf of the Committee. It was addressed to General Secretaries, Federation and Organizing Secretaries and Presidential Agents throughout the world, and was mailed on July 1, 1970. The appeal included the proposal that we make our goal to have *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* (edited by Elizabeth Preston and Christmas Humphreys) published in at least twenty different languages by 1975. Again, the largest response to the appeal has been from the Australian Section, which has been most generous in supporting this fund. Donations also came from U. S. A., England, Scotland, Canada and France, and the European Federation transferred the further amount of 1,700 Swiss Francs from its Trust Fund. To all these contributors go our grateful thanks. There continue to be two accounts for the fund: at Wheaton, Illinois, U. S. A. (through The Theosophical Society in America), and at Basel, Switzerland (through the Theosophical Society in Europe). Attached is a summary of these accounts for the year ended September 30, 1970. The fund (in both accounts) now totals \$ 5,629.

It has been proposed that we should now encourage some translations of *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine* and to offer some assistance from the Fund to at least 3 or 4 language groups. It has been suggested that a beginning should be made with a Spanish edition and if possible a Portuguese edition (particularly for the needs of South America) plus one other European language as may be recommended by the European Federation, and one Asian language. Consultations are in progress with regard to this proposal.

Although we are now in a position to make this small beginning, the total in the fund is not nearly as high as had been hoped, and it has been discouraging to see the small response from most areas. Even within the committee itself not all members are responding to correspondence. It may be that the reason that enthusiasm is not as great as it could be is because the appeal is being sent out from an address in the United States, where I as Chairman happen to be working at the present time. Psychologically it would be better if the appeal could be spearheaded from our world headquarters in India, or failing that from a country other than the United States of America. (The idea for such a fund originated in the European Federation, but was taken up by the General Council at the World Congress in Salzburg and I was then appointed chairman of the committee.) While I will continue to support this program, which I feel is of extreme importance (having found in my travels the paucity of books in non-English languages), I would now like to propose that the chairmanship and direction of the appeal be transferred preferably to Adyar, but if not, to an official in an area other than the United States. We may find greater response to an appeal for financial support which does not emanate from an address which is that of the Headquarters of the T. S. in America and where one of the accounts to which contributions are to be sent is located.

Since the world Headquarters of our Society at Adyar serves only the English-speaking countries with its publications, I would urge that greater impetus be made from Adyar itself to help this world effort to build up our literature in non-English languages.

HELEN V. ZAHARA,

Chairman,

Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee.

December 1, 1970

c/o P. O. Box 270

Wheaton, Illinois 60187

U. S. A.

NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS LOAN FUND

Financial Report for Year ended September 30, 1970

1. *Account in Geneva, Switzerland* (submitted by Miss Ilse von Tresckow, Treasurer, European Federation):

Balance, October 1, 1969 6.164,81 Sw. Frs.*

Receipts:

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| From T. S. in England | 343,43 | |
| From T. S. in Scotland | 121,80 | |
| From Edinburgh Lodge, Scotland | 310,50 | |
| From a French member | 22,— | |
| | <hr/> | 797,73 |

| | | |
|--|--|---------|
| Transfer from European Federation Trust Fund | | 1,700,— |
| | | <hr/> |

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Balance on September 30, 1970 | 8.662,54 | Sw. Frs. |
| | <hr/> | |

*This amount includes the sum of £154.12.0 (1.590.83 Swiss Francs) held in Sterling account in England and not freely transferable.

8.662 Swiss Francs equals approximately \$2,009. or £837.

2. *Account in Wheaton, U. S. A.*

Balance, October 1, 1969 \$1,832.06

Receipts:

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| From U. S. members | 217,46 | |
| From Canadian Section and members in Canada | 163,28 | |
| From Australian Section and members in Australia | 1,388,49 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,769,23 |

| | | |
|----------|--|-------|
| Interest | | 31.44 |
| | | <hr/> |

\$3,632.73

Payments:

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Postage and duplicating | 12.60 |
| | <hr/> |

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| Balance on September 30, 1970 | \$3,620,13 |
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\$3,620.13 equals approximately £1,508.

TOTAL IN BOTH ACCOUNTS: \$5,629. or £2,345.

Submitted by
HELEN V. ZAHARA,
Chairman,

Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee.

November 30, 1970

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1970

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|---------|
| National Sections (Active) | 39 | No. of | No. of |
| Presidential Agencies (Active) .. | 4 | Lodges | Members |
| Federations formed under | | | |
| Rule 35(c) .. | 2 | | |
| Total Lodges .. | 1,202 | | |
| Total Membership 1970 .. | 31,721 | | |
| | No. of | No. of | |
| | Lodges | Members | |
| 1. United States of | | | |
| America .. | 114 | 5,436 | |
| 2. England .. | 79 | 2,479 | |
| 3. India .. | 427 | 7,469 | |
| 4. Australia .. | 17 | 1,655 | |
| 5. Sweden .. | 12 | 328 | |
| 6. New Zealand | 19 | 1,134 | |
| 7. The Netherlands | 32 | 1,142 | |
| 8. France .. | 36 | 1,110 | |
| 9. Italy .. | 22 | 520 | |
| 10. Germany .. | 16 | 304 | |
| 11. Cuba .. | 19 | 340 | |
| 12. Hungary .. | — | — | |
| 13. Finland .. | 23 | 433 | |
| 14. Russia .. | — | — | |
| 15. Czechoslovakia | — | — | |
| 16. Southern Africa | 11 | 470 | |
| 17. Scotland .. | 4 | 88 | |
| 18. Switzerland | 10 | 218 | |
| 19. Belgium .. | 9 | 293 | |
| 20. Indonesia .. | — | — | |
| 21. Burma .. | 4 | 53 | |
| 22. Austria .. | 8 | 239 | |
| 23. Norway .. | 8 | 144 | |
| 24. Egypt .. | 2 | 73 (1960) | |
| 25. Denmark .. | 11 | 278 | |
| 26. Ireland .. | 3 | 29 | |
| 27. Mexico .. | 27 | 299 | |
| 28. Canada .. | 14 | 240 | |
| 29. Argentina .. | 44 | 760 | |
| 30. Chile .. | 8 | 82 (1968) | |
| 31. Brazil .. | 36 | 1,019 | |
| 32. Bulgaria .. | — | — | |
| 33. Iceland .. | 14 | 625 | |
| 34. Spain .. | — | — | |
| 35. Portugal .. | 12 | 199 | |
| 36. Wales .. | 2 | 69 | |
| 37. Poland .. | — | — | |
| 38. Uruguay .. | 9 | 171 | |
| 39. Puerto Rico | 7 | 80 | |
| 40. Rumania .. | — | — | |
| 41. Yugoslavia .. | 4 | 64 | |
| 42. Ceylon .. | 7 | 66 | |
| 43. Greece .. | 6 | 224 | |
| 44. Central America | 10 | 124 | |
| 45. Paraguay .. | — | — | |
| 46. Peru (Lodges | | | |
| attached to | | | |
| Adyar) .. | — | — | |
| 47. The Philippines | 20 | 150 | |
| 48. Colombia .. | 8 | 132 (1969) | |
| 49. East Africa | 22 | 1,142 | |
| 50. Pakistan* .. | 7 | 260 | |
| 51. Malaysia* .. | 7 | 90 (1969) | |
| 52. Northern | | | |
| Ireland† .. | 3 | 47 | |
| 53. Israel (Lodges | | | |
| attached to | | | |
| Adyar) .. | — | — | |
| 54. Japan .. | — | — | |
| 55. Viet-Nam .. | 15 | 852 | |
| 56. Venezuela* .. | 3 | 41 | |
| 57. West Africa† | 10 | 330 | |
| 58. Bolivia* .. | 2 | 35 | |
| 59. Canadian | | | |
| Federation | 9 | 133 | |
| 60. Fellows-at- | | | |
| Large .. | — | 78 | |
| 61. Lodges | | | |
| attached | | | |
| directly to | | | |
| Adyar | | | |
| Chile .. | 1 | 15 | |
| Israel .. | 4 | 70 (1969) | |
| Peru .. | 3 | 47 (1969) | |
| Hong Kong | 1 | 7 (1969) | |
| Singapore | 1 | 35 | |
| Total | 1,202 | 31,721 | |

J. A. C. DE VOGEL-VAN GOGH,
Recording Secretary.

* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 20, INDIA

Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1970

A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

| No. | <i>Particulars</i> | <i>Amount</i> Rs. |
|-----|--|----------------------|
| 1. | 3% Conversion Loan, 1946-1986 .. | 261,200 |
| 2. | 3% First Development Loan, 1970-75 .. | 80,000 |
| 3. | 4½% Madras Loan, 1972 .. | 10,000 |
| 4. | 4½% Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1969-76 .. | 100,000 |
| 5. | 4½% Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1970-80 .. | 15,000 |
| 6. | 4½% Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1966-73 .. | 25,000 |
| 7. | 4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1971-76 .. | 30,000 |
| 8. | 4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1971-76 .. | 100,000 |
| 9. | 4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1970-75 .. | 20,000 |
| 10. | 4% Mysore Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures .. | 20,000 |
| 11. | 7¼% Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit .. | 468,000 |
| 12. | 7½% Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit .. | 100,000 |
| 13. | 7% State Bank of India Deposit .. | 100,000 |
| 14. | 7% National & Grindlays Bank Ltd., Deposit .. | 50,000 |
| 15. | 7% Punjab National Bank Deposits .. | 250,000 |
| 16. | 12 Years National Defence Certificates .. | 10,000 |
| 17. | 4% Funding Stock (Sterling) 1960-90 £ 11,297 .. | 237,243 |
| 18. | 4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. £ 3,000 .. | 63,000 |
| 19. | 4½% Kenya Government Loan £ 500 .. | 10,500 |
| 20. | Forward Trust Finance Ltd., England Deposits £ 2,449 .. | 43,962 |
| | | 1,993,905 |

FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1970

| | | 1968-69 | 1969-70 |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----------------|-----------------|
| | | Rs. | Rs. |
| The Theosophical Society in Argentina | .. | 3,799-41 | — |
| „ Australia | .. | 3,378-50 | 4,298-23 |
| „ Austria | .. | 599-40 | 632-07 |
| „ Belgium | .. | 881-14 | — |
| „ Brazil | .. | 1,295-83 | — |
| „ Canada | .. | — | 1,373-90 |
| „ Central America | .. | — | 478-49 |
| „ Colombia | .. | 276-87 | 251-92 |
| „ Denmark | .. | 343-95 | 373-45 |
| „ East Africa | .. | 1,596-45 | 791-75 |
| „ England | .. | 5,816-80 | 5,955-95 |
| „ Finland | .. | 1,070-63 | 800-42 |
| „ France | .. | 3,371-42 | 3,566-15 |
| „ Germany | .. | 612-29 | 626-42 |
| „ India | .. | 7,336-34 | 6,027-90 |
| „ Iceland | .. | — | — |
| „ Ireland | .. | 39-22 | 34-92 |
| „ Israel | .. | — | — |
| „ Italy | .. | 935-70 | 950-45 |
| „ Mexico | .. | 484-01 | 403-58 |
| „ Malaysia | .. | 500-00 | — |
| „ Netherlands | .. | 7,648-98 | 7,338-38 |
| „ New Zealand | .. | 1,656-17 | 1,925-15 |
| „ Northern Ireland | .. | 40-38 | 37-04 |
| „ Norway | .. | 164-97 | 125-11 |
| „ Philippines | .. | 183-33 | 140-00 |
| „ Puerto Rico | .. | 299-31 | — |
| „ Scotland | .. | 201-10 | 370-26 |
| „ South Africa | .. | 506-00 | 1,419-05 |
| „ Singapore | ... | — | 163-08 |
| „ Sweden | .. | — | 1,493-96 |
| „ Switzerland | .. | 1,516-02 | 1,379-20 |
| „ U.S.A. | .. | 27,447-10 | 30,194-69 |
| „ Uruguay | .. | 112-35 | — |
| „ Venezuela | .. | — | 339-97 |
| „ Wales | .. | 150-14 | 225-79 |
| „ Yugoslavia | .. | 334-82 | 467-62 |
| Canadian Federation | .. | 534-24 | — |
| Non-sectionalized Lodges, etc. | .. | 2,683-38 | 3,652-83 |
| | | <hr/> 75,816-25 | <hr/> 75,837-73 |

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 ... | +15,050-64 | | -26,751-53 | |
| Bhojanasala ... | - 7,504-67 | | - 1,792-83 | |
| Garden Department ... | -14,038-79 | | -19,469-28 | |
| Laundry Department ... | - 5,559-75 | | - 6,565-06 | |
| Leadbeater Chambers ... | -10,828-70 | | - 38-78 | |
| Maintenance Department ... | -39,600-15 | | -33,300-78 | |
| Theosophical Publishing House ... | +49,755-79 | | +41,000-05 | |
| Vasanta Press ... | + 2,988-94 | | + 2,578-82 | |
| | | 9,736-69 | | 44,339-39 |
| Depreciation: | | | | |
| On Gulistan Property ... | 415-80 | | 415-80 | |
| On Immovable Property ... | 16,463-80 | | 16,463-80 | |
| On Motor Cars ... | 616-67 | | — | |
| On Movable Property ... | 145-76 | | 551-17 | |
| | | 17,642-03 | | 17,430-77 |
| Establishment and other Expenses: | | | | |
| Bad debts ... | 1-00 | | — | |
| Convention 1969 ... | 7,577-69 | | 13,896-92 | |
| Dispensary ... | 8,321-66 | | 9,583-41 | |
| Fire Insurance ... | 294-16 | | 198-54 | |
| Gulistan Maintenance ... | 835-39 | | 685-84 | |
| International Offices ... | 8,669-00 | | 11,240-52 | |
| Legal and Audit Fees ... | 3,850-00 | | 3,175-00 | |
| Light & Water ... | 7,538-11 | | 8,689-71 | |
| Miscellaneous ... | 8,142-89 | | 9,245-26 | |
| Museum and Archives ... | 4,199-24 | | 4,334-94 | |
| Postage, Telegrams and Telephones | 4,278-94 | | 3,596-79 | |
| Printing and Stationery ... | 1,372-14 | | 845-88 | |
| Publications to General Secretaries | 1,188-00 | | 1,165-95 | |
| Reserve for Doubtful Debts ... | 147-93 | | — | |
| Repairs and Renewals ... | 60,958-01 | | 49,322-21 | |
| Retirement Allowances ... | 4,324-07 | | 4,336-56 | |
| Salaries and Wages ... | 48,096-20 | | 34,689-40 | |
| Sanitation ... | 6,484-20 | | 5,906-70 | |
| Taxes ... | 17,098-60 | | 16,478-88 | |
| T.P.H. Management ... | 12,000-00 | | 12,000-00 | |
| Travelling & Conveyance ... | 744-89 | | 851-73 | |
| Watch and Ward ... | 24,831-01 | | 21,115-24 | |
| | | 230,953-13 | | 211,359-48 |
| Gratuity allocation ... | | 2,693-00 | | 2,646-00 |
| | | | | |
| | | 270,624-85 | | 285,375-64 |

ADYAR

10th December 1970

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

K. N. RAMANATHAN,

Hony. Treasurer,

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

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

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

| LIABILITIES | PREVIOUS YEAR | | Current Year | |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| General Fund: | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet ... | 2,228,095-70 | | 2,569,436-86 | |
| Add: Receipts during the year: | | | | |
| " Donations ... | 9,802-95 | | 16,519-24 | |
| " Fees and Dues ... | 75,816-25 | | 75,837-73 | |
| " Others ... | 258,411-07 | | 149,479-94 | |
| " Increase in the value of Life Policy ... | 231-00 | | 225-00 | |
| " Transfer of Vasanta Press Heidelberg Printing Machine Fund ... | — | | 122,615-53 | |
| " Transfer from Reserves ... | — | | 12,000-00 | |
| | 2,572,356-97 | | 2,946,114-30 | |
| Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ... | 2,920-11 | | 3,533-83 | |
| | | 2,569,436-86 | | 2,942,580-47 |
| Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b) | | 1,988,209-94 | | 1,997,896-28 |
| Century Fund (a) ... | | 241,052-98 | | 213,691-57 |
| Exchange Equalisation Fund ... | | 215,316-44 | | 207,846-53 |
| Other Funds: (see notes below) | | | | |
| (1) Of The Society: Interest bearing | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Funds (a) ... | 27,826-79 | | 28,659-30 | |
| Miscellaneous Funds (c) ... | 115,554-08 | | 135,191-21 | |
| | | 143,380-87 | | 163,850-51 |
| (2) Of The Society: (Non-Interest bearing) | | | | |
| President's Travelling Fund ... | 19,651-70 | | 15,544-83 | |
| Miscellaneous Funds ... | 145,130-17 | | 247,774-05 | |
| | | 164,781-87 | | 263,318-88 |
| (3) Of others: Interest bearing ... | | 70,723-11 | | 74,355-57 |
| (4) Of others: Non-Interest bearing ... | | 3,829-73 | | 4,481-90 |
| Adyar Library Funds and Reserves: | | | | |
| Building Fund (c) ... | 574,672-97 | | 576,499-18 | |
| Immovable Property ... | 41,000-00 | | 40,000-00 | |
| Miscellaneous Funds ... | 4,955-97 | | 5,510-97 | |
| Gratuity Reserve ... | 18,346-30 | | 13,509-00 | |
| | | 638,975-24 | | 635,519-15 |
| T.P.H. Funds and Reserves: | | | | |
| Capital Fund ... | 121,958-32 | | 121,958-32 | |
| Reserves and Surplus ... | 130,637-48 | | 161,881-42 | |
| Creditors ... | 113,377-66 | | 155,006-88 | |
| T.P.H. Investments ... | 13,000-00 | | 13,000-00 | |
| | | 378,973-46 | | 451,846-62 |
| Vasanta Press: | | | | |
| Heidelberg Printing Machine Fund ... | 122,615-53 | | — | |
| Machinery Replacement Fund ... | 14,500-00 | | 63,266-45 | |
| Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ... | 15,000-00 | | 17,155-00 | |
| Retirement Allowance Reserve ... | 21,500-00 | | 21,500-00 | |
| | | 173,615-53 | | 101,921-45 |
| C/o | | 6,588,296-03 | | 7,057,308-93 |

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 1970

| ASSETS | PREVIOUS YEAR | | Current Year | |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Immovable Properties: At Cost | 229,220-91 | | 229,220-91 | |
| Less: Land acquired by Govt. ... | — | | 13,274-91 | |
| | | 229,220-91 | | 215,946-00 |
| 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 ... | 487,211-39 | | 503,675-19 | |
| | | 335,978-14 | | 319,514-34 |
| "Gulistan", Kotagiri (At Cost) | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet ... | 20,790-72 | | 20,790-72 | |
| Less: Depreciation to-date ... | 6,950-24 | | 7,366-04 | |
| | | 13,840-48 | | 13,424-68 |
| Movable Property at Adyar: | | | | |
| Furniture & Fixtures: (At Cost) | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet ... | 86,423-32 | | 89,473-18 | |
| Additions ... | 3,049-86 | | 7,660-69 | |
| | | | | |
| Less: Depreciation to-date ... | 89,473-18 | | 97,133-87 | |
| | 84,625-52 | | 85,176-69 | |
| | | 4,847-66 | | 11,957-18 |
| Motor Cars (At Cost) | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet ... | 33,692-84 | | 33,692-84 | |
| Additions ... | — | | 22,364-66 | |
| | | | | |
| Less: Depreciation to-date ... | 33,692-84 | | 56,057-50 | |
| | 33,392-84 | | 33,392-84 | |
| | | 300-00 | | 22,664-66 |
| Investments (At Cost) | | | | |
| Government of India Loans ... | 332,798-88 | | 332,798-88 | |
| State Government Loans ... | 444,811-50 | | 325,812-00 | |
| Foreign Investments ... | 801,875-85 | | 866,035-94 | |
| Surrender Value of Life Policies ... | 34,675-00 | | 34,900-00 | |
| Miscellaneous Securities ... | 58,084-69 | | 58,084-69 | |
| Fixed Deposits ... | 2,007,195-00 | | 2,395,395-00 | |
| | | 3,679,440-92 | | 4,013,026-51 |
| Interest Accrued on Investments ... | | 43,078-46 | | 55,570-10 |
| Departmental Assets: | | | | |
| (As valued and certified by the Management) | | | | |
| Water Line Meter Installations ... | 286-00 | | 257-00 | |
| Electrical Installations ... | 19,475-00 | | 17,527-00 | |
| Telephone Installations ... | 2,346-00 | | 2,111-00 | |
| Tools, Equipments etc. ... | 30,374-20 | | 29,829-80 | |
| Printing Machinery etc. ... | 165,014-00 | | 162,466-00 | |
| Amounts Recoverable ... | 12,548-33 | | 12,516-23 | |
| Standing Crops and Developments ... | 21,807-62 | | 6,682-61 | |
| Stock on hand ... | 149,030-24 | | 133,410-66 | |
| Buildings in Progress (Vasanta Press & Manager's Quarters) ... | 299,020-98 | | 422,592-81 | |
| | | 699,902-37 | | 787,393-11 |
| C/o | | 5,020,391-34 | | 5,453,278-98 |

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

| LIABILITIES | | PREVIOUS YEAR | | Current Year | |
|---|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| B/f | ... | | 6,588,296-03 | | 7,057,308-93 |
| Gratuity Reserve | ... | | 150,211-25 | | 158,410-41 |
| Reserves: | | | | | |
| Adyar Day Unallocated | ... | 78-58 | | 33-01 | |
| Casuarina Development | ... | 18,053-55 | | 33,238-69 | |
| Doubtful Debts | ... | 147-93 | | 147-93 | |
| Electrical Line | ... | 6,000-00 | | — | |
| Water & Meter Lines Renewal | ... | 4,000-00 | | — | |
| Water Tank | ... | 2,000-00 | | — | |
| | | | 30,280-06 | | 33,419-63 |
| Sundry Creditors: | | | | | |
| For Departments | ... | 18,740-80 | | 40,072-61 | |
| For Others | ... | 32,341-32 | | 24,480-20 | |
| | | | 51,082-12 | | 64,552-81 |
| Sundry Deposits | ... | | 22,286-49 | | 46,050-81 |
| Liabilities for Expenses | ... | | 2,250-00 | | 2,250-00 |
| Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes. | | | | | |
| (b) Interest only available for general purposes. | | | | | |
| (c) Interest only available for specific purposes. | | | | | |
| | | | 6,844,405-95 | | 7,361,992-59 |

ADYAR
11th December 1970.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Hony. Treasurer.

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

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1970-71

| EXPENSES | Budget for 1969-70 | Actuals for 1969-70 | Budget for 1970-71 | INCOME | Budget for 1969-70 | Actuals for 1969-70 | Budget for 1970-71 |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Bad Debts ... | 50 | — | 100 | Interest (Gross) ... | 204,300 | 213,331 | 210,000 |
| Convention ... | 7,500 | 13,897 | 13,000 | Quarters' Maintenance ... | 64,400 | 69,063 | 65,000 |
| Dispensary ... | 8,500 | 9,583 | 9,500 | Wood ... | 2,200 | 1,804 | 2,000 |
| Establishment: Salaries and | | | | Special Departments: | | | |
| Wages ... | 50,000 | 34,689 | 50,000 | Adyar Library ... | 50,300 | 27,743 | 23,500 |
| Fire Insurance ... | 400 | 199 | 300 | Bhojanasala ... | 24,000 | 22,771 | 25,000 |
| Gulistan Maintenance ... | 900 | 686 | 800 | Garden Department ... | 30,000 | 16,574 | 25,000 |
| Interest on Funds and | | | | Laundry ... | 6,700 | 5,885 | 6,000 |
| Accounts ... | 5,000 | 2,356 | 3,000 | Leadbeater Chambers ... | 30,700 | 37,886 | 34,000 |
| International Offices ... | 9,000 | 11,240 | 11,000 | Maintenance Department... | 150,000 | 153,419 | 160,000 |
| Legal & Audit Fees ... | 4,000 | 3,175 | 3,500 | Sanitary Department ... | 3,000 | 3,535 | 4,000 |
| Light & Water ... | 8,000 | 8,690 | 8,700 | Theosophical Publishing | | | |
| Miscellaneous ... | 9,000 | 9,245 | 9,000 | House ... | 96,430 | 165,580 | 94,000 |
| Museum & Archives ... | 4,500 | 4,335 | 4,400 | Vasanta Press ... | 205,000 | 109,975 | 97,000 |
| Postage, Telegrams and | | | | Deficit ... | 66,181 | 3,534 | 72,875 |
| Telephones ... | 4,300 | 3,597 | 3,600 | | | | |
| Printing and Stationery ... | 1,500 | 846 | 1,200 | | | | |
| Publications to General | | | | | | | |
| Secretaries ... | 2,500 | 1,166 | 1,200 | | | | |
| Provision for Gratuity ... | 3,000 | 2,646 | 3,000 | | | | |
| Repairs & Renewals ... | 61,000 | 49,322 | 50,000 | | | | |
| Retirement Allowances ... | 8,000 | 4,337 | 5,000 | | | | |
| Sanitary Department ... | 9,200 | 9,442 | 10,000 | | | | |
| Taxes ... | 17,100 | 16,479 | 17,000 | | | | |
| T. P. H. Management ... | 12,000 | 12,000 | 12,000 | | | | |
| Travelling & Conveyance ... | 1,000 | 852 | 1,000 | | | | |
| Watch & Ward ... | 25,000 | 21,115 | 25,000 | | | | |
| Reserve for doubtful debts ... | 150 | — | 100 | | | | |
| 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 | 17,431 | 18,000 | | | | |
| Special Departments: | | | | | | | |
| Adyar Library ... | 67,100 | 54,495 | 52,100 | | | | |
| Bhojanasala ... | 31,000 | 24,564 | 30,000 | | | | |
| Garden Dept. ... | 40,000 | 36,043 | 40,000 | | | | |
| Laundry ... | 12,500 | 12,450 | 12,500 | | | | |
| Leadbeater Chambers ... | 41,500 | 37,924 | 40,000 | | | | |
| Maintenance Dept. ... | 170,000 | 186,720 | 190,000 | | | | |
| Theosophical Publishing | | | | | | | |
| House ... | 89,426 | 124,580 | 87,880 | | | | |
| Vasanta Press ... | 202,485 | 107,396 | 95,895 | | | | |
| Capital Expenditure: | | | | | | | |
| Vasanta Press: Manager's | | | | | | | |
| Quarters Rs. 15,000 | | | | | | | |
| New Building Rs. 15,000 | | | | | | | |
| Types & Metal Rs. 15,000 | | | | | | | |
| Plant & Machinery | | | | | | | |
| Rs. 20,000 | | | | | | | |
| New Press Equipment | | | | | | | |
| Rs. 5,000 | | | | | | | |
| | 933,211 | 831,100 | 818,375 | | 933,211 | 831,100 | 818,375 |

ADYAR

14th December 1970

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

K. N. RAMANATHAN,

Hony. Treasurer.

The Adyar Library
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1970

THE ADYAR

PUBLICATION ACCOUNT FOR THE

| DEBIT | PREVIOUS YEAR | | Current Year | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Opening Stock of Publications ... | | 37,936-31 | | 93,013-26 |
| Cost of Publication: | | | | |
| Publication Expenses ... | 55,691-73 | | 28,990-41 | |
| Salaries and Wages ... | 12,534-04 | 68,225-77 | 8,877-13 | 37,867-54 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure ... | | 39,334-26 | | 7,017-95 |
| | | 145,496-34 | | 137,898-75 |

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE

| EXPENDITURE | | | | | PREVIOUS YEAR | Current Year |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Rs. | Rs. |
| Administration Charges ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 626-70 | 1,469-15 |
| Building Maintenance ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 786-37 |
| Copying and Comparing ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 660-43 |
| Depreciation ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21,377-28 | 20,954-63 |
| Fire Insurance ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 311-90 | 574-10 |
| Gratuity Allocation ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,187-00 | 695-00 |
| Micro Filming ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 1,084-20 |
| Miscellaneous ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,243-17 | 2,769-03 |
| Postage and Telephones ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 577-37 | 1,462-03 |
| Printing and Stationery ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 306-11 | 934-42 |
| Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,304-95 | 1,004-44 |
| Retirement Allowance ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,595-16 | 1,595-16 |
| Salaries and Wages ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15,194-38 | 20,505-87 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure * | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15,050-64 | — |
| | | | | | 61,774-66 | 54,494-83 |

ADYAR
2nd December 1970

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
K. N. RAMANATHAN,
Hony. Treasurer.

LIBRARY

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1970

| CREDIT | | | | | PREVIOUS YEAR | Current Year |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | Rs. | Rs. |
| Central Government Grant for Publications | ... | ... | ... | ... | 40,316-55 | 8,346-45 |
| Sale of Publications | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12,166-53 | 44,742-64 |
| Closing Stock | ... | ... | ... | ... | 93,013-26 | 84,809-66 |
| | | | | | 145,496-34 | 137,898-75 |

YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1970

| INCOME | | | | | PREVIOUS YEAR | Current Year |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----------------|
| | | | | | Rs. | Rs. |
| Income from Publication Account | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39,334-26 | 7,017-95 |
| Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21,081-51 | 17,124-97 |
| Copying and Comparing | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 1,466-43 |
| Micro Filming | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 471-62 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,358-89 | 1,662-33 |
| Excess of Expenditure over Income * | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | 26,751-53 |
| | | | | | 61,774-66 | 54,494-83 |

* Refer to Treasurer's Report

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

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

| LIABILITIES | | PREVIOUS YEAR | | Current Year | |
|---|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Advance by the T.S. | ... | | 269,891-28 | | 255,353-43 |
| Book Deposits: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 3,911-00 | | 4,271-00 | |
| Add: Receipts | ... | 940-00 | | 1,340-00 | |
| | | 4,851-00 | | 5,611-00 | |
| Less: Refunds | ... | 580-00 | | 785-00 | |
| | | | 4,271-00 | | 4,826-00 |
| Building Fund: | | | | | |
| (1) Immovable Property: | | | | | |
| Value of Building as per last Balance Sheet | ... | 50,000-00 | | 50,000-00 | |
| Less: Depreciation to date | ... | 9,000-00 | | 10,000-00 | |
| | | | 41,000-00 | | 40,000-00 |
| (2) Donations: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 570,640-23 | | 574,672-97 | |
| Add: Receipts during the year | ... | 4,032-74 | | 1,826-21 | |
| | | | 574,672-97 | | 576,499-18 |
| Capital Fund: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 227,819-15 | | 242,869-79 | |
| Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure | ... | 15,050-64 | | — | |
| | | 242,869-79 | | 242,869-79 | |
| Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income | ... | — | | 26,751-53 | |
| | | | 242,869-79 | | 216,118-26 |
| Discretionary Fund | ... | | 684-97 | | 684-97 |
| Gratuity Reserve: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 19,821-93 | | 18,346-30 | |
| Add: One month's pay | ... | 1,187-00 | | 695-00 | |
| | | 21,008-93 | | 19,041-30 | |
| Less: Payments | ... | 2,662-63 | | 5,532-30 | |
| | | | 18,346-30 | | 13,509-00 |
| Sundry Creditors | ... | | 112-27 | | 2,586-35 |
| | | | 1,151,848-58 | | 1,109,577-19 |

LIBRARY

30TH SEPTEMBER 1970

| ASSETS | | PREVIOUS YEAR | | Current Year | |
|--|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Adyar Library Building: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 774,660-29 | | 755,294-00 | |
| Additions | ... | — | | 5,409-63 | |
| | | 774,660-29 | | 760,703-63 | |
| Less: Depreciation | ... | 19,366-29 | | 19,017-63 | |
| | | | 755,294-00 | | 741,686-00 |
| Advances: | | | | | |
| Director's Discretionary Loan Fund | ... | — | | 290-00 | |
| Deposit (Telephone) | ... | 300-00 | | 300-00 | |
| | | | 300-00 | | 590-00 |
| Books & Manuscripts: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 161,901-16 | | 163,658-32 | |
| Additions | ... | 1,757-16 | | 2,759-72 | |
| | | | 163,658-32 | | 166,418-04 |
| Fire Extinguisher | | | 407-86 | | 407-86 |
| Furniture: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 40,512-00 | | 40,576-00 | |
| Additions | ... | 1,104-99 | | — | |
| | | 41,616-99 | | 40,576-00 | |
| Less: Depreciation | ... | 1,040-99 | | 1,015-00 | |
| | | | 40,576-00 | | 39,561-00 |
| Grant Receivable (from Government of India) | ... | | 38,436-55 | | 870-00 |
| Immovable Property at Juhu: | | | | | |
| Value of house property gifted: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 50,000-00 | | 50,000-00 | |
| Less: Depreciation | ... | 9,000-00 | | 10,000-00 | |
| | | | 41,000-00 | | 40,000-00 |
| Micro-filming Equipment: | | | | | |
| Value of Equipment gifted: | | | | | |
| As per last Balance Sheet | ... | 19,400-00 | | 18,430-00 | |
| Less: Depreciation | ... | 970-00 | | 922-00 | |
| | | | 18,430-00 | | 17,508-00 |
| Stock on hand: | | | | | |
| Publications | ... | 93,013-26 | | 84,809-66 | |
| Insecticides, Binding Materials etc. | ... | 440-09 | | 500-32 | |
| | | | 93,453-35 | | 85,309-98 |
| Prepaid Expenses: | | | | | |
| Fire Insurance | ... | | 192-50 | | — |
| Sundry Debtors | ... | | 100-00 | | 17,226-31 |
| | | | 1,151,848-58 | | 1,109,577-19 |

Examined and found correct.
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THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

ACCOUNT FOR 1970-71

| EXPENDITURE | Actuals for 1969-70 | Budget for 1970-71 | INCOME | Actuals for 1969-70 | Budget for 1970-71 |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | | Rs. | Rs. |
| To Administration Charges ... | 1,469 | — | By Income from Publication ... | 7,018 | 10,000 |
| „ Building maintenance ... | 786 | 300 | „ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations ... | 17,125 | 10,000 |
| „ Copying and Comparing Charges ... | 661 | 500 | „ Copying and Comparing ... | 1,466 | 1,200 |
| „ Depreciation ... | 20,955 | 21,000 | „ Micro Filming receipts ... | 472 | 800 |
| „ Fire Insurance ... | 574 | 600 | „ Miscellaneous receipts ... | 1,662 | 1,500 |
| „ Gratuity Allocation ... | 695 | 700 | „ Excess of Expenditure over Income ... | 26,752 | 28,600 |
| „ Micro Filming Charges ... | 1,084 | 800 | | | |
| „ Miscellaneous ... | 2,769 | 2,500 | | | |
| „ Postage & Telephones ... | 1,462 | 1,500 | | | |
| „ Printing & Stationery ... | 934 | 1,000 | | | |
| „ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy ... | 1,005 | 1,000 | | | |
| „ Retirement allowance ... | 1,595 | 1,600 | | | |
| „ Salaries & Wages ... | 20,506 | 20,600 | | | |
| | 54,495 | 52,100 | | 54,495 | 52,100 |

V. RAMANATHA IYER,
Librarian.

Theosophical Publishing House
Accounts for the year ended
30th September 1970

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 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 85-45 | 73-00 |
| Editorial | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,900-00 | 1,650-00 |
| Establishment | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,467-96 | 3,740-43 |
| General Expenses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 148-94 | 249-83 |
| Postage and Packing | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8,845-27 | 10,577-64 |
| Printing and Blocks | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17,563-37 | 19,447-73 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,455-17 | 2,141-80 |
| | | | | | | 39,666-16 | 39,080-43 |

ADYAR

8th December 1970.

HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1970

| INCOME | | | | PREVIOUS YEAR | Current Year | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|---------------|--------------|-----------|
| | | | | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Subscriptions: | ... | ... | ... | | | |
| Unexpired on October 1, 1969 | ... | ... | ... | 19,377-12 | 21,018-28 | |
| Add: Receipts during the year | ... | ... | ... | 41,307-32 | 42,440-08 | |
| Less: Unexpired on 30th September 1970 | ... | ... | ... | 60,684-44 | 63,458-36 | 39,080-43 |
| | | | | 21,018-28 | 24,377-93 | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | 39,666-16 | | 39,080-43 |

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

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Chartered Accountants.

THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

| EXPENDITURE | PREVIOUS YEAR | Current Year |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| Advertisement and Catalogue ... | 831-89 | 2,147-42 |
| Audit Fees ... | 750-00 | 750-00 |
| Conveyance & Transit ... | 67-84 | — |
| Depreciation on Furniture, Fittings & Office Appliances ... | 124-63 | 664-66 |
| Establishment ... | 28,335-84 | 29,342-61 |
| Ex-Gratia ... | — | 586-98 |
| Fire Insurance Premium ... | 141-00 | 94-00 |
| Gratuity allocation ... | 3,000-00 | 3,000-00 |
| Office Printing & Stationery ... | 1,689-02 | 2,195-56 |
| Postage and Telegrams ... | 2,008-51 | 2,206-39 |
| Publications Reserve Allocation ... | 43,000-00 | 48,000-00 |
| Quarters Maintenance ... | 2,565-00 | 2,640-00 |
| Repairs & Upkeep ... | 250-41 | 130-06 |
| Retirement Allowance Allocation ... | 8,000-00 | 8,000-00 |
| Royalty on Sale of Books ... | 31,497-94 | 21,507-96 |
| Sales Tax ... | 74-93 | 78-05 |
| Trade Expenses ... | 1,988-94 | 2,085-95 |
| Water, Electricity & Conservancy ... | 1,026-47 | 1,150-96 |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure ... | 49,755-79 | 41,000-05 |
| | 175,108-21 | 165,580-65 |

ADYAR

9th December 1970

HOUSE, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1970

| INCOME | | | | | PREVIOUS YEAR | Current Year |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|--------------|
| | | | | | Rs. | Rs. |
| By Sale of: | | | | | | |
| Books (Agency) | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7,765-34 | 12,389-08 |
| Incense | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,553-23 | 2,227-42 |
| Packing | ... | ... | ... | ... | 528-80 | 2,517-72 |
| Photos | ... | ... | ... | ... | 455-41 | 354-19 |
| Stationery | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31-64 | 36-01 |
| T.P.H. Publications | ... | ... | ... | ... | 153,157-27 | 139,321-16 |
| | | | | | 164,491-69 | 156,845-58 |
| Administration and Overhead charged to The Theosophist | | | | | 1,200-00 | 1,200-00 |
| Interest on Investments | | | | | 638-44 | 845-00 |
| Miscellaneous Income | | | | | 307-72 | 320-56 |
| Royalty Receipts | | | | | 8,470-36 | 6,314-92 |
| Conveyance & Transit | | | | | — | 54-59 |
| | | | | | 175,108-21 | 165,580-65 |

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THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

| LIABILITIES | PREVIOUS YEAR | | Current Year | |
|---|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Capital: | | | | |
| Balance as per last Balance Sheet ... | 165,130-78 | | 214,886-57 | |
| Add: Excess of Income over expenditure for the year ... | 49,755-79 | 214,886-57 | 41,000-05 | 255,886-62 |
| Reserves & Surplus: | | | | |
| (i) Kale Memorial Fund ... | 300-00 | | 300-00 | |
| (ii) Gratuity Reserve ... | 11,995-55 | | 14,995-55 | |
| (iii) Special Publications Reserve ... | 110,000-00 | | 135,500-00 | |
| (iv) General Contingency Reserve ... | 3,132-65 | | 3,109-40 | |
| (v) Reserve for doubtful debts ... | 1,070-80 | | 1,070-80 | |
| (vi) Retirement Allowance Reserve ... | 4,138-48 | 130,637-48 | 6,905-67 | 161,881-42 |
| Current Liabilities: | | | | |
| (a) Book Gift Funds ... | 13,170-47 | | 15,641-93 | |
| (b) Sundry Creditors ... | | | | |
| (i) for Royalties ... | 32,131-66 | | 21,105-49 | |
| (ii) for Purchases and Publications ... | 24,642-71 | | 70,854-72 | |
| (c) Customers' Credit balances ... | 6,162-74 | | 6,633-21 | |
| (d) Sundry deposits ... | 3,731-19 | 79,838-77 | 1,731-19 | 115,966-54 |
| THE THEOSOPHIST: | | | | |
| 1. Unexpired Subscriptions ... | 21,018-28 | | 24,377-93 | |
| 2. Balance in I and E A/c ... | 12,520-61 | 33,538-89 | 14,662-41 | 39,040-34 |
| | | 458,901-71 | | 572,774-92 |

ADYAR

9th December 1970.

HOUSE, ADYAR

30TH SEPTEMBER 1970

| ASSETS | PREVIOUS YEAR | | Current Year | |
|--|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| Fixed Assets: | | | | |
| Furniture etc. ... | | 2,805-46 | | 4,316-00 |
| 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. ... | 139,180-97 | | 168,410-42 | |
| (b) Office Printing etc. ... | 1,583-69 | | 1,872-60 | |
| (ii) Advances for books and Royalty ... | 123-14 | | 2,381-09 | |
| (iii) V.P.P. under collection ... | 240-10 | | 153-50 | |
| (iv) Deposits ... | 6,046-85 | | 5,385-80 | |
| (v) Cost of printing paper in stock ... | 91,380-34 | | 182,377-33 | |
| | | 238,555-09 | | 360,580-74 |
| Sundry Debtors ... | | 142,702-58 | | 155,289-94 |
| Gratuity loan and festival advance to staff ... | | 3,191-60 | | 1,751-60 |
| Pre-paid Expenses ... | | 47-97 | | 48-70 |
| THE THEOSOPHIST: | | | | |
| (i) Equipment and Furniture ... | 633-00 | | 560-00 | |
| (ii) Stock of Paper etc. ... | 1,323-96 | | 1,315-71 | |
| | | 1,956-96 | | 1,875-71 |
| Cash and Bank Balances: | | | | |
| (i) Cash on hand ... | 189-02 | | 177-77 | |
| (ii) Balance in current a/c with | | | | |
| State Bank of India ... | 8,203-69 | | 9,986-26 | |
| National and Grindlays ... | 46,618-19 | | 25,277-15 | |
| United Commercial ... | 1,331-15 | | 171-05 | |
| | | 56,342-05 | | 35,612-23 |
| | | 458,901-71 | | 572,774-92 |

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,
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Hony. Treasurer.

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THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR 1970-71

| EXPENDITURE | Actuals for 1969-70 | Budget for 1970-71 | INCOME | Actuals for 1969-70 | Budget for 1970-71 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Rs. | Rs. | | Rs. | Rs. |
| Advertisement and Catalogue ... | 2,147 | 2,100 | Gross Income from Sales ... | 156,846 | 86,600 |
| Audit Fees ... | 750 | 750 | Administration charges and | | |
| Conveyance and Transit ... | — | 50 | Overhead from The | | |
| Depreciation on Furniture ... | 665 | 660 | Theosophist ... | 1,200 | 1,200 |
| Establishment ... | 29,343 | 29,500 | Interest on Investment ... | 845 | 845 |
| Ex-Gratia ... | 587 | — | Miscellaneous Income ... | 320 | 355 |
| Fire Insurance ... | 94 | 100 | Royalty and Copyright fee ... | 6,315 | 5,000 |
| Gratuity Allocation ... | 3,000 | 3,000 | Conveyance and Transit ... | 55 | — |
| Office Printing and Stationery ... | 2,196 | 2,200 | | | |
| Postage and Telegram ... | 2,206 | 2,250 | | | |
| Publications Reserve ... | 48,000 | 15,000 | | | |
| Quarters Maintenance ... | 2,640 | 2,640 | | | |
| Repairs and Upkeeps ... | 130 | 150 | | | |
| Retirement Allowance Allocation ... | 8,000 | 6,000 | | | |
| Royalty on Sale of Books ... | 21,508 | 20,000 | | | |
| Sales Tax ... | 78 | 80 | | | |
| Trade Expenses ... | 2,086 | 2,200 | | | |
| Water, Electricity & Conservancy ... | 1,151 | 1,200 | | | |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure . | 41,000 | 6,120 | | | |
| | 165,581 | 94,000 | | 165,581 | 94,000 |

ADYAR,
9th December, 1970

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