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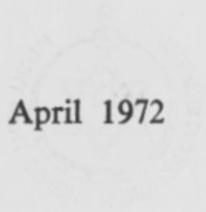
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# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## TO THE 96TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Adyar, December 26, 1971*

By N. SRI RAM, *President*

I EXTEND to you all a most cordial welcome to the 96th annual Convention of the Society and to its Headquarters at Adyar. I devoutly hope you will find here during your brief sojourn all the peace, illumination and happiness you might desire. We are meeting in troubled times and nothing is more needed in the conditions which exist than the Wisdom which can cure all human ills. Being a Wisdom based on the fact of a Brotherhood that transcends all divisions and animosities, it holds, in the last analysis, the only hope of a really united world and progress of a sort that will mean peace and happiness to each and all.

*(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)*

In 1886, eleven years after the Society came into existence, H. P. Blavatsky wrote the article entitled "The Original Program of the Theosophical Society," which was published in the August 1931

issue of *The Theosophist*, her Centenary Number. The article was mainly a defence of Col. H. S. Olcott against an attack by two members, who were prominent at that time, on the way the Society was run and administered by him. Although she herself could be his critic sometimes, she knew him well as her closest colleague and companion and wrote about him in this article in most glowing terms, treating his critics to the most withering sarcasm. Probably for this reason it was not printed at that time in *The Theosophist*, Col. Olcott being then its Editor. The article begins by giving what she called the original program of the Society, meaning thereby the instructions given to her by her Master and Teacher. She was sent to U.S.A., she said, in 1873 "for the purpose of organizing a group of workers on a psychic plane," and received orders two years later "to form a nucleus of a regular Society" whose objects were broadly stated to her. Briefly they were:

1. Universal brotherhood.
2. No distinction to be made by the member between races, creeds or social positions; every member to be judged and dealt with on his personal merits.

3. To study the philosophies of the East, those of India chiefly, and interpret exoteric religions in the light of esoteric teachings.
4. To oppose materialism and theoretical dogmatism in every possible way by demonstrating the existence of occult powers unknown to Science in Nature, and the presence of psychic and spiritual powers in man.

Although H. P. B. must have had all this in her mind, she did not state this at first. The Society came into existence in that year 1875 in a very casual manner as though through a chance suggestion made at a small gathering at the end of a lecture on an anthropological subject.

Universal Brotherhood was not at first one of its Objects. During the following years the Objects were formulated differently by different groups; and underwent a process of sifting until they settled down into their present form. Incidentally, it might be noticed here that in this article H. P. B. speaks of herself and Col. Olcott as "the two chief Founders" and also as "the two Founders". She says the two Founders were not told how they had to bring about the growth of the Society and the results desired; nor had they any definite ideas given them concerning the outward organization. But they were distinctly told what they had to avoid and what the Society should never become. They were to insist upon sincere fraternal feelings among the members, the great diversity of creeds notwithstanding, on great mutual toleration and mutual help. They had to oppose in the strongest manner possible anything approaching dogmatic faith and fanaticism; belief even in the existence of the invisible Teachers was not to be a dogma.

The Objects as finally drawn up have remained unchanged since 1896, but they

are so broadly worded that the Society could easily have assumed a character very different from what was at first intended or what it has assumed. Almost any activity, humanitarian or social, scientific, philosophical or religious, psychic or spiritualistic can be brought under their umbrella. The Society could have turned into a purely academic body discussing philosophical and other theses as an intellectual pastime or a rationalistic body strongly sceptical of anything mystical or transcendental or a social service organisation with various social reform projects.

An emphasis on any of these lines of thought or activity, all possible under the three Objects, would have stamped the Society as a whole with its particular character. But that has not been the case. Actually the Society *has* acquired a character which has been shaped by three principal influences: First that of Universal Brotherhood; secondly, an open approach to Truth suggested by the words: "study and investigation" in the second and third Objects; and thirdly, the writings of H. P. B. and those who have followed her along that broad avenue marked as Theosophy in her writings. The influence just mentioned has tended on the one hand to assimilate Theosophy to an occult view of the universe and on the other to a way of life that can be spoken of as spiritual, aiming at the spiritual regeneration of humanity.

Theosophy as the Divine Wisdom must include all Truth, although what we call by that name can only be a fragment, but even so, by its very nature it must have a message appropriate to each set of conditions. Looking back over the years we can trace the developments that have taken place in the world at large and the conditions of human life since the beginning of this century. Now we have come to a culmination which raises issues of a fundamental nature: the whole question

of humanity's survival and future, of war and violence, of world unity, the place of Science in human culture, the type of religion that can unite mankind and foster its further progress, the limitations of the human mind, the relationship between man and Nature, the proper relation between man and woman, the true meaning of freedom and the kind of freedom that man really needs. The answers to these questions will determine the nature of the coming times and the kind of civilization which will develop in the future. If it is such as to constitute a widening vista of progress in a real sense, there must be not only peace but also a quality different from what obtains at present in almost all aspects of human life and endeavor. It cannot be a civilization which merely multiplies the numbers and quantities that figure in statistical analyses pertaining to the physical needs and cravings of man, nor can it be a civilization dominated by more knowledge of the sort we are accumulating and more technology.

How to bring about such a civilization, embodying the true values of life, and how to help man to face the present crisis, untroubled even by such conditions as obtain at present—these are questions most relevant to the present times; and they cannot be answered except with some grasp of those fundamental truths regarding both Nature and man, which is Theosophy.

Miss Joy Mills, National President of the United States Section, reports continuing and striking progress virtually in every area of the programs put into action from the National Headquarters. The success of these efforts is attested by the fact that the membership of the Section had risen during the year to 5,896. Of these, 1,034 were new members. A peculiar feature of the Section is that not less than 39 per cent of the total are members at large,

that is, not attached to any of the 109 Branches and 43 Study Centres in that country. The programs include the regional expansion activities which have drawn large audiences. In one place, Seattle, there was an initial audience of well over one thousand. The Report says that Study Weekends and Week-long Seminars are becoming increasingly popular. These are arranged and largely helped by the Education Department which provides Lodges and Study Centres with material and guidance for their programs. Miss Mills herself conducted week-long seminars on *The Secret Doctrine* at "Olcott," the National Headquarters, and in two of the Theosophical Summer Camps, the Far Horizons Camp in Northern California and the Orcas Island Camp near the Pacific Coast. A new Theosophical Camp similar to the three already existing was established during the year in the Ozark area.

The Theosophical Publishing House at Wheaton has recorded a very considerable increase in its sales, the sale of the Quest books alone being 50,000 over the previous year's total. A noteworthy event was the bringing out of a new edition of *Isis Unveiled*, First Volume, edited by Mr. de Zirkoff. Unfortunately, during the year there was a fire in the T. P. H. building at "Olcott" but no serious damage was done. The progress made in so many different directions would not have been possible, says Miss Mills, without the generous help of the Kern Foundation.

The Report from the English Section indicates that the activities there go on much as usual. The General Secretary, Mr. Farthing, draws attention to the fact that a very large proportion of its membership is over 60 years of age in the case of women and 65 in the case of men. However, amongst the new members a reasonable proportion consists of young

people, and the Bookshop sales have risen to three times those of last year. Three new study courses for individual members and groups have been started: one of them as a reading guide to *The Secret Doctrine*, another a study course in *The Secret Doctrine* and the third one a course on *The Mahatma Letters*. Mr. Farthing says one area where they have had some success is in meditations open to the public. Those who come are put through concentration, visualization and thinking exercises followed by material in the form of fundamental Theosophical concepts or material for the devotee and aspirant. The number of members in England is 2,369.

The General Secretary for India, Mrs. Radha Burnier, remarks that the work of the Society is uphill and likely to be so for a long time to come. During the year a very large number of places were visited by lecturers, and there were numerous study and training camps as well as conferences, including the annual South Indian Conference and the Workers Conference at Adyar, and two study camps in Bhowali in the Himalayas. Following the Convention at Adyar in December 1970, a Theosophy-Science seminar was organized and it was conducted by Mr. Fritz Kunz who had come to Adyar for the Convention along with Mrs. Kunz.

One of the difficulties which have to be overcome in India is the number of different languages. This necessitates the translation of Theosophical books into all these languages for which the necessary funds have to be found. H. P. B.'s book *Practical Occultism* was translated during the year into Telugu and Bengali.

Along with various other organizations, the Theosophical Order of Service in India has been active organizing relief for the refugees from Bangla Desh (East Bengal) whose numbers have been rising

to over 10 millions. The New Life for India groups have also been participating in this task.

Mrs. Burnier remarks apropos of all the suffering in this part of the world and also in others: "The earnestness of one's endeavor to understand Theosophy and its profound significance depends upon the intensity with which one feels the need of wisdom to dispel the darkness of ignorance and suffering. To the earnest Theosophist whose heart is full of concern and deep sympathy it is faith in the ultimate destiny of man and his immortal nature that sheds the rays of hope and inspiration necessary to direct his footsteps towards the distant light." The number of members in India is now 7,710.

Among the English-speaking Sections, Australia and New Zealand are the next largest. The General Secretary for Australia, Miss Ruth Beringer, writes that the Section's membership was 1,793 on September 30th. A new Lodge was founded in Canberra, the capital of the Australian Commonwealth. There has been an increase in the number of members in the Adelaide and Melbourne Lodges. Miss Helen Zahara made a much-appreciated tour of Australia during the months of February to April, visiting eight Lodges. The number of members in New Zealand is 1,156. The work there is being carried on with devotion and enthusiasm. The Section will be celebrating the completion of 75 years of steady work at its Convention this year.

The Report from Viet-Nam which has 15 Lodges and 947 members records continuous activity on the part of its Lodges. The Section has a number of young members. Mme. Hai, the General Secretary, writes that they are all enthusiastic and eager to serve. In one place some of them meet daily for Theosophical study and for services to the

Lodge. She gives a detailed account of the program of each of these Lodges.

The Philippines Section, says Miss Cleo Gregorio, the General Secretary, has doubled its strength, thanks to a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson who stayed there for three months and carried on a seminar under the title "The School of the Wisdom". She says many Catholics were attracted by these talks.

The important event for the Sections of Latin America during the year was the holding of the third Inter-American Congress in Bogota, Colombia, in February last. It was attended by delegates from various Sections giving them the opportunity to become better acquainted with one another and for interchange of ideas amongst the principal workers in them. Mr. Spairani was elected President of the Federation.

Mr. Manuel Farinich, the new General Secretary for Argentina, records considerable activity in which the youth groups participate, helping the Lodges in their areas. A number of speakers were sent to visit the Lodges and lecture in them. A Theosophical course was broadcast over the radio in Rosario, which is the Headquarters of the Section, and there were other opportunities also to disseminate Theosophy through the medium of radio and T. V.

Uruguay now owns its own building; the General Secretary in his report gives information about each member of each of the nine Lodges in that Section. The work is carried on, he says, very regularly in all of them.

The Central American Section is spread over six states, namely Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. But one cannot go from one country to another without a passport. So the Section has an arrangement by which the Convention is held in a different country each time by rotation,

and members come to it from the different States. Thus they come to know each other and are able to establish a measure of co-operation among themselves. The General Secretary says that this system has given good results. The General Secretary is also elected by rotation among these States for a period of two years.

Mr. A. B. Patel, General Secretary for East Africa, records satisfactory progress. The strength of the Section remains undiminished by the changing social patterns there. There was a new Lodge in Kenya and two new Lodges in Zambia.

The work in all the different Sections in Europe proceeds steadily. The important event during the year was the holding of the European Federation Congress in Paris in the month of August. The Convention of the French Section was held at the same time, at which Mr. Solomon Lancri was elected General Secretary succeeding Dr. Paul Thorin who had held that office for a long period of years.

Mr. Roberto Hack who had been a member for fifty years and for many years General Secretary of the Italian Section passed away during the year. The new General Secretary, Mr. Edoardo Bratina, says in his Report that the work in the Lodges in that Section proceeds in two main directions: one is the exposition of the classical Theosophical literature, especially the works of H.P.B., and the other, discussions on modern problems from the Theosophical stand-point.

Finland is another Section in which there has been a change of General Secretary. The new General Secretary, Miss Sirkka Kivilinna, writes of a fund which has been established for giving grants to elderly members to enable them to attend the annual Summer School at Kreivila which she says is a meeting place for the whole Section.

The General Secretary for Denmark, Mr. Preben Sørensen, mentions the fact that the Danish edition of *The Secret Doctrine* brought out in four volumes has been selling exceptionally well. During the year there has been much activity and fruitful exchange among Lodges and members in that Section.

Reports from several of the Sections mention increased interest in Theosophical ideas particularly among the young people. Mr. Curt Berg, the General Secretary for Sweden, writes that they are particularly interested in the subjects of Yoga and meditation and desire to find a deeper basis for one's life apart from ideas of purely intellectual interest.

Summer Schools were held during the year in Nottingham, England; in Stensund, Sweden; at "Olcott" in U. S. A. following the Annual Convention; at Pichl in Austria, for the German-speaking members; in Kreivila, Finland (as already mentioned); in Costa Rica, Central America, for the first time; in Cordoba, Argentina, this in addition to Camps held for Young Theosophists and for elders. A Summer School gives an opportunity for relaxation to those who come from cities and places of work. Provided the objectives are right, an inwardly relaxed condition often helps one to make a fresh approach, unimpeded by previous ideas, to the eternal Wisdom in which one can always find new values, if not also new meanings.

I made a tour last summer in Europe, accompanied by Miss Nisewanger, then my Secretary, and was Guest Speaker at the Summer School in Sweden and Nottingham. Later I presided over the Congress in Paris at which Mrs. Radha Burnier, who had also been invited, was one of the Guest Speakers. Mr. Hodson, after his seminar in Manila, conducted a similar one in Denmark for three weeks. Later he gave talks in the School of

Theosophy at Krotona, Ojai, and was Guest Speaker at the Convention and Summer School at "Olcott". Rukmini Devi also took part in these Olcott sessions and later in the Congress in Paris. Mr. John Coats visited South Africa and was present at their Convention. He also visited West Africa and took part in all the Summer Schools in Europe and the Paris Congress. Miss Ianthe Hoskins made a tour in East Africa visiting and conducting classes in no less than 24 places and later a shorter tour in West Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie-Smith made a tour of the Scandinavian Sections including Finland early last summer. All these tours have been much appreciated.

Among those who have passed on during the year are a number of well-known Theosophists and devoted workers: Miss Clara Codd, widely known and loved throughout the Society, whose talks and writings have been an inspiration to several generations of Theosophists; Miss Katherine Beechey, a selfless worker and latterly Recording Secretary; Mr. C. Subbarayudu, formerly Superintendent of the Vasanta Press and connected also with other activities at Adyar; Sri Sri Prakasa, son of Dr. Bhagavan Das, a Theosophist from his boyhood and in later years Governor of one Indian State after another; Mr. Albert Sassi, former General Secretary for Switzerland; Mr. Fritz Schleiffer, former General Secretary for Austria; Mrs. Esther de Mezerville, former General Secretary for Central America; Mr. Sam Wylie, devoted and tireless worker in U. S. A.; Prof. Tolani, a Theosophist of long standing and latterly a worker at the Indian Section Headquarters at Varanasi; Uma Devi, previously known as Wanda Dynowska while she was General Secretary in Poland, and latterly an ardent worker for the cause of Tibetans in India and a translator

of Theosophical books into Polish; Sri Karunakaran Nair, a Theosophist of long standing and worker in Kerala; Sri Homi Coachbuilder, a similarly devoted worker in Bhavnagar, Gujarat—there are others whom I do not mention here for want of space. But with all of them go our affectionate good wishes and gratitude.

The activities of the Theosophical Order of Service figure in the Reports of the E. African Section, Australia, Scotland, Wales, India, the Philippines, Viet Nam and several other Sections. Many Lodges carry on such activities as part of their regular work and therefore do not make particular mention of them.

At Adyar, the work goes on steadily, as one might describe it, unhesitating, unrelaxing. The Theosophical Publishing House records a considerable increase in its sales. The Adyar Library's Report gives details of its work, which because of its specialized character I do not refer to here. The School of the Wisdom commenced its session this year on November 16th with Dr. I. K. Taimni as Director of Studies. It is to go on till about February 17th. The Vasanta Press has had an extremely busy year, working to its full capacity and has at last been shifted to the new building in Besant Gardens, specially designed and constructed for it.

Owing to the unexpected demise of the Recording Secretary, Miss Katherine Beechey, in May, I had to make a fresh appointment, and Mrs. Peggy de Vogel has for the time being taken her place. Miss Annie Tjioe returned to Adyar after a year abroad and has resumed her previous work as Treasurer of the Society, relieving Mr. K. N. Ramanathan who had gallantly taken on the burden of that office during her absence in addition to his work as Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House. Miss Elithe

Nisewanger, who had been my Secretary ever since I assumed office as President, retired from that office and went back to the U. S. A. last May, because of considerations of health, and Miss Margaret Flinter from Singapore is now acting in that capacity. As Miss Marion Caws had to leave India, Mrs. Bridget Paget took charge as Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist* and is now carrying on that work. Mr. K. B. Gosatkar was appointed as Superintendent of Bhojanasala, replacing Mrs. Sarojini Kannan. A new Superintendent had to be appointed to supervise Leadbeater Chambers after the departure of Madame Michele Robine who had to return to Australia. Pending the arrival of Miss Carin Citroen, who has very recently taken charge of Leadbeater Chambers, Mrs. Alwyn Miechel, offered to fill the gap, for which we are very thankful. All other Heads of Departments and Assistants are the same as before. The Vice-President and Mrs. Perkins have been in Sydney, Australia, during the year. They have been touring and lecturing in New Zealand recently.

Before I close I wish to draw attention to the fact that the Society's work is being carried on largely with the help of the donations and bequests we receive. The support of members throughout the world to the A. B. C. Fund, the Century Fund, the non-English Publications Loan Fund and other Funds, which I have mentioned in previous years, is needed as much as ever before. To all those who have helped financially or otherwise, our thanks are due.

As the Centenary of the Society is approaching, it is the wish of all the Sections to celebrate it in a fitting manner. The international Convention at Adyar in December 1975 will be a celebration to which many Sections are likely to send delegates. In addition to this the

Unites States Section has planned to organize a Congress in New York, where the Society was founded, to take place from November 14th to 20th, 1975. That Congress is intended to be somewhat like the World Congress held in Salzburg, Austria, in 1966. To ensure that all the celebrations throughout the world are co-ordinated as far as possible, the General Council has appointed a representative Committee, with the General Secretary for U. S. A. as its Chairman. But every Lodge and member of the Society would do well to consider what kind of preparation it or he should undertake to make the centenary the kind of climax it can be for the hundred years preceding it and the beginning of a new era for

the Society, unfolding new possibilities.

Adyar was selected by the Founders, among all the places they had visited, to be the Headquarters of the Society. We have to do all that we can to make it the kind of Centre it should be, both in its outer aspects and in the atmosphere created by the thoughts and work of all who reside here. Dr. Annie Besant wanted it to be a "flaming Centre". If it can be made such during the years preceding and immediately following the Centenary, those who have brought about that result would have made a signal contribution to the cause for which this world-wide Society exists, with Adyar as its heart and centre.

## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

The general income and expenditure account of the current year shows a deficit of Rs. 1,848/- against Rs. 3,534/- in the previous year. The Adyar Day Collections received during the year amounting to Rs. 51,700/- were allocated by the President as follows:

	Rs.
The Adyar Library ..	10,000
Faithful Service Fund ..	8,000
Olcott Harijan Free Schools ..	3,000
President's Discretionary Fund ..	1,000
Adyar Animal Welfare Fund ..	1,000
Welfare Fund ..	3,000
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund ..	25,700
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	51,700
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**1. Adyar Library:** The deficit under publication account is Rs. 8,491/- in the year mainly due to fall in the sale of Publications from Rs. 44,700/- (1969-70) to Rs. 23,600/- in the current year. The department has received a grant of Rs. 48,750/- from Ford Foundation of India during the year towards air-conditioning of the Manuscripts Room.

**2. Bhojansala:** The department shows a surplus of Rs. 833/- for the first time in the last ten years (against a deficit of Rs. 1,793/- last year) owing to stricter control over expenditure. There is an increase of Rs. 1,985/- under mess income in the current year without any significant increase in the expenditure.

**3. Garden Department:** There is a deficit of Rs. 3,878/- (against Rs. 19,469/- in 1969-70) in this year due to increase in the gross return under coconut sales. The expenses have not gone up this year and this is also a contributory factor in the reduction in the deficit. A sum of Rs. 2,139/- has been spent for casuarina development in the current year.

**4. Laundry Department:** The deficit has increased by Rs. 1,329/- over last year. As against an increase of Rs. 409/- in laundering charges, the expenditure has gone up by Rs. 1,739/- mainly under washing materials and fire wood.

**5. Leadbeater Chambers:** The deficit for the current year is Rs. 3,343/- as against Rs. 38/- in the last year. The fall in mess income and service charges are the main factors in the deficit.

**6. Maintenance Department:** There is a deficit of Rs. 27,917/- (against Rs. 33,300/-) in the current year. The income of the current year has gone down by Rs. 13,163/- over last year and the expenditure has also come down by Rs. 18,546/-.

**7. The Theosophical Publishing House:** The Publishing House has shown a surplus of Rs. 13,868/- over last year mainly due to increase in the sale of T. P. H. Publications which was higher by Rs. 43,000/- gross owing to larger orders for printing of sheets from the United States. The sale of incense sticks increased by Rs. 6,300/- whereas the sale of Adyar Library Publications fell by Rs. 18,000/-. The H. P. Blavatsky Publications Reserve has been created this year with an allocation of Rs. 35,000/-.

**8. Vasanta Press:** There is a surplus of Rs. 1,060/- in the net income of the

current year over last year. An allocation of Rs. 50,000/- has been made to the Machinery Replacement Fund to meet the cost of Mono Machine to be purchased in the near future.

**1. A. B. C. Fund:** A sum of Rs. 25,700/- has been transferred from the Adyar Day Collections and Rs. 1,103/- has been received as donations during the year. The present balance is Rs. 2,024,699/-.

**2. Century Fund:** Donations received during the year amounted to Rs. 12,634/-. The larger contributions are:-

	Rs.
i. T. S. Members of the Swedish Section	2,133.80
ii. T. S. in Colombia	1,533.44
iii. Various Swiss Members	1,103.33
iv. Miss Mary Anderson, Switzerland	1,260.00
v. T. S. in New Zealand	1,965.00

**3. Faithful Service Fund:** A sum of Rs. 8,000/- has been transferred from Adyar Day Collections, and the other donations received during the year totalled Rs. 1,869/-.

**4. General Fund:** There is an increase of Rs. 130,486/- in the current year by receipt of legacies of Rs. 22,918/- and transfer of Donations, Fees and Dues etc. for Rs. 107,568/-.

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5th December 1971

(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,  
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## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

"THERE are some," wrote Clara M. Codd in her memoirs, *So Rich a Life*, "who discover that when they join The Theosophical Society they can never leave it again." For those who perceive its essential aim, she suggested, membership is for "life and eternity." What is the nature of an organization that can call forth this kind of commitment? What vision is necessary to inspire an inner steadfastness of heart and mind untouched by the events of time? Such questions seem particularly appropriate as we attempt a review of the numerous eventful moments that have occurred in the first year-long stride we have taken into the decade of the Seventies. Both custom and law prescribe an annual accounting of the Society's affairs; yet even the most minute detailing of the Society's fortunes could not give us insight into its trans-temporal purposes or reveal the measure of its significance in the drama of world civilization.

For those for whom, like our beloved Clara, whose passing was one of the events to be recorded during the past year, membership in The Theosophical Society has opened upon a way of life a door never to be closed again, it is not so much a tabulation of statistics that marks the progress of our Movement as it is an interior personal vigilance of soul matched by an external tireless action in the service of others. In a world in which the shadows cast by man's inhumanity to man seem to lengthen with each passing year, on a planet on which the burden of humanity's unresolved problems seems only to grow heavier, the Theosophist with his vision of brotherhood may seem

an anachronism, his dream a wild fantasy never here to be realized. Yet this is the world in which one man of our humanity achieved supreme enlightenment; this is the planet whose soil felt the impress of the feet of the Christ. And what some have attained others may aspire to reach; where some have walked others may attempt to follow.

It is popular today to compare our current situation with that which characterized the final days of the great Hellenic culture and so to apply to the present human condition the phrase used in historical retrospect for the cause of the decline of Greek civilization, "a failure of nerve." He who joins The Theosophical Society "for life and eternity" can suffer no such failure; he cannot afford the luxury of despair or the ease of indifference. He knows the stakes are high, the risks are great, if the cause of human brotherhood be truly served, but he knows also there is no other way at all to go. His is the conviction of which H.S. Olcott, President-Founder of this Society, spoke in his inaugural address: ". . . in my soul I feel that behind us, behind our little band . . . there gathers a Mighty Power that nothing can withstand—the power of TRUTH!" And so he knows, past all doubting, that this Society was indeed as H.P. Blavatsky wrote, "generated through and founded by the 'High Masters'" and that, so founded, it "must and will live." A channel for an Ageless Wisdom, this Society can be the carrier of mankind's noblest dreams, providing the necessary thrust for humanity's lift-off into the orbits of peace and freedom.

As we here in the United States record another year of rapid growth in the ranks of our Society, reviewing splendid accomplishments born of our united endeavors, we must not forget that this Section is but one branch of a world-encircling banyan tree which is the total Society on the physical plane. Our achievements carry obligations; our good fortune brings responsibility, for our growth must be matched by our concern that others may share in the benefits of a philosophy so meaningful to us. The next time you read a Quest Book, visualize a small group of earnest students in Kyoto, Japan, struggling to understand *The Secret Doctrine*, coping with the English as much as with the philosophy, because the work is not available in Japanese. The next time you hear a lecture, listen with the ears of an Indonesian, hungry for the ideas yet unable to understand the language clothing the thoughts. Until Theosophy is available in every language man speaks, these life-giving, soul-enriching ideas cannot permeate the consciousness and motivate the actions of all the peoples of the world, and until that day, our task is far from done.

*International Conferences.*—Aware of our international obligations, therefore, as one section of a world Society, we were able to give visible expression to that responsibility during the past year through representation at a number of international gatherings. Hands were joined across borders and national boundaries in no less than six conferences or conventions at which this Section was represented by officers and leading members in our work. Foremost of these, of course, was the 95th Convention of The Theosophical Society at the world headquarters at Adyar, in December. For the second time since I assumed office as your National President, it was my privilege to be present at an Adyar

convention; as on the previous occasion, I represented our Section at the opening of the Convention and delivered one of the Convention lectures, in addition to attending the meetings of the General Council of the Society. On this trip, I was accompanied by the Editor of *The American Theosophist*, Mrs. Virginia Hanson, who also spoke at the Convention, on one of the symposia, and who shared the platform with me on other occasions during our sojourn at Adyar. En route to our world center, we were able to spend several days in Karachi, where a convention of the Pakistan Section was arranged to coincide with our visit and at which I gave a number of talks. Meeting and talking with members in that troubled and divided country, I became acutely aware of the many problems of the few who so tirelessly carry on the work of the Society in Pakistan, magnificently led by that indefatigable worker, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, who serves as Presidential Agent for the Section. Not only is there the problem of issuing theosophical literature in the major national languages of Urdu and Bengali, there is the need for a presentation especially geared to Muslim audiences, with attention given to the relation between theosophical ideas and the great truths of Islam.

In February, the Fourth Inter-American Congress was held in Bogota and Melgar, Colombia. The National Vice-President, Mr. Felix Layton, represented this Section officially at that Congress and at the several business meetings preceding it, when further steps were taken in the organization of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation of which we are a member. Mr. Luis Spairani, General Secretary of the Society in Argentina, was elected the Federation's first president; he reports that the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Federation has

already begun work to implement two major projects: the issuance of an Inter-American journal, and the translation and publication of an increasing number of theosophical books in Spanish. Mr. Layton and his wife, Eunice, who accompanied him to the Congress, visited several other countries in South America, including Argentina, Uruguay, and Brazil, speaking to members and public. En route to the Congress, Mr. and Mrs. Layton were able to accept speaking engagements in Puerto Rico. We were fortunate that two other well-known staff workers at Headquarters, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Loenholdt, found it possible in the course of a vacation trip to attend and participate in the Inter-American Congress; since they had been active in the work in the Colombian Section during the several years of their residency in that country, the Congress afforded the opportunity to renew links with members in Bogota and Cali. Traveling homeward to Olcott, they stopped briefly in Mexico City to meet with members. One of the happy results of their travels was the acquisition of a number of theosophical books in Spanish to add to the Spanish-language section of the Olcott Library.

A four-months' leave, which included a vacation period, enabled Miss Helen Zahara to accept the invitation of the Australian Section to tour the branches of that vast country and to be the guest speaker at the Section's Convention near Perth. While her return to Australia was in the nature of a home coming, since Miss Zahara had been that Section's General Secretary for eight years prior to her joining our Headquarters' staff in 1965, she is now not only a member of our Section, but so intimate a part of the major developments taking place in the theosophical work in this country that her travels this spring linked us directly

with members and activities in Australia and several other countries. Two other well-known workers from this Section, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Heintz of Ojai, were also present at the Australian Convention; they and Miss Zahara, traveling together on holiday, contacted members in Indonesia, Hong Kong, and Japan.

Two further events, this past year, served to remind us that the Society bridges national boundaries. The Labor Day weekend in September witnessed the second North American Theosophical Students Conference, co-sponsored by the American and Canadian Sections. Held in Detroit, this conference which it was our privilege to host this year focused on the theme of "H. P. Blavatsky and Today's Search for Meaning," with Mr. Boris de Zirkoff, editor of the *Collected Writings* of H. P. B., as guest speaker. In March, the Southern California Federation again stretched hands across the southern border for a bi-lingual meeting in Tijuana, Baja California, joining with members of the Mexican Section in a consideration of the theme, "Sin Fronteras" ("Without Frontiers"). Representing the National Headquarters on that occasion was the Director for the South-west District, Mrs. Hyta Tilson.

*1970 Convention-Summer School, Workshops and Seminars.*—National and regional gatherings of members in this Section have always played a significant part in the vitality of our work. The year under review opened, as is customary, with the Annual Convention—our Eighty-Fourth—and Summer School; held on the beautiful grounds of our own national center, Olcott, these sessions were devoted to an exploration of the challenging theme, "Theosophy Enters the 1970s." Following a general consideration of the work of the Society and the presentation of Theosophy particularly appropriate to these troublous times,

attention was given to a study in depth of the Three Objects. So exciting proved to be the discussions on each of the Objects, revealing unsuspected and often seldom-examined aspects of the Society's aims, that the major presentations on the Objects were later published and subsequently incorporated as part of a study course issued by the Department of Education.

The increasing importance of the theosophical summer camps, as centers for study and training in a relaxed, friendly and natural setting, signifies the growing recognition of the benefits to be gained from mutual investigation of the theosophical philosophy in a never-ceasing effort to improve our own presentations of the Ageless Wisdom. Once again, last August, special workshop/seminar sessions were arranged by the Department of Education, working closely with the various camp managements. With the aid of a scholarship program founded by a Kern Foundation grant, a number of members were assisted to attend these sessions. A new venture at Far Horizons in the High Sierras of an extended School of Theosophy curriculum included a week's program on "The Oneness of All Religions," with Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan as one of the principal resource speakers, followed by a week's study on "The Law of Action/Reaction," with Miss Helen Zahara as the key contributor. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton also assisted at the Far Horizons' sessions; later they participated in a seminar program at Camp Indralaya, on Orcas Island, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. McNiece for that camp's study of "Man the Measure of All Things." I was able to take part in the seminar week at Pumpkin Hollow Camp, where the study was also devoted to "Man the Measure of All Things," and where Mrs. Neelakantan joined me to assist with the

presentations. During the year, a new summer camp was inaugurated, with the formal establishment of the Ozark Theosophical Camp and Educational Centre, located near Sulphur Springs, Arkansas, on property donated by Mrs. Alma Klose, a member of the Kansas City Branch. We look forward to including that camp in the annual programs jointly sponsored through the Department of Education.

Members in other areas of the country are actively considering the development of camp sites. In furtherance of this objective, the Mid-South Federation hosted a Tri-Federation meeting last October at the Black Rock Mountain State Park in northwest Georgia. Miss Helen Zahara was the featured speaker at a seminar on "The Challenges of the Seventies," with members from the Gulf Coast and Florida Federations joining their colleagues in the Mid-South area for a weekend of study and discussion.

The idea of study weekends and week-long seminars seems to have become increasingly popular. While individual study is both necessary and important, group study can stimulate and challenge, permitting a give and take of ideas, a sparking of minds in an exchange of views, often leading to creative insights in a kind of flaming forth of new perceptions, sometimes missed in isolated study. During the past year, I was able to lead a weekend study session on *The Secret Doctrine*, held in New York City under the auspices of the North-east Federation, and to experiment with a week-long seminar on *The Secret Doctrine*, held at Olcott in place of our customary spring workshop session. The latter, attracting more than a dozen members from various parts of the country, and attended also by a number of staff members, proved to be a most successful experiment, with many expressing the hope that similar programs could be arranged in the future

to utilize the rich resources available at our national center. Unfortunately, because of emergency demands at Olcott, I had to cancel a two week seminar planned for this spring as part of the program of the Krotona School of Theosophy, but it is expected that this will be re-programmed for the new fiscal year.

In addition to these several national and regional gatherings, in which officials or representatives from Headquarters have participated, there have been, of course, the usual federation and branch activities that bring members together from time to time in pursuit of our common purpose. Reports of these activities, insofar as they are communicated to us, appear regularly in *The American Theosophist*. The value of such activities, however, cannot be over-estimated, for I believe it is the work at the local level—the coming together of members in smaller or larger groups, individuals unafraid of a diversity of views, willing to look without prejudice or temper at manifold interpretations of lofty concepts no one of us can grasp in their awe-inspiring wholeness—it is this work that provides the continuing thread of the Society's existence in the world about us. Whatever is done through Headquarters, whatever transpires at our national center, whatever programs and policies may be formulated by the National Board of Directors, ultimately the strength of our Movement in its physical incarnation is tested in the crucibles of individual and group effort.

*Lecture Tours.*—For this reason because of the significance of the work at the local level, I am always happy when circumstances permit me to travel among the branches, meeting and talking with members, feeling the pulse of the Society in groups large and small, sensing the needs, exchanging ideas, rethinking directions. In addition to the several gatherings, both in this country and abroad, which I have already

mentioned, I was able, during the past year, to visit a number of branches in the middle Atlantic states last fall, including Trenton, Philadelphia, Washington, Richmond, and Baltimore; during the spring, I visited the branches in Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Milwaukee, in addition to participating in the Texas Federation Convention at Austin.

In conjunction with her travels to the Tri-Federation meeting in Georgia last fall, Miss Zahara was able to visit briefly the study centers in Norfolk and Hampton-Newport News and to give a public lecture to an interested group of people in South Orange, New Jersey, before joining me in New York for the study weekend already referred to.

Some of the field workers, in the course of regional expansion or follow-up programs, have been able to visit areas adjacent to or near those in which concentrated series were being held. Mr. and Mrs. Layton were able, at the conclusion of their fall program in the north-west, to attend the West Coast Conference in San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. McNiece interrupted their preliminary work for the Regional Expansion program in Florida this spring to visit all the newer study centers in the Mid-South area, including the groups in Savannah, Columbia, Augusta and Charleston. Following the Florida series, Mr. and Mrs. McNiece returned to the Mid-South area for the federation meeting in Charlotte, after which they visited the groups in Greensboro and Mt. Gilead. Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt interrupted her spring series to fly to Ohio, where she participated in the federation conference in Akron.

While the nationally sponsored lecture visits would seem to have been minimal in comparison with the size of the country and the number of branches, one must take account of the efforts of local and

regional speakers, visiting groups other than their own. Often groups arrange joint meetings, as in the Los Angeles area where a number of branches meet together once a month; or groups arrange exchange visits, as in the Twin Cities area where Minneapolis and St. Paul branches play host to each other for special meetings. Even without the stimulus that may be provided by a national speaker, groups participating in such area exchange programs experience a dynamic revitalization through the interchange of program ideas in mutual discussion.

*Regional Expansion and Regional Expansion follow-up Programs.*—The Regional Expansion Program remains the major national effort to publicize Theosophy through direct lecture and class work in a selected number of cities. Under the competent leadership of the National Vice-President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Layton, and with the aid of substantial grants from the Kern Foundation to support extensive advertising and publicity in all the news media, the Regional Expansion series has continued to draw unusually large audiences, bringing increasing numbers of inquirers into direct personal contact with Theosophy. Assisted again this year by Mr. and Mrs. McNiece, the Laytons carried on the series last fall in the three northwest cities of Seattle, Portland and Spokane, with an initial audience of well over 1,000 in Seattle, benefiting not only the well-functioning branch in that city but also giving added impetus to the Quest Bookstore operated by that branch. During the spring months, following their South American tour, Mr. and Mrs. Layton focused on the Florida cities of Miami, Orlando and Tampa. In addition to giving assistance to the expansion program in those three cities, Mr. and Mrs. McNiece conducted a series of classes in Jacksonville, visited

the St. Petersburg Branch, and participated in the Florida Federation convention at Ft. Myers. At the close of the year, Mr. and Mrs. Layton reported that book sales had exceeded \$5,000; more than 150,000 publicity leaflets had been distributed, and over 150 new members added to the Society's rolls. The new members usually form their own study group within the branch structure of each city visited.

Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt focused her efforts this year on the Illinois-Wisconsin area, conducting programs last fall in the Illinois cities of Springfield, Decatur, Peoria and Joliet. In Springfield and Peoria new Official Study Centers were established as a result of Mrs. Gephardt's efforts. Very much in the spirit of the seasoned trooper whose motto is that despite any personal adversity "the show must go on," Mrs. Gephardt began her spring program right on schedule, although the disastrous fire in the T. P. H. Building, to which I shall refer later in this report, occurred less than a month before she was scheduled to leave Olcott on tour; since the fire broke out in the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Gephardt, their personal possessions, clothing, library, etc., were completely destroyed, but by some miraculous good fortune, Mrs. Gephardt's lecture notes were found untouched in an adjacent room. One can purchase new clothing, but the reconstruction of lecture notes would have been a long and difficult task! So, this spring, Mrs. Gephardt continued her work in this central area, with classes in Davenport, Iowa; Rockford, Illinois; and Madison, Wisconsin. The small branch in Rockford gained new strength, while study centers in Davenport and Madison were organized. In the latter city, seat of the University of Wisconsin, a group of young members, under the leadership of Charles Chesrow, had

initiated a study program on campus, displaying Quest books and other literature in the student union building; through their efforts, Mrs. Gephardt was presented in a lecture on the university campus, attracting a large number of students, many of whom later attended her formal series of classes. Mrs. Gephardt reports that during the year, approximately 64 members joined following her series of classes, and book sales at these series totaled more than \$1500.

Mrs. Jean Tappendorf has had a most active year covering many of the Western states. She reports carrying on lectures, classes, members' meetings and workshops in 13 cities in the states of Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and California. One of our most talented and creative workers, particularly skilled in the conduct of member-workshops in which new techniques for group work are demonstrated and practiced, Mrs. Tappendorf began her fall program with a series in Cheyenne and Casper, developing a small class to continue studies together in the first city, and greatly stimulating the active branch in the latter city. Moving on to Salt Lake City, Mrs. Tappendorf was able to bring new life and vitality to the center there, with a strong new group of members being added. Visits to the Tucson and Phoenix groups were most encouraging to the membership in those cities. After the first of the year, Mrs. Tappendorf concentrated her efforts on the California cities of Stockton, Berkeley, Santa Rosa, Bakersfield, and San Bernardino, with special talks in Oakland and San Francisco. New study groups were organized in those cities in which the Society had not previously been active, and the existing branch in Berkeley was aided. Among the unique opportunities which arose during the course of the year, Mrs. Tappendorf reports two of particular

interest: in Tucson, she was invited to give a series of workshops to a class in creativity conducted by Dr. Joseph Gullo at the University of Arizona, and during the period she was in the northern California area, she was invited to speak on comparative religion to a philosophy class at Mt. Diablo University.

The continued importance of adequate follow-up visits to those groups organized under the expansion programs, as well as of return visits to all the branches from time to time, is recognized by the National Board of Directors, who feel concern that increased attention must be given to this type of field activity. We have been extremely fortunate, again this past year, that this concern is shared by the Trustees of the Kern Foundation whose approval of our request for grants to cover the costs of the major follow-up programs has enabled us to carry on this effort. Without such substantial subsidies, which last year included grants to cover the entire cost of both Regional Expansion and Regional Expansion Follow-Up programs, it is doubtful that the Society alone could engage in as extensive a field program as has just been reported.

As mentioned earlier, however, the national efforts have been greatly augmented by the many local and regional efforts. Prominent among these must be mentioned the work carried on by Mr. Robert Peters, President of the Ohio Federation, who has continued this past year to conduct class series in several Ohio cities. Recognizing the importance and value of his efforts, and with assistance from the grant from the Kern Foundation designated to aid with the cost of advertising nationally sponsored lectures, the National Board of Directors allocated funds to Mr. Peters to assist in publicizing his series in the various cities. While his endeavors were necessarily on a more

modest scale than most of our national programs, it should be noted that two new Official Study Centers, in Marion and Cuyahoga Falls, were established as a direct result of Mr. Peters' work.

*Membership.*—It is inevitable that the exposure of an increased number of people to the theosophical philosophy, through our major lecture and expansion programs, as well as through the wide distribution of our literature and by other means which will be reported subsequently in this review, should bring about an ever-growing interest in the Society itself. For the fifth year in succession, I can report to you an increased membership. With 1034 new members joining the Society during the past year, our membership on May 31 stood at 5896, a net gain of 460 over the previous year; it has been more than four decades since we could record such growth in this Section, both in terms of new members admitted and in terms of total membership. During the year, however, resignations totalled 99, an additional 473 permitted their membership to lapse into inactivity, and 94 names were removed from the rolls by death. Among the latter were four who had served the work at our national center, Olcott. Mr. Fred Morgan, well known to readers of theosophical journals throughout the world and who had given some years of service at Headquarters passed away suddenly last July at his home in Ojai, California. In early August, after little more than three months on the staff, Mr. Tony Balch died suddenly at Olcott. Mr. Lee Roed, who had given incomparable service in the grounds and maintenance departments at Olcott for a period of ten years, died in November at a nursing home in northern California. Particular mention must be made of the death at Olcott in April of one of the most-loved theosophical

workers in this country, Samuel H. Wylie. A member for nearly 48 years, Mr. Wylie had served on the National Board of Directors for 14 years, had lectured and conducted Regional Expansion programs throughout the Section, and for the past 10 years had been head of the Building and Grounds Department at the National Headquarters. Surely he was one of those to whom Clara Codd's comment on membership "for life and eternity" must apply, for Sam communicated by his very presence his enthusiasm for and his abiding commitment to the Society and its ideals, leaving us all so much richer for having known him, a little poorer now for the absence of his physical presence.

In considering the present membership figures, it may be of interest to note that approximately 39% are members-at-large, unconnected with any branch or study center. This requires us, I believe, to give attention to the constant maintenance of channels of direct communication between the national center and the individual member; as I shall report later in this survey of the year's work, this is indeed a matter to which much thought is given in nearly every department of our activities. During the year just passed, the National Board of Directors accepted the dissolution of five branches and two study centers; while no new branches were chartered during the year, certificates were granted to 12 new Official Study Centres. Therefore, on May 31, our records indicate there were 109 Branches (or Lodges) and 43 Official Study Centers, giving us a total of 152 functioning groups throughout the Section.

The pace of membership growth, with the attendant need for care in the keeping of records, increased correspondence on matters relating to membership, and the many other tasks involved in this area

of administrative concern, has placed additional burdens upon our smoothly and efficiently functioning Membership Department. Our special appreciation is due to Mrs. Margery Parks, who heads that department, and to her capable assistant, Mrs. Beatrice Boroff, for the excellent manner in which they have met this accelerated expansion in the membership; we may also contemplate that if such growth continues, it will soon be necessary to place an additional worker in that department in order to cope with the numerous details that must have attention.

*Member-Society Relationships.*—It is appropriate to comment at this point on a resolution adopted at the 1970 Convention. The resolution states: "In order to assist the local branches in making the best possible use of the results of national expansion programs and to enable the local branches to hold the interest and enthusiasm of all members, the Convention recommends that the National President initiate a study of member-Society relationships at the local level." Accordingly, a series of questions was presented in three successive CONTACT letters this spring, with the result that a little more than one-third of all the organized groups responded thoughtfully and helpfully. Many groups reported that the initial questions stimulated the members to investigate the complete range of services to branches available through the National Headquarters, indicative of the fact, perhaps, that there may be occasionally a communications gap within the local branch as information from Headquarters sent to presidents or secretaries may not be shared with the total membership. It appeared that two major needs are felt by the branches: the need for continued frequent communication between Headquarters and the branches, and the need

for more frequent visits by national speakers to the local groups. Both of these proposals will certainly receive the careful study of the National Board of Directors.

The implications of a study of member-Society relationships, however, extend beyond this initial survey with the branches and study centers. Since, as I have just mentioned, a considerable proportion of our membership consists of members-at-large, unattached to local groups, I would propose that our study continue, not in terms of a one-time questionnaire, but by some other appropriate means that will encourage two-way communication between the membership and our national center. It is my own conviction, and I know a conviction shared by many, that the Society is not like a magazine to which one subscribes for a year on a trial basis; the Theosophical Movement is unique in the world, with roots that extend deep into the universal consciousness of humanity, into the rich soil of an all-nourishing wisdom. To be part of this Movement is to be attached for life to a living, vital organization whose influence upon the thought of the world can be—and must be—of such significance as to transform the world. The Society is international in scope, as well as local and national; a continuing study of member-Society relationships must encompass not only our immediate area problems, but must be broadened to include an awareness of needs, obligations, and responsibilities in the total Movement.

*Department of Information.*—Turning now more directly to a survey of the service departments at Headquarters, we may note first the growth of activity in the Department of Information, that department which reflects directly the increased interest among the general public in the literature and philosophy of Theosophy. A change in personnel

occurred in this department last July, when at the conclusion of the Summer Sessions, Mrs. Estelle Case became Mrs. Jay Finley Downs in a wedding held in the Meditation Room at Olcott. Fortunately, when Mrs. Downs left Headquarters to accompany her husband to their home in Tacoma, Miss Frieda Yordy, who had spent some months on the staff previously and had rejoined us in June, was available to assume the duties of the Department of Information.

Through the department, form letters about Theosophy and the services of the Society are sent to all general inquirers, as well as to all book purchasers; during the past year, a total of 5,884 such letters were mailed out, an increase of nearly 2,000 over the previous year. Quite naturally, a great deal of correspondence is generated as a result of this initial letter contact, many inquiring about membership; Miss Yordy reports that as a consequence 86 members joined the Society through the Department of Information. As some of the letters from non-members contain questions on abstruse philosophical topics, Mrs. Virginia Hanson in the Department of Education has often been called on to handle that aspect of the correspondence, and she reports that 34 individuals have joined the Society as a result of those contacts. A major service of the Department of Information consists in sending the publicity leaflets to individual inquirers requesting them, as well as keeping the publicity table in the reception hall at Olcott supplied with these pamphlets for the benefit of non-member visitors to Headquarters. More than 41,000 leaflets were distributed in this manner during the past year. In addition, of course, the Department of Information maintains a mailing list for circularizing those interested with announcements of the various public activities at Olcott,

and with the steady increase in attendance at these activities, the mailing list has continued to grow proportionately.

*The Olcott Library and Research Center.*—It is only natural that the increased interest in Theosophy, as reported by the Department of Information, together with the larger number of visitors coming into the national Headquarters to inquire about Theosophy and the Society, should result in greater usage of our library service. With the establishment of an Oriental Section, in which students and scholars can engage in solid research in the fields of Eastern philosophies, religions and cultures, and with the general expansion of the Western Section, it seemed only appropriate that the national library should now be officially designated the Olcott Library and Research Center. Two reasons conjoin to make this name of especial significance: first, of course, because the library is at our national center, known as Olcott; and second, because it directly memorializes the President-Founder, Col. H. S. Olcott, whose establishment of the Adyar Library and Research Center brought into existence an institution devoted to "the revival of Oriental literature" and the bridging of eastern and western thought through a collection of works on the topics specifically referred to in the Society's Second Object. It can be stated without reservation that our library in this Section has developed into an outstanding resource and research center for specific studies in comparative religions, philosophies and cultures—both eastern and western as well as ancient and modern—in addition to its pre-eminence as a source of theosophical literature.

Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, librarian at the Adyar Library and Research Center, completed two years of service at Olcott in November; during that time, with the aid of a major grant from the Kern

Foundation, she established and professionally catalogued our extensive Oriental Section. Complete sets of reading lists on the various subjects of Eastern religions, philosophies, and cultures have been prepared; these indicate how excellently the library is equipped for scholarly and professional studies and research in these fields. We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Neelakantan for her competent work in the library during the period she could be with us; fortunately, she is still able to serve in an advisory capacity, recommending new acquisitions in the Oriental Section and providing the essential catalogue cards.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Loenholdt, who continue as the outstanding team in charge of the library, report that during the past fiscal year a total of 6,204 books were circulated, for an average of over 500 books a month; more than 53% of these were borrowed by individuals visiting our library, whereas slightly more than 46% were sent by mail. Membership in the library increased by 25% during the past year, so that the library's active membership list now totals 1,063. However, let me call special attention to the fact that while 60% of the active members of the library are members of the Society, only about 10% of the Society's membership have taken advantage of this unique source of study materials; the availability of this service to every member, as part of his membership, cannot be given sufficient emphasis.

The continued acquisition of books by gift and purchase constantly increases our superb collection; last year, 1,797 books were accessioned for placement on the library shelves. Among these were a substantial number of theosophical works in Spanish, so that now an excellent Spanish Section is available for readers in that language. One needs to visit the library on a regular work day to appreciate

its numerous activities, including such diverse services as aiding students in the selection of titles, repairing and rebinding worn books, listing, classifying and cataloguing new titles—all of which are essential to an efficiently functioning library. We were most fortunate that just prior to Mrs. Neelakantan's departure from Olcott, we could add Miss Victoria Mucie to our library staff. In addition, the services of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne White, former librarians at Olcott, were utilized for approximately three months during the year, and the part-time assistance of Mrs. Marian Bateman, also a former librarian, for about four months has been invaluable in the work of accessioning new titles.

A particularly valuable service rendered by our librarians is the preparation and dispatch of basic theosophical libraries, each containing between 50 and 75 titles, to newly organized study centers. During the past year, 12 Official Study Centres authorized by the National Board of Directors were the recipients of this specialized service.

*Department of Education.*—In spite of the four month absence of its chairman, Miss Helen Zahara, the Department of Education reports another extremely active year, providing services and materials for branches, study centers, and members-at-large, as well as contributing to the activities of other departments at Headquarters. The staff of this department are all deeply involved in the programs which receive funding from the Kern Foundation, and while the report of those programs appears later in this survey, it must be recognized that there is a considerable overlapping of the educational developments with the Kern Foundation supported activities. A major personnel change in the department occurred in August, when Mrs. Diane Burckes joined the staff to assume duties

as secretary to Miss Zahara. She has assisted with the preparation of a number of the department's projects and fortunately was able to assume some editorial duties connected with *The American Theosophist*, which enabled Mrs. Hanson to be absent for some weeks on the trip to Adyar in December.

Miss Marion Peterson, whose efficient service as secretary of the Department of Education is so outstanding, reports that during the past year some 621 program units, consisting of tapes, audio-visual programs, art programs, sound films, and study courses, were sent out on loan to the branches and study centers, an increase of 179 over the previous year. In addition, many members-at-large have taken advantage of the availability of the tape library to borrow selected titles for individual listening. Two new study courses, with discussion guides and tapes, were added to the listings of materials available to groups: (1) *The Fundamentals of Theosophy* compiled by Ianthe Hoskins and originally produced by The Theosophical Society in England and (2) a course on *The Three Objects of The Theosophical Society*, based on the talks given at the 1970 Summer School. Our film library was enriched by the addition of 10 prints of the award-winning Quest Books film, "How Many Lifetimes?". This film was borrowed 63 times by the branches, nearly all reporting an enthusiastic reception of its showing. In each case, a copy of the printed discussion guide was supplied with the film for the use of the sponsoring group.

During the year, Mr. E. Norman Pearson arranged for the transfer to the Department of Education of all the tape-visual programs produced by himself and his wife, Elsie, thus increasing the number of titles in the Pearson tape-visual library, to a total of 26. These were borrowed 61 times during the year.

New tapes were also added to the general tape library, with recordings of recent lectures by James S. Perkins, John B. S. Coats, Joy Mills, Mattie Louise Gephardt, and Richard W. Brooks.

The Department of Education has now released a second children's kit, this one designed especially for use with grade school children. The material included in the kit emphasizes brotherhood, kindness to animals, ecology and some of the major theosophical concepts through recommending a variety of activities and experiences in which the young child can engage. The kit includes supplementary material drawn from a number of well-known educational sources. Mrs. Edith Schlosser was particularly responsible for the preparation of the children's kit. She has also assisted with the editing of manuscripts, the preparation of new reading lists for the Olcott Library and Research Center, and the initiation of a new study course to be issued during the coming year. Mrs. Schlosser, certainly one of the most versatile members of our Headquarters Staff, carries on a variety of duties, including the preparation of the Olcott Sunday lecture publicity.

The department continues to offer two correspondence courses, with Mr. George E. Linton of Portland and Mrs. Alicia Ripple of Ojai serving as advisors for those undertaking this type of home study program. A new manual, directed to the work of the study centers, was completed and issued during the year. In conjunction with the National Committee on Universal Brotherhood, the Department of Education again issued a series of Brotherhood Bulletins, for the preparation of which we are especially indebted to Mr. Clarence Pedersen. Of particular appeal seemed to be a "non-contest" announced in February, when members were invited to submit essays on the subject of improving human relations;

more than 60 individual papers were received, plus one entry submitted by an entire branch working together on the project.

In addition to her duties as editor of *The American Theosophist*, Mrs. Hanson continues to give part of her time to the Department of Education, being in charge of the growing program of letters to new members and also handling correspondence with students and inquirers, as already mentioned. Mrs. Hanson reports that with the excellent assistance of Mrs. Magdalene Pierro in keeping all the records and addressing envelopes for the new members' letters program, 18,933 letters were mailed out during the last year, an increase of more than 3000 over the previous year, obviously reflecting the growth in membership generally. Naturally these letters, sent monthly to all new members during the first two years of membership, frequently elicit questions or comments to which Mrs. Hanson must reply, and she reports that as a consequence of this further correspondence, she has contact with approximately 17% of the new members receiving the letters.

Special mention should be made of the contributions of Mrs. Jean Tappendorf who, during periods at Olcott between lecture assignments, has worked on the development of new program material. Mr. Jim Person, whose staff duties include chauffeuring and multilithing, has also given part time assistance to the department, inspecting and repairing films and copying tapes. Records of the publicity leaflets are kept in the Department of Education, with attention given from time to time to necessary revisions, alterations or additions to our series of pamphlets; during the past year, 18 titles were reprinted and a new pamphlet, *When Death Occurs*, was issued.

*The American Theosophist* and *Discovery*.—A vital link in membership

communication is *The American Theosophist*, official organ of the Section, in which appears regularly all official news, reviews of the programs of branches, federations, conferences, summer camps, and the various allied activities, as well as articles of general interest to the membership.

Continuing the practice inaugurated some years ago, two special issues of *The American Theosophist* were published last year. The theme of the Fall 1970 issue was "Meditation," while that of the Spring 1971 issue concerned "Some Approaches to Healing." Both issues have had an outstanding reception; the supply of the issue on meditation is completely exhausted and many requests have been received for its reprinting. A new cover for these special issues was adopted for the Spring 1971 edition. Mr. Thomas A. Curran was responsible for its design which has drawn extremely favorable comment. Sales of the special issues have been greatly augmented by their display in the Quest Bookshop of The Theosophical Publishing House.

In her summary of the year's work, Mrs. Hanson acknowledges her—and our—appreciation to the Editorial Advisory Committee, Mrs. Blanche Kilbourne, Mr. Capel McCutcheon, Mr. John Nimick and Mrs. Edith Schlosser, for their helpful advice and assistance in the evaluation of manuscripts submitted for publication. The size of the magazine—and any increase in the number of pages would add considerably to the cost of publication—and the many official or semi-official matters requiring inclusion in *The American Theosophist* as our official organ, prohibit the immediate publication of many excellent articles that receive the approval of the Advisory Committee, but Mrs. Hanson has continued to render, I think, a superior service in striking a balance between articles, both inspirational

and informative, and business news, while at all times maintaining a standard of outstanding excellence in editorial performance.

The small leaflet, *Discovery*, for the publication of which Mrs. Hanson is also responsible, continues to serve an extremely valuable purpose in reaching nonmembers and inquirers. Sixty-four branches, in addition to the Canadian Federation and the Puerto Rican Section, subscribe to this journal, employing it as the means for publishing their own public programs and activities. Distribution of *Discovery* to branches and members is handled through the Membership Department, and Mrs. Beatrice Boroff, who is chiefly responsible for the maintenance of circulation records, reports that during the past year 97,807 copies were distributed, an increase of more than 13,000 over the previous year. A number of individual members purchase *Discovery* for redistribution to interested friends and inquirers, and through Headquarters, a copy is sent each month of publication (September through May) to all members-at-large. A continuing grant from the Kern Foundation enables branches and members utilizing this excellent little publication to receive a 50% subsidy on all quantity orders.

*The Theosophical Publishing House.*—Continuing in the forefront of our efforts to popularize Theosophy, as the major thrust in the dissemination of the Ageless Wisdom, is the work of The Theosophical Publishing House. The priceless heritage of our literature, enriched each year with the addition of new works, must be counted foremost among the greatest assets of the Theosophical Movement. It is appropriate indeed, therefore that the second major structure on our headquarters' estate should be principally devoted to the activities of the Publishing House. The story of the

new building during the past year, however, is one of both triumph and tragedy, although overriding both aspects of the story is the record of magnificent achievement, of remarkable endurance, of inspiring cooperation. July 11, 1970 was a day of rejoicing, as we met during the 84th Convention to dedicate the new building: Mrs. Marget Hamilton, Mayor of the City of Wheaton, and Mr. Paul Williams, representing the Corporate Trustee of the Kern Foundation, joined with the officers of the Society and the members present to make this a truly auspicious occasion. Here, in brick and mortar, was represented the faith, the determination, the combined efforts of the membership; built out of the mickles and muckles of our own resources, the building was dedicated to the lofty ideals given expression in all the books that would move through it to members and public. In the early morning hours of February 2, 1971, black smoke billowed from second floor windows as the new building was scarred by fire. Tragedy, yes, and yet a new kind of triumph emerged, the triumph of human dedication in a determination to get on with the work no matter what the cost in personal effort and sacrifice. Seldom, I am sure, has a group of individuals been more united, more beautifully courageous, more willing to tackle the seemingly impossible than was the Olcott Staff on that memorable February day. Whatever other events this incarnation may hold, I can truly say that I shall never forget, and certainly shall never cease to be grateful for, the experience of inspiring comradeship evidenced on that cold February day when every member of our headquarters' family asked but one question: "What can *I* do?" and, united in spirit, bound by the ties of our mutual dedication to the cause we serve, linked in an affection beyond personal concern, we all moved

as one to begin the long, slow process of restoration. So long as there is within this Society such a group of servers, we may be confident that the work to which we have set our hands will prosper, our cause *must* succeed, our ideals and dreams *will* be realized. Let no one underestimate the power of a few when those few are united.

Under the excellent management of Mr. Clarence R. Pedersen the Publishing House moved forward to a new record of sales achievement, expanding its activities in a number of new directions. The fire itself caused the loss of only one day of business operation. Consequently, I can report that overall sales in the Publishing House were in excess of \$285,000 this year, an increase of some \$75,000 over the previous year. With an estimated gross profit of nearly \$130,000, it appears that net profit may be approximately \$25,000, an excellent record in view of the inevitable increase in operating expenses within the department. In considering the total financial picture of the Publishing House, it must be remembered that a greater volume of business does necessitate a greatly increased inventory, so that the amount invested in T.P.H., in addition to such assets as building and equipment, includes a major investment in book inventory in order to meet anticipated demands.

A major development in the operation of the Publishing House has been the continued addition of sales representatives, calling upon dealers in various parts of the country. Following an initial program, inaugurated last year in the utilization of four representatives in eleven western states, we now have ten representatives covering all but the southeastern states. The effectiveness of this program may be gauged by noting that dealer sales this year moved to a new high in excess of \$172,000, or nearly \$60,000

more than the previous year. Plans are under way to increase the number of salesmen representing us, as well as to utilize the services of a major book exporter to represent us on the foreign markets.

The visibility of our retail store, the Quest Bookshop of Wheaton, in its present location in the new building has naturally resulted in increased retail sales. Water damage resulting from the fire caused the bookstore to be out of operation for one week, but the reopening of the facility constituted a record achievement in terms of man-hours of labor. Retail sales through the bookstore totaled more than \$16,000 during the past year, more than 50% increase over similar sales for the previous year. Mrs. Zella Balch is the indefatigable manager of the bookstore in addition to her duties as a receiving clerk in T.P.H. Assisted by Miss Marie Minor, with occasional relief from others, Mrs. Balch sees that the bookstore is open six full days a week as well as every Sunday afternoon.

Mention of the Quest Bookstore reminds us of the signal honor that came to us this year in the award received from the Chicago Lighting Institute for excellence in the interior illumination of the bookstore. This now hangs in a prominent place in the bookstore, reminding us that such a lighting award may be truly symbolic of the essential fact that our literature is intended indeed to shed illumination in a darkened world, to enlighten the minds and hearts of people everywhere.

With the availability of Miss Marie Minor, who had been for some time an assistant in the Membership Department, the Publishing House instituted a regular program of direct mail advertising, largely subsidized by a grant from the Kern Foundation. Mailings are spaced approximately six weeks apart, with returns estimated as between 2.2% and 3.1%, an

average which we are assured is very good for direct mail advertising. Total sales of approximately \$3,000 are directly attributable to this program, which is under the efficient direction of Miss Minor. She reports that at the beginning of the program, some 3700 names were on the mailing list, while the last mailing of the fiscal year went to nearly 8000 names.

The Publishing House continues to perform the much appreciated service of handling sales of the Society's publicity leaflets, when these are ordered in quantities, particularly by the branches. During the past year, more than 112,000 leaflets, including the popular *To Those Who Mourn* used by a number of individuals to send to families suffering bereavement, were sold. The continuation of the grant from the Kern Foundation enables branches ordering leaflets in quantity to receive a 50% subsidy of the cost, certainly a helpful contribution to the work at the local level where these pamphlets should serve a vital purpose in supporting, complementing and expanding the public activities of every branch.

In spite of a number of personnel changes within the ranks of the T.P.H. team the closely knit group of workers in that department are a remarkable example of adaptability, meeting crises with beautiful equanimity, exchanging duties as circumstances may require, and all pulling together in unity to carry on the ever increasing tasks which are an inevitable part of a growing publishing and book business. Among those who left during the past year, after longer or shorter periods of service in the Publishing House, we must mention Mr. Stephen Englander, Mr. Alfie Gizzo (who returned following the fire to lend some weeks of assistance during that critical period), Mr. Dennis Konschake, Mr. Theodore Masek, Mrs. Elizabeth Templer,

Mrs. Leatha Webb, Mrs. Jacqueline Bush, Mrs. Dolores Anderson, and Mr. Wallace Wilson. Some of these had been resident members of our staff, while others were non-resident, non-member employees. At the end of the fiscal year, the Publishing House staff comprised—in addition to Mr. Pedersen, Mrs. Balch and Miss Minor, Mr. Randolph Miles of our resident staff, in charge of the shipping department, with Mr. Harvey Dastrup as a full-time non-resident employee and Mr. James Caulfield as a part-time employee assisting in shipping, and, in the office, Mrs. Doris Hughes, Mrs. Joan Bergman and Miss Priscilla Anderson as full-time non-resident employees, with Mr. James Flint and Mr. Stephen Blackburn giving occasional part-time service as their college programs permitted. To all, non-resident as well as resident staff workers, whether giving long-term or brief service, we are tremendously indebted. Even the noting of the fact that more than 22,000 invoices were processed during the past year cannot indicate the volume and extent of the work that flows through this extremely busy and vital department of the Society.

Each year, of course, brings the addition of a number of new titles to our standard listings of theosophical works. While the majority of additions are in the continually growing Quest Book lists, the three major Publishing Houses—Adyar, London and Wheaton—continue to produce notable works in hard-cover editions—either as new titles or reprints. Among the publications of our own Publishing House, special mention must be made of the appearance of Vol. I of the new, definitive edition of *Isis Unveiled*, of which Mr. Boris de Zirkoff has served as editor. The re-appearance under our imprint of this first major work from the pen of H. P. Blavatsky, issued now in new format with an extensive introduction and biography

of the author contributed by Mr. de Zirkoff, must be counted as a landmark publishing event. Two other works published this year under our imprint deserve special attention: *Man, Son of Man* by Sri Madhava Ashish, for which we obtained the American rights from Rider & Co. of England, and *Mathematics of the Cosmic Mind* by L. Gordon Plummer. Both of these works, beautiful in format and unique in content, are major contributions to our literature, based on solid research into and intuitive perception of the eternal truths restated for us in *The Secret Doctrine*. A number of works have been reprinted during the year, and the outflow of publications from both Adyar and London continues to bring us significant and invaluable titles for study, reflection, and sharing as we ourselves seek to know Theosophy and to disseminate it ever more widely.

One further notable development in the activities of the Theosophical Publishing House deserves mention: this is the establishment, by authorization of the National Board of Directors, of the H.P. Blavatsky Publications Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to attract contributions from both members and non-members to ensure the continued publication (including reprinting) of the volumes in the series known as the *Collected Writings* of H. P. Blavatsky, edited by Boris de Zirkoff. To assist in the growth of this fund, a percentage on the sale of all Blavatsky works is allocated annually to it. Hopefully, we may bring into print as much of the Blavatsky opus as is possible by our centennial year, 1975.

*Quest Books.*—The publication of high quality paper backs under the Quest Books label continues to be not only the major program supported by a grant from the Kern Foundation, but also one of the most significant activities in which we are

engaging in terms of its impact on our efforts to spread Theosophy. The number of titles published since the inception of the program in 1966 now totals 70, with the addition of 12 titles during the past year. Six new titles were issued in paperback, one of these appearing simultaneously in hard cover; another title was issued in cloth binding, with the paperback edition to be released in the new year. Four titles were added to the Quest Books for Children series; one work was issued as a Quest Book for Young Adults, and two titles were added to the Quest Miniature series. During the year, seven titles were reprinted, with print runs increased to 25,000 copies per title. Increased sales demand requires such large print orders, forcing us to carry considerable reserves in public storage facilities. These facilities are beginning to prove impractical for a number of reasons, and again I must direct attention to the urgent need now upon us to provide adequate storage facilities on our own grounds. While this will represent a further major expenditure, the continued efficient functioning of our total publishing venture, including the proper preservation of reserve stocks and the accurate inventoring of that stock as well as the ready accessibility of stock, demands that we face up to this obligation.

Nearly 151,000 Quest Books were sold last year, including approximately 4500 Quest Books for Children. This represents an increase of almost 50,000 books over last year's total indicative of the continuing impact of our advertising program and the benefit to be derived from expanded sales representation. Several Quest Book titles are being listed as required reading in a number of college courses, and we are particularly fortunate that the Theosophical Book Gift Institute is able to

meet the numerous requests from professors for examination copies of Quest Books, pending their adoption as texts or supplementary reading in a variety of courses. When it is noted that the inventory of Quest Books is maintained separately from the inventory of the Publishing House, T.P.H. taking books into its own inventory only as required, we must acknowledge that the Quest Book inventory of approximately \$150,000 represents a considerable asset as part of our total reserves.

*National Advertising.*—Without the major financial support of the Kern Foundation which provides an extensive national advertising program, it would be impossible to record the outstanding book sales that have been indicated. In addition, it must be recognized that it would be impossible to maintain such an advertising program without a subsidy, for our own resources could not permit an undertaking of this magnitude. However good or valuable a product one may have, others must be informed of its existence and availability, if the product is to be shared. It is not so much that Theosophy competes in the market place of ideas, for I am convinced the theosophical philosophy is without competition in its universality and its uniqueness, nor does the literature of Theosophy compete with other publications, for it is unrivaled in its excellence, but we must tell our story, must inform all who would seek knowledge and understanding that there is a literature readily at hand to aid in the search for wisdom. Recognizing the importance of advertising as a means for the broader dissemination of Theosophy, the Trustees of the Kern Foundation have encouraged us, by the approval of our requests for major allocations, to engage in a broad-based dynamic advertising program. We have continued to engage the outstanding professional services of Wolf & Krautter,

Inc., of Chicago, with whom we have formed one of the happiest of working relationships. That firm is responsible for the design, production, and placement of the Quest Book and related advertising in such publications as the trade journal, *Publishers Weekly* and, to reach the retail market, the *New York Times* Book Review Section, *Saturday Review*, *National Observer*, *Harpers*, *Atlantic*, *Psychology Today*, *Psychic*, *Book World* (*Chicago Tribune* and *Washington Post*), *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*. In addition, we ourselves undertook small promotional efforts, principally in some of the Wheaton area papers as well as other publications, in addition to the direct mail advertising already referred to as part of the T.P.H. operation. The periodic production of price lists and brochures, both for the retail trade and for the dealer market, must be included as part of our total advertising program. To a great extent, the advertising program is designed to support and aid the efforts made by our salesmen in calling on dealers, while at the same time exposing every title to general advertising that will alert book readers to the availability of this literature. One need only note that our total book sales have moved from approximately \$53,000 in 1966, just prior to the full-scale initiation of the national advertising program, to the record high of over \$285,000 this year, an increase of over 500% in five years, to appreciate the value and importance of the advertising efforts.

In addition to the general advertising programs just noted, emphasis has also been given to the fact that we now serve as sole agency for the distribution of the Adyar Library Series of Oriental texts, a most eminent series of works commanding high academic respect. Advertisements in academic and professional journals, such as the *Journal of*

*Asian Studies, Philosophy East and West, Review of Meta-physics, and the Journal of Indian Philosophy* called attention to these works, as well as to the book lending services of the Olcott Library and Research Center. A display booth at the Conference of the Associations for Asian Studies, held this year in Washington, D.C., was arranged, with Dr. Charles S. J. White and Dr. Richard W. Brooks in charge and Mr. Stephen Blackburn assisting; an advertisement was also placed in the program brochure of that conference.

*Quest Bookshops.*—The continued expansion of the Quest Bookshops of New York and Seattle, operated by the branches in those two cities, augers well for the future development of this type of program. The New York Theosophical Society reports book sales of \$17,284 for the past fiscal year, a slight drop from the preceding year due to a number of factors, but efforts are now planned to step up an advertising and promotional mailing campaign in the expectation of increasing sales during the coming year. Assets held by the bookstore include an inventory in excess of \$7,500. Merchandise sales of \$8,771 are reported by The Theosophical Society in Seattle for the operation of its Quest Bookshop, an increase of nearly \$3,000 over the previous year, certainly an excellent record in view of the depressed economic conditions in the Seattle area. Fortunately, in Seattle a number of members are available to contribute their time and services to the work at the bookstore, eliminating salary expenses which, in the case of New York, constitute a major factor in the operation. An inventory in excess of \$5,500 places the Seattle Quest Bookshop in an excellent position for the continuation and expansion of its service.

*Quest Books Film.*—In terms of exposure to theosophical ideas, no medium

could be considered more effective than that of film, for our first Quest Books Film, "How Many Lifetimes," has now been viewed by an estimated audience in excess of six million people. The recipient of a number of major awards, this film was named by *Business Screen* in January 1971 as one of the 50 "most honored films" of 1970, out of a field of 15,000 films. While this recognition reflects on the technical and artistic production achieved for us by Moynihan Associates of Milwaukee, we cannot help but rejoice that the theosophical philosophy should be presented in so excellent a manner. Our contract with Modern Talking Picture Service, Inc., has proved most satisfactory and the demand has exceeded all expectations. The distributor has listed the film in some 30 promotional pieces, resulting in 324 requests that could not be filled and causing us to increase the number of prints to a total of 80 placed at the disposal of Modern Talking Pictures. That service reports that there were 162 telecasts of the film to an estimated viewing audience in excess of 5,800,000, while general group showings totaled 2,766 for a viewing audience of more than 112,000. In the case of the general group showings, the sponsoring organization (in many instances a high school or college) receives our specially designed discussion guide to assist in the presentation of the film. Reports returned to us indicate the wide acceptance of the ideas presented in the film as well as a keen interest in the discussion of the topics outlined in the guide. A number of requests for Quest Books have been received by the Theosophical Book Gift Institute from school libraries who have seen the announcement on this contained in the discussion guide brochure.

As already mentioned, the Department of Education has provided a film

distribution service for our own branches. In addition, I presented a copy of the film, as a gift of the American Section, to the International Headquarters; a showing was part of the International Convention at Adyar when I was present last December, and since I had the copy of the film with me as I traveled, I was able to show it also as part of the Pakistan Convention. A showing of the film was also the main public event at the North American Theosophical Students Conference last fall.

The overwhelming response to the release of our first film, and the excellent record on its demand, resulted in final approval being given by the Kern Foundation Trustees for the release of a grant to initiate production of a second Quest Books Film. This film, which will be on the subject of reincarnation, is now in the early stages of production, with its release anticipated some time in the new fiscal year.

*Radio.*—The popularity and wide-spread distribution of our first Quest Books Film and the anticipated expansion of a film program over the next several years have not diminished the importance of the national radio effort, which is carried on by a number of branches. A steady and continuing response to the broadcasts would indicate that this medium of communication remains a significant method for the presentation of Theosophy to relatively large audiences. Although the grant from the Kern Foundation, this year reduced to \$9,000, was supplemented by approximately \$5,300 received from the Edith Gray Trust, the National Radio Fund was unable to support the extensive assistance program maintained in recent years. Therefore, in order to provide more equitable distribution of the funds available, the National Board of Directors announced in January that in the new fiscal year there would be a return

to the policy of granting only one-half assistance to meet the cost of broadcasting by any branch utilizing radio with some assistance also available to advertise the radio talks. During the past year, Theosophy was on the air in 13 cities. The Foundation for Radio Theosophy, with Mrs. Sylvia Chase as its newly elected Executive Secretary, continues to be responsible for the maintenance and handling of tapes in connection with the radio broadcasts in the various cities.

*The Kern Foundation.*—For a little over five years now, the American Section has been receiving substantial grants from the Kern Foundation. The dramatic growth of the Society's activities and programs during that period has been cause for much rejoicing. We are now able, quite literally, to reach millions of people with the message of Theosophy, presented via the media of film, radio, and the printed word, as well as by lectures, discussions, and classes. Herbert A. Kern, in establishing the Foundation that bears his name, sought "to aid in the spiritual enlightenment of his fellow man through the wider dissemination of the theosophical philosophy." His objective presented us with both a challenge and an obligation, which we have sought to meet and discharge to the best of our ability and capacity. More than twenty programs have received grants from the Kern Foundation; this year, in excess of \$382,000 has been disbursed to the Society by the Foundation to assist with or fully support programs approved by the Corporate Trustee upon the recommendation of the Kern Foundation Programs Committee and at the request of the National Board of Directors. Separate ledger accounts are maintained for each program and the financial statements on the Kern Foundation subsidized programs will appear concurrently

with those of the Society, following the customary audit. In many instances, of course, programs have additional financial support from the Society's own resources, among which must be considered the numerous individual contributions of both time and money at the local level.

Nearly every section of this report indicates some application of Kern Foundation support; there is scarcely an area of our work that has not been affected in some degree by the existence of this Foundation. Funds alone, however, could not so radically transform our operations, increasing our membership, inaugurating new programs, and in numerous other ways stimulating the Society's activities. Only the devotion and dedication of theosophical members at Headquarters and throughout the Section, working in unison to achieve the objectives for which the Society exists, can insure the proper utilization of and maximum benefits from the grants provided by the Kern Foundation, for it is people—loyal, steadfast, earnest workers—who will ever constitute the Society's greatest resource and make possible its beneficent influence in the world.

The one name which has become almost synonymous with the Kern Foundation supported programs is that of Miss Helen Zahara, whose truly incomparable management of the numerous activities which are either wholly or partially funded by the Foundation's grants has set a record of unmatched achievement. The encouragement, assistance, and helpful advice received from Mr. John C. Kern, Advising Trustee and member of the Kern Foundation Programs Committee, and from Mr. Paul T. Williams, Vice-President of Northern Trust Company, the Corporate Trustee, have been greatly appreciated, and the working relationship among us all is

one of happiest cooperation in our efforts to further the purpose for which Mr. Kern established the Foundation. During the absence of Miss Zahara this past spring, I acted as coordinator of the several programs, and must express therefore my personal gratitude to both Mr. John Kern and Mr. Williams for their courtesy and helpfulness to me during that time. Needless to say, without the assistance of many others, especially Miss Zahara's secretary, Mrs. Diane Burckes, I could not have assumed this responsibility at a time when administrative duties were unusually heavy.

Mention should be made of the support given to the expanded educational and information services at Headquarters; the program to subsidize new subscriptions to the International President's journal, *The Theosophist*; the scholarship program, which this year assisted 56 members to attend workshops, seminars, and inter-federation meetings; and the programs which support our publishing effort. Among the latter, two should be mentioned: first, the program for providing dust jackets for case bound books, this year resumed with the design and production of jackets for four books; and second, the program to aid in the publication of the Blavatsky writings, particularly *Isis Unveiled*. Both of these programs will now be discontinued, so far as Kern Foundation support may be involved. While the writer's fellowship program was inactive this year, it may be noted that three works published during the past year directly resulted from grants awarded under this program in previous years: *Shakespeare, Prophet For Our Time* by Henry Douglas Wild, and the two works by Ruby L. Radford, *Many Paths to God* and *Through Rose-Colored Glasses*.

The Kern Foundation Trustees have encouraged the National Board of

Directors to take positive steps toward securing the usual employee benefits for long-term member-workers of the Society. This had been a matter of concern to the Directors through several administrations, with some benefits established as financial circumstances permitted. However, the increasing need to assure the continuity of programs initiated with Kern Foundation support, as well as to maintain the efficiency required for the smooth functioning of all the Society's activities, stimulated discussions between the Board of Directors and the Foundation's Trustees leading to the establishment of more adequate benefits, both to aid long-term full-time workers and to encourage younger members to volunteer for full-time service at Headquarters. Accordingly, in 1970, with Kern Foundation assistance, the National Board of Directors extended the benefits provided Headquarters' staff workers by increasing the annual vacation allowance and providing medical coverage under the Blue Cross-Blue Shield group plan. The Board further placed on record its recognition of a continuing responsibility, to provide a retirement allowance for the Society's long-time staff members, establishing an Olcott Staff Retirement Plan and instituting an Olcott Staff Retirement Fund. It is proposed to finance this fund by annual appropriations from the Society's funds and from contributions and bequests designated for this purpose.

*Olcott Staff.*—While many of the current programs undertaken by the Society have been established or expanded as a result of very large contributions from the Kern Foundation, it must be recognized that the Society's ability to carry out these activities as well as all its operations, depends on continued service from its own members. Through the years since the establishment of our national center, Olcott, at Wheaton, we have been most fortunate in attracting to the Society's

service loyal and dedicated members who, forgetful of self, are willing to spend themselves tirelessly in support of the work. I have never succeeded in finding words adequate or sufficiently expressive to convey my own gratitude to the team of workers with whom it is my privilege to serve. Who shall say which is the greater service—to prepare a meal, to sweep a floor, to polish a table, to greet a visitor, to plant a tree, or to keep the accounts, give a lecture, edit a magazine, answer a business letter, plan a seminar program? At Olcott, one learns that no duty is less significant, no work without meaning. In reviewing our varied and numerous activities, I have mentioned a number of names in this report, but everyone who serves at Olcott, for a longer or a shorter period, is engaged in work of equal significance, for a vacancy in any area impinges on every aspect of our labors.

This past year, as usual, there have been a number of changes in personnel. Many have already been referred to, but the list of those who have left must be extended to include Miss Martha Hoagland, who after two and a half years principally as secretary to Miss Zahara, left last August; Mr. Lennie Delassus, who served as custodian for nearly nine months, leaving at the end of March; and Mr. Robert Thibodeau, who gave some weeks of assistance in the housekeeping department. Mrs. Ellen Gerster, who joined the staff in late 1969 as dining department manager, was forced because of illness to leave Olcott in early April. During the extended absence last fall of Mrs. Robertina Pumyea, our indefatigable housekeeper, we were fortunate that Mrs. Ruth Doak could return to assume Mrs. Pumyea's duties for several weeks. Among those joining the staff during the year, in addition to those mentioned in other sections of this report, let me mention Mr. William Goodman, recently transferred from

housekeeping to the Publishing House Office, and Mr. John Lopez, who was transferred from duties as custodian to work on the grounds, when Mr. Roberto Enciso joined us as custodian on the first of June. A most important service is performed every year by Mrs. Mary McCain, who rejoins us annually to take care of the all-essential task of Convention registration, but who, happily, finds time in the midst of that duty to assist in the dining department.

A current listing of staff personnel must include Mr. Robert Gephardt, who continues to serve in both grounds and maintenance departments; Mr. Edwin Lord, whose title as Financial Advisor scarcely conveys the numerous responsibilities he cheerfully and most helpfully assumes; Mrs. Marcella Lord, who acts as purchasing agent, supervises the multilith department, and carries on the secretarial work of the Financial Advisor; Mr. James Person, whose time is divided between duties as chauffeur and multilith operator, in addition to giving service in the Department of Education checking films and copying tapes; Mr. Charles Saas, whose versatile capacities are called on to aid in the dining department, take care of the Section shipping department, and contribute to the maintenance of the grounds; and Miss Anne Storrs, whose good nature is tested daily in her service to me as the National President's secretary.

Each year, I struggle to find precisely the appropriate words to describe the service given by one whose comradeship in the work has been, and continues to be, an inspiration and support to all who live and serve at Olcott. My own gratitude for her ever-wise counsel, her unflagging devotion, her perceptive understanding of every problem, and her willingness always to listen to the need of the moment, can only be expressed in the simple words, "Thank you, Ann." For Mrs. Ann Wylie,

whose office as National Secretary is the main clearing house for all that goes on at our busy and active headquarters, weaves together the many varied strands of life and work at Olcott, ever balancing the needs of the total work with the availability of workers. I have often thought that she might well be called "Mrs. Olcott," so completely is she identified with all that transpires at our national center. More than that, however, one had only to watch her through the weeks and days of her husband's final illness and at the time of his quiet passing from us to recognize that here is one for whom Theosophy is indeed a living reality.

When Mrs. Gerster became ill in early April, it was Mrs. Wylie who once again stepped into the central task of managing the dining department and with the assistance of Mrs. Schlosser and others, maintained that service uninterruptedly. Our wonderful cooks, very much part of our Olcott family although non-resident, deserve deepest appreciation for the manner in which they so efficiently take care of our well-being—Mrs. Marie Dastrup, Mrs. Virgie Ness, and Mrs. Loretta Grabe.

As we enter the new fiscal year, our major needs at Headquarters include the filling of vacancies in dining department, management, housekeeping assistance, and secretarial and clerical positions.

*Headquarters.*—With the growth in our overall activities and programs, the importance and significance of a national center become ever more apparent. Every member may look to Olcott as to a spiritual home, for in addition to being the extremely busy administrative headquarters, Olcott is also a dynamic center of beauty, peace, and loving harmony. All who come onto the grounds remark on the singular atmosphere that prevails, the sense of stability in the midst of a

world experiencing the uprooting of established values. Care is continually exercised in the maintenance of the building and grounds, so that this resource, annually growing in value, may be utilized in the best possible manner.

This spring, it became apparent that Mr. Samuel Wylie, who had been in charge of the grounds for a number of years, could no longer carry on those duties, and shortly before Mr. Wylie's death, arrangements were made for Mr. Fritz Loenholdt to take on that responsibility, in addition to his work in the Olcott Library. Under Mr. Loenholdt's competent supervision and as a result of his own untiring labors, the grounds are, I believe, more beautiful than ever this year. For this we must also thank the several other diligent workers who have assisted Mr. Loenholdt, including Mr. Saas, Mr. Gephardt, Mr. Lopez, and, more recently Mr. Nathaniel Altman and Mr. Dan Chisholm, both of whom began full-time summer service after the beginning of the new fiscal year.

Following the death at Olcott last August of Mr. Tony Balch, Mrs. Balch established a tree fund in memory of her husband; a number of major plantings were added to the north side of the Besant Grove, thus extending that area significantly. This spring, Mrs. Ann Wylie initiated a tree fund to memorialize her husband, and while those plantings have been deferred to next fall, it is planned to extend the plantings adjacent to the Brother Raja Memorial Grove, in an area particularly loved by Sam. One major change on the grounds may also be mentioned, especially for those familiar with the gardens and groves which add beauty to the estate. Drainage problems, together with the expense that would have been involved in rebuilding the area, caused us to transform the well-known

"pixie pool" in the Aubrey Garden to a pixie rock garden.

In addition to the administrative and departmental activities that consume the major time of the staff workers at Olcott, the National Headquarters is the scene of several public events each year. Regular monthly lectures are augmented each fall and spring by a series of classes, to which interested inquirers from the surrounding area are invited. Attendance at these events continues to increase, even beyond our capacity to accommodate the crowd. A public address system in the third floor auditorium enables the overflow audience in the library to hear the lectures, but the Thursday evening public classes, generally held in the library, have frequently been so large that we have simply ceased to advertise them in an effort to reduce the number to a size that could be comfortably accommodated. An especially popular event, developed during the past year, has been a Wednesday evening "rap session," attracting a considerable number of young people, although all who are "young at heart" are also welcome. Under the general leadership of Jim Person, this weekly gathering explores, in complete freedom, any subject or question that may arise, and exciting discussions have often been the order of the day—or night. It will be a happy day, indeed, when we can realize our dream of erecting a suitable auditorium that will provide facilities for year-around member and public events, as well as accommodate our annual national gatherings. While other needs, especially the provision of adequate book storage and maintenance equipment facilities, are more urgent, we must not neglect to give attention to far-range planning for developments at Olcott that will meet the growing needs for facilities appropriate to the volume of work and activities carried on through this vital center.

*Allied Activities.*—While the chief focus of our annual survey of the Society's work is given to those activities and programs centered through and carried on at the national headquarters, we cannot omit reference to the many important and supportive activities engaged in by members, either individually or in groups, throughout the Section. It is not possible, of course, to report on these in detail, although regular reports on the major allied groups do appear in the pages of *The American Theosophist*. The Young Theosophists of America continue an active program in many parts of the country, and this year have published occasional newsletters and magazines. Many members find it possible to put Theosophy to work in meeting specific needs through the activities of the Theosophical Order of Service, the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, the Theosophical Book Gift Institute, the Parents Theosophical Research Group, and the Order of the Round Table in America. A number of members have been involved in an experiment in community living through the development of the Taormina Theosophical Community, Inc., at Ojai, California. Ojai is also the headquarters of the very active Krotona School of Theosophy, which, while administered independently of the Society, contributes greatly to the standard of our activities throughout the Section by the presentation of outstanding teachers and lecturers on various aspects of Theosophy. A resolution adopted at the 1970 Convention led to the appointment of a national committee, of which Mr. Jay Finley Downs has agreed to serve as chairman, to study the feasibility of establishing a theosophical college; a report on this activity will be presented at the 1971 Convention. All who contribute to one or another of these several allied activities are certainly giving practical expression

to the theosophical philosophy, at the same time enriching their own lives by the discipline of cooperative service.

*National By-Laws.*—Following the approval at the 1970 Convention of a number of amendments to the National By-Laws, as recommended by the National Board of Directors, a new edition of the By-Laws, incorporating all amendments adopted since the major revisions approved in 1963, was issued. The National Board of Directors continues to give alert attention to the organizational structure of the Society, that it may be both sound enough to sustain continued growth and flexible enough to provide the maximum freedom of operation essential to that expansion. The assistance of a National By-Laws Revision Committee and the advice of the National Judiciary Committee are especially appreciated in the maintenance of this aspect of our work.

*Finances.*—I have purposely deferred a discussion of our financial situation until near the conclusion of this report, not because the matter is of less significance than the numerous activities in which we are engaged, but rather because it must be emphasized that these activities can only be maintained and expanded if there is a secure financial base to our total operation. A Financial Advisory Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Edwin N. Lord, together with the National Treasurer, Mr. Theron B. Chaney, and our most efficient cashier and bookkeeper, Miss Clarice Richie, comprise the group intimately concerned with the finances of the Society. All of us, however, have an obligation for, as well as a stake in, the Society's future. As I have said on previous occasions and would reiterate once more, I am one who is fully convinced that when a cause is right there will be a way to give it expression, that when a program meets human needs, human

will can support it. During the past year, the members have responded magnificently and generously to the appeals which the Board of Directors authorized me to make and I am therefore encouraged to believe that the directions set by the present administration meet with the general approval of the membership, particularly in view of such excellent financial support.

The total expense for the activities and administration of the Society during the past year approximated \$159,000, while income received in the general operating fund, including net income from the Publishing House, is estimated to be nearly \$82,000. As in recent years, we are fortunate that special grants from the Kern Foundation subsidizing many areas of our expanded program of activities will aid in meeting the deficit otherwise indicated by those figures. Naturally, without such subsidy, it would have been necessary to reduce the scope of our activities or, in some instances, cancel programs in which we are engaged. Largely as a response to an appeal sent to the membership in early spring, donations this year totalled nearly \$8,000, with additional contributions in excess of \$1,000 being placed directly into our reserve fund in accordance with the long-standing policy of the National Board of Directors. A further \$1,100 was received in the form of bequests.

Members have continued to be mindful of the need to retire the indebtedness on the T.P.H. building, with donations during the past year totaling in excess of \$24,000. This generous assistance enabled us to begin our program of retiring loans helpfully made by branches and individuals during the period of construction; approximately \$11,000 of our loan indebtedness was retired at the end of the fiscal year. If we can maintain the same level of donations for the T.P.H. Building Fund

over the next four years, I believe we can meet all our remaining obligations on this facility.

Most encouraging of all, as we survey our financial situation, has been the growth in our Membership Endowment Fund. In response to our suggestions in the annual dues letter, many members contributed sums in excess of the normal dues, while 28 members found it possible to endow their membership either in whole or in part, bringing the number of fully endowed memberships of active members to a total of 256. Since 34 members who had so endowed their memberships are now deceased, that portion of the fund is freed from any dues allocation; in addition, several members have taken out endowment memorials, thus increasing the fund. Truly there could be no more beautiful way to remember an individual than to contribute in his name to the fund intended to endow the Society's work in perpetuity. The Membership Endowment Fund is administered by the Theosophical Investment Trust, which holds it as a segregated fund in its portfolio of investments; the Fund has now moved from last year's total of \$86,000 to approximately \$93,000 at the conclusion of the 1970-71 fiscal year.

The Theosophical Investment Trust, continuing to serve as the main financial arm of the Society, now holds funds in excess of \$668,000 in its several capital accounts. Of this total, nearly \$173,000 is held in the ABC-America Fund, for the benefit of the international work. During the year, the Trust remitted to the Society nearly \$20,000 in addition to approximately \$2,300 allocated to dues income for members of the Endowment Fund.

*International Aspects.*—Returning briefly to some aspects of our international obligations, in further elaboration of my opening remarks about our responsibilities

within the world framework of the Society, I would call attention to the opportunity given us annually to support the center at Adyar. This year, the contributions of this Section to the Adyar Day Fund amounted to \$5,318, approximately \$1,000 more than last year.

The importance of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee was underscored this year when the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, assumed the chairmanship of the committee, while asking Miss Zahara to remain as the active coordinator of the work to be undertaken when and as funds permit. If each member could resolve that whenever he purchases a theosophical book he contributes a like amount to the fund which is intended to provide theosophical literature for the vast population of non-English readers around the world, that fund would soon be sufficient to initiate the numerous projects urgently awaiting attention.

*Conclusion.*—We are now but four brief years from the centenary observation of the founding of this Society. Inevitably, our thoughts turn to all that may be accomplished in 1975; we begin to visualize the commemorative celebrations in New York City, to plan the world tour that will take us, "In the Footsteps of the Founders," from New York to London to Europe and on to India for the 100th Convention at Adyar, thence returning possibly via Australia. There is much to do to be ready for that centennial event. At the last General Council meeting at Adyar, an international committee was appointed to coordinate the scheduling of the centennial conferences around the world. There has even been discussion on some of the preliminary program arrangements for the New York meetings.

At the Society's founding, however, no timetable was drawn up to determine the date on which brotherhood would be achieved nor was a deadline set for the

establishment of world understanding. "The world was not evolved between two monsoons," wrote one whom many consider among the Adept Founders of this Society, and we might well add that man is unlikely to attain the full stature of his humanhood between the reading of two books on Theosophy. We are engaged in a work which, whether it takes one lifetime or several lives, is a work essentially beyond the concerns of time. "For countless generations," wrote a great Teacher, "hath the adept builded a fane of imperishable rocks, giant's Tower of Infinite Thought. . . and we will go on in that periodical work of ours; we will not allow ourselves to be baffled in our philanthropic attempts until that day when the foundations of a new continent of thought are so firmly built that no amount of opposition. . . will be found to prevail." We who have joined this Movement have the privilege of assisting in building the foundations of that new continent. At no other time has so much been given; from no other group should so much be expected.

Recently a friend asked me if I were at all optimistic about the future, adding that it seemed inevitable that our present civilization should destroy itself in view of all man is doing to himself and his planet. The Theosophist cannot indulge in optimistic fantasies of immediate utopianism; he dare not plunge into pessimistic nightmares of sudden world destruction. Ever the realistic idealist, he must resolutely keep faith with the high purpose of evolution, must never lose sight of the divine in the human man, must be willing to light even a small candle in the darkness, to perform even the simplest service if it will advance the cause of human brotherhood.

If we face the future with quiet confidence, neither content with things as they are, nor yet discouraged that we can do so

little to effect the transformation of the world; if we commit ourselves wholly and unreservedly to humanity's unfinished agenda for peace and brotherhood, our vision undimmed by past or present blunders; if we can keep faith in the spirit of man, while yet unconcerned whether our efforts to awaken that spirit bear fruit now or in future lives, then I believe it will be said of us and of our time: *This* indeed was the time, of all times, when men who were truly brothers pointed the way to a universal brotherhood in which all peoples could come together in harmony; *this* was the time, of all times, when the earth and all its creatures were preserved by man, for there walked upon it those who revered life, knowing its sanctity and its oneness; *this* was the time, of all times, when the spirit of Truth illumined the world, for there moved through the world those who revealed the splendor of its shining. Whatever else we may have accomplished this year, let us hope we have taken one small step towards the realization of that vision.

*(U.S.A. Supplementary Report, June 1 to September 30, 1971).*

As has become customary through the years, the major event of the summer months is the Annual Convention and Summer School. This year the Eighty-fifth Convention was held at the National Headquarters, Olcott, from July 23 to 26, followed by a Summer School from July 28 to August 1. Guest speakers were Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson; in addition, quite unexpectedly, Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale was able to be present for the Convention. "The Self-Regeneration of Man" was the theme explored in lectures, symposia, and discussions. Several innovative programs were introduced, including a "Theosophical Learn-In," when members explored the resources of the rapidly expanding Olcott Library and Research Center,

and "Mini-Workshop," when practical suggestions for branch work were shared.

Special workshop/seminar weeks were features of the programs of the several summer camps. This year, a new camp was added to the roster with the establishment of the Ozark Theosophical Camp and Educational Center, serving particularly the midwestern area of the United States. Located in Arkansas, in the beautiful rolling country of the Ozark Mountains, this new camp was inaugurated with a week's program conducted by Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt. Weeklong seminars on *The Secret Doctrine* were conducted by the National President, Miss Joy Mills, assisted by Miss Helen Zahara, at the two west coast camps, Indralaya on Orcas Island, Washington, and Far Horizons in the High Sierras of California. Mrs. Jean Tappendorf represented the national headquarters at a workshop program at Pumpkin Hollow Farm in New York. The annual Young Theosophists Camp was held this year at Far Horizons.

Any survey of the brief period between June 1 and September 30 must take account of the fact that while traditionally these months represent vacation periods in the United States, the pace of the work at the national center, Olcott, continues to accelerate. Book sales continue to set new records, indicating the effectiveness of sales representation to dealers throughout the country.

A total of 255 new members were welcomed into the Society during this period, and new study centers were officially certified at Madison, Wisconsin, and Davenport, Iowa. The Krotona School of Theosophy reports record attendance at the opening of its fall term in September, no doubt due to the presence of Guest Teacher Geoffrey Hodson.

JOY MILLS,  
*General Secretary.*

## ENGLAND

*General.*—The position with regard to the recruitment of new members is reasonably satisfactory. We recruited 175 in 1971 as against 194 in 1970, a decrease of 19. Fewer members died or resigned but so far the number of members who have lapsed seems to have increased. This however may be due to the fact that our year has been changed from 31 December to 30 September, and Lodge Treasurers may still be holding members' subscriptions. The Section has a very large proportion of its membership over 60 in the case of women and over 65 in the case of men. This means that although last year we raised our subscription rates the increase to the Section revenue has not been much because so many members claim the reduction due to them on account of their age, and a number of other members have also paid reduced subscriptions.

The Section is also suffering financially from the withdrawal of voluntary labour. It appears that now there are not the people with time to spare from their ordinary daily activities to come and help at Headquarters. This particularly applies to jobs which require full time attention. The Section is therefore having to pay commercial rates in some cases, and near commercial rates in others, for such assistance. It looks as if this might be a future trend. Other costs of running the Section have also significantly increased. The financial position of the Section is a problem on two counts: (1) that somehow or other increased revenue has to be found or our activities curtailed and establishment charges reduced, and (2) if activities have to be reduced a decision has to be made in what directions. It is generally regarded that the Society as an organization exists not only to promote the ideas of brother-

hood, etc., but also to spread the Theosophical message. Our promotional activities may have to be curtailed below even the low level at which they were taking place. Due to ageing membership Lodges continue to die. Very often this is not because there are not members or there are not suitable premises, or even that the Lodge has no money, it is because nobody can, or will, undertake the administrative work. If this trend continues there will be an increasing proportion of unattached members within the Section, and this will apply until such time as membership figures increase locally such that groups can be formed again into Centres and Lodges. It appears however with our rate of recruitment that this will be some time hence.

In order to provide members with guidance, we have increased the number of private and group study courses available. These are now as follows:

- i. Introductory Course,
- ii. Fundamentals Course,
- iii. Theosophical Self-Training Course.
- iv. A Self-Enlightenment Course,
- v. A Reading Guide to the Secret Doctrine,
- vi. A Secret Doctrine Study Course in two parts, Anthropogenesis and Cosmogenesis, and
- vii. A Course on The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett.

A revision of the Section's publicity material, leaflets and booklets, has been undertaken by a Study and Training Committee. They have in mind in doing this that the teachings put out as Theosophical should be as nearly as possible in line with those given us by the Masters through H. P. B. The plan will be the production of (1) a standard handout leaflet describing very briefly Theosophy and The Theosophical Society (2) a 36-

page booklet enlarging on the headings in the leaflet for second inquirers, (3) a set of Manuals on the elements of theoretical and applied Theosophy for later inquirers and students. This set of Manuals could form the basis for a modern Theosophical textbook. The work proceeds on the production of the leaflets and the booklets but it has not yet started on the Manuals.

Amongst the new members joining the Society is a reasonable proportion of young people who bring with them present day attitudes to life and study. Some of these are very promising young theosophists. As General Secretary I can report the beginnings of a revival in interest in occultism and Theosophy in particular judging by the authors and newspaper representatives who have been to see me. In the main these are sympathetically disposed, and we are beginning to get improved press notices, but these are still very few indeed.

There is one area where we have had some success and this is in meditation for the public. We have produced a manual for the guidance of leaders in the techniques of taking public meditation groups. These have had a very reasonable success in London and in particular in one provincial town of only 60,000 inhabitants where between 30 and 50 people come to the group. The Meditation Course is on classical lines with about four types of exercise. The first is preliminaries wherein people assume a correct meditation position, have regard to their breathing and generally quieten themselves down. Then there are concentration and visualisation exercises and three different types of "thinking" exercises which include giving attention to the physical body, the emotions, the mind; and then there is some consciousness raising material in the form of fundamental Theosophical thoughts or material for the devotee and the aspirant.

The Section's Annual Convention was again held in an hotel in London and was attended by 180 people. The theme was "Theosophy Today and Tomorrow" and the speakers talked on the subject under the heading of various approaches. For example "The Individual Approach", "The Sceptic's Approach", "The Religious Approach", "The Student Approach" and so on. The Convention was judged a success.

The Society's Summer School was held in Nottingham University and was attended by the President who gave two talks and answered questions. The theme of the Summer School was "Theosophical Miscellany" and a wide range of aspects of Theosophy was dealt with, but it was remarkable that nearly all the contributions dealt with man's spiritual development. The Tekels Park Guest House is reasonably well used and the various study week-ends arranged both by Headquarters and others are in the main well attended, but much more use could be made of this beautiful place with its splendid amenities for Theosophical gatherings.

*Library Report.*—During the past year we have issued 4,963 books, slightly fewer than in 1970, but owing to the increasing cost of travel many members have been unable to get to Headquarters to borrow books. Similarly owing to the long postal strike in the early part of the year we have only been able to send 178 parcels of books to our members in all parts of the British Isles. Public Libraries throughout the country have borrowed 68 books on Theosophical subjects and 65 new books have been added to the Lending Library.

*Publicity and Information.*—During this period 769 inquirers' letters have been answered and follow-up correspondence handled. Sixteen bookings were made for provincial showings of the film "How

Many Lifetimes?" and arrangements made for a month's showing of the film in Denmark and a further month in Sweden. Ten provincial lecture tours were arranged and 150 lecture tapes distributed. Five tours (20 lectures) were arranged for Mr. Will Ross during his visit to the United Kingdom. Lectures were also arranged after inquiries from 19 outside organizations. A program of public lectures for Sunday evenings at Headquarters was arranged. A growing number of young people are attending these lectures and question time following each lecture is lively and provocative. The lecture room is usually crowded. These young people do not take quickly or lightly to the idea of membership of the Society but promise well for the future. Members of two new study courses that have started at Headquarters are mainly recruited from Sunday night audiences.

Advertisements were placed in 12 Student Yearbooks (1971-72), 12 Student Newspapers (3 times), 4 national newspapers (twice), 6 suburban newspapers (3 times), 5 national journals (twice). Provincial Lodges have placed their own advertisements, and advice and assistance have been given from Headquarters. Posters have been placed throughout the year in 103 positions in London Underground Stations.

During this period the Publicity Department prepared and presented to the

Executive a document suggesting a number of ways of promoting the Society and its Objects. Some of these ideas including the production of a new information leaflet, the preparation of a follow-on booklet and a special promotion number of *The Theosophical Journal* have been implemented.

*The Theosophical Journal* and a Newsletter to members who are not attached to Lodges are produced bi-monthly, and the promotion Journal is being circulated to writers and producers in broadcasting, editors of selected national newspapers and journals, to a selected list of university professors and lecturers, and other key people of influence.

*Theosophical Publishing House Ltd.*—No new titles have been produced this year, but the following reprints were produced: *Tao Teh King* by I. Mears, *Meditation for Beginners* by J. I. Wedgwood, *Commentaries of Hierocles on Golden Verses of Pythagoras*.

Bookshops sales are three times those of last year, and Export Orders have continued to increase also.

Books were supplied for show and sale to the bookstalls at the English Convention in London, as usual, and the Summer School held at Nottingham University.

G. A. FARTHING,  
General Secretary.

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## INDIA

The report of the work done each year has necessarily to detail the continuation of activities along familiar lines. Yet every year, that work however familiar be its external features, is refreshed by new springs of vitality flowing through the earnest and true workers who are at the

heart of the activities of the Theosophical Society.

The work of the Society is uphill and is likely to be for a long time to come, considering how grossly self-centred and callous man is in general. It is at times disheartening to look at the world with

the vast suffering that millions have to endure, the never-ending cruelty of man to man, not to speak of the cruelty inflicted on creatures other than man, and the appalling ignorance of the essential truths of life. No Theosophist can be indifferent to the sad condition of the world. It is out of a deep regard for life and compassion in the face of suffering—not personal suffering, but the suffering of all—that a true search for Theosophy or the Divine Wisdom begins. So, every true Theosophist has to be sensitive to the existence of suffering at every level in the world. The earnestness of one's endeavor to understand Theosophy and its profound significance, depends on the intensity with which one feels the need of wisdom to dispel the darkness of ignorance and suffering.

To the earnest Theosophist, who is sensitive to the world's travails, whose heart is full of concern and deep sympathy, it is faith in the ultimate destiny of man and his immortal nature that sheds rays of hope and the inspiration necessary to direct his footsteps towards the distant light. So even where progress seems slow, even when the task is uphill, those who understand Theosophy even very partially, work with confidence and a vigour which renews itself. Such confidence and energy are very different from the self-possession and drive of the ambitious or self-centred man of the world. The confidence and faith born of an instinctive recognition of the fundamental truths of life is accompanied by the yearning to know the fulness of truth and the humbleness necessary for the search; the energy which turns into service, because the truth of brotherhood has been perceived, is an energy whose heart is peace.

During the year, a number of workers who have rendered signal service in the Indian Section have passed on, leaving

behind an example of devotion and steadfast service for others to follow. They included: Miss K. A. Beechey, who passed away in May 1971 and who came to Adyar from England, and worked in the International Headquarters for many years, part of the time as Recording Secretary of the International Society. She was a member of the Indian Section and of the Adyar Lodge during these years and generously gave of what she had, monetarily and otherwise to the Section. Bro. C. Subbarayadu was another veteran worker at Adyar, who was Manager of the Vasanta Press of the Society, and continued to work even in old age with unflagging devotion and self-abnegation. He passed away in April of this year. The summer of this year also saw the loss of Sri Sri Prakasa, the son of Dr. Bhagawan Das, who was a member of the Indian Section from 1912, and who had a distinguished career which included the Governorship of the States of Madras, Assam and Bombay. Also of Sri V. Karunakaran Nair, who joined the Society in 1906 and gave whole-time service to the cause of promoting Theosophy in Kerala. He was the author of several books in Malayalam, held offices in the Federation at different times and was highly respected by all. Prof. M. N. Tolani was a valued worker at the Indian Section Headquarters and was also much appreciated as a National Lecturer. Many of his articles appeared in *The Theosophist* and *The Theosophical Review*. His sudden passing away has left a void at the Headquarters. Such also was the case with Bro. H. F. Coachbuilder, who was Secretary of the Gujarat Federation and a pillar of the Society at Bhavnagar. Others who left the physical plane during the year were Srimathi Lakshmi Bai Gadgil, who was a generous friend of the Section and Sri T. V. S. Ramakrishna Rao, a prominent worker of the Telugu Federation.

A very large number of Lodges were visited by the National Lecturers during the year, although at no time do the tours of lecturers seem adequate enough because of the great area of the country. Among the National Lecturers, Sri M. Krishnamacharyulu has travelled for long periods at a time, lecturing in the Uttar Pradesh, Telugu, Marathi, Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan, Karnataka, Bengal and Bihar Federations besides visiting a few other places in other Federations. Prof. H. E. Hakim spoke at all the Bombay Lodges besides touring in the Kerala, Karnataka and Gujarat Federations and visiting some places in Maharashtra. Miss Jeanne Dumas gave a large number of lectures at Lodges in Delhi, Calcutta, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil, Kerala and Telugu Federations. Sri S. G. Venkataramanan toured extensively in the Tamil and Kerala Federations, visiting a large number of places in each Federation and also visited Lodges in Madras, Mangalore and some other cities. Sri Ram Jivan Sinha made a tour of Madhya Pradesh and visited Allahabad, besides doing work in his own Federation. Dr. G. R. Phansalkar visited Lodges in Uttar Pradesh and also Indore and Poona. Lectures were also given in most places under the auspices of other suitable organizations. Some of the National Lecturers have sent detailed reports and helpful suggestions.

Besides the National Lecturers, there have been a number of other workers who have travelled and spoken at various places. We are grateful to all of them. Here I would like to mention particularly Mr. C. D. T. Shores, who in spite of his age and many inconveniences, visited a number of places in the Telugu area, where he lived and worked before retirement.

Among those who travelled and spoke, I also include myself. I visited a number

of places in Utkal and Telugu Federations besides Allahabad, Calcutta, Hyderabad and some other cities. I also presided over the Federation conferences held at Salem in the Tamil Federation, Anakapalle in the Telugu Federation, Hiriya in the Karnataka Federation and Alleppey in the Kerala Federation, and participated in the joint conference of M.P.-Rajasthan and U.P. Federations held at Panna, over which the International President, Sri N. Sri Ram presided. His presence there, the beauty of the region, and the arrangements made by Princess Chandrakumari of Panna, all lent a charm to the gathering. Recently I have been to Bombay to preside over the conference there and visited Ujjain, Indore and Ratlam.

Study and Training camps and other conferences were also arranged as usual. The International President presided over the South Indian conference at Adyar which was organized by Bro. H. E. Hakim. This was followed by the Workers' Training camp which is held every summer, at Adyar. The Training camp at Bhowali in the Himalayas has also become a regular feature of Theosophical life in the summer. This year it was conducted by Bro. M. Krishnamacharyulu, taking Dr. Annie Besant's *A Study in Consciousness* and the *Yoga Sutras* as the texts for study. A second camp in Bhowali was conducted by Bro. R. P. Agrawala in Hindi, based on *A Textbook of Theosophy*.

A special feature of the year was a Theosophy Science Seminar organized by the Committee for Moral and Altruistic Education through science, which was appointed by the Theosophy Science group. This seminar was planned in view of Mr. Fritz Kunz's visit to India and took place in Adyar. Mr. Kunz gave a number of lectures and demonstrations to the participants, who included members from various parts of India

with a scientific background or interest. Articles emanating from these sessions formed the content of the June 1971 issue of *The Theosophical Review*. The committee mentioned above has the object of bringing about a synthesis between science and spirituality through developing a suitable philosophy of education and evolving a syllabus of study and a code of ethics based on this philosophy. Sri M. S. Prasad is the co-ordinator of the committee.

Besides the training camps I have mentioned, there were several other camps organized by the Federations. The Secretary of the Telugu Federation reports that they had fourteen camps, besides regional conferences and inter-lodge meetings. Gujarat had three camps and the Tamil Federation two. I am unable to mention others as no reports have been received yet from some of the Federations.

Here I might mention that the General Secretary of the Indian Section has to submit a printed report to the members of the Indian Section Council by the middle of December each year. Sufficient time is needed after the report has been passed by the Executive Committee of the Section to print it along with the accounts and send it to the Council members. The late arrival of some Federation reports and the scanty nature of their contents do not make it easy to draft the General Secretary's report.

The Publicity Committee of the Section of which Dr. C. V. Agarwal is the Secretary, has been carrying on a regular correspondence with all newer Lodges, at present numbering 72. Suggestions and information on formulating programs and on other matters have been sent out. A large number of publicity leaflets have been distributed. The work has naturally to be carried on in English from the Section Headquarters so as to benefit

all regions of the country. Attempts are however being made to organize some publicity work in regional languages.

The committee keeps a small book bank consisting of old books donated by members, as well as new books which have been purchased. Books are being given as gifts to Lodges which carry on regular study and are in genuine need of books.

With the assistance of the Indian Section, *Practical Occultism* by H. P. Blavatsky has been translated into both Telugu and Bengali. The publication of the Bengali translation is being proceeded with and will be financed by the donation given by the Canadian Section.

A history of the Theosophical Society in Bengali entitled *Theosophical Society Itihas* by Sri Tareh Ranjan Mitra has also been published during the year.

Srimati Malati Pandya has completely revised and prepared for publication an old Hindi translation of *The Ancient Wisdom* by Dr. Annie Besant and it is hoped to bring it out soon with help from the Non-English Publication Loan Fund.

The Indian Bookshop has published a short Hindi glossary of Theosophical terms as a preliminary attempt to standardize terminology. Hindi translations of several Theosophical books have been made and the MSS. are being examined. The second edition of *Knowledge and Wisdom* by Sri N. Sri Ram has also been brought out by the Bookshop. The Manager of the Bookshop, Sri R. P. Agrawala, reports that advertisements are regularly being inserted in suitable periodicals and he hopes that the sale of books will go up in the near future.

The Telugu Federation has initiated a new scheme to familiarize students with simple Theosophical books. Students were offered the opportunity of participating in a competition in which they had

to submit commentaries on *At the Feet of the Master*. As the response was very encouraging and students from a number of colleges and schools took part, *In His Name* by C. Jinarājadāsa has been prescribed for a second competition.

The Theosophical Order of Service as well as New Life for India groups have collected a large number of clothes, medicines, utensils, etc., and a considerable amount of money for the relief of refugees from Bangla Desh who now number several millions. The Director of the Theosophical Order of Service in India, Sri Shambhu Dayal, reports that 3,000 saris, dhotis and shirts, 700 utensils and a very large number of old clothes have been distributed. Very generous aid has been received from Australia in the form of 3,500 blankets and more than Rs. 50,000. Further cheques are coming in. The funds are being used to buy essential things for distribution.

In Madras both the Theosophical Order of Service and New Life for India acted as agents in South Madras for the official committee appointed to help the refugees. About Rs. 25,000 and a large consignment of clothes and other essential stuffs were sent by the allied organizations of the Theosophical Society including those above-mentioned and the Co-Masonic Order.

From Narasapur in Andhra about 4,000 clothes were sent for the refugees by the Theosophical Order of Service. It is possible in my report to mention only some part of the total work done but it is sufficient to give some idea of the service rendered.

Theosophical Order of Service groups in different parts of India have also carried on their regular activities apart from the work done for the Bangla Desh refugees. These activities include the running of free homeopathic dispensaries, gifts of clothes to the poor, visits to hospitals, care of the destitute, etc.

A young group of New Life for India has been formed in the Vivekananda College at Madras and the students organized an exhibition to promote the principles of the movement, during the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the College, which was attended by a large number of people. It is hoped that young people in other colleges will also enlist themselves in this work of elevating the moral and ethical atmosphere of India.

Last year I had reported the donation of Rs. 46,300 by Bro. D. M. Dabhoiwala and others to form the Jamshed Nusserwanji Mehta Fund. Further donations have been received from him during this year so that the Fund now stands at Rs. 60,000.

Bro. S. T. Kaliappan of the Tamil Federation has donated to the Indian Section land and a building at Sellappanpalayam in the Coimbatore District for the benefit of the Lodge there.

Dr. C. V. Agarwal has created a Fund of about Rs. 9,700 the interest from which is meant to be used for Theosophical work under certain provisions.

A noteworthy gift was from a Spanish visitor, who is not a member of the Theosophical Society, but who after a stay at the Indian Section Headquarters gave Rs. 6,000 towards making concrete roads in the Headquarters compound. Srimati Malati Pandya, the daughter of Sri Pandya Baijnath, also gave about Rs. 3,000 to make concrete roads and paths. The concreting has made a great difference to the compound as one can now walk within it without the inconvenience of mud and slush even during the monsoon.

We are extremely grateful to all the above-mentioned donors, as well as to all the others who have contributed their mite for the work of the Section.

At the Section Headquarters, with the passing away of Bro. S. N. Chowdhary,

the house occupied by him has reverted to the use of the Section according to the decree pronounced by the court. The court concerned has also awarded to the Section the amount due from Sri Rohit Mehta for many years as arrears of rent for the Vasanta Vastu Bhandar.

The Bharat Samaj Temple at Varanasi has been renovated and enclosed, so as to preserve the sanctity of the precincts. Dr. G. R. Phansalkar has taken a keen interest in this work and made the necessary collections.

As per the decision of the Indian Section Council, property committees have been formed in a number of Federations. They are in the process of collecting full information regarding properties, obtaining blue prints, etc. We hope that when this preliminary work is finished it will be possible to go into other questions and ensure the maintenance and use of T. S. properties for T. S. purposes.

The membership of the Section now stands at 7,710 showing an increase of 241. The Lodges and Centres number 327 and 34 respectively. In addition there are 123 Lodges and 10 Centres with less than the required number of members. The Kerala Federation tops the list of gains, with an increase of 68 members. The Karnataka, Tamil and U. P. Federations have gained 48, 46 and 46 members

respectively. It is hoped that as membership rises there will be a corresponding enhancement in the interest felt in Theosophy and the ardour shown in living a Theosophical life.

I am happy to say that Bro. P. N. Chakraborti of the Bengal Federation has joined the band of workers at Varanasi and has been taking part in the work in different ways. Bro. K. L. Mehrotra is also an additional helper at Headquarters whom we have been glad to have.

In concluding I would like to lay stress on the fact that only to the extent that every individual member makes Theosophy a living power in his life can the Theosophical Society fulfil its purpose. There are many societies where religion, philosophy, science or the social sciences are being intensively studied. The Theosophical Society should be distinguished by the fact that what its members study, they earnestly endeavour to live. In such living is the greatest help and inspiration to others. Without the right quality of life all our activities would come to nought. So let us set our feet on the way to becoming true Theosophists and not be content with being mere members of the Society.

RADHA BURNIER,  
*General Secretary.*

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## AUSTRALIA

In presenting the annual report for the year ended 30th September, 1971, I am happy to begin with Miss Helen Zahara's lecture tour. It was a great pleasure to welcome her back to Australia, as our guest speaker at Convention and to visit lodges in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Toowoomba, Newcastle, Canberra and the group in Albury. Although her

stay in Australia was short, only from February to April, Miss Zahara's lectures were well attended throughout and much appreciated.

*Convention.*—Held at the Education Department's residential camp at Point Peron, a seaside resort near Perth in Western Australia, Convention was the third residential one in that State with

Perth Lodge as the kind host. About 100 members participated, including a good contingent travelling the long way across the continent from the Eastern Australian lodges. We were fortunate to have with us also the International Vice-President, Mr. J. S. Perkins and Mrs. Perkins, on their way over from Adyar to Sydney. Other overseas visitors were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Heintz of Ojai Lodge, California and Mrs. S. L. Salbert of New York, U.S.A.; these members also visited lodges around Australia.

Mr. Perkins gave an inspiring talk at Convention, and he and Mrs. Perkins contributed to various sessions of the program.

Miss Zahara's first address, entitled "The Doctrine of the Heart" was most appropriate to the theme of Convention "Living from the Centre". She also gave two illustrated talks, one being a travelogue of her journey through Russia to India. Miss Zahara delivered the Convention Public Lecture in Perth before an appreciative audience. Drawing on her wide international experience, including for a number of years head of the Department of Education of the American Section, she introduced and directed several group programs and discussion methods, which since Convention, have been repeated and successfully tried out in lodges around Australia. Amongst them were a Meditation Study Course and group study on *The Secret Doctrine*.

One innovation was the Blavatsky Lecture given by Phillip Hampson, winner of the competition sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Wade, to encourage young members to study *The Secret Doctrine*, and share their results in a prepared talk to members.

The Theosophical Order of Service presented a very full and interesting program on ecology, and the Theosophical Research Session included papers

on cosmology, education and para-psychology.

*Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson.*—Before leaving Australia early in January, Mr. Hodson recorded 24 radio broadcasts under the title "The Seminar of the Air", a shortened presentation of the public seminar on Theosophy which he had previously conducted in Australian Lodges. The radio broadcasts over Station 2 GB in Sydney proved very popular and free copies of the scripts were made available to many enquirers. In October 1970 Mr. Hodson gave a series of public lectures on Yoga in Sydney.

*Other Visits.*—Mr. John Coats, last year's visiting lecturer, concluded his Australian tour with visits to Adelaide and Perth Lodge in October 1970. While in Adelaide he gave several talks during the annual weekend seminar which the lodge held early in October.

Mr. Norman Hankin of Sydney spoke to members in Melbourne and Peace Lodges during a visit to Victoria in early October.

Also in October I met with members in Canberra, Albury and Melbourne, and, accompanying Miss Zahara, visited Newcastle and Canberra again in February and March. In preparation for the 1972 Convention I went to Launceston and Hobart at the end of May and returning from Tasmania, met with the Melbourne Quorum of the Executive Committee.

*Lodges.*—Lodges now number 18. No doubt the most important event during the year was the founding of a lodge in Australia's capital city, Canberra. Although a theosophical study group had met there regularly since 1964, due to the continual movement of population it has always been difficult to maintain steady activities in Canberra. In recent years several members from different places have settled more or less permanently in Canberra, and this, together

with some local additions in membership, has made it possible to form a lodge last July.

All small lodges would welcome support from their larger sister-lodges in Australia. This is particularly the case in North Queensland where lodges are very isolated, but also in Western Australia where Perth's two small suburban lodges find the struggle for existence tough. The same goes for Peace Lodge, which meets in a suburb of Melbourne, and Mosman Lodge in Sydney, which has been inactive because of lack of support from its few members. The group in Albury, N.S.W., has carried on regular meetings, using mostly tape lectures.

Hobart Lodge has undergone some re-organization and has moved its meeting place into the centre of the city. The lodge is in process of re-cataloguing its library which is now more easily accessible to the public. It is pleasing to note that several new members have joined the lodge during the year. With the forthcoming Convention in Tasmania in 1972, new impetus will be given to the work in Hobart and Launceston.

Adelaide Lodge continued to increase its membership, mainly as a result of its well-run bookshop and library, but also due to a diversification of its meetings. There are some activities going on almost every day of the week.

Brisbane Lodge has also experimented with new approaches to its meetings most of which are open to the public. The Reid Art Gallery, under the operation of the lodge, has attracted about 3,000 visitors during the year, a number of whom were introduced to the library and book depot and to the lodge's other activities.

In Melbourne Lodge the rise in membership has continued and its bookshop and library are well patronized. The Theosophical Society received a lot of publicity

through the city square controversy which involves the Melbourne T.S. Building in Collins Street.

In response to Newcastle Lodge's need Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney has sent a speaker once a month to Newcastle, accompanied by another member who helps with enquiries and book sales. Meetings are held in the Adult Education Centre and several new members joined Newcastle Lodge since the beginning of these monthly visits, the cost of which is borne by Blavatsky Lodge.

Amongst Blavatsky Lodge's regular activities are monthly meetings of Young Marrieds, Wednesday lunch-time meditations, and the Youth Group's weekly study meetings, which were recommenced in August with the aim of fulfilling a real need for deeper study among the younger members of the lodge. The Youth Group in Sydney is also issuing a small publication called 'Movement', with Peter Glasson as editor.

The lodge is facing a re-housing problem in the near future, and steps have been taken to prepare for the event. In co-operation with the Theosophical Society in Australia a building committee is engaged in co-ordinating the planning for its new premises.

Perth Lodge's expansion of its bookshop has led to the employment on a part-time basis of a bookshop manager, and the lodge's library has noticeably increased its membership. Perth Lodge also faces the possibility of making a move, sometime in the future, its property being under an indefinite threat of resumption by the Government. A planning committee has been set up.

The Hospice, home for 20 elderly ladies in Brisbane, and the McIntyre Centre for 14 Senior Citizens in Sydney, may soon be joined by a similar project in Melbourne, which is being planned by Melbourne Lodge. Both the Hospice, which

has been run expertly by The Theosophical Order of Service in Brisbane, and the McIntyre Centre, under the administration of Mr. Len Wade and his band of helpers, are fulfilling a real need in the community and amongst elderly members by providing a comfortable home and companionship for them.

*Service to Lodges.*—Of the facilities available from the national headquarters, publicity leaflets were most in demand, over 35,000 having been supplied to lodges for distribution. The tape library was also useful and popular, and 69 tapes were loaned to lodges and groups. 14 new lecture tapes, comprising 26 programs were added to the library bringing the total to 207 different talks, study and special programs, some of which are audio-visual.

The film 'How Many Life Times?' was shown to audiences in Brisbane, Melbourne, Tasmania, Newcastle and Sydney. In Tasmania it was also lent to several schools, and students obviously enjoyed this beautiful award-winning film and showed much interest in the subject.

A new "Secret Doctrine" Reading Course and a Meditation Study Course, the former prepared by the English Section and the latter by the American Section, are among the study aids offered by the national headquarters, and a total of 154 copies of these and other study courses have been sent to lodges. We are very grateful to the English and American Sections for sharing their study material with us.

As in previous years my monthly "Contact Letter" to Lodge Presidents has shared information and various announcements with the lodges. The Adyar Newsletter was sent to all lodges in Australia.

*Headquarters Staff.*—While our work has steadily increased over the years the extra load was carried by the same number

of staff until April, when we were joined by Miss Marion Caws who helps us on a part-time basis. One cannot adequately describe what it means to have a team of dedicated colleagues efficiently working together. In a time when everyone is already taxed to the limit with duties, it is not always easy to cope with the extra stress mainly caused through the sale of Savoy House and its following implications. But we are coping all right and the admirable support I received from my close associates in the office, Mrs. Gladys MacCartie, Mrs. Gerda Vanags, Miss Marion Caws and the National Treasurer, Mr. David Esplin, are deeply appreciated. Although not a member of the staff, Mr. Norman Hankin's assistance is also gratefully recognized.

In August Mrs. Gerda Vanags, after 4½ years continued service in the National Headquarters' office, regretfully found it necessary to leave us to seek a higher-paid position. She will continue to be well-loved and remembered by all who worked with her and know her throughout the lodges and membership. Her place was taken by Miss Judith Fyfe, who during the last months has become a valued member of the team, and I am very grateful to Miss Fyfe for accepting the appointment on the staff.

Under the national Rules I was required to seek endorsement by all lodges to serve for a fourth consecutive term as General Secretary. The endorsement having been given, I was elected at Convention for a fourth and final term which ends in April 1973.

*Membership.*—The membership stood at 1793 on September 30, 1971. This is an increase of 138 compared with last year, 307 new members having joined during the year.

The many additions in membership, changes of addresses and other adjustments have kept our membership

department in the National Headquarters very busy. Many thanks go to Mr. W. McKenzie of Sydney who has continued to inscribe Diplomas for new members. Although many names pass through our hands, the indexing, signing of diplomas and the sending of regular monthly letters to new members for the first 18 months of their membership, give us only a limited personal contact with our new brothers. But whilst it is not possible to get to know everyone as one would wish in a movement such as ours, the fact that we all belong to the Theosophical Society links us together. On the few occasions of my visits to lodges or at Convention, there is an opportunity of renewing and strengthening that link. For several years Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney has observed a very nice custom of inviting new members to social afternoons at The Manor to meet the Lodge Executive Committee members and the President as well as myself. Depending on the number of members who have joined, such an afternoon is arranged a few times during the year. This practice is recommended particularly to our large lodges.

Through death we have lost 28 members, amongst them Mr. Joe Pang Way, a well-loved brother, who has worked untiringly for the cause of Theosophy in North Queensland, Mr. D. C. Dickson, a well-known member of Melbourne Lodge, and in Western Australia, Miss E. Weickhardt, Mrs. E. Williams, Mrs. D. Atkinson and Mr. David Ewart, who had been a member for more than 70 years.

*Journal.*—During the year the usual 6 issues of *Theosophy in Australia* have been published with a variety of articles and contributions from members in Australia and some from overseas. We are indebted to Mr. David Esplin and, since April, also to Miss Caws for the main part of the editorial task. As publishing

costs have risen sharply over the past years and in order to comply with postal regulations for bulk postage of the Journal, the membership contribution for the magazine had to be increased as from April 1971. A Notice of Motion passed at Convention agreed to an increase of membership dues, which includes the subscription for the magazine.

*Advertising.*—Monthly advertisements in *The Australian* were continued, likewise in *The Bulletin* at six-weekly intervals, and in *The Australian Journal of Adult Education* which appears three times per year. Numerous requests for information about Theosophy and the Society have been received, some from countries in South East Asia. 57 enquirers have subsequently subscribed to the Correspondence Course, "Theosophy Key to Understanding", and as a result several subscribers have become members of lodges or have joined their libraries. An experiment of advertising in the Sunday edition of *The Australian* did not prove successful and was discontinued. A number of letters were sent in reply to enquiries received from State Penitentiaries, this being an avenue of work which perhaps warrants more of our efforts. Another aspect of advertising is through placing theosophical books in Public Libraries. This work was carried out on a small scale.

*Broadcasting.*—The Sunday night 15 minute theosophical broadcasts over Station 2 GB Sydney were presented throughout the year. As previously reported, Mr. G. Hodson's "Seminar of the Air" was most helpful and received much notice from the listening public. Miss Zahara gave two radio interviews during her visit to Sydney; she was also interviewed on television in Brisbane. I would like to thank members of the radio committee, consisting of Miss F. Beaufoy, Mr. F. W. Houstone, Miss

M. Caws and Mr. D. Esplin, for their advice and co-operation.

*Quest Book Agency.*—The Agency, which operates under the Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd., and is capably managed by Miss Doris Williamson, has further expanded its activities. It distributed books published by Stuart and Watkins (now Robinson and Watkins), and by The Theosophical Publishing House, both of London, as well as the Quest Books published by T. P. H., Wheaton, U. S. A. Demand has been maintained at a steady level from trade customers and a feature has been the increasing cash sales by mail order to country areas throughout Australia.

Several interesting new Quest Books have become available and revised catalogues have been distributed by way of a large mailing list. A total of 6,837 books, comprising 3,947 Quest Books, 1,320 Robinson and Watkins, and 1,570 T. P. H. London publications were sold to 112 trade customers in Australia and New Zealand as well as to lodges and groups. Some of the smaller lodges are now carrying stocks of Quest Books which has helped to stimulate interest in these centres.

Mrs. Shirley Miller of Brisbane and Mrs. Elsie Henderson of Canberra, have very kindly contacted booksellers in their areas, and it would be appreciated if members in other centres would undertake to do likewise. The Quest Books are proving of great value in introducing theosophical ideas, and the opportunity for service is open to those with ability and a little time to spare.

The highlight of the year was Miss Zahara's visit, who gave us an interesting insight into the many activities at Wheaton, where the Quest Books are published. Her visit afforded us, and particularly lodge bookshop managers, the chance to discuss various matters with her.

Miss Williamson's excellent management of the Agency is deeply appreciated.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—Over the past twelve months, the work of the T.O.S. in Australia has been greatly enhanced by the enthusiastic co-operation of T.O.S. groups and lodges throughout the country. Their valuable assistance has led to effective contributions in cash and kind to our overseas projects, namely: The Olcott Schools in Adyar, the Woman's Cooperative Cottage Industries in Kotagiri, and the work of the T.O.S. in India for the relief of East Pakistani refugees in India, as well as the Free School and Orphanage run by Theosophists in Viet-Nam. Contributions have augmented the assistance given to the T.O.S. by AUSTCARE (Australian Care for Refugees).

It has also been our responsibility as a member-body of AUSTCARE to assist its programs and serve on the State representative committees, organizing publicity and co-operating in its door-knock appeals, from which we receive 1% of the collections. Our efforts have been appreciated.

The T.O.S. session at Convention sparked off a wonderful response from members interested in the environmental problems, and much closer co-operation is now achieved for our theosophical approach—both within and outside the T.O.S., by members already working with other groups, or on special committees.

The decision to produce a quarterly national T.O.S. newsletter has given us opportunity to find ways of working together, and inspiring each other in the many fields of work the T.O.S. can do, including ecological programs. It has already been received with interest by our friends overseas. Reports are being sent to the newly formed international T.O.S. Information Centre at Adyar.

Throughout Australia, members of the T.O.S. are actively working with such organizations as Wild Life Preservation, Amnesty International, The United Nations Association of Australia, UNICEF, Save the Children Fund, and Animal Welfare organizations, as well as a number of social welfare groups assisting the underprivileged locally, amongst them pensioners, Aborigines, migrants and handicapped members of our community. Work for the sick and lonely is not forgotten, as seen in the report presented at Convention. The diversity of the programs undertaken whenever a special need can be met, is only limited by the number of members wishing to dedicate their time and energy to practical Theosophy. New members are always welcome.

*International.*—The Adyar Australia Fund stood at \$21,736.93 on 30th September, 1971. Its income for the year amounted to \$1,100.81. The Fund was set up in 1966, with its capital invested in Australia, earnings of which are made available for the maintenance of the International Headquarters in Adyar. Collections for Adyar Day from lodges and members, including a national contribution, and for the Olcott School and for the Felix Layton Rice fund were sent to Adyar.

The Non-English Publications Loan Fund collected \$989.90, including a national contribution of \$300, which was transmitted to the Fund invested in U.S.A.

On request from the Federation of Indonesian Theosophists, a set of the illustrated study course, "Man in the Universe" by Miss H. Zahara was loaned to them. Several Quest Books were also presented to Indonesia. The Indo-Pacific Fund gave a donation of \$U.S. 400 as a contribution to the Indonesian Federation of Theosophists, which has enabled the members to purchase a much needed typewriter and a duplication machine.

Scripts and tapes of 13 and 15 of Mr. Hodson's theosophical broadcasts were sent respectively to members in Japan and to the New Zealand Section, and scripts and publicity leaflets were also supplied to lodges in Singapore, Malaysia, Burma, Hong Kong and Saigon.

The film "How Many Life Times?" was loaned to the New Zealand Section for its Convention at Christmas time.

*Conclusion.*—As each plays his or her part, some performing services while others receive, until the process is reversed, some being taught while others teach; life will allot the parts, but we have to watch for the opportunities.

We cannot all be in the front lines and often a great amount of work is carried out by many unknown hands behind the scenes. To these unknown "toilers" especially, and to all and every one who helped in the performance of our task throughout the year, I give my warmest thanks.

RUTH BERINGER,  
*General Secretary.*

## SWEDEN

Mrs. Madelaine and Mr. Leslie Leslie-Smith came to Sweden for a very much appreciated lecture tour of ten days, the visit being part of a round trip of four weeks from the middle of April including Denmark, Norway and Finland as well. Our guests went to five places in Sweden and talked to the public on some occasions and to members. Their visit was very valuable for the work here and they gave us many good ideas to go on with, especially with regard to Theosophical points of view as to the present situation in society and in the world.

A Swedish Summer School was held during the first week of July 1971 at a very appropriate and beautiful place on the east coast, south of Stockholm. We were very happy to have with us the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and also Mr. John Coats from England. The key-note of the summer-school was "Man's Possibilities of Development—Individual and Society", and this theme was treated under different titles in lectures by our two guest-speakers and others, in shorter talks and in panel discussions. There were five parallel study groups, which dealt with "Meditation and Yoga", "Life after Death?", "The Significance of Symbols" and other subjects. There were about 85 participants, members and sympathizers, many of them in the age group of 20-25 years. We were glad to have ten members from Finland at the Summer School in addition to some from Denmark and Norway. The Summer School was considered by all present to be a very happy gathering, for which the note struck by Mr. N. Sri Ram was felt to be of great importance.

Another visitor from abroad was Mr. Sten von Krusenstierna from Sydney,

Australia, who, being of Swedish origin, told us in Swedish about the Theosophical work in the Australian Section.

We have met with an increasing interest in Theosophy by younger people and, among other things, the Vice General Secretary, Mrs. Barbro Melander, visited, on invitation, two schools for adult education of younger people. This and other circumstances has caused a certain influx of young people into the section. During the last year about 20 people in the age group around 20 years have joined the Society.

The main interest among the younger generation which comes into contact with Theosophy seems to be in the field of yoga and meditation, and how to find a deeper basis of one's own, in contrast to all the knowledge and methods of the intellect given and practised at schools and universities.

The activities of the bookshop (much is sold by mail) and the lending library are going on steadily, and so is the magazine *Teosofi i Norden* which is in common for Denmark, Norway and Sweden. A new pamphlet, on the Race Question, has been issued.

The majority of the work in the Section is going on in the lodges. During the year there has been regular work in nine lodges, situated in six different places, but in September 1971 one of the lodges in Stockholm, "Graalsökarna", was closed so there are now eight active lodges. In all there are eleven lodges. As to the membership of the section 47 new members have joined and 59 have left including lapsings. There are now 316 members.

CURT BERG,  
*General Secretary.*

## NEW ZEALAND

In company with many other countries this year, New Zealand has further witnessed the failure of a materialistic orientation to bring stability and upliftment to her people. Industrial unrest, galloping inflation and disillusionment among people have again disclosed the inability of orthodoxy to bring to humanity the upliftment and orderly expansion for which it was designed.

Said H. P. B., "The gradual assimilation by mankind of great spiritual truths will alone revolutionize the face of civilization and ultimately result in a far more effective panacea for evil than the mere tinkering of superficial misery."

Our books, magazine and lecturers this year have stressed that while psychologists are today encouraging deeper metaphysical thought, physiology is still pulling towards the materialistic. The time has arrived when physicists must penetrate beyond the observable into the unseen—the occult—to find answers to their dilemmas. This applies directly to the four scientific steps:-

1. The appreciation of the problem.
2. The formation of a hypothesis.
3. The deductive development of the hypothesis.
4. The process of verification.

The official recognition of parapsychology this year by scientific associations is an encouraging sign as well as the unofficial but successful experiments in E.S.P. from the moon by two of the astronauts. E. Lester Smith of our London Research Centre reported that Sir Peter Medawar, F.R.S., Director of the National Institute for Medical Research has just written a book, *Induction and Intuition in Scientific Thought*.

We have reiterated that the vacuum or loss of anchorage occasioned by worldwide rejection of unscientific dogmas and

a dissatisfaction with purely materialistic science must be filled with the spiritual science of Theosophy.

"The greatest need, both in the East and in the West, is that we perceive the spiritual stature of man, that he is a spirit emanating from the mind of God, bringing with him unique qualities. That is the important thing, because the danger of the world is not in the progress of the outer and material aspects of life. These may have their dangers, but the great danger lies not in any of the things that affect the life of man at the lower level, but in losing sight of the dignity of man as a spirit incarnate. That realization is the only thing that is going to give us the understanding of other people, other purposes, other races, and all also which alone can bring peace and happiness to this troubled world." Phoebe D. Bendit.

Our Lodges with their special seminars on Theosophy, lectures and widespread publicity, supported by dedicated members, effectively helped to promote this message. In the final result, it was the effort of each individual member which was all important.

Section Headquarters increased by tenfold its distribution to Lodges of publicity leaflets and booklets and sent lecturers regularly, but it was the sincere members who helped in the distribution, who phoned friends to remind them of meetings and provided transport, etc., who really produced the fine result, and our appreciation goes to them.

*Lecturers.*—Whilst last year our International President visited New Zealand and our International Vice-President and his wife have just arrived for a tour of both Islands and to be Guest Lecturers at our 75th Anniversary Celebrations, our local lecturers this year have rendered

signal service to the Lodges and public alike.

National Lecturer, Leslie P. Hardy, B.A., visited every Lodge except Suva. Some have also covered both Islands with fresh talks and presentations for public and members, whilst others—businessmen with limited time—have lectured within a radius of a 100 miles or so of their home towns. Lodge Lecturers and Officers have done extensive research work to make seminars and gatherings up-to-date and inspiring. To all these goes our deep gratitude.

The *General Secretary* has given public lectures for all our Lodges twice this year with some talks to members. He was Opening Speaker for two of the Seminars held at the H.P.B. Lodge, Auckland. Attendances have been above previous years in most centres and reflect the efficiency of those who put time and effort into ensuring good meetings.

The general practice now of placing paper on each chair, on which visitors leave their names and addresses is making Lodge mailing lists more effective and saving expensive advertising on many occasions.

Advertising this year was spread between sales of Quest books, encouraging subscriptions to our Magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand*, and inviting the public to write in for our free booklet for beginners, *Introducing Theosophy*. A number of advertisements were scheduled to coincide with visiting lecturers and were instrumental in increasing attendances.

\$992.14 was spent on advertising and propaganda by Section Headquarters in addition to substantial sums by the Lodges.

575 copies of *Introducing Theosophy* were distributed, also 1000 follow-up letters to enquirers and 1,486 monthly leaflets to new members.

7500 leaflets from America and reprints from Australia have been supplied free

of charge by Headquarters and used most effectively by Lodges. The tremendous success of our American Section not only keeps us humble but also challenges us to greater effort year by year to penetrate and permeate every thinking mind in New Zealand to imbue it with a sense of dedication to the building of a new civilization on the shores of the Pacific. It is one of our privileges in this time and age.

*Theosophy in New Zealand* has again increased its circulation at home and abroad. Many who first became subscribers afterwards joined the Society. The Section's Theme for the year—"Theosophy the Hope of Modern Man"—has been driven home wherever possible with up-to-date pronouncements in science, philosophy and occultism.

The gift subscription of \$1.00 a year for a friend has again resulted in extra subscribers.

We do appreciate the research covering an extensive range of overseas journals, both general and occult, undertaken by our Editor.

*Section Library* continues to serve the country members and those unable to call at Lodge Libraries. Under capable leadership, it has been re-situated in larger offices and with extra steel cabinets, at Section Headquarters.

*Tapes*.—Lodges are appreciative of the efficiency of our Tape Librarian in checking all tapes before despatch. Preference is being given to the 35-40 minute tapes or even shorter ones to allow more time for discussion.

As a gift from the Australian Section we have just received tapes of 15 broadcasts by Geoffrey Hodson from radio station 2GB Sydney. These, together with the National Network Broadcast "I Believe" by the General Secretary, are being transferred into "Talking Books" by the Blind Institute for the use of their

members. The tapes will be available to Lodges.

*Youth Work.*—In Auckland, the Y.T.s at H.P.B. Lodge are extending their influence and assisting individually in many Lodge activities. Young people especially in the University towns are displaying more interest in the occult, approaching Life's problems with open minds devoid of the preconceived prejudices of earlier years. This is very noticeable.

*T. O. S.*—The Arundale Centre at Orewa Beach is a credit to all concerned and has become a well established centre of Theosophical activity.

*Iona Flats* continues to look after many older workers. An investigation is being made into the erection of a Rest Home for those needing greater attention and also a "Continuing Care" provision for the "whole-of-life" for older workers.

The Dunedin T.O.S. continues its effective work for Animal Welfare and health and has earned deep respect in the city.

*Finances* continue to cover our annual requirements, allowing us to expand the work despite heavy increases in printing costs, postage and stationery during the year. The Voluntary Fund is the mainstay of the work on a Dominion-wide basis and has provided \$917.89 this year against a budget of \$800.

Small or large, your contributions do make it possible to bring the transforming truths of the Ageless Wisdom to people in need and to extend the work of the Masters in this land.

*Legacies* total \$124.00 being the balance from the David Mackay Estate, \$74.00 and the J. Murray Estate, \$50.00.

Our special thanks go to all who remember this essential work in their wills and by gifts. Also great credit goes to our Section Treasurer, Neill Edgar, A.C.A., for his untiring effort, not only on finance

and investment, but also in inspiring and drafting most of our advertising campaigns each year. Constitution-wise, he also keeps us up to date.

*Membership.*—There has been a total number of incoming members of 90, and a loss of 68, giving an overall increase of 22.

*Donations* consisted of Adyar Fund, \$172.92; Olcott Harijan Free Schools, \$160.00; Tibetan Refugees Children's Appeal, \$70.00; Non-English Publications Loan Fund, \$25.00; Adyar Century Fund, \$309.00.

*Called to higher service during the year.* 21 members of the Section passed away during the year.

*The Mason Foundation* is operating effectively, and the Society has received its first annual allocation from the N.Z. Insurance Co. Ltd., the Trustees for the Fund. This has been applied to advertising and has proved of considerable value. It is with deep regret that we record the passing of Mrs. Dulcia Mason, known and loved by so many of our members, and a keen and generous supporter of the Foundation which bears the name of her husband, the Hon. H. G. R. Mason, C. M. G., Q. C. Your support of this "Kern Type" Foundation can increase its ability to do in New Zealand the wonderful work that is being done in the U. S. A.

*Gratitude.*—Help, as usual, has been received from Adyar, Australia, U.S.A. and other Sections during the year—a genuine example of world-wide co-operation in a mighty Cause. Our own dedicated Section and Lodge Officers and personnel, from efficient Asst. General Secretary to Tea Maker have given generously of their time and intelligent effort to make our Society effective, a force for good in the community. The Theosophical Society in New Zealand is visualized as having a definite role in

the future destiny of our land—to bring to our people an inner realization of their Divine origin and destiny and of the mighty purpose for which they have been cast—to assist in the formation on the shores of the Pacific of the Sixth sub-race and of an era of co-operation, good-will and unity, which today's world so desperately needs.

Surely this effort by our members will bring us back together again and again in unique companionship as builders of this mighty civilization—a comforting and inspiring realization.

“We are on the threshold of a new age,” said Mr. Sri Ram recently, “for the old is outworn and falling to pieces. Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's, unto Science what belongs to Science. What the scientific mind discovers is the observable. What remains, and that is infinitely the greater part, belongs to regions beyond the mind, the world of God's ideas, the purest intuitions of man, the creations

of his subjective being. These ideas will be as stars in a new heaven of humanity which must be reflected in the new earth that it will bring into being, an earth of its own creation. Humanity is an ancient plant that has seen many seasons. It is preparing for a new flowering which will be not a reproduction of the old but the flowering of a new species evolved from the old.”

Everything is working to plan. The Archetypal pattern existed in the Divine Mind from before the emanation of our Solar System.

In this glorious plan and work we are all privileged to share, and drawing on our inner spiritual powers of inestimable will, of all embracing love and Divine Intelligence we go forward into 1972 with our Keynote for the year “Theosophy—Universal Truths in Action.”

BRIAN DUNNINGHAM,  
*General Secretary.*

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## NETHERLANDS

Our membership again shows a decrease, of 39 this year but the average age of new members is lower than before.

Because of the lecture course conducted by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, we had no special summer school, for many members went to Huizen to participate during this week. There was also the outstanding event of the European Congress in Paris, which nearly 40 members of our Section attended. We were very glad that our President Mr. Sri Ram was willing to give a lecture in Huizen, when he stayed there for some days on his way to England.

Convention 1970 was held in October on the subject “What are we doing with

everything we know?” There was a good discussion but we did not come to positive answers. In May 1971, a seminar was held during a long weekend on the same subject as that of the Congress in Paris. We had an outstanding lecture on biology by Mr. Ronald Engelse, one of our young members.

*Publishing House.*—The sales are increasing, especially to non-members and there are many young readers. We have a translation of the book *The Way of the Disciple* by Clara Codd and have reprinted *Transition* by Hampton. The translation of *The Divine Plan* is nearly finished and will go to the printer in a couple of weeks.

Some of the workshops of the young members decreased their activities, but other Groups are more active.

Our Section is still at a low ebb, but new plans are being made to blow the

coals of our inner fire, to give light and warmth to our fellow beings.

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

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## FRANCE

Regular work is going on in our Section. A weekly Course on Theosophy has been given at our Headquarters in Paris. The selling of theosophical books from our bookshop increased notably, and our Library attracted as usual numerous readers. Six books were published by our Publishing House (Editions Adyar) among which were reprints of the 2nd and 5th volumes of *The Secret Doctrine* in French. We continued to share our magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* with the Belgian and Swiss Sections.

The most important event in the life of our Section was the 27th European Congress, the key-note of which was "Man's Inner Resources". It took place in our Headquarters, from 9th to 15th August. About 300 participants came

to Paris from 17 countries. The Presiding Officer was our world President, N. Sri Ram, who delivered an inspiring lecture on "The True Nature of Man". During the course of this Congress, our National Convention was held and a new General Secretary was elected. Dr. Paul Thorin, who occupied this office for many years did not stand for re-election.

Some Canadian members who had recently joined us were transferred to the Canadian Federation. The total number of our Lodges is 35. 169 new members joined us and 145 members left us since last year, which means an increase of 26 members.

SALOMON LANCRI,  
*General Secretary.*

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## ITALY

1971 was an eventful year for the Italian Section. The 57th Annual Convention was held at Perugia in May with the participation of about 70 members. The Chairman of the European Federation, Mrs. Claire Wyss and Miss Mary Anderson, the General Secretary of the Swiss Section were Guest Speakers from abroad. The Convention, which was organized by Mr. Fioriti was very interesting and the participants enjoyed fruitful days in the peaceful atmosphere of Umbria. The key theme of the Convention was "The

Realization of the Self" which was dealt with by such qualified lecturers as Mrs. Wyss, Mr. R. Hack, Mr. Fioriti, Mr. Cusani, Mr. E. Bratina, Mr. G. Valle and Mr. F. Brunelli, and was followed by an interesting debate.

This year the new General Secretary of the Section was elected. It was Mr. Edoardo Bratina, a member for 35 years and President of the Lodge at Trieste.

A sad event occurred on the 18th August with the sudden death of Mr. Roberto Hack, late General Secretary, in

his 50th year of membership. He was well-known as a staunch worker for many years.

The activity of the Groups proceeded quite regularly in two main directions: the exposition of the classical Theosophical literature, particularly of H.P.B.; and occasional lectures and debates on current problems considered from the Theosophical standpoint. Both topics were much appreciated by the respective Groups. The Italian Section consists

of 22 Groups and 3 Centers, with 546 members. Some members have passed away, but there was an increase in total membership of 26.

One notices an increasing interest among people in psychological topics, the problems of pollution and the welfare of animals. There is also an increased sale of books on Theosophy and allied subjects.

EDOARDO BRATINA,  
*General Secretary.*

## GERMANY

In January 1971, Parsifal Lodge in Berlin celebrated its fifteenth anniversary with addresses by the leader of the Lodge, Mr. Karl Struckmann; the leader of Blavatsky Lodge, Mrs. Beate Mattern, and the leader of Surya Lodge, Mrs. Irmgard Scheithauer-Behrenbeck, both of Berlin; and the General Secretary, from Hamburg.

Mrs. Hermine Sabetay did a lecture tour of some of the Lodges in April, for which they were grateful. There was no Summer School in Germany this year, but weekend meetings at Hustedt and Berlin in May were well attended. Guests of honour and main speakers in Berlin were Sandra and Geoffrey Hodson. The success of this long weekend is encouraging for next year's meeting at the beginning of May.

Fourteen members from Germany including the General Secretary and the Recording Secretary were happy to meet our President, Mr. Sri Ram, and many members at the European Congress in Paris in August. More than thirty members from Germany visited the Re-

gional Summer School of the German-speaking countries in Pichl, Austria.

During the European Council Meeting in Paris the German Section made a proposal for consideration by the General Council: to produce a calendar for the year 1975 with coloured photographs of Adyar. During 1975 in every member's home around the world the beauty of Adyar should radiate through the pictures and form a daily link with Headquarters and the theosophical work.

We are now preparing for the 70th Anniversary of the German Section which will take place from 7-14 August 1972 in Bad Homburg Vor der Höhe (near Frankfurt) in connection with the European Council Meeting and a Summer School. We are happy to invite members from many countries to attend.

Membership showed a small increase this year. There was a much greater increase in the interest shown among non-members.

ANNELIESE STEPHAN,  
*General Secretary.*

## CUBA

*National Presidency.*—The results of the election of National President and Vice-President, for the years 1971-73 which took place on January 17th, 1971, were: National President, Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo Artigas; National Vice-President, Senora Carmen Segon Pozos.

The following appointments were made by the National President: Secretary, Dr. Luis Manuel Coloma Delgado; Office Secretary, Sr. Alfredo Cabrera Martinez; Assistant to the President, Sr. Juan Batista Rodriguez Oliva.

Appointments by the Board of Directors were: Treasurer, Sr. Adolfo Aizpurua Aizcorbe; Vice-Treasurer, Sr. Ramiro Blanco Calas; Librarian, Sra. Lelia Fernandez Pagla; Auditor, Sr. C. P. Roberto Latour Piedra.

*Activities.*—The joint meetings of the Lodges recommenced in September 1971. They will be held monthly, Atma Lodge meeting on Mondays, Annie Besant Lodge on Tuesdays and so on. Atma Lodge is dealing with the subject of Reincarnation; Annie Besant, with the Seven Rays.

*Board of Directors.*—Eleven Lodges were represented at a meeting on 13th December, 1970. A Budget of \$1,503.40 was approved for 1971. Sr. Abelardo del Reall, of the American Section, and past member of the Cuban Section, was appointed to represent the Cuban Section at the Inter-American Conference at Bogota, Columbia. The National Officers were appointed and the Annual Report was read.

*66th National Convention.*—Fifteen Lodges were represented. Public lectures during the Convention were given on the following subjects: "Yoga and the Theosophist" (Sr. Ignacio Munio, Leadbeater Lodge); "Ancient Greek Mythology, Its Interpretation in the Light

of Occultism" (Sr. Gaspar Torres, Dharma Lodge); "The Absolute Being and the Solar Deity" (Sr. Manuel Martinez Mendez, Sophia Lodge); and "Ancient Wisdom" (Sr. Alfredo Puig, Annie Besant Lodge).

*Lodges and Members.*—The number of members has increased, compared to last year, from 340 to 362, as of 30th September 1971. New members numbered 39, re-joined 4. There was a loss of 21 members, 9 being deceased and 12 being transfers out (leaving the country).

Srta. Hortensia Diaz de Villegas has recovered from her illness which kept her inactive for several years. She is active again in Annie Besant Lodge and in her other Theosophical activities. We are all very happy to have her back.

Most of the Lodges were active during the year in their studies and work.

*Theosophical Publications.*—In January 1971, the Section started a publication *Orientaciones Teosoficas*. It is mimeographed, published every fifteen days and sent to all the Lodges. It maintains contact between the Section and the Lodges, and publishes articles, translated from *The Theosophist* and other Theosophical publications, international and national news.

*Revista Teosofica Cubana.*—This has not been published since 1966. However, we are making plans to start its publication again, in mimeograph, perhaps in January 1972.

*Theosophical Festivities.*—These took place as usual in the Section's building in Havana.

On Foundation Day (November 17, 1970), the lectures given were "H.P.B." by Sr. Juan Bautista Rodriguez, "H. S. Olcott" by Sr. Alfredo Cabrera and "The Theosophical Society" by Sra. Lelia Fernandez Pagola.

On the 66th Anniversary of the Foundation of the Cuban Section (January 7, 1971), lectures were given by Sr. Juan Bautista Rodriguez ("Theosophy in Cuba"), Sra. Evangelina Arbolaez ("Jose Maria Massó") and Sra. Carmen Segon Pozos ("The Cuban Section").

Adyar Day, (February 17, 1971) was celebrated with talks by Sra. Noemi Saldana on Col. H. S. Olcott, Sra. Encarnacion Sanchez on Mr. C. W. Leadbeater, Dr. Dana Cruz Bustillo on Dr. Annie Besant and Sra. Lelia Fernandez Pagola on Adyar.

On White Lotus Day (May 8, 1971), readings were given, as usual, from the *Bhagavad Gita* and *The Light of Asia*. On May 10, 1971, the occasion of the

Wesak full moon, a talk was given on the Wesak Ceremonial.

In all these festivities music and artistic items were offered by members of different Lodges. A special mention is made of Sra. Josefina de Cepeda of Annie Besant Lodge, who plays the piano at all Theosophical festivities.

*Finance.*—The National Bank regulations do not allow the export of dollars, and as in previous years, it has not been possible for us to comply with our financial obligations to Adyar. However, we have made the corresponding reserve of funds in our financial records.

DANA CRUZ-BUSTILLO,  
*General Secretary.*

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## HUNGARY

No Report

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## FINLAND

The work of the Section is carried on along the established lines. The Annual Convention was held at Easter at a High School in Helsinki. It was a matter of regret that our very competent and respected General Secretary, Atte Pohianmaa, had to retire after only 3 years in office.

There are 23 Lodges in 12 localities (2 of them dormant) meeting weekly or twice a month. Public lectures on Sundays and other occasions at the Headquarters and some times in provincial towns are well attended. Our Lecture Hall is often too small. There are a dozen able members who carry out this work without shrinking from the task.

Public and Lodge activities are suspended from 8 May to September, including the Libraries. During the summer season interest is centred at Kreivilä, the summer home, the place of the Summer School for 9-10 days in midsummer, of excursions and weekends, gatherings with talks, discussions, music and bathing and swimming. It is a meeting place of the whole Section. The motto of the Summer School this year was "Growing Human", and 20 speakers were heard.

It is worth mentioning that there is a Benevolent Fund (in memory of Mr. John Sonck) and a sum equivalent to £350 a year is made in grants to elderly members. Many are grateful for the

grants which enable them to take part in the Summer School.

The official organ of the section is *Teosofi*, which has 10 issues a year, and is edited by Mrs. Sylvi Horstio. Letters to members are distributed monthly. There is urgent need of more literature, new books and reprints of some old ones. Raising money for repairs and decorations of the Headquarters and the summer home has been successful. We hope to find money for books too.

The Section is far from satisfied that all is being done to promote the Theosophical cause in our country. But there

is life and will to serve and sacrifice, and we believe that the Section is fulfilling its role in the Society.

International contacts are always much appreciated and we were happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Leslie-Smith with us for two days in May. The Section was represented at the Paris Congress in August by the General Secretary; 4 members visited Huizen Centre and a group of 10 Finns went to the Scandinavian Summer School in Sweden.

SIRKKA KIVILINNA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## RUSSIA

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## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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## SOUTHERN AFRICA

The Lodges in this Section have continued to spread the Theosophical teachings along their own particular lines. Interesting lectures from members and non-members have provided opportunity for study and discussion.

Mr. John Coats, the international lecturer, visited this country in April and gave lectures in nearly every Lodge. He was the Guest of Honor at the Easter Convention in Cape Town, and his contributions in both serious and happy vein added much to the success of this occasion.

The membership is down again this year. The rise of many groups, some professing to have Masters "in the flesh" and others with well-established lecturers, has been of greater attraction than our own Society. These groups are, however, valuable inasmuch as they introduce forms of the Ancient Wisdom which appeal to the different types of temperament. Those who stay the course in our Society realise the precious and satisfying teachings of Theosophy and so remain a nucleus in the midst of this modern world.

Mrs. B. Cattell, our Field Officer, is doing valuable work by keeping in close contact with the Lodges in this Section and with the unattached members who live too far to attend meetings. She is supplying them with Theosophical

books and magazines which contain the news of the work in other parts of the world.

LILY M. MEMBREY,  
*General Secretary.*

## SCOTLAND

In Scotland there are 88 members and four Lodges—Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and Dunfermline.

The work goes on steadily in spite of difficulties caused by the postal strike and the efforts of pseudo-occult organisations which would like to take us over. On the other hand, we have been able to help the work in Nigeria, where Lagos Lodge is going from strength to strength and is beginning to work in the T.O.S., and in Enugu by supplying members there with books, since their Libraries were destroyed during their civil war.

It is encouraging to find intelligent young people attending our meetings in their search for the meaning and purpose of life, and some vital discussions are taking place. Also, older persons who had resigned or lapsed are finding out their mistake and renewing their interest.

The European Congress in Paris was attended by the General Secretary and another member from Scotland, and many new friendships were made in Europe.

Magazines like *The Theosophist* and *Theosophy in Action* are circulated to members and friends, as well as cyclostyled copies of the President's talk to Australian

members at their Convention, 1970, "The Real Aim of the Society", and Dr. Besant's "O, Hidden Light". These have been widely read and much appreciated. Books have been placed in the Public Libraries in Edinburgh and St. Andrews, and individual writers have contributed articles on Theosophy to popular magazines.

The T.O.S. keeps active and has sent out parcels, good clothing and money to Algeria, Jordan and Pakistan. Sick visiting and animal welfare have not been forgotten.

Special commemorative days have been celebrated and gifts remitted to Adyar.

It is with great regret that we record the deaths of two old, faithful members—Mrs. A. D. Brown and Mrs. Isa Crossley. Both did magnificent public work during their long lives, and it is unfortunate that younger members have not the same responsibility and willingness to undertake official duties, with the result that too heavy a load is being carried by only a few dedicated members.

JEAN CARSTAIRS,  
*General Secretary.*

## SWITZERLAND

The 1971 Annual Convention of the Section was held in Basle, about 40 members attending. Our guest speaker was Dr. Norbert Lauppert, Vice-Chairman of the Theosophical Society in Europe and General Secretary of the Austrian Section, who spoke on "The Cry for Freedom". A symposium was held on "Man's Inner Resources" (the key-note of the European Congress). The Swiss National Committee met three times in the year under report (in November 1970, and March and September 1971).

Lodge work continued as usual. Weekly public lectures as well as various courses were held at the headquarters in Geneva. Mrs. Rachel Tripet, who had temporarily taken over the function of Chairman of the Geneva Group of Lodges, was succeeded by Miss Emma Rebsamen. Work proceeds on the preparation of catalogues for the large libraries in Geneva and Basle.

Visiting speakers included Mr. and Mrs. Kunz (from New York) and Mr. John Coats (in Basle), as well as various members of the French Section (in Geneva and Lausanne). The President paid a short visit to Geneva, and his secretary Miss Nisewanger was in Basle and Geneva. Mrs. Claire Wyss, Chairman of the Theosophical Society in Europe, and

the General Secretary visited various lodges.

The Swiss Section shares the magazines *Le Lotus Bleu* and *Adyar* with other sections and benefits from the publications issued by the Adyar Publishing Houses in Paris and Graz.

The General Secretary attended the European Council meetings held during the European Congress in Paris, at which about 14 members from Switzerland were present. Other members also took part in the Young Theosophists camp and the Pichl German-speaking summer school, and paid visits to the Huizen Centre.

The various schemes launched by the Administrator of the Meyer Fund, Mr. Georges Tripet, are progressing, including a literary competition and the placing of books on Theosophy in public libraries.

The present General Secretary's period of office will end on 31st December 1971, and Mr. G. Tripet was elected her successor at a National Committee meeting held on 25th September. She wishes Mr. Tripet much success and happiness in his activity and is certain that the Section will flourish under his guidance.

MARY ANDERSON,  
*General Secretary.*

## BELGIUM

This year the work of the Section proceeded normally, apparently without outstanding events.

I say apparently, because for eyes which are able to see, even when nothing seems to happen, there are signs which could be most important for the future of the society in Belgium.

Let us begin with what has happened. The General Secretary visited the Branches at Liege, Gand and Bruges. She did not have the opportunity to visit Antwerp, but hopes to do so in the Autumn. She spoke everywhere of "The Spirituality of Man". This is a very important subject. It is obvious that if the thoughts

of all mankind were orientated towards the Spirit and the search for the Divinity in Man, the whole of humanity would transform itself rapidly and would be infinitely more happy than it actually is.

Besides her travels in Belgium, the General Secretary went to St. Andrews in Scotland to assist at the Congress of the European Federation, and to Aussois in France to assist at the Summer School of the Latin countries. She was invited to speak at both of these gatherings, where the Vice-President and Mrs. Perkins were also present. The General Secretary later visited Huizen, where she had the opportunity of making contact with the great occultist, Mr. G. Hodson.

This year 33 new members joined:

20 in Brussels, 2 in Liege, 5 in Gand, 1 in Bruges and 5 in Antwerp.

Four members passed away and 2 resigned, so we have a gain of 27 members.

In 1970 we had 226 members; this year we have 253.

Thirty-six public lectures were delivered in Brussels, with an average attendance of 40-50 persons.

An important event for Theosophy in general is the recent publication of a book dedicated to the history of Theosophy in the world. The Society approaches its Centenary. It will begin a new spring; it seems that a new wind is rising.

BERTHE NYSENS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## INDONESIA

Section Suspended

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## BURMA

The year under report was, so to say, one of consolidation. Total membership stands at 56, as against 53 the preceding year. There were 4 new admissions and one left the country.

The Burmese Section, with its six constituent Lodges, Olcott, Youth, Bho-dhi, Lotus, Blavatsky and Taungdwingyi, continued to show its strength steadily in spreading Theosophy. The Olcott Lodge, particularly, with its library of a small but fine collection of books, supplemented recently by some of the latest Theosophical literature from Adyar, attracts scholars in pursuit of Philosophy, Religion and allied subjects.

The Lodge continued to serve as a centre for the propagation of Theosophy through

the week, with gatherings, Study Classes on *The Voice of the Silence*, *The Bhagavad Gita*, etc., and eleven lectures by members on various themes of Theosophy.

The other six constituent Lodges also continued to serve in their own unique ways in the cause of Theosophy.

*Thingangyun Land.*—This is still at the same stage as the previous year.

*Burma Educational Trust.*—After the nationalisation of the Trust's Co-Educational School in April 1966, the Government acquired the remaining land and buildings of the Trust in March 1971. Following legal advice, the Trust has taken appropriate steps and submitted a claim for compensation for the property,

and also for the recovery of the Trust's frozen Bank Account.

*Blavatsky Lodge, Maymyo.*—The Section had to continue paying its Land and Municipal Taxes, as it is no longer able to do so, due to lack of membership and funds. We might say it is now in a dormant state.

*Fifty-eighth Annual Convention.*—This was held on 25th October, 1970, at the Olcott Lodge, 102, 49th street, Rangoon, with over 30 members taking part. Dr. U. Tin Min of Kyaukpyu gave the opening lecture. A symposium on "How to be a Better Theosophist" was held, followed by lively discussions among the members. Morning coffee, lunch and evening tea also formed main attractions.

*Finance.*—The audited accounts show an opening balance of K.4,098/22 and closing balance of K.4,187/69 giving an excess of K.79/47 for the year. K.30,000 National Savings Certificates bought in the name of the Burmese Section, but to be claimed by the donor Mr. U. Kyaw Hla of Mandalay Lodge for reasons explained in the previous year's report, still remain in the custody of the Section, as they are not matured yet.

*Conclusion.*—As members of the Theosophical Society, we shall strive to the best of our ability to be true Theosophists leading a life of purity, peace and harmony.

THAN KYAING,  
*Assistant General Secretary.*

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## AUSTRIA

During the year under report the work in the Lodges in Bruck and Linz and in the Federations at Vienna and Graz was done more or less along the same lines as in the previous year. In October 1969, we had the visit of the Vice-President Mr. Perkins and of Mrs. Perkins to Vienna, Graz and Linz, and in September 1971, the visit of Mrs. Claire Wyss.

The Central Council of the Section met at Bruck a.d.Mur on June 20th, 1971. A resolution was passed for an amendment of the Section's Constitution. The seat of the Section which before was at Vienna, will now be at the dwelling place of the General Secretary; since the undersigned lives at Graz, the seat of the Section during the term of his office will be at Graz. A further amendment concerns the official year of the Section: it ran before from July 1st to June 30th, and will be now from January 1st to December 31st.

The Regional Summer School at Pichl was held along similar lines as last year. Again more than 80 members from five European countries and from Israel were present. Mrs. Claire Wyss presided, and Mr. John Coats was Guest of Honor. Owing to the bad weather which prevented excursions in the afternoons, the work done was more intensive than in any previous year.

Membership of the Section shows a small decrease, though 17 new members came in (2 more than last year), owing to more deaths and lapsings; the total number is now 233 (against 239 last year).

The publishing work of our regional "Adyar-Verlag" goes on growing larger from year to year. The sales of books increased again at a rate of 40% against the previous year. Five books were published during the year under report:

*The Mirror of Life and Death* by L. J. Bendit (German translation—November 1970); *Raja Yoga* by Wallace Slater (German translation—December 1970); *The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant (second edition of the German translation—February 1971 in cooperation with the T. P. H. London, printed in England); *At the Feet of the Master* by Alcyone (fourth edition of the new German translation, comprising the 10th, 11th and 12th thousand copies—July 1971);

*Thoughts for Aspirants* by N. Sri Ram (German translation of selected parts—August 1971). A fourth edition of H. P. B.'s *The Voice of the Silence* is in the press and will appear in January 1972.

The undersigned attended the meetings of the European Council at Paris in August 1971, and was guest at the Swiss Convention at Basle in March 1971.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,  
*General Secretary.*

## NORWAY

We have had a rather busy year, with encouragements as well as disappointments.

On the positive side was the visit of Leslie and Madeleine Leslie-Smith in May 1971. We had three interesting evenings with them, and they even spoke on the White Lotus Day which was celebrated during their visit.

In September we had a visit from Dr. K. J. Kabraji who came to see Norway.

The Magazine *Teosofi i Norden* is also an asset, is as before produced in co-operation with Denmark and Sweden, and very much appreciated in Norway.

In the summer I was able to visit the lodges in the western part of Norway, and was happy to meet wholehearted members there. A group of them lived

quite near each other and formed a sort of center, small but powerful.

In September we had a very inspiring Annual Convention.

Our difficulties are, for instance, that so many of our older members have passed away lately, and it is not so easy to replace them. And most people are not so interested in listening to lectures as before. They are too occupied with their TV's, sports and so on. It is more difficult to spread the theosophical ideas now. We seem to need new methods for this work, and we are trying hard to find them.

Membership is now 141. We got 5 new members during the last year, and 8 members passed to the other side.

RUTH WESSEL NIELSEN,  
*General Secretary.*

## EGYPT

(Lodges only)

No Report

## DENMARK

During the last year we have had many memorable events in the Danish section. From 13th-22nd April 1971, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie-Smith were touring Denmark. They gave public lectures and talked in many lodges all over the country. We felt that this visit tied the English and Danish section still closer together and we profitted very much by their insight, wisdom and humour.

It was a great joy for us to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson in spring-time and very inspiring and instructive for all of us to attend the study-seminar conducted by Mr. Hodson. It was indeed a great success, and the audience increased all the time during their stay here which lasted three weeks, after which they left for Holland.

Our Convention took place in Copenhagen from 7th-9th May in connection with Sandra and Geoffrey Hodson's visit. Mr. Hodson was the guest-speaker.

Mr. Hardy Bennis has been appointed our new editor for the Danish section of *Teosofi i Norden*. After a long and faithful service as editor, Mrs. Anna Viking retired, and a little later she left for Australia where she may stay for good in order to be closer to her son who lives there.

The Danish edition of *The Secret Doctrine*, published in four volumes, is selling exceptionally well, and it was positively mentioned in some of the newspapers' book-reviews.

The different lodges in Copenhagen which have their own libraries agreed to

put all their books together and establish a good size library in Copenhagen which will be open both for members and public. The library will be ready in the beginning of December. Our main library will still remain at Stavrbj Bondehave on Fyn (close to Gammel Praestegaard).

The circulation of our monthly magazine *Nu (Now)* has during the year increased from 1000 to almost 1500, and the interest and demand for it is great. The expenses are covered by free donations.

The public lectures in Copenhagen in autumn 1970 and spring 1971 have each time attracted a relatively large audience of up to 100. About 3000 attractive pamphlets were distributed telling about this series of lectures. In addition many of the lodges have monthly lodge-meetings open to the public.

Due to the European Congress in Paris in August 1971 and the study-seminar in May conducted by Geoffrey Hodson we skipped our almost traditional summer-school at Gammel Praestegaard, but plan a big one next year.

As a whole the last year has been characterized by much activity and a fruitful interchange and interaction among lodges and members.

There are 11 lodges in Denmark. 28 members joined the section and 11 left, 6 passing on to greater light. So the net increase amounts to 17. The total membership is now 295.

PREBEN SÖRENSEN,  
General Secretary.

## IRELAND

As regards the actual work of the Society, matters improved. We ventured an advertisement in a daily paper, which brought a heartening response. So interest is increasing and our membership is rising. Some interesting young people have joined. One of them, Miss Dunleavy, is a trained Librarian and she has been cataloguing our really valuable library. We have, for instance, got five volumes of the old *Irish Theosophist* which was edited by AE (George Russell), and which are much sought after, and not only by Theosophists.

For the first time for years, we had only one visitor, Mr. Adamson, sent to us by the Montreal Lodge. This lack of visitors may have been caused by the tragic situation that Ireland now finds herself in.

I was prevented from representing the Lodge at the Conference at Nottingham, owing to illness.

We had the sad occurrence of losing a valued member and friend by the death of Mrs. Moya Bligh; over fifty years ago she had been co-founder of the Dublin Lodge, which has been newly reconstituted.

We said "Farewell" with deep regrets when our popular member, Mr. D. G. Chaudri (who was Charge-d'Affaires of the Indian Embassy) left for India with his family.

However we look forward with confidence to the future.

DOROTHY M. EMERSON,  
*General Secretary.*

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MEXICO

The present year has been a prosperous one for the Mexican Section in various ways.

The General Secretary attended the Inter-American Congress held in Bogotá, Colombia during February 17-21.

The President of the Inter-American Federation, Brother Luis Spairani, visited us with a Delegation of the Argentina Section. It was also a pleasure to meet again Brothers Fritz and Helen Loenholdt from Wheaton, Ill., in early March.

On August 19th Brother Geoffrey Hodson arrived and dear Sister Sandra too. He was our Guest Speaker. Public lectures were held at the magnificent auditorium of the Freemasons. Some

of the members of this Movement were very much attracted to the Theosophical teachings. Lectures for our members were delivered in our social building.

Logia Evolucion from Piedras Negras in the State of Coahuila has built its own building for its Theosophical activities. There is much enthusiasm among the members of this Lodge in opening their building any time now.

We have been doing some important repairing in our social building, and membership is increasing more and more everyday.

SONIA PEREZ VERA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## CANADA

Quantative measurements of Theosophical activity are not necessarily a reliable guide to real achievements. Bare statistics show little progress for the Theosophical Society in Canada in the year under review, but behind the figures are suggestions of accomplishments in these twelve months. Only time will indicate their true worth.

The period roughly coincided with the first year of activity in the new premises of the Toronto Lodge, the largest single unit in the Canadian Section. The official opening on November 21, 1970, heralded a busy season in which most of the traditional programs were resumed and several new ones started. The spacious facilities proved adaptable to the Lodge's requirements and were put to good use thereafter. It is particularly gratifying to report that after more than three years in which only partial service could be provided, the Lodge's excellent library is once again in a position to shelve its entire collection.

A new Lodge was chartered on May 8, White Lotus Day. This was the Atma Vidya Lodge in Victoria, British Columbia. Its Founder-President, Mr. Benjamin Garside, was also instrumental in putting the St. Thomas Lodge on the Theosophical map more than fifty years ago; thus the new Lodge is fortunate to be linked with the robust early years of the Canadian Section.

The election held in the Spring was the first under the new by-law which provides for a three-year (instead of one-year) term of office for the General Secretary and Executive. As well as saving the significant cost of holding annual elections it is hoped the new

arrangement will result in the development of longer term projects than have been considered hitherto.

During the year discussions were held with the T.S. in America whereby the Canadian Section would provide an interest free loan to assist with the publication of the *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings*. It is hoped this would allow the publishing program to be accelerated. Arrangements are expected to be completed before the end of 1971.

With the resources available in Canada it is not easy to make Theosophy known to a wider public except through open meetings held by the larger Lodges. Sometimes we are asked by other organizations to provide speakers on Theosophy and reincarnation, and in the past year such occasions have been instrumental in creating new interest in different areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Barborcka were again kind enough to stop over in Canada en route from Europe to their home in California. In November, 1970, as in the previous year, they visited Lodges in eastern Canada while in this country as guests of the T. S. in Canada.

Preparations for the 1971 North American Theosophical Students' Conference, which will be held in Toronto, October 9-11, has been a major activity of the Section in the past six months. Co-sponsor of the Conference, the third of its kind, is The Theosophical Society in America. All students, regardless of affiliation, are invited to the Conference, which like its predecessors will encourage individual participation.

TED G. DAVY,  
*General Secretary.*

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## ARGENTINA

*National Meetings.*—From 9 to 11 October, 1970, in Rio Cuarto (Cordoba Province), one public lecture and two round table meetings.

From 11 to 12 October 1970, in Rosario (Santa Fé Province), National Meeting of Young Theosophists, one public lecture and one round table meeting.

From 8 to 11 July 1971, in Cordoba, two public lectures, one round table meeting of members, and another of Young Theosophists.

From 13 to 16 August 1971, in Buenos Aires, three public lectures.

From 23 to 26 September 1971, in Rosario, two public lectures, one round table meeting of Young Theosophists.

*Camps.*—From 9 to 16 January 1971, National Camp of Young Theosophists in Cordoba; from 20 to 23 February 1971, camp for older people in Cordoba.

*Visitors.*—From 27th February to 4th March, we had the visit of the Vice-President of the North American Section, Mr. Felix Layton and his wife Eunice, who gave several public lectures and left excellent impressions.

*National Congresses.*—53rd Ordinary Congress in Cosquin on 2.4.71; Extraordinary Congress in Buenos Aires on 15.8.71; Ordinary Congress in Buenos Aires on 15.8.71 when Br. Manuel Farinich was appointed General Secretary from 1971 to 1974.

*Summer School.*—From 3rd to 10th April 1971, the 9th Summer School, subject "The Theosophist Facing the Circumstances". 120 Argentine members assisted as well as 15 from other countries.

*Inter-American Congress.*—From 11th to 19th February 1971, the Section was represented by its General Secretary, Luis Spairani at this Congress held in Bogota, Colombia, where he was nominated President of the Inter-American

Theosophical Federation, since it was Argentine's turn to take the chair.

*Research and Study Seminar.*—This began on 1st September in Buenos Aires. The participating members are working in 3 groups, each of which deals with the research and study of one of the Theosophical objects. The conclusions of the groups will be published in the Section Review.

*Lecturers' Activities in the Section.*—During the year, several speakers travelled through the country giving lectures in Tucuman, Mendoza, San Rafael, Cordoba, and Rosario.

*Formation of New Youth Groups.*—On 4th September 1971, a new youth group was founded in the Province of Santa Fé.

The active participation of the young in the activities of the Section must be emphasized. In all national meetings they take charge of some public work, by which means they become more and more integrated in the work.

*Visits of Members of the Council to Branches.*—The members of the National Council repeatedly visited most of the Lodges, so that they could verify for themselves the level of Theosophical work carried on there and the effort to diffuse our doctrines.

*Diffusion and Propaganda.*—Several times we had the opportunity to diffuse by radio and television our doctrines to a large audience. Actually, a Theosophical course is broadcasted in the town of Rosario.

*Theosophical Publishing.*—I must also mention the remarkable increase in publishing, comprising several books as well as great numbers of leaflets published by the National Council and distributed free of charge. The Review of the Section appears regularly four times a year.

MANUEL FARINICH,  
General Secretary.

## CHILE

No Report.

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## BRAZIL

*Visit to the Lodges of North and North-East Brazil.*—The work of the National Section in Brazil is complicated by the great distances which separate some Lodges from the National Head Office. For this reason, after participating in the IVth Inter-American Theosophical Congress, held in Bogota (Columbia) in February, 1971, the National President, together with the Sisters Cora Sales (1st secretary) and Maria Bruna Sales (member of the General Council), seized the opportunity to visit the Lodges en route.

They established very cordial and useful relations with the following Lodges: Jezus de Nazare, Manaus (Amazonas); Annie Besant, Belem (Para); Henry Olcott and Estrela do Norte, Recife (Pernambuco); Esperanca, Joao Passoa (Paraiba).

Public lectures were given by the National President, and most fruitful discussions were held with the Lodge directors.

*Reserve Fund for purchase of their own house or flat by the Lodges.*—This fund is intended to help Lodges to purchase their own premises. Many Lodges are hindered in their work by high rentals for the premises they occupy. By increasing the annual members' dues, a total of 2360 Cr. has already been gathered. The first Lodges to be helped from the Fund will be "Henry Olcott" and "Estrela do Norte" in Recife. The Theosophical Society in Brazil will be the owner of the property, the Lodges having free use of it.

We trust that the good will and dedication of all our members to the Theosophical ideals will permit us to render concrete our plans of helping to stabilize the Lodges and will contribute, in this way, to the expansion of Theosophy in Brazil.

*Reform of Statutes.*—The existing Statutes of the T.S. in Brazil have many failings which need correction. The General Council has appointed a commission consisting of Dr. Antonio Moreno Gonzales (President), Olavo Desire Dantas and Gastao Sales to prepare new Statutes, which will then be circulated for opinions.

*Advice to the Lodges.*—The National Directorate found it necessary to advise all the Directors of Lodges in Brazil against functioning in conjunction with other movements. Such conjunction could create a confusion of teachings, and conflicts with the General Council resolution of 1950 at Adyar regarding freedom of the Society from "affiliation or identification with any other organization".

The Lodges were advised that, if they did not have their own premises, and could not afford to pay the rent for a separate room, it was better to meet in some member's private house than to work in conjunction with other movements that have a different line of work.

The communication further stated: "There is a special key-note, vibrating in the activities of the T.S., and if we do not maintain it pure and free of any mixture, the way of access for those who

respond to it will be rendered more difficult”.

*Summaries of the reports.*—Due to difficulties in communication between the Lodges and their representatives on the General Council, the Lodges know very little about the activities of the National Section, and the subjects discussed during the Council's meetings. To remedy such a situation, the Board of Directors has re-established a former custom to provide all the Lodges and study-groups with summaries of the reports of the General Council's meetings. In this way, through their respective Lodges and groups, the members shall be informed of the more important undertakings of our Society in Brazil.

The National Section hopes that the necessary collaboration, offered by the Lodges and groups, will tighten the link between all the members of the T.S., enabling everyone to take an interest and participate in the theosophical work.

*Campaign against the use of narcotics.*—The T.S. in Brazil, wanting to participate in the campaign against narcotics of the Brazilian authorities, printed 10,000 copies of the booklet by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson on psychedelic and yogic pathways to reality. These will be distributed among High School students, and every Lodge will receive 100 copies for distribution.

*Dissolution of the Theosophical Lodges Federation of Sao Paulo State.*—By a resolution of more than three fifths of its constituent Lodges, the Federation was legally dissolved. All the property passed to the Theosophical Society in Brazil, but the Lodges have free use of it.

*The Inter-American Theosophical Federation.*—From February 13 to 20, 1971, the IVth Inter-American Theosophical Congress took place, partly in Bogota and partly in Melgar (Columbia). It was presided over by its Secretary-Coordinator, Brother Ulisses Riedel de

Resende. The sections represented were: the United States (Vice-President Felix Layton); Bolivia (Presidential Agent Elvira d'Avila); Peru (Dolores Gago Fuerte); Columbia (General Secretary Gabriel Burgos Suarez); Venezuela (Presidential Agent Pablo Bonilla); Cuba (Abelardo Del Real); Mexico (General Secretary Sonia Perez Vera); Porto Rico (General Secretary Seymour Ballard); Argentine (General Secretary Luiz Pedro Spairani); Central America (Catalina de Menendez); Uruguay (General Secretary Joachim Blumenfeld); Brazil (General Secretary Armando Sales). Other members of the Brazilian Section participating were Cora Sales, Enide Borges de Resende, Maria Bruna Sales and Olavo Desire Dantas.

Study and debates were conducted on the subjects “Realisation of an inner life” and “Methods of spreading Theosophy”. The Statutes of the Inter-American Federation were approved, and Luiz Pedro Spairani and Juan Vinas were elected President and Vice-President respectively. Other members of the Board of Directors are: Secretary, Gilda Distilo; Treasurer, Manuel Farinich; Additional Members, Vicente Fiumano and Nora Castellina; Publishing Director, Juan Cassiba; Representative of the Portuguese language, Dr. Ulisses R. de Resende; Representative of the English language, Seymour Ballard.

The next Inter-American Theosophical Congress will be held in 1975 in New York, U.S.A., during the Centenary Celebrations.

Members of the Brazilian Section will contribute annually 1 Cr. to the Federation. A magazine will be published, probably three-monthly, and the Brazilian Section appeals to all to subscribe to it, through Leduina Riedel Campos, the assistant treasurer.

*Spreading of Theosophy through Press and Television.*—*Television:* On the

program "Xenia and you", we took part in 10 weekly interviews, for answering questions on Theosophical subjects. Participants were Dr. Antonio Moreno Gonzales, Olavo Desire Dantas, Joao Batista de Brito Pinto, Joaquim Gervasio Figueiredo and Armando Sales. The program awakened great public interest.

*Newspapers.*—Finally we got a column in the Sunday edition of one of the big afternoon papers in Sao Paulo, the *Diario Popular*. Articles by Annie Besant, C. Jinarājadāsa, Rukmini Devi, C. W. Leadbeater and N. Sri Ram were published. We also received various newspaper write-ups on Theosophy, through Lodges Jesus de Nazare and Kut-Humi.

*Visitors.*—The Brazilian Section had the great pleasure of receiving a visit from the Vice-President of the T.S. in U.S.A., Brother Felix Layton and his wife, Sister Eunice Layton. The couple visited Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo. In Sao Paulo they gave lectures which were much appreciated, in the Head Office, in the Theosophical Institute "Pitagoras" and in the Theosophical Centre "Raja".

*Theosophical Lodges.*—We have the pleasure to inform you about the forming of two new Lodges: Alvorada in Brasilia and Luz do Oriente in Teofilo Otoni (Minas Gerais). We express our best wishes for successful work to the Directors and the members of these two new Lodges. May they be true centres of harmony and peace, and spread the theosophical wisdom among those who sincerely search for it.

The total membership of the Brazilian Section is presently 981, a decrease of 50 members. One reason for this decrease is probably the increase of the annual fee, from 10 to 15 Cr.

The report from the Young Theosophists proves that they have been very active. They organized a tour to Belo

Horizonte in October 1971, and another one to Niteroi. The same month they took part in a meeting in Curitiba, when the "Round Table" Section was founded. A little later a small group participated in the Summer School in Argentina. In July, a camp was organized in the vicinity of Belo Horizonte.

*"O Teosofista"*.—The work of publishing the magazine is done by Sister Dilma Lebon, and the distribution by Sister Leduina Riedel Campos. To these two dedicated collaborators we express our best thanks. Sister Lebon has asked to be released from her work, and will be replaced by Brother Olvao Desire Dantas, who acquired great experience by publishing the magazine *Luzes*.

*Library.*—One of the first things done by the National Section, after receiving the property of the dissolved Federation, was to re-open the library, which had been closed for a long time. Brother Jose Cacaís Goncalves was appointed Librarian. After many months of arduous work, he put it in order and made it function.

*Publication and Distribution of Theosophical books.*—This important department is headed by Brother Maximino Rocha. With the expansion of work, everything becomes more complicated, creating various difficulties. The National Section is considering the formation of a joint stock company for the publication and distribution of books.

*Secretarial Work.*—The first secretary is Sister Cora Sales, who has had a great deal of work to do in keeping membership records, corresponding with Lodges and individuals, library cataloguing, classification of archives, etc. We thank her and also Sister Sebastiana de Carvalho e Silva for her assistance. The second secretary, Brother Paulo de Castro compiled the reports of General Council and Executive Board Meetings.

*Treasury Report.*—Period: from September 16, 1970 to September 15, 1971. The present balance indicates a total of Cr. 31,379.63 as stated in the report by the Treasurer, Ovdio Christino.

*Thanks.*—We express our best thanks to the members of the Executive Staff and of the General Council who, during this period, helped us to overcome all the difficulties in our Section's life. It can be seen from the report that it was a year of great work, of magnificent accomplishments.

Many brethren participated directly in this effort and among them, some merit our especial gratitude. Such are the Secretaries, Sister Leduina Riedel Campos, Brother Cacais and others. Sister Leduina, in spite of being almost 70, has under her care the functioning of the handicraft school in the Theosophical Centre "Raja", where every Thursday she teaches 30 to 40 pupils. The First

Treasurer, Brother Ovidio Christino, in spite of poor health did an excellent work as book-keeper. The Second Treasurer is responsible for all bank transactions, cheques and payments, and also for mailing the magazine *O Teosofista*. We must also underline the work done by Brother Jose Cacais Goncalves in recently re-opening the Library. He never counts the hours he dedicates to the Theosophical work. The Vice-President, Brother Dr. Antonio Moreno Gonzales, gave us many proofs of his dedication and interest in the general work.

We wish that, through the work of all of us, we could find a common denominator, that would allow us to totalize all the efforts, to strengthen the Theosophical Society in Brazil and contribute to the penetrating of the Light into the hearts of those who search for it.

ARMANDO SALES,  
*General Secretary.*

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## BULGARIA

No Report

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## ICELAND

The Icelandic Section is now composed of 14 lodges with 632 members, most of whom are living in Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland. In the course of the season under review there were 39 new admissions and the total number of outgoing members was 32. The membership therefore increased by 7.

The Annual General Meeting of the Section was held on 31st January. I was re-elected as General Secretary for another year.

During last year the Lodge work was maintained with the usual activities as in previous years. The Chairmen of the Lodges participated in three conferences together with the Executive Committee to discuss how the work could be improved and the standard of study heightened. The Lodges in Reykjavik had regular meetings every Friday during the winter season, from September to May. One of the Lodges, however, was not active. At the meetings, which were attended by

a number of members as well as non-members of the Society, usually one or two lectures were given, mostly by members and occasionally non-members, and the purport of the lectures was many-sided.

Then there were also "inner meetings" in the Lodges, and various subjects were chosen for study. In one of the Study Groups the curriculum was Living Zen, and I would add that Zen Buddhism has attracted much attention in the younger generation. Several study groups were directed by Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson. On Saturdays the curriculum was: The Theosophical Society, its work and its aim. On Wednesdays, he directed weekly meetings for meditation, some for beginners and some for advanced students and those of specific mystical interest. He also directed a study group on "Know Thyself". All this work proved to be very encouraging and the members showed a great interest.

The Summer School was held in the neighbourhood of Reykjavik from 9th to 13th June. The motto was: "Man and the Present Time". The lecturers of the school were Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson, Ambassador Helgi P. Briem, Mr. Halldór Haraldsson, Geir Vilhjálmsson a young psychologist and many other members of the Section. Several discussion sessions were also held and a lively atmosphere pervaded the school.

The Theosophical Book-Service has continued to sell books as in previous years. Many new titles were added to the Library during the year and the use of some has increased considerably, which I feel is a good sign. The magazine *Gangleri* with a circulation of 2,300 copies is very popular and a most effective medium of propagation.

The Theosophical Club, which started last year in the center at Reykjavik, was open every Monday and Wednesday afternoon during the winter time.

In January last the Icelandic Section celebrated its 50th anniversary with a festival evening in the Section's House in Reykjavik. A great number of the members took part in the celebration.

The visit of Mr. Geoffrey A. Barborka and his wife last winter was much appreciated. Mr. Barborka gave some lectures on H. P. Blavatsky and *The Secret Doctrine*, which were very interesting.

I would like to close this short report of the Icelandic Section by mentioning that we consider that the brotherhood of humanity is the way to help the suffering people everywhere in the world—that brotherhood which is a natural result of a high state of consciousness, when man has actually learned to know himself, and is able to radiate forth real wisdom, love and peace.

SVAVA FELLS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## SPAIN

No Report

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## PORTUGAL

The Portuguese Section of the Theosophical Society during the last year has continued its work with the same regularity. We have celebrated all great Theosophical Festivals, such as Founders' Day, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day. We had public meetings at the Headquarters every fortnight.

The work in the Lodges proceeded, every week, as usual.

Lodge Koot Hoomi did not meet regularly, but its President intends to set up its activities again in 1972.

Among the chief lectures, we must refer to: "Yoga of Sound", by Dr. Fernando Serpa Branco; "Yoga of the Word", by Dr. Cesina Bermudes; "The Meaning of Founders' Day", by the writer of this Report; "Theosophy before the Problems of the World", by Con. Rocha deAbreu; "Theosophical Aspects of Pythagoreanism", "Theosophy and Occidental Philosophy" and "Philosophy and Neoplatonism", by Dr. Maria Guilhermina Mota Carmo Nobre Santos.

We had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Madame Pearson-Laroute, who gave three important lectures: "Giordano Bruno and the New Heaven", "Prometheus" and "Aladdin and the Lamp".

Her visit was very helpful to our Section.

The President of Lodge Annie Besant organized some Theosophical meetings in the country, as usual. She organized also some meetings for children, which had an important collaboration in musical aspects from Dr. Fernando Serpa Branco and his children.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Theosophical Summer Schools, but some of our members had the opportunity to go abroad, attending the Summer School in France.

Our Section will begin the new Theosophical Year on the 16th October and we have planned to have public meetings every fortnight.

Concerning the membership, we had 182 members on the 1st October 1970 and at present we have 179. We had 11 new members, but we lost three by death and 11 by lapsing.

Nevertheless, I hope that our Section may grow with the help of the Great Ones to enlighten the world through the Ideals of Theosophy.

DELIO NOBRE SANTOS,  
*General Secretary.*

## WALES

The past year has on the whole been fairly uneventful, apart from our Annual Convention held at Cardiff in which our Guest of Honour, Miss Ianthé Hoskins played an outstanding part with her own special way of imparting Theosophical teachings.

There has been a further reduction in membership due mostly to our older members passing on, some of whose services we can ill afford to lose. There

has however been the incoming of a number of new younger members, particularly at Cardiff, where study groups for new and more advanced members have been introduced based on Geoffrey Barborika's *Divine Plan* and *The Secret Doctrine*. These are proving quite successful and we look forward to this interest developing.

HARRY EDGAR,  
*General Secretary.*

## POLAND

No Report

## URUGUAY

I give below a report on the activities of the Uruguayan Section during the brief time I hold office of General Secretary, that is, since 5th July, 1971. In the first place I am very pleased to announce that with the valuable cooperation of the members of the Executive Committee, the heavy debt we had on the building that the former General Secretary, Mr. Victor Alvarez Bisbal, had bought three years ago was paid. Thanks to donations and cooperation of the membership of the Uruguayan Section we could close the purchase of the house which is located in Javier Barrios Amorin No. 1085 street, Montevideo, Uruguay. The contract of sale was made out in the name of the Sociedad Teosofica Del Uruguay in accordance with the rules in force in Uruguay, on the 28th July, 1971. So the Uruguayan Section has its own house.

With the view that there is an urgent need of having an informative leaflet by the Uruguayan Section I issued a publication containing a full account on the real value of some important theosophical symbols. The financing of this publication named *Teosofia in Uruguay* was paid by the writer.

*Annual Meeting.*—In accordance with our rules, the Annual Meeting was held during 28th August and 2nd September 1971. At this meeting each member of the Society may make suggestions for the better administration of the section. Furthermore, all the lodges read their reports about the work carried out during the previous year. Below is a summary of the annual work of each lodge.

*Lodge Kut-Humi.*—It had weekly meetings with regular and constant work through talks and lectures on theosophical subjects given by Miss Gladys Bianchi, and Messrs. E. Maciel, Lorenzo Maceiras, Justo de la Vega and Francisco Caimi.

*Lodge Fraternidad.*—It reports that its work was strengthened by talks and lectures given by Mr. E. Oliveri of Argentina, and Mrs. Blanca Olivera, Messrs. Mario Dobal, A. Dalmonte, J. Mecias, J. Blumenfeld and Julio Tolve of Uruguay. Special attention was given to a book on some laws of the occult fraternity by Miss Clara Codd. At the present this lodge is devoted to the study of *The Mahatma Letters*.

*Lodge Morya.*—In spite of the long absence of its president, the lodge worked with the valuable effort of the Vice-President, Mrs. Rosa Batalla and the cooperation of Miss Maria E. Ornstein, developing studies on books published by Mr. G. Hodson about Karma and Reincarnation.

*Lodge Harmonia.*—During the year 1970-1971 it worked weekly with a good attendance of members and visitors, lead by Mrs. Josefina Vazquez and Mrs. Estela de Lissary; they read works on "Music and Theosophy", "Friendship Day", "Peace Day" and made an effective study on religions.

*Lodge H. P. Blavatsky.*—With the enthusiastic support of its new President Mr. E. W. Gandolfo, this lodge has been strengthened by an exhaustive study on religions, particularly Egyptian initiations. Ex-President Mrs. R. Branda and

many visitors joined in the 18th Anniversary celebrations.

*Lodge Ariel.*—It worked in round table meetings weekly with a regular number of members and visitors, having talks about Theosophy in an endeavour to have a clearer insight into it.

*Lodge Karma-Marga.*—It reported that during 1970-1971 it kept on studying as usual about different subjects such as "Atlantida", "The awakening of the soul", "Does evil exist?", "Karma", "Death", "Prana", "Kama", "The Thinker", "Reincarnation". It had the cooperation of Mr. R. J. Minervini of Argentine who talked about the parables of the Upanishads and Mrs. Maria E. Orastein who gave several lessons on Yoga.

*Lodge Djwhal Khul.*—This lodge is located in the town Las Piedras about 30 Kms. from Montevideo. It had an intensive work with 14 active members devoted to the study of the books *The Inner Life* by C. W. Leadbeater and *Man:*

*Whence, How and Whither* by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater. This lodge issued leaflets, and gave radio and T.V. talks with the cooperation of Mr. J. Vinas of Argentina. It has study centres about Theosophy for young people of the town.

*Lodge Gautama.*—In its 9th year this Lodge kept on studying *The Secret Doctrine* deeply and regularly. After all these years it reported that its efforts have been rewarded because it has obtained some knowledge of the processes of Divine emanation. The members have acquired a real conviction of the quality of the work to be done on themselves, and in their attitude towards all brothers in the world.

I am most pleased to send this report, and I am glad that the Uruguayan Section can be numbered among those working regularly throughout the world.

JUSTO V. DE LA VEGA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## PUERTO RICO

The outstanding event of the year was the participation of our Section in the Fourth Congress of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation in February at Bogotá, Colombia. The General Secretary, his wife, and three other members attended the Congress, during which the Federation by-laws were approved and the Federation's first President was nominated and elected.

Not many weeks after the Congress our Section was happy to welcome the new Federation President, Sr. Luis Spairani, and several other members from Argentina. During their visit with us they gave talks to our members and

public lectures. Just prior to the Congress, the Vice-President of the United States Section, Mr. Felix Layton and Mrs. Layton were our guests for a week before proceeding on to Bogotá. In August it was our great pleasure to welcome Sr. and Sra. Walter Ballesteros of Bogotá for a series of lectures.

We believe we have been most fortunate to have had so many visitors from other countries, and it is our hope that the various Sections in the new Federation will have many occasions to welcome visitors from other parts of Latin-America. I believe it is vital to all theosophical work to have the experience

of visiting members. This interchange helps us all to realize more strongly that each Section is not isolated but part of a world-wide Society. This in turn may help members to realize that sense of unity which flows through the Society; and the Sectional challenges, work, and problems are seen from that wider perspective which in itself is an added strength.

In July, the General Secretary and his wife attended the Annual Convention and Summer School of the United States

Section at "Olcott", Wheaton.

We are fortunate in having free radio time each week for Spanish language broadcasts on theosophical subjects. These broadcasts continue to reach many people as we know from letters received. We have given copies of our free pamphlets to Sections in South America. Book sales in Spanish and English continue at a steady rate.

SEYMOUR D. BALLARD,  
*General Secretary.*

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## RUMANIA

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## YUGOSLAVIA

During the past year the main activities in our Lodges and in the one Centre were lectures and discussions. There is ever more interest in short lectures and longer discussions than vice versa. The lectures must first be translated into our languages, and this is done by the Presidents of the Lodges, the Secretary of the T.S. and by the General Secretary. There is increasing interest in the Theosophical teachings and many new young and older people come to listen to the lectures. The summit of propagating the Theosophical ideas was reached on July 2nd when the Ambassador of India in Beograd introduced the General Secretary to the public gathered in the Youth Home, Beograd, with the following words: "Mrs. Grubacovic, a Theosophist, will talk to you about India and Indian Culture—Jain and Buddhist Temples," and added: "She knows more about my country than I."

And I seized the opportunity to speak about the ideas that inspired the great architects to build such grandiose temples. These ideas included also the teachings of Karma, Reincarnation and so on. The result of this talk was that some young laides wanted a meeting with me, and they have already received theosophical literature from me.

In the year under report, the Gen. Secretary visited all Lodges and the Centre, gave lectures, and visited also the single members living in different places, those in hospital, sick, and in pensioner homes.

From 8-15th August, the Gen. Secretary represented the Yugoslav Section at the 27th European Congress in Paris and led a study group with the theme: "What is the Nature of Karma?" She also gave a lecture to the Lodge in Dusseldorf, and held many meetings with individuals and

groups who were very fond of listening to the theosophical teachings. She attended the Summer School in Pichl and was charged with a study group. Three other members of the Yugoslav Section also attended the School, and at the close came a group of four members from our country. The family Benko, living in Australia, who visited their country after many years of absence, attended the Paris Congress, for a few days, and part of the Summer School in Pichl.

The Annual Convention was held in Ljubljana, Dalmatinova 9/II, where the weekly meetings of the Lodge Sluzenje-Service take place, on 25th October 1970. The theme of the Convention was: "Become what you are" and the Gen. Secretary stressed the necessity to

open one's mind to the inner resources and look there for the true inspirations for one's life. The Vice-President, Prof. Djuro Robotić, spoke on "Our Theme, Theosophy" and also gave suggestions for the future work.

Each Lodge has a library with many valuable books in foreign languages, some of which are translated into our languages.

The Theosophical Order of Service has contributed in the year under report money to the Tibetan children, the Olcott School, to some members of our Section, to Peru and another place in our country that suffered from the earthquake.

The Executive Committee met twice in the last year.

MILA GRUBACEVIC,  
*General Secretary.*

## CEYLON

Subsequent to the re-constitution and resuscitation of some of the Lodges which were dormant for various reasons, as stated in the previous annual report for the year ended 30.9.1970, there has been a revival in the activities of the National Society in Ceylon. There are seven Lodges with a total membership of 63.

Besant Day, which fell on October 1st was commemorated with a symposium on the "Life and Work of Mrs. Annie Besant", sponsored by Lotus Lodge, which was held on October 13th, 1970 at 5.30 p.m. at Pedris Villa, Alfred Place, Colombo, and was presided over by Mrs. E. Roversi Perera, President of Lotus Lodge, Pasyala.

The following members participated in the symposium:-

Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q. C., former National President, introduced the subject and also spoke on his personal impressions of Mrs. Besant's dynamic personality and great eloquence as an orator.

Miss H. Roversi, Secretary of Lotus Lodge, read out some selections from the works of Mrs. Besant, particularly from her book entitled *Spiritual Life for the Man of the World*.

Mr. K. Nakalingam, A.P.M.G., President of Satyamargh Lodge, spoke about the political and educational aspects of the invaluable work which was done by Mrs. Besant in the cause of Home Rule for India, and in Hindu education by founding colleges and a University for Hindu students.

Mrs. Theja Gunawardhana, R. W. M. of Tri-Ratna Lodge of the International

Order of Co-Masons, spoke of the great contribution made by Mrs. Besant to the Theosophical movement throughout the world, and in particular regarding her intimate association with the Esoteric Section of the T. S.

Mr. G. P. Ariyaratne, M.A., former President of Vasantha Lodge, and retired Principal of Sri Palee Institute, Horana, who I regret to mention has since passed away, contributed an article which was read on his behalf. He described his personal experiences as a teacher in the Besant School in India, where Mrs. Besant selected him for a scholarship at the Hindu University at Banaras.

Mr. K. Shanmugam, Advocate, President of Vasantha Lodge, recalled the visit of Mrs. Besant to London. He was present at a lecture delivered by her during that period, when he was a law-student in England and resided at a students' hostel maintained by the Theosophical Society.

Foundation day, November 17th 1970, was commemorated with a meeting which was held at the Girl Guides Headquarters Hall, Edinburgh Crescent, Colombo, presided over by our National President, Mr. D. L. F. Pedris, at which members of the public were also present.

At this public meeting, Mr. M. R. Unni Nayar, B. Sc., (Eng.), President of the Lanka Kriya Babaji Yoga Sangha, delivered a lecture on "The Science and Practice of Raja Yoga—the First Stage, Yama".

The National Secretary, Mr. F. H. P. Joseph, read some extracts of great interest contained in an article contributed to *The Theosophist* magazine by the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram.

The National President, in his address of welcome mentioned that our members are united by their approval of the Objects of the Theosophical Society; by their wish to remove religious antagonisms and

to draw together men and women of goodwill, whatever their religious opinions may be; and by their desire to study truths and to share the results of their study with others.

Taking advantage of the visit to Ceylon of Mr. John Coats, President of the World Federation of Young Theosophists, arrangements were made to hold a two-day Convention on February 16th and 17th, Adyar Day.

A meeting of the General Council was also held on 16th February at 4 p.m. at Girl Guide Headquarters Hall, for the purpose of election of Office-bearers for a period of three years.

This was followed by a Social at which members and their guests were present to meet our Guest-speaker, Mr. John Coats.

The following Office-bearers were unanimously re-elected for a period of three years:-

National President, Mr. D. L. F. Pedris; National Vice-President, Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q. C.; National Lecturer, Mr. F. Rustomjee, J.P., U.M., Solicitor; National Secretary, Mr. F. H. P. Joseph; National Treasurer, Mr. M. Canagaratnam, Accountant, Land Development Department, Colombo; Custodian of the Society's Property and Librarian, Mr. A. B. E. de Silva; Assistant Secretary, Mr. C. V. Wigneswaran, B.A., LL.B., Lecturer, Ceylon Law College, Proctor and Notary Public; Honorary Auditor for the ensuing year, Mr. S. Subramanian, Registered Auditor, Retired Assistant Commissioner of the Department of Inland Revenue, Colombo; Members of the Executive Committee:- Messrs F. Rustomjee, A. B. E. de Silva, A. Selvanayagam, Mrs. E. Roversi Perera, and Mrs. Theja Gunawardhana.

The opening of the Convention took place thereafter with an invocation and an address of welcome by the National

President. The Guest-speaker, Mr. John Coats delivered the Convention lecture. The closing address and a vote of thanks to the lecturer were by Mr. F. Rustomjee, National Lecturer.

The public meeting and commemoration of the passing away of Col. H. S. Olcott, was held at Olcott Hall, Ananda College, Colombo, on February 17th at 4.30 p.m. presided over by Mr. Thomas Amarasuriya, President of the Colombo Buddhist Theosophical Society.

Mr. John Coats delivered the public lecture and other speakers who paid their tributes to the work and memory of Col. Olcott were:-His Excellency Dr. Robert Strausz-Hupe, American Ambassador in Ceylon, Mr. M. Vincent Perera, the Mayor of Colombo, and Mr. N. K. Choksy, former National President of the Theosophical Society.

Messages were also read on behalf of the Hon'ble A. Ratnayake, President of the Senate, Dr. S. Karunaratne, Secretary of the Olcott Commemoration Society, and Dr. G. P. Malalasekera, President, All-Ceylon Buddhist Congress.

A meeting of the Theosophical Society was held on 26th March at 5.45 p.m. at Girl Guides Headquarters Hall, when there was a tape-recorded lecture by Mr. J. Krishnamurti on "The New Mind", which was made possible by the kind courtesy of the Krishnamurti Centre of Ceylon.

There was a break in the activities of the National Society for several months following the disturbances resulting from the Insurgents' outbreak of violence and lawless actions, with the consequent declaration of a state of emergency and a curfew

which was only recently lifted completely. Since conditions have reverted to normal, there has been a welcome renewal in the activities of the Lodges and in the Section.

A Group Discussion organised by the National Society, was held on 25th September at 5.30 p.m. at Besant Hall, Peterson Lane, Colombo, and the subject was: Introductory Talks and Demonstrations of Yoga Asanas.

Those who participated in this Group discussion were Mr. M. R. Unni Nayar, B.Sc. (Eng.), Dr. P. A. P. Joseph, F.R.C.S (Eng.), Surgeon, General Hospital, Mr. F. H. P. Joseph. The demonstrations were carried out by devotees of the Lanka Kriya Babaji Yoga Sanga in Colombo.

I have to record with much regret the passing on of Mr. Ben J. Thiedeman, who was our National Treasurer for many years. I have also to record with equal regret the passing on of Mr. G. P. Ariyaratne, M.A., to which reference has been made in this report. The late Mr. Ariyaratne and his wife were extremely helpful in organising several of our Annual Conventions at the Sri Palee Institute, Horana, of which Mr. Ariyaratne was the Principal. His widow was also a member of the staff of that Institute. Our deepest sympathies go out to the bereaved members of their two families.

We look forward with confidence to the continued activity of the Lodges and National Society with the assistance of every member of the Society.

D. L. F. PEDRIS,  
*General Secretary.*

## GREECE

The Greek Section of the Theosophical Society has been working very regularly during the whole past year.

The number of members in the year under report is 197.

A very outstanding member of our

Section, the President of the Lodge Minerva, Brother Joannides passed away after a short illness. This means a very great loss for our Section.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,  
*General Secretary.*

## CENTRAL AMERICA

In accordance with the established regulations I wish to inform you as to the activities of this Section during the year from October 1, 1970 to Sept. 30, 1971. Our Section, because of its international character, for it comprises six (6) countries—Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama—is somewhat disconnected, due to the fact that these are different nations, with dividing borderlines that cannot be crossed freely, and which require passports to go from one to the other.

Conscious of the need to bring together the groups from the different countries, the system of a rotating General Secretaryship of two-year duration in each country was established. The system has rendered good results, because now we know each other personally, and we interchange ideas every two years in our annual conventions, which are carried out in a different country. That has meant better understanding, more friendship and cordial relations between the groups, and therefore, identification of the whole Central American family through its lodges, inter-related by means of its General Secretaryship.

Currently, in Central America there is an economic integration process by means of a Common Market initiated ten (10) years ago. There are, besides, intentions of achieving a cultural Central American integration, and therefore, our Theosophical Society has a great opportunity to guide

all of these integrations towards a common goal, to wit, a spiritual integration that makes possible the brotherhood so necessary for the understanding between men.

12 *New Members.*—During the period 12 new members joined. Therefore, the total membership of the section is one hundred and ten (110).

Sister Esther de Mezerville, from Virya Lodge, San Jose, Costa Rica, one of the most outstanding workers and former Secretary General of the Central American Section, passed away recently.

There were no new lodges in the section, therefore the same ten lodges continue in existence, as follows: 2 in Guatemala, 2 in San Salvador, 1 in Honduras, 2 in Nicaragua, 2 in Costa Rica and 1 in Panama.

The work carried out consists of sessions of study, using the resources available in the lodges. Due to the Annual Convention held in Managua, Nicaragua in the past month of November, three public lectures were offered on important subjects and there was a good attendance by the general public.

From February 28 to March 4, 1971, the first Summer School of the Central American Section was held in Costa Rica with great success, for delegates from several countries assisted, and the Secretary General from Argentina, Luis Spairani, also was present.

BENVENUTO MARTINEZ GUTIERREZ,  
*General Secretary.*

## PARAGUAY

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## THE PHILIPPINES

*Our Objectives.*—We have reported before a three-pronged objective: improvement of our physical work-center, the headquarters and its needs; stimulation of fresh interest in and increased knowledge of Theosophy; and popularizing the teaching, not only by bringing it to a wider segment of the population, but also by relating it to the needs of the present.

The first object has been reasonably carried out with unexpected and very generous help from members and friends. The center is still, however, a far cry from our projections, and must of necessity keep on undergoing changes if it is to be a really efficient and more effective center of theosophical activities. Gifts that have been received to improve the building have already been acknowledged, and the latest will be mentioned here later on.

Turning now to the second and third aspects of our objective—the really vital areas—we found that if we were to be “up and doing”, an acupuncture treatment was badly needed. We had no idea where these 960 acupuncture points were, but we made sure we got the best doctor there was! Like a patient miraculously resuscitated, the Section has doubled its strength, it is “up and about”, and the good “doctor” was in the person of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, who with Mrs. Hodson helped us to our feet.

*The School of The Wisdom.*—Easily the most significant event in the whole memory of the Section was the three-months theosophical course, entitled “The School of the Wisdom”, held from

January to April this year and conducted by Mr. Hodson. It was the culmination of two long years of planning and hard work and more than proved its worth in gold. Glorious if hectic, inspiring and tremendously stimulating, it kept everyone on their toes, three days in a week, two hours per day. Besides this, our beloved guests gave three well-attended public lectures in the big National Library at the Luneta, plus other unscheduled talks to different groups. They were much sought out for interviews and featured extensively in three subsequent issues of a prestigious magazine, the weekly *Philippines Free Press*, and in another weekly magazine, too, *Panorama*. They were requested to speak on radio and appear on TV. There were 85 enrollees and attendance was swelled by a constant stream of observers and visitors who filled the T.S. Hall to overflowing. During the Course, the membership list nearly doubled, while the sale of an unprecedented number of books, particularly those of Mr. Hodson kept the Bookshop sale-counter very busy.

Perhaps one of the most beautiful results of the coming of the Hodsons was the new respect and warm cordiality the catholic world accorded The Theosophical Society and its members. Charmed, captivated by Mr. Hodson’s clear and inspiring talks, and Mrs. Hodson’s exposition on “The World Mother”, large sections of the Catholic hierarchy were won grudgingly to attending their lectures. A sight to remember was the tear-stained faces of nuns of different Orders

listening enraptured to his talk on "The Christ Indwelling" and afterwards importuning him for more talks.

*The Theosophical Fellowship Group.*—

An offshoot of the great interest generated in Theosophy by The School of the Wisdom was the creation by the General Secretary, of the Theosophical Fellowship Group. This is to be an arm of the Society with particular emphasis on organizing future Schools of the Wisdom. Composed of former enrollees of the School, the Group has for its officials: Mr. Jouquin Cunanan, President; Judge Onofre Villaluz, Vice-President; Mr. Angel Reyes, Treasurer; Mr. Atty Mario Zapata, Secretary and Mr. Vicente Reyes, Press-relations Officer. An initial project of the Group for this year is a Follow-up Seminar on subjects taken up by Mr. Hodson, which is calculated to last fifteen sessions, with some subjects given extra coverage (two or three sessions). Mr. Domingo Argente, Mrs. Julian Pineda and Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio are members of the Resource Panel.

*The Annual Convention.*—A clear-cut direction for change and transition was best exemplified in the choice of the theme of the Section's Annual Convention held last November 29 and 30. For the first time, we had an "imported" guest, Mr. John B. S. Coats, who arrived a few days earlier. His interesting lecture, "Implications of Brotherhood" pointed out the way. To the newly re-built headquarters building which he blessed earlier that day, came a capacity crowd of more than 200 guests, members and friends who filled the Hall to overflowing. Capping the marathon activities of the day was the induction of 53 new members for the year. It was a candlelight ceremony officiated at in the evening by Mr. Coats. The next day's outing was held in a mountain resort in Antipolo, Rizal where a big group of members gathered towards the afternoon to hear

our guest's lecture, "The Dharma of a Theosophist". The many affectionate and loyal friends won by Mr. Coats attest to the great success of his visit.

*In Search of Peace.*—Where strife and suffering and turmoil persist, it is but natural that there are those who are deeply concerned and bend their efforts towards peace. "The World Congress of University Presidents" was started and headed by our former President, Dr. Benito F. Reyes, now President of Pamantasan Lungsod ng Maynila. It had for its week-long convention the theme, "World Peace through Education". Meeting at the Philamlife Auditorium, the prestigious gathering of world educators took the initial steps towards the preparation for world peace through the medium of education. "The world problem is an individual problem and thus is legitimately the problem of education," said Dr. Reyes.

In pursuit of the same elusive dove of peace, but only in a very quiet and silent way, was a little piece, "An Appeal for Peace," written by the General Secretary at the height of the consternation and apprehension after the Plaza Miranda bombing last August 21st, which caught the sympathy of ecumenical groups. It was an appeal for sanity in actuations and awareness of one's responsibility "not to kill" with words and thoughts, and to sow only the seeds of love, of goodwill and peace. The still warm interest in theosophical teachings generated by Mr. Hodson was stirred anew. Translated also into Filipino, the little piece served as an opening wedge for many dialogues with diverse groups including close Catholics. Up to this time of writing, it is still helping to enlarge our contacts with brothers who otherwise would have clammed-up upon mention of Theosophy. Thus dialogues with closely indoctrinated groups like the "cursillistas" were made possible.

There was the "Ultreya" talk we gave at the Lady of Fatima Church in Mariveles, another talk with an ecumenical group at the Y.W.C.A., another with some artists, another meeting with a small group of protestant ministers, with the head of the Ellinwood church, a conference with the head of the Archdiocese Center of Pope Pius XII, a meeting with a group of top-executives of the Tri-Media News. Some of these dialogues have been broadcast too.

*Theosophy on the Air.*—Even before this, however, there were opportunities to air aspects of the teachings over Radio Veritas (the Cardinal's own Radio Station). Invited to present some basic theosophical teachings over the radio, we slanted a number of these programs to allow some members with me to mention the work of the Society and to discuss present national problems in the light of Theosophy. These dialogues are gaining acceptance and we hope these free exposures of the teachings will continue. As we are led to believe, we will be allowed longer hours, too.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—Concerned as everyone else is with the proliferation of poverty, disorder and suffering evident everywhere, we felt the need of stemming this tide of horror by calling for more active participation in the Theosophical Order of Service. The response was not earth-shaking, but earnest and sincere workers came forward and found a ready niche in the wide-open wounds of need. Working in cooperation with an allied group of non-members, Mrs. Mydee Z. Reyes had for her project the pulling down of prices of prime commodities by linking the consumer directly to the producer. This movement has been called "The Buying Club". Ever since the last election and the promulgation of the floating-rate for our country's currency, every housewife, and bread-

winner for that matter, has been groaning under the escalating prices of foodstuffs and the dwindling value of the peso. The Buying Club has volunteers who form themselves wherever they can congregate, usually in the parish church, as a "Clearing House", where they can dispense and procure commodities at very much reduced prices since here there is no channeling through a middle-man. The middle-man, however, is not actually deprived of a livelihood, since we can still handle the merchandise with a ten-percent commission, without the extra expenses of advertising and other expenses, which can be handled by the volunteers.

A project to put up a Free Medical clinic on the ground-floor of Headquarters, did not eventuate. Instead, a prominent doctor, who is the director of the hospital, has suggested that volunteers could offer their services as hospital volunteers in the government Free Hospital, the Ospital Ng Maynila. This was followed, and a group of students in social service under Mrs. Acu are now helping out in this way.

Although it is still in the blue-print stage, but already with a few ardent adherents, we are organizing in collaboration with a catholic priest, and members of an ecumenical group, a movement for peace. At time of writing, the movement is being considered under the name "Ladies' Movement for Peace" or LAMP. The principal objective, is to propagate Right Thought and Right Speech—an offshoot of the "Appeal for Peace". Since many of the ladies interested are already engaged in community projects, they can incorporate the need for employing the mind and speech only for constructive purposes.

There is of course the "lone-ranger" work being done by individual members along the line of direct help to those who are in need, suffering or the bereaved,

sending out copies of *To Those Who Mourn*. There is also the direct involvement in the current Constitutional Convention, instituting dialogues with Con-con delegates so that theosophical concepts may illumine the minds of those presently involved in reframing the basic laws of the land.

*The Theosophical Library and Bookshop.*

—The new Library is barely a year old and has on its shelves some 660 books. It wishes to acknowledge donations of some 200 volumes from the following: The Theosophical Publishing House in Adyar, the Quest Books of America, the Thomas Jefferson Cultural Center, the Seattle Lodge of Washington, Mr. John B. S. Coats, and Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Romero for a Webster's *New World Dictionary*. The Library has on its roll of borrowers 90 card-holders, 40 students holding special privilege cards, and an estimated 400 readers who have made use of the library books. Total income of the Library for the year is P. 1,227.00 which money was used up to defray part of the obligations incurred in stocking the Bookshop. With the coming of the Hodsons, the Bookshop had an unprecedented sale of books. Much credit for this goes to the Librarian, Mr. Tony Francisco.

*Donations*—The Society has been the recipient of donations in cash from many friends and members, and since these have been already acknowledged, names are not included here. Recent gifts, however, include thousands of Information Leaflets and 90 mimeo copies of *At the Feet of the Master* from J. Cunanan; free copies of Study Courses from England sent by the General Secretary, Mr. Geoffrey Farthing; large photographs of Dr. George Arundale and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa for framing in lodge rooms and at Headquarters; the use of two good typewriters from Mr. Angel Reyes and Judge Onofre Villaluz; and a brand-new

Roneo mimeographing machine from world famous violinist, Mr. Gilopez Kabayao.

An appeal made by the Theosophical Society in Geneva for contributions to the Pakistani Refugees' Fund netted P. 90.00 which was sent to the Theosophical Society Assistance to Bengal, Geneva, 12.

*Changes*.—The General Meeting convened last August 15 voted to retain the present rate of P. 12.00 annual dues, this despite the great disparity in the value of the peso now due to the "floating-rate" of exchange and spiralling of prices. Convention and election of officers for the next two years has been moved up to the second Sunday of May. Also the membership will elect only the seven members of the Board of Directors, who then will choose from among themselves the officials for the next two years.

*Programs at Headquarters*.—Two noteworthy public lectures given on the platform by invited guests were: "The Constitutional Convention—an Insider's Point of View" by Dr. George Viterbo, Constitution Convention Delegate from Eoxas city, and "How the Filipino Family Develops the Child's Philosophy of Life" by Mrs. Preciosa S. Soliven, directress and founder of Montessori Schools, Operation Brotherhood International in the Philippines. Both lectures sparked off a spirited question and answer session. Inter-lodge programs included: "White Lotus Day" celebration, sponsored by the Manila Lodge with a talk on "H.P.B., in Retrospect" by the General Secretary; a program based on the life and writings of Dr. Jose Rizal, by the Rizaliana Lodge, with a beautiful rendition of the hero's great poem, "Mi Ultimo Adios", as written in Spanish, then translated into Filipino and English. The Balintawak Lodge had a unique musical composition on Brotherhood as worked out by its lodge members led by Miss Adita Reyes.

Other public lectures were on the subjects: "Yoga, What Is It?", J. Gunanan; "The Law of Sacrifice", D. Reyes; "The Laws of the Higher Life", E. Tayao.

*Membership.*—The Section has nearly doubled its membership. We have 218 members in the active list as compared to the 128 of last year. One death has diminished our ranks. Although there is a large increase in new members, many old members are still to make good their promise to pay their arrears before this deadline and so cannot be included in the active list. This might be attributed to the provision that a member can be in arrears within a two-year period and be given consideration till the end of the year.

*T. S. Visitors.*—Aside from Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson and Mr. John B. S. Coats, other visitors from abroad who have graced the Headquarters with their presences are: Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Librarian from Adyar on her way home after a two-year stint at the Headquarters of the American Section in Olcott; Mr. Fred Mawudeko, former Presidential Agent for Ghana, Africa; and Mr. Manfred Mey, after two years stay at the International Headquarters in Adyar, on his way to Tokyo.

*Summing up.*—We feel we are making some progress, however negligible compared to the mountain-moving ahead. It is, however, encouraging to have in our ranks new members, who are better equipped and eager to help in the Work. "To ennoble and enlighten the hearts and minds of men": this is the glorious if never-ending task, the first step of which needs men and women who are themselves living the ennobled life. A tremendous push was given to us by the powerful presence of the great occultist, Geoffrey Hodson, and his wife Sandra, and the realization of the School of the Wisdom under him. Also, we are thankful and amazed at the measure of cordiality, even warmth, we are enjoying from a usually cold and unsympathetic Catholic world. The present chaotic conditions in our country seem to indicate where and how the favorable forces generated can be utilized, and this is the wide area serviced by the Theosophical Order of Service. It is here, in the very midst of hopelessness, suffering and despair, that more than ever the work for Peace and Brotherhood is most needed, if the Society is to bring Light in a world so sadly immersed in darkness.

CLEO Z. GREGORIO,  
*General Secretary.*

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## COLOMBIA

The Columbian Section continues working actively. The most important event of the year was the IV Inter-American Theosophical Congress in Bogota, attended by delegates of nearly all American countries. During that Congress the foundation of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation took place, approved by all delegates. As the first President and Vice-President, Brs. Luis

Spairani and Juan Vinas who are indefatigable Theosophical workers in Argentine, were elected. We are sure the Inter-American Theosophical Federation will prove most helpful for Theosophical development in America.

Br. Walter Ballesteros continues editing the quarterly *Seleccion Teosofica* distributed free of charge not only in Colombia, but also in other American

countries and Spain. Great stress was laid upon the movement of Young Theosophists, organized and working efficiently in Bogota and Medellin. The work with groups of children including the Round Table, plays, music and songs and graduate teaching of Theosophy, show marvellous results. The weekly meetings of family groups are continued

with the purpose of strengthening the family by seeking a true understanding of the dharma of its members. Public lectures continue to be held each month. Actually courses in Raja Yoga, Esoteric Christianity and comparative study of the great religions are being held.

GABRIEL BURGOS,  
General Secretary.

## EAST AFRICA

*Membership.*—It is rather astonishing that the East African Section has maintained virtually the same strength of membership during the year under report despite our expectation that it would go down below the number of 1000 due to changing patterns of society taking place in East Africa. Last year the number was 1142 whereas the present number as at 30-9-71 stands at 1132. While the new admissions and rejoinings were 260, lapses, transfers and deaths of members amounted to 270. We established a new Lodge at Miwani in Kenya, revived an old Lodge at Tanga in Tanzania, and opened two new Lodges at Mfulira and Kabwe in Zambia. On the other hand, we were obliged to close two Lodges in Uganda at Kabala and Lugazi, and one Lodge at Mwanza in Tanzania. This means we have in all 23 Lodges at present under the jurisdiction of the East African Section. The Lodges at Nairobi, Dar-es-Salaam, Kampala and Mblae are the most active and leading Branches, giving inspiration and guidance to the other Lodges in the surrounding regions where the Regional Secretaries have been stationed.

*Workers Training Camp at Mombasa.*—In October in the last phase of Mr. and Mrs. A.R. Bakshi's tour in East Africa, a Workers Training Camp was organized and held at Mombasa. It was under the

auspices of the Unity Lodge and was from 9th to 12th October when about 40 members from 6 lodges in Kenya and Tanzania took active part under the able guidance of Mr. Bakshi. The Guest Couple was then given a hearty send off for their return journey to Bombay by sea. Their excellent services for over four months to this Section were well appreciated.

*Delegates to the 95th Convention at Adyar.*—In December 1970, a good number of delegates from East Africa attended the 95th Convention at Adyar while they were in India during their holidays. Amongst them were: Mr. A.B. Patel, the General Secretary; Mr. C. G. Patel, the National Secretary and his wife; Mr. Babubhai M. Patel, the Hon. Secretary of the Nairobi Lodge; Mr. Motibhai M. Patel of Sitaram Lodge, Kericho; Mr. and Mrs. Dhirubhai G. Patel, Mr. and Mrs. Kanabar and Mr. and Mrs. Suryakant D. Patel from Dar-es-Salaam Lodge. All of them thoroughly enjoyed the spiritual atmosphere of Adyar during the Convention proceedings. The General Secretary took the opportunity of attending the long sessions of the General Council Meetings.

*Miss I.H. Hoskins' visit to East Africa.*—In February 1971, Miss I. H. Hoskins, the Director of Studies for the School of

the Wisdom for the sessions in 1970-71, was invited by the East African Section to come for three months on her way to England, and a long itinerary was arranged for her visits to Lodges and places at: Nairobi, Embu, Fortshall, Eldoret, Kericho, Kisumu, Nakuru and Mombasa in Kenya; Mbale, Lira, Soroti, Kakira, Jinja, Kampala and Mbarara in Uganda; Mufulira, Lusaka, Kabwe, Luanshya and Ndola in Zambia; and Tanga, Moshi, Arusha and Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania. She was also shown the wild life of East Africa at Tree-Top, Murchison Falls, Lake Manyara, Ngorongoro Crater and the Bird Sanctuary at Nakuru. She was accompanied by the General Secretary, Mr. A.B. Patel, throughout her tour during which she conducted Study Classes at Nairobi, Mbale, Kampala and Dar-es-Salaam on *The Secret Doctrine* and *Viveka Chudamani*, delivered public lectures, held Members' Meetings and addressed school children of different Grades at most of the visited Lodges.

*21st Annual Convention of the East African Section.*—This was held at Easter 1971, at Mombasa under the auspices of the Unity Lodge (Host-Lodge), and about 250 delegates from 15 Lodges attended. Miss I. H. Hoskins was the main Guest-Speaker and she delivered three Convention Lectures: "Three Keys to Life Problems", "Why Were You Born?" and "The Way of Freedom And Happiness". The Unity Lodge members provided free of charge boarding and lodging to all the delegates for three days during the Convention at the great sacrifice and service of the Host-Lodge members.

*Study Class at Mbale.*—At the invitation of the Mount Elgon Lodge, Mbale in Uganda, Messrs. H. M. Chhaya and A. B. Patel held a Study Class for nine days in July 1971, on the important Theosophical subjects, and there was a good response from the members with a regular presence of 35 to 40 members a night.

Such a study class was the first of its kind at Mbale and it gave some encouragement to the members to study theosophical books.

*Study Class at Lira.*—A similar Study Class at Lira in Uganda was organized by the Lira Lodge when Messrs. Chhaya and A. B. Patel went to Lira from Nairobi and based their study on *First Principles of Theosophy*. About 35 members regularly attended the Class, including a great number of lady members, in two sessions daily for a full week in Sept. '71. They were very much impressed with the deep wisdom of Theosophy, and the Lodge was re-vitalized thereby with admission of some new members.

*Theosophical Society's Stall at the Agricultural Show of Kenya.*—This year we made a new experiment of publicising Theosophy and the Theosophical Society and its branches by hiring a stall at the Agricultural Show of Kenya at Jamhuri Park, Nairobi, from 28-9-71 for five days. We displayed Theosophical Books for sale and distributed pamphlets on Theosophical topics, with a decorative show of large Theosophical charts, posters and photographs of the Presidents and leaders of the Theosophical Society. On the whole it proved very successful on account of the devoted services of the many active members of the Nairobi Lodge. The team spirit in such an enterprise was simply excellent. At the Stall we exhibited and sold Theosophical Books worth Shs. 700/-; and a few African members were admitted.

*T.O.S. Activities in East Africa.*—Various kinds of services to the poor and needy persons in the local areas are being regularly rendered by the Branches at Dar-es-Salaam, Nairobi, Kampala, Mbale, Kericho, Eldoret, Nakuru and Embu as in the past.

A. B. PATEL,  
General Secretary.

## PAKISTAN

No Report

## MALAYSIA

No Report

## NORTHERN IRELAND FEDERATION

The Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland presented attractive public programs of talks and discussions in Belfast. Our only lecturing visitor from outside the province was Dr. Shila Ransom, who was our guest speaker at our annual convention in June, 1971. Summer and early autumn produced a variety of bomb incidents in our immediate vicinity, but no damage was done to the Society's premises. Because of such

incidents and a lack of public transport in the evenings, public meetings were changed in the autumn to afternoons. Attendances were well maintained. Several meetings were held in Bangor. Members' meetings continued in the evenings through the year. Total membership at 30th September, 1971, stood unchanged at 47.

HUGH SHEARMAN,  
*Organizing Secretary.*

## VIETNAM

Our Board is composed of:  
Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai, General Secretary;  
Miss Luu Thi Dau, 1st Assistant General Secretary;  
Mr. Nguyen Van Minh, 2nd Assistant General Secretary;  
Miss Le Hong Hanh, Secretary;  
Mr. Nguyen Tan Tai, Vice-Secretary;  
Miss Tran Thi Hoanh, Treasurer;  
Mr. Le Van Hai, Vice-Treasurer;  
Mr. Nguyen Van Huan, Mr. Truong Khuong, Mr. Nguyen Tien Loi, Mr. Ha To Thuan, Miss Pham Thi Phi, Councillors.

I am very glad to report with utmost satisfaction the steady progress in general of the Viet Nam Section activities during the year 1971. Looking at the statistical figures of the Lodges and the strength

of membership, the Section, in my view, occupies a fine place in the Society.

During the year 1971, the main thought which occupied our minds, was one of preparation for the Centenary of the Theosophical Society. Most of the members try to live theosophically. They are encouraged by their leaders to tread the Path, and understand the supreme purpose of the Society. I hope that their fine work done with sincerity and enthusiasm in making Theosophy known to more and more people will make the Theosophical Society the most beautiful and helpful expression for humanity.

*Membership.*—The total strength of members in good standing on the roll

as at 30th September 1971 amounted to 947 as against 852 last year giving a net increase of 95. There were 7 deaths, no lapsings and no resignations.

*To increase membership.*—We all desire good workers, those who always stand for the Theosophical Society—in joy or in sadness. For that, we must have a great number of members, and we choose the best ones among them. We plan to encourage each member to bring to the Society during a year one person—a relative or friend. The member must set an example by his or her excellent conduct and comprehension of truths, as example is worth more than mere talk.

*Lodges.*—The Section has 15 Lodges.

The Kiem Ai Lodge continues to be the most important centre of Theosophical work in Viet Nam. It has public lectures, weekly study classes, members meetings and publishes a magazine *Anh Dao* for the T. S. The Lodge has a well furnished library containing many books. It has also a beautiful building with a lecture hall which is very much in demand.

The Dug Hanh (or Fine Conduct) Lodge is the next important Lodge in the country. This Lodge has only women members but men participate in its meetings. Its activities include public lectures on Theosophy, weekly meetings and discussions. It has also a well stocked library of Theosophical and other books. This Lodge has issued 9 booklets for free distribution on *The Key to Theosophy* by Mme. Blavatsky, translated into Vietnamese.

The Phung Su (Service) Lodge (which is the Youth Lodge) is the most active Lodge in Viet Nam with dedicated young members. There are weekly Sunday lectures, courses and discussion. Some members—young students—meet daily at the office of their leader, Mr. Francois Mylne, to read Theosophical

books or to work for the Lodge and for the Section by doing typewriting, duplicating by roneo, mailing, etc.

The Young Theosophists have issued for free distribution the following booklets (translated into Vietnamese): (1) *Practical Occultism* (H. P. Blavatsky), (2) *The Disciple* (H. P. Blavatsky), (3) *The Original Programme of the Theosophical Society* (H. P. Blavatsky), (4) *Occultism* (Annie Besant), (5) *The Maha-Chohan's Letter*, (6) *The Theosophical Movement and the Masters of the Wisdom* (C. Jinarajadasa), (7) *The Third Object of the Theosophical Society* (C. W. Leadbeater) and (8) *The Golden Stairs* by H. P. B. (Sydney A. Cook).

The Tu Bi Lodge (or Compassion Lodge), the Minh Triet Lodge and Saigon Lodge are also active. Their members gather for discussion meetings.

The Dinh Tuong Lodge and the Go Cong Lodge (in the provinces of those names) have courses and discussions every two weeks. The other Lodges, Chon Ly (at Hué); Kien Giang, An Giang (at Chau Doc); Bac Ai (at Tan Chau); Long Xuyen, Duoi Chon Thay (at Vinh Long); Vung Tau are also active.

In brief, every Lodge is working. *Service to Lodges.*—The Board sent every month the Theosophical courses on *The Higher Mental Body* (The Causal Body), *The Ancient Wisdom* and *The Secret Doctrine*, (translated into Vietnamese by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai or written by her) every month to the members of each Lodge. That encouraged the dormant Lodges to revive.

The work of reproducing leaflets in a new and attractive format was continued and has been done by the young members. The Youth Lodge (about 110 members) contributed actively to the work of the Section. The young members are enthusiastic and ready to serve.

*Headquarters activities.*—Every Saturday evening, members of two Lodges, Tu Bi and Saigon, met in the auditorium of the Headquarters to study theosophical courses.

Every Sunday morning from 8.30 to 9.30, members of Dung Hanh Lodge and Phung Su Lodge have meetings where they discuss various subjects. From 10.00 to 11.00, also in the same place, the members of the various Lodges come together to attend the public lecture or to study the courses on *The Secret Doctrine* or *The Higher Mental Body* conducted by Mr. Nguyen Thi Hai. Courses on *The Ancient Wisdom* are conducted by Miss Luu Thi Dau and Mr. Francois Mylne. From 11.00 to 12.00 o'clock, there is discussion.

*Headquarters Staff.*—In the office, I was assisted by Miss Luu Thi Dau, 1st Assistant General Secretary. She is a good worker. 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.

*Publications.*—We continue to issue by roneo *Talks on At the Feet of the Master* in two volumes, translated from English into Vietnamese by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai. This book has been given by her to the Society.

We issued also 5,000 pamphlets *Short Explanations of Theosophy* by Mr. Nguyen Van Huan, for free distribution. The Lodges An Giang and Long Xuyen have published two small magazines for free distribution.

*Anniversaries.*—We celebrated the 17th of November, Wesak Ceremony, White Lotus Day and the birthday of Dr. Annie Besant.

*Convention.*—Our 19th Convention was held on April 1971 at our Headquarters with about 160 attending. Besides the usual business meetings, a symposium

was held on "Towards the Higher Mental". Delegates of all Lodges contributed. This gathering was a very inspiring one. The atmosphere was harmonious and brotherly. It is 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 Convention was closed by a fraternal tea-party at the Headquarters.

*Summer School.*—The Vietnamese Section Summer School was held at Pure Heart Centre (at the sea-side at Vung Tau) from 1st to 8th August 1971. There were about 100 participants.

Each day began with a guided meditation then a lecture and discussion. Our theme was "Personality and Ego". The meeting was a fraternal and inspiring one. I do hope that the Summer School will be the feature of every year in our Section.

*Theosophical Orphanage.*—We have a nice Orphanage with 50 children. It works well as it did before. We get a great deal of help from the Theosophical Order of Service in Australia and in the U.S.A. In September 1970, we received as donation from the T. S. in Australia a pretty microbus for our orphans. This car helped us very much. We express here our gratitude to this great Section.

*Travel.*—Our General Secretary Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai was the Delegate of our Section at the Congress of the French Section which was held on the 8th August 1971. However she could not get the visa in time and arrived in France late. She has been in Holland (at Huizen) on 15th August, and saw John Coats, Georges and Rachel Tripet and many other great people. They all sent greetings to the Viet Nam Section and appreciated very much the true brotherhood existing among the members of our Section.

*Overseas visitors.*—We were very happy to receive in April 1971 the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson.

Mr. Hodson, an accomplished lecturer and teacher, attracted large audiences (about 400 persons), many of them young students. He guides them into the deeper aspects of Theosophy.

The visit of Mr. Hodson helped in giving impetus in this respect. I would suggest that national lecturers be exchanged from one Section to another. We have found, in our experience, that visitors from outside attract a larger audience of the general public than the local workers do, however talented, devoted and persuasive they may be.

*Thanks.*—I would like to express here—as in my last year—my deep appreciation to my fellow-workers throughout the Lodges and to all members for their good co-operation, and ready assistance in all matters connected with the work of the Viet-Nam Section.

*Our Initiatives.*—(a) In my last tour in Europe (6th August to 30 September 1971), I have stated that everywhere, our Society suffers from lack of money. We could not raise the fees or make commerce in our Society. So we plan to make a 'Foundation' by borrowing money without interest, from the rich members or from sympathizers outside the Section who want to do charitable work.

Before the notary, we promise to repay on terms, over 10 years, this loan which we place in a bank at an interest of 22 % (the official interest in Viet Nam). If we could borrow 10 million Piastres

(U. S. \$ 1 is worth 275 VN \$), we shall have 220,000 Piastres of interest a month. With this sum, the Section could do everything. The Viet Nam Section is trying to realise this Foundation which will be called 'Brotherhood Foundation'. May the Masters help us!

(b) *Courses of training for the leaders.* Everywhere in the world, the members have some difficulties in choosing the leaders working for the Section.

On my return from Europe, I intended to form a course for training leaders.

This course is divided into two parts:

(1) Teaching how to manage the secretariat, how to do good work for our Theosophical Society, etc. . . (practical side).

(2) Teaching them to know the important side of Theosophy (like lecturing on *A Study in Consciousness* by Mme. Annie Besant, already translated into Vietnamese by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai).

We are trying to realize this course for the benefit of our Section. May the Masters help us.

*Conclusion.*—In spite of the war in our country, we try to be a channel for the Ancient Wisdom. With our inner conviction so deep and vital, our understanding of the Masters' message, our dedication to the Theosophical work, we are able to help the Inner Government of the world to lead humanity out of its suffering, caused by ignorance, into a new age of Truth, Brotherhood and spiritual unfoldment.

NGUYEN THI HAI,  
General Secretary.

## VENEZUELA

During the year three Lodges have been active in Venezuela: two of them, Blavatsky Lodge and Heracles Lodge, in the city of Caracas, and the third one, Leadbeater Lodge, in the city of Valencia. The two first ones have held all their weekly meetings regularly through the whole year.

In July a new study center was inaugurated in Caracas, to attract and gather people who may be interested in our Theosophical teachings; this center is under the leadership of a member of Blavatsky Lodge, Mr. Carlos Blanco Rey.

At the T.S. quarters in Caracas we have held our yearly celebrations, on Foundation Day, Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, with several appropriate speeches at each commemoration, and always with good attendance and a very enthusiastic audience.

During the year seven new members have joined the T.S. in Venezuela. Besides, four members who had dropped from our ranks have asked to be reinstated and, accordingly, their membership has been restored.

Mrs. Raquel Catala, a member with many years of devoted work in the Cuban Section of the T.S., has come to make her permanent home in Caracas,

and, at her request, has been incorporated in Heracles Lodge.

Mrs. Fernanda Abadie, a former member in Venezuela, has left Caracas, to reside in the United States, and therefore she has been transferred to the American Section.

Through lack of attendance and failure to pay the yearly dues, it has been necessary to cancel the membership of four members.

So, we have now here a total number of 40 members all active, and distributed among the three Lodges.

Our prospects for the future are uncertain, since circumstances may and do change so very often, in accordance with the varying mental states of human beings. We feel the ambience here, not too promising for endeavors of a spiritual nature; but, nevertheless, we work steadily, with the unshakable conviction that our efforts in this field will provide at least some seeds for future growth. I even venture to hope that the coming years may yield a better harvest.

On behalf of all the members in Venezuela, I express our best wishes for peace, well-being and spiritual blessings to all.

PABLO BONILLA,  
*Presidential Agent.*

## WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

The stimulus created in the work locally since last year has continued to be effective. This year fresh public interest was aroused by public lectures delivered in Accra and in the Regions by our overseas visitors, which contributed immensely to the progress of the work generally.

*Membership.*—During the year 84 new members joined, five were re-admitted,

there was one inward transfer from the American Section and three deaths were reported, bringing the total membership to 417.

*New Lodges and Centres.*—A new Lodge named after Mrs. Annie Besant was inaugurated at Calabar in Nigeria on 21st November, and three Centres were formed in Ghana at Anfoega in the Volta

Region, Kibi in Akim Abuakwa and Cape Coast in the Central Region.

*Deaths.*—The following were reported: Mr. P. K. Fleku, (Dharma Lodge), Mr. A. M. Allotey (Blavatsky Lodge) and Mr. A. L. K. Acolatse (Arundale Lodge).

Mr. Allotey was one of our older members here having joined the Society in 1906. He was an indefatigable worker and was for a number of years our local treasurer. Before it was possible to secure a permanent place, Mr. Allotey allowed meetings of the Blavatsky Lodge to be held at his premises. He was well and strongly built, having been in his youth a Police officer and ardent disciplinarian. He hoped to live to be 100 years, but as Providence would have it he was 99 years and six weeks when he died. He must have indoctrinated his children about death, for his funeral was one remarkably devoid of long-drawn faces and weeping and all the members of his family dressed in white.

*Visitors.*—Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins of England visited Ghana in May for nine days during which she gave public lectures in Accra, Kumasi in Ashanti and Ho in the Volta Region. A few days after she had left, Mr. John Coats flew in from South Africa for five days and gave a public lecture at Accra. The lectures were all fully attended and many of the enquirers have since joined the Society.

As a follow up, to meet the growing demands for Theosophical literature, this Federation gave a handsome selection of Theosophical books to the three Universities in Ghana. Our Central Library has also been extended by adding a new shelf to make available more books for use of the public. The Regional Lodges have been encouraged to run their own libraries to enable their members and enquirers to borrow from them.

E. MICHAEL AFFRAM,  
*Organizing Secretary.*

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## BOLIVIA

During the year 1970-71 the lodges Paz and Inti of La Paz and Cochabamba were working in the normal way. The Lodge Urus of Oruro lost some members and reduced the number of its meetings which are now very irregular.

In August four of our members went to Cochabamba where 9 new members of the Branch Inti received their diplomas as active members. This Branch has now 24 members and some sympathizers. It is planned to form a new group of Young Theosophists out of those who are attending and studying.

In Santa Cruz the meetings are guided by 3 sisters. It is a centre of about 12 people, which we hope will be transformed into a new Theosophical Lodge.

In La Paz a group of 9 Young Theosophists studying Theosophy have been holding meetings for one year, and this group we also hope to transform shortly into a new Lodge.

In La Paz it is furthermore planned to form another group of sympathizers interested in and studying Theosophy.

MARIO CARIAGO ARAMAYO,  
*Presidential Agent.*

## CANADIAN FEDERATION

The Canadian Federation has had a busy year. One of our youngest members was sent as a delegate to Toronto, to attend the North American Theosophical Students Conference, arranged by the Canadian Section, where he met several other young people like himself, and did his share in helping with the program.

Last October several Federation members visited the North American Conference in Seattle, U.S.A., and spent three interesting days with our American brothers.

The Federation Quarterly Magazine has again come to life, after the sudden passing of Mrs. Lisa Trumpler, who for many years, was its Editor. Mr. Van Norcross volunteered to take on the Editorship.

The two French speaking Lodges in Quebec report lively interest in Theosophy, with possibly another Lodge being formed there shortly.

IDA F. STEPHEN,  
*Federation Secretary.*

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 EUROPEAN FEDERATION

I should like again to begin this year's report with the most important event in 1970-71: the Annual Meeting of the European Council. It took place in August 1970 in St. Andrews, Scotland, during the British Regional Summer School. The following sections, etc., were represented by their General Secretaries or proxies and, in some cases, delegates: England, Sweden, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Scotland, Switzerland, Belgium, Austria, Norway, Denmark, Ireland, Iceland, Wales, Yugoslavia, Northern Ireland and the Young Theosophists.

Meetings of the European Executive Committee and of the British and German-speaking Regional Committees also took place during the Summer School in St. Andrews. (The Executive Committee further met in Paris in February 1971, and the Pays Latins Regional Committee in August in Aussois.) The Congress Committee, consisting of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the General Secretary of Switzerland and two representatives of the Young Theosophists, also met during

the St. Andrews Summer School. Guest speakers were Mr. James S. Perkins, Vice-President of the Society, and Mrs. Kathrine Perkins, which added to the international atmosphere of the gathering. Mr. and Mrs. G. Barborka were also present. The standard of lectures, work groups, etc., was very high.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins also lectured at the German Section Summer School in Hustedt (as did Mr. Barborka), the Scandinavian Summer School in Gammel Praestegaard, the Pays Latins Summer School in Aussois and the International Week in Huizen. They spoke to lodges in several towns in Switzerland, Italy and Austria. Since Mr. and Mrs. Perkins lived until recently in Adyar, they brought to our gatherings—as did the President the year before—something of the atmosphere of our International Headquarters. At the end of March 1971 they left for two years in Australia and New Zealand, where they are touring and are active in the work of those Sections.

Further Summer Schools were held in 1970 in Finland, Holland and Austria—

the latter being the Summer School of the German-speaking Region.

The Young Theosophists chose Yugoslavia for their annual gathering. The Yugoslavian members received the young people with open arms and did all they could to help make the camp a success. Perhaps we shall hear more about it—and about this year's gathering in the South of France—during the Congress.

On 3rd April 1971 our dear unforgettable Clara Codd left her physical body at the age of over 90. She died under narcosis before an operation which was necessary after a fall in Camberley. Those of us who were in Salzburg will remember with great pleasure her last international lecture. The last book of hers to be published, *Trust Yourself to Life*, was a success and has already been translated. Hers was indeed a full life. Those who know her book *So Rich a Life* will realise how her whole existence was one-pointed, how she lived according to theosophical principles. I am sure that Clara Codd is continuing her work in the finer spheres in which she was always at home.

Another well-known member died at about the same time as Clara Codd: Mr. Albert Sassi. Mr. Sassi belonged originally to the Swiss Section. He was a popular and very dynamic lecturer. His beautiful garden in Geneva was at the disposal of the Young Theosophists for their gatherings, and C. Jinarajadasa and Rukmini Devi were among the guests to whom his wife was a most kind hostess. After having been for a short time Swiss General Secretary and then President of the Geneva Group of lodges, he left Switzerland when he was pensioned and went to live in India. He settled in the Nilgiri Hills, where he lived in comparative isolation with some friends and began to write a book. He visited Adyar several

times. Later on he settled in Belgium, where he also lectured, but he tended more to another movement than to the T.S. He visited the last Convention in Adyar, by which time he was already very ill. He returned from Belgium to Geneva, where he was released from his physical body.

When you receive this report the main event in our work in 1971 will be approaching: the Congress in Paris. It will be held in Paris on 8th-15th August 1971. We hope that with your help it will be a wonderful success, and I am sure that Paris will leave us with happy memories. Our guest speakers will be the International President and Mrs. Radha Burnier.

I had as usual news of various National Conventions held in different Sections: in England, Yugoslavia, Finland, Switzerland, Scotland and other countries. The French Annual Convention will be held during the Congress. In Germany the Convention is triennial, but each year spring and autumn gatherings are held in a beautiful part of the country—on the Lüneburg Heath—and are attended by many members, particularly from the North of Germany. The Convention of the Italian Section was for me this year, as was the Finnish last year—a very happy personal experience. It was held in May in the ancient city of Perugia, in the beautiful Umbrian landscape. Members gathered, as usual from all over Italy—including Milan, Turin, Rome, Naples, Sicily, etc.,—and the whole Convention was held in a very lively and friendly atmosphere. Many very enthusiastic young members were present. Mr. Roberto Hack, after many years as General Secretary, is about to retire from that function at the age of 82. Mr. Hack will certainly be remembered by all with immense affection for his kindly and gentle but firm guidance of the Section.

The new Besant Hall at the Centre in Huizen is now completed and is a very beautiful building. Gifts are still welcome, as costs have proved much higher than expected.

Mr. J. Fleischanderl of Austria is in charge of the work of the Theosophical Order of Service in Europe and works conscientiously for that organisation. He issues regular circular letters, giving reports on the work of the Order. We shall hear from him during the Congress. Mr. Fleischanderl is rather disappointed at the lack of reports from the different sections and is always glad to hear from T.O.S. representatives.

There is a new General Secretary in Finland, Miss Sirkka Kivilinna. We thank Mr. Atte Pohjanmaa for his work and wish his successor happy and fruitful activity.

Mrs. Ingrid Fjelander is still responsible for the Round Table in Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, as mentioned above, visited many Summer Schools and lodges last summer. This summer Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Hodson visited the lodges in Berlin, where they held lectures, and then gave three-week courses, which proved very popular and helpful, in Copenhagen and in Huizen.

Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale has visited Huizen and England this summer and will take part in the Congress.

Lecturers were exchanged between different sections in Europe—a very useful activity. The Vice-Chairman, Dr. Norbert Lauppert, was guest speaker at the Swiss Convention in Basle, and also visited some groups in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie-Smith of England toured the Scandinavian sections. Professor C. Schmid of Germany was in Austria and Yugoslavia. Dr. H. Sabetay toured various German lodges. Several lecturers from France visited Geneva.

On the whole, one has the impression that good work is going on everywhere and—what is important—methods of work have been adapted to modern times in that, for example, group work is everywhere preferred to long lectures. International events are being observed by members and seen and understood as far as possible from a theosophical standpoint, with the idea of acting in the right manner if action is called for.

The Chairman presided at the British Regional Summer School in St. Andrews and the German-speaking Regional Summer School in Pichl, Austria. She also visited various lodges in Austria and in Germany and gave lectures. She toured the Swiss lodges and in May attended the Italian Convention in Perugia, mentioned above, where she gave a lecture. She visited Paris twice. Since preparations for the Congress take much time, she was obliged to travel less than usual.

Since this is my last report, I should like to thank most cordially my closest helpers: Dr. Lauppert, the Vice-Chairman, who was always ready with his advice and active help, Miss Mary Anderson, without whose help I probably could not have done the work at all, Mrs. Greta Eedle, to whom we are all indebted for the editing of *Theosophy in Action* and her helpers, particularly Mr. New, who is in charge of mailing the magazine abroad. Perhaps I do not need to mention specially that the cooperation with the Treasurer, Miss Ilse von Tresckow, was at all times very harmonious as it should always be between Theosophists. I thank all of you, everywhere in Europe, for your friendship and affection, which have made my term of office a happy one.

When I look back on my activity during these three years, I realise that not much has changed inside the Theosophical Society in Europe. When I was elected I said that I wanted to find new paths,

but I do not know whether I have succeeded in doing so. But I have everywhere observed the growing influence of new methods of work within our Society. Discussions are held in an orderly manner, present-day problems are treated in the light of theosophical principles, younger and older members work together in harmony. Apart from the lectures of skilled speakers, short talks are most appreciated, sometimes with discussion following. We shall have samples of short talks at the Congress. These methods are not necessarily absolutely new, but they are being adopted by most of the Sections today. What is new is the cooperation between the Young Theosophists and the older members in the coming Congress. I very much hope

that this cooperation will give the Congress a special note. At the present time, when the gulf between the generations appears at times to be deepening, this cooperation is extremely important. May it be successful and may it be infectious.

Dear friends, I hope and I am sure that you will give my successor your friendship and your affection. They will make things much easier for him or her.

May the activity of all who share in the work of the Theosophical Society prove a blessing for mankind—mankind which is seeking, perhaps unconsciously, those things that we should be able to give it.

CLAIRE WYSS,  
*Chairman of the Council.*

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## LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

### PERU

“*H. P. B.*” *Lodge, Lima:*

I herewith wish to report on the development of the activities of this branch, whose President I am, for the period ending with this month, activities about which I am very satisfied. Although they did not reach our high aims, there was great interest in helping and a good spirit for work.

For health reasons we had to accept the resignation of our Vice President, Felix Mafferetti, one of our best workers and a valuable economic support of the lodge. His charge has been taken over by Brother Enrique de Vivera, one of our oldest members and a most sincere and enthusiastic exponent of Theosophy in our country.

*Meetings.*—During the current year we have held 101 study meetings with an

average attendance of 25 members and visitors. Until June we met on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, but in winter only Wednesdays and Fridays. Our preferred subject was Man and his relation to the Universe, his constitution and spiritual unfoldment. For a better exposition of the subject we studied Brother Raja's book *First Principles of Theosophy*. We usually dedicated the Fridays' meetings to instructions, practical ethics of self realization, and study on meditation. This year we adopted for the first time round table discussions of the subjects, which led to such interesting questions, that we felt obliged to publish quite a number of them, so that they may also be considered by those who could not attend the meetings.

*Visitors.*—We had the great pleasure of receiving here the delegations from Argentine and Uruguay to the Congress at Bogota when they passed through Lima. Furthermore, our well known Brother Armando Sales, President of the Brazilian Section and Sr. Blumenfeld from Uruguay paid us visits and gave lectures at our members' meetings.

*New members.*—We had the satisfaction of accepting 14 new active members, and although we do not admit everybody coming to our door, as recommended by our dear Mistress, we always advise postulants to consider the step they are about to make by thorough examination, whether it is motivated by their heart and not just a superficial, futile impulse. We tell them that while they are not yet perfectly aware of the importance that Theosophy means to their lives, it is better to be a *friend of the Theosophical Society* and enjoy the freedom of the invitation to attend the public meetings, and not commit themselves to what they are unable to understand and realize.

*Inter-American Theosophical Federation.*—Owing to our practical difficulties as a result of the governmental dispositions regarding travelling, foreign currency, etc., we delegated Sister Dolores de Fuerte to represent our lodge at the Congress in Bogota. We realize the importance of an entity functioning in our own language, which may face the regional problems of Sections and lodges, and cooperate in the best possible way for their solution. We trust that in the more or less near future America will be able to present one Theosophical front, united, strong and creative.

*Monthly letter.*—Being not in a position to publish a review of our Section, we are issuing a monthly letter as a bond of union. It corresponds to the 3rd Epoch and deals with different aspects of our

teachings from a personal and practical point of view.

*Economy.*—During the current year, the income has decreased and we had a deficit of \$ 6951.73, which together with the sum carried over for years gives a total deficit of \$ 71,239.19. This accumulated deficit had its origin in unforeseen expenses for repair of our room due to the 3 earthquakes which our country had to endure, in the non-fulfilment of economic commitments of some members, in the progressive increase of the room rent by 10% yearly and in maintenance charges for the room.

*Chess classes.*—Since January young Theosophists are receiving chess classes from the distinguished Prof. Eduardo Wong.

*Conclusion.*—Considering the obstacles we have overcome, we can say we have come out of the woods. We feel there is already a *Theosophical conscience* and a *Theosophical spirit*, that we are thinking in terms of eternity and not of personality. It is impossible to create through deceit and mystification. Only Truth opens the way, only Truth creates the everlasting. If we get to the root of the plant, we find the seed, which is Truth made reality, given expression by the plant. The Theosophical Society of Peru is an undeniable reality in our midst and in America, supported by years of persistent work; its Truth, however, abides in the hearts of sincere men and women who *believe* in it, not as a Society of entertainment and social life, but for self-improvement and to give realization to the longings of so many beings suffering in the agony of ignorance. Truth is not conjured, as the juggler conjures ribbons and handkerchiefs in his basket; Truth is living and growing in the heart, in the deeds of daily life, in the relations with our friends and brothers. I think that if our work for the Theosophical Society and

for Theosophy has not been better, it is because the men and women who have approached it are not yet up to the mark of its sublime teachings. Nevertheless, much has already been done and continues

to be done; our hearts are comforted and we are humble servants of the Greater Brethren.

JORGE TORRES UGARRIZA,  
*President.*

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## HONG KONG

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## ISRAEL

*"Harmony" Lodge, Tel-Aviv.*

During 1970-71, work in our Lodge continued very smoothly and harmoniously. We had 4 new admissions and 4 lapsings, so that the total of 30 members in good standing remained unchanged. Lodge meetings were convened twice monthly.

As in previous years, we considered it our duty to study the Ancient Wisdom not only within the rather limited circumference of our little group, but tried to bring the message of Theosophy to the Israel public at large. Thanks to these continued endeavors, Parapsychology and Astrology are now widely known and willingly accepted in our country. Gratifying opportunities are thus at hand to infuse theosophical ideas—the Oneness of Life, Reincarnation, Life after Death, Karma, the Educational Purpose of Suffering, etc.—into the consciousness of our nation. Mr. Hans Zeuger, President of our Lodge, travelled far and wide, lecturing in towns, villages and co-operative settlements (kibbuzim), and giving, in addition, interviews over our Broadcasting Stations as well as to our local, polyglot press. His many astrological forecasts, particularly in the political field, which turned out to be correct to the very day, aroused much interest and widespread comment, and were even mentioned by a well-known daily in Germany ("Sueddeutsche Zeitung" No. 19, of 22.1.71) and taken up by the

Television System in France, spreading thus the doctrine of inter-relation between Cosmos and Man in truly international fashion.

Mr. Zeuger has now been invited to address students of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Mrs. Margot Klausner, a member of our Lodge, attended the Annual Convention at Adyar in December 1970, and gave our Lodge a vivid description of her impressions there and in other parts of Mother India.

HANS ZEUGER,  
*President.*

*"B'sorat Hagalil" Lodge.*

The most prominent work of this year is the publishing of *At the Feet of the Master* in Hebrew. It is nearly impossible to describe the many obstacles which had to be overcome, from the moment the translation by two very enthusiastic ladies was delivered into our hands. Naturally we wanted it to be a hundred per cent correctly translated, so we had to go over it many times before and after printing, to look for the right printing shop, to explain over and over everything till at last it was ready.

All work had to be done on an honorary basis but at a professional level and only the printing was paid for. For this the money was collected during two years among the members of

the lodges "Covenant" and "B'sorat Hagalil".

Publishing of the three-language bulletin *Theosophia* was continued and its new handy appearance is much appreciated.

In the year 1969-70 meetings were convened once every month and the study of *The Masters and the Path* which started the year before was continued and brought to an end. Other themes of lectures and discussions were: "The Bible and Theosophy", "Some Explanations of the Occult and Esoteric Meanings of the Exodus from Egypt and the Passover Feast", "Karma and Heredity".

In October 1970 a study week was held at the vegetarian village Amirim with active help at the organising and lecturing level from our members.

The year 1970-1 saw activity among a group of newcomers and therefore a study group was started on the Basic Principles of Theosophy, which was held fortnightly. The great interest was visible in the lively discussions following the meetings.

On some occasions members of our Northern Lodge took part in meetings of the Covenant Lodge in Tel-Aviv.

PINCHAS MOR,  
*President.*

"Emmanuel" Lodge, Haifa.

The membership of our Lodge is the same as before (nine). The activities have been satisfactory in spite of the absence of regular meetings. We are in close connection with other Lodges in Israel regarding theosophical problems.

We are studying the monthly reports which we receive from Switzerland together with highly valuable dissertations.

Apart from this we regularly receive *The Theosophist* from Adyar and also the *Adyar* from Graz, Austria. In addition, we have acquired several books, latest editions, which help us to develop in the theosophical direction.

I would like to point out the fact that as seen from the various journals and reports, many lecturers travel around the world, giving valuable information on subjects of great interest to us, but for some obscure reason they seem to bypass Israel.

The presence of and direct contact with these highly developed individuals would be invaluable to us, as this would increase the spiritual conception of the theosophical principles and help us to rise to a higher plane of thought if only temporarily.

HEINRICH SREBROW,  
*President.*

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## SINGAPORE

This year's activities of the Singapore Lodge were most stimulating, due mainly to the interesting and inspiring talks given by well-known Theosophists, namely Mr. and Mrs. G. Hodson, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Perkins, Miss Annie Tjioe, Miss Marion Caws, and Mr. John Coats, while they were passing through Singapore. Bishop Coats conducted two Liberal Catholic Church services in the Lodge premises.

Members celebrated the 60th Anniversary of the founding of the Singapore Lodge with an appropriate program and a buffet.

A monthly bulletin *Theosophy in Singapore* was commenced in January 1971, with Mr. Ian Hope as editor. Copies were distributed to members and friends as well as to Lodges in other parts of the world.

In September 1971, our Hon. Secretary, Miss Margaret Flinter, left Singapore to take up duties at Adyar Headquarters, and Miss G. Weerekoorn was appointed to fill her office for the rest of the fiscal year.

The membership now stands at 39 as against 35 in the previous year.

As Singapore stands midway between East and West, there are bound to be

fellow-members passing through Singapore, and we request them to look us up at our Lodge Building, No. 8 Cairnhill Road. The telephone number of the new Lodge President, Mr. Lim Khay Guan, is 912293 or 912158, during office hours, and No. 984005 after office hours.

CHAN CHIM LIM,  
*President.*

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## JAPAN

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## THE WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

*Introduction.*—This report covers a period of three years to October 1971.

*Council Meeting 1969.*—During the Convention-Summer School of the Theosophical Society in America the W. F. Y. T. held its Council Meeting. Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer had been re-elected for a three year term in December 1967. The term of office of the other four members of the Executive Committee expired in 1969. The following people were suggested as members for the new Executive Committee:— Mr. Terry Dennis (President, European Federation of Y. T., ex-officio); Mr. Vicente Fiumano (President, Argentine Federation of Y. T.); Mr. Siegfried Ebersbach (U. S. A.); Mr. Manfred Mey (Adyar).

The countries represented at the Council Meeting were: Brazil, India, Holland, Philippines and U. S. A.

*Elections by Postal Ballot, June 1971.*—The term of office of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the W. F. Y. T. expired in December 1970. Elections were held by postal ballot, because it was not possible for the Council to have a meeting. The Secretary sent an appeal for nominations in October 1970. The Chairman, Mr. John Coats was nominated for a new term. Mira Brandt-Bodrogi was not avail-

able for re-election as Secretary of the W. F. Y. T. Charles Chesrow (U. S. A.) was nominated for the office of Secretary, by the Dutch group of Y. T.'s. Joris Brandt continues as Treasurer for the time being, until someone is found to relieve him. The elections closed on June 1st 1971. John Coats was re-elected as Chairman of the W. F. Y. T.; Charles Chesrow was elected as Secretary of the W. F. Y. T.

*Executive Committee.*—There have been no meetings of the Executive Committee.

The Chairman, Mr John Coats left Europe in September 1968 to attend the Inter-American Theosophical Congress in Brazil. He visited Argentina in October-November 1968, after which he went to Bolivia, Peru, Colombia and Puerto Rico where he spent Christmas. In the beginning of 1970 he visited Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala. In March he visited Mexico, and from there he went through U. S. A. and Canada on a Theosophical lecture tour. He attended the Convention-Summer School of the American Section of the T. S. at Glen Ellyn, Illinois in July 1969, and attended the W. F. Y. T. Council Meeting mentioned above.

In November our Chairman participated in the West Coast Conference of the T. S., held at Ojai, California. In December 1969 he visited San Francisco, and then left for Australia where he spent several months. He attended the Convention in New Zealand, as well as the Convention in Australia.

Later in 1970 he was in Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Hongkong; spent a little more time than expected in the Philippines because of a sudden health problem, but after some rest continued his travels to Adyar to reach there before the end of the Convention, in the end of December 1970. In March of the next year he continued his tour via Bombay, Karachi, East Africa, to South Africa, where he attended the Easter Convention of the T. S. In the end of May 1971 he made a stop in Ghana on his way to Europe. In Europe besides visiting different countries John attended the Congress of the European Federation of the Theosophical Society, which was held in Paris in August 1971. This completed a three year tour around the world during which our Chairman has done a great deal to encourage the young members in so many parts of the world, while he travelled as a Theosophical lecturer.

*The Secretary.*—Miss Mira Brandt left Holland in June 1969. She attended the W. F. Y. T. Council Meeting at Glen Ellyn, Illinois, U. S. A., in July 1969. She got married to Gustav Bodrogi in April 1970, and lives in California now. Her term of office expired in December 1970; she did not stand for re-election. The new Secretary, Charles Chesrow of U. S. A., was elected by postal ballot on June 1st, 1971. Charlie attended part of the American Y. T. camp held at "Far Horizons" in the Sierras in California, in August 1971. He works closely with the American Federation of Y. T.'s. Charlie visited Mira and Gus in Fremont,

California in October 1971, so that the work of the W. F. Y. T. could be discussed in detail. Charlie lives in the Chicago area, which is close to the Headquarters of the T. S. in America.

*The Treasurer.*—Joris Brandt, has also been active with the European Young Theosophists. He hopes to find a successor in this office, before long.

*Members of the Executive Committee.*—In 1970 Terry Dennis resigned as President of the European Federation of the Y. T.'s; he was succeeded by Martin Jensen (Sweden), who is now ex-officio on the Executive Committee.

Manfred Mey left India in the beginning of 1971. He met some young people in Colombo, Seremban (Malaysia), Saigon and Manila. Saigon, he said, seemed to have the most active group he had ever met. Their program centres around lectures and study, mainly. Manfred is now in Germany. Siegfried Ebersbach left U. S. A. and is living in Germany now, also.

*Newsletter of the W. F. Y. T.*—Margreet Meijer continued editing the W. F. Y. T. Newsletter. There were two issues, one was published in October 1968, and the other in the Spring of 1970.

It was circulated widely, and provided a means of contact internationally between the groups. A Mailing List has been compiled of addresses of Y. T. groups and individuals. Many of them are people our Chairman met during his travels. This Newsletter is also sent to the General Secretaries of the different Sections of the T. S., all over the world to inform them about the work of the Y. T.'s, and bring it to the attention of young members in their Section, who might be interested to get in touch.

*Projects suggested by the Chairman.*—In the Spring 1970 issue of the W. F. Y. T. Newsletter, John Coats suggested the Y. T.'s might come out with a more definite

program, which he put under three headings.

1. The possibility that some of the younger members should take an active interest in work done by Raymond Lloyd, who works at the FAO in Rome; his schemes for helping the poor of the world. Some information about this scheme was given in the same issue of the Newsletter.
2. That the Y. T.'s become more informed about the student situation: revolt, protest, etc., and see whether these people can be made to state a positive program for change in the world.
3. That the Y. T.'s consider possible alternatives to our present economic system, to which many of the problems in the world seem to be directly related. As an example John mentioned Social Credit, which operates in certain parts of Canada and New Zealand.

John suggested that the Y. T.'s should obtain information of a first-hand order, which could be submitted to all the groups. (I did not receive any comments, suggestions or reports on these points, from groups or individuals. So my question is: are we as Y. T.'s sufficiently interested in undertaking some projects together?)

#### SOMETHING ABOUT THE GROUPS:

*Australia.*—Sydney: Interest in the Friday night meetings continues to be maintained, despite the dissolution of the former Young Theosophists who traditionally met on Friday. The Y. T.'s were forced to dissolve as a group when no-one came forward to fill the executive positions provided for in the Y. T.'s constitution at the Annual General Meeting in 1970. After fifty years of existence, and many fluctuations of membership, the Y. T.'s in Sydney ceased to exist in name. But the spirit of the

group prevailed and it was felt, that some effort should be made to hold meetings, if not under the name of the Young Theosophists, which some felt was a misnomer, then under the name of the Friday Night Group. Programs varied around discussions, tapes and guest speakers.

The Friday Night Group has now been reorganized within the body of the Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney, and it is called the Youth Group. There are two officers, a Chairman and Hon. Secretary who are responsible to the Lodge for the group's activities. The group has (a) a Thursday night meeting devoted to serious study, (b) a Friday night meeting which retains its now traditional character of a public meeting for members and those sympathetic to the Society's objects, and (c) a journal, to further the cause of Theosophy in the Group.

The Journal, *Movement*, is issued monthly; it contains items of interest and the Group's program. The Editor is Peter Glasson, 83 Spofforth Street, Cremorne, N.S.W. 2090, Australia.

*Argentina.*—The Argentine Y. T.'s held their first camp on January 2-6, 1969, at Alpa Corral, Cordoba. There were 28 participants. The main theme was divided into three parts: (1) Youth and the Theosophical Society; (2) Youth, Education and Religion; (3) Youth and the Problem of Freedom of Sex.

The Argentine Federation of Young Theosophists mentioned in their Annual Report of 1969-1970 that thanks to low cost facilities provided for people travelling from afar, 19 young people from Argentina could attend the first Inter-American Young Theosophists Camp which was held in Brazil in January 1970. The delegates had only to pay for their trip; accommodation and food were provided by the Brazil Y. T.'s. This camp was a grand experience for the participants.

It did not take much time for people to feel like members of one family.

The Y. T.'s participated in the "Journeys of the Argentine Section" which was organised together with the Uruguayan Section of the T. S. The young people cooperate in all types of work of the Section, besides the lodge work. The President of the Argentine Federation of Y. T.'s took a trip to Porto Alegre, Brazil, to participate in the "Theosophical Journeys of the South Atlantic".

Under the auspices of the Argentine Federation of Y.T.'s, the first "Journey of Y.T.'s in Argentine" was held in August 1970 in the cities of Mendoza, San Rafael and San Juan. The second Journey of Y.T.'s was planned for October 1970, in the city of Rosario.

Teamwork is the aim of the Argentine Federation; working together for the realization of the Theosophical principles.

*Brazil*—In 1969 the Y.T.'s of Brazil organised themselves as a national group which is now affiliated to the W.F.Y.T. There are local Y.T. groups in four cities: Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre, Belo Horizonte and Sao Paulo. Three members attended the W.F.Y.T. Council Meeting in July 1969 in the U.S.A.: Ulisses and Enide de Resende and Marcus Flavius de los Santos. On their return journey to Brazil they visited the new Y.T. group "Arco Iris" in Bogota, Colombia.

In November 1969 Y.T.'s from Uruguay, Argentine and Brazil met in Montevideo, Uruguay during the "Rio Platense Journeys". The Brazil Y.T.'s hosted the first Inter-American Y.T. Camp which was held in January 1970 on Paqueta Island, Rio de Janeiro. Participants were from Argentine, Bolivia and Brazil. In April 1970 Y.T.'s from Brazil, Argentine and Uruguay met during the Summer School of the Argentine Section of the T.S. In July 1970, during the

"American Theosophical Journeys of South Atlantic", a Y.T. meeting was held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, with participants from Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre, Uruguay and Argentine. A national Y.T. meeting was planned for October 1970 in Belo Horizonte. A Y.T. Camp was held near Belo Horizonte City from July 4-11, 1971.

There has been increased communication between Y.T.'s in the South American Countries; this was encouraged greatly by the fact that the Inter-American Theosophical Congress of 1968 was held in Brazil. The local groups:

*Rio de Janeiro*: In 1969 the group went on excursions to the mountains and shores during which time they had Theosophical discussions. Members of this group participated actively in the formation of Y.T. groups in other cities of Brazil. In 1970 the program of the group included meetings at members' homes, study meetings at the T.S. Headquarters, visits to several Theosophical Lodges in Rio de Janeiro, an excursion every month, and artistic activities.

*Porto Alegre*: Most members are students, one of them a poet. They meet every Saturday at the Lodge named "Dharma". They started a study group of Theosophy in July 1970.

*Belo Horizonte*: This group works actively within the Theosophical Lodges of that city, and they have artistic activities besides.

*Sao Paulo*: This group was founded on April 11th, 1970. The first meetings were held at members' homes, but now they meet every Tuesday at the Theosophical Headquarters, to go into deeper study of Theosophy. An informal meeting is held every second and fourth Saturday at the "Theosophical Institution Pitagoras", during which there is a discussion on subjects of general interest. The average

attendance is 10 members. Five representatives were sent to the "American Theosophical Journey in the South Atlantic", and they travelled to Porto Alegre, a distance of about 1,000 miles, in July 1970.

*Colombia*—Planning for formation of the group started when Gilda Distilo from Argentine visited Bogota, Colombia in mid-1968. The group was organised under the auspices of the T.S. in Colombia, and enthusiastically supported. An important stimulus was received by John Coats' visit in the end of 1968. The group worked on an experimental basis until May 1969. From that time on there has been a definite structure. The group has been working with enthusiasm. In 1969 there were 27 active members. Weekly meetings were held. The program of studies and discussions contained among others the cycle "Theosophy and the Individual". Some subjects were the Three Objects of the Society, discussed one by one; working in a group and working by oneself; and subjects concerning daily life, such as our relation with the family and with friends, our education, etc.

*Europe*.—The European Federation of Young Theosophists organises a Camp every summer in a different country. In 1969 the camp was held at Saanen, Switzerland to coincide with Krishnamurti's stay, and the program was arranged in such a way that Y. T.'s could attend his talks. The theme of the camp was "Education". In 1970 the camp was held in Yugoslavia, with the theme "Utopia". In 1971 the camp was held in the Pyrenees, Southern France. The theme was "Theosophy". The camp dates had been chosen so that people could attend the Congress of the European Federation of the T. S., in Paris, afterwards. The Y. T.'s had been co-operating actively with the organisers of this Congress, to make a program in

which individual participants would be more actively involved.

The main international contact between Y. T.'s in Europe exists in the magazine *Lotus*, which is published in the English language, and which has also subscribers in other parts of the world.

*Germany*.—Circular letters keep the German Y. T.'s informed of past and future events. The Whitsun meetings at Waake are a tradition. Different subjects which have been on the program are: "Theosophy—to which end?", meditation, astrology, yoga, modern music. The Spring and Autumn meetings of the T. S. in Germany, in a nice hostel in Inzmühlen, North Germany were also attended and enjoyed by several Y. T.'s. The German Y. T.'s have contributed money to an orphanage in Saigon which is run by Theosophists. In this way they learned that there are about 100 Y. T.'s in Viet Nam, who are also members of the Round Table and the Lodge.

*Holland*.—The Dutch Y. T.'s had two weekends in 1969, attended by 35 to 40 people each. The Spring weekend was on two subjects: "The Y. T.'s and the future of the T. S." and "The Kabala". An introduction to the latter was given by Saul Sartan, who gave us a fascinating bird's-eye view. The Autumn weekend was devoted to "Astrology" with lectures by Anja Crom, a member of the Dutch Y. T.'s and Eric van Win, her "teacher". Both lectures were followed by a lively discussion during which many questions were answered in a truly admirable way. In March 1970 the Dutch Y. T.'s and the Annie Besant Lodge in Huizen organised a study-weekend, during which Mr. D. J. P. Kok, President of the T. S., Point Loma/Covina was guest-speaker with a lecture on "The Egyptian Book of the Dead", illustrated with slides.

*France*.—Michel Chapotin wrote in January 1969 that they had restarted

monthly Y. T. meetings at the Theosophical Society in Paris. An open letter to all Theosophists in France, Belgium and Switzerland would be published in the journal *Le Lotus Bleu* under the title: "Do you know the Young Theosophists?", to inform a large number of Theosophists about the existence of the movement. Through this action Michel hoped to get addresses of young people who were interested.

*Sweden.*—The Swedish group of Y. T.'s is loosely organised and has no members in the usual sense of the word. Everybody who attends a meeting is part of the group. They have meetings every second week, usually on Saturdays. They first have a discussion and then drink tea. The group consists of about 20 persons. They try to invite somebody who is familiar with a problem that they want to discuss and let him or her give an introduction. After the introduction they have a discussion, and all join in. Unfortunately they have not always been able to find somebody willing to help them with the introduction. In 1969 they have, among other things, discussed the following topics: reincarnation, the Sarvodaya movement in India, and the problem in Tibet today. One evening they looked at pictures of the 1968 camp of the European Federation of Y. T.'s, in Denmark. Sometimes the lack of activity was felt badly, for instance when they were only a few, or when they had nobody to give an introduction.

*Pakistan.*—The group of Y. T.'s held study classes twice every month. The major topics studied were *The Epitome of Theosophy* by W. Q. Judge and *Key to Theosophy* by H. P. Blavatsky. There is often a lively discussion at the meetings. About four to five persons attend these meetings and no new members have joined for some time.

*Ghana.*—The Young Theosophists Group of Ghana was formed in 1970. In April 1971, A. S. Ansong, National Organiser, reported as follows: "Our local group formed a year ago has only now been fully organised. The membership, made up of the young people in the local Theosophical Society and students in Colleges, now numbers about 50.

Last quarter we ordered some Theosophical literature for free distribution to the students in order to maintain their interest in Theosophy. During the last Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society in West Africa held over Easter the Executive met to consider suitable plans of work to bring Theosophy to the notice of the youth in Ghana.

It is understood that there is a branch of Young Theosophists in Nigeria in Ibadan University. We shall try to contact them so that we can link up with them. We would also like to hear from groups in other countries."

*Mexico.*—Estela Salas, in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, wrote in December 1970: "We have members from 12 to 22 years old, three of us are High School teachers. We expect to have a big group of young people next year."

*New Zealand.*—The Auckland Y. T.'s hold meetings once a week to which anyone and everyone is welcome, and have an average attendance of about fifteen people although the mailing list is actually nearer thirty, with programs aimed at covering everything—religion, science, world problems, ideals—in fact anything of interest. They wrote: "A number of us are saving to come to New York for the 1975 Convention—but as a large number are students, there is a fifty-fifty chance that the Bankruptcy Courts will claim half of us first...!"

The Y. T.'s in New Zealand would like to correspond with Y. T.'s aged 18-25 in other parts of the world, writes Susan

Macintyre, 11 Ward Tee., Auckland 3, New Zealand. She is Secretary of the Auckland group, and she says that living in a rather isolated country, they would be interested in the ideas and activities of Y. T.'s elsewhere in the world.

*Canada.*—When Bill Bruyns presided over the Toronto group of Young Theosophists for the 1968-1969 season, he wrote to Margreet Meijer, our Newsletter Editor: "We are trying to make Theosophy adaptive to our modern society through group projects relating to social action and research into psychic phenomena, determining the effect and utility in a modern industrial society. We also hope to establish a summer camp for Young Theosophists in this area in the summer of 1969. We are trying to make Theosophy part of social dynamics". In a recent letter Bill wrote that at the moment there is no organised Youth Group. There are however many young people who attend the discussions and lectures of the Lodge.

*U. S. A.*—The W. F. Y. T. Council Meeting of July 1969 was held in this country at the time of the Annual Convention-Summer School of the American Section of the T. S., at Glen Ellyn, Illinois.

The American Federation of Y. T.'s organised a camp at Ann Arbor, Michigan, in August 1969, with the theme "Man and his Relationships". The problem was approached in three ways: (1) Man seeking to understand himself, (2) Man as a member of society; communicating and relating to others, (3) Man in the modern world, feeling the impact of science and technology; education to help Man understand this environment and assume his role in society. Theosophy as an underlying attitude as well as a body of natural laws governing the universe, pervaded all the discussions.

A Thanksgiving Workshop was held in November 1969 at Palos Park, Illinois,

with 19 participants. Activities on the program were a panel discussion "How one can better his understanding of other people", a group therapy session, and an impromptu entertainment evening.

The 1970 Y. T. summer camp was held at Pumpkin Hollow, 125 miles from New York City. This is a non-profit vacation community, owned and operated by the North East Federation of the Theosophical Society in America. The theme for the camp was: "The Challenge of Today's Youth—Building a New World". A number of Y. T.'s are exploring possibilities for a Y. T. community center, community or commune. In August 1971 the American Y. T.'s held their camp at "Far Horizons" which is a permanent Theosophical Camp located in Sequoia National Forest, California. The Y. T. camp was held as part of the Far Horizons School, 1971, and the theme was: "A Yoga of Aware Groupness".

*Conclusion.*—Although Charlie Chesrow is Secretary of the W. F. Y. T. since June 1st, 1971, I decided to complete the report up to October 1971: most papers concerning this last year were with me.

I should like to close with a letter which I received from Lena and Jean-Bernard Cabanes (France), who are interested in the W. F. Y. T., though not members.

"The ideal of the Theosophists which you find in the hearts of all those who have felt that the world can only be built in peace, the respect for the different, love for man, and the development of his small inner seed which most societies choke before it can come to unfold. . . . To think this, you do not necessarily have to be a Theosophist, but very few realize it, and it would be necessary to convince people of that, and to experiment if one wants society to be more harmonious—simply human. A society which enables

a person to become that for which he exists.

“How do the Theosophists, and particularly the World Federation of Young Theosophists see this problem? And how do they conceive the solution? We know only what is written in the Constitution but what about the practice? What

are the long term goals, and which are the means by which they should be reached?”.

I think it is important that we, individually and as groups, ask ourselves these questions. . . !

MIRA BRANDT-BODROGI,  
*Past General Secretary.*

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## THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1970-71

The Theosophical Publishing House registered a peak turnover of business during the year, reaching a total of Rs. 5,70,600 against Rs. 3,53,600 in the previous year. Orders received from The Quest Books, Wheaton, for the supply of printed sheets of books in quantities varying from 7,500 to 25,000 sheets contributed much to this.

*New Publications.*—Three new publications were issued during the year. These were *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible*, Vol. III, by Geoffrey Hodson; *H.P. Blavatsky and The Secret Doctrine*, compiled by Virginia Hanson; and the pamphlet, *Creative Living*, by Ram Jivan Sinha.

We also supplied reproduction prints for a new book to be published by The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton—*The Opening of the Wisdom Eye*, by H.H. the Dalai Lama. An Indian edition of this book will be published by us in 1972.

*New Editions and Reprints.*—A heavy program of reprinting was executed during the year. We printed sheets of the following books for the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton: *The Ageless Wisdom of Life* (Clara M. Codd), 10,000 copies; *The Light of Asia* (Sir Edwin Arnold), 7,500; *Thought-Forms* (Annie Besant and C.W. Leadbeater), 15,000; *Man Visible and Invisible* (C.W. Leadbeater), 15,000; *The Chakras* (C.W. Leadbeater), 25,000; and *The Science of Yoga* (I. K. Taimni), 10,000. These reprint orders were the largest we have handled and they kept both us and the Vasanta Press busy throughout the year.

In addition, we completed the reprinting of Vols. IV and V of *The Secret Doctrine* during the year, and did a part of the work on Vol. VI. Other titles reprinted for T.P. H., Adyar, in 1970-71 were: *A Message to Members of the T.S.*, by an Elder Brother, Karma (Besant). *Thought-Forms*, and *Talks on the Path of Occultism*, Vol. I (Besant and Leadbeater), *Meditation, Its Practice and Results* (Clara M. Codd), *Light on the Path* (Mabel Collins), *Reincarnation, Fact or Fallacy* (Geoffrey Hodson), *Clairvoyance, Man Visible and Invisible, The Devachanic Plane*, and *A Textbook of Theosophy* (Leadbeater), *The Child, Peace and Education* and *The Formation of Man* (Madame Montessori), *Addresses to New Members (Leaders of the T.S.)* and *Lalitha Sahasranaman* (Subramanya Sastri).

The demand for Theosophical literature from the United States is reflected in the large reprint orders for 7,500 to 25,000 sheets of some books, recorded above.

To relieve pressure on The Vasanta Press, we had to get three of our books re-printed outside. These were *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible*, Vol. III, *Man: Whence, How and Whither*, and *The Beginnings of the Sixth Root Race*. Work on the latter two books was completed only after the close of the year. Two other titles which are similarly being reprinted outside are *A Study in Consciousness* and *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible*, Vol. II. This step became necessary in order to keep pace with the demand for our publications. Even after adopting it, we have not been able to complete some of our work by the planned dates.

*Revision of Books.*—We are indebted to Miss Helen V. Zahara for her continued help in the revision of books in our reprinting program. The object of such revision has been to take note of recent developments in scientific and other thought, as well as of modern printing style. Care has been taken not to change the phrasing of the authors or their mode of presentation, but a few omissions and verbal alterations have been made so that in the light of developments in world affairs and thinking, the meaning of the authors may be made clearer.

*Book Price.*—In spite of the rise in paper prices and printing and binding costs, we were able to reduce the prices of nine more books (four in soft covers, three in hard covers and one in both bindings). Thus in the past three years the prices of 28 publications have been reduced, most of them in soft covers. Reductions were made this year in the prices of the following books: *Clairvoyance, Reincarnation, Fact or Fallacy, Karma, The Devachanic Plane, Man Visible and Invisible, Talks on the Path of Occultism, Vol. I, The Chakras, A Text-book of Theosophy* and *The Science of Yoga*.

*Workers.*—After working for some months as Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist*, Miss Marion Caws left for Australia, Mrs. Bridget Paget taking her place. We have continued to receive the help of a number of residents in the Estate in proof correction, and also in the evaluation of Manuscripts, and express our thanks to them. We have to record the passing away during the year of Mr. S. Nagaratnam, who had worked on the staff of the T.P.H. for 26 years, and was Accountant at the time of his death.

*The Theosophist.*—The circulation of *The Theosophist* remained steady during the year. The Theosophical Publishing

House, Wheaton, The Theosophical Publishing House, London and a number of National Sections of the Society and also individual Theosophists have continued their help in registering and collecting subscriptions and we are thankful to all of them.

*Book-Gift Fund.*—The recipients included Sections and Federations of the Theosophical Society, as well as Lodges, public libraries and individuals, mostly in economically underdeveloped countries. Gifts were made on the recommendations of National Secretaries, Secretaries of Federations and Lodges, and National Lecturers, as well as other leading Theosophists who had personal knowledge of the requirements of the recipients. Mr. J. K. Patnaik and Mr. B. K. Patnaik continued their support of the Fund by monthly donations throughout the year, sending their own contributions and collections they had made for the purpose. A gift of photographs of Dr. Arundale and Mr. Jinarajadasa was sent to Indonesia and the Philippines thanks to the generosity of Mr. John B. Coats, who also financed gifts of books. Donations received by the Fund during the year totalled Rs. 11,270, against an expenditure during the year of Rs. 9,758.

*H.P. Blavatsky Publications Reserve Fund.*—Following a suggestion made by the National President of The Theosophical Society in America, Miss Joy Mills, at a meeting of the General Council last year, the T.P.H., Adyar, has started an H.P.B. Publications Reserve Fund, to make Madame Blavatsky's books available at prices more attractive to the buyer. An allocation of Rs. 35,000 has been made to the Fund this year.

*Finances.*—The gross income from sales was higher by Rs. 43,000, owing to larger orders for printing of sheets from the United States. Sales of incense sticks

increased by Rs. 6,300 following higher demand from the American market, but the income from sales of Adyar Library Publications fell by Rs. 18,000.

The larger turnover necessitated an increase in staff, and establishment costs increased by Rs. 3,000. Royalty payments

rose by Rs. 8,000 owing to higher sales of books.

The H. P. Blavatsky Publications Reserve has been created this year with an allocation of Rs. 35,000.

K.N. RAMANATHAN,  
*Manager.*

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## THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

It is my privilege once again after a period of three years to present a report of work done in the Adyar Library and Research Centre. At the outset I wish to place on record my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. V. Ramanatha Ayyar who so ably carried on the work of Librarian during my absence from India.

During the year under report a substantial grant of \$ 6500 (Rs. 48,750) was received from the Ford Foundation, India, toward the airconditioning of a portion of the MSS. stacks. We are glad to announce that airconditioning has been installed in the bigger of the two manuscripts stack rooms and has been in operation since 1st October 1971. We take this opportunity to express the grateful thanks of the Adyar Library to the Ford Foundation for making this project possible. It is hoped funds will be available in the very near future to get the second room airconditioned also.

Another major project was the purchase of five fire extinguishers costing Rs. 2,672 and their installation in the premises. This was made possible by a generous donation from the Esoteric School of Theosophy.

### STAFF:

During the year Pandit S. Aravamudachariar, who was cataloguing the Tamil MSS. in the library's collections besides helping in other projects of the research section, was relieved of his work due to ill-health. It is hoped that as his health improves he will be able to rejoin our staff and complete the work undertaken by him.

The services of Mr. K. Krishna Sarma were also discontinued as the task under-

taken by him, namely preparing slips for the manuscripts in the library to be posted in the MSS. register was completed. Mrs. Kalpagam Nagaratnam was appointed in July in the repair section.

Dr. V. Raghavan and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja continue to be Advisers and on the Editorial Board and Council of the Library, helping in many ways in its work. Our heartfelt appreciation and thanks to them both.

### PUBLICATIONS:

Part I of the *Amarakośa*, a classic Sanskrit lexicon, with the hitherto unpublished South Indian commentaries of Liṅgayasūrin and Mallinātha and with extensive English Introduction was released as No. 101 of the Adyar Library Series. The press copy for the second part of this work with the commentary of Bommagaṅṅi Appayārya is in progress and it is hoped to have this printed shortly.

Other publications released during the year were: a revised edition of the *Vedānta-paribhāṣa* with English translation and notes; and a revised translation of K. Narayanasami Iyer's *Laghu-Yoga-Vāsiṣṭha* brought out as Adyar Library General Series 3. This was also serially featured in the *Brahmavidya*, Vols. 34 and 35, 1-2. The Descriptive Catalogue of Sāṃkhya, Nyāya, etc. manuscripts is nearing completion and it is hoped to release this as No. 100 of the Adyar Library Series shortly. The library has also undertaken the publication of *Śrī-haricaritam* of Padmanābha Śāstrin, a *mahākāvya* dealing with the story of Śrī Kṛiṣṇa. This is edited by Prof. T. Venkatacharya of the Toronto University.

**SALES:**

Since June 1969 when The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Ill., U.S.A., was appointed as agents for North and South Americas and Japan, the Adyar Library publications in this part of the world have been selling very well. Special mention must be made here of the wide publicity given through advertisements in various university and research journals as well as the exhibiting of the Adyar Library Series in the Asian Studies Conferences in San Francisco in 1970 and in Washington in 1971.

Arrangements have been made for The Theosophical Publishing House, London, to take over the agency from January 1972 from E.J.Brill and Luzac & Co. for United Kingdom and Europe so that the sales in this part of the world can be increased and greater attention can be given to inquiries, etc. The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, are distributors of all our publications besides being agents for countries not covered by the publishing houses in London and Wheaton. It is hoped that between these three publishing houses of the Theosophical Society, the sales of the Adyar Library Series will be boosted and will reach a wider area than before, particularly in these times when there is a good deal of interest in the wisdom and culture of the East.

**ADYAR LIBRARY BULLETIN:**

As mentioned above vols. 34 and 35, 1-2, of the journal for 1970 and May 1971 were released during the year. The bulletin records 154 subscribers and is exchanged with 133 journals.

**MANUSCRIPTS REGISTER:**

The work of checking the palm-leaf MSS. and preparing slips with details for each MS. was completed. No progress

was made in the entries in the register as these are still to be scrutinized.

**SERVICES RENDERED:**

Microfilms of 21 MSS. and 16 books, and photostat copies of 2 MSS. and 26 journals and books were supplied on request. This includes copies of articles from books and journals on theosophical education to a scholar in Australia who is engaged in research into the contribution of Theosophy to the educational movement in the world; and books, articles, reviews, etc. on and by Ananda K. Coomaraswamy for a scholar in Malaysia.

**WORKS USED:**

The library has now 331 readers, 113 resident readers cum borrowers, 101 borrowers (from the city) and 23 Braille borrowers. During the year under report 4385 persons used the library; 24,645 books and 6415 MSS. were consulted on the premises; and 4332 books and 15 MSS. were taken out.

**RESEARCH SCHOLARS:**

Among the many scholars who utilized the library for research excluding those from the various universities and institutions in India, the following may be mentioned: Prof. J. B. Long, Haverford College, Penn.; Dr. W. J. H. Collins, Dublin University; Mr. C. J. Baker and Mr. D. Washbrook, University of Cambridge; Mr. C. J. G. Van der Burg, Sanskrit Lecturer, Utrecht University; Dr. S. Gupta, also of the University of Utrecht; Miss Anita Diehl, Lund University, Sweden; Mr. Hermann Kulke, University of Heidelberg; and Mr. M. C. Moulton, University of Manitoba, Canada.

**REPAIR & PRESERVATION:**

180 volumes of journals and 37 books were bound in the Vasanta Press of the

Theosophical Society. 582 books and 24 paper manuscripts were repaired and bound in the library repair section. 92 palm-leaf MSS. were cleaned and repaired where necessary while 6 MSS. and 19 books were hand-laminated.

#### MICROFILM EQUIPMENT:

The microfilming equipment with the reader and enlarger is now installed in the library and being operated on the premises with the kind help of Mr. E. F. Orfila, assisted by Miss C. Malati who is now learning the work. During the year under report a glazing machine and other necessary equipment were added to supply photostat copies of the books and MSS., when requested, besides microfilms. The latter are now being processed in the library laboratory itself. Our sincere thanks go to Mr. Orfila for looking after the filming and processing besides supervising the repair and binding section.

#### ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

*Books.*—Out of the 2731 books received during the year, 1956 have been duly catalogued and cards made. 219 of these were purchased, 45 were exchanges and the rest were gifts.

Out of the 1470 books, excluding journals, received as gifts, 1166, mostly on Education and Psychology, were from Mr. G. V. Subba Rao; 142 were from various research institutions and scholars in India through the Ministry of Education and Youth Services, New Delhi; 97 from The Theosophical Publishing Houses, Adyar, London and Wheaton; 81 through *The Theosophist* Office, Adyar; 77 from the Education Department, The Theosophical Society in U.S.A., through Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan; 39 from Mr. P. M. Advani; 35 from the U.S.I.S., New Delhi; 33 from Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Thadani; 36 from Miss E. Nisewanger; 34 from Mr.

Tara Singh, U.S.A.; 29 through the Recording Secretary's office; 28 from Miss C. Yamuna; 25 from the International President and through his office; 27 from Mr. C. P. Natarajan; 21 from Mrs. I. Borodin, Switzerland; 14 from the Philosophical Research Society, Los Angeles, Calif., being works of Manly P. Hall; and 11 each from The Theosophical Society in Canada and from "a member" in London through T.P.H., Adyar. Our thanks are also due to the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind for 56 Braille books and to Matilda Ziegler Pub. Co., U.S.A., and the Scottish Braille Press for 20 titles in Braille. Particular mention is to be made of a gift by Mrs. Radha Burnier of Rs. 1,928 worth of books on Indology, published outside India, besides a donation of 42 other titles of value. We also take this opportunity to extend our appreciation and thanks to all these and to many other friends in India and abroad who have donated books (less than 10 each) to the library.

#### MANUSCRIPTS:

During the year 94 manuscripts were received as gifts, 8 from Mr. S. Rangarajan, 1 from Mr. K. Krishna Sarma, 82 from Mr. Budalur Krishnamurthi Sastrigal, 1 Burmese palm-leaf MS. from Mr. Francis Brunel and 3 paper MSS. from Mrs. Eva Sonenstein. 9 of these have been catalogued and numbered while 52 have been examined. The library records its appreciative thanks to all these donors.

#### BOOK CATALOGUING:

456 books in the Social Sciences category have been reclassified and detailed subject reference cards have been made. Due to a large number of new titles gifted to the library, the reclassification had to be temporarily stopped in order

to complete the cataloguing of these new books.

#### DONATIONS:

The Library also takes this opportunity to record its grateful appreciation to a "Friend" (who wishes to remain anonymous) who has during the year made a handsome contribution of Rs. 5,662. Also to the late Mr. Albert Sassi, Mrs. E. Von Labon of Munich and Mr. and Mrs. S. Morya Das, U.S.A., for their contributions.

#### VISITORS:

Amongst the many visitors to the library the following need special mention: Dr. K. L. Janert, Institut fur Indologie, University of Koln; Prof. Yukei Matsunaga, Koyasan University, Japan; Mr. Donald E. Jones, University of Chicago; Mr. Shoren Ihara, Kyushu University, Japan; Mr. Henry Scholberg, South Asia University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Sardar Ujjal Singh, former Governor of Madras; Mr. W. B. Evans, Jr., Prof. of Philosophy, Arkansas University; Mr. K. K. Shah, the present Governor of Madras; Dr. B. R. Gopal, Kannada Research Institute, Dharwar; Dr. G. Marula Siddhiah, Director, Oriental Research Institute, Mysore University; Mr. R. Srinivasan, Reader in Politics, University of Bombay; Dr. Indu R. Rao, Delhi University; and Dr. S. Karagulla and Dr. V. P. Neal of California.

It is gratifying to note that the library, with its valuable collections of books covering a wide variety of subjects as well as 17,100 MSS., is now better known to the public of Madras and attracting more serious readers. But the potential of the Adyar Library's collections in contributing to the study of comparative religions, philosophies and civilization is still to be fully tapped. The manuscript and book collections including the 350 or so journals—which are of great value particularly to research fellows, being the source for the flowing current of research— attract scholars and serious students of wisdom including a number of young people from the West who are much interested in the Eastern philosophies. With the increasing number of housing colonies round and near Adyar the users of the library have increased considerably. Quite a few journalists coming to know about the magnificent record of service of the library to the world of pure learning are interested in writing about the library in various popular journals. It is hoped that all these, and the wonderful facilities offered by the institution to all true students of wisdom will enable the library to provide for the Theosophical Society in a greater measure a meeting ground for the wisdom of the East and the scientific approach of the West, leading to universal goodwill and the purest enlightenment.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,  
*Librarian.*

## SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

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 time 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 Mme. Blavatsky, *The Crest Jewel of Wisdom (Viveka Chudamani)*, 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 non-essentials. She said that the work was difficult but that should not dissuade the students. 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 number 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, E. 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 giving talks.

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 member of the School 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 refreshments for 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 the students go away enriched by their stay but also that the hard working residents are enriched by the arrival in their midst of this international band of students of the Ancient Wisdom.

MISS MARION 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.

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*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

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## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## GENERAL COUNCIL

### *Ex-Officio*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### *Additional*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Witnesses to the signatures:

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

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT  
 { ,, W. A. ENGLISH  
 { ,, SUBRAMANIAM  
 { ,, FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE  
 { ,, UPENDRANATH BASU  
 ,, ANNIE BESANT  
 ,, N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than 12 Additional Members, among whom all

past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a

three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (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.

(b) 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 who have been members of the Society in good standing for at least one year 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 one year previously. If only one name remains on the voting list, the subsequent vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

At the expiration of three months from the date of issue of the voting list by the Recording Secretary, the voting returns shall be totalled by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The Candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and he shall assume office thirty days thereafter. In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes by the Recording Secretary, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee 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 appli-

cation 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, 1972

## *Ex-Officio Members of General Council*

**President:** MR. N. SRI RAM

**Vice-President:** MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

**Recording Secretary:** MRS. J. A. C. DE VOGEL-VAN GOGH

**Treasurer:** MISS ANNIE TJIOE SIANG NIO

## National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	... Miss Joy Mills	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois-60187
1888	England	... Mr. Geoffrey A. Farthing	... 50 Gloucester Place, London, W1H3HJ
1891	India	... Mrs. Radha Burnier	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 1
1895	Australia	... Miss Ruth Beringer	... 29, Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000
1895	Sweden	... Mr. Curt Berg	... T. S., Ostermalmsgatan 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. van der Schoot-Groot	... Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam 8
1899	France	... Mr. S. Lancri	... 4, Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy	... Sgr. Edoardo Bratina	... 34131 Trieste, Corso Umberto Saba N. 6
1902	Germany	... Mrs. Anneliese Stephan	... Alsterdorfer Str. 338, 2 Hamburg 39
1905	Cuba	... Sr. Dana Cruz Bustillo Artigas	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1907	Hungary	...	...
1907	Finland	... Miss Sirkka Kivilinna	... Vironkatu 7c 2,00170 Helsinki 17
1908	Russia	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia	...	...
1909	South Africa	... Mrs. L. M. Membrey	... P.O. Box 3953, Durban, South Africa
1910	Scotland	... Miss Jean Carstairs	... 28 Gt. King St., Edinburgh EH3 6QH
1910	Switzerland	... Mr. G. Tripet	... Av. Dumas 29, 1206 Geneva, Switzerland
1911	Belgium	... Mme. Berthe Nyssens	... 51, rue du Commerce, 1040 Bruxelles 4
1912	Indonesia	...	...
1912	Burma	... U Than Kyaing	... No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Dr. Norbert Lauppert	... Kaiserfeldgasse 19, Postfach 655 A-8011 Graz
1913	Norway	... Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen	... Oscars gate 11, Oslo 3
1918	Egypt	...	...
1918	Denmark	... Mr. Preben Sørensen	... Duntzfelts Allé 21, DK-2900 Hellerup
1919	Ireland	... Miss Dorothy Emerson	... c/o Morrison and Scannell, 31, Pembroke Road, Dublin 4
1919	Mexico	... Mrs. Ana Maria Romero	... Iturbide 28, Mexico 1, D. F.
1919	Canada	... Mr. T. G. Davy	... Box 5051, Postal Station "A," Toronto 1, Ont.
1920	Argentina	... Señor Manuel Farinich	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires
1920	Chile	... Señor Ricardo Michel A.-P.	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1920	Brazil	... Senhor Armando Sales	... Rua Anita Garibaldi 25, 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. Harry Edgar	... 10, Park Place, Cardiff
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	... Sr. Justo V. de la Vega	... J. Barrios Amorin 1085, St., Montevideo

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1925	Puerto Rico	... Mr. 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. C. Melissaropoulos	... Dragatsaniou str. 6, Athens (K.)
1929	Central America	... Señor Benvenuto Martinez Gutierrez	... Apartado 355, Managua, Nicaragua, Central America
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 48507, Nairobi, Kenya
1948	Pakistan*	... Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	... "Q" House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi-4
1948	Malaysia*	... Mr. S. Narayanan	... 12, Lorong Damansarah Endah, 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. M. Leslie-Smith	... 2, Tekels Park, Camberley, Surrey, England
(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 1972, 1973 and 1974).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 14 6 JY, United Kingdom (for 1972, 1973 and 1974).
- 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, 10, Cranmer Court, Wickliffe Avenue, London, N. 33HG, England (for 1972, 1973 and 1974).
- MR. J. B. S. COATS, C/o Mrs. Hollie Salmon, 57 Lancaster Grove, London, N.W. 3 —4 HD., England (for 1970, 1971 and 1972).
- MRS. GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Rd., Bath Island, Karachi 4 (for 1971, 1972 and 1973).
- MISS HELEN ZAHARA, P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois-60187, U.S.A. (for 1972, 1973 and 1974).
- 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

(ABRIDGED)

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society  
held in the H. P. B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on  
Saturday, 25th December 1971 at 8.30 a.m.*

### PRESENT

- Mr. N. Sri Ram .. *President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Ceylon, Italy, Cuba and Germany and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.*
- Mrs. J. A. C. de Vogel-van Gogh .. *Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia, Scotland and Philippines (first session only) and for Mr. J. Coats, Additional Member (first session only).*
- Miss A. Tjioe Siang Nio .. *Treasurer.*
- Mrs. Radha Burnier .. *General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Sweden and Finland.*
- Mr. G. Farthing .. *General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England and Proxy for Mr. V. W. Slater, Additional Member.*
- Mr. G. Tripet .. *General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Switzerland and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in France and Belgium.*
- Mr. A. B. Patel .. *General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in East Africa.*
- Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale .. *Additional Member.*

- Mrs. Ann Kerr Wylie .. *Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America and for Miss Helen Zahara, Additional Member.*
- Mr. C. D. T. Shores .. *Additional Member.*
- Mrs. Jean Raymond .. *Present by invitation.*

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

1. *To read and, if approved, to adopt the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th December 1970, 1st January 1971, 2nd January 1971, 4th January 1971 and 6th January 1971 at Adyar.*

The Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council held on 25th December 1970, 1st January 1971, 2nd January 1971, 4th January 1971 and 6th January 1971 having been circulated to the members were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes:* Consideration of Theosophical propaganda: Consideration of Proposals by Mr. Farthing regarding literature to be published was postponed to the General Council Meeting to be held on 1st January 1972.

3. *Confirmation of Voting on Amendments to the Rules and Regulations as follows:*

(a) *Amendment to Rule 5:*

“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).

The result of the Voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
37	1

Having received the required number of votes, the 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 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 one year 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 one year previously. . . .*

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>
31	3

Two votes of the 31 "For" were given under the condition that the words "one year previously" should be changed into "*one year immediately prior to the close of the said official year*" (as proposed by Mrs. Ann Wylie). One vote of the 3 who voted "Against" would have been "For" under the same condition.

The required number of votes was received for the Amendment to Rule 10, para. 3, as circulated, and this was declared adopted. The verbal amendment proposed by Mrs. Ann Wylie was agreed to by the members present. It will be circulated for voting.

It was also proposed that a definition of the term "in good standing" stating the qualifications of a member eligible to vote should be added to the second sentence of Rule 10, para. 3.

It was decided to circulate this proposal for the expression of views.

4. *Election of four Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1972, 1973 and 1974.*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President nominated for re-election Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Mr. Hugh Shearman, Mr. V. W. Slater and Miss Helen Zahara 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. J. E. van Dissel	33	1
Mr. Hugh Shearman	37	—
Mr. V. W. Slater	38	—
Miss Helen Zahara	38	—

The above-named were declared duly elected Additional Members of the General Council for the years 1972, 1973 and 1974.

6. *To consider the following proposals put forward by Miss Mary Anderson, General Secretary, Swiss Section, to amend Rule 5 and Rule 10, para. 4.*

*Rule 5:*

Miss Mary Anderson had proposed that the words in italics be added to the text.

"At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given for the particular meeting concerned to another member of the General Council, *or in the case of a General Council member who is a General Secretary, to a member of the Section of which he or she is General Secretary, provided such member is duly designated by the National Committee of that Section.*"

After discussion it was decided that Mr. Triplet should write a statement clarifying the proposal so that it may be circulated together with a summary of the views that had been expressed by members.

*Rule 10, para. 4:*

It is proposed that the words in italics be added to the present text (the words "largest number of votes" and "a tie, or of" being omitted):

*“. . . The candidate receiving the majority (at least 50%+1) of the votes of the members voting worldwide and also of the Sections as such shall be declared elected president and he shall assume office thirty days thereafter. If no candidate obtains such double majority, the voting procedure shall be repeated, the candidate with the smallest number of votes being deleted from the voting list. In the event of the rejection of a single candidate. . . .”*

After hearing the views of Mr. Tripet, General Secretary for Switzerland, it was decided to drop the amendment.

7. *To consider amendment of Rules 41 and 42 in view of the change in the British currency and the devaluation of the Pound Sterling.*

It was proposed that fees payable to the General Treasury as stated in the Rules 41 and 42 should be expressed in terms of rupees.

It was also proposed that the rule be changed so that the President, Recording Secretary and Treasurer be empowered to determine in the future the amount of such fees and charges.

It was decided to circulate these proposals, the first for voting, the second for comments.

8. *To amend Rule 29(b) (i) to read:*

*“When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Agent from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Federation Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Agent, as entered by him and duly reported to the Recording Secretary at Adyar” (alteration in italics).*

The amendment will be circulated for voting.

9. *To consider the Treasurer's Report for 1971-72 and to pass the Accounts for the year ending 30th September 1971.*

The Treasurer's Report and the Accounts for 1970-71 were considered and adopted.

It was mentioned during the discussion that the Executive Committee had decided that as an experimental measure the cost of certain books printed at Adyar should be reduced for eastern countries.

10. *To consider the Budget for 1971-72.*

The Budget for 1971-72 was considered and adopted.

11. *Appointment of Auditors for 1971-72.*

Messrs. Naganathan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were reappointed as Auditors for the year 1971-72 on the same remuneration and on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

12. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1972.*

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1972:

President	}	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President		
Recording Secretary		
Treasurer		
Smt. Rukmini Devi		<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier		<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores		<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mrs. N. Y. Sastry		
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan		

13. *Any other business:*

(a) The President informed the Council Members that Miss Joy Mills, President of the Centenary Coordinating Committee had sent a report, explaining the need for co-ordination of the centenary celebrations in 1975 and the plans for the celebration in New York in November 1975. (See Annexe "C")

It was suggested to circulate to all Sections what has been planned in the U.S.A. and other countries so far.

The meeting was adjourned until 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, 1st January 1972.

## MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held in the H. P. B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on 1st January, 1971 at 8.30 a.m.*

## PRESENT

All members present at the meeting held on 25 December 1971 were present with the addition of J. B. S. Coats, Additional Member. The proxies held were the same except that the Recording Secretary held proxies for the General Secretaries of Yugoslavia and Scotland and Mr. Coats held the proxy for the General Secretary of the Philippines.

*Any other business (Continued from 25-12-1971).*

(c) *Calendar for Centenary Celebrations*: Mrs. A. Stephan, General Secretary of the T. S. in West Germany had proposed that a calendar be brought out for 1975, beautifully produced and with photographs of Adyar. This proposal was accepted and it was decided to ask the Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar to produce it. It was suggested that Mr. Francis Brunel be asked for advice regarding it.

(d) *Centenary Book*: A letter had been received from Mr. Leslie-Smith regarding the proposed Centenary Book which he is to edit. The following portions of the letter were read out:

“It is hoped that no article will exceed 3,000 words and that some will be shorter. The book is to try to give the message of Theosophy to the modern world—to present the Wisdom Religion in terms suitable for the last quarter of this century and beyond; showing the Wisdom ancient, the Philosophy perennial, the Verities eternal. The book is intended to appeal to the public, not just to members of the Theosophical Movement. Therefore we need principles rather than methods, the broad sweep and not detailed exposition, and always doctrine without dogma. Where there are differing views, these should at least be mentioned; apparent discrepancies may be due to imprecise terminology or to another aspect of the same truth, the whole of which no one can yet know. Though modern Theosophy came mostly via H. P. B., we need to beware of anything like infallible authority, or indeed authority outside of ourselves; also to avoid the letter that kills, but regard the life-giving spirit. The book should not be overloaded with matters that have to be taken on trust or authority, of which we ourselves can know and verify nothing, but where possible angled to what we can know of life. In fact, Theosophy related to life and its problems, individual and international.”

Mr. Leslie-Smith also gave a list of possible contributors, including some from other Theosophical groups.

It was suggested that writers in non-English countries may also be asked to contribute and if necessary their articles might be translated into English.

(e) *Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee (See Annexe “B”)*.

The following resolution of the Convention of the Theosophical Society in America was referred to:

“Since The Theosophical Society is a world-wide organization, and since there is a great need for Theosophical books in languages other than English; and since The Theosophical Society through its President, N. Sri Ram, and the General Council have recognized this need by creating the Non-English Publications Loan Fund; Be it therefore RESOLVED that in the interest of furthering this project the President, N. Sri Ram, and the General Council consider giving direct support by publishing some of the literature in languages other than English.”

It was resolved that to start with, aid be given to publish a Hindi translation of *The Ancient Wisdom* by Dr. Annie Besant.

(f) *Fund in Europe for International Work*: The President said that an informal meeting of members of the General Council present in Paris during the European Congress had been held to discuss the formation of a Trust Fund in Europe to assist the international work and the International Headquarters. An unofficial committee was formed to look into the matter consisting of Mr. Wallace Slater, England, Mr. Marijn Brandt, Holland, Mr. Georges Tripet, Mrs. Rachel Tripet both of Switzerland and Mr. Curt Berg, Sweden (Chairman and Secretary). A Report from this Committee was circulated among the members present. According to this Report, Switzerland is the best country in Europe in which to keep the funds of the Trust. The Report suggested that Trustees be appointed by the General Council and said that it would be advisable to have one Swiss citizen among them.

The question of the monies to be put into the Fund was discussed by the Council. Subscriptions and monies in payment of goods sent out from Adyar should be remitted to Adyar. Donations could be placed in the Fund. The General Council appointed Mr. Curt Berg, Mr. Wallace Slater and Mr. Georges Tripet as Trustees to draw up a Trust Deed for submission to the General Council and to work out the details. Mr. Curt Berg is to be the Chairman and Secretary of the Trustees.

(g) *Sale of Rice Fields*: The President stated, in answer to an enquiry, that the Rice Fields were in process of being sold. He also stated that the votes of the General Council members for permission to sell part of Besant and Damodar Gardens if necessary had been received with the necessary three-fourths majority.

In answer to a question, the President stated that six houses were being constructed in Besant Gardens for the accommodation of members and workers on the Estate.

(h) *Lease of Damodar Gardens*: According to the Lease Agreement the Besant Centenary Trust had to make a report of steps taken to vacate Damodar Gardens. No report had been received but a letter was received saying that the Government had not yet given permission for the Middle School to be removed. Rukmini Devi stated, however, that by June 1973 the whole school would be removed.

(i) *Executive Committee*: It was decided that the Executive Committee should inform the General Council at least once a year of its major decisions.

## 2. *Dissemination of Theosophy* (deferred from 25-12-1971).

Mr. Farthing stated that Madame Blavatsky had presented pure Theosophy. In her writings and the Mahatma Letters there was an authoritative account which never contradicted itself. What the Society disseminated, that is, published or sponsored, should be consistent with the ideas presented in these writings. Suitable literature along these lines should be prepared for those unable to read these early writings.

Miss Joy Mills and Miss Helen Zahara had suggested that a small international group might be convened to meet and discuss the question of dissemination and submit recommendations.

Several members expressed the view that by labelling certain writings officially as pure Theosophy we might be imposing a dogma. Madame Blavatsky, in the booklet "How to Study Theosophy", had mentioned that the student must go behind her words to understand their meaning, otherwise her statements might be misunderstood. With regard to other literature, Madame Blavatsky herself quoted from every possible source. New members should be introduced to Theosophical literature and perhaps guided in their first steps, but afterwards they must be allowed to come to their own understanding free from indoctrination. We must not convert the Society into an H. P. B. sect.

Mr. Georges Tripet suggested that the Publishing Houses could include the General Council's Resolution on Freedom of Thought in each book published.

5. *Theosophical Glossary* (deferred from 25-12-1971).

The President had received a letter from Dr. Corona Trew regarding the production of a Theosophical Glossary, as proposed by the Vice-President, Mr. Perkins. She was of the opinion that quite a number of glossaries were already in existence and students could consult them. The President remarked that a knowledge of Sanskrit and Pali, as well as a background of Eastern thought, was necessary to produce a really good glossary. Mr. Farthing stated that Mr. Geoffrey Barborka was in the process of preparing another glossary.

The meeting was then closed.

*Annexes:*

- (a) Summary of views expressed on Amendment to Rule 5. (deleted).
  - (b) Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee—Report for year ending 30th September, 1971.
  - (c) Report of Centenary Celebrations Co-ordinating Committee.
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Annexe " B "

To the President and Members of the General Council

NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

*Report for Year Ending September 30, 1971*

The Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee has now been functioning for a little over four years. Its appointment arose from a decision of the General Council at the 1966 World Congress in Salzburg. On January 1 of this year Helen Zahara, who had been chairman since the inauguration of the committee, relinquished that post, suggesting that it would be better if the appeal could be spearheaded from the international headquarters at Adyar. Mr. N. Sri Ram undertook to act as Chairman, and Helen Zahara was appointed Vice-Chairman, and was requested to continue the work of coordinating the committee's activities. The committee consists of the following members:

Mr. N Sri Ram, President, The Theosophical Society, Chairman  
Miss Helen V. Zahara, Vice-Chairman  
Miss Joy Mills, General Secretary, T.S. in America  
Mrs. Claire Wyss, former Chairman, European Federation  
Mr. John Coats, former Chairman, European Federation  
Mr. K.N. Ramanathan, Manager, The Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar  
Mr. Leslie Leslie-Smith, Chairman, T.P.H., London

During the year there was correspondence with regard to two proposals for assistance from the Non-English Publications Loan Fund in respect of translations now being prepared. The applications for loans have not yet been completed but it is anticipated that during the coming year the fund will be drawn on to assist some needed publications.

In the meantime the task of building up the fund has gone on. We are able to report some valuable contributions during the year, especially from the U.S. and Australian members. Welcome donations were made also from New Zealand, Puerto Rico, England and Europe. These contributions are greatly appreciated.

There continue to be two accounts for the fund: (a) With the Theosophical Society in America (at Wheaton, Illinois) and (b) with The Theosophical Society in Europe (at Basle, Switzerland). Attached is a summary of these accounts for the year ended September 30, 1971. The balance in the U.S. account stands at \$6,214.46 and in the European account at Sfr. 9,650.38. The total of both accounts amounts to \$8,656.01 or £3,462.40 (approx. subject to exchange fluctuations). While this is a very encouraging sum, it will soon be exhausted once it is called upon for loans to assist non-English publications, and therefore continued substantial support is still very much needed.

If the purposes for which the Society was founded are to be fulfilled on a world scale, then there is a challenge for members everywhere to assist in making sure that our literature is available in as many translations as possible, so that it can be read in every country "in the language of the people."

Submitted by  
HELEN V. ZAHARA,  
Vice-Chairman,

Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee.

November 30, 1971.

## NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS LOAN FUND

*Financial Report for Year Ended September 30, 1971*

1. *Account held on behalf of fund by the Theosophical Society in Europe* (in Basle, Switzerland) submitted by Mr. Paul Hasler, Treasurer, T. S. in Europe:

1.10.1970	Balance	Sfr. 8,662.54*
24.5.1971	Transfer of Donations 1970-71 from Theosophical Society in Europe	829.44
12.7.1971	Donation from English Section (£16)	158.40
	Balance September 30, 1971	Sfr. 9,650.38

\* This amount includes the sum of £154.12.0 (Sfr. 1,590.83 at 1.10.69) held in Sterling Account in England.

9,650.38 Swiss Francs equals approx. \$2,441.55 or £ 976.62 (subject to exchange fluctuations.)

2. *Account held on behalf of fund by The Theosophical Society in America* (in Wheaton, Illinois):

	Balance, October 1, 1970	\$3,620.13
	Receipts:	
	U.S.A.	\$1,359.50
	Australia	1,014.63
	New Zealand	56.10
	Puerto Rico	50.00
	Interest	2,480.23
		125.83
		6,226.19
	Payments:	
	Postage and duplicating	11.73
	Balance on September 30, 1971	\$6,214.46

\$6,214.46 equals approx. £2,485.78.

Total in both accounts \$8,656.01 or £3,462.40 (subject to exchange fluctuations.)

Submitted by  
HELEN V. ZAHARA,  
*Vice-Chairman,*

Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee.

November 30, 1971

## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY IN AMERICA

Post office Box 270, Wheaton,  
Illinois 60187

November 22, 1971

To the President and the General Council  
The Theosophical Society

### *Report on Centenary Celebrations Co-ordinating Committee*

At the meeting of the General Council, 25th December 1970, a Centenary Celebrations Co-ordinating Committee was named as follows: The General Secretary for the U.S.A., Chairman; the General Secretary for Australia; the General Secretary for India; the Chairman of the European Federation; the President of the Inter-American Federation; and the Recording Secretary. It was emphasized that the committee is to concern itself with a general scheme, and not with detailed arrangements for such centennial gatherings as may be scheduled.

Accordingly, a letter was addressed to all committee members, inviting suggestions for co-ordinating the scheduling of appropriate centennial celebrations in various parts of the theosophical world. The committee chairman informed the committee of the arrangements under way for the international centennial conference to be held in New York City from November 14 to 20, 1975, and that the National Board of Directors of the American Section has appointed a Centennial Activities Committee to give particular attention to that conference. The Kern Foundation has approved a grant for the preliminary work of the American committee. It is proposed that the American Section will bear the expense for the issuance of a brochure announcing the New York conference and giving a tentative schedule of meetings in other parts of the world, including the 100th Convention to be held at Adyar in 1975.

In response to the letter from the committee chairman, the following suggestions were received:

1. The General Secretary for Australia, Miss Ruth Beringer, proposed that a circular be sent to all Sections from Adyar, outlining the program conceived for worldwide centennial celebrations. She proposed that there be a special School of the Wisdom, featuring fourteen days of study sessions in early December 1975 and a further fourteen days of study sessions commencing approximately one week after New Year 1976. The circular should contain suggestions for Sections as to appropriate centennial programs, such as conventions, summer schools, seminars, lecture series, exhibitions, cultural projects, radio broadcasts, etc. A decision has not yet been reached whether the Australian Convention of 1975 or of 1976 would contain the centennial program, but commemorative activities would be planned for early 1976 for members traveling from Adyar to the United States following the 1975 Convention at Adyar.

2. The President of the Inter-American Federation, Mr. Luis Spairani, stated that the Vth Inter-American Congress will be held coincident with the 1975 world conference in New York City, and asked that announcement of this be made in the brochure to be issued.

3. The Chairman of the European Federation, Mrs. Madelaine Leslie-Smith, has sent a circular letter to the General Secretaries of the European Sections requesting information on Section plans for 1975, and inviting suggestions regarding a European gathering following the New York conference. The Swiss Section has instituted a savings scheme, with a view to enabling participants to attend the centenary celebration in Adyar and/or New York; it is suggested that other Sections might also organize similar schemes. The English Section, through its General Secretary, Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, has reported that its annual Whitsun Convention in 1975 will be utilized for a commemorative program, but that it is proposed to encourage members traveling to England following the New York conference to use the Tekels Park Guest House, where special programs may be arranged; and an open house would be held at the English Section Headquarters, 50 Gloucester Place.

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In addition to the above resume of responses from the committee members, mention should be made that the General Secretary for Canada has reported the establishment by the Canadian Executive of a trust fund to assist members with travel expenses to New York and/or Adyar in 1975. The General Secretary for England reports that there is a proposal for a similar fund to be organized in England. Undoubtedly other Sections might be encouraged to institute such funds.

Although only tentative planning has been initiated through the first letter to the committee, it is proposed that a brochure announcing the New York conference and the Adyar Convention be issued in the spring of 1972. Contents of the brochure will be submitted to the President in advance of issuance, with the request for permission to circulate the brochure on a world basis. Cost of publication and distribution will be borne by the American Section.

JOY MILLS,  
*General Secretary,*  
for the U. S. A.

## SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1971

	39		No. of Lodges	No. of Members
National Sections (Active)	39			
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	4			
Federations formed under				
Rule 35(c) ..	2			
Total Lodges ..	1,218			
Total Membership 1970 ..	31,721			
Total Membership 1971 ..	32,176			
Increase	455			
	No. of Lodges	No. of Members		
1. United States of America ..	109	5,477		
2. England ..	75	2,369		
3. India ..	450	7,710		
4. Australia ..	18	1,793		
5. Sweden ..	11	316		
6. New Zealand	19	1,156		
7. The Netherlands	32	1,103		
8. France ..	35	1,136		
9. Italy ..	22	546		
10. Germany ..	16	306		
11. Cuba ..	19	362		
12. Hungary ..	—	—		
13. Finland ..	23	428		
14. Russia ..	—	—		
15. Czechoslovakia	—	—		
16. Southern Africa	11	459		
17. Scotland ..	4	88		
18. Switzerland	9	214		
19. Belgium ..	9	253		
20. Indonesia ..	—	—		
21. Burma ..	5	56		
22. Austria ..	8	233		
23. Norway ..	8	141		
24. Egypt ..	2	73 (1960)		
25. Denmark ..	11	295		
26. Ireland ..	3	43		
27. Mexico ..	27	345		
28. Canada ..	14	338		
29. Argentina ..	43	748		
30. Chile ..	8	82 (1968)		
31. Brazil ..	38	981		
32. Bulgaria ..	—	—		
33. Iceland ..	14	632		
34. Spain ..	—	—		
35. Portugal ..	12	179		
36. Wales ..	2	62		
37. Poland ..	—	—		
38. Uruguay ..	9	173		
39. Puerto Rico	7	73		
40. Rumania ..	—	—		
41. Yugoslavia ..	4	73		
42. Ceylon ..	7	63		
43. Greece ..	6	197		
44. Central America	10	110		
45. Paraguay ..	—	—		
46. Peru (see below)	—	—		
47. The Philippines	18	218		
48. Colombia ..	8	119		
49. East Africa	23	1,132		
50. Pakistan* ..	7	260 (1970)		
51. Malaysia* ..	7	90 (1969)		
52. Northern Ireland†	3	47		
53. Israel (see below)	—	—		
54. Japan (see below)	—	—		
55. Viet-Nam ..	15	947		
56. Venezuela* ..	3	43		
57. West Africa†	11	417		
58. Bolivia* ..	2	40		
59. Canadian Federation	9	136		
60. Fellows-at-Large	—	35		
61. Lodges attached directly to Adyar				
Chile ..	1	15 (1970)		
Israel ..	4	50 (3 Lodges only)		
Peru ..	4	60 (2 Lodges only)		
Hong Kong	1	7 (1969)		
Singapore	1	39		
Japan ..	1	11		
Total	1,218	32,176		
Study Centres:				
United States of America ..		43		
England ..		21		
India ..		44		
Australia ..		1		

\* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

DR. JEAN RAYMOND,  
*Recording Secretary.*

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**  
**ADYAR, MADRAS 20, INDIA**

*Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1971*

## A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

<i>Particulars</i>	<i>Amount</i>
No.	Rs.
1. 3% Conversion Loan, 1946-1986 ..	261,200
2. 4¼% Madras Loan, 1972 ..	10,000
3. 4½% Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1969-76 ..	100,000
4. 4½% Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1970-80 ..	15,000
5. 4½% Tamil Nadu Land Development Bank, Debentures, 1966-73 ..	25,000
6. 4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1971-76 ..	30,000
7. 4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1971-76 ..	100,000
8. 4¼% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1970-75 ..	20,000
9. 4% Mysore Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures ..	5,000
10. 7¼% Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit ..	133,000
11. 7½% Madras Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit ..	100,000
12. 7% National & Grindlays Bank Ltd., Deposit ..	50,000
13. 7% Punjab National Bank Deposit ..	350,000
14. 7¾% United Commercial Bank Deposit ..	100,000
15. 7¾% Indian Bank Deposit ..	255,000
16. 7% Indian Bank Deposit ..	25,000
17. 7¾% Bank of India Deposit ..	50,000
18. 7¼% Bank of India Deposit ..	40,000
19. 12 Years National Defence Certificates ..	10,000
20. 4% Funding Stock (Sterling) 1960-90 £ 11,297 ..	237,243
21. 4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. £ 3,000 ..	63,000
22. 4½% Kenya Government Loan £ 500 ..	10,500
	1,989,943

**FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR  
ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1971**

	1969-70	1970-71
	Rs.	Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Australia ..	4,298.23	4,344.88
"    Austria ..	632.07	712.54
"    Belgium ..	---	1,597.58
"    Canada ..	1,373.90	---
"    Central America ..	478.49	615.70
"    Colombia ..	251.92	2,798.30
"    Denmark ..	373.45	407.41
"    England ..	5,955.95	8,028.31
"    East Africa ..	791.75	---
"    Finland ..	800.42	827.35
"    France ..	3,566.15	---
"    Germany ..	626.42	1,052.44
"    India ..	6,027.90	11,064.39
"    Iceland ..	---	2,602.75
"    Ireland ..	34.92	27.15
"    Italy ..	950.45	---
"    Mexico ..	403.58	1,550.51
"    Netherlands ..	7,338.38	8,860.87
"    New Zealand ..	1,925.15	1,725.54
"    Northern Ireland ..	37.04	---
"    Norway ..	125.11	143.94
"    Philippines ..	140.00	---
"    Portugal ..	---	1,266.40
"    Scotland ..	370.26	---
"    South Africa ..	1,419.05	69.35
"    Singapore ..	163.08	---
"    Sweden ..	1,493.96	792.96
"    Switzerland ..	1,379.20	1,421.25
"    U.S.A. ..	30,194.69	30,634.14
"    Uruguay ..	---	129.50
"    Venezuela ..	339.97	341.57
"    Wales ..	225.79	177.30
"    Yugoslavia ..	467.62	---
Canadian Federation ..	---	276.90
Non-sectionalized Lodges, etc. ..	3,652.83	2,216.54
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	75,837.73	83,685.57
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## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>Appropriations:</b>				
President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600.00		10,000.00	
School of the Wisdom ...	3,000.00		6,000.00	
		9,600.00		16,000.00
<b>Departmental Results:</b>				
Adyar Library ...	-26,751.53		-45,475.85	
Bhojanasala ...	-1,792.83		+ 832.74	
Garden Department ...	-19,469.28		- 3,878.16	
Laundry Department ...	- 6,565.06		- 7,894.75	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	- 38.78		- 3,343.94	
Maintenance Department ...	-33,300.78		-27,917.10	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+41,000.05		+54,868.81	
Vasanta Press ...	+ 2,578.82		+ 3,639.42	
		44,339.39		29,168.83
<b>Depreciation:</b>				
On Gulistan Property ...	415.80		519.75	
On Immovable Property ...	16,463.80		20,579.72	
On Motor Cars ...	—		4,532.92	
On Movable Property ...	551.17		1,558.21	
		17,430.77		27,190.60
<b>Establishment and other Expenses:</b>				
Bad debts ...	—		26.10	
Convention 1970 ...	13,896.92		10,729.94	
Dispensary ...	9,583.41		10,319.93	
Fire Insurance ...	198.54		198.54	
Gulistan Maintenance ...	685.84		986.86	
International Offices ...	11,240.52		12,537.42	
Legal and Audit Fees ...	3,175.00		5,000.00	
Light & Water ...	8,689.71		6,297.64	
Miscellaneous ...	9,245.26		11,620.61	
Museum and Archives ...	4,334.94		5,012.39	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	3,596.79		4,144.42	
Printing and Stationery ...	845.88		1,097.63	
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,165.95		1,155.90	
Repairs and Renewals ...	49,322.21		61,157.43	
Retirement Allowances ...	4,336.56		4,407.14	
Salaries and Wages ...	34,689.40		31,111.18	
Sanitation ...	5,906.70		7,210.05	
Taxes ...	16,478.88		18,809.58	
T.P.H. Management ...	12,000.00		12,000.00	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	851.73		1,890.10	
Watch and Ward ...	21,115.24		22,197.71	
		211,359.48		227,910.57
<b>Gratuity allocation</b> ...		2,646.00		5,405.00
		285,375.64		305,675.00

ADYAR

14th December 1971

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

(MISS) TJOE SIANG NIO,

Hony. Treasurer.

**SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1971**

INCOME	PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
	Rs.	Rs.
Interest (net) ... ..	210,975.06	232,529.78
Jungle Wood (net) ... ..	1,803.74	1,900.41
Quarters' Maintenance (including Bhojanasala and Leadbeater Chambers) ... ..	69,063.01	69,396.55
Excess of Expenditure over Income ... ..	3,533.83	1,848.26
	285,375.64	305,675.00

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

## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>General Fund:</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,569,436.86		2,942,580.47	
<i>Add:</i> Receipts during the year:				
Donations ...	16,519.24		20,753.00	
Fees and Dues ...	75,837.73		83,685.57	
Others ...	149,479.94		25,829.29	
Increase in the value of Life Policy ...	225.00		219.00	
Transfer of Vasanta Press Heidelberg Printing Machine Fund ...	122,615.53		---	
Transfer from Reserve ...	12,000.00		---	
	2,946,114.30		3,073,067.33	
<i>Less:</i> Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	3,533.83		1,848.26	
		2,942,580.47		3,071,219.07
<b>Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)</b>		1,997,896.28		2,024,699.01
<b>Century Fund (a)</b> ...		213,691.57		214,376.11
<b>Exchange Equalisation Fund</b> ...		207,846.53		207,846.53
<b>Other Funds:</b> (see notes below)				
<b>(a) Of The Society: Interest bearing</b>				
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	28,659.30		29,516.74	
Miscellaneous Funds (c) ...	135,191.21		154,647.86	
		163,850.51		184,164.60
<b>(b) Of The Society: (Non-Interest bearing)</b>				
President's Travelling Fund ...	15,544.83		14,024.33	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	247,774.05		256,726.53	
		263,318.88		270,750.86
<b>(c) Of others: Interest bearing</b> ...		74,355.57		75,404.57
<b>(d) Of others: Non-Interest bearing</b> ...		4,481.90		4,774.11
<b>Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Building Fund Cash (c) ...	576,499.18		599,681.15	
Immovable Property ...	40,000.00		39,000.00	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	5,510.97		6,048.97	
Gratuity Reserve ...	13,509.00		13,871.02	
Grant from Ford Foundation (India) ...	---		48,750.00	
		635,519.15		707,351.14
<b>T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Capital Fund ...	121,958.32		121,958.32	
Reserves and Surplus ...	161,881.42		230,642.96	
Creditors ...	155,006.88		126,125.74	
T.P.H. Investments ...	13,000.00		63,000.00	
		451,846.62		541,727.02
<b>Vasanta Press:</b>				
Machinery Replacement Fund ...	63,266.45		113,266.45	
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ...	17,155.00		15,095.90	
Retirement Allowance Reserve ...	21,500.00		41,500.00	
		101,921.45		169,862.35
<b>C/o</b>		7,057,308.93		7,472,175.37

## SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 1971

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Immovable Properties: At Cost	229,220.91		215,946.00	
Less: Land acquired by Govt. ...	13,274.91		—	
		215,946.00		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	
Additions ...	—		19,664.90	
	823,189.53		842,854.43	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	503,675.19		524,254.91	
		319,514.34		318,599.52
Buildings under Construction:				
Animal Clinic Garage & Room ...	—		1,452.93	
Staff Quarters ...	—		34,792.85	
		—		36,245.78
"Gulistan", Kotagiri (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,790.72		20,790.72	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	7,366.04		7,885.79	
		13,424.68		12,904.93
Movable Property at Adyar:				
Furniture & Fixtures: (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	89,473.18		97,133.87	
Additions ...	7,660.69		6,964.12	
	97,133.87		104,097.99	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	85,176.69		86,734.90	
		11,957.18		17,363.09
Motor Cars (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	33,692.84		56,057.50	
Additions ...	22,364.66		—	
	56,057.50		56,057.50	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	33,392.84		37,925.76	
		22,664.66		18,131.74
Investments (At Cost)				
Government of India Loans ...	332,798.88		255,051.76	
State Government Loans ...	325,812.00		310,962.00	
Foreign Investments ...	866,035.94		822,073.55	
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	34,900.00		35,119.00	
Miscellaneous Securities ...	58,084.69		58,084.69	
Fixed Deposits ...	2,395,395.00		2,805,395.00	
		4,013,026.51		4,286,686.00
Interest Accrued on Investments ...		55,570.10		66,511.87
Departmental Assets:				
(As valued and certified by the Management)				
Water Line Meter Installations ...	257.00		231.30	
Electrical Installations ...	17,527.00		15,774.30	
Telephone Installations ...	2,111.00		12,480.78	
Tools, Equipments etc. ...	29,829.80		27,954.44	
Printing Machinery etc. ...	162,466.00		156,000.35	
Amounts Recoverable ...	12,516.23		12,473.93	
Standing Crops and Developments ...	6,682.61		6,858.04	
Stock on hand ...	133,410.66		130,050.87	
Buildings in progress: (Vasanta Press & Manager's Quarters) ...	422,592.81		462,997.22	
		787,393.11		824,821.23
C/o		5,453,278.98		5,810,992.56

## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		7,057,308.93		7,472,175.37
Gratuity Reserve ...		158,410.41		163,191.00
<b>Reserves:</b>				
Adyar Day Unallocated ...	33.01		25.76	
Casuarina Development ...	33,238.69		36,760.13	
Doubtful Debts ...	147.93		146.93	
		33,419.63		36,932.82
<b>Sundry Creditors:</b>				
For Departments ...	40,072.61		26,119.68	
For Others ...	24,480.20		36,730.77	
		64,552.81		62,850.45
<b>Sundry Deposits</b> ...		46,050.81		74,985.93
<b>Liabilities for Expenses</b> ...		2,250.00		2,250.00
		7,361,992.59		7,812,385.57

*Note.*—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.  
 (b) Interest only available for general purposes.  
 (c) Interest only available for specific purposes.

ADYAR  
 14th December 1971.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,  
 (MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,  
*Hony. Treasurer.*

**SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 1971**

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		5,453,278.98		5,810,992.56
Adyar Library Assets ...		1,109,577.19		1,145,647.91
<b>T.P.H. Assets:</b>				
Assets ...	523,862.69		558,065.33	
Investments ...	13,300.00		63,300.00	
Cash and Bank Balances ...	35,612.23		46,158.80	
		572,774.92		667,524.13
Sundry Assets ...		5,310.12		2,427.74
Loans and Advances ...		30,494.98		43,026.89
<b>Outstanding Income:</b>				
Fees and Dues ...	---		7,733.14	
Subscriptions ...	---		1,169.61	
				8,902.75
Security Deposit ...		390.00		390.00
<b>Sundry Debtors:</b> (Considered good by Management)		82,013.14		17,775.11
Gratuity Advances ...		7,853.80		1,598.57
Prepaid Expenses ...		3,442.24		1,702.94
<b>Cash:</b>				
In Madras Banks on Current Account ...	70,623.54		90,576.76	
In London Bank Account ...	14,027.93		9,002.80	
On hand ...	12,205.75		12,817.41	
		96,857.22		112,396.97
		7,361,992.59		7,812,385.57

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

## THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1971-72

EXPENSES	Budget for 1970-71	Actuals for 1970-71	Budget for 1971-72	INCOME	Budget for 1970-71	Actuals for 1970-71	Budget for 1971-72
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bad Debts ...	100	26	100	Interest (Gross) ...	210,000	234,946	225,000
Convention ...	13,000	10,730	14,000	Quarters' Maintenance ...	65,000	69,397	65,000
Dispensary ...	9,500	10,320	11,000	Wood ...	2,000	1,900	2,000
Establishment: Salaries and Wages ...	50,000	31,111	50,000	<b>Special Departments:</b>			
Fire Insurance ...	300	198	250	Adyar Library ...	23,500	20,925	22,500
Gulistan Maintenance ...	800	987	1,000	Bhojanasala ...	25,000	24,244	24,000
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	3,000	2,416	3,000	Garden Department ...	25,000	34,605	33,000
International Offices ...	11,000	12,537	13,000	Laundry ...	6,000	6,294	6,300
Legal & Audit Fees ...	3,500	5,000	7,000	Leadbeater Chambers ...	34,000	33,168	33,000
Electricity & Water ...	8,700	6,298	8,000	Maintenance Department...	160,000	140,257	142,000
Miscellaneous ...	9,000	11,621	12,000	Sanitary Department ...	4,000	3,581	4,000
Museum & Archives ...	4,400	5,012	5,000	Theosophical Publishing House ...	94,000	208,982	130,500
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	3,600	4,144	5,000	Vasanta Press ...	97,000	179,375	110,500
Printing and Stationery ...	1,200	1,098	4,000	Deficit ...	72,875	1,848	91,140
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,200	1,156	1,200				
Provision for Gratuity ...	3,000	5,405	6,000				
Repairs & Renewals ...	50,000	61,157	55,000				
Retirement Allowances ...	5,000	4,407	5,000				
Sanitary Department ...	10,000	10,791	11,000				
Taxes ...	17,000	18,810	20,000				
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	12,000	12,000				
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,000	1,890	2,000				
Watch & Ward ...	25,000	22,198	24,000				
Reserve for doubtful debts ...	100	—	200				
<b>Contributions to:</b>							
President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	10,000	10,000				
School of the Wisdom ...	3,000	6,000	6,000				
Depreciation ...	18,000	27,191	28,000				
<b>Special Departments:</b>							
Adyar Library ...	52,100	66,401	73,100				
Bhojanasala ...	30,000	23,411	25,000				
Garden Dept. ...	40,000	38,483	40,000				
Laundry ...	12,500	14,189	15,000				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	40,000	36,512	37,000				
Maintenance Dept. ...	190,000	168,174	170,000				
Theosophical Publishing House ...	87,880	154,113	108,340				
Vasanta Press ...	95,895	175,736	106,750				
<b>Capital Expenditure:</b>							
Vasanta Press: Types & Metal Rs. 15,000 Plant & Machinery (Mono with Sanskrit Equipment) Rs. 220,000							
	818,375	959,522	888,940		818,375	959,522	888,940

ADYAR

15th December 1971

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

(MISS) TJOE SIANG NIO,

Hony. Treasurer.

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