

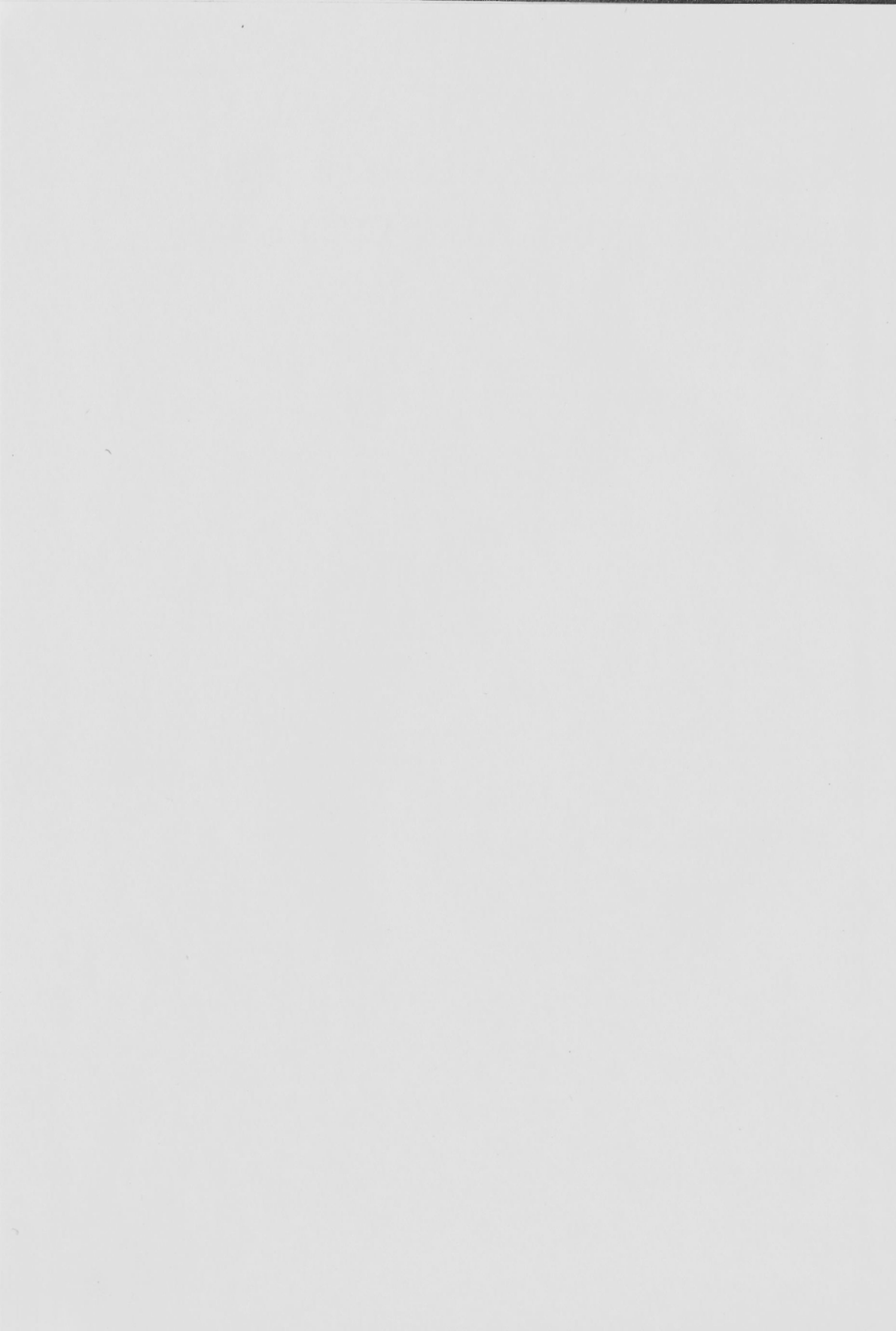




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# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## TO THE 97TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Adyar, December 26, 1972*

By N. SRI RAM, *President*

It is with most cordial feelings and the earnest hope that our gatherings may prove for one and all a means of deep, inward renewal and peace, that I welcome you to the 97th Convention of the Society. Everything that we do and say during these few days should conduce to that end. Every Theosophical gathering, be it large or small, should have the inner lining of an attitude that evokes out of the depths of ourselves an influence that makes for true understanding and wisdom. Let us, as we meet here, extend our thoughts to those Brothers and Sisters in many lands who cannot be here with us but are united with us in dedication to the same ideals and principles. Let us also turn our thoughts to those Sources whose aid and inspiration we invoke on such occasions.

*(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)*

It is now a little more than 97 years since the Theosophical Society came into

existence, and it will not be long before its centenary is celebrated at Adyar and all over the Theosophical world. The American Section is already taking steps to hold a special Congress in New York, the city of its birth, during the week round the 17th of November 1975, and the Congress will attract many members from other Sections. A hundred years in the history of an organization is usually considered an important cycle. A cycle cannot mean merely the lapse of time, which by itself cannot produce anything radically new or significant. If it is a cycle in any pregnant sense, the end of it must mark both a culmination and a beginning. In Nature the evolutionary forces, after the completion of a major cycle, move on to a higher level of functioning. This is how the important changes come about, even though there are within a larger cycle also cycles of degradation and death. In the case of a Society which stands for a Wisdom that no human mind can wholly comprise or exhaust, a new cycle must mean not mere expansion at the same level with the same quality of comprehension and action but a new era marked by a superior level of functioning. What this can mean, when the nature of the change is clearly spelt out, it is for us to consider.

H. P. Blavatsky, in one of her conversations in London, said that our aim as members should be not merely to work for the Theosophical Society as such, but to work for mankind through the Society. In other words, we should not in our activities lose sight of the real aims of the Society, the broader horizons which they represent.

There are some who think the coming cycle will be new because of a fresh influx of life. We should realize that no event of importance can take place without the setting in motion of the appropriate forces. Mere expectation does not generate the necessary force to bring about the desired end. We must do our part here and now, if we are Theosophists in earnest. It is only such action on our part which will enable a fairer future, fairer than the past, to shape itself, not an attitude that shoves off from us the responsibility for our progress. Even without any expectation, if we believe in the Wisdom which is Theosophy, its extraordinary character, we should go on with all possible zeal and faith, and not need to have them whetted by hopes held out before us.

It is not a little significant that the development and diffusion of Theosophical thought, beginning with the impetus given by the Founders and the reproclamation of the ageless Wisdom in its modern form by H. P. Blavatsky has been largely coincident with the extraordinary changes that have marked this century, including the revolutionary advances of Science. There are indications in many places in Theosophical literature and in the events of the early history of the Society to show that the movement was launched precisely in view of the changes to come. Now we find that as the Society is reaching the end of its 100-year cycle, conditions in the world are also coming to a climax, which if it is not to spell destruction, must at least mark the beginning of a process of radical recon-

struction resulting in a completely altered world picture. There has to be for the world at large, and for all its people, a transition from the old to a completely new order. Obviously this transition, howsoever it might be effected, and by whatever steps, has to be from the wars and violence that have marked this century to a beneficent peace, from the present state of fragmentation, each fragment at cross purposes with the others and playing its own game, to a state of social and world unity, from the mentality of domination and tyranny which shows itself in different forms in our relationships to freedom for each distinctive group and respect for the individuals in it. If this is the nature of the ordained progression for humanity, ordained by the logic of facts, what should be the corresponding development in a Society which exists solely for that truth which will help mankind on the only true way of progress, not progress in terms of materialistic ends, which ever end in disillusionment and unhappiness? It seems logical to think, and consistent with what we know of man's constitution from Theosophical teachings, that the further development of man must be based on that nature in him, overshadowed though it has been by contrary developments, which lies beyond his external conditioning, in which alone the unity, peace and freedom so desirable exist as a reality. The "soul-wisdom" spoken of in H. P. Blavatsky's *Voice of the Silence* can only be a flowering from this nature, a flowering full of life and beauty. It cannot arise from mere and more information, whether about the cosmos or man, however interesting this might be, and however useful, provided there is the basis of wisdom with which to use and apply it.

What the world needs today is not more industries and more wealth, although of course we must abolish the dire poverty

which afflicts large sections of its peoples; not more of the so-called good things of life, as all those good things will never by themselves bring lasting satisfaction; not more of Science, although Science has its own importance and value both as a discipline and for the welfare of the world; and certainly not the kind of democracy that rages today with its endless wrangles and contentions for power. Nor does man need any kind of sensationalism which is really a killer of Wisdom; nor Spiritism in any form although the so-called "spirits" might exist and there may be the possibility of communication with them, with all its dangers, deceptions and sensationalism; nor Occult Arts which pervert and disguise true Occultism. What is needed is that Wisdom which can fill one's heart, soul and being, and enable one to face all situations in life and all problems with equipoise and discernment, and with results conducive to the greatest good of all concerned. Life, for the individual as well as for humanity, must evolve into a type of order, in which there is as much beauty as in any work of art and is yet a product of Nature; and this can take place only on the basis of that nature in man which lies beyond the distortions caused by various forms of conditioning, that nature in which abide unity, peace and freedom.

Miss Joy Mills, the National President, surveys the activities of the American Section in considerable detail in her Report, and they follow the general pattern of the previous years. She mentions the holding of Workshop-Seminars in the four Summer Camps (which the Section maintains in different parts of the country), and at certain other places, including "Olcott," mostly covering week-ends but some a longer period; Federation and Inter-Federation Conferences held in the normal course, the Annual West Coast Conference, also the Regional Expansion

work, these apart from the Lodge work that goes on from week to week. The Education Department of the Section helps these activities by supplying material for programs, including taped lectures. The continued growth of the Society's programs and activities, including the publication of the Quest Books, is largely due, it is pointed out, to the help given by the Kern Foundation. The Theosophical Publishing House at Wheaton has also had a busy year. It has brought out, among other books, the second volume of the new edition of *Isis Unveiled*. The total membership of the Section stood on May 31st at 6,119, and during the four months following there has been an increase of 250 members. The most important event of the year is always the Annual Convention of the Section followed by the Summer School. These were held at "Olcott" in July this year with Srimati Rukmini Devi as the guest speaker.

The total membership of the English Section stood at 2281 on 30th September. Miss Ianthe Hoskins, now the General Secretary, having been elected in April last, writes that the work of the Section has proceeded on the same lines as in previous years. The lectures at the National Headquarters in London have attracted full audiences with a substantial proportion of young people, which, as a sign of their interest in Theosophical thought, is greatly to be welcomed. One of the features of the work in England is the holding of Study Week-ends in Tekels Park, all the people who come living together for the time in the Park premises. There was a Summer School at High Leigh organized this year by the English-speaking Regional Federation. Miss Hoskins mentions the frequent arrival of visitors from other Sections which gives the meetings in London an international character. There has been a substantial increase in the activities of

the Theosophical Publishing House in London.

The Indian Section is the one with the largest membership and at present its strength is 7869, divided among 330 Lodges and a number of centres. Mrs. Radha Burnier, the General Secretary, in her Report, writes of the efforts made in the past year to organize Study and Training Camps as part of an Expansion Program. All these Camps were very well attended, and in some of them a large number of sympathetic non-members also participated. Apart from this special effort, Study or Training Camps have been held as usual at Adyar in the South, and Bhowali in the North, as well as in numerous other places in Federation areas. The Karnataka Federation has been particularly active along this line; it has also issued a Kannada translation of Dr. Annie Besant's *Popular Lectures on Theosophy* and a *Life of C. W. Leadbeater*. India being a country of many languages, the Federations as well as the Section are faced with the big problem of translating important Theosophical works into these different languages.

An important event in the Madras Federation was the celebration by the Adyar Lodge of its 75th Anniversary. Being situated at the International Headquarters the Lodge has had amongst its members various notable Theosophists, including Dr. Annie Besant, and its membership has been international in character. There was during the year a North Indian as well as a South Indian Conference over both of which I presided. There has been considerable lecturing work carried out by the Joint General Secretary, Mr. Krishnamacharyulu, and other field lecturers.

The membership of the Australian Section stands at present at 1841. Miss Ruth Beringer, the General Secretary, reports that for the first time after about

60 years the Annual Convention of the Section was held in Tasmania. The Vice-President, Mr. James S. Perkins, and Mrs. Perkins were present there as guest speakers, participating in a week-long program. They have been visiting the important cities in Australia, conducting Study Seminars, all of which have had good audiences. Miss Beringer also mentions the fact that several of their Lodges are in the process of shifting to new premises, the Melbourne and Sydney Lodges, the two biggest, having sold the properties which they had been owning and occupying over a long time. She mentions that though the membership has grown, particularly in some of the larger cities, it is still the few, often the same members, who carry the main burden of the work year after year.

The 75th Jubilee Convention of the New Zealand Section took place in Hamilton. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins were present as guest speakers, in addition to quite a large Australian contingent, including Miss Ruth Beringer and Mr. and Mrs. Will Ross. Mr. Brian Dunningham, the General Secretary, reports that a number of young sincere students have been coming to the Lodges and showing deep interest in Theosophical studies. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins and Mr. Ross made tours through the two islands and visited several Lodges, arousing much interest. The number of members in New Zealand is at present 1168.

To turn to another Section in the Far East, the activities of the Society in Viet-Nam continue amazingly enough as if the terrible devastation and the horrors of the war there were not taking place at all. The war, as some may not quite realize, has gone on for 27 years with only a minor interruption for a brief period. The General Secretary, Mme. Nguyen Thi Hai, writes: "In spite of the destruction almost all our members

are in peace, because they trust in the divine laws. They devote themselves to the work for the Masters and for Theosophy." There are 17 Lodges in good standing in that Section, and Mme. Hai gives information with regard to each Lodge, as to how often it meets, what books it studies, what are the subjects on which lectures are held. Being an Eastern country, influenced by Buddhist thought, among other influences which are present there, the work of the Lodges and the lectures tend towards such books and subjects as *At the Feet of the Master*, *Talks on the Path of Occultism* by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater, Meditation Courses, Reincarnation, Karma and so forth. The number of members in the Section is at present 1047, showing an increase of 100 over the previous year and no resignation.

Señor Manuel Farinich, the General Secretary for Argentina, gives detailed information about the activities in his Section, which included a very well attended Summer School in March, following their National Convention, a Theosophical Camp in the mountainous region of the Cordoba Province for studies and discussions, and also a National Camp for Young Theosophists in the Province of Mendoza. The Summer School included members from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Bolivia. There has been much lecturing in different parts of the country. Señor Farinich writes: "The year has been very active outwardly, and inwardly we are aspiring to convey the note of Brotherhood, and to make Theosophy a pulsating reality." The membership has however not grown proportionately to the effort because of the economic conditions.

Uruguay, Brazil and Colombia all report steady and much activity. Brother Walter Ballesteros of Bogota, Colombia, continues to translate and bring out the

Review *Seleccion Teosofica*. Mostly it contains, says the Colombian General Secretary, Brother Gabriel Burgos Suarez, extracts from *The Theosophist*, and this review is highly appreciated not only in Colombia but also in other Spanish-speaking countries. In Bogota, the capital of Colombia, articles of this review are studied and discussed in the Lodges. Brother Ballesteros made a tour recently in the Central American Section, visiting the different States that comprise its territory. Brother Suarez writes that the public lectures which are given are carefully prepared "so as to present the most inspiring aspects of Theosophy and to convey a clear idea of the seriousness of our Society".

Brother Spairani, who is the President of the Inter-American Federation, and Brother Juan Viñas, both from Argentina, have been lecturing all over that southern continent. Brother Armando Sales, General Secretary for Brazil, mentions the stimulus given to the work in that country by their visits and lectures.

One of the aims of the Inter-American Federation is to promote co-operation among adjacent Sections. Meetings have been held in Montevideo, Uruguay, for joint studies, lectures and propaganda among Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. Mr. Spairani reports that there has been a large attendance at these gatherings.

The East African Section, the Lodges of which were spread not long ago over the four States, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Zanzibar, continues to keep up a steady pace in spite of having to close down its activities in two of those States, due to Government policies affecting the Asiatic population. Work in Zanzibar had to come to an end some years ago, and recently the seven Lodges in Uganda have also had to cease functioning. Most of our members in that region form part of an Indian population which had gone

over from India to East Africa during the days of British rule. In spite of the difficulties which now exist and uncertainties with regard to the future, the membership of the Section stands at 1297, showing a net increase of 165 during the year. Mr. A. B. Patel, General Secretary, made a visit during the year to Zambia and was able to organize six new Lodges there, including one at Lusaka, the capital of the State. Two Lodges had already been established in 1970 as a result of the visit then paid to that country by Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bakshi from Gujarat in India. Mr. Patel found much enthusiasm for the Theosophical teachings and it may not be long before there is a Zambian Section. The Convention of the East African Section was held during last Easter, with Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, as the chief guest speaker.

There are 16 Sections on the continent of Europe. It is not possible in this Address to survey the activities in every Section of the Society, but having read the reports from all of them and with such information as comes to me through correspondence, I might say that the work in practically all of them goes on steadily and on the whole well. The Report of the Theosophical Society in Europe, now under the chairmanship of Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith, refers to the various Summer Schools held this year. Some were organized by the Sections in which they were held, and some by the Council of the European Federation. All were well attended.

During the year that is past Mrs. Radha Burnier visited Finland, Sweden, Denmark, England and Germany, having been invited to do so, and lectured at their Summer Schools. Miss Joy Mills, from U.S.A., was one of the guest speakers at the British Regional Summer School and also at the Summer School in Germany,

which was held as part of the celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the German Section. Miss Ianthe Hoskins made a tour in the countries of Scandinavia and also visited Paris to take part in the French National Convention. Mr. and Mrs. Hodson were present in Huizen for a Study Seminar conducted by Mr. Hodson. Mr. John Coats visited Vietnam and Israel and has taken part in all the Summer Schools in Europe. Rukmini Devi was in Europe for a time before going on to the United States where, in addition to the Convention and Summer School, she took part in Seminars held in two of the Camps on the West Coast. Other lecturers who have been abroad to help different Sections have already been mentioned by me. All these visits, says Mrs. Leslie-Smith, have been much appreciated. There was a Summer School at Pichl, as in previous years, for the German-speaking members in Europe, a Summer School at Territet for French-speaking members, and also a Summer School in Iceland, a Section which has a membership much larger than what one would expect from the country's population. I myself did not go out of India this year but presided over the North Indian Conference at Gwalior in October and was also at Benares for some time, fulfilling certain engagements.

Both the Finnish and the Swedish General Secretaries mention the fact that there is increasing interest in Yoga, particularly among young people, but in what they regard as Yoga the emphasis, if not the sole emphasis, is on the exercises that go by that name and diet. The Finnish General Secretary, Miss Sirkka Kivilinna, says that members in her Section are helping to spiritualize the Yoga movement. The book on Raja Yoga by Mr. Wallace Slater was used as a basis for one of the study groups of the Summer School in Sweden, and

later for a course in Stockholm. Mr. Curt Berg writes that since Meditation and Yoga are attracting so much public attention, and as there are several movements offering instruction and even some training in that kind of activity, part of our task should be "to give a deeper background to the purpose and method, including the importance of the way of living which they represent".

The Swedish Section has moved its headquarters in Stockholm from premises which it had occupied for 57 years, to a new place more easily accessible to the public and members and with better facilities for carrying on the work.

Very many of the Section Reports refer to the activity of youth groups and also to work of a practical nature accomplished through the Theosophical Order of Service, and also directly by Lodges and groups of Theosophists. Considerable help was given through efforts made in India to the Bangla Desh refugees.

Amongst the active and devoted Theosophists and workers who have passed on during the year I might mention Mr. Fritz Kunz who had a very long and intimate association with the Society, helping Mr. C. W. Leadbeater in Australia and working for a time as Manager of the Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar, where he also assisted Dr. Besant in several branches of her work; Mr. Anton Van Leeuwen, President of the Netherlands East Indies Section before the War and, some years ago, of the Dutch Section; Miss Irene Prest, who served the Society for many years at Adyar and later in Australia; Dr. P. W. van den Broek, a devoted and active member for over 60 years, first at Singapore and later in Sydney, Australia; and Dr. C. Rama Kamath, who joined the Society in 1910, was Joint General Secretary of the Indian Section for some time, and created the fund for the holding of the annual Workers'

Training Camp. It is not possible to mention all workers who have served the Society well but our good wishes and thoughts go with them.

Dr. Taimni, who was Director of the School of the Wisdom for its 71-72 session had to leave Adyar, because of his health, before the beginning of its second term in January. Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap, who was then at Adyar, stepped into his place at short notice and carried on the work. The present session of the School commenced on October 16th with Mr. Geoffrey Hodson as Director and will go on till March 16th. The average attendance is about 25, including a few observers. The students are from various countries, as in previous years.

There have been a number of staff changes at Adyar during the year: Mrs. Peggy de Vogel found it necessary, because of her health, to give up the office of Recording Secretary, and Dr. Jean Raymond was appointed to take her place. She is also for the time in charge of the Archives, succeeding Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap who had to go back to Holland and give up that work. There was a reshuffle of personnel as a result of which Mrs. Bridget Paget is now Secretary to the President; Miss Margaret Flinter helps the Recording Secretary; and Miss Carin Citroen, who had been superintending Leadbeater Chambers since November 1971, now assists in the offices of the Recording Secretary and *The Theosophist*. Mrs. Alwyn Miechel has taken up the work of Superintendent of Chambers, with Mrs. Ruth Espin, from England, to assist her. Mr. N. S. Narasimhachari is now Manager of the Maintenance Department, and the place he previously held as Superintendent of Movable Properties was filled first by Mr. K. M. Jāni, who later left to undertake work in the Gujarat Theosophical Federation, and is now held

by Mr. P. V. N. Iyer. Lt. Col. R. Gopalaratnam was appointed by me Additional Secretary of the Estate Administration Committee. He is also superintending the T. S. Laundry, assisted by Mr. V. Desikan, relieving Mr. M. V. Gopalakrishna Iyer who had served for very many years as Superintendent. Subedar G. Sambasivan was appointed Superintendent of the Watch and Ward in the place of Mr. D. V. Subramanyam who resigned that office. Other Heads of Departments and Assistants remain the same as before.

A circular letter has been sent by the Treasurer to the General Secretaries of active Sections of the Society and to active Lodges attached to Adyar, pointing out that whereas under the present Income

Tax law in India even charitable Societies are assessable under certain conditions, under a recent amendment any donation made especially for the corpus of the Society is exempt from assessment. The A. B. C. Fund represents such a corpus. Donations will also be especially welcome to the Century Fund, as the Society draws nearer to its Centenary. As members will recall, the Century Fund represents a united effort by Theosophists all over the world to meet the increased expense required to place the Society's world headquarters at Adyar in as good a condition as possible before the Centennial celebration in December 1975. We are grateful to all who have helped financially in these and other ways.

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## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

### INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

The General Income and Expenditure Account in the current year shows a deficit of Rs. 11,722/- as against Rs. 1,848/- of last year.

**1. Adyar Library:** The current year deficit has gone up by Rs. 9,708/- compared to last year, mainly owing to the provision of depreciation during the year for the Air-conditioning Equipment, purchased last year for air-conditioning of the Manuscripts room.

**2. Bhojanasala:** The department shows a deficit of Rs. 965/- during this year against the surplus of Rs. 833/- of last year. There is a slight fall in the mess income of this year, compared with last year.

**3. Garden Department:** The income from the cultivation account for 1971-72 has fallen by Rs. 7,104/- and consequently the net deficit has gone up by Rs. 6,722/-. A sum of Rs. 3,567/- was realised and Rs. 4,055/- was spent on casuarina development during the year.

**4. Laundry Department:** There is a decrease of Rs. 754/- in the current year deficit in comparison with the result of the previous year.

**5. Leadbeater Chambers:** There is a deficit of Rs. 5,213/- in the current year. The higher cost of provisions and vegetables during the year is the major cause for the increase in the deficit.

**6. Maintenance Department:** There is slight decrease in the deficit during the year. The deficit for the year is Rs. 27,024/- as against the last year deficit of Rs. 27,917/-.

**7. The Theosophical Publishing House:** There is an increase of Rs. 15,056/- in the surplus during the year in comparison with the surplus of last year.

**8. Vasanta Press:** There is a surplus of Rs. 735/- during the year which is less by Rs. 2,904/- as compared with the last year's surplus of Rs. 3,639/-.

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**1. A. B. C. Fund:** There is only a slight increase in the balance during the year and the present balance is Rs. 2,030,331/-

**2. Century Fund:** The Present balance is Rs. 279,578/-. The Adyar Day Collections received during the year amounting to Rs. 49,723/- were credited to this fund to have enough provision for meeting the expenses of the ensuing Centenary Celebrations in 1975.

**3. General Fund:** A sum of Rs. 1,000,300/- realised during the year on disposal of a portion of the rice fields has been credited to this Fund. The legacies received and credited in the current year amounted to Rs. 81,560/- besides the Fees and Dues amount of Rs. 78,839/- credited to this Fund.

ADYAR

11th December 1972

(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,  
*Hon. Treasurer,*



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SOME organizations, it has been said, are indispensable even before they have become possible. We may take this to mean that the ideas and ideals essential to human growth and human fulfillment must find a conveyance however inadequate, however seemingly impossible, it may appear for any vehicle to transmit those ideas. As we in The Theosophical Society in America pause for our annual reflection upon events and activities within our Section, we may well recognize the indispensable nature of the universal truths which the Society was founded to channel, for the condition of modern man requires the curative application of basic principles of a Wisdom which alone can remove the cancerous infections of our time. Nearly a century after the Society's founding, we may still be struggling to make it work as an effective instrument in meeting human need, but its indispensability as a channel for the life-giving waters of understanding must be beyond question. Its possibility for continued existence as a channel pure and free from dogma or prejudice rests with every member.

I know that many share with me the firm conviction that this Movement represents the outward thrust into the phenomenal world of a noumenal reality, a changeless Wisdom, through the agency of Those who are the *Knowers* of that Wisdom. Our task, then, is to find the way between the possible and the necessary: that which we can do now and that which we must do, whatever the cost to ourselves. If we cannot do what is essential for the liberation of the human spirit before we witness the destruction

of the human race, let it be said that at least we did what was possible here and now to awaken mankind to a knowledge of what it means to be human. If we cannot spiritualize humanity in one blinding moment of instant illumination, let us begin by humanizing ourselves that we may reach out in love and compassion to our brothers everywhere. "To live to benefit mankind is the first step," says *The Voice of the Silence*.

*1971 Convention-Summer School, Workshops and Seminars.*—In light of the necessity to begin with the possibility of our own transformation, it was most appropriate that the 1971 Convention-Summer School was devoted to the theme, "The Self-Regeneration of Man." We were fortunate indeed to welcome home to Olcott, for the Eighty-Fifth Convention, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson who, with his lovely wife, Sandra, led us in the exploration of those alchemical processes by which our humanity—and thus our divinity—may stand revealed. Unexpectedly, but most happily, Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale found it possible to attend a portion of the Convention and participate in the program.

Continuing the tradition of special workshop/seminar sessions at the theosophical summer camps, a series of programs were held during the summer of 1971, arranged by the Department of Education in close collaboration with the officials of the various camps. Assisted by Miss Helen Zahara, I conducted week-long seminar sessions on *The Secret Doctrine* at our two west coast camps, Indralaya on Orcas Island in Washington, and Far Horizons

in the High Sierras of Northern California. Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt initiated the facilities of the new Ozark Theosophical Camp and Educational Centre, with a workshop program devoted to basic Theosophy, while Mrs. Jean Tappendorf represented the National Headquarters at the program on "Man's Ecological Obligations" at Pumpkin Hollow Farm in New York State.

Inaugurated this year as an experiment in study and training, utilizing the unique resources of the Olcott Library and Research Center, were a series of mini-seminars, weekend programs devoted to research along specialized lines and with limited attendance in order to enable all participants to gain the maximum benefits from the experience. The beautiful setting of our national center, Olcott, combined with the peaceful atmosphere of the library, provided a unique opportunity for individual discovery and group sharing of insights. The first of these mini-seminars was held in October and was devoted to "Oriental Studies," drawing on the rich collection of works in the Eastern Section of the Olcott Library. The second mini-seminar, held in February concentrated on "The Roots of Theosophy in the Western Tradition." Guidance for these programs was given by the Department of Education particularly, with assistance from other staff personnel at Headquarters.

An outgrowth of the mini-seminar concept was a program held in April at Camp Indralaya on Orcas Island, when the Department of Education, in conjunction with the Olcott Library, assisted the camp personnel in organizing a weekend seminar on Asian Studies. A collection of books especially chosen from the Eastern Section of the Olcott Library was sent for use at this program, which Miss Zahara assisted in conducting.

In order to give special attention to the study on member-Society relations which had been initiated by a resolution of the 1970 Convention and had been pursued through a questionnaire to all branches, via the National President's *Contact* letter, an invitational workshop held at Olcott this spring brought together members from various parts of the Section, representative of all ages and of both large branches and small study centers. These members were asked to consider questions relating to the development of programs to increase communications between branches and headquarters, proposals for new ways to spread Theosophy, the encouragement of new voices within the Society, and other areas of mutual concern. A series of work papers were developed and these will form the basis of discussions planned for the 1972 Convention program, in anticipation that many of the proposals brought forward may be implemented during the coming year to strengthen our united efforts in the work of the Society.

Again we have been most fortunate that for all the workshops and seminars just mentioned, scholarship assistance was made possible through a grant from the Kern Foundation. In addition, of course, there have been many regional gatherings, including both Federation and Inter-Federation, as well as local branch or study center meetings where members have come together. It is never possible in these yearly reports to mention all the gatherings so held, but each is essential to the vitality of our work, each contributes significantly to our total endeavor, for every meeting whether it be comprised of three or four members in a small study center, or of many times that number in a large branch or federation conference, must inevitably create a center from which may radiate the inner forces of love and beauty and light to aid in the healing of

the world. The extent of that radiation, the quality of the center created for such a channel, are not dependent upon the number of members present, but upon the quality of thought and dedication brought to the effort. Occasionally members have apologized to me for the small number attending a particular meeting. It is not the physical count that matters so much as the harmonious blending of heart and mind toward a common purpose, for who shall say what may be the force exerted by a few who are totally united in aim?

It was my privilege, for the first time since the recent re-establishment of the Krotona School of Theosophy, to serve as a guest teacher for a two-week seminar-lecture series on *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*. This experience was an opportunity not only to participate in the work of the Krotona School of Theosophy, which has been so ably carried forward under the direction of Dr. Alfred Taylor, but also to share with a large number of fellow-members and friends in a study of the metaphysical roots of the theosophical philosophy. I felt it was particularly fortunate that for this program I could have the assistance of Mrs. Virginia Hanson of the Headquarters staff, for she is the co-author, with Mr. George Linton of Portland, of a work entitled, *A Readers Guide to the Mahatma Letters*, now in the final stages of publication at the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar.

**Conferences.**—Any reference to regional meetings must include a report on the now traditional activity known as the North American Theosophical Students Conference, co-sponsored annually by the American and Canadian Sections. This past year, the Canadian Section hosted the conference in the spacious headquarters of the Society in Toronto. In addition to the National President, the

official delegation of the American Section included Mrs. Virginia Hanson, Mr. Clarence Pedersen, Mrs. Ann Wylie and Miss Helen Zahara. "Theosophy in Action" was selected as the theme for the conference, for which the Canadian Section had invited Dr. Raghavan Iyer of the University of California, Santa Barbara, to be the guest speaker.

Undoubtedly the regional gathering holding the longest record of continuity is the annual West Coast Conference, which brings together members of the Northwest, Northern and Southern California Federations, usually during the Thanksgiving weekend. It was possible for me, in connection with my trip to Ojai, California, for the Krotona School of Theosophy program, to attend the West Coast Conference last fall. Held in Seattle, with the Northwest Federation as host, the conference centered attention on "Peace: Within and Without."

**Lecture Tours.**—I found it possible during the past year to visit a number of branches and some federation meetings. Lectures in San Francisco and Los Angeles were arranged as part of my travels to Far Horizons Camp in August and to the Krotona School of Theosophy in December. In conjunction with the trip to Toronto in October, I and several others of our official delegation to the North American Students Conference stopped in Cleveland to join members there in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Theosophy in that city. Following the Toronto meetings, I spent several days in Buffalo, meeting with members and public, before going on to Miami, where the Florida Federation had cooperated with the Miami Branch to sponsor a weekend seminar on *The Secret Doctrine*. After a brief stop in New Orleans, I then attended the Mid-West and Texas Inter-Federation meeting in Dallas. Early in

April, Mrs. Hanson and I were guest speakers at the 75th anniversary celebrations of The Theosophical Society in Washington, D. C. Traveling southward, I visited the groups in Richmond, Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia, before reaching Charleston, South Carolina, where the Mid-South Federation had arranged a weekend seminar on *The Mahatma Letters*. I must pause at this point to make special mention of the warm hospitality for which Charleston, of course, is traditional, exhibited by the Study Center in that city, all of whose members had cooperated to produce what seemed in my estimation the most ideally arranged and managed federation gathering I have ever attended—and it was the first time Charleston had ever hosted such a meeting! My travels during the past year concluded with visits to the branches in St. Louis, Kansas City and Wichita, as well as attending the meeting of the Mid-West Federation held on the lovely and spacious estate of Unity School of Christianity at Lee's Summit, Missouri.

During the spring months, it was possible for Miss Helen Zahara to undertake some lecture engagements. Pausing en route to the Asian Studies seminar weekend at Camp Indralaya in April, Miss Zahara spoke to members in Seattle. Later she was guest speaker at the Florida Federation meeting in Orlando and after a brief stopover for talks in New Orleans, she spoke at the Gulf Coast Federation conference in Covington. Closer to home, Miss Zahara gave the public lecture at the Illinois-Wisconsin Federation's spring conference in Joliet.

Although the Ohio Federation held its spring conference in June, after the conclusion of the fiscal year, and therefore perhaps technically not to be considered as part of last year's activities, it may be mentioned that Mrs. Virginia Hanson was the guest speaker for that event.

*Regional Expansion and Regional Expansion Follow-up.*—Again this year the main thrust of our field programs was provided by the Regional Expansion efforts spearheaded by Felix and Eunice Layton. Their competence in the presentation of Theosophy combined with the unusual opportunities for publicizing that presentation because of generous grants from the Kern Foundation to support extensive advertising in all the news media have resulted in contacts with unusually large audiences, bringing an increasing number of inquirers into direct association with the Society. Following the pattern established in the previous two years of reaching into some of the major population centers, Mr. and Mrs. Layton carried on their series last fall in the southern California cities of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and San Diego; during the spring months, they presented the program in the northern California cities of Fresno, San Jose and San Francisco. Audiences of well over 1,000 were attracted to the opening lectures in Los Angeles and San Francisco, while in the other cities, attendance was also outstanding. Book sales for the year's program were in excess of \$ 3,000.

Regretfully, we must announce that Mr. and Mrs. Layton have found it necessary to retire from active service in the Society and, consequently, the type of Regional Expansion Program which they have developed and which has, through the years of their participation in it, brought the message of Theosophy to literally thousands of people throughout the United States, is now concluded. Our gratitude to these two indefatigable workers, both of whom are uniquely gifted in the work of the Society, cannot be adequately expressed.

For nearly five years now, Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. McNiece have worked closely with Mr. and Mrs. Layton in the Regional

Expansion effort, assuming greater and greater responsibility for the preliminary arrangements in advertising and publicizing the series, taking care of book sales and other details during the programs in the various cities, and remaining with newly formed study groups at the conclusion of the classes in order to assist new members with their initial studies. Supplementing their work with Mr. and Mrs. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. McNiece have found it possible to visit or revisit study groups in areas adjacent to those cities in which the major Regional Expansion work was carried on. During the past year, the McNieces have worked with groups in San Bernardino, Aptos, Monterey, Santa Rosa, Berkeley and Sacramento, California, and, returning to Headquarters in the spring, were able to arrange for a visit to the Study Centre in Carson City, Nevada. The competence and understanding gained by Mr. and Mrs. McNiece during the years of their association with the Laytons will be invaluable as we visualize further follow-up programs as well as new types of field activities.

Two other stalwarts on our field staff, engaged especially in follow-up programs with newer groups, have been Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt and Mrs. Jean Tappendorf. Commencing her fall program in the Ohio cities of Warren, Youngstown, Canton, Mansfield, Cuyahoga Falls, Akron, Marion, Lima, Findlay, Columbus and Dayton, Mrs. Gephardt also visited groups in Erie, Pennsylvania; Louisville, Kentucky; and Indianapolis and Fort Wayne, Indiana. (Let me interject here that if the list of Ohio cities in which there are branches or study centers seems impressive, it is so because of the remarkable efforts—unassisted by Headquarters, except for some modest grants for advertising—of Mr. Robert Peters, President of the Ohio Federation, who, with the assistance of

his mother, has carried on class work and lecture programs in cities throughout the Buckeye State). Mrs. Gephardt opened her spring tour in Indianapolis, and then continued with programs in Michigan, where a study center in Lansing was reactivated and a new study center organized in Flint. Other Michigan cities visited included Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Port Huron, Pontiac, and Detroit. Mrs. Gephardt's spring tour concluded with visits to Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo, New York, where she also assisted with the reactivation of the Western New York Federation.

Mrs. Tappendorf undertook extensive tours as part of the general follow-up activity, conducting programs last fall in Spokane, Washington; Eugene, Oregon; Reno and Carson City, Nevada; and San Bernardino, Bakersfield, Stockton, Santa Rosa and Berkeley, California. During the early spring months, her travels took her to Albuquerque, New Mexico; El Paso and Amarillo, Texas; and Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma. In Albuquerque, where a study center was languishing, Mrs. Tappendorf's lectures were so successful, that more than 60 new members joined the group to form one of the largest Official Study Centers in the Section. During the spring term of the Krotona School of Theosophy, Mrs. Tappendorf became one of the School's guest teachers for a series on "Developing the Creative Consciousness." Engaged in her own creative enterprise, Mrs. Tappendorf interrupted her series on May 23 to become Mrs. Joseph Gullo. It is with mixed emotion, therefore, that we announce the retirement from our national field programs of Mrs. Gullo, for while we shall miss Jean greatly for the superbly creative workshops and activities she has carried on so ably throughout the Section, we wish her and her husband all happiness, knowing too

that both Dr. and Mrs. Gullo will bring new enthusiasm and vitality to the work in the Tucson area.

Since this review of our Regional Expansion and follow-up programs during the past year necessarily includes the announcement of the retirement from those programs of one-half of our field staff, it may not be inappropriate at this point to comment on the future. Many members have already asked who are to be the replacements for those who have found it necessary, for one reason or another, to retire from the lecture platform. First, let me say that the term "replacement" should not be used in connection with theosophical activities; no one ever replaces another, for each worker brings to the service of the Society his own unique talent and capacity, thereby changing to some extent the flavor of focus of the work. The work goes on, but it may be in new directions, utilizing individuals whose abilities had not been called into play before.

*Department of Education.*—As the principal direction of all our efforts has always been educational in nature, it is appropriate to turn next to a survey of the activities in one of the largest and busiest departments at Olcott, the Department of Education. A key area in our total structure, the work of this department cuts across strictly departmental lines, as is evidenced by the fact that Miss Helen Zahara, who is chairman of the Department of Education also serves as co-ordinator of the Kern Foundation Programs Committee. In addition, of course, Miss Zahara's unique capacities will be recognized when I mention that she is in charge of the Quest Books Publication Program, is secretary of the National Radio Committee, and serves on the Library, T. P. H. Management, Financial Advisory and Executive Committees.

The main function of the Department of Education has continued to be the provision of material for branches and study centers, with some items also made available to members-at-large and informal or unofficial groups. In January, Miss Marion Peterson, after several years of most efficient service, relinquished her position as secretary of the Department to give full time to the work of the Theosophical Book Gift Institute. Miss Marie Minor was transferred from duties in the Theosophical Publishing House in order to assume Miss Peterson's position, becoming responsible for the care and dispatch of audio and other materials from the Department of Education. Miss Minor reports that material for 637 programs was sent out on loan during the year, the main demand being for tapes, although there continues to be a steady demand for slides, tape visuals, films, etc. A new service offered by the department during the year was a selection of talks on cassette tapes, in addition to the regular reel tapes which have long been available.

Among the new items added to the tape library was a series on meditation, consisting of several group participation programs arranged by Jean Tappendorf. Five talks on the religions of India by Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, and talks by Geoffrey Hodson, Joy Mills and other speakers were also added to the tape library. Miss Minor is currently engaged in a thorough review of the tape library, in an effort to eliminate any talks that may be outdated, poorly recorded or no longer usable for one reason or another.

A survey by Miss Minor revealed that of the 149 branches and study centers in the Section, only 79, or a little more than one-half, made use of the services of the Department of Education, while of the 37 study centers and one branch officially organized during the past three

years, only 14 have used the services of the department. Since every official group in the Section receives at least two letters annually from the department, enclosing listings of new materials and suggestions for programs, it does seem that full advantage is not being taken of this unique service provided by headquarters.

During the year, the department produced a study course on "What is Man?", based on a course originally issued by the English Section, but revised for use in this Section and with an up-dated bibliography; published a manual, "An Outline of Theosophical Terminology," prepared by Peter Bandtlow; and reprinted the study course on "Esoteric Christianity." Correspondence courses continue to be offered through the department, with Mr. George Linton acting as adviser for all who enrolled during the year. The Children's Kits, issued by the department, continue to be popular. In conjunction with the work of the National Committee on Universal Brotherhood, the Department of Education again issued a series of Brotherhood Bulletins, drafted by Mr. Clarence Pedersen. A "non-contest" inviting posters and slogans for Brotherhood Week was announced, with the 29 posters received used as an exhibit at Olcott during Brotherhood Week in February. The Brotherhood Now kits continue to be available for group study, with eleven of these sold during the past year. The activities of the department in organizing and conducting the mini-seminars at Headquarters, assisting with the summer camp programs, and other workshops, seminars and conferences, have already been commented upon.

A further major change occurred in early spring, when Mrs. Edith Schlosser who had served in numerous ways within the department since joining the headquarters staff in 1965 stepped into the

management of the dining department, to meet an emergency when a vacancy suddenly occurred in that most important aspect of life at Olcott. Prior to that shift, Mrs. Schlosser had been active in the preparation of reading lists for the Olcott Library and Research Center, one of the further functions performed by the Department of Education, and she had initiated work on a new series of program study kits. However, in spite of undertaking the duties of dining department manager, Mrs. Schlosser has continued to serve on the Editorial Advisory Committee, to prepare publicity for the monthly Olcott Sunday lectures, and to draw up the advertising for the back page of *Discovery* for those copies sent out from Headquarters.

Mrs. Diane Burkes continues to serve as secretary to the Chairman of the Department of Education, assisting also with editorial and proofreading work, while Mr. James Person, in addition to chauffeuring and multilithing responsibilities, gives part time assistance in the copying of tapes as well as inspecting and repairing films.

Mrs. Virginia Hanson continues to combine duties as Editor of *The American Theosophist* with responsibility for the educational program of letters to new members. This program, now nearly 10 years in operation, must surely be judged one of the most successful activities initiated in recent years, if the countless letters of appreciation received are any indication. Mrs. Hanson reports that during the past fiscal year, a total of 20,168 letters were mailed out, an increase of over 1,000 from the previous year. During the spring a complete review of the series was undertaken. The accurate and beautiful assistance given by Mrs. Magdalene Pierro, a part time worker in the department, makes possible the handling of such a volume of mailing,

together with the necessary keeping of records, important for the efficient management of the new members letters program. Mrs. Hanson has also handled many of the inquiries from non-member inquirers, when these have involved questions demanding some research. The secretarial assistance of Miss Anne Storrs, who had served so beautifully and capably as my secretary ever since I assumed the office of National President, was made available to Mrs. Hanson last fall, when Miss Elithe Nisewanger joined the Olcott staff.

*Theosophical Educational Activities.*—While the work of the Department of Education at Headquarters is principally concerned with branch and group studies and, through the letters to new members, with individual theosophical studies, the larger implications of the phrase, "Theosophical Education," received attention in a number of ways during the past year. Resolutions dealing with various aspects of this broad subject, from explorations into the feasibility of establishing theosophical schools to recommendations for specialized workshops for member-teachers, were presented at the 1971 Convention; these resolutions were tabled and referred to the National Board of Directors for further study. Some initial discussions were held during last year's Summer School, followed by correspondence with a few intensely interested in the subject. Theosophical education will receive further attention during the 1972 Convention-Summer School, in our continuing effort to explore all avenues of approach to this broad topic.

Since the Kern Foundation allocates grants to both The Theosophical Society in America and the Krotona Institute of Theosophy, it was proposed by Mr. John Kern, as a member of the Society as well as Advising Trustee of the Foundation, that a committee be formed to coordinate

educational activities and programs of both organizations, particularly in relation to the Kern Foundation supported educational programs. During my seminar at Krotona, in early December, Mr. Kern, accompanied by Mr. Paul Williams, Vice-President of Northern Trust Company of Chicago and representative of the Corporate Trustee, visited Krotona; we met with Dr. Alfred Taylor, Director of the Krotona School of Theosophy, and Mrs. Taylor, the School's secretary, for preliminary discussions on such coordination. In his memorandum for our meeting, Mr. Kern proposed a working committee to be known as the Kern Foundation Educational Programs Coordinating Committee, commenting further: "The basis for such a committee could be our recognition of the important responsibility we all have to disseminate the theosophical philosophy. My father obviously saw education as essential to the whole process, having emphasized it so in his selection of organizations he named he would like to see develop effectively to this end." Accordingly, at the midyear meeting of the Society's Board of Directors, concurrence was given to our participation in such a committee, with the National President and the Chairman of our Department of Education designated as the Society's representatives. Mr. Kern, as instigator and first chairman of the committee, called a meeting of the committee for early March at Krotona, when Miss Zahara and I traveled there to meet with Mr. Kern, and the representatives of the Krotona Institute of Theosophy, Mrs. Vera Bressler, the Institute's vice-chairman, and Dr. Taylor.

So significant do I feel this mutual effort to be in the coordination of educational programs offered within the American Section, that I would like to include as part of this annual report the statement of initial objectives developed

by the coordinating committee. Recognizing that the purpose of the committee is to review, recommend and coordinate educational activities sponsored by organizations receiving Kern Foundation support, it was agreed that toward that end the following initial objectives would be established.

(1) to provide membership training for theosophical service and activity in study groups, branches, federations, and at the national level; (2) to promote specialized research projects among deeper students of Theosophy; (3) to promote the study of Theosophy through seminars, classes, and other types of study programs; (4) to develop study courses, visual aids, etc., and (5) to train younger members in the presentation of the theosophical philosophy. Suggestions for the interchange of personnel between the National Headquarters and the Krotona School of Theosophy, for the utilization of the resources of both organizations, for the adoption of common scholarship standards, and for the exchange of mutually beneficial information, were brought forward.

In May, following on the announcement of Dr. Taylor's resignation as director of the Krotona School of Theosophy, Mrs. Bressler on behalf of the Krotona Institute Board of Directors requested Mr. Kern, Miss Zahara, and me to form with her an advisory committee for the future educational activities of the Krotona Institute. At Mrs. Bressler's urging, Miss Zahara and I again traveled to Krotona where, meeting with Mr. Kern, Mrs. Bressler, members of the Krotona Institute Board as well as with the faculty of the School and Mr. Paul Williams, we engaged in discussions looking toward the further development of that institution as a strong theosophical educational center. The work of the Theosophical Educational Advisory Com-

mittee for the Krotona Institute Board cannot help but be related to the larger picture of the coordination of all our educational activities, in line with the objectives developed by the Educational Programs Coordinating Committee. We are fortunate, I believe, to have in this Section such an institution as the Krotona Institute School, located in a most ideal setting and with unusual potential for becoming an ever more effective center for theosophical studies in the western world. The harmonious relationship that has always existed between the officers of the Krotona Institute and the National Society provides a happy basis for the continued coordination of all our resources towards the development of many types of theosophical educational programs.

Before leaving this particular subject and in reference to the Krotona School of Theosophy, I must record here my personal appreciation to Dr. Alfred Taylor, as well as to Mrs. Nell Taylor, for their outstanding contributions to the Krotona School during the years of their service as Director and Secretary of the School respectively. I would hope for their continuing availability for advice and assistance in the further development of the School, even as they are now free to devote more time to writing and other private pursuits.

*Department of Information.*—Returning to a survey of the departmental activities at Headquarters, I continue with the report of the Department of Information, under the capable direction of Miss Frieda Yordy, who also serves as the official hostess at Olcott, answering the numerous telephone calls, welcoming the many visitors who come in daily, and performing many other important services. Through the Department of Information, form letters about Theosophy and the services of the Society are sent to all inquirers as well as to all purchasers of theosophical

books. During the past year, 6090 letters were sent out, a slight increase over the previous year. A great deal of personal correspondence results from these initial form letters, many individuals inquiring about membership, so that as a consequence of the work in this department, 136 new members were added to the Society's rolls last year. One of the services of this department is the sending of names of interested inquirers to local branches or study centers; 271 individuals were referred in this way to local groups.

While the Department of Education is responsible for the preparation and production of the publicity leaflets, reporting that 16 titles had to be reprinted during the past year, the Department of Information assumes the task of sending these leaflets to individual inquirers who request them. That department also supplies the publicity table in the reception hall at Olcott, and some indication of the number of non-member visitors to our Headquarters may be noted by the fact that more than 13,400 leaflets were taken from that table last year, an increase of over 3,000 from the previous year. Total distribution of the publicity leaflets, through the Department of Information, was in excess of 47,000 last year, more than 6,000 over the distribution figure of the previous year. In addition, the Department of Information maintains a mailing list for circularizing those interested in public events at Olcott, including the regular monthly lectures and the fall and spring series of discussion classes. The steady growth in attendance at these public events is reflected in the fact that the Olcott Sunday lecture announcements mailed to the public now average between 900 and 1,000 monthly.

*Olcott Library and Research Center.*—The place of the written word in the communication of theosophical ideas has always been central in the work of the

Society. Local branch libraries can become magnetic centers for attracting those interested in the study of Theosophy. Perhaps in groups where public speakers are few, greater attention could be given to the utilization of library facilities; in those groups which have competent speakers, reference to library books can augment the public programs. The National Society is most richly blessed in possessing an outstanding library of works on Theosophy, comparative religion, Eastern and Western philosophies, and allied subjects related to the Society's Three Objects. Both the Oriental and Western Sections of the Olcott Library and Research Center contain valuable collections of works for general study, as well as for scholarly and professional research. A Library Committee attempts to keep abreast of new publications, in order to add to the library shelves those works of lasting significance in the fields of comparative religion, philosophy, science and related subjects. All new publications emanating from the major Theosophical Publishing Houses are automatically added to the library's collection.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Loenholdt, who continue to serve so competently in charge of the Olcott Library, report that in spite of the outstanding resources available through the library service, only about 10% of the membership make use of this department. Reading lists on specialized topics, produced by the Department of Education, can be obtained to acquaint library borrowers with the outstanding offerings of the library.

During the past year, a total of 5,486 books were circulated. Of the total circulation last year, 44% were from the theosophical shelves, while 47% were works on related subjects and 9% were from the Oriental Section. If the books utilized during the two mini-seminars held at Olcott were included in these circulation

figures, the total, of course, would be very much higher, for one of the unique aspects of those programs was the extent to which the members participating discovered the range of works available to the serious student of theosophical thought. In addition, it should be mentioned that the library arranged for the loan of some 60 books from the Oriental Section for the Asian Studies seminar on Orcas Island in April.

Library membership continues to increase, with 202 new borrowers added during the past year for a total of 1,092 active library borrowers now on the rolls. Although only 10% of the Society's membership have taken advantage of the library services, 62% of the library membership consists of members of the Society, while 34% are non-members and 4% hold student memberships in the library. The steady increase in the number of visitors to Headquarters reflects itself in the library report also, for 55% of the books in circulation last year were taken out directly by borrowers visiting the library, while only 45% were sent by mail.

The accessioning of new titles has been slowed somewhat during the past year, mainly because of lack of personnel to handle all the library services. Nevertheless, 162 books were acquired through purchase and 1,197 books were donated to the library; some work on repair and rebinding has gone forward, as time permitted. We continue to be grateful to Mrs. Marian Bateman, who happily is available for part-time assistance in the library, particularly in connection with accessioning and classifying the new acquisitions. For the first half of the year, Miss Victoria Mucie served as an assistant in the library, but her departure from the staff in early December left a vacancy which was filled very briefly on a part-time basis by Miss Cindy Sargent,

and which it is now anticipated will be filled early in the new fiscal year. It should be mentioned also that Mr. Loenholdt divides his time between the work in the library and duties as head of our Grounds Department. Fortunately, there are some rainy days when Mr. Loenholdt can train some of the grounds personnel in the cleaning and repair of books! I should add that this is but one example of the reciprocity that exists among the several departments of Olcott, and consequently it is not always easy to define, particularly to new members of the staff, everything that each worker at Olcott is doing, whether during what may be called the "regular work hours" or "outside time."

*"The American Theosophist" and "Discovery".*—While a relatively small portion of the membership may come in contact with the services of the library or the departments of Education and Information, every member receives, as part of his membership in the Society, the monthly journal, *The American Theosophist*. This journal, therefore, constitutes the regular and, we hope, helpful link of communication between the individual member and the Society at large. Maintaining the consistently high standard of excellence for which our journal is known throughout the theosophical world, Mrs. Virginia Hanson continues to serve as the most efficient editor of *The American Theosophist*. Of first concern in the preparation of every issue is the inclusion of all matters of official business, so that the members may be well informed about those matters as required by the National By-Laws in the provision for an official journal. This past year, the Board of Directors agreed to the publication of the Financial Statement as a separate brochure tipped into the journal sent to all members, but omitted from copies sent to non-members of the Society.

An Editorial Advisory Committee continues to assist the editor in the evaluation of manuscripts submitted for publication.

A program established ten years ago, that of devoting two issues a year to special themes, has continued to draw extremely favorable comment and indeed is now so well received that these special issues are in great demand. One has already been reissued as a Quest Book and another one of the special issues, the one on "Meditation," will soon be reprinted in Quest Book form. The Theosophical Publishing House has assumed responsibility for sale and distribution of the special issues and they are prominently displayed in our Quest Book Store at Olcott. Theme for the fall 1971 issue was "The Path of Self-Unfoldment," with 15 original articles, while the theme for the Spring 1972 issue was "Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism." The latter was timed to appear coincidentally with the release of the first American edition of *The Opening of the Wisdom Eye* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama of Tibet; this special issue carried an interview article by His Holiness, a review of his book by Lama Anagarika Govinda, and articles by several outstanding scholars in the field of Tibetan language and culture.

Mrs. Hanson is also responsible for the publication of *Discovery*, issued monthly from September through May primarily for the use of the branches in publicizing their local programs. The articles in each issue are carefully selected with the view that the leaflet is intended to reach inquirers who may be unfamiliar with theosophical concepts, although in recent years we have also sent it to all members-at-large who have less contact with the Society than those members who are affiliated with local branches or study centers. Many members-at-large have

found the leaflet useful either for distribution in quantity or just for sharing with friends who wish to know about Theosophy. Distribution of the publication is handled in the Membership Department, and Mrs. Mildred Calwell, who has been responsible for the maintenance of the records, reports that during the past year 107,602 copies were distributed to 64 branches and 7 study centers, to the Canadian Federation and the Puerto Rican Section, and to members-at-large and individual subscribers to the publication. Although three branches discontinued use of *Discovery* during the past year, eleven other groups were added to the list of those utilizing this excellent leaflet for their publicity efforts. The report for the year indicates an increase in distribution of more than 10,000 over the previous year. A Kern Foundation grant continues to make it possible for branches and members ordering *Discovery* in quantities above 10 to receive a 50% subsidy.

*The Theosophical Publishing House.*—The operation of The Theosophical Publishing House continues to be the largest single departmental activity at Headquarters. Again this year we record a significant advance in sales, with total merchandise sales in excess of \$317,000 representing more than an 11% increase over the previous year. Mr. Clarence Pedersen, the very efficient manager of the Publishing House, reports that with the excellent team of workers in every area of the operation now fully experienced in the methods and with the equipment installed at the time of the move into the new building, the activity of the department is moving smoothly and efficiently, so that further growth can be sustained without the substantial addition of either personnel or equipment.

While the full report of the activities of this department will appear, as is

customary, in connection with the Society's audited financial statements, it is interesting to note that operating expenses of the department represent approximately 33% of all sales, and with the addition, near the close of the fiscal year, of sales representatives in southern and south-eastern states, we can anticipate even further growth in this area. As the new fiscal year opens, therefore, we have district sales representation in every state except Alaska. In addition, a contract was signed this past year with Henry M. Snyder & Co., book exporters, for sales representation outside the United States, excluding only the United Kingdom and Australia, where T. P. H. London and the Quest Book Agency of Australia, respectively, serve as our agents. Dock strikes in the United States and other factors have affected the export sales, so that this past year is not fully representative of the business that may be expected as a result of our contract with Snyder, but in conjunction with this agency, T. P. H. participated in a book fair in India, and early in the new fiscal year will be represented at a book exhibit in Germany.

One of the growing activities of the T. P. H. is that of direct sales through the Quest Bookshop of Wheaton, capably managed by Mrs. Zella Balch. Sales in the bookstore this year increased 57% over the previous year, for a total in excess of \$25,000. Undoubtedly, one factor responsible for this increase is the beautiful sign which has been added to the grounds in front of the T. P. H. building; this well designed and dignified sign constitutes the John and Lillian Hunter Memorial, a gift instituted by the three children of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter.

For the first half of the year, Miss Marie Minor continued the excellent program of direct mail advertising initiated a year ago. When Miss Minor was

transferred to the Department of Education in December, Mr. John Sameluk undertook that work, but upon his departure from the staff in April, Mr. Thomas Flint, a non-member employee, was placed in charge of the clerical work incident to the mailings. Six mailings were made during the year, with returns ranging from about 1½% to just under 4%, but total sales directly attributable to this program were over \$7,355, representing an increase of 122% over the previous year. The number of accounts on the direct mail list is now being limited to 10,000, with any overage being routed to the Quest Book Store in New York.

The Publishing House continues to perform a number of services not wholly related to the sale of books. Prominent among these is handling the sales of the Society's publicity leaflets, when these are ordered in quantity lots particularly by branches and study centers. During the past year, more than 80,000 leaflets were sold. The continuation of a Kern grant to enable branches ordering leaflets in substantial quantities to receive a 50% subsidy of the cost is a most helpful contribution to the work at the local level where these pamphlets serve the essential work of complementing and supporting the public activities of the branches.

While the major additions to our growing list of books occur in the Quest Books program, separately reported on, the three major Publishing Houses, Wheaton, Adyar, and London, and the Adyar Library and Research Center for which we serve as agents, continue to issue new works of significance and to reprint many titles of importance. Undoubtedly, the most significant work to come off the presses in many years is the new definitive edition of *Isis Unveiled*, the first major work of H. P. Blavatsky.

Volume II was completed this year, making the full set now available. With the growth of the H. P. Blavatsky Publications Reserve Fund, established in 1970, negotiations were begun for moving forward with the publication of additional volumes in the series of the *Collected Writings* and the reprinting as necessary of some of the earlier volumes in that series. A substantial interest-free loan from the Canadian Section, to assist with the Blavatsky publications, has been most helpful in planning for the future of this program.

Although issued under our general Quest publications program, special mention must be made of another significant work to appear this year. Published in hard cover edition, *The Opening of the Wisdom Eye* by His Holiness the XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet represents a landmark publication as a notable contribution to the wider understanding in the western world of Tibetan Buddhism and Tibetan culture. The excellent advertising made possible under our national book advertising program funded by a Kern Foundation grant has already brought this book into prominent attention, eliciting very favorable comments by a number of Tibetan scholars.

While there have been a number of personnel changes in the Publishing House, the key workers have developed a versatility in the use of the various machines, from the computer utilized for all invoicing to the "shrink tunnel" in the shipping department. In the latter department, Mr. Randolph Miles continues in charge, with the assistance of Mr. Harvey Dastrup, while in the main office, Mrs. Doris Hughes and Mrs. Joan Bergman, non-resident employees, continue their excellent service. The extent of the operation may be indicated by the fact that during the year over 22,400 orders were processed. In addition to the names already men-

tioned throughout the report on the Publishing House, we must include as workers in this department during the year, either full or part time, Mr. James Flint, Mr. Stephen Blackburn, Miss Priscilla Anderson, Mr. Kurt Luchs, Mrs. Patricia Kloppman, Mr. William Simons, and Mrs. Phyllis Thompson, who serves as secretary to the manager. All these are non-resident and most are non-member employees. Further, during the year, six members of our resident staff worked for longer or shorter periods in the Publishing House before leaving staff employment: Mrs. Kathryn Evans, Rodger Stephens, Alfred Gizzo, William Goodman, John Sameluk, and Miss Leoneade Reuben.

*Book Warehouse.*—The constantly expanding activities of the Publishing House, including the increased sales record which has been indicated every year, brings into even sharper focus the need for a book storage facility immediately adjacent to the new T. P. H. Building. The further growth of our publishing activity, necessitating increases in inventory, will soon force us, I believe, to some remedial action in this area. Investigation is under way as to costs of a basic steel structure which will meet this need.

*Quest Book Consignment Program.*—A program initiated last year with the approval of the National Board of Directors and funded by a grant from the Kern Foundation is the Quest Books Consignment Program, providing branches which have the necessary facilities and can support book sales with regular public programs as well as by maintaining library hours, with a consignment of books for which no charge is made and a special rack for their display, the rack to be paid for by the branch subscribing to the program. During the past year, 26 branches subscribed to this

program, thus instituting, in effect, the beginnings of several Quest Bookshops in branches which might not otherwise have been able to support such an activity. It appears that the increased inventory thus provided those branches has enabled them to develop their book sales program, and in general the comments have been most favorable.

*Quest Bookshops.*—The Quest Bookshops of New York and Seattle, operated by the branches in those cities, continue to record excellent growth. This kind of activity, which many branches have now been able to initiate in a small way through the Quest Book Consignment Program, may well indicate a direction for our future work, for in addition to providing a retail outlet for our books through facilities owned and managed by members of the Society, a Quest Bookshop, as illustrated by the bookstore which is part of the Publishing House at Headquarters, may provide a place where inquirers may secure information about Theosophy and the Society, later attending classes, public discussions, and other activities sponsored by the branch. Book review teas, discussion groups based on many of the Quest Books, and similar programs may enrich the usual public events which characterize so much of the public work of many branches.

The Quest Bookshop of Seattle, conducted solely with volunteer staff from among the membership of the branch, stepped up its advertising program considerably and reported a 68% gain in sales for a total in excess of \$12,500 for the past year. In New York, the Quest Bookshop operation must be dependent upon some salaried employees, but its sales for the year exceeded \$18,075.

*Quest Books.*—The words, "Quest Books," must surely have become household favorites with Theosophists everywhere and the continued publication of

high quality paperbacks as Quest Books remains the major program supported by the Kern Foundation. During the year, six new titles were added to the regular list; in addition, one title was published in cloth, to be issued in paperback edition at a later date; one title was added to the Quest Books for Children's list, and one to the Quest Miniature series. We can now record a total of 78 titles under the Quest colophon. During the year, 10 titles were reprinted and of these, six were second printings, one was a third printing, and one title went into its fourth printing. Total number of Quest Books sold during the year was 155,850, and in January, we recorded passing the half million mark in sales of Quest Books since the program was initiated in late 1966.

Quest Book titles continue to be listed as required or recommended reading in a number of college courses; happily, the Theosophical Book Gift Institute is able to meet the many requests from professors for examination copies of Quest Books, pending their adoption as texts or for supplementary reading. Since the inception of the Quest Book program, the inventory of these titles has been maintained separately from that of the Publishing House, T. P. H. taking into its own inventory quantities only as required. Consequently, the Quest Book inventory at the end of the fiscal year totalled more than \$220,000, a major asset in the Society's reserves. Such an inventory also should indicate the continuing urgent need for proper book storage facilities at Headquarters, and it is certainly my hope that those facilities may soon be provided.

*National Advertising.*—Neither the overall record of sales by the Publishing House nor the sale of Quest Books would be so outstanding were it not for the major financial support given by the

Kern Foundation for an extensive national advertising program. Certainly the Society's own resources could not encompass such an undertaking and we can be most grateful to the Trustees of the Kern Foundation, particularly Mr. John C. Kern, who serves as Advising Trustee, and Mr. Paul Williams who, as representative of the Corporate Trustee, has taken a particular interest in our efforts, for their recognition of the importance of advertising and for their encouragement of a broad-based program for bringing Quest Books to the attention of the reading public. The general outlines of advertising plans are worked out in consultation with the T. P. H. Management Council, and then approved at conferences attended by Mr. Kern and Mr. Williams, with Wolf and Krautter, Inc., of Chicago, continuing to be responsible for design, production, and placement of Quest Book and related advertising. For a variety of reasons, there was some cutback in our advertising budget during the past year, but advertising appeared regularly in *Publishers' Weekly*, *The New York Times* (Book Review Section), *Saturday Review*, *National Observer*, *Harpers*, *Atlantic*, *Psychic*, *Book World* (of the *Chicago Tribune* and *Washington Post*), and the *Los Angeles Times*. The Adyar Library Series of Oriental Texts and the book lending services of the Olcott Library and Research Center were advertised in such academic and professional journals as the *Journal of Asian Studies*, *Philosophy East and West*, *Review of Metaphysics*, and *Journal of Indian Philosophy*. Again this year, a booth was taken at the Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, for the exhibit of specialized titles; with the Conference held in New York, we could call on the services of a number of members in that city in addition to the assistance given by Dr. Richard W. Brooks and Dr. Charles S. J.

White, two of our members who are Asian scholars.

In addition to the advertising programs supported by the grants from the Kern Foundation, a number of other promotional efforts have been undertaken directly by the Publishing House, utilizing the Society's resources. These include the printing and mailing of catalogs, special flyers, brochures, etc., and have been reported on in the section of this report dealing with the activities of the T. P. H.

*Quest Books Films.*—The first Quest Books Film, "How Many Lifetimes," has now been viewed by more than ten million people. However, the recording of such a statistic cannot possibly indicate the impact this film must have had, as more and more people have been exposed at least to the ideas of Theosophy as presented in the beautiful and dramatic form portrayed in the film. Distribution through Modern Talking Picture Service makes the film available for telecasts and for use by schools, colleges, community groups, clubs, churches, resorts, etc. During the year, the distributors listed the film in 16 promotions totaling 774,750 impressions, resulting in 281 telecasts and 3,281 showings to groups. Although 80 prints are in circulation, Modern Talking Picture Service was unable to accommodate 440 requests for showings because of prior commitments.

Just before the conclusion of the fiscal year, the second Quest Books Film, entitled "Reincarnation," was completed and release will follow early in the new fiscal year. A 29-minute color production, this new film dramatically portrays the basic concept of rebirth, combining a sequence depicting a seminar on reincarnation with sequences concerning nature's cyclic rhythms and the discovery by two individuals that reincarnation may possibly be an experientable reality.

Aptly chosen quotations from writers of past and present are spoken against backgrounds of music and color. Again, Moynihan Associates of Milwaukee were responsible for the production.

*Radio.*—The effectiveness of theosophical radio broadcasts continues to be apparent in a number of areas, where branches find it possible to support broadcasting as part of their regular public activities. The National Radio Fund provides assistance up to one-half the cost of such radio work, with the balance of the expense being met by local members in branches or federations. Some advertising assistance is also given so that the programs may be announced in local newspapers. The Radio Fund received a substantial boost this year, through a bequest from the Estate of Hurlburt Harrison, a former member of the National Board of Directors, and one whose particular efforts during his lifetime had been in connection with the Foundation for Radio Theosophy. That bequest, of \$4,000, coupled with the annual grant from the Edith Gray Estate, enabled the National Radio Fund to assist with broadcasts in fourteen cities during the year, although in one city, the program was aired as a public service without charge. The Foundation for Radio Theosophy, of which Mrs. Sylvia Chase of Ojai, California, serves as Executive Secretary, continues to be responsible for the maintenance and handling of all tapes used in the radio broadcasts.

*The Kern Foundation.*—The continued growth of the Society's programs and activities is due this past year, as in several recent years, to the impact of the Kern Foundation, on our total effort. Established "to aid in the spiritual enlightenment of his (Herbert A. Kern's) fellow man through the wider dissemination of the theosophical philosophy,"

the Kern Foundation has made possible the expansion of our work in this Section in a manner never before anticipated. However, we must always remember that one provision of the Foundation's Trust Agreement is that consideration is given to those organizations whose members indicate a willingness to contribute to and support the organization. Happily, the members of The Theosophical Society in America have consistently risen to this challenge, so that we have been able each year to assure the Trustees of the Kern Foundation that the basic work of the Society is sustained, both in terms of financial contributions and, often even more significantly, in terms of personal labor, by the membership at large. Without individuals dedicated to the theosophical principles, contributing of their various capacities and talents to theosophical efforts, forgetful of any self-interest and unconcerned with any personal honor or praise, the Society as a whole could not achieve very much and surely we could not have accomplished the records indicated in this report. Therefore, while the names of those who have spearheaded certain programs may be noted, it would be impossible to name all who in one way or another have contributed to the success of our mutual efforts.

One name, however, has become synonymous with the Kern Foundation supported programs, and we are all most indebted to Miss Helen Zahara for her continued competent management and overall supervision of those programs, reporting periodically to the Trustees of the Foundation, conferring with those directly involved in the Foundation's work, and generally coordinating the numerous activities which are either wholly or partially funded by the Foundation's grants. This year, approximately \$274,000 has been disbursed to the

Society by the Foundation to assist with or fully support the more than 20 programs authorized by the National Board of Directors and approved as recipients for grants by the Foundation's Trustees. Separate ledger accounts have been maintained for each program. In addition to expressing our appreciation to Miss Zahara and all who have worked in association with her, we are especially indebted to Mr. John C. Kern, Advising Trustee, and Mr. Paul Williams, Vice-President of the Northern Trust Company, the Corporate Trustee, for their continued encouragement, assistance and helpful advice. Fortunately, Mr. Kern, who is a member of the Society and who also serves us as a Trustee of the Theosophical Investment Trust, has been available even more frequently this past year than previously for consultations and conferences on matters relating to fiscal policy, program management, and numerous other aspects affecting not only the Kern Foundation supported activities but the entire range of the Society's operation. Mr. Williams also has taken a keen interest in the many areas of the Society's activities supported or affected by the Kern Foundation grants and, representing the Corporate Trustee, he has made himself available for meetings with the National Board of Directors as well as with our Kern Foundation Programs Committee, on which I serve with Miss Zahara and Mr. Kern. "The happy working relationship which has developed among us is a beautiful example of the kind of cooperation that should always characterize every theosophical endeavor.

*Membership.*—In deferring reference to membership statistics until this point in my report, I do not mean to indicate thereby any lack of appreciation for the tremendous contributions in time, money and talent, given so magnificently year

in and year out by numerous members throughout the Section. No words could adequately express our debt to all who serve the cause of Theosophy, whether on the national level as officers, staff workers, lecturers, etc., or at the local level in fulfilling the countless tasks necessary for the maintenance of branch and study center. The many reports of work undertaken by isolated members, usually members-at-large, working alone and unaided give evidence that every single member can contribute in some manner to the furtherance of our aims. You may recall the words of H. P. Blavatsky, written shortly before her death and published in her magazine *Lucifer* in June 1891: "When you consider and remember those days in 1875 and after, in which you could not find any people interested in your thought, and now look at the wide spreading influence of theosophical ideas. . . it is not so bad. We are not working merely that people may call themselves the *Theosophists*, but that the doctrines we cherish may affect and leaven the whole mind of this century. . . . Falter not so long as a few devoted ones will work to keep the nucleus existing."

In light of such a statement by our principal founder, a numerical survey of the membership is of less significance than the activities carried on by those who, by their membership in the Society, have undertaken to support its ideals before the world and to work for the cause of man's enlightenment. It is encouraging, of course, that we can continue to report an increase in membership; with 934 new members joining during the past year, the membership on May 31 stood at 6119, a net gain of 223 over the previous year. During the year, however, 109 felt impelled for one reason or another to resign membership in the Society and 653 permitted their membership to lapse into

inactivity. Among the 93 deaths reported this year were a number of members whose contributions to the Society placed them in the front rank of workers. Miss Ruby Lorraine Radford died last July after a lengthy illness; a well-known children's author, her contributions to our literature included two of the Quest Books for Children. In September, Mr. Charles E. Luntz, long-time head of The Theosophical Society of St. Louis and well known for numerous books, articles and pamphlets, passed away. Miss Julia E. Johnsen, whose death occurred in December, may have been less known on the national level, but the Headquarters was indebted to her for the donation which made possible the construction, soon after the erection of the main building at Olcott, of the third floor residential quarters, long known as Johnsen Chambers.

The passing in mid-February of Mr. Fritz L. Kunz, whose membership spanned more than seven decades of the Society's history and whose numerous contributions to the national and international work of this Movement were memorialized in a special tribute to him published in the April issue of *The American Theosophist*, removed from our ranks one of the foremost exponents of the theosophical philosophy. His work in integrative education, in the correlation of theosophical conceptualizations and contemporary thought, particularly science, and in the promotion of educational and training programs that were designed to aid members in the presentation of Theosophy in terms consonant with modern knowledge, must not only be remembered, but must be continued. It is hoped that eventually many of Fritz's talks and writings, both published and unpublished, will be brought together in one or more volumes for publication; his widow, Dora Kunz, and others who collaborated

with Fritz during his lifetime, most notably Mrs. Emily Sellon, are now at work on this project.

A membership summary is not complete without reference to the number of organized groups active throughout the Section. Continuing the trend evidenced in recent years, most of the new groups organize as Official Study Centers, although in many instances there is little to distinguish the activity of a Study Center from that of a Branch. On May 31, our records indicate a total of 102 Branches (or Lodges) and 47 Official Study Centers, or a total of 149 functioning groups throughout the Section, three less than the previous year. Since the services of the Department of Education are offered to any group, official or unofficial, in which there are at least three members of the Society, we know that in addition to the number of official groups on our membership records, there are many unofficial study centers carrying on the study of Theosophy, although for the most part not engaging in any of the public activities sponsored by the Society at the local levels.

No review of the work carried on in the Membership Department can be concluded without expressing appreciation to the very competent staff who attend to the numerous details of record keeping, correspondence, mailings, etc., which must be handled through that department. Mrs. Margery Parks continues as the most efficient head of the membership activity; during the first half of the year she was ably assisted by Mrs. Beatrice Boroff, who found it necessary to leave the staff in late November because of serious health problems. Before her departure, however, Mrs. Boroff was able to train her successor, Mrs. Mildred Caldwell, who has since given most beautiful and loving service in the Membership Department. Recently,

Mrs. Nita Deschamps, a non-resident member, has been assisting with some areas of the membership work.

*Olcott Staff.*—If, as I have suggested earlier, the activities of those who have committed their lives to the work of this Society is of more far-reaching importance than the mere number of members who may be on our rolls at any given time, then surely the contributions of those who, day in and day out, give unstintingly of themselves in selfless service at our national center, Olcott, must be accounted beyond recompense either in words of praise or in any other terms. Each one who comes to Olcott, for whatever period of service, brings a unique contribution, and our national center is enriched thereby; I think not one who has ever been part of the staff fails thereafter to think of Olcott as home and of those who live there as his family. There is a sharing that forges close the ties of brotherhood and mutual dedication in service to that ideal. For that reason, one discovers at Olcott that no task is unimportant, no duty less significant than another, no work without meaning in furthering the total effort of the Society. This year marked the 30th anniversary of my first joining the staff, although my service was interrupted by seven years spent elsewhere; needless to say, during the time I have been at Olcott, I have seen many come and go, but the magnificent team spirit which characterizes the Olcott Staff never seems to alter and certainly never flags.

There have been the inevitable number of changes in personnel during the past year, although Mrs. Ann Wylie, the National Secretary, records that it seems the turnover has been greater than usual, especially among the young people. This is perhaps understandable, as many come briefly to assist with the work and then go on to other activities, resuming

educational studies or taking up careers, etc. Many of the changes have already been mentioned in connection with specific departments. In addition, there have been a number of changes in the housekeeping department, where Mrs. Robertina Pumyea continues her indefatigable labors as head of that department; among those who left after longer or shorter periods of service in housekeeping or custodial activities were Mr. Robert Encisco, Mr. Larry Engel, and Miss Linda Patterson. Miss Suzanne Nisbett recently became a non-resident member of the staff to assist in housekeeping. Mr. Nathaniel Altman joined the staff last summer, to assist on the grounds, but found it possible to remain at Olcott until late December, aiding with the work in a number of extremely useful ways. Mr. John Lopez, who most cheerfully and helpfully assisted with the work on the grounds, in building maintenance, or as custodian, arranged a study program at the College of DuPage in such a way as to continue giving maximum service at Olcott, until his departure which actually occurred in the new fiscal year. Mr. Scott Stearns became a non-resident member worker on the grounds in early spring, and since the beginning of the new fiscal year others have joined the staff to aid on a temporary basis with the work on the estate.

It may be trite to say that an army marches on its stomach, but surely at Olcott, the focal point of much of our family life as well as the key area which maintains our glowing health and robustness is the dining department. Mrs. Mary McCain who had rejoined the staff in mid-May a year ago to serve as Convention Registrar, graciously accepted our plea to stay at Olcott as dining department manager, filling the critical vacancy in that department, which had been temporarily but most efficiently handled by

Mrs. Beverly McNiece through the period of the 1971 Convention-Summer School. Unfortunately, Mrs. McCain found it necessary to leave in mid-February, because of health problems; with very little time to find a successor, we turned in desperation to Mrs. Edith Schlosser, who had so often given invaluable assistance to successive dining department managers, filling in at a moment's notice for some crucial aspect of the work. With that beautiful willingness of a worker who recognizes that every service is of equal importance and that in an emergency, one must undertake to fill a need, no matter the personal cost, Mrs. Schlosser agreed to transfer from work in the Department of Education to duties as manager of the dining department. We continue to be grateful to our wonderful cooks, very much part of our family even though they are non-resident—Mrs. Marie Dastrup, Mrs. Virgie Ness and Mrs. Loretta Grabe. Mrs. Grabe, however, has had to terminate her work for us because of the care of an aged mother. Mrs. Ethel Halas, who had given part-time service in the dining department, through the Summer Sessions, has been able to return on a more extended schedule.

Every year since I have been in office, I have tried to express in some degree the depth of my appreciation for the comradeship in the work of Mrs. Ann Wylie, who, for so many years, has given exemplary service as National Secretary. It has become so customary to turn to her for advice and counsel in every aspect of the administrative work that it seemed only logical when Mr. Felix Layton informed me that he felt he could not again accept nomination for the office of National Vice-President that I should ask Mrs. Wylie if she would declare her candidacy for that office, requesting her permission to include in my own remarks

concerning my candidacy for re-election a statement recommending her nomination and election. Happily, the members accepted that recommendation and while, therefore, Mrs. Wylie will retire from the office of National Secretary at the 1972 Convention, when she assumes the duties of National Vice-President, her continued residence at Olcott and service on the administrative team will ensure that her unique and outstanding capabilities will still be well employed!

Earlier in this report, I commented on the transfer of Miss Anne Storrs, who had served as secretary to the National President ever since I assumed that office, to the position of secretary to Mrs. Hanson. We were very happy to welcome back to the Olcott Staff Miss Elithe Nisewanger, who has served at Adyar as secretary to three successive International Presidents; for the major part of the past year she graciously assumed my secretarial work. I am particularly grateful to both Miss Storrs and Miss Nisewanger. With the change at the administrative level brought about by Mrs. Wylie's election as National Vice-President and the anticipation that she may become therefore the resident administrative assistant, we may look for further reorganization in secretarial duties.

As we enter the new fiscal year, our major needs at Headquarters include the filling of vacancies in the building maintenance, custodial and dining departments, as well as in secretarial and clerical positions.

*Headquarters.*—Continuing care and attention have been given to the maintenance and increased usefulness of the beautiful facilities provided by our national center, Olcott. We are truly fortunate to have such a headquarters, to which members may come both physically and in thought as to a spiritual home for inner

nourishment and inspiration, and to which an increasing number of the public are attracted either to attend some of the lectures, discussions or rap sessions or to visit the library and bookstore which have become widely known throughout the Chicago area. The grounds reflect the loving care and supervision given by Mr. Fritz Loenholdt, who has taken responsibility for this area of the work; he is most helpfully assisted by Mr. Robert Gephardt as well as Mr. Charles Sass, who also gives some of his time to such other duties as the preparation of breakfast and handling of the Section shipping. In fact, the duties of Mr. Loenholdt, Mr. Gephardt and Mr. Sass are so varied that it is difficult to define them precisely, and one can only express profound appreciation for all the many services each of them gives in the overall functioning of Headquarters.

A particularly lovely addition to the grounds this year was the Samuel H. Wylie Memorial planting, a small grove just west of and nearly adjacent to the Brother Raja Memorial Grove. Further work has also been done for the proper maintenance of the trees and other permanent plantings on the estate.

In the main building, a major change was initiated this year, with the approval given by the National Board of Directors to undertake the long needed alterations of the basement kitchen and dining areas to bring them into condition for year-round staff use. The growth in staff personnel required by the expansion of activities in nearly every department of the work made it inevitable that we would outgrow the small room which has served as the staff dining room virtually ever since the building was erected. The first stage in the alteration project has been completed just in time for the 1972 Summer Sessions. Contributions to the Headquarters Improvement Fund,

which is being utilized for this long overdue project, are urgently needed.

Olcott continues to be the scene of a number of public events, with attendance at each steadily increasing; in fact, at some of these events, the attendance is so large that we are hard pressed for seating accommodation and must restrict our publicizing of the events accordingly. I continue to visualize the day when a suitable auditorium at Olcott will be a reality, and we can then undertake not only additional public events, but provide for such varied activities as school-work programs for members, a greater number of conferences, seminars and similar gatherings, and, of course, better accommodation for the Annual Convention and Summer School. In addition to the regular monthly Olcott Sunday lectures, held from October through May with the exception of December, we have continued the practice of featuring two discussion series annually, each for seven successive weeks in the fall and in the spring. The Wednesday evening rap sessions are popular among the young people particularly and have continued uninterruptedly through the year.

In speaking of the many functions that occur at our national center, I must not overlook the happy occasions when members of our staff have been married here. Last summer, there were two such joyous events, the first occurring in the lovely setting of the Brother Raja Grove when Miss Kathleen McNiece, member of the Society and daughter of our field team, Mr. and Mrs. Peter McNiece, became the wife of Dr. William Doms, and the second taking place in the beautiful setting of the Olcott Library when our hard-working T. P. H. Manager, Mr. Clarence Pedersen, took time off to exchange vows with Mrs. Lois Sippel, long an active member of the Society in Joliet.

*Finances.*—While it is true that without the major assistance given to the Society by the several grants from the Kern Foundation which support partially or wholly so many of our activities, it is equally true that those grants alone neither could, nor are they intended to, sustain the total efforts in which we are engaged. As already pointed out, a major factor governing the grants from the Kern Foundation is found in the Trust Agreement clause providing that consideration will be given to those organizations whose members show a willingness to support the work of the organization. Needless to say, this has often meant a strain upon our own financial reserves, as we attempt to meet the increasing costs of operating the normal and required activities in which the Society has long been engaged, but I have felt most encouraged by the support given each year by members who respond to the appeals I have sent out and who, recognizing the importance of the efforts we are making, give the mickles and muckles that often mean personal sacrifice but also mean wholehearted determination to see that the work does not falter, at least for lack of financial backing. It has been most heartening to be able to report to the Kern Foundation Trustees that the members are indeed making every possible effort to meet our financial obligations and responsibilities, and I feel confident we shall continue to measure up to the challenge before us.

At the time that I assumed office as National President, I recommended to the National Board of Directors the appointment of Mr. Theron B. Chaney as the National Treasurer. Mr. Chaney has served faithfully in that office, and it was my privilege to enjoy a most happy association with him as part of our administrative group. Becoming ill last fall, Mr. Chaney found it necessary to

submit his resignation in December, and very regretfully but with full appreciation for his many services, the National Board of Directors accepted the resignation at our midyear meeting. Mr. Edwin Lord, who has served in previous administrations as National Treasurer and who for some time now has been my most valued financial counselor, serving the Society also as Chairman of the Theosophical Investment Trust, accepted the interim appointment as National Treasurer, pending the appointments that will be made by the newly elected National Board of Directors at its 1972 Annual Meeting. Mr. Lord has continued to have the assistance of Mrs. Elizabeth Teal, a non-member employee who has become very familiar with our accounting procedures; and happily, in January, Mr. Michael Weddell, a young man whose undergraduate major in business administration was in accounting, joined the Olcott staff to take up work as assistant to Mr. Lord. Our financial department also includes our most efficient and talented bookkeeper-cashier, Miss Clarice Richie (who spends her spare time in tending our vegetable garden, which contributes so much to our dining table with fresh vegetables during the summer months and frozen ones during the rest of the year). Mrs. Marcella Lord, who is our conscientious cost-conscious Purchasing Agent, also gives secretarial assistance to Mr. Lord.

As is customary, the audited financial statements will be published in conjunction with one of the early fall issues of *The American Theosophist*. Some reorganization in the form of these statements was undertaken last year, in consultation with our auditors, Wynn Wanger & Co., and a further reorganization is anticipated this year. It appears the deficit will be considerably less than in several previous years. In fact,

preliminary figures would indicate that the deficit for last year, not including depreciation, may be somewhat over \$ 20,000. This is surely a most encouraging sign that we may be moving toward a balanced budget, and it is anticipated that the raise in dues recommended by the National Board of Directors for action at the 1972 Convention may assist greatly in this direction.

In response to appeals sent to the membership this year, donations to the general fund totalled nearly \$ 7,000. I want particularly to comment upon the beautiful response to a suggestion conveyed to branch members through my *Contact* letter and to members-at-large via a special letter; I proposed that members consider a "Thank-you Fund," setting aside even small amounts each day in appreciation for the contribution of Theosophy to one's personal life and then sending the accumulated donation to Headquarters at the end of each month. The immediate response to this proposal brought in many large and small donations, all most helpful towards meeting our financial obligations. In addition to the general donations, a number of special contributions designated for particular purposes were placed in restricted funds and donations over \$ 1,000 were placed directly in the Society's reserve fund in accordance with established policy. A major bequest from the Winifred Knapp Estate of some \$ 55,000, approximately half of which was received in the form of mortgage notes, was supplemented by bequests from other sources totalling \$ 16,500.

The support of the membership for the T. P. H. Building Fund has been extremely helpful as we continue our efforts to retire the total indebtedness. Donations during the past year were in excess of \$ 17,000, and drawing upon previous reserves in this account, we

were able to retire approximately \$ 30,000 in loans, including accrued interest. Approximately \$ 48,000 in loans from branches and members remains to be retired as funds permit.

The Theosophical Investment Trust, adopted in 1956 as the major financial arm of the Society, now holds funds of nearly \$ 700,000 in its several capital accounts. Among the major fund accounts placed with the Trust is the Membership Endowment Fund, whose steady growth through the years has been very encouraging and whose existence augurs well for the future of the Society since the principle of this fund is held in perpetuity, the interest only being applied to the dues of those members who have so endowed their membership. As deaths occur among those who have become endowment members, that portion of the fund becomes free from dues allocation; the fund has also been increased by donations for memorial endowments. There are now 280 active members on the list of those who have so endowed their membership; in addition, 40 who held endowment memberships are now deceased and there are 7 memorial endowments. At the conclusion of the fiscal year, the endowment fund was in excess of \$ 100,000.

The Investment Trust also holds the ABC-America Fund, for the benefit of the international work, as well as the National Society's reserve fund. Members of the Trust, which include Mr. John A. Sellon, Mr. John C. Kern, and Dr. Paul H. Dunakin, in addition to the three officers of the Society who serve *ex officio* as trustees, the National President, National Vice-President and National Treasurer, are frequently called upon for financial counsel in consideration of the Society's budget, fiscal policy, etc. Although the annual meeting of the Trust occurred in mid-June, just after

the beginning of the new fiscal year, I may mention here that on that occasion Mr. John Sellon was elected to succeed Mr. Edwin N. Lord as chairman of the Trust; our especial appreciation was—and is—extended to Mr. Lord, whose tenure as chairman has been distinguished by truly magnificent service. He, of course, continues as a member of the Trust.

*Allied Activities.*—While it is not possible, within the scope of an Annual Report on the work throughout the Section, to comment in detail on the numerous outstanding activities in which members engage, I cannot omit reference at least to the several organized groups who carry on programs of specific theosophical service. With the retirement in mid-year of Miss Marion Peterson from staff duties in the Department of Education at Olcott, the work of the Theosophical Book Gift Institute was given added impetus, for Miss Peterson, remaining resident at Headquarters, has been able to give full time to this important activity. As a consequence, she reports that last year 6,595 books were placed in libraries of various kinds throughout the United States. Another useful service rendered by this organization is the sending of examination copies of many of our books, particularly the Quest Books, to college or university professors requesting them. Often we find that these books are later adopted for required or supplementary reading in a number of courses. Of no less significance, of course, is the work carried on by the Theosophical Book Association for the Blind, headquartered in Ojai, California, and serving the needs of both members and non-members who are blind and who can take advantage of the tape and Braille libraries available from T.B.A.B.

Among the most active of the allied groups, providing outlets for the energies

of members in such areas as social service, healing, animal welfare, ecological studies, arts and crafts, peace, etc., is the Theosophical Order of Service. The Parents Theosophical Research Group, the Order of the Round Table in America, and the American Federation of Young Theosophists, are all engaged in vital and significant activities relating to educational and youth programs. I have mentioned the Krotona School of Theosophy earlier in this report; another group active in Ojai, California, is the Taormina Theosophical Community, involving a number of members in an experiment in community living. All who are contributing to one or another of these allied groups are giving practical expression to the theosophical philosophy and deserve gratitude for the efforts made in cooperative service.

*International Programs.*—One of the unique aspects of the Society to which we belong is its international character and with the increased ease in travel and communication during recent years, we have been able to come into more frequent contact with members and officials of other National Societies as well as with the work at our international center, Adyar. Such contact has brought about a sharp realization of our obligations to support the world movement, aiding in so far as we can the strength of the Society everywhere. Particular focus has been given to the world need by the establishment some years ago of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee, of which the International President now serves as chairman. The vice-chairman, Miss Helen Zahara, who has been largely responsible for the world appeals for this effort, continues as active coordinator of the work. At the 1971 Convention of this Section, members indicated by resolution and by generous contribution our united support

of the program that would make theosophical literature available in all the languages men speak. During the past year, small initial grants were made from the Non-English Publications Loan Fund, one to a lodge in Israel for a book in Hebrew and one to the Inter-American Federation for a Spanish edition of *An Abridgement of the Secret Doctrine*.

The work at our international center is remembered annually on Adyar Day, when many groups come together for special programs keyed to a recognition of the significance of that beautiful center and when members throughout the Section contribute financially to its support. This year, the contributions of this Section to the Adyar Day Fund totalled \$5,065. We were fortunate again this past year to be represented at the International Convention at Adyar by Mrs. Wylie, accompanied by Miss Clarice Richie and Miss Anne Storrs. Mrs. Wylie, who is a member of the Society's General Council, could also represent us at those important meetings. Every member, however, can contact the President through reading his views each month in *The Theosophist*, the journal published at Adyar under the President's editorship. Subscriptions to this magazine rose to 434 this past year, a 20% increase over the previous year, but still far short of the number that a Section the size of ours should be able to support. Every branch and study center should have a subscription to this vital journal, in order to keep abreast of theosophical thought and activities throughout the world.

*Centennial Activities Committee.*—The decade of the 70's is fast moving toward that anniversary year of 1975. Basic preliminary planning for suitable celebrations in New York City in that year was begun some time ago, when reservations were made for conference halls, exhibit space

and basic accommodations at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in New York. The period of November 14-20, 1975, was designated by the National Board of Directors as the appropriate time for a world conference. The National Board of Directors this year named a Centennial Activities Committee, comprising in addition to the National President, Miss Zahara and Mrs. Emily Sellon, who can serve as our direct representative in New York City. A grant from the Kern Foundation enabled us to begin initial investigations along a number of lines, including the exploration of an appropriate public relations firm to represent us in the key year of 1974-5; member suggestions have been most useful, and every idea that has been submitted has received careful review and attention. A meeting of the committee itself was held at Olcott in late January, when plans were developed for the production and issuance of a brochure announcing the centenary celebrations, particularly the one in New York but also the great 100th anniversary Convention that will be held at Adyar. Copies of this brochure will be sent to the membership early in the new fiscal year, and, in addition, copies have been made available to Sections throughout the world.

*Triennial Elections.*—The major event of the spring months was the triennial election held in accordance with the provisions of the National By-Laws. This year marks the conclusion of my second term of office, but your vote indicated your desire that I continue for a third term. The confidence expressed by so many in such leadership as I have been able to provide is truly appreciated, and I look forward happily and with unbounded enthusiasm to the years that lie immediately before us. While I shall certainly miss the helpful views of those who are retiring from the Board of

Directors this year, I believe you have elected as their successors outstanding members who will soon develop the same team spirit and cooperative attitude that have characterized the previous Boards with whom I have served. I have already commented on the change in the vice-presidency, brought about by Mr. Layton's request that he not be considered again as a candidate for that office; Mrs. Wylie's agreement to become a candidate, and her consequent election to office brings to the Board one who is already fully familiar with all our programs, administrative and departmental, and I anticipate that since she can be the resident administrator at Headquarters, I shall be able to travel more extensively among the branches and groups. Our deep appreciation must be expressed to Mr. Layton, for his six years of service as National Vice-President, during which time he initiated a number of discussions at our Directors' meetings which led to several new programs and developments.

This year, two Directors did not stand again for office; Mr. Paul A. O'Neal representing the Southeast District was ineligible to succeed himself, and Mr. Anthony W. Gizzo representing the Central District, decided for several reasons not to become a candidate again. To both of these I express also my grateful appreciation for their invaluable service on the Board. I look forward to welcoming as incoming Directors for the Southeast and Central Districts respectively, Mr. Marion W. Lee of San Antonio and Mr. Clarence Pedersen of Joliet. Happily, Mrs. Hyta Tilson, Mr. George E. Linton and Mr. Capel McCutcheon were returned to the Board by members in the Southwest, Northwest and Northeast Districts respectively.

*Conclusion.*—The malady of our age has been diagnosed as a cosmic near-sightedness. Only the theosophical vision

can cure such an ailment, not by providing any of the colored lenses which appear to alleviate some of the symptoms without touching the basic illness, but by eradicating its cause through the perception of universal truths. Mankind has always enjoyed perfect vision in hindsight; he has often been content to view the present through the same lenses worn yesterday, seeing the perpetuation of war, prejudice, pollution, poverty as inevitable to mankind's estate. The Theosophist, I am convinced, must provide the radically new vision of the future by encouraging man to cease looking through the clouded glasses of yesterday. But the Theosophist can do this only if he himself is prepared to look with new eyes upon tomorrow. We may quote glibly from *The Secret Doctrine* concerning the crores upon crores that mark the ages of the earth's evolutionary cycle; yet if we stand fearfully shuddering before the inevitable cataclysms of our own time, believing we can do nothing and therefore withholding even the little that might be done to tip the scales in favor of man's future, we shall have failed to make Theosophy our own. Our record of achievement in the activities of the Society during the past year, as reported here, is inspiring, but our work is far from done. If we have accomplished what has been possible, we must now undertake what is necessary—the regeneration of the human spirit, the enlightenment of the human mind, the awakening of the human heart. Let us look with clear eyes upon tomorrow; let us walk with gentle tread into a future bright with the promise of peace; let us speak with the syllables of love that spell human brotherhood.

In the book *Only One Earth*, the authors have written: "If this vision of unity—which is not a vision only but a hard and inescapable scientific fact—can become part of the common insight of

all the inhabitants of planet earth, then we may find that, beyond all our inevitable pluralisms, we can achieve just enough unity of purpose to build a human world." To that task the Theosophist has always been committed, by the very nature of the Wisdom which the Society exists to channel and which each of us therefore may encounter in a direct and immediate way. It is possible, of course, to be satisfied with what has been accomplished, satisfied that we have done the best we could, that we are too small in numbers or too poor in resources to do more. But the unrest about us, the desperation of human need, the urgency of human hunger, demand we move beyond the possible to the necessary. And it is necessary that we live out, in daily encounters and in every hour of our existence, the very essence of brotherhood. It is necessary now that we probe the old truths for the new meanings that must emerge in the revelation of our lives. It is necessary now that we speak clearly, convincingly, in the one language of the heart. If we commit ourselves to doing now not only the possible, but the necessary, it is then not impossible to conceive that one day it will be said that in our time humanity turned from the madness of war and greed to the sanity of peace and brotherhood, not only because the light of Theosophy shone upon the world, but because there walked in the world those whose lives gave forth the fragrance of love and understanding. If, therefore, we have paused briefly to review our efforts of the past year, it must be only to gain momentum for the work yet to be achieved.

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Major event of the summer months in the United States was, as customary, the Annual Convention and Summer School at the national headquarters, Olcott; held

this year from July 14 to 22, these sessions were devoted to the theme "Facing the Winds of Change." Guest speaker for the occasion was Srimati Rukmini Devi Arundale. Discussions focussed on the changes that may come within the next few years and their effect upon the Society's work in the presentation of Theosophy.

In addition to adopting amendments to the National By-Laws providing for an increase in dues in order to meet rising costs of operations, the members in Convention adopted resolutions affecting two other areas of the Society's work. One of these resolutions asks that the General Council appoint an international committee to study the Society's structure, while the other resolution called for a national committee to initiate the development of a theosophical educational program.

Continuing the practice of recent years, workshop/seminar programs were held at the various theosophical summer camps. In June, a seminar on "Karma" was conducted by Mrs. Mattie Louise Gephardt at the Ozark Theosophical Camp in Arkansas. Srimati Rukmini Arundale was the speaker at seminars during August at the two west coast camps, Camp Indralaya on Orcas Island, Washington, and Far Horizons Camp in California. The theme of these sessions was "The Theosophy of Life." At Pumpkin Hollow Camp in New York, Miss Helen Zahara coordinated a seminar program on "The Roots of Theosophy in the Eastern Tradition," utilizing reference works taken from the Olcott Library and Research Center. The American Federation of Young Theosophists held their summer camp at Camp Indralaya in August, following reorganization meetings at Olcott, during the national Convention and Summer School,

The National President, Miss Joy Mills, represented the American Section at the English-Speaking Regional Summer School at High Leigh in England and at the 70th Anniversary Convention of the German Section at Bad Homburg. In addition to a number of lectures given on both occasions, she was able to discuss with officials and members of the various European Sections plans for the 1975 centennial observations.

The continued growth of the work in the American Section, particularly the expansion of the activity in the Theosophical Publishing House, has made it necessary for the Section to undertake further construction on the national headquarters estate. The work on erecting a book storage facility, adjacent to the new Publishing House building, was begun in early September. This will

enable the Publishing House to maintain larger stocks to meet the increased demand for theosophical books which has resulted from the employment of sales representatives throughout the United States.

During the four-month period since the close of the fiscal year, 250 new members have been admitted to the Society. While a large number of members become inactive following the close of each fiscal year, greater attention is being given to ways in which closer communication can be maintained between the national headquarters and the members. Towards that end, the proposals from the workshop on member-Society relations and the discussion on the subject during the Convention-Summer School are being studied.

JOY MILLS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## ENGLAND

The work of the Section has continued to follow the pattern of previous years, with the Annual Convention in London in May and the Summer School (this year organized by the English-Speaking Region of the European Federation) in August. Lecture programs and the organization of residential study-weekends have been maintained.

At the national Headquarters, an expansion of the study-group program has been realized. These groups, some for members only and some open to the public, have included: The Secret Doctrine, Western Philosophical and Mystical Thought, the Kabbalah, the Mystery Teachings. In addition, there have been the usual groups for inquirers and a public meditation course. The public lectures have attracted full audi-

ences, with a substantial proportion of young people.

Residential weekends at Tekels Park have been well attended. A Retreat weekend was followed later in the year by one on Meditation, one on The Enlightened Mind (a study of the writings of the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram), and one on The Collected Writings of H. P. Blavatsky. A weekend House Party for Unattached Members was devoted to the study of the Upanishads. Another regular event was the residential weekend organized by the Theosophical Research Center, the theme this year being: Approaches to the Inner Reality.

Variety in the year's work was introduced by a residential conference for Federation Officers, a recital of the works

of Scriabin (at one time a member of the Society) at the national Headquarters, and a week's Theosophical Rendezvous arranged by the members of Jersey Lodge.

The Annual Convention was held as usual during the Bank Holiday weekend in May. Its overall theme, Theosophy—The Pattern and Process of Life, was illustrated in a lecture program of high standard, the principal lectures being later published in different issues of *The Theosophical Journal*.

The English-Speaking Regional Summer School was honored by visits from Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, and Miss Joy Mills, National President of the American Section. The program, under the title: To Know for Oneself, was arranged by Dr. Hugh Shearman, Vice Chairman of the Region, who was happily able to leave the troubled city of Belfast to spend the week in community at the Conference Center at High Leigh. The Summer School was fully booked, some 150 members attending, and the occasion provided the first opportunity for the showing of the new film "Reincarnation", produced by the American Section.

Each of the major events of the year has added new recordings to the Tape Library, making the best lectures available to Lodges and individual members who cannot participate in the functions.

An interesting little event of the year was the offer of a book prize for the best original definition of Theosophy. As it may be of wider interest, the winning definition (adjudicated by the Executive Committee) is reproduced in full in this report:

THEOSOPHY is (a) a Philosophy, (b) a Study and (c) a Way of Life.

As a philosophy it is concerned with the development, meaning and purpose of the universe and man's situation therein. As a study it investigates, comments upon and evaluates revelations of wisdom of the past and the present day. As a way of life it sets forth as ideals the universal brotherhood of man, peace and harmony between races and nations and a personal life of creativity, purity and love.

During the year 199 new members were admitted, and 30 more reinstated or transferred from other Sections. Nevertheless, the year saw an overall drop in membership of 88, the total at 30 September standing at 2281. One new Lodge was authorized in London, but 4 Lodges in the provinces were closed.

At the annual election in April, Miss Ianthe Hoskins became the new General Secretary.

An important part of the Headquarters work continues to be correspondence with enquirers and members from all parts of the world. The international character of the Society is further shown by the frequent arrival of visitors from other Sections, and we have the privilege of helping the work in other countries by making available some of our literature, course material and tape recordings.

The Theosophical Bookshop reports a substantial increase in sales, some two-thirds of books sold being publications of one of the Theosophical Publishing Houses. To meet the rise in demand, the Bookshop has increased its staff and extended its hours of business.

IANTHE HOSKINS,  
General Secretary.

## INDIA

As the Centenary year of the Theosophical Society approaches, the thoughts of many members are turning towards the question of what the Centenary implies. It is an occasion not only for assessment of work done, its nature, quality and effectiveness, but one of inner and outer preparation to pass into a new era.

The Theosophical Society was founded to combat the forces of materialism on the one hand and of dogmatic religion, acting as a bulwark for superstitions, meaningless conventions and separative tendencies, on the other hand. In present-day India, we find a growing materialism and loss of faith in spiritual and higher values, and separative tendencies of every kind. This is a time when members of the Indian Section should not fail to make an intensive effort, with all the vitality at their disposal, to deflect the current in the right direction by boldly proclaiming, through life and speech, the truths of the Ancient Wisdom—the Unity of Life, the Divinity of Man, the sacredness of all living things and the existence of the immutable laws which govern the universe—without understanding which man cannot know the meaning of the happiness and progress which he restlessly seeks.

It is a matter of regret that there are many members who have hardly given their attention to answering, for themselves, if not to others, the fundamental questions concerning Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. As part of the preparation for the Centenary, I suggest that every member should try to have a clear grasp of basic questions such as what is the true character of the Theosophical Society, in what way is it different from other philosophic, religious, and philanthropic societies, what is the real

work of the Society, what is Theosophy, how is it different from Hinduism and other religions, and so forth. Members who have not thought over these questions for themselves so as to arrive at some clarity of understanding, without becoming dogmatic or rigid in their views, are not increasing their own capacity for usefulness in promoting the work of the Society. Madame Blavatsky says: "Knowledge increases in proportion to its use." We are members of the Society not only to learn, but to serve, and to learn through service. And as H. P. B. says in *The Key to Theosophy* the first step in helping the work is to study and comprehend the Theosophical doctrines. The second step is to explain to others what Theosophy is and what it is not, to remove misconceptions and spread an interest in the subject. As we help others to become interested, our own comprehension and capacity are increased. So, as one part of the advance towards 1975, a special effort may be made in every Lodge and by individual members to prepare themselves to understand Theosophy, at least in its broad outlines, to be able to explain it to others in rational ways, to be able to answer questions posed by enquirers, to take intelligent part in discussions and thus add strength to the work as a whole.

Through the Publicity Committee of the Section, work has been done in the past year to organize more study and training camps and present both "straight" Theosophy and lectures on deeper questions. A portable slide projector was obtained which has been very helpful in conducting courses. It is hoped to have a few more such projectors to enable simultaneous use in different regions. Camps were organized in Kanpur, Ujjain, Akola and a few other places as part of the Expansion Program

and help was given for the organization of others. Dr. C.V. Agarwal conducted a camp in Ujjain and visited various places in Madhya Pradesh as part of the Expansion Program, making full use of the projector. All the camps which were organized were very well attended, in some of them large numbers of non-members participating either in the discussions or in the lectures.

The Publicity Committee carried on correspondence, as in previous years, with Lodges, offering suggestions and instructions. Aid was given through the Committee to publish a Kannada translation of *The Ancient Wisdom*, a Malayalam translation of *An Outline of Theosophy*, and leaflets for distribution in Hindi. Several new leaflets were brought out in various languages.

Sri M. Krishnamacharyulu, Jt. General Secretary, visited practically all the Federations, speaking everywhere to members and the public. His tours covered about 80 Lodges in the year, including all the Lodges in Calcutta city and a few others in Bengal, almost all the Lodges in Delhi Federation, 6 places in Bihar, 7 in Gujarat, 3 in Karnataka, 10 in Kerala, 7 in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, 4 in Rayalaseema, 12 in the Tamil Districts, 4 in Telugu Federation, 5 in Utkal, besides Madras, Varanasi and Kanpur, where he conducted a study camp along with Dr. C.V. Agarwal. Particular thanks are due to him for such exhaustive touring work which he has carried on in addition to other duties.

Sri S. G. Venkataramanan has, as in the previous years, due to his age and health, restricted his visits to the south, where he visited 26 Lodges in the Tamil Federation, 10 in Karnataka and 9 in Madras.

Sri S. Krishnamurthy made two tours in Eastern India, so as to do some concentrated work. He visited a number of places in Bengal, Assam and Bihar,

besides some places in the U.P. Interest has been created in towns where no Theosophical Lodges exist at present and it is hoped that new Lodges will be formed in such places before long. A Committee has been set up for development of Theosophical work in Assam.

Miss Jeanne Dumas travelled in the Tamil area, visiting several places, and also went to Palghat. Prof. H. E. Hakim visited some places in Gujarat and worked in the Madras Federation. Dr. G. R. Phansalkar made a successful tour of some Maharashtra Lodges, besides conducting a study camp in Akola. Sri Ramjivan Sinha also visited some Lodges in Maharashtra.

It is hoped during the coming year to initiate Theosophical work in the western regions of India. At present the areas of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh remain without any Theosophical activity except for a few Lodges and members.

As usual, a North India Conference was held last year at Varanasi, combined with the annual conference of the U. P. Federation, over which the International President, Sri N. Sri Ram, presided. The subject was "The Regeneration of Man". The public lectures were very well attended and publicized and the other meetings were a source of much inspiration to the delegates. Mr. Sri Ram also presided over the South India Conference held at Adyar.

I presided over the annual conferences of the Bombay, M. P., Rajasthan and Rayalaseema Federations and visited a few places in Madhya Pradesh. It was not possible for me to travel as much as I would have desired in India this year, because of visits to East Africa and Europe and because of work which needed to be done at the International Headquarters. I feel, however, that the visits abroad were useful in creating a link between the Indian Section and other Sections and

helped in keeping our work as part of the wide perspective of international work.

Study or Training camps were held during the year in Adyar and Bhowali as usual. Bro. C. R. N. Swamy conducted the camp at Adyar and Srimati Malati Pandya, the camp at Bhowali.

The Karnataka Federation organized 10 study camps during the year, taking the lead in this matter over the other Federations. There were 6 camps in the U. P., 3 in M. P. and Rajasthan and one or two in several other Federations.

Another notable feature of the work in Karnataka is that sets of Theosophical books worth nearly Rs. 3,750/- have been purchased and placed in the important public libraries in Bangalore. It is also reported that every public library in Bangalore has subscribed to *The Theosophist*. The Jt. Secretary of the Federation, Sri T. S. Jayadevanna, has been responsible for this creditable achievement. The Federation also issued a Kannada translation of Dr. Besant's *Popular Lectures on Theosophy* and a life of C. W. Leadbeater.

The Kerala Federation has again shown a large gain in numbers, the membership having increased from 282 to 356. Lodges or Centres have been formed in 6 new places. However, one third of the members of the Federation have not paid their dues for the last year. It is to be hoped that the interest created will be sustained and that the additions will prove to be real sources of strength in spreading the light of Theosophy. Besides the Malayalam translation of *An Outline of Theosophy*, translations of *At the Feet of the Master* and *The Meaning of Life* and leaflets in Malayalam have also been issued. Members of the Federation have also been active for several years in conducting Lotus Circles for children.

An important event in the Madras Federation was the celebration by the

Adyar Lodge of its 75th anniversary. Being situated at the International Headquarters, this Lodge has had on its rolls some great Theosophists, including Dr. Annie Besant, and its membership has been international in character. An interesting part of the Jubilee celebration was a youth camp held in the beautiful camping centre at Adyar. Students from several colleges participated. Each one was presented with a copy of Dr. Besant's *Universal Textbook of Religion and Morals* and discussions at the camp centred around the main themes of the book. The students also attended the Annie Besant birthday celebration in the Headquarters Hall. The students who participated expressed great appreciation of the program and atmosphere open to them.

The work at Headquarters has gone on smoothly. Sri P. N. Chakraborty was elected as Treasurer of the Section and has carried on the work previously done by Sri R. S. Pandya. Slow progress has been made in regulating the management and care of properties in various places.

Sri Mohan Kulkarni was delegated to spend some weeks in Adyar in order to get acquainted with library work. Since his return he has been engaged in trying to make some essential improvements in the Section's Library, including preservation of books and their protection from the attacks of insects. The lighting in the Library has been improved and it is proposed to remodel the back of the Library building, till now used for residential purposes, so as to relieve the congestion in the Library.

A legacy of Rs. 37,000 was received from the late Sri R. S. Bhagwat of Thana and has been added to the Reserve Fund. A similar amount was received to be created into an endowment fund for the Marathi Federation. The Tamil Federation has also, held for it by the Indian Section, an Endowment Fund of

Rs. 19,702. These provide an opportunity for these two Federations to do good work and strengthen their Lodges and membership.

I had mentioned in my last report, the work done by the Theosophical Order of Service for the Bangla Desh refugees. From October to December 1971, Rs. 65,000 worth of clothes, medicines, utensils, etc., were distributed by the Order to over 26,000 refugees concentrated in the airstrip in Panchanpur, Gaya. The funds left over at the Theosophical Order of Service Headquarters after the refugees returned to Bangladesh, and about 3000 blankets received from Australia will be distributed in suitable ways to needy people, orphanages, destitutes' homes, etc.

Necessary supplies and money were also collected and sent directly for refugees by several T. O. S. branches. The collection made in Madras by the T. O. S. in collaboration with New Life for India was certified as the best effort in the city by the official committee of the Government.

The branches of the T. O. S. in Bombay and Bangalore are particularly active. Bombay workers are helping the "Save the Children Fund" and have worked for the Lucknow and Orissa Flood Relief, besides doing various other things for the poor and the sick.

The Bangalore branch of the T. O. S. supplied artificial limbs worth Rs. 7,000 to those who needed them, besides distributing grain and notebooks to students. They have also made contributions to the H. P. B. Free Hostel for poor students at Adyar.

The Theosophical Islamic Association has been making progress under the guidance of Sri H. E. Hakim. Regular meetings and lectures were held in Madras. The Association proposes to issue leaflets and other literature to encourage study

of Islam in the light of Theosophy and give an understanding of the essence of the Islamic religion.

The New Life for India movement has been active among the students in Madras colleges. Its work needs to be expanded to every city and town in India to re-establish standards of personal and group conduct and bring about an awareness among Indians of the moral and social values. Theosophists should not be indifferent to contemporary situations, nor fail to remedy the growing moral ills of the nation.

Among the members who passed away during the year were: Dr. C. R. Kamath (member 1910-62), to whose generosity we owe the Workers' Training Camp Fund, and who was a tireless and enthusiastic worker for long years; Sri B. N. Sardar, (1949-72), whose sudden and untimely death was a particular loss to the Bengal Federation; Sri A. Nanjundayya (1942-71), who was a pillar of the Bellary Lodge and much respected by all who knew him; Sri P. L. Bhargava (1915-72), a long-time resident and devoted worker at Varanasi; Sri V. C. Rajagopalachari (1940-72), who was President of the Tamil Federation when he passed away; Sri G. H. Kunte (1913-71), a devoted worker of the Marathi Federation; Sri N. Venkateshwara Iyer (1916-71), a quiet worker of the Kerala Federation; and Sri C. M. Sitarama Mudaliar (1918-72), of Kanchipuram, who had a long record of membership like many of those mentioned above.

The membership of the Section at the end of the year was 7869 as against the 7710 of last year showing a gain of 159. The number of Lodges is 330 and the number of Centres 31, while last year there were 327 Lodges and 34 Centres. There are also 133 Lodges with less than 7 members and 10 Centres with less than 3 members.

A study program needs to be adopted by all the Federations to build up the Lodges with less than the required number of members and those which are weak or situated in out-of-the-way places. Special organizers may be appointed for this work. Every strong Lodge might take upon itself the responsibility of helping one or more weak Lodges in the neighbouring region. Lecturers should make programs which will not neglect Lodges away from the main railway lines.

In concluding, I call upon more members to offer themselves wholeheartedly for the altruistic work which is that of the Theosophical Society. The Secretary of the Madras Federation, in his report, remarks that not even one third of the members regularly attend Lodge meetings. This is true everywhere. It is even more true that much less than one third are willing to spare

time and energy to advance the work through service other than attending meetings. The ancient ideal in India was that every individual should turn away from absorption in the worldly life at some stage of his career. Applying such a principle, members may consider dedicating at least a few years of their life, before the body is too old, to serve the cause of promoting human progression and perfection through the Theosophical Society. The mythical Phoenix is said to arise renewed from the ashes to which it reduces itself, symbolical of the birth into the glory of the spiritual life which takes place when the sacrifice of the personal life is made. A total sacrifice may not be possible for all, but a beginning can be made by everyone through offering some part of his life to the work.

RADHA BURNIER,  
*General Secretary.*

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## AUSTRALIA

The past year was marked by several special events and it is appropriate to begin this report with our annual national gathering.

*Convention.*—The first residential Convention in Tasmania took place in Launceston over the Easter period. A well-equipped hall in a parkland setting overlooking Launceston City and the Tamar River had been hired for this occasion, and members were accommodated in several guest houses and motels nearby. With Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Perkins as guest speakers, a varied week-long program with much participation by all members unfolded under the theme “Beauty and Brotherhood—Ways to Spiritual Regeneration”.

Only one previous Convention, in 1914, had been held in Hobart, Tasmania, and the stimulation which this second Convention brought with it has benefited the theosophical work in the Island State. Much credit for the success of Convention was due to the untiring efforts of Launceston Lodge President, Mr. Stephen Brown, his wife Joan and helpers from both Launceston and Hobart Lodges.

The Vice-President graciously opened Convention proceedings. Mr. and Mrs. Perkins gave several addresses, one being a public lecture on Easter Sunday evening by Mr. Perkins. He joined Mrs. Perkins in an informal talk for members on “Theosophical Life” which was a wonderfully spontaneous and shared experience

for all who had the good fortune to partake in it.

Mr. William Ross, who during Convention was appointed Hon. National Lecturer, spoke on "Yoga and Art". There were discussions, a Youth Forum, the Theosophical Research session, the usual meeting of the Theosophical Order of Service, as well as a musical treat, a chamber concert arranged by Hobart Lodge President, Miss Coralie Leyland, herself a gifted musician, which was much enjoyed and deeply appreciated. It has been decided that from now on Tasmania should be included in the sequence of Convention venues in turn with the other Australian States.

Although there was a smaller participation than usual at Convention, members from all mainland States were represented and a novel experience for some was our group flight, comprising 51 members, from Melbourne to Launceston. Before and after Convention, travelling members passing through Melbourne were welcomed and hosted most generously by Melbourne Lodge.

*Guest Speakers.*—Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, who had been residing at the Manor, Sydney, since April 1971, began their Australian tour in February with a five-weeks study seminar entitled "Theosophy Presents a Vision of Wholeness", at Blavatsky Lodge in Sydney. Mr. Perkins presented a series of twelve seminar lectures, each illustrated with slides of photographed drawings and diagrams of his own beautiful design. The public course of lectures was well attended and much appreciated. Mrs. Perkins also gave public and members' talks. After their stay in Sydney, during which Mrs. Perkins visited Newcastle Lodge, our guests attended Convention in Tasmania. Following this they visited the Lodges in Launceston and Hobart and the group of members in Latrobe.

In May, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins visited Melbourne Lodge where the study seminar was equally successful, and after a few days break in Sydney, our visitors set off for Queensland. In Brisbane Lodge, Mr. Perkins also conducted the study seminar which, together with Mrs. Perkin's lectures, was found most helpful to all. During that time Mr. and Mrs. Perkins made a short visit to Toowoomba Lodge. In July they travelled to North Queensland where their visits were enthusiastically welcomed by the small and isolated groups of members in Townsville, Cairns and Rockhampton.

After a break of several weeks in Sydney, in mid-September Mr. and Mrs. Perkins set out again on their journey across Australia. This time they went to Adelaide where the study seminar has attracted good audiences. The Vice-President and his wife will be completing their Australian tour in Perth in October and November, 1972. After ten months almost all Australian Lodges and groups have been visited and we express our warmest appreciation to our guest speakers.

*National Lecturer.*—As already reported, Mr. William J. Ross, well-known to members in Australia from his previous visits, and who now resides more or less permanently in Melbourne, was appointed honorary National Lecturer during Convention. Since then he has paid a return visit to Tasmania in June, visits to Adelaide Lodge in August, and to Brisbane, Toowoomba, Sydney and Newcastle Lodges in August and September. His lectures were most stimulating and well-received. In Hobart and Sydney he was interviewed on radio and television, which aroused considerable public interest in Theosophy. We thank Mr. Ross for his willingness to travel and for his valuable assistance in publicizing Theosophy.

*Other Visits.*—Mr. Charles Wicks of Adelaide paid a visit to and gave a public

lecture in Hobart Lodge in December. Mr. P. S. Harris, President of Perth Lodge, presented a public lecture in Canberra in April, and Mrs. Edna Jenks of Brisbane addressed members in Blavatsky Lodge, Sydney, after her return from Convention. To all these members we say many thanks for their help in the work.

In October I met with members of the group in Albury and the newly formed Lodge in Canberra, and in May I visited lodges in Brisbane, Toowoomba, Townsville, Cairns and Atherton and the group in Rockhampton.

In December a group of 38 members from Australia flew to New Zealand to take part in the 75th Jubilee Convention of the New Zealand Section in Hamilton, N. Z. The Australian members, including Presidents of several lodges, presented a symposium and an audio-visual art program. The group visit to New Zealand, like the visit by New Zealand members to our Convention in 1970, afforded an excellent interchange of ideas and friendship.

*Lodges.*—There are now 17 lodges on the roll. It is sad that members of Fremantle Lodge, which had been operating in Fremantle and later from suburban homes of its members continuously throughout its 72 years of existence, have been unable to carry on as a lodge. It was dissolved at the end of September.

Some other small lodges, particularly Peace Lodge in Melbourne and Mosman Lodge in Sydney, also have difficulties in keeping activities going. Peace Lodge has held intermittent meetings and was assisted by the National Lecturer, Mr. Will Ross, who conducted a series of *Secret Doctrine* study sessions.

It is increasingly difficult to find members who are able and willing to devote time and effort in assisting in the running of a lodge, and although our membership

has grown, particularly in some of the larger cities, it is still the few, often the same, members year after year, who carry out the work. The general experience in lodges is to see very few faces on election nights. Is it fair then to criticize the organization of the lodge, its programs and methods, if we do not take an active part in its affairs?

However, there are also some encouraging signs. A variety of programs has been presented, amongst them study sessions and discussions, research in better communication, creative participation, as well as the operation of libraries and bookshops which still provide our major contact with the enquiring public. Seminars, public lectures, film evenings and enquirers' classes have helped too to introduce Theosophy to the public. Experimentation with new ideas and ways to make our work more vital and effective is being continued in some lodges. In an attempt to communicate with other organizations on a meaningful level, speakers have been invited to Theosophical platforms, and in turn our members have visited other organizations and lectured on Theosophical subjects.

Weekend seminars were organized by Adelaide and Melbourne Lodges, the one in Adelaide took place in October on the theme "Love, Wisdom and Harmony", and the Melbourne weekend seminar was held in April with Mr. and Mrs. Perkins participating. Both seminars proved popular and stimulating for those who were able to attend.

There are study centres in Albury, N.S.W., and Rockhampton in Queensland, which meet regularly on a monthly basis.

Perth Lodge celebrated its 75th anniversary in June with a creative art evening and a special lodge party to which many guests from other organizations had been invited.

Last October the newly chartered Lodge in Canberra held its official opening with special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins, and several visitors from Sydney. The Vice-President presented the Lodge's Charter to Mr. David Wilson, first President of the Lodge.

Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth Lodges and the Youth Group in Sydney published their own small magazines with articles and news, while Sydney and Hobart sent out regular newsletters issued by their Presidents.

During the year Melbourne and Toowoomba Lodges vacated their buildings which were sold. The Melbourne Theosophical Society is now housed in temporary premises in Collins Street until its newly acquired property in Russell Street, which is to be renovated, is ready for occupancy. Toowoomba Lodge has been holding its meetings in a rented room for the time being.

Perth Lodge, although still in its established home in Museum Street, has bought a property in North Perth and is planning to be rehoused there in the near future. The Lodge has also purchased a beautiful bushland property about 30 miles out of Perth, which it hopes to develop as a spiritual centre for weekend retreats, seminars and the like.

Blavatsky Lodge and the national Headquarters are still occupying premises in Savoy House, but the building has been under new ownership since 29th September. It is anticipated that temporary premises will have to be found before the lodge can move into its new home in North Sydney, which is now under construction.

*Service to Lodges.*—A variety of material has been made available to lodges and groups. Fifteen short talks by Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and eight lectures by other speakers have been added to the national tape library from which lodges and groups borrowed 82 tapes during the

year. Two new study courses made available by the American Section were offered to lodges and 87 study programs and 31,000 publicity leaflets were distributed to lodges, members and the public.

The film "How Many Lifetimes?" was presented to responsive audiences in Canberra, Townsville, Cairns and Rockhampton. A copy of the second film, "Reincarnation," produced by and obtained from the American Section, had arrived at the end of September, and will now be circulated.

My monthly Contact Letter to Presidents continued to supply information to all lodges. The Adyar Newsletter, appearing quarterly, is sent regularly to lodges by courtesy of The Theosophical Society in Australia. It serves to keep lodges in touch with the international Headquarters. *Headquarters Staff.*—The small band of workers in the Headquarters office consisting of Mrs. Gladys MacCartie, Miss Marion Caws, Miss Judith Fyfe and Mr. David Esplin has assisted me in a wonderful way during the year. It is said that the new age is to be known amongst other characteristics by the demonstration of its co-operative spirit which will prevail throughout humanity; in a small way this co-operation and team work is already very much in evidence in our office and makes our task a happy one. To all my colleagues and associates, which also include Miss Doris Williamson, Manager of the Quest Book Agency, Dr. H.S. Murdoch, the National Treasurer, and Mr. Norman Hankin, Chairman of The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd., I express my deepest appreciation.

*Membership.*—There has again been a slight increase in membership which now stands at 1841. 322 new members have joined during the year; in contrast to this 193 members have lapsed their membership and 56 have resigned.

It is always with some concern that we take a member's name off the records because he lapsed or resigned, and we must ask ourselves if we have failed him in some way. Have we given the right information initially when he joined, and in what way have our efforts to make him part of the lodge been inadequate?

The Theosophical philosophy has much to offer to men in all walks of life, to whatever age group they belong, and happily we attract a good number of young people who are eager to study and learn about the ageless wisdom of life and join our ranks.

Monthly letters to new members have been sent out regularly. This service is provided to each new member for the first 18 months of his membership. A monthly average of 376 letters were distributed. We are again indebted to and thank Mr. W. McKenzie of Sydney for so beautifully inscribing membership diplomas.

Through death we have lost 41 members, amongst them such stalwart workers as Mr. Charles Hankin and Miss Sybil Wingfield of Melbourne, Mrs. Pat Jenkins and Miss Marjore King of Perth, Miss Irene Prest, Mr. Ray Litchfield and Dr. P.W. van den Broek of Sydney, and Mr. Leslie Roberts, President of Cairns Lodge for many years.

*Journal.*—*Theosophy in Australia* was published on alternate months with a variety of articles and contributions from members in Australia and some reprinted material from other theosophical magazines appearing in its pages. Mr. David Esplin and Miss Marion Caws have been responsible for the main part of the editing work and we are very grateful to them. During Convention it was decided to bring out a special publicity issue once a year with suitable contributions by members in Australia. However, response to an appeal for contributions has not

been very successful to this date and it is doubtful if this special issue can be published before next Convention.

*Advertising.*—The public reaction to our regular advertisement in *The Australian* and *The Bulletin* has been steady. Likewise half-page advertisements in the *Australian Journal for Adult Education* have been continued. Requests for information about Theosophy and the Society by letter and telephone have been answered, and 56 persons have subsequently subscribed to the twelve-part correspondence course which uses the E. and F. Layton Quest Book *Theosophy—Key to Understanding* and also includes the little booklet *At the Feet of the Master* and several leaflets.

Books have again been supplied to some public libraries in North Queensland and Newcastle.

*Broadcasting.*—Every Sunday night, a 15-minute theosophical broadcast was presented during the Society's session on Station 2 GB, Sydney. Broadcast scripts were written and recorded by several members in Sydney and included interviews of our guest speakers and the National Lecturer. We are most grateful to all who have helped in making the session interesting and worthwhile for the listening public, which is supplied with scripts on request. The popularity of the session can be gauged by the frequent enquiries we receive, which also indicate that the session is of service to many listeners. Special appreciation goes to the members of the radio committee, Misses F. Beaufoy and M. Caws, and Messrs. F.W. Houstone and D. Esplin.

*Quest Book Agency.*—The agency, under the capable management of Miss Doris Williamson, has completed another successful year. Distribution of books has continued at a steady level, despite the slight business recession which has been reflected in the decline of purchases

by cash customers. It is noticeable that, whereas several old-established booksellers throughout the country have closed down, an equal number of small specialized bookshops has optimistically opened. As in previous years the agency distributed Quest books from the U.S.A. and publications from The Theosophical Publishing House and Robinson and Watkins, both of London. Books were sold to 106 trade customers throughout Australia and New Zealand as well as to Theosophical lodges and groups.

Advertising has now been extended and appears also in the weekly magazine *The Bulletin*. When possible, addresses of T.S. Bookshops throughout the country are included.

Mrs. Shirley Miller continues to act as agent in the Brisbane area, and Mrs. Audrey Runciman of Canberra, Miss Coralie Leyland of Hobart, and Miss Joyce Duncan of Melbourne have kindly contacted booksellers in their areas. This service is very helpful and much appreciated. Perhaps members in other centres would volunteer to do likewise.

More Theosophical classics have become available as Quest paperbacks and stock is now carried of a few of the hard-bound books published by T.P.H., Wheaton. Unfortunately, several of the previously best-selling books published by Robinson & Watkins have been allowed to go out of print. A total of 7077 books were sold, including 3862 Quest books, 1596 books published by Robinson & Watkins and 1619 published by T.P.H., London.

The Theosophical Foundation Pty. Ltd. continued to operate the agency under its policy to promote theosophical activities in Australia. We are grateful to Miss Williamson for her diligent and efficient work.

*Theosophical Order of Service.*—During the past year, T.O.S. groups throughout

Australia have continued to work on their own regional projects autonomously, through study, spiritual aid, fund raising, and hours of devoted work; these are reported each year at Convention, when we see the diversity of this work carried out in "the union of those who love, for the service of all who suffer".

At national level, the T.O.S. in Australia continued to be a member-body of the Australian Conservation Foundation, Amnesty International, UNICEF, the United Nations Association of Australia, and AUSTCARE (Australian Care for Refugees). As a member organization of AUSTCARE, the T.O.S. has been receiving 1% of recent "doorknock" appeals, for its international projects. This has totalled \$9,190 during the past financial year of which \$4,000 has gone to the National Director of the T.O.S. in India, for the special work being done by the T.O.S. in Bihar for East Pakistani refugees. Blankets were also sent at his request, which snowballed into a national appeal in Australia. His work now continues in the care of destitute children, and sick and blind refugees left behind in Bihar State, India.

Another \$1,000 have been sent to the Free School and the Orphanage in Vietnam, with the balance of the AUSTCARE collection being divided up between the Tibetan Refugee Fund, organized by the Kotagiri Women's Cooperative Cottage Industry in South India; the work in Bihar; and the work in Vietnam. T.O.S. groups have assisted the AUSTCARE "doorknock" appeals in their own States.

The international work has also been assisted by T.O.S. groups themselves, who contributed \$276.70 for the Pakistani refugees, and sent donations of clothing, etc., to the Kotagiri Cooperative. They have also supported the T.S. work for the Non-English Publications Loan Fund, the Rice Bowl Appeal, and the Olcott Schools.

Many of the ecological groups, which have sprung up in Australia, are assisted in their work on environmental conditions such as conservation, pollution control, and preservation, by dedicated members, while others continued to work for the betterment of minority groups such as the mentally handicapped, the infirm, pensioners, Aborigines and children with educational problems. Our most recent reports have come from Miss Judith Fyfe on "Beauty without Cruelty", from Mrs. Clare Thompson on animal welfare, and from Mrs. E. Fearnside who edits the newsletter for the Adelaide branch of the Union of the Abolition of Vivisection, and the Vegetarian Society of South Australia.

*International.*—As part of the International Society we often corresponded with the Headquarters in Adyar, and Sections and members all over the world.

The Adyar Australia Fund stood at \$21,992.18 on 30th September, 1972, and its income during the year amounted to \$1,107.19 which is held in safe-keeping for the up-keep of the Adyar Estate. Collections of donations for Adyar Day, the Adyar Library and Research Centre, the Olcott Schools, and the Rice Bowl Appeal have been transmitted to Adyar.

Donations and a national contribution to the Non-English Publications Loan

Fund amounted to \$377.10 and have been forwarded to the Fund in the U.S.A.

Some small services have been rendered to Sections in the Indo-Pacific area by providing tapes of Mr. Hodson's radio broadcasts to Vietnam, Malaysia and Indonesia. Study material and donations of Quest books were made available to Indonesia and Pakistan. Publicity leaflets were sent to Burma and Vietnam for translation and use. To defray costs for these services to the Indo-Pacific area an amount of \$151.34 was drawn from our Indo-Pacific Fund.

*Conclusion.*—The foregoing report is only a summary of the events of the year in our work in Australia, and I would like to record my thanks to all who have given their support and help in the accomplishment of it. Its results are encouraging but spur us ever on to do better next year. There are areas where expansion and intensification can take place, such as bringing more vitality and interest into our lodge work, making our contact with the public more effective and significant, and especially in learning how to express the Theosophical life and universal brotherhood in action more clearly and freely.

RUTH BERINGER,  
*General Secretary.*

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## SWEDEN

In connection with the Swedish Convention, March 1972, the Section had a much appreciated visit from Miss Ianthe Hoskins who also went to the Lodge at Malmö in the south of Sweden. During the Convention, Miss Hoskins led a study course on yoga which was extended to include also two days after Convention.

The Section had a Summer School this year during the first week of July at Stensund, situated on the border of the Baltic south of Stockholm. We were very glad to have as our guests Mrs. Radha Burnier and Mr. John Coats. The number of participants was about 60.

The American film "How Many Lifetimes?" was shown in five places in Sweden during the autumn of 1971, and in each place there was a lecture and/or a discussion on reincarnation.

Mrs. Barbro Melander visited four lodges in Germany in 1972, and she and two other Swedish lecturers gave lectures and talks on eight different occasions in various parts of the country.

There are at present in Sweden several groups which invite representatives from different movements and lines of thought, and among others theosophists have had talks in such groups. The experience from this activity is that quite a few in these groups respond to the profound and broad views on man and the universe as found for instance in *The Secret Doctrine*, and that the freedom of thought and absence of dogmas in the Theosophical Society are highly valued.

The course on Raja Yoga by Wallace Slater has been translated into Swedish and made available in cyclostyled form. It was used as a basis for one of the study groups of the Summer School, and in the autumn it has formed the basis of a study course in Stockholm.

When meditation and yoga form a part of public theosophical activity, one is up against the fact that there are several movements offering instruction and partial training in this field. Also here it seems to be the task of the Theosophical Society to give a deeper background as to purpose and method, including the importance of the way of living. It has been found necessary, however, also to give practical advice at an early stage, that can help each

one to gain experience of his own as to stillness of mind.

Last autumn, a Swedish daily newspaper featured an article in which there were—in our opinion—some unfair statements about theosophists and the Theosophical Society. In the debate which followed, contributions were made among others by two Swedish members of the Society.

During the summer and earlier autumn of 1972, the Swedish Section moved its headquarters in Stockholm from the premises it had occupied for 57 years to a new place, "Nybrogatan 24", which has the advantage of being more easily accessible to the public and members, and which provides better facilities for the bookshop and the lending library. We have also arranged for the bookshop and library to be kept open four days in the week instead of, as earlier, one day only.

The bookshop has increased its selling activity lately. The *Teosofi Norden* is being published every two months. As a supplement, a series of cyclostyled lectures called "Theosophical Writers of Today" has been started, and so far two lectures have been sent to members and are held available to others. Preparations for the publication of further booklets are going on but have shown no visible results during the year under report.

The membership of the Swedish Section now amounts to 322. During the year 31 new members have joined, while 24 have left, giving a net increase of seven.

CURT BERG,  
General Secretary.

## NEW ZEALAND

The world in general, including New Zealand, this year has witnessed an increasing change in public thought away from the purely materialistic rush for expanded production and the ruthless exploitation of our natural resources, to a sincere search for an ecological strategy for survival. Man would appear to be realizing at last that he is the only species which destroys the environment on which he depends.

This "conservation crisis" is forcing him to examine the laws of Nature, to study her great plan and the co-operation therewith necessary for survival.

Realizing this redirection of world thought, this year we have emphasized in our publicity that the Science of Ecology on the physical plane needs to be extended into the realm of man's emotions, mind and social activities generally, if a permanent basis is to be laid for health, happiness and universal brotherhood for the whole human family on this planet. In other words, Nature's laws apply on all planes. We have taken to heart this year those vital words of 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."

This year has also witnessed an increasing acknowledgment by scientists of the hidden laws of Nature and of Intelligence behind such laws. "By 2000 A.D. mere scientific materialism could seem like a bad joke," says Colin Wilson in *The Illustrated London News* recently. "Why, because as we get to know more about the universe, we discover that the old rigid, mechanical ideas leave too much unexplained," he goes on to say.

Now science is being forced to enlarge its boundaries, to explain weird but perfectly natural phenomena—like the DNA code and the homing instinct of birds and fishes. And suddenly there is no need to dismiss extra-sensory perception, second sight and the rest. It is possible to acknowledge that the range of our senses, and our subconscious knowledge, may be wider than we suppose. There are already five major Universities listed recently carrying on studies in the area of our Third Object, not including the extensive research going on in Russia at the present time.

*75th Jubilee Celebrations.*—Highlight in the New Zealand Section this year was the 75th Jubilee Convention with up to 250 present at the Waikato University in Hamilton. James and Kathrine Perkins, our International Vice-President and his wife, as Guest Speakers, inspired all present. An Australian contingent of 40 led by the General Secretary, Ruth Beringer, charmed and cheered us all on every occasion, while Caroline and Will Ross added mind and heart to our proceedings. Altogether it was a memorable occasion.

*Efforts of Members.*—A greater enthusiasm, finer effort, and a deeper dedication on the part of individual members than possibly ever before has been evidenced this year. A sense of urgency regarding the importance of the Divine Wisdom to the world and its essential dissemination if we are going to enter a better age, has spurred them on to make greater efforts than they believed they were capable of. This has resulted in a collective increase in attendance at meetings and an extension of influence in the various centres.

*Lodge Work.*—Lodge successes go up and down according to various factors,

but the year has generally had most Lodges fully extended in attracting numbers of young, sincere students.

*Seminars.*—The H. P. B. Lodge, Auckland, has held regular Seminars with most gratifying results. People—particularly the young—like to get down to deep studies with notes, plenty of charts, pencil and paper, thus gaining a mastery of each aspect of theosophy. Attendances of sixty were the average.

*Lecturers.*—James and Kathrine Perkins toured our Lodges, providing members and public with a new awakening to the wonder and magic of the Divine Wisdom. Flying every day with one or two lectures each night certainly made heavy demands on them and we are greatly indebted to them both.

Will Ross flew in from Melbourne for a Dominion-wide tour which again produced an encouraging reaction of heart and mind in those able to attend. Many thanks, Will.

*National Lecturer.*—Leslie P. Hardy, B.A., visited all New Zealand Lodges and drew good public, as well as member, audiences. The varied approach of our Lecturers provides audiences with an expanding awareness of the depth and spread of the Ancient Wisdom.

*Other Lecturers.*—These, including our Assistant General Secretary and Treasurer, have travelled many miles during the year to bring Lodges new talks and refreshing subject matter for discussion.

*The General Secretary.*—He has visited all Lodges twice this year, dealing firstly with “Meditation—An Inward Art”, and then for members and friends, “Theosophy—Universal Truth in Action”. To attempt to provide younger members with answers to problems, etc., a wide spread of charts was used covering a broad purview of Fundamentals.

A report at the end of the evening, of theosophical activities in Hawaii and

U. S. A. with highlights such as visits to the Temples of the Sun and Moon in Mexico which the General Secretary also visited with his wife and daughter, was illustrated with colored slides. Krotona and Olcott, Wheaton, were fully featured. The organizational ability of Joy Mills, Helen Zahara, Ann Wylie, Virginia Hanson and the rest of their wonderful team at Olcott is quite overwhelming.

*Advertising.*—This year, this covered most large daily papers, Sunday and weekly journals throughout the two Islands. A campaign to increase the circulation of our Magazine, *Theosophy in New Zealand*, produced over 300 new subscribers. Many of these people have written in most appreciatively. A record circulation has been reached, with overseas subscriptions continuing to increase.

Additional literature, “Introducing Theosophy”, copies of National Network Broadcast “I Believe”, etc., have brought new members. Thousands of the fine Kern-inspired leaflets from the U. S. A. and reprints from Australia have again been distributed free to Lodges, as well as regular Newsletters and other helpful data.

*Theosophy in New Zealand.*—This now exceeds an annual circulation of 6,400 copies, and continues to grow in effectiveness. The number of subscribers who also join the Society increases annually. The Section’s theme for the year, “Theosophy—Universal Truths in Action” has been a challenge. The presentation of topics and scientific subjects with a theosophically oriented slant has proved effective. The \$ 1.00 a year gift subscription for a friend has been taken advantage of.

Our sincere thanks to the capable Editor for the painstaking effort that is expended on sifting through the massive numbers of overseas journals and news

sheets, etc., to provide and condense articles for our edification. Also to our writers for their contributions and help during the year.

*Section Library.*—This provides an efficient book service for members not near a local Lodge. It is being continually expanded and the Research Section greatly increased.

*Tapes.*—These still prove popular with the smaller Lodges and considerable additions are made each year.

*Youth's Part.*—Young people are becoming involved in the work, including more and more University students. Their attendance at Seminars is particularly encouraging, while at public meetings they display great depth of study and openness of mind.

*T. O. S. Activities.*—These are carried on as usual at Orewa Beach, where the Arundale Centre and Iona Flats continue to spread theosophy and care for older workers.

In Dunedin, the Animal Welfare and Health Society activities flourish as usual, making a significant impression on many people not previously associated with theosophy.

*Gift of Arundale Center.*—During our 75th Celebration, Frank Wilson, President of the Centre, and Adrian Orr, Founder of the Centre, handed over the Deeds of this valuable, nearly unencumbered, property to the Society. A film of its history and acquisitions was shown to celebrate the wonderful gift. The untiring efforts of these enthusiasts have made everything possible, the impossible merely taking a little longer! We trust that this Center will continue to prove a source of happiness and inspiration to all who come under its influence.

*Finances.*—Appeals to members to support our "Voluntary Fund" are always responded to generously. This Fund is the mainstay of our work on a Dominion-wide basis, and provided \$703.58 this

year against a budget of \$800. Every one of her contributions is effectively applied and ensures the wider dissemination of truths so essential for survival today.

*Legacies.*—Mackay Estate \$41.75.

We thank those members especially who remember this essential work in Wills and by gifts.

May we make special mention of our Section Treasurer, Neill Edgar, A. C. A., and express appreciation for his wisdom, guidance and untiring efforts, not only in finance, but also on a score of other activities in the Section. I sincerely trust that each member realizes the dedication and time necessary to harmoniously handle an undertaking which is so widespread in its ramifications as our New Zealand Section.

*Donations.*—

Adyar Fund	\$ 203.50
Olcott Harijan Free Schools	\$ 181.00
Non-English Publications Loan Fund	\$ 25.00

*Adyar Century Fund.*—

Balance as at	
31-10-71	\$ 4026.51
Donations this year	\$ 10.00
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Interest only to

Adyar	\$ 275.50
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*Membership.*—For the year ended 30th September 1972:

Total Membership at 30-9-71	1,156
Total Membership at 30-9-72	1,168
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Total Increase for the year	12
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There are 19 Lodges in the Section. Sixteen members passed on during the year.

*The Mason Foundation.*—This continues to provide very valuable contributions to our publicity and advertising campaign. We received recently from the Trustees,

the N. Z. Insurance Co. Ltd., the sum of \$567.89.

The Kern Foundation in America yielded some \$274,000 to the American Section last year. With generous support from our members, in a few years' time we could have a fund in our Mason Foundation providing us with a pro rata population ratio equal to this. Please keep it in mind.

With its founder, the Hon. H. G. R. Mason, C.M.G., Q.C., we share our sympathy at the unexpected loss of his sister during the year.

*Gratitude.*—Co-operation and help, as always, has been received from Adyar,

Australia, U. S. A., England and other Sections during the year—truly Brotherhood in Action. Our sincere thanks to these overseas friends and helpers. We must mention, once again, our Section and Lodge personnel and those sometimes unseen but dedicated workers who give so willingly of their time and effort to make the N. Z. Theosophical Society a force in the land. We are only as strong as the individual worker, and are dependent on the help of each one of you to carry out the Masters' work.

BRIAN DUNNINGHAM,  
General Secretary.

## NETHERLANDS

*Membership.*—1063, last year 1103. New members 34 (39), re-admissions 4 (4), transfers from other sections 2 (0); resignations 35 (37), deaths 38 (40), lapsings 7 (4), transfers to other Sections, 0 (1). This gives a decrease of 40 members.

*Convention.*—On 17th October 1971, was held in one of the halls of the congress-centre "The RAI" in Amsterdam on the subject: "The Challenge of this Time," with guest speakers Mr. Geoffrey Farthing and Mr. Joris Brandt. It was a fine meeting but only 90 members attended.

*Study Weekend.*—11th and 12th March, was held on: "Man in this Modern Time, External and Internal." Br. H. E. Ch. Poortman showed the technical aspect: "Man in/and the world" (evolution, etc.); Ir. H. W. Dunnewolt: "Man and the inner world," with the vision of Henri Bergson; Dr. H. J. Witteveen (a Sufist): "Man in this time".

*75 years TVNA.*—On the 13th and 14th of May 1972, we celebrated the 75th anniversary of our Section, and the 80th

of our periodical *Theosophia* with a special edition. The 13th we had a workers' day at the center in Naarden, with discussions on several subjects for the work in the Society for the years ahead. The subjects were: the books of H.P.B. in comparison with what is found today in philosophy and science; the great deal of literature of Tibet which is published; also the books where you can find the Stanzas of Dzyan and the verses of *The Voice of the Silence*. In courses on *The Secret Doctrine* is it not important that the student not only studies the books, but also tries to find out what it all means for and in himself, to practise it?

Another group discussed expression—in the individual or in groups, ceremonies, etc. The 3rd group was on Yoga and Meditation; the meditation course from the English Section will be translated and used in meditation groups.

The 4th group was on the management of the Society; for example, do we have to keep it as it is, with lodges and centers, meetings for members only and open

meetings, must we retain the name "lodge" which may prevent enquirers coming to us? What is the "image" of the Society in the outer world? (this phrase already is a misnomer).

This anniversary meeting was attended by 60 members, young and old. In the meantime the HIRO, a radio and television broadcasting company, made an interview for television with two young members, Mrs. Margreet Meyer-Kouwe and Mr. Henk Verhoog, and myself.

The 14th, the official date on our Charter, the Board had a reception at Headquarters in the morning. In the afternoon a meeting was organized in the RAI, with a short lecture on the history of the Section by myself. The next speaker was Prof. Krishnamacharya, founder of the World Teacher Trust in the Vaisakha Valley in India. He is a doctor in philosophy and medicine and Professor at the Andhra University in Waltair, India. His subject was: "The work of the Masters of Wisdom—how They will use you as a channel when you are working in the right way." It was a very inspiring lecture.

The 3rd speaker was Prof. Henk Dubbink on "Some theosophical thoughts in past, present and future", and he recommended the book by Herbert Guenthe (published in Holland by Brill, Leiden) on *Treasures on the Tibetan Middle Way*, studied together with the books of H.P.B.

*Study Week.*—The Section organized a study week in the Center in Naarden from 1-9 June on "Meditation and becoming aware", and we invited speakers from several meditation groups, for instance, of Maharishi Mahesh with his Jappa-yoga system; a member of our society, Mr. Nowack, teacher in Hatha-yoga; Mrs. Nel Keus on Raja-yoga; Mrs. Wera Top-Christensen, member.

There were very few participants, no more than 30, but it was a very good week. We were very lucky that the dancers from Rukmini Devi's Academy, Kalakshetra, were at the same time in the Center during their performances in Holland and they gave two fine evenings with dance and music.

*Regional Meetings.*—Another activity in the Section is the regular regional meetings of lodges and non-attached members, an attempt to improve the contact between lodges and their members and the work at large, each region seeking its own way of expression. Some seek it in meditation, others in psychology or public work to make theosophy known. The members of the Section Board are acting as a link between Headquarters and the lodges, and preside at the meetings.

*Huizen.*—Although it is not a part of our Section, the International Theosophical Center in Naarden (Huizen) plays a great part in our activities. A group of young members, not only Y.T.'s, organize regularly meetings and weekends on "Education and Theosophy" and publish their reports in *Theosophia*. The same group was present at the time of the exhibition on arts in the Center, talking with visitors who wanted information about theosophy, and selling books for our Publishing House. They are very promising for the future. They also assisted during the "International Week" and a "Dutch Study Week" organized by the Center, at the time that Mr. Hodson gave a course in June-July and August-September.

*Our Publishing House.*—Officially registered as are the publishing houses in Adyar, London and Wheaton, it is very active, an outstanding worker being Mrs. Lenie Burger-de Jong. We did some reprints and we hoped that the printing of *The Divine Plan*, translated

by Mrs. Margreet Meyer-Kouwe, would be ready this autumn, but it will come out in spring 1973, and be sold as a jubilee-book.

Our magazine, *Theosofia*, has a new head-editor, Mr. Ir. H(ans) E. Ch. Poortman. In our Section the president is *qualitate qua* editor of the magazine, but I am very glad Mr. Poortman was appointed, together with Prof. Dubbink, Dr. Margadat and Mrs. Margreet Meyer.

The Y. T. have their own magazine, *Uranos*, with a young image. We offered them some pages in *Theosofia*, but they found our magazine too difficult and too dull and preferred their own magazine. Their president is Mr. Ad Rek, who is also a member of our Board. Their treasurer is Miss Andy Smit, who lives at Headquarters and who does the work of stencilling their magazine.

We suffered a great loss by the death of two prominent workers and lecturers in our Section. One was Mr. Anton van Leeuwen, former president of the Section in the Netherland Indies and of our Section. The last years he was our Librarian and did a lot of good work for the Library. The other member was Mrs. Bep van den Berg-Boldingh. Both were devoted workers. The board meets once a month and consists of 9 members. There are some problems in finding devoted workers for administration. But we have some fine young members on our board, Mr. Ronald Engelse and Mr. Archie Klinkert (in Adyar now, at the School of the Wisdom). They still have their daily work to attend to.

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

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## FRANCE

During the year ending 30th September 1972, the French Section has continued its work actively. Four lodges have been founded, three in Paris and one in Grenoble. The number of our members has notably grown, the increase being 68 members. A great deal of people continue to attend our meetings at our Headquarters in Paris where now two weekly Courses on Theosophy are given, attracting large audiences.

Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins, General Secretary of the English Section, was our guest for three days. At our National Convention she delivered a public lecture on Yoga, in French, which was most appreciated.

The Editions Adyar, our Publishing House, published during the year seven books, among which are French translations of the first volume of *Isis Unveiled* and *The Voice of the Silence*, by H. P.

Blavatsky, *The Ancient Wisdom*, by Annie Besant, *Light on the Path*, by Mabel Collins and *Incidents in the Life of H. P. Blavatsky*. Our bookshop has shown an intense activity: a great number of theosophical books and books on similar subjects have been sold. As to our library, it has attracted many readers as usual. We have continued to publish *Le Lotus Bleu*, conjointly with the Belgian and Swiss Sections. This magazine is read by the members of the three Sections and by numerous subscribers.

From 19 to 26 August 1972, many French members participated in the activities of the Summer School of the Latin Countries in Territet (Switzerland), which was a successful one.

SALOMON LANCRI,  
*General Secretary*

## ITALY

There is an increasing activity of the Theosophical Society in Italy due also to the particular attention of the General Secretary who, during the year, lectured in the following Lodges: Trieste, Venice, Forli, Rome, Neapolis, Genova, Turin, Milano, and kept contact with a number of active members with a big correspondence amounting to over seven hundred letters in one year.

The Annual Convention was held at Venice from 1st to 4th June with over one hundred participants and Mr. John Coats as our guest of honor. The theme of the Convention was "Theosophy and the Theosophical Society", which was debated by several qualified speakers in a symposium.

At the Summer School of Latin Sections at Montreux, 14 members from Italy participated.

The number of Groups of the Italian Section is now 20 with two dissolved and two united in one, and four Centers. The number of members is now 586 with an increase of 39.

The monthly review *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia*, which reached this year its 27th year of publication, was issued regularly and has now 576 subscribers with an increase of 136 in one year.

An important step has been taken by the Section with the application to the Government to obtain for the Theosophical Society in Italy official recognition as a chartered association.

At Trieste there has been established among a number of members of the Lodge Giuliana a limited cooperative society, in order to buy a flat for the Lodge activities.

The Theosophical Order of Service, which was dormant for several years, has now been reorganized and gives evidence of work performed, especially in the field of protection of animals, antivivisection, vegetarianism, etc., through special associations where our members may be active. Our General Secretary has been appointed as a regional inspector for the protection of animals.

In February, the 70th anniversary of the foundation of the Italian Section was celebrated in special meetings in Rome, organized by the General Secretary.

The demand for the theosophical books and related matters in Italy is very great, especially for magic, yoga, astrology and parapsychology. There is a need for books on a practical basis.

The work in Italy proceeds in all Groups in two main directions: study of the classical literature and debate on current topics in the light of Theosophy.

The object of the General Secretary of the Italian Section is to make evident the worldwide message of Adyar and to form a true theosophical consciousness in this Section.

EDOARDO BRATINA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## GERMANY

Our membership increased a little, and a new lodge was formed at Essen called Aryana. Members from abroad: Dr. Norbert Lauppert and Dr. Margarete Hansmann from Austria, Barbro Melander from Sweden and John Coats from England visited several lodges, their lectures were well received and strengthened our work.

Blavatsky Lodge in Berlin won the 5th prize, sfr. 500—for books, etc.—in the competition arranged by the Swiss Section for their “Reading book for every day”, a cooperative effort of members with their then Chairman, Beate Mattern. In May the same Blavatsky Lodge celebrated its 60th anniversary during a long weekend meeting. Main speakers were Dr. Hansmann, John Coats and the General Secretary. During our triennial Convention on August 6th 1972, elections were held and resulted as follows: Anneliese Stephan, General Secretary; Reinhard Flemming, Assistant Secretary; Johann Niebner, Treasurer; Mila Dombrowski, Recording Secretary; Gerda Höfer, member for the northern part; Beate Mattern, member for the southern part; Helmut Kloos, member for the western part; Irmgard Scheithauer, member for Berlin.

The Convention decided to give to Headquarters, 10,000 picture-postcards of Adyar for sale as a present for 1975, to make the beauty of Adyar better known and contribute to the funds.

A great highlight was the 70th Anniversary of the German Section celebrated August 7th-14th in Bad Homburg v.d. Höhe in connection with the European Council Meeting and a Summer School.

The key-note was “Steps Ahead” and about 200 participants contributed to it by their thoughts and lives and speeches. Guests of honor were Mrs. Radha Burnier, General Secretary of the Indian Section, Miss Joy Mills, National President of the American Section and, for one day only, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and his wife, Sandra. Representatives from 11 European countries and from overseas as far east as India, Australia and New Zealand and as far west as U.S.A., shared the high standard of lectures and group discussions in both German and English.

The public was more attracted than expected, to the public lectures of Mrs. Burnier about “The Meaning of Yoga”, of Miss Joy Mills on “Towards a New Age from a Theosophical Point of View” and to a public Concert, by our musicians Reinhold Arndt and Siegfried Kuska. Our lists of inquirers were filled. Our exhibitions were well attended and many books sold.

At the beginning, the German General Secretary gave a short review of the events from 1902-1972, based on the annual reports of the then General Secretaries who were 12 in number. After each session a few notes on the flute by Siegfried Kuska closed the meeting. Congratulations from many countries were received with appreciation and some gifts as well.

Deep-felt happiness and much inspiration increased every day and culminated at the closing in gratitude towards those forces who were with us and will guide us in steps ahead.

ANNELIESE STEPHAN,  
*General Secretary.*

## CUBA

The National Presidency stands as stated in last year's Report. Concerning the activities of the Section during the period of the Report: the joint meetings of the eight Lodges which meet at the Section's Building have continued as usual, every month in a different Lodge. The joint meetings have resulted in a remarkable accomplishment. In all there has been enthusiasm because of the subjects presented, the speakers and the floral and artistic display. What has been typical of this term of meetings has been the mutual cooperation between the Lodges, not only concerning the number of members and visitors, of whom about one hundred attend each meeting, but also for the cooperation of the speakers who come from various Lodges.

From September 16 to 20, 1972, the National President, Brother Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo, Brother Juan Bautista Rodriguez, Assistant to the Presidency, and Sister Dr. Lelia Fernandez, Librarian, visited "Loto Blanco" Lodge in Santiago de Cuba, Oriente Province. Brothers Juan Bautista Rodriguez and Sister Dr. Lelia Fernandez inaugurated a Study Course on Theosophy (the same as they are leading at "Heracles" Lodge at Havana) based on *First Principles of Theosophy* by Brother C. Jinarājadāsa. The course as it develops in "Heracles" Lodge will be sent in mimeographic copies to "Loto Blanco" Lodge every week and given in it by Brother Roberto Badia of "Loto Blanco". Three meetings were held at "Loto Blanco", one informal on the evening of the 16th, the regular meeting of the Lodge on the morning of the 17th (Sunday), during which the Course was inaugurated, and another meeting on the evening of the 19th, in which the National President gave a

talk on "The Masters' Letters and the Work of the Lodges".

It was decided to start publication again of *Revista Teosofica Cubana* bi-monthly from January 1972. Brother Abelardo del Real, President of Lodge "Espana" of New York and past member of the Cuban Section, had represented the Cuban Section at the Inter-American Theosophical Federation at Bogota, Colombia in 1971.

*67th National Convention.*—Fourteen Lodges were represented at the Convention on January 21-23, 1972. Officers re-appointed for the year were Br. Adolf Aizpurna Aizcorbe, Treasurer; Br. Remiro Blanco Calas, Vice-Treasurer; Sr. Dr. Lelia Fernandez Pagola, Librarian; Br. Dr. Luis Manuel Coloma Delgado, National Secretary (Lawyer); Br. Alfredo Cabrera Martinez, National Office Secretary; Br. Juan Bautista Rodriguez Oliva, Assistant to the Presidency; as Advisers to the Presidency, the Presidents of all the Lodges of the Section; Br. Juan Bautista Rodriguez and Sr. Dr. Lelia Fernandez, Assistant Editor and Manager respectively of *Revista Teosofica Cubana*.

In the meeting for members during the Convention, the Prayers of the Religions were read and Sr. Carmen Segon gave a lecture on "The Four Degrees and Initiations in the Prayer of Santa Teresa de Jesus". In the public meetings, Br. Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo lectured on "Biography and Personality of Vivekananda", Br. Manuel Martinez Mendez on "The Absolute and the Relative", Br. Gaspar Torres on "Exoteric and Esoteric Astrology" and Sr. Dr. Lelia Fernandez on "The Masters and the Path".

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

the year before. Nevertheless, an increasing attraction for Theosophy is observed in the number of new visitors to the sessions of the Lodges, and in the fact that a great number of them and of the new members are young people.

The number of members has increased compared to that in last year's Report, from 362 to 376 as of September 30, 1972. The new entries were 32, of which 30 were new members and 2 re-entries; and the losses 18, of which 8 were deceased, 8 transfers to other Sections (leaving the country), and 2 lapsed.

Almost all the Lodges of the Section were active in their studies and work during the year.

In some Lodges activity has decreased during the past years on account of a number of members leaving the country, and some Lodges from outside the City of Havana have had difficulty in having their meetings. On the other hand it is noticeable that in places where there never existed and do not exist Theosophical Lodges, there is an increasing interest in Theosophy. Some members of the Section, who at the same time are Freemasons, have taken interest in bringing Theosophy to the Masonic Lodges. Some have started Groups of Theosophical Studies. This is the case in the city of Artemisa, Pinar del Rio Province and in the town of Santa Isabel de las Lajas in Las Villas Province. Some of the new members of the Section come from Freemasonry.

*Theosophical Publications.*—On January 1st 1971, the Section started *Orientaciones Teosóficas*, a small pamphlet in mimeograph, published every 15 days, with Theosophical articles of general interest, as well as national and international information on the subject. This publication maintained contact between the Section and the Lodges during 1971.

The last number published of *Revista Teosófica Cubana* was that of June to December 1964 in one issue. Nevertheless this issue was published at the end of 1966 because of delays by the publishing house which then did the printing of *Revista Teosófica Cubana*. Having been successful in the publication of *Orientaciones Teosóficas* and appraising the necessary work capacity to publish as well *Revista Teosófica Cubana*, the National Presidency considered that it could resume its publication, and that *Orientaciones Teosóficas* should remain as a channel for information between the Section and its members through their Lodges when it was necessary.

The issues of *Orientaciones Teosóficas* and of *Revista Teosófica Cubana* mean to the Section a great effort not only in material work, but also in the selection, translation, etc., of material for publication. The Section is grateful for the enthusiastic cooperation of Brother Juan Bautista Rodriguez and Sister Dr. Lelia Fernandez in both publications. The renewal of the publication of *Revista Teosófica Cubana* started with the issue of January-February 1972 and has continued to be published regularly on a bi-monthly issue basis. *Revista Teosófica Cubana* is published by the Section and distributed free of cost to the receivers.

*Theosophical Festivals.*—They all took place as usual at the Section's Building in Havana.

The 96th Anniversary of The Theosophical Society's Foundation, November 17, 1971 was held, with lectures by members of the Section. Sister Dr. Lelia Fernandez lectured on "Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, Messenger of The Great White Lodge"; Sister Noemi Saldaña, on "Henry Steel Olcott" and Brother Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo, on "The Theosophical Society and the Theosophical Workers before the New Era".

On Adyar Day, February 17, lectures given were "Henry Steel Olcott", by Sister Eneida Irrragorri Vazquez; "Charles W. Leadbeater", by Brother Adolfo Aizpurua Aizcorbe; "Giordano Bruno", by Brother Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo, and "Adyar" by Brother Alfredo Cabrera Martinez.

White Lotus Day was celebrated with readings from *The Light of Asia*, by Brother Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo; of the 8th Stanza of the *Bhagavad Gita*, by Brother Gaspar Torres Martinez, and

a lecture on "H. P. B." by Sister Carmen Segon.

On the Wesak Full Moon, May 27, 1972, a lecture on "Buddha and Buddhism" was given by Brother Juan Bautista Rodriguez and "The Wesak Full Moon Ceremonial" by Sister Dr. Lelia Fernandez.

In all these festivities members of the Section contributed music and artistic numbers.

DR. DANA CRUZ-BUSTILLO,  
*General Secretary.*

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## HUNGARY

### No Report

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## FINLAND

The Section has been working in its normal way. Two lodges in Helsinki have been dissolved because of the old age of their remaining members and lack of functionaries. Some of the small lodges in the distant provincial places are weak and meet irregularly, if at all, or only once or twice a month, and there are many unattached members.

At the Headquarters and 4-5 towns, regular or occasional public lectures have been given and exchange of lecturers has been arranged. Attendances have been well maintained.

A special feature this year has been that a number of international lecturers and guest speakers have enriched our activities. In autumn, Mrs. Ingrid Nyborg-Fjellander from Sweden toured South-Western Finland with Bishop Sigfrid Fjellander; Miss Ianthe Hoskins gave a series of five lectures at the Annual Convention at Easter and endeared herself to all of us; in May, we enjoyed Mr.

Geoffrey Farthing's visit to Helsinki, where he gave two lectures; and Mrs. Radha Burnier came the second time to Finland and Mr. John Coats for the sixth time and both stayed with us in Kreivilä, the Summer Home, 23 June—2 July 1972, during the Summer School. The motto was "To knowledge, to skill and to realization". Full or part time attendance totalled about 160 members and friends. The General Secretary and the Recording Secretary went to Huizen Centre and to the German Summer School. So, we certainly have not been underprivileged in cultivating our international T.S. relations.

In addition to several offprints of lectures, a new book has been published at long last, viz., I. K. Taimni's *Self-Culture*. Fortunately, our magazine has come out in 10 issues as before. But the selection of our book-stall continues to be very poor; our own books, one after another, are going out of print.

Some Theosophical classics are available as publications of another organization, e.g. *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Key to Theosophy*.

Total membership stood, almost unchanged, at 424. There are not too many active workers and the average age of members and workers is very high. There is no doubt considerable interest in Theosophy but few are inclined

to join and commit themselves to Theosophical work. And some of our able younger workers seem to apportion their energy and interest among different related organizations. Particularly the yoga movement is now in vogue in our country, and our members are helping to spiritualize it.

SIRKKA KIVILINNA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## RUSSIA

Dissolved

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## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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## SOUTHERN AFRICA

In presenting my annual report ending September 1972, I have found that in all the Lodges there is a nucleus of brethren who are radiating the vital force of our work.

Many Lodges have weekly members and public meetings. Interesting lectures from members and non-members have opened stimulating discussions. Distance is very often playing a part in the attendance of our lodge meetings. Those Lodges who have their own property are in a more favorable position than those who have to hire apartments.

This year our convention at Easter time, which is always a happy and fruitful occasion, was held in Johannesburg. In September, Johannesburg and Pretoria organized an Interlodge Meeting. The program: in the morning Group Dynamic on "The Golden Stairs"—lunch—an interlude of music and in

the afternoon a symposium on one of the topics. This meeting was well attended.

Our Fieldworker is still active with our unattached brethren.

Our membership is down again, but that is not a token that there is less interest in the teachings of the Ancient Wisdom. There are those who are, through circumstances, unable to attend and therefore often resign, but are still spreading the light of Theosophy. Young members are more inclined to study the "facts" of our teachings and are less dedicated. In this atomic age I think it is essential that we develop the heart-mind approach in our teachings so that our intuition may open up, which is our special task.

ANNA BISCHOFF,  
*General Secretary.*

## SCOTLAND

The Aberdeen Lodge received a blow with the passing of Mr. C. A. Stewart, a Theosophist of very long standing, whose knowledge of things Theosophical was invaluable in a Lodge so far from the normal lecture tour circuits. The work carries on with heavy reliance on tapes from the London H. Q. These are highly recommended for Lodges similarly placed.

Dunfermline Lodge held regular monthly meetings and maintained interest in service to the old.

In Edinburgh, attendances at public lectures showed a welcome increase over previous years, with the Librarian reporting an upsurge of interest on the part of the young. There are two interesting features to be observed here: they start by taking the books on the more garish side of the occult, then gradually swing round to a more dispassionate study of Truth; further, they are not greatly interested in the standard Theosophical lecture, giving the appearance of already knowing the basic

tenets of the Wisdom. Problem—how do we tap this source—how do we get them, if not in, at least interested?

Glasgow has also reported well-maintained audiences, with an interesting set of visiting lecturers. A highlight was a showing of the film "How Many Life-times?". Enquiries are continually coming in. This is a good sign, for if we accept the statistics of *The Light of Asia* we would expect 0.1% of people to be interested in Theosophical teachings. In Scotland, this would come to 5,000 people, so we have some way to go! Interestingly, more people have joined this year, than for a number of years.

Our June Convention heard three most interesting talks from Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith. Because so much atmosphere is built up at these gatherings, we are considering the possibility of having a week-end residential school in April of next year.

JAMES G. MITCHELL,  
*General Secretary.*

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## SWITZERLAND

The Rules and Regulations of the Swiss Section prescribe that a General Secretary cannot remain in office more than 6 years. As there was no candidate to succeed Miss Mary Anderson—a capable G. S.—Mr. G. Tripet who has already been twice G. S., accepted nomination and was elected for 3 years. At the beginning of his presidentship, he went with Mrs. R. Tripet for three months to India and to Adyar, where he had the privilege to attend the meetings of the General Council of the T. S. and the Convention.

The number of members since our last report increased by 9.

The 1972 Annual Convention of the Section was held in Geneva, about 45 members attending. Mr. and Mrs. Tripet spoke in French on "Adyar, Harbour of Peace and Inspiration" and on "Tiruvanniyur, Center of Beauty".

The G. S. attended the meetings of the Council of the European Federation, at Homburg, and of the Board of the International Theosophical Center, at Huizen.

The Swiss section organized the Summer School of the Latin countries, at Territet (Lake of Geneva); 160 members from France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland attended. Subject: "From the Harmony of the Ego to the Symphony of the Physical Plane". Speakers: Mr. G. Tripet (Introduction and Physical Harmony), Mrs. B. Nyssens, past G. S. of Belgium (Emotional Harmony), Mme. Dr. Sabetay, Paris (Mental Harmony), Mr. Lancri, G. S. of France (Spiritual Harmony). We have also had the privilege to hear Prof. E. Williams, Geneva, speaking on "Musico-therapy" and Mr. Poray, Paris, who also presented a film on "Allahabad".

Three study classes in French, one in Italian and one in Spanish were formed. Leaders: Mme. Sabetay, Mr. Lancri, Mr. Barreiro, new G. S. of Belgium, M. Valle, Italy, and a member from Spain.

The literary competition launched by the Meyer Fund has had a great success. Twenty-eight works in different languages and on various subjects were presented. The Fund also gave loans for the publication of French, German, Italian books and for the International Theosophical Center, at Huizen.

GEORGES TRIPET,  
*General Secretary.*

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## BELGIUM

This theosophical year has been marked for the Belgian Section, by three important events. Two of them are the founding of two new branches in Brussels: Unity Branch formed already last year, but officially inaugurated and given its Charter on the 3rd October 1971; six weeks later, Arundale Branch inaugurated under the presidency of Mr. Warnon. We may rejoice and see these two Branches take form with new and young members, working with great enthusiasm in their personal activities, but all with theosophical ideals.

We wish them work for a long time, with a view to high spiritual realizations.

If in this way the Belgian Section was enriched with two new Branches, on the other hand the ancient Branch "Lotus Bleu" became dormant through lack of members. We hope that after a short rest it may take on new life and activity again. The Section is composed today of eleven Branches of which ten are active. The third

important event of the year was when Mr. Barreiro and myself led a meeting at Charleroi, on the theme of "How to study Theosophy". We met there a group named "Science and Life" whose president is Mr. Moreau, who is advanced in age and would be glad to see his work continued by theosophical members. He and two other persons became members of our Society. We hope that this small group one day becomes a theosophical branch also. The audience at our meeting was composed of thirteen persons.

At Brussels, 32 public conferences were organized, each one of them followed by very interesting discussions, and attended by nearly 60 persons.

All theosophical memorial days were celebrated: 1st October—birthday of Mrs. A. Besant, 17th November—memorial day of the Theosophical Society's Foundation, 17th February—Adyar Day, 8th May—White Lotus Day.

The General Secretary has been visiting different Branches, Liege, Anvers, Gand,

where she spoke about the subject "What is a Liberated Man?". She went to a Congress at Paris and attended a Landsdag at Breda (Holland).

We may state that there is a vital recrudescence in the Section:—two new Branches. There are 47 new members: 33 for Brussels; 9 at Antwerp; 3 at Liege; and 2 for Gand. Ten members resigned and two died; 273 members paid their fees.

The presence of young members brings new vitality, thanks to the presidency

of young men such as Mr. Barreiro and Mr. Warron. Now that the General Secretary's time is up, she has handed her mandate over to Mr. Barreiro, who is the new General Secretary of the Belgian Section, with great hope for the future.

Mrs. Nyssens would like to thank all members of the Commission and every other member of the Society for their confidence in her.

BERTHE NYSENS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## INDONESIA

Section Suspended

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## BURMA

We are much grieved to report that during the year, three of the most elderly and prominent members belonging to Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, passed away, i.e. Bros. U Sein, K.R.V. Subramony and Mr. Ahmed (the only Muslim member of that Lodge). Peace be to the departed souls.

We rejoiced to announce the addition of a Theosophical Center, more rightly a nuclei. In April of this year it was formed amongst three or four close friends by a veteran Theosophist Bro. U San Maung, who formerly belonged to the Lotus Lodge, Mandalay. He moved his home from Mandalay to Magwe, an upper Burma town situated on the banks of River Irrawaddy. It was there he was to establish his home as well as his T.O.S. so to say, after his well-earned retirement as a Senior Government Servant. We wish him every success.

The Burma Section, Theosophical Society, consists of 7 Lodges: (1) Olcott (2) Youth (3) Bodhi (4) Lotus (5) Blavatsky (6) Taungdwingyi, and (7) Magwe.

The total membership at the close of the year was 53 as compared with 56 in the preceding year, with 8 new members against 11 lapses and deaths.

*The Olcott Lodge.*—The members, although few, form a closely knit brotherhood where the Light of Theosophy shines through its charming and quiet Reading Room and Library. Its shelves were just replenished with new books sent as a free gift from Adyar, the International Headquarters, recently, for which we have a deep sense of gratitude.

The Lodge continued to conduct Study Classes on the *Bhagavad Gita* and *The Masters and the Path*. Ten lectures on Theosophy and other allied subjects were delivered by the members in turn. Four non-members were invited to speak at the

Sunday gathering and delivered talks on topics such as "Unidentified Flying Objects", "The Life in Other Universes", etc.

*Youth, Bodhi, Lotus, Blavatsky, and Taungdwingyi Lodges*—continued to serve their useful purpose as in the previous year.

*Re: Burma Educational Trust.*—Since the acquisition of the remaining Trust Land and building at Botataung Pagoda Road, East Rangoon, in March 1971 and submission of the Trust claim through the lawyer to the Government, so far no tangible result has materialised. However we are hoping for the best. With regard to the frozen bank account of the Trust, amounting to K. 35,566.17, we have had no response, but the efforts are being continued to finalise this matter.

*Re: Thingangyun Land.*—On a recent visit to Insein Land Record Office to settle the long overdue Land Tax of the above land by the General Secretary U Than Kyaing and Hon. Treasurer Daw Aye Myint, they were informed by the Officer concerned, to their amazement, that out of the Section's two holdings of land, viz. Holdings No. 25 and No. 26, the Holding No. 26's title has been transferred to the name of one Daw Aye Kyi. On further enquiry at the Housing Corporation's Rangoon Office, it was revealed that the title was transferred under a Civil Suit, Case No. 21 of 1962 at Sub-Divisional Judge's Court Insein, in May 1962, most probably under an Ex Parte Judgment. No notice whatsoever was received by the Section in this respect to this date. We are pursuing the matter in consultation with the lawyer.

Land Tax due in arrears for 11 years up to 1971-72, plus fine totalling K. 222.45 was paid in full. It was obvious that due to unforeseen circumstances no

action had been taken by the Section for the payment of arrears aforesaid.

*Fifty-ninth Annual Convention.*—This was held on 17th October 1971, at the Olcott Lodge. Over 34 members, their families and friends attended a whole day program. Bro. Dr. Tun Min, of Kyaukpau delivered an opening Convention Lecture on "The Eternal Truth". A symposium on "Theosophy and the Rapidly Changing World" was followed by lively discussions by members present. Members also enjoyed themselves at the morning refreshments, vegetarian lunch, and evening tea while at the Convention.

*Finance.*—The Audited Abstract of Receipts and Payments Accounts as on 30th September 1972, shows an opening balance of K. 4,187.68 and a closing balance of K. 4,382.19, resulting in a surplus of K. 194.50.

K. 30,000.00, worth of National Savings Certificates bought in the name of the Burma Section, Theosophical Society, to be claimed by its original donor, Bro. U Kyaw Hla, of Lotus Lodge, Mandalay, for reasons explained in the 1970 Annual Report, still remains in the custody of the Section. When the same matures, further action will be taken in the matter of claiming the amount with accrued interest.

*Conclusion.*—The Theosophical Movement of today faces a golden opportunity. Times of stress and confusion sharpen minds through pain and awaken a yearning for spiritual realities. Trials and crisis make new demands upon the people and open up channels of service and of thought undreamt of before. Study of Theosophy, if it is understood, can illumine all life and restore peace and goodwill among men.

THAN KYAING,  
General Secretary.

## AUSTRIA

The year under report was an interesting year for the work in the Austrian Section. In the two large branches at Vienna and Graz, the work continued more or less along usual lines—weekly public lectures as a common work of the Lodges, and fortnightly or monthly study and discussion evenings by each of the 2 Lodges at Vienna and 3 Lodges at Graz which are active (one Lodge at Vienna is dormant, but not yet dissolved). But the interesting feature was the work in the smaller places. In the Lodge at Linz, which through the years mainly consisted of a few elderly ladies, there was an influx of young people, attracted by some lectures on Yoga. They became members and take now a vivid part in the work. Similarly a new Center at Dornbirn in Western Austria proved attractive for the younger generation. Since Dornbirn is well situated geographically, near the German and Swiss border the yearly meeting of the Regional Committee of the German speaking Sections was held at Dornbirn in November 1971, Mrs. Claire Wyss, and the General Secretaries of Germany and Switzerland, Mrs. Anneliese Stephan and Miss Mary Anderson, being present, besides the other members of the committee.

The Regional Summer-School at Pichl established a record this year: about 100 members attended, including guests from other Theosophical organizations. Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith and Mrs. Claire Wyss were in the chair. The general theme was "Responsibility".

The undersigned was invited by the "Theosophischer Arbeitskreis Untertengenhart", an independent group of former Point Loma members in Germany (in contact with Mr. Boris de Zirkoff and Mr. Barborka), to give a lecture at their Convention at Büdingen,

Germany, in June 1972; the chairman of that group, Mrs. Mary Linné, again attended this year our Summer-School at Pichl.

The work of our "Adyar-Verlag" is steadily growing. During the period under report were published: a fourth edition of the German translation of *The Voice of the Silence* (comprising the fifth and sixth thousand copies); a German translation of Dr. Geoffrey de Purucker's *Man in Evolution* (with the financial aid of Mrs. Linné); a small volume of poems by our member Leopold Göbel: *Der lächelnde Pessimist* ("The Smiling Pessimist"); and a new more up-to-date introductory book, written by the undersigned: *Die Pilgerfahrt des Geistes* ("The Pilgrimage of the Spirit"). For the next year we plan to publish a German translation of the *Abridgment of the Secret Doctrine*.

During the year the organizational status of the "Adyar-Verlag" was changed. Until then it belonged to the Federation of Lodges at Graz. Now a new association, the "Adyar-Verlagsvereinigung" ("Adyar Publishing Association") has been founded, the chief members of which are the German and the Austrian Sections of the Theosophical Society; further members are the Federation of Lodges at Graz, and a few individual members in Austria, Germany and Switzerland, who contribute financially or by their work. Also the above mentioned Point Loma group joined. At the inaugural meeting on April 22, the undersigned was elected Chairman, and Miss Mary Anderson, Switzerland, Vice-Chairman; besides there are three Austrian members and one German member on the board. Thereby the proper international basis was given to our publishing institution.

Membership of the Section showed a slight increase: 23 new members came in (6 more than last year), there were 5 deaths, 6 resignations and 5 lapsings,

bringing the total number to 239 (against 233 last year).

NORBERT LAUPPERT,  
*General Secretary.*

## NORWAY

The Norwegian Section has worked regularly during the past year. There have not been specially great events to report, but we have some plans for the year to come, and hope to be able to live up to them.

Most of the lodges have had interesting programs, and a study-group with members and interested people has been formed at Hamar, a place where no theosophical interests have been discovered before.

Our magazine *Theosofi i Norden* in co-operation with Denmark and Sweden is still very much appreciated in Norway.

We acquired 8 new members during the year, but 4 members have passed to greater light, and 4 have resigned, and so the membership of the Section is 141, like last year.

RUTH WESSEL NIELSEN,  
*General Secretary.*

## EGYPT

(Lodges only)

No Report

## DENMARK

Looking back on the past year I think that the key word has been *communication*. There has been a fine interchange among the different lodges and members, and between the Section and the public. We have increased our activities, especially in Copenhagen, where we have at least one weekly public meeting from September through April. Three to four of the monthly meetings are study group meetings open to the public, during which different aspects of Theosophy are presented, shortly followed by a group discussion. After the session each parti-

cipant gets a paper which deals with the theme of the evening and outlines the principles dealt with. During the break, in which we serve refreshments, the participants have the opportunity to borrow books from our rather large library. As a health library has been set up at Stavrby Bondehave on Funen, our main library has now been removed to Copenhagen and added to our newly formed library there, that is, a combination of all the libraries of the lodges in Copenhagen.

Our public lectures are followed by refreshments after which people can put

written questions to the speakers. During the gathering one can also buy books or take pamphlets on Theosophy. This gives us a chance to contact people and vice versa. All our public meetings have been very well attended by the public.

As we have a good relationship with related movements, T.S. speakers are often invited to give lectures. But invitations to give lectures are also coming from other groups; to give an example, I have been invited to talk in a youth-club, a scout-club, an UFO-club and in a training college for teachers.

We try to encourage people to take up lecturing and are looking for potential lecturers, and little by little we are getting a group of speakers of all ages. It is important to stress the fact that nobody is too young or too old to try their skill in this fascinating and educating work (hopefully educating for the public too). Study group meetings and symposiums give a smooth transition to a full scale lecture. Topics that are demanded by the public today are about reincarnation and meditation, themes that now begin to appear in the popular magazines.

Guest speakers from abroad have been Mr. Bert Espeet from Holland who visited Denmark in October, and who talked about some aspects of J. Krishnamurti's teachings; on the 17th March we were happy to welcome Miss Ianthe Hoskins who started her visit by giving a public lecture in Copenhagen on "Reincarnation—Fact or Fallacy." The following days she gave a few lectures in other parts of the country and finished her stay in Denmark in Copenhagen where she conducted a study-course for members, "Yoga—Study and Practice". It was an inspiring experience to take part in these sessions where Miss Hoskins shared with us her wisdom and insight in Yoga. Unfortunately she could not stay more than a few days.

In February, we showed two films in Copenhagen in which Mr. Krishnamurti talked, "Can you live this way" and "Doubts and Certainties." Extraordinarily many people came to see these two beautiful films, so that not all could be seated. Especially the last one contained the essence of his teachings and presented a smiling and happy Krishnaji.

The 17th November (anniversary of our foundation), 17th February (Adyar Day) and 8th May (White Lotus Day) were celebrated at members' meetings during which we linked up with our world centers and members all over the world.

This year, our convention took place in Aalborg, 28-30 April. Two lectures, one of which was public, and a symposium were given. Mr. Hardy Bennis talked about "The Law of Reincarnation". The title of the symposium was "Theosophy as I See It". Mrs. Birgitte Valvanne gave her interesting lecture the title, "Heaven and Hell in Bangladesh".

The Danish Summer School was held 22-29 July in sunny weather. Mrs. Radha Burnier and Mr. John Coats were guests of honor. The theme of the Summer School was "The Inward Journey" around which all the lectures and study groups were centered. About 100 guests from eight nations took part in this happy gathering—all that Gammel Praestegaard could hold. The program included morning meditations, lectures, symposiums, films ("How Many Lifetimes," and the two above-mentioned films with Mr. Krishnamurti), study groups, questions and answers, an excursion and a light and very funny evening during which many potent actors on the comical line were discovered. Many old members claimed that there had never been so many new and young faces at a Summer School, but all got to know each other in a dynamic and harmonious interplay.

In the week-end 16-17 September, a meeting of the central board took place at Gammel Praestegaard, during which a new study course, *The Fundamentals Course*, was presented. It has been translated into Danish from English and is based on the three Fundamental Propositions from the Proem of *The Secret Doctrine* by H.P.B. It was very well received and most of the lodge presidents decided to run study groups on this course, which goes very deep, stressing all the principles on which Theosophy is based.

New members of the Section get contact letters each month during the first two years of membership, and in order to create an interchange among the lodge presidents and members of the central board, I send out now and then a contact letter giving information about matters within the T.S. here in the country as well as about matters of interest outside our Section.

A main link with the public is our magazine *Teosofi i Norden* which is published by us together with Norway and Sweden and sent out each alternate month, and our monthly magazine *Nu* (Now). The last one is very much in demand and

has a circulation of 1500. It is sent out free and supported by donations. Many copies go abroad especially to Norway and Sweden. More than 3000 pamphlets about our public lectures have also been distributed freely. Our book sales have increased quite a lot during the last year and books with English text are also selling well, especially the Quest Books.

Besides the course mentioned in which is included *Madame Blavatsky on How to Study Theosophy*, we have published in Danish, Clara Codd's *Meditation—its Practice and Results*. Four new books are under preparation.

Most lodges have had regular monthly meetings, and two new lodges were founded, one in Copenhagen and one in Funen—both with young lodge presidents. So there are now 13 lodges in the Danish Section.

Twenty-two joined the Section and 8 dropped out; eight passed to greater light and one was transferred to another Section. That makes a net increase of 5. The total membership is now 300.

PREBEN SORENSSEN,  
General Secretary.

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## IRELAND

Here in Dublin we have had a very interesting and progressive year under review. An influx of new members, most of them young men, brought life and varying points of view into the Lodge.

I always feel that "White Lotus Day" has an unusual and powerful effect, and this year it was noticeably so. Although the meeting is confined to members and specially invited guests, this year, in some way some strange young men

got in. They were so fascinated and interested that they promptly applied for membership.

Mr. Roger Parris of Columbia University, U.S.A., who is writing a thesis on W.B. Yeats, came in looking for information, and in the course of researching we unearthed some interesting things about the formation of the original Lodge. It was founded in 1888 by (I think) D. N. Dunlop, F. Dick, and J. Varian. A. E. (George Russell) joined it

later, and later still, W.B. Yeats. Charles Johnston (who married Madame Blavatsky's niece, Vera Jellihovksy) was a member. I do not know what year this original Lodge was dissolved, but over fifty years ago it was re-founded by the late Pierce Leslie Pielou and the late Mrs. Moya Bligh. Mr. Roger Parris then gave us a series of brilliant lectures on W.B. Yeats in connection with the Occult, the Tarot, the mountains of the Moon, etc. These attracted large audiences. We also had talks from Mr. Richard Morrison, Mr. Paul Egan and others.

We are now, I am sorry to say, losing four members to other countries: Mrs. Doreen King, who has been a member for years; Mr. John Pring; Miss Grace Jackson to England and Miss Joan Farrell to America.

I had hoped to represent the Dublin Lodge at the Summer School at High Leigh but was prevented by illness.

After a lively spring and summer session, we are now looking forward to what, I hope, will prove to be a lively autumn.

DOROTHY M. EMERSON,  
*General Secretary.*

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## MEXICO

In spite of some dissension within the Section, the work was kept going. Encouragement was given to the formation of young people's Lodges, of which there are now three. Support was also given to the visit of a group of brilliant speakers from Argentina who toured all the Lodges in the Section.

Mexico also gave its support to the formation of the Inter-American Theoso-

phical Federation, and to the founding of a theosophical printing press in Argentina, where the labor costs are much lower, so as to be able to publish at low prices the principal books of the theosophical movement.

LUIS A. MEDINA BARRERA,  
for ANNA MARIA F. DE ROMERO,  
*General Secretary.*

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## CANADA

There is evidence of a new vitality throughout the Canadian Section. If the trend continues, perhaps it is not being overly optimistic to anticipate a much-needed period of growth in the near future.

This mention of growth does not indicate a preoccupation with numbers. Far from it. Like most segments of the Theosophical Movement, the work in Canada needs to improve in every direction if we are to present Theosophy to the public at a level of quality consistent with the ideals and standards of the

Founders. Only if this improvement occurs can we take any satisfaction in the number of new members who are being attracted to the Society. Of these, by the way, it is gratifying to remark that a large proportion are in a relatively young age group.

In this regard we are faced with both problems and opportunities: the mobility of today's young people is a challenge to our organizational capability. For instance, during the year a Canadian Lodge lost a substantial number of its

members who collectively or individually decided to travel far and wide. It is a pity that, thus scattered, the Society as a whole is deprived of their enthusiasm and vitality. Tomorrow's members of all ages will probably be global travellers unwilling to be fettered with geographical roots, and this requires that the T. S. give serious consideration on how best to serve their needs. Although an international organization, our structure is essentially localized, and obviously this is going to have its limitations in the future. Perhaps it will be necessary to devise a more flexible membership category; ways will also have to be found to ensure that the day-to-day management of the Society's affairs will not suffer under the new conditions.

While not as pronounced as elsewhere, a gradual increase in the number of Canadian members-at-large is noted. This is probably related to the new and altering life-styles of young people, and is yet another indication that changes in our structure are desirable and in any case inevitable.

One of the highlights in the year under review was the 1971 North American Theosophical Students' Conference, which was held in Toronto on Thanksgiving Weekend. Once again co-sponsored by the Theosophical Society in America, the Conference brought together a large number of students of several Theosophical affiliations who worked in pleasant harmony. The guest speaker on this occasion was Professor Raghavan Iyer, of the University of California. He is one of the students of the Santa Barbara United Lodge of Theosophists.

Thanks to the generosity of a member, the Section was enabled to bring to Canada in June Mr. Rex Dutta of the English Section. He lectured on flying saucers to the general public and led *Secret Doctrine* classes for members in Montreal, Toronto,

Hamilton, Vancouver and Victoria. It was an exceptionally successful tour. In several centers Mr. Dutta's presence resulted in an unusual amount of good publicity.

The Canadian Section has long stressed the importance to the Theosophical Movement of the writings of H. P. Blavatsky, and has an ongoing program to donate all her works to university libraries in Canada. To further assist in making her miscellaneous work more generally accessible, during the year an interest-free loan to the amount of \$ 7,500.00 was made available to the Theosophical Society in America. This is earmarked for the publication of Volume XI of *H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings*. Like its predecessors, this volume is being compiled by Boris de Zirkoff.

With the Society's centenary only three years away, it is only natural that planning should already have started for this auspicious event. Thanks to the generosity of the Kern Foundation, the Section obtained a sufficient quantity of the pamphlet, "Centennial Celebrations 1875-1975", for distribution to all members. A fund has been established, the moneys of which will be used to help defray registration expenses for members of the Canadian Section attending the centennial programs. It is hoped that more projects aimed at enhancing the celebrations will be initiated in good time for the anniversary.

Business trips enabled the General Secretary to visit the Lodges in Western Canada in June. It had been six years since such a visit was made and it is to be hoped that such a long interval will never be repeated. It was a great pleasure to fraternize with the Western members; their enthusiasm for serious study of Theosophy is an inspiration.

TED G. DAVY,  
General Secretary.

## ARGENTINA

*National Theosophical Days in Mendoza.*—(October 8-11, 1971) were organized by the National Council together with the Cuyana Federation. The program consisted of public lectures, "Considerations on Yoga" by Nidya Roata de Farinich, and "Theosophy, a Philosophy of Action" by the General Secretary, Manuel Farinich; and round table discussions on "The Laws of Human Evolution" by the Young Theosophists and "In what Kind of Search are Theosophists Engaged?" led by Randolph L. Barbosa. The conference closed with an address by the General Secretary.

*Trips Abroad.*—October-December 1971, Juan Viñas, member of the National Council and Vice-President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation (F.T.I.), conducted a series of lectures and classes in Santiago and Valparaiso, Chile. In May 1972, he went to Brazil, where he conducted lectures, classes and participated in mini-schools, all being sponsored by the F.T.I.

*Third National Camp—Argentine Federation of Young Theosophists.*—(29-1-72—5-2-72) in Mendoza, was a study camp on the following subjects: "Theosophy and the Theosophical Society", "The Three Objects of the Theosophical Society", "Youth, Theosophy and the Theosophical Society".

*Second Theosophical Camp.*—organized by Lodge Himalaya and held in the mountainous region of Alpa Corral Rio Cuarto Cordoba, had the following program: "Why a Camp?", "A Beam of Theosophical Light", "Man and Nature", "The Monad and its Influence on the Lower Planes", "Man, Earth and Cosmos", "Man and Evolution" and "Man and his Determination towards the Transcendent".

*Fifty-fifth National Convention and Summer School.*—(25-3-72—1-4-72) at Embalse de Rio 3ro Cordoba, was attended by 205 people, 180 of whom were members. The theme was "Theosophy as a Factor of Peace". Morning meditations, discussions and study groups occupied the program. Delegates from Brazil, Chile, Uruguay, Bolivia and Switzerland attended. Never before had such a big and enthusiastic group from abroad taken part in one of our Summer Schools.

*Visits by the General Secretary.*—were made to Rosario in May where he gave a public lecture and a talk to members; to Rio Cuarto in July, accompanied by Luis Spairani, President of F.T.I., on the occasion of the opening of Lodge Gnosis' public library, when Sr. Spairani gave a public lecture; and again to Rosario in September, together with Sister M. N. Roata de Farinich, when they gave a joint public lecture.

*Lectures organized by the National Council.*—Eduardo Tomas delivered a series of public lectures in the Cuyana Federation (President, Moises Sevilla) 22-25 July. In co-operation with Lodges Gnosis and Himalaya, were organized several public lectures in Rio Cuarto by Roberto Minervini in September. In the Cuyo area, from 12th to 18th August, a series of meetings were arranged in Mendoza and San Rafael, including public lectures, Young Theosophists' round table discussions, and members' meetings conducted by the General Secretary.

*The Section Review.*—This paper will appear regularly, four times a year.

The Rosario branch continues to present radio programs on Theosophical themes, which are well received by the public. The Section is now finishing the translation into Spanish of Mr. Geoffrey

Hodson's lectures, which will be printed, as also *Meditations for Aspirants* by J. I. Wedgwood and *Psychism and the Unconscious Mind* by the London Theosophical Research Centre.

In Buenos Aires, the Theosophical Library, where eleven Lodges have their meetings, organized public lectures on Sundays. In the Buenos Aires Headquarters, there has been intense activity, besides the Lodge meetings. On Tuesdays, Theosophical classes were held, on Saturdays and Sundays, public lectures.

All the Branches of the Section were engaged in public activities, where the participation of the young was sought for and obtained. In addition to the external activity, on the inner side our aspiration is to instil into the members of the Section the note of brotherhood and also to pulsate with the reality of Theosophy. The economic situation of the country has impeded the increase of members.

MANUEL FARINICH,  
*General Secretary.*

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## CHILE

No Report

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## BRAZIL

*Fourth National T. S. Convention.*—The Fourth National Convention was held in São Paulo from March 31st through April 2nd, when four theses on the following subjects were presented and discussed: "Divulgate of Theosophy in the Modern World", and "Functioning and Administration of Theosophical Lodges". Eighty-seven members, among whom were several representatives of Lodges from other States, were present and actively participated.

During the Convention two things of great importance were observed: (1) approval of conclusions of real importance to protect the development of Theosophy in our country; and (2) the friendly and understanding atmosphere prevailing in all meetings, indispensable to divulge the Theosophical message which is so necessary in the present world.

The Convention was opened by the National President and two musical num-

bers were presented, one being a beautiful interpretation at the piano by Sister Françoise Winther, and one which aroused the interest of all members being a personal, composition of Count Saint-Germain.

The first meeting was held on March 31st, at the Headquarters of the National Section, and that of April 1st at the Pitágoras Theosophical Institution, where the theses and their conclusions were discussed. More than 100 members had lunch that day at the Pitágoras T.I. and we herewith renew our thanks to the Directors of that Institution for all steps taken which contributed to the great success of the meeting.

The closing of the Convention, on April 2nd, took place at the Raja Theosophical Center Foundation, when the final reading of the conclusions already approved was discussed. Also more than hundred people had lunch at the Raja Center together with its Directors, to

whom we present our best thanks for the excellent way the meeting was conducted.

It is shown that once there are harmony, understanding, goodwill and enthusiasm, everything is easy and the results promote the cause we defend.

*Winter Mini-School.*—Our Brother Juan Viñas, from Buenos Aires, with the experience gained from the work in all American Sections, gave us the realization of a new work in our country, the creation of a Mini-School, with a dynamic program and outstanding results.

The Mini-School took place on the 7th, 8th and 9th July this year in the Raja Theosophical Center Foundation where the majority of participants stayed.

The work began on Friday with breakfast and morning meditation. Following, was study on the theme: "Qualities of the Path", stressing especially "Discernment" and "The Lack of Desire". In the afternoon, part of the time was dedicated to music and meditation, following the studies on the "Six Rules of Behavior" which are: Thought Control, Action Control, Tolerance, Joy, Trust and Serenity. The meeting closed with discussions on the quality of Love, considered the essential one to enter the Path. In the evening the first round table discussion took place, on the theme "How Theosophy Influences our Lives," with Brother Juan Viñas acting as co-ordinator. After the usual comments and questions the meeting was closed with a "Theosophical Show" which had the participation of all those present in a very gay and happy atmosphere.

Saturday, the round table discussion of the morning was in the charge of the younger students of Theosophy for the discussion of the theme "What the Young Theosophist thinks of Theosophy". Comments and discussions aroused great interest, show-

ing the responsibility of the youngsters to the Theosophical Movement, at present as workers on behalf of the cause and in the future assuming management positions. After lunch, music and meditation were followed by the study of the theme "The Three Objects of the Theosophical Society", when Brother Juan Viñas gave a presentation full of interesting lessons. In the evening a new round table meeting took place. The subject discussed was "The World's Problems and the Theosophist's Contribution to Solve Them". A very clarifying exchange of ideas occurred and the meeting was closed with another Theosophical show which was very much appreciated.

On Sunday morning we had the opportunity to have one of the most precious moments of the Mini-School: Beethoven's 6th Symphony commented upon by Brother Viñas. These were unforgettable moments which aroused the best of artistic feelings inside each of us. Everything made it perfect: the fine playing, the magnificent lecture given by Brother Viñas and the scenery full of trees of our Foundation. After lunch, another round table meeting took place to discuss the theme "Theosophists and the Future Sixth Sub-race", under Brother Viñas' co-ordination. This session was one of the most interesting ones as the theme gave rise to several comments which were discussed to general satisfaction.

This Mini-School was a very valuable experience for our Section, showing the advantages of a perfect interchange among all the members of our Society, the young and the old. This gathering allows the exchange of knowledge as well as the establishment of true friendship which is indispensable for the development of the Theosophical Society in our country.

*First Seminar of Theosophical Studies.*—The Seminar began on June 10th of the current year and adopted the theme

“What are Theosophists looking for?”

Group 1 had as its themes “When we talk about search, do we refer to Truth?—Why do we search? What magnitude do we give to the theme: With which means do we search for the Truth?—Only with the reason, which we know is limited? What can we say about intuition? Does it exist? What would its nature be like and in which way could it help us?”

Group 2 had the following themes: “What obligations does the growing vision of Truth bring to our life?—Can we continue with our mental inactivity, racial, religious and national prejudices?—Which role is performed in this process by the literature left to us by our great leaders H. P. Blavatsky, Annie Besant, Leadbeater, Jinarājādāsa, etc.?”

Group 3 had the themes: “Which methods would a Theosophist use to reformulate his own life and make the changes necessary for a growing vision of the Truth?—Which work is to be done at mental, astral and physical levels?—What could be said about study, meditation, will-power development and service to our fellow man?”

The Groups worked separately and met several times for the study and writing of the conclusions that were submitted for the consideration of the Board. On these days the meetings were greatly stimulating and each Group presented some conclusions of the greatest interest for those participating in the work.

*The Inter-American Theosophical Federation.*—It is quite possible that one or another member has not yet become aware of the positive benefit resulting from the establishment of the Inter-american Theosophical Federation. However, the facts are here to show the cleverness of those who during so many years fought for its creation.

Brother Luis Spairani, President of the entity, was visiting Brazil where he did a magnificent work, in spite of the short time he spent among us. On that occasion he visited the majority of federated Sections, giving them incentive and helping them to solve any problem that could exist.

On May 15th this year, this Section received the visit of Brother Juan Viñas, Vice-President of the Inter-American Federation. He will stay here until mid-October, a period of five months. He worked in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte and Brasília, as already described in other chapters of this Report.

We are sure that results obtained were the best ones. Brother Viñas contributed in an extraordinary way to activate the work of this Section. We have already made an appeal to the Directors of the Inter-American Federation saying that in Brother Viñas' trip during the next year he should include Brazil in his itinerary.

*Visitors.*—This was a period in which the Theosophical Society in Brazil had the privilege of receiving important visitors including the Indian Ambassador to Brazil. On April 28th of the current year, we were visited by Brother Luis Spairani, President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. He took part in a meeting of the General Council of our National Section, when he had the opportunity to give his valuable collaboration on several subjects being discussed at that time. On the 29th of that month and on May 1st, he went to the Pitágoras Theosophical Institution where he had a friendly and instructive meeting with young Theosophists. On April 30th, he visited the “Raja Center”, where he had lunch with members who usually participate in the work of that Center. Brother Spairani delivered a very beautiful lecture which was highly appreciated.

After a short but useful visit to us, he returned to his country on May 2nd, after five days in our company.

On June 6th, we had the pleasure to receive the visit of His Excellency Prith Singh, the Indian Ambassador to Brazil, who came to São Paulo with Brother Dr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo, President of the Theosophical Lodges Federation in Rio de Janeiro. In accordance with the program established for their visit to the Theosophical Society, the distinguished visitor and his accompanying party went to the Pitágoras Theosophical Institution, where they were met by its Directors. Ambassador Prith Singh took part in a luncheon sponsored by that Institution. In the afternoon, the visitor and his party visited the Raja Theosophical Center Foundation, where they could see the Workmanship School having a class and had the opportunity to meet the pupils of the Mixed School. He expressed pleasure in knowing of the work of the Theosophical Society, saying that it had been a surprise to see in Brazil such a well-equipped Society whose Headquarters are in India. Ambassador Prith Singh asked a group of Theosophists to promote in São Paulo the festivities in honor of Sri Aurobindo, stating that he would be present at the ceremonies.

On May 15th, Brother Juan Viñas, from Argentina, arrived in São Paulo for a stay of 3-4 months. Brother Viñas is the great promoter of Theosophical work in South America and has all the qualities needed to perform the work he is doing. In this city he began with a Basic Course of Theosophy at the National Section Headquarters on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The enthusiasm generated by the Course was really enormous and it can be said that for several years our Headquarters had not gathered so many members during the

following meetings. In several of these meetings many members had to stand up as there was no place to sit down, although there are more than one hundred chairs in our Auditorium. The Course was delivered in a very clear way and several people attending it have become members of our Society. On Saturdays, at the request of the Young Theosophists, Brother Viñas gave lectures on "Indian Philosophies" showing a great knowledge and a great communicating ability. His lectures were recorded and are being copied by many interested parties. After these lectures on Indian philosophies, Brother Viñas also presented a program on Wagner, playing his music and explaining its hidden aspects.

*Mini-School.*—According to the suggestions made by Brother Viñas, a Mini-School was organized with great success, as already mentioned in this report.

*Seminar.*—Also by suggestion of Brother Viñas, a Seminar was held with great attendance and interest. Viñas' experiences in other countries were very useful and our Society will profit from his knowledge.

*Radio Programs.*—Brother Viñas spoke twice at the Record Radio, once on July 9th, and had an interview taped with Jovem Pan Radio Station. Together with the Directors of the National Section he visited the installations of Empresa das Folhas, one of the biggest newspaper chains of São Paulo, and he was able to obtain a weekly column for divulgation of Theosophy through the afternoon paper *Folha da Tarde*.

*Newspapers.*—Brother Viñas was contacted by several newsmen and gave several interviews which had great success.

*Visits to other Cities.*—Brother Viñas visited the Lodges of Mogi das Cruzes, Santos and Jundiaí, where he delivered three lectures.

*Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte and Brasília.*—After a two months' stay in

São Paulo, Brother Viñas went to Rio de Janeiro, where he was already expected, to fulfil a long work program. He had the same success in Rio, where he was able to gather a great number of interested people, giving rise to great enthusiasm and hope among our fellow companions of the old capital. The Theosophical Federation of Rio also seemed small to contain so many people attending Brother Viñas' courses and lectures. In Rio, he also participated in several radio and TV programs, gave some interviews to newsmen and to one TV man who recorded all his lectures.

After a month's stay in Rio, he went to Belo Horizonte, where he made several presentations of Theosophy. After concluding his work in that city, he went to Brasília, where presently he is executing an excellent program of work. By the beginning of October, Brother Viñas should return to São Paulo, where he will stay for a few more days, proceeding thereafter to Montevideo in order to participate in the South Atlantic Journeys.

*United Nations Day (24th October).*—According to Brother C. Jinarājadāsa's recommendation when President of the Theosophical Society, the United Nations Day was duly celebrated,

*Foundation of the Theosophical Society (17th November).*—An atmosphere of enthusiasm and complete harmony prevailed during this meeting dedicated to celebrate the efforts, dedication, idealism and unselfishness of the Co-Founders of the Theosophical Society.

*Christmas Party (18th December).*—As in previous years, the Theosophical Order of Service participated in the Christmas Party dedicated to the poor children living near the Raja Center, and who take part in the various activities of this Foundation. The T.O.S. had the opportunity to distribute clothes,

shoes, toys and candies which were very much appreciated by all children.

The Social Quarters being closed on Saturday, January 1st, the celebration of Universal Fraternity Day was held on Sunday, 2nd, at the Raja Center Headquarters. On 17th January, the meeting was held for the reopening of the activities of the National Section after the renovations made in its premises. Adyar Day (17th February) was duly commemorated with the attendance of numerous members.

*White Lotus Day (8th May).*—The session, in honor of H.P.B., also had a great attendance.

*Repairs of Our Premises.*—As they were, our premises gave a bad impression. It was necessary to make repairs, even with sacrifice, so that the Lodges and the National Section itself could work in a place in accordance with the great ideals of Theosophy. Beauty, harmony, cleanliness and order are things that also speak to the human soul and therefore deserve our attention. Once the repair works were approved by the Board of Directors (Executive Committee) as well as by the General Council, they were put into action. Now we have decent premises and in a good position to fulfil their function. In this remodelling the amount of Cr\$ 8.875.70 was spent.

In our last Report, mention was made of the fact that the National Section would send to schools and official authorities some of the 10,000 leaflets, *The Psychodelic and Yogic Pathways to Reality*, by Geoffrey Hodson. This work was done and more than one hundred authorities and schools received them. Some acknowledged receipt and praised the publication and the work done by our Society in this field. Among others, we received those comments from the Presidency of the Republic, Justice Ministry, Justice Secretary, São Paulo Mayor's Office,

Children's Welfare Society, Trade Federation, Industry Federation, São Paulo Spiritual Federation, Education Secretary, São Paulo Police Department and Public Health University.

*Newspaper Articles.*—Besides the space for publication of Theosophical matters in a morning newspaper of wide circulation in this city, *Diário Popular*, we also obtained more space in the well-known afternoon paper, *Folha da Tarde*, to be used on Thursdays. As this newspaper has a circulation of 200,000, daily, it is calculated that at least some 300,000 readers per week would have an opportunity to read Theosophical teachings. The President has the responsibility of selecting the articles to be published in *Folha da Tarde*, and the Vice-President, Dr. Antonio Moreno Gonzalez, is in charge of the ones for publication by *Diário Popular*.

In view of the good results reached in São Paulo in that field, we suggest:

1. That the Lodges should organize a file of the published articles;
2. That they must try to obtain copies of these articles through their representatives on the General Council;
3. That they must try to get in touch with local newspapers in order to obtain reproduction of the articles they hold.

*Statutes.*—The present Committee in charge of submitting a draft of the new National Section Statutes is composed of Armando Sales, Dr. Antonio Moreno Gonzalez, J. Gervásio de Figueirêdo, Olavo Desiré Dantas and Gastão Sales.

Once it is completed, a copy will be sent to all Lodges for suggestions for the final draft to be taken into consideration by the General Council.

*Proper Offices—Reserve Funds.*—For the Reserve Fund which is destined for the acquisition of their own offices for the Lodges, the sum of Cr\$ 3.036.00 was collected which, added to the former

collection, will make a total of Cr\$ 5.396.00. Such a total continues to be at the disposal of the Recife Lodges for the purchase of their own offices, under the instructions of the National Section.

We have read closely the reports sent, and verified that Lodges Crotona, Devaparvata, Dharma, Esperanca, Himalaia, Fraternidade, Kut-Humi, Liberdade, Perseverança, and Raja Ioga were kept in full activity. Their Directors, by the executed programs, have shown interest, dedication and enthusiasm for the Theosophical cause.

Lodge Parana, thanks to the efforts of its President, Dr. Martiniano Cecon Parolin, and his equally dedicated Fellow-Directors, and also with the collaboration of some self-sacrificing brothers, collected the considerable sum of Cr\$ 41.543.93, which permitted them to build the new office, all in masonry, 108 square meters in size. There were many members and sympathizers who worked on the construction, in a valuable collaboration which permitted reduction of the building costs. Congratulations to our companions of Lodge Parana.

There is an interesting aspect in the activities of Lodge Luz do Oriente mentioned in this Report. The members of that Lodge work actively for human welfare, such as by services rendered to the Brazilian Assistance League (L.B.A.), Mothers' Club and in the social works of the city.

Considering the high costs of rent in the city of Porto Alegre, Lodge Jehoshua was fighting against serious difficulties to meet its own expenses. From March through November, last year, the Cashier found a deficit of Cr\$ 2.677.66, which was made up by the extra work of its dedicated President, Sister Mathilde A. de Oliveira. Sure that the financial setbacks would increase in time, with resources obtained by loan on her own responsibility, she

built a room in the yard of her home to serve as a place for Lodge Jehoshua. The loan will be paid by Sister Mathilde, who demonstrated with this attitude her dedication and her enthusiasm for the Theosophical cause. Congratulations to Sister Mathilde.

Lodges Sao Paulo, H. P. Blavatsky and Raja decided to join their efforts by organizing a Basic Course of Theosophy which was started during March of this year. According to the information we received, the first results were fine, the audience varying between 35 and 60 people. The method adopted is a sort of Round Table; each member of the Table has 5 to 6 minutes to talk about the theme under study. Next, the floor is given to members in the audience and finally questions are formulated about the matter.

The C. E. Ananda Lodge decided to adopt a different method this year in its study meetings, choosing as the basic element the small collection of six booklets of Theosophical divulgation edited by the National Section, so as to be able to supply each student, free, a copy of the booklet being studied. "C. E. Ananda" is starting experimentally a correspondence course to be developed through these same booklets. It has also published some small articles about Theosophy written by Brother Raul de Oliveira Vianna, President of the "C. E.". We do congratulate the Directors of "C. E. Ananda" for their magnificent working program.

Thanks to the dynamic work developed by brother Araken da Fonseca, several brothers of former Lodge Unidade, of Fortaleza, State of Ceará, returned to activity after some years of lethargy, and this group has been meeting regularly with good results. It is always with satisfaction that we mention the interest which some brothers show for the development of the activities of our Society.

We still have to mention the organization of "C. E. Augusto Bracet" whose members had been gathering since May 3, 1970. The Center has 18 members and has revealed an uncommon dynamism, for it has taken advantage of all occasions to spread the Theosophical message. Sister Dolôres do Nascimento Bracet, to whom we owe this work and who is a dedicated fighter for our ideals, must be congratulated for the magnificent work she has been doing.

*Membership.*—In the previous report, the membership was composed of 981 people. During this period, observing the same criterion applied to the Lodges which have not sent their annuity chart, and taking into consideration the previous chart, we verified that the National Section has now 957 Members, with a registered decrease of 24 people.

*Brazilian Federation of Young Theosophists. (F.B.J.T.)*—In this second year of existence, the F.B.J.T. had the opportunity of participating actively in the Theosophical Movement, collaborating with the National Section and reporting its own activities.

The Federation consists nowadays of the following groups: Porto Alegre, "Group Arjuna"; Belo Horizonte, "Group U.A.I." (Unity, Love & Idealism); Teófilo Otoni, "Group T.U.A." (Theosophy, Love & Unity); São Paulo, "Group J.E.T." (Young Students of Theosophy); and Rio de Janeiro, "Group Rio". In Brasília, there are possibilities for the creation of a new group.

In Porto Alegre, the "Arjuna Group" are under intense preparations for the Fifth Camp, to become a reality by February 1973. The program of studies of "Group J.E.T.", from São Paulo, was based in this period on the book *Theosophy for Youngsters*, followed by the theme "Hinduism", the group being divided into teams. Some senior brothers were

invited to clear the doubts arising among the students. At present, these youngsters are studying the book *Foundations of Theosophy*, keeping the same system of teamwork. The Pitágoras Theosophical Institution, in São Paulo, was the site of the Third Camp of the F.B.J.T., whose theme was "A Sense for Life", and had the participation of 55 representatives of the various Brazilian Groups.

Besides their regular activities, the youngsters have given some lectures for the members of the main city Lodges, as well as performing shows on special days and giving benefit luncheons.

Invited by the National Section, the F.B.J.T. was represented by "Group J.E.T." at the Fourth National Convention held from March 31st to April 2nd, submitting a thesis about the theme "Diffusion of Theosophy in the Present World". The youngsters also participated in a Round Table held in the Mini-School at the head office of the "Raja Theosophical Center Foundation", and in the Seminar which took place in July, this year.

"U.A.I. Group" from Belo Horizonte meets regularly on Sundays for group study, socio-cultural meetings, besides a monthly visit to all Lodges of that city. During this year, the Group studied the book *Theosophy for Youngsters*. Some of these youngsters have submitted their work to the local Lodges. The Group recently received a visit from Brother Juan Viñas.

The Rio de Janeiro Group, which has gone through a very difficult time due to lack of members, was, for this reason, chosen as the site for the Fourth Camp which took place at Sister Myrian Vianna Guimarães' home, in Niterói, from July 21st to July 23rd, with the participation of Brothers Juan Viñas, Paulina Palmeri, Silvia L. Pastori and Vicente Fiumano, all from Buenos Aires, Argentina. The theme

discussed during that gathering was "Human Fulfilment". That new meeting, as well as the lectures given by Brother Juan Viñas in Rio, attracted more youngsters to the Group, which has now its meetings on Wednesdays at the headquarters of the Theosophical Lodges Federation of Guanabara, Rua Imperatriz Leopoldina 8, 17th Floor.

In the city of Teófilo Otoni, Minas Gerais State, the "Group T.U.A." is still expanding.

The official press release of the F.B.J.T., *Vesper*, is presently in its second year of existence, publishing now its sixth issue.

Activities of the groups, today more intense than ever, show that the F.B.J.T. has achieved its aims in spreading the Theosophical Movement. The ability to work together with the National Section, as well as the creation of new groups, shows a degree of maturity and strength of motives.

*Theosophical Order of Service.*—This Department, under the firm direction of Sister Julieta Noronha do Nascimento, has been very active, which we can verify by the works below mentioned:

1. It visited many poor families, guiding them in certain principles of hygienics and domestic economy, besides granting them some resources;
2. It collaborated with the Craftmanship School of "Raja Center", where there are between 40 to 50 girls learning several manual crafts, among which we can cite needlework, embroidery and tapestry;
3. It has bought and distributed the following to poor children: 48 pairs of tennis-shoes, 25 skirts, 40 uniform pants, 20 shorts and 25 blouses;
4. It also acquired material to manufacture uniforms and layettes;
5. It has given a tea party during which was collected the sum of Cr\$ 275.00; besides, it received from

the National Section the sum of Cr\$ 500.00; and from Dr. Alberto Lyra Cr\$ 25.00 making a total of Cr\$ 800.00. 6. Having spent Cr\$ 673.48 there still is Cr\$ 126.52 in cash.

*Advance Course on Theosophy.*—This is being given by Brother J. Gervásio de Figueirêdo in the headquarters of the Pitágoras Theosophical Institution. The book which is being studied is *The Secret Doctrine* by H.P.B., giving to Brother Gervásio the opportunity to show his deep knowledge of Theosophy. The classes take place fortnightly, with an average attendance of 50 people, the majority being youngsters from J.E.T.

We know that a course of this nature should arouse a greater interest in all members. However, there exists an explanation for the aspect of lack of interest from senior members; it might be a question of place since Pitágoras Theosophical Institution is not as central a place as the National Section.

Possibly, if the Course would function at the National Section headquarters there would be a greater number present. Being so, we intend that this will happen in the future, for it would contribute to strengthen the National Section work which we consider of vital importance for the development of our Society in Brazil. To Brother Gervásio de Figueirêdo for his dedication and goodwill in transmitting his deep knowledge, we express our most cordial thanks.

*Secretary.*—Sister Cora Sales is our 1st Secretary, and Brother Paulo de Castro, the 2nd Secretary.

*Advertising Department.*—This Department continues under the efficient direction of Brother Olvao Desiré Dantas, who is also in charge of the publication of *The Theosophist*. Brother José Cacic Gonçalves also gives a precious collaboration to the Department, being in charge

of the distribution of booklets of divulgation. Sister Leduina Riedel Campos was another distinguished collaborator in charge of the magazine's despatch. The distinguished couple, Maria Luiza Lavrador and Dr. Milton Lavrador, our friends living in Rio de Janeiro, were of great dedication, contributing generously with their effort and efficiency to the publishing of *The Theosophist* through sending numerous translations. Reference is due to the work of translation done by Brother M. P. Moreira Filho, from Rio de Janeiro, into English of the long report of the "Raja Theosophical Center Foundation" and the rewriting of the present report. To all of them our best thanks.

A project of work is being elaborated which will count on the participation of the young Theosophists, and is destined to keep contact with cities of the interior of São Paulo State, aiming at the spreading of the Theosophical message. It is possible that from this work can result the foundation of new Centers of Theosophical studies. It would be of great utility for the expansion of Theosophy in our country if the Lodges, in general, specially those which are sited in other States, would work to carry the Theosophical message to the neighbouring towns.

*O Teosofista.*—During the last Inter-American Theosophical Congress, held in Bogotá, Colombia, a proposal was approved to maintain only one magazine for the federated Sections *ad referendum* of the approval of the General Council of each Section.

When the matter was submitted to our General Council, it did not give approval, deciding to proceed with *O Teosofista*. However, during the visit of Brother Luis Spairani, President of the Inter-American Federation, he had the chance to participate in a meeting of

our General Council, when he touched again on the subject of a single magazine. After a long exchange of ideas, the Council approved the publication of the Inter-American Magazine but entirely translated into Portuguese.

In a letter from Brother Luis Spairani dated September 5th, he informed us that very soon he would send the originals of a new cover for composition, together with the articles which would be published in the first issue of the new magazine and which had to be translated.

*Library.*—On the days when the Lodges are functioning, the Library is kept open to supply books to those interested. The section of rare books which cannot be lent and can only be read *in loco*, has been also active. Considering the number of books received as donations, there is a need to buy a new bookcase.

To Brother José Cacaís Gonçalves, our dedicated librarian, we express our most sincere thanks, and also to Brother Pedro dos Santos for his precious collaboration continuously given to this work.

*Acknowledgments.*—We renew our thanks to all members of the Executive Board and General Council who helped us in all ways to carry out one more period of work. Some Brothers distinguished

themselves by their effort, dedication and love to the Theosophical cause. Among them we must mention Dr. Antonio Moreno Gonzalez, Vice-President of the National Section; Cora Sales, First Secretary; Paulo de Castro, Second Secretary; Maximino Rocha and Leduina Riedel Campos, First and Second Treasurers, respectively; José Cacaís Gonçalves, Librarian; Pedro dos Santos, from the Book Department; Olavo Desiré Dantas, Advertising Director; René Ventura Sales, Managing Director and Julieta Noronha do Nascimento, Director of the Theosophical Order of Service.

We again thank the Directors of Pitágoras Theosophical Institution and Raja Theosophical Center Foundation for the magnificent collaboration given always when it is necessary.

How much wonderful effort, how much dedication, how much love and devotion were given by so many members to the Theosophical cause. To all our best thanks and, to end, we renew Mme. Blavatsky's advice: "Divided, the sticks can be easily broken one by one; but, if we keep united, there will be no force on Earth capable of destroying our Brotherhood."

ARMANDO SALES,  
*General Secretary.*

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## ICELAND

The total membership of the Icelandic Section of the Theosophical Society was 632 members on September 9th 1972, an increase of ten during the season. This increase is mostly in young people as it has been during the past several years so that the average age of the members is constantly lowering.

As usual, the theosophical work is divided into a few sections, mainly three, that is, promotion of theosophical views, work inside the Society and thirdly the kind of endeavor and spiritual search each member undertakes subjectively.

The promotion of theosophical views has mostly been done through the Section's periodical magazine, *Gangleri*, whose number of subscribers is three times the total membership of the Society in Iceland. *Gangleri* is now a well-known magazine and it seems to us that it has reached considerable popularity.

This autumn, a pamphlet will be issued in order to promote *Gangleri* still more thoroughly. In this pamphlet a special emphasis will be put on the subject, theosophical study.

On Fridays, every week throughout the season, public meetings are held at the Section's Headquarters, generally referred to as Friday Lectures. These lectures aim at arousing interest in those questions that theosophists generally ask, but at the same time care is taken to avoid tying the Society down to any specific dogmas or theories. Members are encouraged to express themselves in such a manner that the Theosophical Society be in no way linked with their own personal views.

Another factor in the propagation of Theosophy in Iceland is the public instruction in meditation which takes place at the Section's Headquarters every

Wednesday. It is aimed at suiting the public in general as well as beginners, although we sometimes undertake some quite difficult exercises in meditation. These meetings are often attended by 40 persons, sometimes even more, mostly young people, among them quite a few university students.

The kind of work that is especially intended for the members themselves are instruction meetings every Saturday. There more difficult subjects have been treated than at other meetings, such as yoga and mysticism. These meetings are in the hands of two lodges in Reykjavik, but other lodges also treat special subjects throughout the winter. One lodge, though, has not been active this last season.

Twice a week there are so-called Club Days, namely on Wednesdays 5-7 p.m. and on Saturdays 3-7 p.m. Then those members who wish, meet for discussions, look at the latest books or work for the Section. These Club Days have given good results in increasing people's interest in the Society. At the end of every Friday lecture, coffee is served and then those present are able to come into closer contact with the Society and its aims.

A summer school was held in June. It was attended by some forty people, a few more than in recent years, but not as many as 4-6 years ago. The reason for this is that now it is more expensive to stay at summer hotels in Iceland than it used to be. The keynote of the summer school was "Simplicity in Life". Very little formal lecturing was done at this summer school, most of the work went on in discussion groups.

About the third section or part of theosophical work in Iceland, namely the spiritual endeavor and personal search of each individual, few things can

be said, because the results of this are hard to report on, although they are the pivotal point of theosophical work. Nevertheless, I feel confident that I can say with certainty that never before have so many T.S. members in Iceland understood the significance of self-realization. I am not referring to the kind of self-realization that consists of learning theories about man, but the kind of self-realization that is real knowl-

edge and understanding of oneself in life in reality, moment after moment. A self-knowledge that is a clear consciousness about being and working as a human being. This manifests itself in a greatly increased interest in meditation, which is to be found mostly among young educated people.

SIGVALDI HJALMARSSON,  
*General Secretary.*

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## SPAIN

### No Report

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## PORTUGAL

During the period under report, the Portuguese Section of the Theosophical Society continued its activities with the usual regularity.

We have celebrated all great Theosophical events as "Foundation Day", "Adyar Day" and "White Lotus Day". We had public meetings at the Headquarters every fortnight, and, sometimes, every week. Among the chief lectures we must refer to: "In the 50th Anniversary of the Portuguese Theosophical Society", by Mr. Chaves Cruz; "Man's Inner Powers" and "A World in Transition", by Dr. Maria Beatriz Serpa Branco; "Alchemy and Spiritual Science", by Mr. Victor Martini.

The General Secretary was the principal lecturer at the commemorations of "Foundation Day", "Adyar Day" and "White Lotus Day". As well, he introduced all the other lecturers and led the general meetings. On the 50th Anniversary of the Founding of the Portuguese Section of the Theosophical Society,

we held two public meetings, and some members presented a retrospective view of the activities of our Section during the half-century. At the Christmas Festival, the Family Serpa Branco (the parents and three children) offered us a beautiful program of poetry and music.

This year, we again enjoyed the presence of our Sister Mrs. Pearson-Laroute, who gave three interesting lectures at the Headquarters: "Lotus and the Irradiant Spirituality; Grace and Wisdom; Christ and Buddha"; "S. João da Cruz, Occidental Yogi"; "Spiritual Evolution through an American Psychologist—Rogers".

Concerning the Lodges, we must inform you that our Section kept the same number (12) as in the last Report, but one (Isis) was dormant and another—Koot Hoomi—worked without great regularity, though its president, the General Secretary, had contributed actively to the general meetings. So also did the members of the following Lodges: Maitreya,

Annie Besant, Pitá goras, Fraternidade, Boa Vontade, Amor, Verdade, Beleza and Dharma. The president of Lodge Annie Besant organized some Theosophical meetings in the country, as usual, in order to stimulate a give-and-take of ideas and an exchange of views about Theosophical doctrines.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Theosophical Summer Schools—though I went to London and to Paris, where I contacted some Theosophical centers—but some members of our Section went abroad, attending the Summer School at Territet.

Concerning the membership, we had 174 members on 1st October 1971, and at present, we have 176 (12 new members, 2 deaths and 13 lapsings). Nevertheless, we have remarked an increasing interest among the young members. Brothers Celso Viana and Victor Martini held a course on Theosophy for the new members.

So, I finish this report with the same hope that our Section may grow with the help of the Great Ones to strengthen the Theosophical ideals in the world.

(PROF.) DELIO NOBRE SANTOS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## WALES

The most notable feature in the life of the Section in Wales during the past twelve months has been the loss of the premises of the Colwyn Bay Lodge owing to town center developments. The Lodge put up a strenuous fight but to no purpose and so-called progress prevailed. This has been a difficult period for the Lodge to pass through, having been in occupation for the past forty-six years. New premises have been found a short distance away in the same road, and it is hoped that when these are ready the splendid work and tradition will continue.

There has been an encouraging number of new members joining the Section during the year, though the general increase in our membership is only a small one owing to the death and lapsing of older members, but the incoming of new younger members cannot help but have a beneficial effect. Our membership at this time is now 65, an increase of three on last year. We shall continue to put forward the philosophy of Theosophy and the

Wisdom Teaching which should have an appeal to the more serious minded members of the public who must by now wonder what life is all about.

Consideration has been given to 1975, but as we are only a small Section with a widely scattered membership, it is thought it might be better to join with other Sections in the British Isles in an event or events to mark the occasion; it should be possible to arrange something at this level. Our Annual Convention last September 1971, was quite successful, our Guest of Honor, Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, having much to do with this. The Convention was highlighted by a showing of color transparencies of Adyar with a commentary and description by Geoffrey. A good number of members were able to make the journey from South Wales, which all helped to build up a happy family atmosphere, greatly enjoyed by all present. Our next Convention should also be a memorable occasion as it will be our Golden Jubilee, 1922-1972, and will be held at our Headquarters in Cardiff. Our

Guest of Honor will be the Chairman of the European Federation, Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith.

The work and worth of our members is greatly appreciated, in particular that of those officers and members of the

Welsh Council who give so much time and effort in the furtherance of the Theosophical ideal.

HARRY EDGAR,  
General Secretary.

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## POLAND

No Report

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## URUGUAY

According to the regulations of our Society we held our 49th Ordinary General Assembly of the T.S., Uruguay, on the 24th August 1972 at our HQ, Str. Javier Barrios Amorin 1085. Forty-seven out of a total of 154 members were present.

The General Secretary, Justo V. de la Vega, opened the meeting with an invocation. Then he mentioned the activities developed from August 1971 to August 1972, the most important of which are here enumerated:

1. Formation of a new lodge Ishvara under his leadership, for which the constitutive charter was requested from Adyar.
2. The work was channelled to the divulgation of the Theosophical ideal through the three numbers of the publication *Theosophy in Uruguay*, which must be considered as the official organ of the T. S. in Uruguay.
3. The Directing Council met once a month during the whole year and the members are duly informed of the subjects dealt with during those monthly meetings. The President subscribes to the journal *El Teosofista* (translation of *The Theosophist*) issued

by Mr. S. Whebe of Rio Cuarto, Cordoba, Argentine, wishing to keep the brethren informed of the spirit which moves the T.S. in the world. An interior regulation to strengthen the official rules of the T.S. in Uruguay has been submitted for the definite approval of the members.

The 10 lodges of this section have been working regularly in 1971-72:

1. Lodge Koot-Hoomi: General studies on Theosophy, particularly on the book *Theosophy Explained* by P. Pavri.
2. Lodge Fraternidad studied *The Mahatma Letters* and "Symbols of Secret Societies".
3. Lodge Morya was studying and translating the courses in English which Mr. G. Hodson gave in Huizen, Holland, as well as the short courses edited by the U.S. Section, translated by the Inter-American Theosophical Federation, together with the subjects "Practical Theosophy", "The Bodies We Use", "Man, a God on Pilgrimage" and "Happiness in the Face of Adverse Circumstances".
4. Lodge Harmonia was studying *The Voice of the Silence* by H.P.B., "The

Higher and the Lower Powers", "The Destroyer of the Real", "The I and the All-I", "The Three Halls" "The Mother of the World" and "The Seven Sounds." Furthermore they effected exhortations to work for peace in Uruguay and in the world.

5. Lodge H.P.B. studied "El Kybalion" and Dr. Taimni's book *Self-Culture*.
6. Lodge Ariel studied the following: *The Ancient Wisdom* by Dr. Besant, *Gods in Chains* by Jinarāja-dāsa, *Raja Yoga* by Vivekananda, the life of Ramakrishna, *New Education* by Krishnamurti, "Birth and Cessation of Karma", articles by Sri Ram in *The Theosophist*, "Meaning of Life" by R. Tagore. All the lodge meetings take place in a round table.
7. Lodge Isvara started work on 27-5-72 with one weekly meeting, studying the meaning of "Ishvara" as well as the 42 questions put in No. 2 of *Teosofia en Uruguay*.
8. Lodge Karma Marga dedicated its studies to the book *Self-Culture* and in private meetings to *Meditations on the Occult Life*. Four new members joined. This lodge tries to attract

young members. At present, they are studying *Theosophy in Daily Life*.

9. Lodge Djwhal Khul finished studying the book *Man, Whence, How and Whither* and is now studying the 30 last lives of Alcyone, furthermore *Self-Culture* and the Rays. Information was published in the press. Some members attended the Summer School of the Argentine section. This lodge maintains international correspondence and patronizes the activities of Young Theosophists in the town of Las Piedras. It acquired four new members.
10. Lodge Gautama is engaged in an extensive study of the 3rd volume of *The Secret Doctrine* by H.P.B., trying to penetrate the deep teachings of our beloved founder.

Our Society also has an active group "Braille" directed by several sisters who by means of television are divulging Theosophical teachings; blind persons in the Library are helped by sending them Theosophical material. The Library is functioning regularly and is used by several members spreading Theosophical knowledge into the outer world.

JUSTO V. DE LA VEGA,  
General Secretary.

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## PUERTO RICO

Our Section has again shown a decline in membership. We gained three new members, but lapsings have lowered the total membership to 60 in six branches. We are fortunate in having free radio time which enables us to offer the public a fifteen minute talk every Sunday morning of the year. We are also fortunate in having several members who are very well-qualified to present this program.

We were happy to welcome once again for a brief visit in the spring Sr. Luis A. Spairani, the President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation. Besides talking to members about programs for the Federation, he had time for public lectures. At this writing we are awaiting the arrival of the first issue of the new Federation magazine which we will send to all members.

At the annual Convention, Easter Sunday 1972, we listened to a cassette recording of greetings from the Inter-American Federation President and from the General Secretary of the Argentine Section. The thought had occurred that the cassette, weighing only a few ounces and very small, is an excellent means of communication at theosophical gatherings. We intend to use it more.

At the Convention we voted approval of an important change in our By-laws

conducive to the vitality and better functioning of a Section. Previous to this change a member could be re-elected for any number of terms as General Secretary. With the change he is limited to two consecutive terms of office. However, after an intervening term he could again be eligible for nomination to that office.

SEYMOUR D. BALLARD  
*General Secretary.*

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## RUMANIA

No Report

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## YUGOSLAVIA

The year under report started with the regular work in all Lodges and the Center, and with the Annual Convention held at the seat of the Yugoslav Section in Ljubljana on 16th October 1971.

The General Secretary in her review of the past working year quoted first the instructive introductory talk given by the President, N. Sri Ram, on the occasion of the T. S. Congress in Paris held 8-15 August 1971. The guest speaker at the Convention was Br. John Coats who spoke about ecology. This meeting was attended by many young people who are not members of the T. S.

From the reports given by presidents of the Lodges one can conclude that the work is going on more or less in the routine way.

The General Secretary visited and lectured in all Lodges in October, November and December 1971. For the second time, she visited the Lodges in Ljubljana, Zagreb and Beograd, together with the

Vice-Chairman of the T.S. in Europe, Mrs. Claire Wyss, who gave talks to all three Lodges. Her visit was very much appreciated by all fellow-members, and we all hope she will pay us another visit soon. This second visit to Lodges took place in June 1972.

The Executive Committee of the Yugoslav Section met first in October 1971 and for the second time in June 1972.

Besides the travels in Yugoslavia the General Secretary also went abroad and attended the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the German Section and the Summer-School at Bad Homburg vor der Höhe. She was invited to lead a communication group with the theme: "The Steps in the new Time called Duration".

The General Secretary and the President of the Lodge Service attended some study lectures conducted by Mr. G. Hodson at the International Theosophical Center, Huizen, and they both appreciated the wonderful atmosphere of the Center.

The Summer-School in Pichl, Austria, was attended by ten members of the Yugoslav Section, coming from six different places. The General Secretary led the study group in the Yugoslav language, and gave, in a symposium held at the end of the Summer-School, a short report of this work. The theme was "Responsibility".

Immediately after returning to Ljubljana, to the seat of the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia, the General Secretary inquired after the reply to our demand for the foreign currency to be able to pay

our fees to our Headquarters. As no reply has been sent to us the General Secretary will try to investigate the matter when in October she goes to Beograd.

To end this report, here are some figures: from the beginning of the re-opening of the Yugoslav Section, 97 fellow-members joined the T. S., 11 passed away and 9 resigned. The present number of members is 77 on 30th September 1972, working in four Lodges and one Center.

MILA GRUBACEVIC,  
*General Secretary.*

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## SRI LANKA (CEYLON)

As indicated in our Annual Report for last year, there had been a revival of interest in the work of the lodges and in the activities of the Section in Sri Lanka subsequent to the re-organisation and re-constitution of several lodges. A slight increase in the membership of some lodges has also been noted.

The year under review commenced with a public lecture delivered by our National lecturer, Mr. F. Rustomjee, J. P., U. M., on the subject: "The Application of the Three Main Purposes of the Theosophical Society in the Daily Lives of its Members and Listeners." On Foundation Day, November 17th, a special commemoration was held at the Girl Guides Headquarters Hall, Colombo, at which a symposium on the subject: "Why Theosophy?" was discussed. Speakers from the various lodges in the Section participated in the symposium.

An event which was of outstanding interest to our members was the visit of the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in the U. K. at that time, Mr. G. A. Farthing, from 21st to 23rd December, and again in January 1972 from 13th

to 15th while on his way to Adyar and back to England. We availed ourselves of these two occasions to hold informal discussions at dinner parties hosted by Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Rustomjee and Mr. Harry Pieris, at their homes. These discussions proved to be both interesting as well as very informative.

Besant Lodge, which has hitherto taken an active and prominent part in organizing study groups, symposia and meetings, has maintained a fine record of consistent activity throughout the year. This lodge was also responsible for organizing the following series of symposia:

1. Physical Mechanism and Meditation.
2. Etheric Vehicle and Meditation.
3. Mental Body and Meditation.
4. Spiritual Vehicle and Meditation.

The above series of discussions culminated in a two-day study camp, which was held on 21st and 22nd September at Range Estate, Wattala, at the bungalow and premises known as Kalvath Sham, which belongs to Mr. Fuard Uduman, and there was a good response from members and guests totalling 125, including many young persons and ladies.

The theme on which this esoteric study group was organised was on "Meditational Living." The speakers who led the various study groups were: Her Holiness Satchitananda Mataji, subject: Gnana Yoga; Mr. M. R. Unni Nayar, B. Sc. (Eng.), President of a Yoga Sanga, subject: Raja Yoga and Kriya Yoga; Rev. Fr. B. D'Abrera of All Saints' Roman Catholic Church, subject: Christianity and Meditational Living; His Holiness M. Guru Bawa—a Sufi mystic, subject: The Kalima and Meditational living; Mrs. Theja Gunawardhana—a Theosophist, subject: Islam and Meditational Living.

On Adyar Day, February 17th, which is observed as Olcott Commemoration Day by various organisations as well as by the Buddhist schools and colleges founded by Col. H. S. Olcott, a commemoration was held at Girl Guides Headquarters Hall, which was organised jointly by The Theosophical Society, Olcott Commemoration Society and The Buddhist Theosophical Society (Incorporated).

Mr. Siri Perera, Q. C., ex-High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in India, took the

chair and delivered the commemorative address. Speakers representing the other two societies also spoke on this occasion, recounting the invaluable services rendered by Col. Olcott in the cause of Theosophy and education.

The anniversary of the passing on of Madame H. P. Blavatsky was commemorated on White Lotus Day, May 8th. Mrs. Theja Gunawardhana extended a cordial invitation to members and guests to hold a commemorative meeting and to partake of refreshments so kindly provided by her at her residence in Temple Road, Colombo 10. Extracts from the *Bhagavad Gita* and *The Light of Asia* were read in accordance with the last wishes of Madame Blavatsky.

Quite a good number of enquirers who had evinced an interest in Theosophy have attended our meetings and study camp, and we hope that some of them will eventually apply for fellowship in the Theosophical Society.

There are seven lodges in the Section which has a total membership of 66.

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

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## GREECE

During the past year our Section has been working very well, as in the past, with the six Lodges (five in Athens and one in Salonica). One more is under creation in the town of Kavalla in Northern Greece.

The members of our Section number now 235, that is we have an increase of 38. What is lacking in our Section is the translation into the Greek language

of the classical Theosophical works. Our restrained financial means make it almost impossible for us. We are making an effort for *An Abridgment of the Secret Doctrine*, in the Greek language. Most of our members cannot read foreign languages.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## CENTRAL AMERICA

Herewith my annual report covering the period from 1-10-71 to 30-9-72 regarding the T. S. in Central America. This Section is composed of six independent countries, which fact explains its different character compared to any national Section.

Two new lodges were formed in our Section: Arca el Cordero Blanco in the town and Republic of Guatemala with 16 members, 15 of whom were the founders, and Sadhana in the town of Heredia, Republic of Costa Rica with nine members. The number of lodges has therefore risen from 10 to 12. Forty-five new members joined the Section including those of the two afore-mentioned new lodges. The total number of members in 1972

together with the 45 new members is 151.

On 29-11-71 Brother Jose Arroliga Moreira, an important member of the Lodge Pratibha of Managua, Nicaragua, left his physical body.

In the Latin American countries there is a lack of Theosophical books in Spanish, not only of the classical but also of modern authors. We hope for a successful campaign for translation of the great number of books existing in other languages, especially in English.

We trust to be able to cooperate in the Theosophical work to the best of our abilities.

BENVENUTO MARTINEZ G.,  
*General Secretary.*

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## PHILIPPINES

A sizable increase in membership and a wider interest in the work of the Society and of the teachings are significant features of this year's report. These may be attributed to the continuing and stepped-up campaign to "Popularize a Knowledge of Theosophy"—PAKOT in the words of Mr. Hodson. Directions were both inwards and outwards. Inwards expressed itself in better and wider communication with members through newsletters, revival of the official organ, *The Philippine Theosophist*, continuing study groups, the Follow-Up Seminar, lodge visitations and personal contacts with members. Outward thrusts were the

widening contact with many and diverse groups, opportunities to explain the teachings over the air, free leaflets and information on principal theosophical teachings and the work of the Society, the popular public programs at the Headquarters, the greater circulation and sales of theosophical books and participation of individual members, particularly those in the Theosophical Order of Service, in national issues and events which call attention to the work of the Society.

Two special events highlighted this year's activities. First was the two-day Convention of May 13-14 and the

other was the visit of Mr. John B. S. Coats. Reflective of the need to broaden and adapt our local approaches to meet the needs of the rapidly changing times, the Convention had for its theme, "Theosophy in the Space Age". Bereft of a visiting lecturer, unlike the previous one in which Bishop Coats graced the occasion, this year's Convention had for its principal speakers, the National President, C. Z. Gregorio, and Mr. D. C. Argente, himself a past National President. Serving as a preliminary background discussion to the Convention theme was the Saturday Workshop on the subject "The Work of the Theosophical Society". Chaired by Atty. F. P. Romero, the workshop was delineated along these lines: first, "The Mission of the Theosophical Society"; second, "How Relevant Is It To The Times?"; third, "What Are Its Objectives?"; and fourth, "What Steps Are Being Done To Promote These Objectives?". Some thirty-five members participated, divided into three groups, each group discussing all the four topics. Group discussants were Mr. Vicente Reyes, Mrs. Esther Z. Doval Santos and Mr. Vic Hao Shing. Important points elicited at the workshop were taken up during the plenary session held the following day, which discussed the recommendations of the Workshop Committee, among which were: training of members to form the proposed Speakers' Bureau; fund-raising projects to finance the needs of the Section; a program of public lectures geared towards meeting the immediate needs and interests of the public, such as yoga, meditation, drugs, extra-sensory phenomena, etc. A total of 127 members registered and some forty visitors and sympathizers.

*The Biennial Election.*—Unlike in previous years in which the National Officers were elected directly by the General Membership, this year's election

was confined to that of the seven members of the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the amended By-Laws. In the organizational meeting of the Board, the present General Secretary (National President), C. Z. Gregorio, the National Secretary, Atty. M. L. Zapata, the National Librarian, A. S. Francisco, and Trustee, Mrs. D. L. Reyes, were retained; three new officers were brought in: Dra. Juliana C. Pineda, National Vice-President; Angel Reyes, National Treasurer, and Mrs. Punay Kabayao Fernandez, Trustee. Appointive officials for this year are: Mr. Vicente C. Reyes, Executive Assistant, Ananda Manalad Zapata, Asst. Secretary, Prof. F. H. Doval Santos, Asst. Treasurer, and Mr. Benito Arguelles, Asst. Librarian. The new Board was formally inducted into office last July 7, with Mr. D. C. Argente, former General Secretary, as inducting officer.

The Section has gained 96 new members, an increase of 56 over that of last year. Thirty-eight lapsing members have been registered, aside from one who died, and three others who have emigrated abroad, thus reducing the substantial gains made.

A notable feature of the new membership is that nearly one-fourth of these are below 21 (the youngest of them is 12 years old and doing the required readings and attendance, too). This influx of young blood, eager, active and enthusiastic, is a most welcome addition, foreshadowing what may well be imagined as the beginning perhaps of the near "changing of the guards." With 1975 not too far off, it is but natural for us to look to these young people with much hope and with more than ordinary interest.

*Lodge Visits.*—As part of the program for better contact and communication with members, lodge visits

were particularly focused on faraway lodges, whose members have hardly any opportunity to meet with other members and officers of the Section. Thus on October 15 last year, I flew down south in company with Mrs. Punay K. Fernandez for a three-day visit with the Cebu Lodge. This visit was characterized by much warm cordiality and intensification of interest by old and new members alike to revitalize the Lodge. Through group dynamics, it was possible to get the members very much involved. I had the happy opportunity of accepting and inducting four new members and inaugurating a new and better site for the lodge in the busy downtown area. This year, Cebu Lodge more than doubled its membership. To vitalize and give direction to lodge work in far-off places, lodge visits should be done at least twice a year. I consider it one of the most important activities that must be carried out by the Section.

By 9th January, it was possible to pay a visit to two sister lodges up north, Munoz and Cabanatuan. This was made to coincide with the induction of the newly-elected lodge officers and was an overnight trip by car in the company of the National Secretary, Atty. Zapata, Board Member, J. Cabrera and H. Q. staff member, Benny Arguelles. Each one gave talks to the members assembled, who stayed for a marathon session that lasted till the wee hours of morning.

Another lodge out in the province that was visited was Cavite Lodge, last April 29. The group was much smaller but the warmth and interest generated was not an iota less. Also visited was Laguna Lodge—another lodge outside of Greater Manila, which meets in the house of Mr. Romy Velarde at the B. F. Homes, Las Piñas, during the last Saturday of each month. The same lodge

was visited by Mr. Coats during his recent visit with the Section last March.

*John Coats' Visit.*—The Section was again privileged to have Bishop John B. S. Coats for its guest March 14-27 this year. Highlight of his visit this time, was a three-day visit to the Cebu Lodge in the far island of Cebu. Accompanied by the National President and the National Secretary, Mr. Coats emplaned for Cebu in the morning of Friday, March 17, and was back in Manila by Monday noon, March 20. His visit to Cebu was crowded with talks to members, a public lecture at the Lions' Clubhouse in the heart of the city, a trip to the famous Taoist Temple and a long drive up steep mountain roads to the delightful mountain retreat of Mr. Vicente Hermoso, who promised through our distinguished visitor, that a hectare of the beautiful property would be donated to the Cebu Lodge of the T.S. Back in Manila, Mr. Coats gave a series of talks and informal sessions with young people, many of whom were drug-addicts, but who were later on converted and joined in as members. During the last Sunday of his stay, Bishop Coats performed mass for the Liberal Catholic Church before an improvised altar at the Lecture Hall.

*Revitalized lodges.*—Aside from Cebu, a very much revitalized lodge is Balintawak Lodge, which registered an unprecedented increase in membership—38 in all—from June to August. While Cebu not only doubled its membership, and started its own library and bookshop, it also elected a new set of officials for the first time in more than a decade. New president is Mrs. Fely Abear. Balintawak Lodge still meets in the house of Dr. B.F. Reyes in Barrio Kangkong, Quezon City, has the same set of officials but had drawn to itself the biggest number of members. Many of them are young people weaned away from drug-taking and some of

them are personalities of the movie world.

A sure drawing card in the big lodges is the organized study group whether based on a definite text-book or on a series of related subjects with different discussants. Many lodges in Manila have these features as part of their lodge activities. Rizaliana, Manila, and Hamsa are among those who make this a regular feature of their lodge activities.

*Study Group Centers*.—A serious study-group numbering from 10 to 22 regularly meets in Pandacan, Manila, every Tuesday evening at 8.30. A pre-war member of the Society, Atty. Mauricio Carlos conducts the sessions in his own way and is often assisted by regular visits from other older members and officials. Other study groups which are however mobile, are continuously served by "missionary" members Dominador and Dalmacio Mendez and Cipriano Ramos. These three active members of the Ilaw Lodge penetrate the hilly towns of Pampanga, Bulacan, Pangasinan, Tarlac and Nueva Ecija, explaining Theosophy in Pilipino. Theirs is a much-appreciated service which they have been zealously performing for more than three years now, and which is not easy to equal since it demands a constant traveling on their own from one town to another. Some members of the Hamsa Lodge have also been engaged in a continuous follow-up of study-groups they have formed, mostly calculated to wean young people away from drug addiction. Pioneering members along this line are Mel Albano, Lani Makapugay, Boying del Rosario and Romy Silverio. At time of writing, these members have branched out into other groups, also drawing drug-addicts into the study of meditation, yoga and Zen Buddhism.

*The Follow-up Seminar*.—After the close of the Theosophical Seminar under Mr.

Hodson, requests for more seminars similarly conducted were received from many quarters. Those who attended Mr. Hodson's lectures requested that a Follow-Up Seminar on the same subjects given, be conducted to help refresh their memories and perhaps touch other points which, due to the limited time of the Seminar then, could not be covered. By the first week of November, the Follow-Up Seminar—a series of lectures and questions-and-answer forum on fifteen related subjects—was begun. It was conducted every Sunday evening from 6.00 to 8.00, each session was an hour's lecture with a 10-minute break followed by another hour of questions and answers. Three senior members of the Society handled five subjects each and made use of diagrams and handouts to illustrate the subjects. Discussants were: D. C. Argente, J. C. Pineda and C. Z. Gregorio. The whole seminar lasted for three and a half months.

*Other Outer Contacts*.—Closer contact with Masonic groups by other members, in particular, Mr. D. C. Argente, has afforded the Society invaluable opportunities of disseminating the teachings, not necessarily with an eye for membership, but to bring the teachings to as many receptive people as is possible. Thus, too, with other workers like Mrs. Jean Tayao, Mr. J. Cabrera and Mr. D. Ferraris as educators at the City University.

That the teachings are evoking much greater interest than before in otherwise unsympathetic groups is evinced in the numerous invitations extended to the National President to speak on theosophical subjects and of the Theosophical Society. Among these invitations from diversified groups were those from the Manila Kiwanis Club last December at the Manila Hilton, from small community citizens' groups, from two religious groups interested in helping combat drug

addiction, youth groups, two in Quezon City, one in San Juan, Rizal, also on the same line, one from the National Council of Social Action, a number of sessions with ladies' groups in Greenhills and a series of talks on thought control to a hypno-therapy group.

*The Library and the Bookshop.*—For the third year, the library and the bookshop have been doing the marvelous job of spreading the teachings through the medium of the written word. According to the librarian, Mr. Tony Francisco, the library has successfully met the increasing demands of students in different universities researching on Eastern philosophy, psychology and major religions of the East, so that now he is seriously working on plans to improve the facilities of the library so that an oriental Section may be set apart for the needs of the researchers. He says he has already appealed for book donations to bolster his need. This year an additional 110 new members have been added to the Borrower's List. Some 200 books have been added to both the circulation and reference sections of the library. A generous donor, Mr. Fernando Batungbakal has given some 150 rare books, worth more than P3,000.00. The wife of the Hamsa Lodge President, Mrs. Virgie Villaluz, a former librarian of the San Carlos University, has been at the library.

The bookshop has also doubled its sales, mostly through the mail order service offered, and thus many theosophical books have now reached many far-flung places in the Philippines. Many of those who have also borrowed, have been sending questions and inquiries about the theosophical teachings. Two of these inquirers have joined the Section, as members-at-large.

*"The Philippine Theosophist"*.—has again been revived. Having met countless

"deaths" through financial attrition, it is back in circulation, this time in the capable hands of its Editor, Mr. Vic Hao Shing. To solve our funding problem, the mimeographing process has been resorted to—a great labor of love and an equally great ingenuity go hand in hand with the whole process, too. The mimeograph is a small, hand-cranked machine, the typists are often member-volunteers, the "crew" who do the finishing job of putting the "magazine" together are our candidates for gold medals in patience and resourcefulness.

Our pamphlet, leaflets and handouts, many just as laboriously evolved, have been much helped by personal donations of finished products by Mr. Joaquin Cunanan, President of the Theosophical Fellowship Group, who, at the request of the National President, has been donating these. Thousands of these leaflets and handouts have been handed out to as many as could be reached during the different sorties made by the lecturing members, groups and through mail and reading centers.

*The Theosophical Order of Service.*—Most of the work of the T. O. S. has, as always, been carried out by dedicated members who have joined other service groups like the Animal Welfare Clubs, garden projects, etc. A continuing service group within the Society itself is the Healing Group which meets every Saturday evening at 7.00, and whose silent if effective service is recognized not only by members, but even outsiders who send in names of loved ones to be included in the healing list. The recent flood and other calamities which have devastated the country have also provided opportunities to render individual help as well as group contributions towards the relief of flood sufferers. One sad result of the recent killer floods was the decision of the Theosophical Fellowship Group

to postpone indefinitely the projected seminar under Mrs. Gool Minwalla in March 1973. This is a set-back to our expansion program, but might be offset by other activities that can still be pursued within the limitations of economic difficulties.

*Summing-up.*—The year under review saw initial gains in popularizing a knowledge of Theosophy and a sizeable increase in membership infused with young blood. Despite the worsening conditions everywhere, socially, politically, econo-

mically, aggravated by the recent spate of calamities that have not yet abated, it is possible to look forward to a future of renewed activities, and even unprecedented vitality, for there is nothing more challenging than frustrations and sufferings to kindle fresh enthusiasm for a glorious Cause and spur to victory the small army of awakening souls.

CLEO Z. GREGORIO,  
*General Secretary.*

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## COLOMBIA

During the present year the work in the T. S. was very active. The number of members and sympathizers attending our regular meetings for study, lodge meetings and lectures is rather constant and slightly increasing. The monthly public lectures are carefully prepared in order to present the most inspiring aspects of Theosophy and to convey a clear idea of the seriousness of our Society.

The study classes on Raja Yoga based on V. W. Slater's book were a great success. The group of members and sympathizers who attended, are now continuing the practice. A new course has already been started and promises the same result.

The youth group is working with sufficient enthusiasm. They are meeting each week for regular studies, besides which they are having a class on psychology in the light of Theosophy. Once a month they have a public lecture delivered by one of the young members

of the T. S. So far there are only nine of them who are members of the T. S., but some more are earnest and studious.

The children's group is continually progressing; it is very well directed, and the children are prepared for different aspects such as religion, music, painting and theatre by means of representations with puppets. The Round Table activity is much appreciated by the children.

Brother Walter Ballesteros is continuing to edit the trimestrial review *Seleccion Teosofica*, in which most articles are extracts from *The Theosophist*. This review is highly appreciated, not only in Colombia, but also in other Spanish-speaking countries. In Bogota the articles of this review are studied and discussed in the Lodge very successfully.

GABRIEL BURGOS SUAREZ,  
*General Secretary.*

## EAST AFRICA

During the year under report, our enthusiastic National Secretary, Bro. Chimanbhai G. Patel, with the full co-operation and assistance of the Nairobi Lodge members, organized and arranged a most successful celebration of the 96th anniversary of the Foundation of the Theosophical Society, on a large scale at a spacious Taifa Hall situated in the campus of the University of Nairobi, when about 400 prominent invitees from all communities and 250 members and sympathisers of the Nairobi Lodge attended the function. There was a welcome dance followed by a short speech by the National President and the showing of the film "How Many Life Times?", produced by the American Section. The occasion was well received and responded to by the general public.

At the 96th International Convention held at Adyar, Bro. R. H. Patel, the National Director of the T.O.S. in East Africa, accompanied by Mrs. Kasturben R. Patel, Bro. B. H. Kharod, the President of the Unity Lodge, Mombasa, accompanied by Mrs. Hardevi B. Kharod, eight members of Das-es-Salaam Lodge and Bro. A. B. Patel, the General Secretary of the East African Section, accompanied by Mrs. Shantaben A. Patel, were able to attend the Convention and thoroughly enjoyed the spiritual atmosphere of Adyar, "The Masters' Home". It was during the Convention time that I decided to invite Mrs. Radha Burnier to East Africa for the 22nd Annual Convention to be held at Kisumu during Easter 1972.

Accordingly, we were fortunate and happy to have the presence of Mrs. Radha Burnier, the General Secretary of the Indian Section, as the Chief Guest Speaker at Kisumu. She delivered during the Convention three inspiring lectures:

"What is Theosophy?", "Art of Living", and "Sorrow and Its Cause", to a large audience of 400 delegates and sympathisers from fifteen Lodges. The venue of the Convention was shifted on the last day to our recently established Lodge at Miwani, situated about 20 miles from Kisumu. There we had Bharat Samaj Puja in the morning attended by a large audience in peaceful surroundings. The third Convention Lecture on "Sorrow and Its Cause" was delivered by Mrs. Burnier here, followed by a delicious lunch given by Mrs. Meenaben M. Hindocha, the President of the Miwani Lodge. Mrs. Burnier was kind enough to pay a visit to Sitaram Lodge, Kericho, and the Nakuru Lodge where also she delivered short talks. Thus her visit to East Africa, although a short one due to some pressing circumstances, was well appreciated by the Section and its members. I undertook a visit to Zambia for six weeks from 24th June to 7th August 1972 in order to explore the possibilities of extending our theosophical movement in Zambia, where two Lodges had already been established in 1970 at the time of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bakshi of the Gujarat Federation.

The country of Zambia was new to me but deep and undaunted faith in the help and guidance of the occult forces inspired me in my venture. The result was that, after a journey of about 3000 miles and frequent visits to each place and public addresses on the main teachings of Theosophy, organised and assisted by Regional Secretaries, I was instrumental in establishing six new Lodges in July 1972 at Lusaka (Capital of Zambia), Luanshya, Chingola, Kitwe, Livingstone and Ndola with 165 new members. The Divine Wisdom was received so enthusiastically in the Capital of Zambia that

Mr. Justice Silungwe, after going through *The First Principles of Theosophy* (which he was inspired to read after my long talk with him) joined the Theosophical Society and also delivered a public lecture soon after. Mr. Justice Silungwe has now been elected as the Vice-President of the Lusaka Lodge. My visit to Zambia confirmed my belief that there is so much that can be done to spread the message of Theosophy provided one approaches it in the right way. If circumstances permit, I propose to visit Zambia again in July 1973 to strengthen these newly formed Lodges.

With regard to my visit to Zambia, I am pleased to comment that very happy and smooth relations exist between the Zambian people, the foreign expatriates and the Government administration headed by Dr. Kenneth Kaunda. The four Regional Secretaries appointed by me in order to assist me personally have been found to be deeply dedicated to the cause of Theosophy and are doing very good work. I might here mention that one of the Regional Secretaries and the President of the Mufulira Lodge, Bro. Kanubhai A. Patel, recently paid a visit to Adyar and ordered a complete set of Theosophical books in English published by the T. P. H., Adyar, for the four Branches in Zambia.

One of our veteran members, Bro. Hirabhai S. Patel, from the Unity Lodge, Mombasa, visited Nairobi Lodge and conducted a Study Class for ten days in December 1971, on the Law of Karma and its implications, which about 35 members regularly attended. Similarly at his inspiration and guidance, another Study Class was arranged under the auspices of the Kisumu Lodge in August 1972 for eight days, conducted by Bros. H. S. Patel, H. M. Chaya and A. B. Patel, when about 30 to 35 members enthusiastically attended.

It was on 7th August 1972 that General Idi Amin, the Head of the Military Government in the Republic of Uganda, issued a final Decree of Expulsion ordering non-citizens in Uganda to quit the country within ninety days. Its immediate effect on the theosophical work in Uganda would be the virtual closing down of the seven Lodges at Kampala, Mbarara, Mbale, Sorati, Lira, Jinja and Kakira with a total membership of about 300. It may be noted that about 95% of the membership of the East African Section is comprised of Indians. It is feared that the happenings in Uganda might affect our work in the neighbouring countries of Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia.

The total membership of the Section as at 1st October 1972 was 1297 as against 1132 last year, thus showing a net increase of 165 during the year. The gross increase in membership during the year was 357 but there was a loss of 214 members due to lapses, deaths and transfers to other Sections. It is particularly expected that there will be voluntary withdrawals of non-citizen Indians from the East African countries next year in view of the government policies in trade, employment, immigration and exchange control restrictions, with a sharp fall in the membership of the Section.

Due to strict exchange control restrictions in all the East African countries, the Section Bookstall has been decentralised by starting a bookstall in each country to be managed by the respective Regional Secretaries, who are authorized to place direct orders with the T. P. H., Adyar, or with any other dealer. These bookstalls get the full discount formerly allowed to the Section Bookstall.

The publication of our quarterly journal, *The Theosophical Light*, has not been as regular as expected due to shortage of workers. Only two issues of the Journal

were published during the year due to increased cost of publication.

A Centenary Appeal Committee was appointed last year at the 21st Annual Convention in 1971 at Mombasa under the Chairmanship of Bro. B. K. Patel. It is gratifying to note that the Committee has so far collected K. shs. 15,000 (approx. Rs. 15,750) from Nairobi, with a hope to collect more during the coming years. Similarly, Kwacha 800 (approx. Rs. 8,000) has been collected by the Mufulira Lodge in Zambia. The Executive Committee of the East African Section, in this connection, has decided and directed the Lodges that 25 % of the Centenary Fund collections be remitted to Adyar as and when possible and convenient for the celebrations in 1975.

Two additional Regional Secretaries have been appointed in Zambia, after my visit, in order to cope with the work of the newly started Lodges. They are: Bro. Kanubhai A. Patel of Mufulira Lodge, to look after the Lodges in the copper-belt area; and Bro. Babulal J. Sharma of Lusaka Lodge, to look after the Lodges at Livingstone and Lusaka,

and to explore the possibilities of starting new Lodges at other places near by. It is understood that these new Secretaries will work in close co-operation with the other Regional Secretaries, Bro. A. V. Raval and Bro. Chinubhai S. Patel.

Regular meetings, celebration of important Theosophical days, the holding of discussions and picnics and other allied activities are being carried on as usual in the active Lodges of the Section. There has been no noticeable improvement in the activities during the year, maybe due to the political uncertainty prevailing in general. Some good work is being done by the active Lodges through the Theosophical Order of Service.

In conclusion, I am very happy to mention that there are very pleasant and harmonious relations between the workers of the East African Section, its Lodges and office-bearers and the Regional Secretaries in the respective countries, and I continue to receive full co-operation and assistance from one and all.

A. B. PATEL,  
*General Secretary.*

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## PAKISTAN

The work during this year in Pakistan was beset with difficulties mainly arising out of unusual conditions prevailing in the country, resulting finally in the separation of its eastern wing from the rest. To the work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan, this meant the loss of its oldest Lodge, in Comilla, and its small Center in Dacca. In the remaining area of Pakistan, the work has continued in spite of material and moral depression, following the war in former East Pakistan and its impact on the country as a whole.

*Lodges and Membership.*—There are now four Lodges in Pakistan, one each at Karachi, Hyderabad, Lahore and Quetta. Out of these, the Karachi Lodge has the largest membership, 122. The Lahore Lodge, which had dwindled in membership and activity, has fortunately been revived, and enrolled five new members during the year, bringing its total to eight. The Quetta Lodge has ten active members, while no membership statistics are available from the Besant Lodge at Hyderabad. It is estimated that there are about 50 members of the

Besant Lodge. The approximate membership, therefore, in Pakistan on 30th September was 190.

*Activities.*—The most active lodge, at Karachi, continued its work regularly and efficiently. Its Annual Report highlights the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Lodge, the celebrations having been held in May 1972. Dr. Jean Raymond, the Recording Secretary of the Theosophical Society, was able to visit Karachi especially for the occasion, and her presence added very much to the happiness and significance of the occasion. Messages from the International President and General Secretaries of Sections from all over the world emphasized the international character of the Theosophical Society. A special 75th Anniversary Souvenir Brochure was brought out on the occasion, containing among other writings, a brief history of the Karachi Lodge. Arising out of discussions and deliberations by the Managing Committee especially on this occasion for the improvement of the Lodge Library, a Special Library Fund has been initiated with a target of Rs. 2,00,000, part of which would be used for renovating and modernising the Library, and the rest to be kept as an endowment for ensuring regular income to maintain the Library efficiently.

Other activities during the year followed the well-known pattern of public lectures, study classes, members' meetings and observances of important Theosophical and other anniversaries. The books from which studies were carried out were *The Key to Theosophy*, *Light on the Path* and *Yoga Sutras of Patanjali*. The Lodge brings out a small but very readable four-page monthly Bulletin, which gives the month's program and report of the activities of the Lodge, as well as some useful reading material for the members.

The small group of members at Lahore have met regularly every week during the last year and the interest has been well-sustained, also attracting members of the public. The Lodge library, which had completely disappeared soon after partition with the unauthorized occupation of the Lahore Lodge building, is being slowly built up. The Lodge received gifts of books from the Karachi Theosophical Society Library and some of its members, as also from Mr. John Coats who had visited the Lodge in the previous year. The main difficulty in running the activities and of housing the library is due to the loss of the Lodge building. Activities are held at present at the local Y.M.C.A., but the need for a place for the library is keenly felt. The activities in Quetta and Hyderabad are sporadic, and no indication has been received of any regular work in these lodges.

*Visits and Visitors.*—Dr. Jean Raymond, besides visiting Karachi, also paid visits to the Lodges at Lahore and Quetta where her talks were very well received. At Karachi, besides the Jubilee Celebrations, Dr. Raymond addressed a Members' Meeting on "The Work of Theosophists in a Changing World". She also gave a Public Lecture on "The Opening of the Flower". Both at Quetta and Lahore, Dr. Raymond addressed groups of members and sympathizers and reported warmth and enthusiasm among the members in those places.

Mr. John Grice, a visiting member from London, stayed for a few months in Karachi with his wife, and helped the work of the Lodge in various ways, especially contributing art work for the little Montessori School, run by the T.O.S.

*Theosophical Order of Service.*—The work of the Order is carried out only in Karachi, but in a very organized and useful way. There is a large scale

program of family relief and scholarships to school children with an annual budget of over Rs. 2,00,000. Much of this help is obtained from the Save the Children Fund, London, and is usefully used for helping the lower middle class and poor families. Over 300 school children receive scholarships every month during the year. Other work of the Theosophical Order of Service includes the running of a Montessori School for about 100 children, holding of elocution, and art and poster competitions, celebration of World Animal Day and Goodwill Day. A club for the blind routinely attracts eighty blind adults who meet regularly in the Lodge premises and also make use of the Braille Library. A number of Karachi Lodge members are also working actively with other important welfare agencies and make a well-recognized contribution to their work.

*Conclusion.*—A great deal remains to be done for the work of the Theosophical Society in Pakistan. Besides strengthening the existing work, there is a need as well as a scope for opening new Theosophical Centers in the country. But the lack of trained theosophical speakers who could travel regularly is keenly felt. There is also the need to print theosophical literature in Urdu, the national language of the country, and given the necessary financial support locally or from elsewhere, this work could be effectively undertaken and used for promoting the message of Theosophy throughout the country. It is hoped that more attention will be given in the coming year to filling this lacuna in the work in Pakistan.

GOOL K. MINWALLA,  
*Presidential Agent.*

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## MALAYSIA

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## NORTHERN IRELAND FEDERATION

We had a quiet year, with steady support from attending members in Belfast but relatively little support from the public.

In April, 1972, we had our annual convention, with Mr. Geoffrey Farthing as our guest speaker, our only visiting speaker in 1972.

The deterioration of the district in which we meet was evidenced by minor bomb damage to the building in September, 1972, the breaking of windows and other destructive acts, and several shooting incidents in the immediate vicinity.

These and other adverse conditions have tended to cut us off from some of our more lightly attached members and to cause our intake of new members to be very low. Our total membership at 30th September was 39, just half the total membership we had at the beginning of the 1950's.

On the principle that theosophists are born rather than made, it has never been our experience that we can increase our membership by any sort of gimmickry. But we do need to see that our contacts extend in such a way that we make

ourselves known to those who are born with our kind of interests and sympathies. The condition of the Society and the condition of the community in which it functions anywhere are closely linked; and, while membership has usually been low in times of stress, it has tended to rise after any general shake-up or crisis. It did this after each of the World Wars; and it is natural to speculate that, while we find ourselves reduced by current difficulties, we may expect to see fresh expansion once they have passed.

Several members attended the regional summer school and took other opportunities to keep in touch with the larger theosophical world outside this province. Our isolation from the rest of that outside theosophical world is a disadvantage to us which we do not perhaps do enough to make good. Our Society has established its own distinctive broad and unrestricted roads of approach to many subjects and is the repository of a substantial

literature. Without acquaintance with that literature and an appreciation of those who have made contributions in the past or are making them today, one does not know the Society one has joined. From committed response to what constitutes for us collectively in our Society "our own thing," there arises an intuition which can open for us a wider and wiser understanding of ourselves and our world.

During the year we lost three valued members through death. In our report last year we referred to the death of Mrs. Kennedy. Subsequently we have also lost Mr. Leslie Hanna, a serious student of theosophy, though isolated from us by distance and circumstances, and Mr. Tom Sullivan, a fairly frequent speaker from our platform and widely held in affection and respect for his work in many humanitarian movements.

HUGH SHEARMAN,  
*Organizing Secretary.*

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## VIET NAM

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, Miss Pham Thi Phi and Mr. Ha To Thuan, Councillors.

*Introduction.*—As you know, the Viet Nam war, between the Northern Communists and the Southern Republicans, has lasted from 1945 till now. The warriors came down and demolished our country, destroyed our people. Actually, it is

becoming more terrible, but in spite of that destruction, almost all of our members are in peace, because they trust in Divine laws, and they think, "no injustice here below!" So, they continue to work courageously for Theosophy. They devote themselves to the Masters.

Now it is my great pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year ended 30th September 1972. The number of inquiries has increased considerably, and the state of membership has been steady.

*Membership.*—During the past year, there were 106 admissions. The total membership on 30th September 1972 stood at 1047, an increase of ten over the previous year.

There were five deaths, no resignations, one re-admission, and one expulsion.

*Lodges.*—During the year under report, two new Lodges named Bo De Lodge (or Buddhi Lodge) in Saigon, and Y Chi Lodge (or Atma Lodge) in An Xuyên (at the southernmost part of Viet Nam) have been founded. Y Chi Lodge is still unchartered.

The Section has now seventeen Lodges in good standing.

The Kiem Ai Lodge continues to be the most important center of Theosophical work in Viet Nam, through the devotion of its leaders and by its situation in the middle of the Capital. It has succeeded in giving public lectures for about 200 listeners every Sunday afternoon. Along with weekly study classes, it publishes a magazine, *Anh Dao*, about Theosophy. The Lodge has a well-furnished library containing many books. It has also a new beautiful hall for lectures.

The Phung Su Lodge (Service or Youth Lodge) is the most active Lodge in Viet Nam, with dedicated young members. Carrying on the Seven Year Program (1968-1975) of Young Theosophists, Brother Nguyen văn Luong—Lodge President for 1972—stresses how to spiritualize the daily life of young people and to afford Theosophical guidance to children. Young Theosophists meet at the Headquarters thrice a week, on Saturday afternoons and on Sunday mornings and afternoons too. They have lectures, study and discussion on the writings of Theosophical leaders.

A Meditation Course is being conducted over four years (1971-1975) with meetings early on Sunday morning, twice a month. The subject of 1972 is centered on "Wisdom" in the Series of "Unfolding the Higher Self".

Additional activities are concerned with children's entertainments with the attend-

ance of about thirty boys and girls from Theosophical families and from the Theosophical Orphanage; ample communication with new members and members gone for military duties; publication of *Theosophia*, magazine of Young Theosophists, containing various articles on the aim "Towards 1975"; two English courses for beginners and advanced students. Membership of the Phung Su Lodge increases steadily. Most of the members are very active, having a sound basic knowledge of Theosophy.

The Dung Hanh Lodge (Fine Conduct or Women's Lodge) was founded in 1957; it continues to be an important Lodge in the country with weekly Theosophical courses and discussions. It has a well-stocked library of Theosophical and other books. This Lodge has translated *Practical Theosophy* by C. Jinarājadāsa, from English into Vietnamese, and its members study this book. Its leader is Miss Luu Thi Dau.

The Tu Bi (Compassion) Lodge, the Minh Triet (Wisdom) Lodge, the Saigon Lodge (founded by Mr. Subramaniam) and Bo De (Buddhi) Lodge are also active. Besides their own meetings, every Sunday almost all of their members gather in the Headquarters for attending lectures and discussions given by the Section. The De Bo Lodge has published *The Wisdom*, written by Brother Pham Ngoc Da.

The Dinh Tuong Lodge and the Go Cong Lodge (in the provinces of those names) have courses and discussions every two weeks.

The Chon Ly Lodge (at Hue, in the center of Viet Nam where war is terrible) is still active. The Kien Giang Lodge at Rach Dia which I have visited on 12th September 1972, and which is in the far west of Viet Nam, has weekly meetings. Its leaders are good. The An Giang, Tan Chau, Long Xuyen, Duoi

Chan Thay and Vung Tau Lodges are also active. The Y Chi Lodge is very recent.

In short, every Lodge in Viet Nam is willing to work for improvement.

*Publications.*—The Phung Su Lodge has issued a bi-monthly Theosophical bulletin named *Theosophia* with much information, for free distribution to the members. It published also ten pamphlets on Theosophy for the training leaders. We continue to issue by roneo *Talks on At the Feet of the Master*, second volume, translated from English into Vietnamese by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai, *The Causal Body* written by this lady, and *The Ancient Wisdom* by A. Besant, and the first volume of *The Secret Doctrine* by H.P. Blavatsky, both translated into Vietnamese by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai. Chapter by chapter, these books are lectured on at the Headquarters, before copies are distributed to members.

*Conventions.*—The 20th Annual Convention was held on 30th April 1972 and it was a very inspiring one. Some 200 members took part. Besides the usual business meetings, a symposium was held on "The Higher Self and the Lower Self". A fraternal banquet ended this Convention.

*The Summer School*—Our Summer School was held in the "Pure Heart Centre" at Vung Tau City, a seaside resort about eighty miles from Saigon, from 30th July to 6th August 1972. In spite of the danger from a great battle taking place on the way to Vung Tau, we had 118 participants! More than any previous year! The program included meditation (directed by Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai), lectures and discussion in the morning, excursions to the hills and the City, and entertainments in the evening with bonfire, music and songs, etc. Our symposium was: "Discrimination, Contentment, Tolerance and Love".

*Our Visits.*—Five members from the Council of Directors (Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai, Miss Tran Thi Hoanh, Mr. Truong Khuong, Mr. Nguyen Tan Tai and Mr. Ha To Thuan) have visited four Lodges in the far West. It was a great pleasure to see again our old friends and to greet the new members. Everywhere, our members have been appreciated by the people and the authorities. The President of An Giang Lodge, Mr. Huynh Ba Nhe, is the Head of the Buddhist Movement in the Province of Chau Doc, and he is very much appreciated by the people. The President of Kien Giang Lodge is Mr. Nguyen van Vinh, also the Head of a great shrine in Rach Gia, a remote province on the Thailand Gulf.

*Headquarters Activities.*—The members came and worked at the Headquarters every Sunday morning from 7 o'clock to midday. Four Lodges, Tu Bi, Saigon, Dung Hanh and Phung Su, met in the auditorium of the Headquarters to study Theosophical courses from 8.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. the Section gave lectures. At the end, from 11 a.m. to 12. noon, the young people directed discussions.

*Orphanage.*—Our Orphanage, with sixty-four orphans, continues to go fairly well. We received help from the Theosophical Order of Service in Australia and in the U.S.A., but from March 1972, the help decreased, although it is still needed because the Vietnamese people are poor. The Head of that Orphanage is Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hai.

*Anniversaries.*—We celebrated two anniversaries: one of H.P. Blavatsky and one of Annie Besant. On the 17th November 1971, we organized a feast for the Foundation Day with a big gathering.

*Brotherhood Foundation:*—Our final arrangements for the Brotherhood Foundation have been realized. By the Masters' help we could realize what we

had hoped. In one year we arranged the rules; we called the General Assembly, and had prolonged discussions; and now (from 1st July 1972) we are able to create a Brotherhood Foundation (meaning a Theosophical Heritage) of 1,627,000 Vietnamese Piastres as capital, with an official annual interest of more than 370,000 VN.

Year after year, we shall receive valuable interest for publishing Theosophical books; by the Rules we cannot touch the Capital. If—for any reason—our Section is closed, this “Theosophical Heritage” will come to The Theosophical Society at Adyar.

*Visit of Mr. John Coats.*—Mr. J. B. S. Coats’ visit constituted a special event. He remained in our country a fortnight

from 26th February to 15th March 1972. He gave to us energy and knowledge.

*Thanks.*—If the Theosophical work in Viet Nam is going fairly well, it is due to the common effort of all members for good cooperation, and for their ready assistance in all matters connected with the work of the Section.

*Conclusion.*—In spite of the terrible war in our country, we try to be a channel for Theosophy. There are many people in our country, who have never heard of the Ancient Wisdom. We worked in this direction, to make Theosophy widely known to all. May the Masters help us!

NGUYEN THI HAI,  
*General Secretary.*

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## VENEZUELA

In a general way, there has been good activity in the work of the Lodges, and we see good prospects for the future.

I am sorry to say that during this year we lost eleven of our members: two of them because they left this country for ever, to return to their own native country, Spain; and the remaining nine, because they failed to pay their membership fees, without offering any explanation. But, on the other side, we gained ten new members who seem very enthusiastic. So our actual loss from the past year is reduced to one member, and this loss does not discourage us when we look to the future. I know already, through my own experience, that these are the ways for the accomplishment of the law of alternation. And besides, I know also that theosophical ideals are for the few, since in our times the vast majority of mankind, still enmeshed in Maya, only looks for the transitory, with no knowledge of, or even longing for, spiritual values.

Within this year, our three main commemorations—November 17th, or Foundation Day, February 17th, or Adyar Day and May 8th, or White Lotus Day—were duly celebrated, with good assistance and great enthusiasm among the members. Some of them were very happy to contribute with short talks, poetry, etc., and everyone voiced the devotion to theosophical ideals and the affection—and loyalty—they all feel for our beloved Theosophical Society.

Though we are very few, we have been able to meet our financial obligations here and also to fulfil, once more, our moral and financial duties to our dear Adyar.

So, our present study year has begun with forty-two members in our three Lodges, and I hope, not with anxiety but with a calm trusting heart, that during the next months our membership will increase. Of course, in this land, where the petroleum boom, among other

reasons, has resulted in an ever spreading lust for money and sex, the soil is not as good for the sowing of spiritual ideas as in other lands where inner longings are more widely felt, but, always with faith

and patience, we go on with the work. A knowledge of the Law is the best armour against discouragement.

PABLO BONILLA T.,  
Presidential Agent.

## WEST AFRICAN FEDERATION

*General.*—The work in this Federation continues progressively, although a recent sudden drop in membership almost created a handicap. With the advent of the military government and institution of Self-Reliance programmes, new avenues for employment opened in various parts of Ghana, which took away most of our young members in search of work. Others also left for further studies elsewhere without leaving any addresses to contact them. So we lost them, hoping that they make contact in future to fill the gap created by their absence.

*Membership.*—During the year 64 new members joined, two were transferred to other Sections and two died. One hundred and fifty lost contact, or lapsed, thus leaving a reduced figure of 327 as against 417 last year. In one Lodge only two members now remain, but we are holding on for a little while to see what progress can be made to recruit new members.

*Lodges and Centers.*—There are at present ten Lodges and five Centers in Ghana, two Lodges and one Center in Nigeria and one Center in Monrovia. In Nigeria there are quite a large number of members living a distance away so it is not possible to group them. But they are all linked up with the Lagos Lodge. In Ghana quarterly meetings are held in the Regional Lodges which the distant members are invited to attend.

*Convention.*—Our 13th Annual Convention was held over Easter and Mr. V. Wallace Slater was our Guest Speaker. In addition to his Public Lecture he also gave a series of Students' Talks attended by members of the Society and enquirers. Mr. Slater also gave public lectures at Ho in the Volta Region and Kumasi in Ashanti.

*Visitors.*—Mrs. Dominga L. Reyes of the Theosophical Society in the Philippines came to Ghana on a private visit in September. Whilst here she managed to give two public lectures, one at the Y.W.C.A. on "The Upliftment of Women throughout the World" and the other on "The Mysteries of the Past and the Incredible Changes of the Present" at the Ghana Museum Education Hall. The two lectures were well attended. There were requests for her to repeat the last talk in the Regions, but she, unfortunately, had to return home immediately in view of the political situation there.

*Deaths.*—Mr. George J. Agyeman of Koforidua Center died on the 5th of April 1972, four days after he had spoken on our Convention platform on the "Individual and Religion." Mr. Bonifacio C.B. Nutsugah (Dharma Lodge) died on 4th November 1972.

E. MICHAEL AFFRAM,  
Organizing Secretary.

## BOLIVIA

During the year ending in September 1972 the activities of the Theosophical lodges in Bolivia took their normal course with weekly meetings and additional extraordinary ones on the occasion of the well known anniversaries.

The attendance was normal, that means about 70% in all the meetings, during which classical Theosophy was studied.

A particular event was the publication of the review *Teosofia*, which because of difficulties in cost and other reasons can be published only occasionally. Thanks to the President of the Lodge "Paz", Br. Dr. Raul Laguna L., it was a special number, with articles from the interna-

tional leaders and several Bolivian co-workers as well as a history of the Theosophical Society in Bolivia since 1914.

Furthermore, in the town of Cochabamba a new lodge, "Tunari," was founded with fourteen active members, many of whom are university professionals, and it is very active. Four members of La Paz went there for its opening.

There are two groups in preparation for future conversion into lodges, but the number of members is still not sufficient.

MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO,  
*Presidential Agent.*

## CANADIAN FEDERATION

The Lodges in the Canadian Federation have been a little more than holding their own, with the exception of the Lodges in the Province of Quebec. We are very happy to report the founding of two more Lodges, with a membership totalling 77. As Quebec is the French speaking Province in Canada, and about 3,000 miles

from Federation Headquarters, there have been many problems in getting things organized. We very warmly welcome these French-speaking members to the Federation.

IDA F. STEPHEN,  
*Federation Secretary.*

## EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The most important event of the year was the European Congress held in Paris in August 1971. This was an inspiring and very happy occasion made possible by the hard work and charm of all those responsible for the organization, especially the host Section and its General Secretary, Dr. P. Thorin, of France.

The Congress was particularly memorable for the presence there of Mr. N. Sri Ram, our International President.

Other visiting guests included Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale, Mrs. Radha Burnier and Mr. John Coats, as well as some members from Australia.

General Secretaries, delegates and members from the following Sections attended the Congress: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland and Yugoslavia. Representatives

of the Young Theosophists were also present.

The Executive Committee met during the Congress and again in Huizen in February of this year.

One important visitor to the Federation was Mr. Geoffrey Hodson who conducted courses in Holland and Denmark. These were very much appreciated and well attended. Other lecturers who toured the Federation included Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mr. John Coats, Mr. Geoffrey Farthing, Miss Ianthe Hoskins, Dr. Hermine Sabetay, Mrs. Claire Wyss and Mrs. Barbro Melander. Mr. Hodson is again conducting a study course this year at the International Center in Huizen. We all very much appreciate the work and time which these lecturers give us so generously. Their contribution to Theosophical life is far greater than the words they speak to us. They bring an influence which is an inspiration and gives a wider sense of unity within the Society and in the world.

This year (1972) Summer Schools are being held in most Sections: the Scandinavian, Pays Latins (French-speaking), German-speaking and British Regions and the Finnish, Danish, German and Icelandic Sections and the International Week in Huizen. I have myself

been able to attend the English and the Scottish Conventions and hope to be present at the International Week and the British Regional Summer School.

The Sections produce a large number of journals, mostly of a high standard. Especially interesting among the smaller ones is that published in Israel in three languages, Hebrew, German and English. The Federation journal *Theosophy in Action*, imaginatively and competently edited by Mrs. Greta Eedle, does not, unfortunately, cover expenses. But it is an essential means of contact between Federation and Sections. Articles in French and German have been included from time to time, partly to emphasize the international character of the Federation and partly to encourage the production of original Theosophical material in languages other than English.

My work as Chairman would have been impossible without the support and help of our Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Claire Wyss, our Treasurer, Mr. Paul Hasler, and also that of Miss Mary Anderson, who has undertaken the work connected with typing and duplicating and circulating reports and other documents. We all owe her a great debt of gratitude.

MADELEINE LESLIE-SMITH,  
*Chairman.*

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## INTER-AMERICAN FEDERATION

*Tours.*—A tour was made by the I.T.F. President, Brother Luis Spairani, through almost all of the Federation member countries last April, in order to exchange ideas about the common work. Some public lectures were also delivered by him.

Another tour was made by the Vice-President, Brother Juan Viñas, to the cities of Santiago and Valparaiso in Chile, including public and private work during

three months with great success. A similar trip was made by him to Brazil during five months, including places such as San Pablo, Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia, Belo Horizonte, Porto Alegre and some other smaller towns. Talks on the philosophy of India, courses on Theosophy, symposiums, and explanations on the occult meaning of Wagner's Tetralogy, together with recorded tapes on that

music were some of the activities carried on by Brother Viñas.

*Books.*—Two books which had been out of print for over fifty years were published by this Federation: *Dharma*, by Dr. Annie Besant and *Invisible Helpers*, by C. W. Leadbeater. Thanks to a loan from the Non-English Publications Loan Fund, *An Abridgment of the Secret Doctrine*, by E. Preston and C. Humphreys, is now being printed. The translation into Spanish was made by Brother Walter Ballesteros, from Colombia. The translation of several Guides for Group Study has been finished and they will be printed to be distributed among the Lodges in Latin America. At present, some other books are being prepared for printing.

It is important to mention the fact that the Latin American Sections have

adopted unanimously the publication of an Inter-American Quarterly Journal, which will come out in November.

*Meetings.*—The Theosophical Meetings of the Southern Atlantic Region were held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from October 12th to 15th, 1972, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina participating. The representatives of the three Sections, Mr. Justo de la Vega, from Uruguay; Miss Carmen Piza, from Brazil; and Mr. Manuel Farinich, from Argentina, delivered public lectures with a large attendance. Then some Symposiums were held, one of them by the Young Theosophists from the three Sections. All the activities were highly satisfactory.

LUIS SPAIRANI,  
*President.*

## LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

### PERU

#### *H. P. B. Lodge, Lima:*

I am glad to send you my annual report on the work of the Branch "H.P.B." of Lima, Peru, which will celebrate its jubilee next year and in spite of all difficulties always had open doors and full auditoriums. We are happy to have given the best of our energies to the service, so that many people have found a guide in their life.

*Meetings.*—In 1972 we had 84 study meetings attended by an average of 25 people.

*New Members.*—We have admitted seven new members, and two candidates are waiting for the reopening of our activities to join our Theosophical family.

*Visits.*—We had the visit of our dear brother Luis Spairani, President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation,

with whom we had a study session during his one day stay. From California came Sister Silvia Sauder, of Bolivian origin, but residing in Oregon; she shared our activities during two months to our utmost satisfaction. Another visitor was Sister Leonilda Salvatierra of San Diego. She showed a film of "Olcott", Wheaton, which was purchased by Brother Felix Maffretti and was offered to the Lodge.

*Studies.*—We started with the study of the book of our unforgettable brother Jinarājādāsa, *First Principles of Theosophy*, which took nearly six months; during the remaining months we discussed *The Techniques of the Spiritual Life* by Clara Codd. Those studies aroused remarkable interest.

*Reform of Regulations.*—The General Assembly agreed upon the registration

of our Society in the Register of non-profit making Societies, considering the non-deductible income. In order to proceed to this registration, we are obliged to adjust our statutes to the rules in force and the new law regarding individuals.

*Gone to Peace.*—Our unforgettable brother Julio Zuzunaga left us after an active life of service.

Active members during the year 1972 number thirty-seven.

JORGE TORRES UGARRIZA,  
*President.*

#### *H. P. B. "A" Lodge:*

Most of the Lodges in Peru are divided and inactive. There are different reasons, one of the most important seems to be the serious crisis in labour and economy overrunning our country. No doubt there are many sincere Theosophists

who have been removed from the Lodge activities and are hoping for a revival of the Theosophical movement in our midst.

For the purpose of reviving the work of the different lodges and to make a united effort to reanimate the enthusiasm for Theosophy, our brother F. M. Quero suggested forming a Center of Theosophical Studies on the land acquired by the Comité Pro-Local Propio in Naña. The project was accepted by the totality of members of most of the lodges, and we are dedicating our activities to the divulgation of Theosophy. We thus succeeded in attracting a larger attendance at the meetings organized by the Center of Theosophical Studies, and the admission of new members to the different lodges of the Center is facilitated.

FULVIO MARSAN QUERO,  
*Promotor.*

## HONG KONG

#### *Hong Kong Lodge:*

Office-Bearers are: President: Rev. Yen Why (S. L. Yen), Vice-President: L. Clark, Hon. Secretary & Treasurer: P. Y. Ko, Librarian: Dr. R. Ching, Committee Members: T. V. Zung, T. C. Zung, K. S. Sze, J. Punjabi, T. C. Shu & Henry Fok.

Ch'an (Zen) Buddhist Meditation Practices under the sponsorship of the Lodge were held every Sunday morning in the City Hall during the months of March to October 1972. Participants including Indians, Americans and Europeans were mostly Buddhists but also the adherents of other religions.

Brother J. Krishnamurti's *At the Feet of the Master* in English with Chinese translation version was published and distributed some ten years ago by the Lodge. This booklet has recently been

reprinted together with a Buddhist Scripture, *The Four Arousings of Mindfulness*, in Chinese and English version by W. F. B. Hong Kong Regional Center and the T. S. Hong Kong Lodge. The printing fees have been donated by Brother K. S. Sze.

Our President, Rev. Yen Why, has delivered lectures on "The Four Theses of Monk Tsang Siu" in Sam Lun Buddhist Association on every weekend for several months in 1972.

This Lodge has only ten members, and most of them are busy in their daily living. We hope in the near future we may get more members, so that the Lodge is enabled to go in for more activities. A study group on "Theosophy for Beginners" is planned to be held in 1973.

P. Y. Ko,  
*Secretary.*

## ISRAEL

*"Covenant" Lodge, Tel-Aviv:*

I think that the activity of the Lodge was fairly satisfactory. We had meetings regularly, twice a month, in spite of the fact that some of the members had to come from other cities. Usually, we begin the meetings, with appropriate music and the invocation "O Hidden Life . . ." then the lecture, discussions and questions are done in an absolutely friendly and beautiful atmosphere.

This year we had lectures about "Lord Buddha, Christus-Lord Maitreya and the World Teacher" (3 meetings), then about the Upanishads: "This is the fullness . . ." (2 meetings). Then the Sacred Word, Yoga, the Voice of the Silence, the Yoga of Light, Secret Egypt, Ramana Maharshi, Mantra and the hidden powers in men. The principal festivals of the Theosophical Society—Commemoration of Dr. Annie Besant, the Foundation of the Theosophical Society, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day were celebrated. This winter we had among us our good old friend, Mr. John Coats, whose lectures and friendship we enjoyed very much.

The President of the Lodge visited Lotus Lodge, Haifa, three times and the work there was successful. So, we do what is possible, in our conditions, to spread the Wisdom Religion in this very old and new country.

Following the wish of the Librarian in Adyar, we sent an album with some pictures of Israel as well as the Flag of the Country. All those who look at it and send a good thought will certainly be a help for this part of the world.

The Theosophical Library here is very much appreciated, not only by the members. The Librarian is sending books to anyone in the country interested in the Theosophical teachings. It has books in five languages.

This year we have 29 members. One died and two were transferred to Lotus Lodge, Haifa.

*Action.*—One of our members who is living in a Children's Village works on ethical education, especially for disadvantaged children. Other members visit hopelessly sick persons in hospitals, etc.

BERTHA AL DOMINIC,  
*President.*

*"Harmony" Lodge, Tel-Aviv:*

Our Lodge continued its work in the year under review in the by now well established tradition of two meetings monthly, conducted in a very harmonious and spiritually uplifting atmosphere. Two new members were added to our group but owing to two lapsings there was, actually, no change in the overall figure of thirty members in good standing.

In addition to the more specific activities within the frame-work of our regular Lodge Meetings, we pursued uninterruptedly the policy of our Branch to carry theosophical ideas and ideals to the Israeli public at large, particularly those connected with the third aim of our Society, like parapsychology and astrology. In this endeavor we were rather successful, and our work in this respect gained and grew both in momentum as well as in importance. Lectures by Mr. Hans Zeuger, our Lodge President, were organized in our towns, villages and co-operative settlements by various groups and institutions, and interviews with him were widely spread by our mass media—radio, press and television.

A number of these events should perhaps be mentioned:

- 1) Five lectures by Mr. Zeuger to students on the two campuses of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

2) His testimony as an expert in matters astrological, in legal proceedings against a young astrologer accused of fraudulent practices, which practically took up a whole morning session of the Court and was reported in great detail by the local press.

3) A tape-recorded discussion of several hours duration with Dr. S. Goldschmidt, astro-physicist of the Tel-Aviv University, which appeared in the form of a long, illustrated article in *Maariv Lanoar*, the leading weekly for Israel teen-agers, followed up in a later edition by Mr. Zeuger's additional remarks.

4) His assistance given to high school pupils, interested in preparing papers on astrology.

5) His exact political predictions, based on astrological calculations, which were reprinted from our local press in France, U. S. A. and Indonesia.

When re-visiting Israel in April last, Brother John Coats lectured to a large gathering of Lodge members and invited guests, and earned warm appreciation from his interested audience. Preparations have been made for one of our young members, Miss Dorit Hargov, to attend the next Session of "The School of the Wisdom" at Adyar.

HANS ZEUGER,  
President.

#### "Emmanuel" Lodge:

Our activity is similar to that of the previous year. We participated in the meeting of Lotus Lodge at which Mr. John Coats lectured. We always keep in contact with the other Lodges in the country.

HEINRICH SREBROW,  
President.

#### "Besorat Hagalil" Lodge, Zefat:

There were two outstanding events in the work of our Lodge this year. One was the visit of Mr. John Coats in Zefat—a very rare occasion for our Lodge to be host to a visitor and lecturer from the "great wide world of the T. S. abroad".

In this connection I wish to spell out the same wish as Mr. H. Srebrow from Haifa did in his last report: that more F.T.S. may take the opportunity on their way from Asia to Europe—or in the opposite direction—to stay a few days in Israel. We suffer from lack of contact with our brethren abroad, as only very few of the Israeli members are in a position allowing them to make long journeys abroad to the summer schools held yearly in all parts of Europe.

We were lucky to have had two lectures given in our Lodge by John Coats—one in Zefat proper, the other in the vegetarian village Amirim nearby, making it possible for a greater number of members and friends to have the enjoyment of meeting him.

The other event was the successful publishing of the second Theosophical book in Hebrew translation: *Reincarnation—Hope of the World* by Irving S. Cooper, after hard work and with the financial help of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund and a member of the Covenant Lodge, Tel-Aviv.

Otherwise the regular study work and meetings in the Lodge went on without changes. Three new members were admitted.

The bulletin, *Theosophia*, in Hebrew, English and German appeared four times and it is sent to every F.T.S. in Israel wishing to receive it.

PINCHAS MOR,  
President.

#### "Lotus" Lodge, Haifa:

Our session has now drawn to its usual close, and I take this opportunity

of giving you the following Annual Report on our activities.

Our Lodge is divided into two groups, one Hebrew and the other Hungarian speaking. Both of them are following the "Study Group" system, which has proved itself excellent in building up a friendly atmosphere among the members. Everybody is accustomed to asking questions, and giving his or her opinion freely, as well as actively participating in the discussions.

The Hebrew group has so far held eight meetings, and the Hungarian group five, during which *At the Feet of the*

*Master* has been worked through systematically, as well as many other theosophical questions having been discussed.

It has been decided that we shall also meet sometimes during the summer season, but without working out a fixed program of activity.

Brother Coats has promised to let us have some guiding literature relating to concentration and meditation, which, I think, will be introduced in our studies during our next session.

RAPHAEL BORNSTEIN,  
President.

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## SINGAPORE

### *Singapore Lodge:*

The time of our Thursday meetings was changed from 6.30 to 7.00 p.m.

This year we concentrated more on the study of theosophical teachings. The books under study were: *Karma*, by Annie Besant; *First Principles of Theosophy*, by C. Jinarājadāsa; *The Chakras*, by C. W. Leadbeater and *Bhagavad Gita* with commentaries, by Swami Chidbhavananda. It is gratifying to note that great interest was shown and attendance improved.

Social tea parties were given on a Saturday afternoon once a month at the expense of the President and Vice-President for all members to get together. This lasted four months only as interest waned. Some members, however, continued to meet socially on Saturday afternoons, though no program was fixed, and discussions were lively.

For the first time, an attempt was made to start a spiritual healing group by a few members who met on Saturday afternoons to radiate in their meditation

healing thoughts for those who requested such service. A Liberal Catholic Church Service was conducted on the Sunday following Christmas by Mr. K. C. Jalie who also gave a short discourse on the significance of Christmas.

Bro. A. P. Pillay spoke on "Thoughts on the Gita" while Bro. T. Gulabrai gave a talk on "Religion in Practice", and a symposium was held on "Hippie-ism", speakers being Bros. Stoner Kadirgamar, D. F. D'Souza, John Choo, and Tan Siow Hee. Theosophists passing through Singapore were Mrs. Thea Korompaz from Adelaide Lodge, S. Australia, and Bro. John Coats. The latter gave an after-dinner talk on "Seeing Things as They Really Are". There were three guest speakers: Ven. Ananda Mangala Thera who spoke on "Crisis of Conscience", Acharya Jagatdeva of the Ananda Marga Organisation who spoke on "Mantra Yoga", and Ben Jerome who gave an informal talk on Ogamisama's teachings. Adyar Day, White Lotus Day, and Foundation Day were celebrated as usual.

Regretfully, the publication of *Theosophy in Singapore* has been suspended since October 1971, owing to the departure for Australia of the editor, Bro. Ian Hope, and there has been no suitable replacement.

Our thanks are due to all those who have donated books to the library, given

their moral support, and contributed in cash, service or in kind to the Lodge. We are also grateful to the local papers who kindly published news of our public talks.

LIM KHAY GUAN,  
*President.*

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## CHILE

“*Helena Petrovna Blavatsky*” Lodge:

The Lodge has thirteen members, and has met fairly regularly throughout the year. The President is Raul

Quintanilla C., the Vice-President Manuel Gomez M.

RAMON SEPULVEDA VERGARA,  
*Minutes Secretary.*

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## JAPAN

“*Nippon*” Lodge, Tokyo:

This is the first time that I send my report formally to the Theosophical Society.

Our Lodge has been formed in July, 1971, and we have 13 members in total now.

First of all, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the many Sections of the Theosophical Society in the world. I must especially thank Adyar, the American Section, the Australian Section, and the English Section who sent us many books and useful materials, along with much instructive advice. I really felt universal fraternity through these very helpful actions.

During this first year, we studied chiefly the “Introductory Course in Theosophy” (American edition), but our greatest difficulty was the problem of language. As a matter of fact, there are very few Theosophical books translated into Japanese—although some of them, such as *The Voice of the Silence*, *Bhagavad Gita* and some of the Theosophical Manuals by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater had been translated.

From now on, I suppose, our Lodge should study Theosophy from two points of view. First, of course, we should read and study much Theosophical literature and translate as many books as possible into Japanese. Second, we should not think that Theosophy is only for Theosophists. In fact, most Japanese do not yet know Theosophy. Though they would not join our Lodge, it is very good for them to know Theosophical thoughts, for example, the meaning of life and death, the proper perception about karma and reincarnation and also about thought-forms, etc. From this point of view, I wish to spread and permeate Theosophical teachings among the general community.

The year before we built this Lodge, we had the visit of Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan on her way to Adyar from the U. S., and Miss Helen Zahara and Mr. and Mrs. Heintz on their way to the States. I held a lecture meeting each time and they all advised me to make a Lodge. Mr. Manfred Mey also came just before I made the Lodge and we became friends.

At the end of August in 1971, a young American Theosophist named Mr. Sidney Mitchel came from the U. S. to teach Mathematics in the International Christian University in Tokyo. He usually joins in our meetings and helps us in reading English books.

This year, from the end of March to the beginning of April, we had the visit

of Mr. John Coats. We, members of the Lodge, had a discussion meeting with him and held two other public lecture meetings. These two meetings were arranged for people who did not yet know about Theosophy.

EMIKO TANAKA,  
President.

## THE WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

### THE FEDERATION AND NATIONAL GROUPS

*Mexico.*—The lodge of the Young Theosophists in Mexico "Loto Blanco" (White Lotus) in Iturbide, D. F., has meetings on Sunday afternoons, and on three other days, during which time they deliver public lectures for beginning, intermediate and advanced students of Theosophy. They plan to establish a study camp soon so as to meet and live with other young people of the different lodges of the Theosophical Society in Mexico. At a future time they hope to hold an international camp.

A new youth lodge has been established by members who are faculty students: those in medicine, law, chemistry, etc. The inclusion of Theosophists in all social and professional spheres has been considered of great importance by the Mexican Section.

*Argentina.*—New officers were elected to the Argentine Federation in April, 1972 with Paulina Palmeri as President. The official address for all correspondence to this group is now: Santiago 257, Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina. Five groups from different provinces make up this Federation: "Renacer" (Buenos Aires), "Loto Blanco" (Mendoza), "Hacia El" (Rosario), "N. Sri Ram" (San Rafael), "Acuario" (Santa Fe).

Each group is involved in several activities: public courses on Theosophy, public lectures, symposia, participation in lodge work, regional meetings, work with other South American youth groups and social activities such as visits to museums and art galleries.

During the year, some of the Argentine Y.T.'s visited the Y.T. group in Las Piedras, Uruguay, to take part in the festivities of their first anniversary. From there, they travelled to Brazil to attend the Fourth Youth Camp held in Niteroi, near Rio de Janeiro, which was organized by the Brazilian Federation of Y. T.'s. In Argentina, they took part in the National Theosophical Meetings held in Mendoza last August. Then in October, they travelled again to Uruguay to attend the Inter-American Meetings of the Southern Atlantic, where they met friends from Uruguay and Brazil.

An important need which has been relayed by this Federation is that of forming an Inter-American Federation of Young Theosophists.

The Argentine Federation publishes the journal *Boletín De Los Teosofos Argentinos* which has an international circulation and reaches out to all the Spanish speaking countries.

*Brazil.*—Marcus Flavius de Los Santos, President of the Brazilian Federation of

Y.T.'s, reports that the Brazilian Federation had its Second Foundation Birthday on October 24, 1972. During these two years the youth movement has increased greatly. About two hundred youths take part in Federation activities in cities with organized groups such as Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Belo Horizonte, Porto Alegre, T. Otoni and Brazilia. There have been camps, meetings in several places in the country, seminars and the journal *Vesper* continues to be published, containing articles, news, poetry and contributions from many members of the youth groups.

*Uruguay.*—With the encouragement of the Brazilian and Argentine Federation of Y.T.'s, the Young Theosophists in Uruguay are becoming more active in their country. The Youth Group "Kuthumi" under the direction of Raquel Rodriguez is located in Las Piedras. This year the occasion of their first anniversary was shared in celebration with Y.T.'s from Argentina and Brazil. The youth group "Maitreya" has been working for some years with a fluctuating membership. Formation of a definite nucleus under the supervision of Maria del Lujan Diaz (President) is now in progress. "Maitreya" is located in Montevideo.

*Colombia.*—In January 1972, the Colombian Y.T.'s celebrated their first Youth Camp in the municipality of Ceja, located in the state of Antioquia, which was well attended by youths from Bogota and Medellin.

In October the "Arco Iris" Youth Lodge elected a new administration and celebrated the fourth anniversary of their group. Maria Cecilia Zea, Secretary of this very active group, writes that they meet twice a week, one meeting of which is devoted to the active participation of members studying the fundamentals of Theosophy. The basic text which they have been working on is *The*

*Key to Theosophy* by H. P. Blavatsky, and during the past semester studies on the book *Self Culture* by I. K. Taimni were conducted. The other meeting is devoted to the participation of those sympathetic parties to the group and included courses and lectures on "Psychological Maturity", "Guide to Self-Knowledge", "Seven Human Temperaments" and "The Search for Truth".

Public lectures are also presented with themes related to Theosophy and those discussed by the group.

*Costa Rica and Bolivia.*—Through correspondence with the Argentine Federation of Y.T.'s and their international publication *Boletin De Los Jovenes Teosofos Argentinos*, we have learned of some activities of Y.T.'s in these two countries. In Costa Rica, a Young Theosophist group was formed on May 5, 1972 in San Jose. There are twenty members who meet every Friday. Mr. Patricio Golcher is the contact, at Apartado 5212, San Jose, Costa Rica.

In Bolivia, a group was formed on July 3, 1972 called "Loto Blanco". Nine enthusiastic Y.T.'s meet at Casilla 1073, Cochabamba, Bolivia.

*European Federation.*—The European Federation of Young Theosophists is planning a summer camp to be held near Uffelte in Drente, the Netherlands July 14-August 4, 1973. There will be a W.F.Y.T. Council Meeting at this time. The program, which will be organized in co-operation with the Dutch Y.T.'s, is meant to be a modern presentation of "classical" Theosophy and will contain a great number of variations on the theme "Theosophy in individual and social life".

The idea will be to try and construct a society based on Theosophical concepts. Information can be obtained from: Aart Heybroek, Hoefbladlaan 145, The Hague, Netherlands.

This past summer, Mr. John Coats toured through Europe attending the various T.S. summer schools and meeting with a large number of Y.T.'s. As a result of the Summer School in Territet, Switzerland, there is a newly formed Y.T. Federation consisting of Y.T.'s from France, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy and Spain. Danielle Lyner, a Swiss Y.T., is co-ordinating this and has undertaken the work of publishing the new journal *Unite* in the French language. The Federation plans on meeting about three times a year for weekends, which will in turn be organized by each of the five countries.

*Netherlands.*—Ad Rek, Chairman of the Dutch group, reports that the Y.T.'s in this country consist of a group of 35 members and a large group of sympathizers. Five open weekends were organized this year, and lectures have been held on subjects such as Anthroposophy, Meister Eckhart, Tai-Chi, Theosophy and Christianity, the Vedas, the Kabala, Occult Healing and others.

*Uranos*, a bi-monthly publication in the Dutch language, incorporates articles, announcements of activities, drawings, etc. In January 1972, a study group was established to study *The Secret Doctrine* of H. P. Blavatsky. The group, consisting of 15 members, spends a weekend together once a month at the home of one of the group members.

Recently, they set up a preparation workgroup that is helping to organize the International Y.T. Camp from July 14 to August 4.

*Germany.*—President of the Young Theosophists in Germany, who are scattered throughout the country, is Eva-Helen Otto, who issues a monthly letter under the title of *Rundschreiben*. This newsletter includes information and articles by various members on such subjects as drugs, meditation, yoga, modern

music, politics, etc. A Whitsuntide meeting was held May 19-22 in the village of Schoneck situated near the Black Forest. The discussion topic chosen was "Y.T.'s and Politics". Active involvement in the newsletter which Eva-Helen publishes has increased greatly this last year.

*Australia.*—The number of people attending the semi-public meetings average between 35 and 55 at the Youth Group of the Blavatsky Lodge of the T.S. in Sydney. Programs included: Ancient Egyptians, Australian Aborigines, aspects of Yoga, Theosophy, Buddhism, the Koran, controversial publications, psychology, United Nations, education, art, Ufology, atomic energy, music, sociology, and philosophy.

The Thursday night study group began in May to study the Yoga Aphorisms of Patanjali, attracting about seven young people.

A Potential Members' Enquiry Group started this year meeting each Friday an hour before the semi-public lectures. The Theosophical Center for Creative Arts was also set up and will shortly perform a Revue which will be an experiment in creative expression.

The Youth Group's contribution at the Annual Convention of the T.S., held this year in Tasmania, was a discussion on the current interest in the occult and the problems that can be created by reading questionable literature. At a Lodge members' meeting, four members in the Youth Group contributed by way of talks on the subject "How can we better our understanding of others?". Later in the year another panel discussion was held on the subject "Integration from the esoteric and sociological aspects".

Social activities for the year included three theatre parties, seven get-togethers, and several yachting parties in the summer.

Yvonne Malykke is Chairman of the Youth Group. Their journal *Movement* continues to be edited by Peter Glasson and is published bi-monthly. The cover was improved in design, and circulation has doubled, with an overseas circulation as well as selling outlets in Sydney and Perth Lodge, W.A. The Group's address is: 67 Castlereagh St., Sydney, N.S.W. 2000, Australia.

*New Zealand.*—Susan Macintyre, correspondent, writes that the Auckland Y.T.'s meet at her home on Sunday evenings for general discussions. The H.P.B. Lodge in Auckland has been running a School where four different progressive study courses on the Universe and Man have been offered. New members to the Lodge, including around 25 young people, have been attracted to lodge work due to the influence of this School.

Something of a Women's Circle has evolved out of the interest in vegetarian cooking, although many male members participate also. Hikes and outings are quite frequent, with planned Lodge Christmas parties and social activities for the New Year. Young members have also volunteered maintenance work to the Lodge in the way of cleaning bees, up-keep and work in the book and library departments.

*Viet Nam.*—The Saigon Youth Lodge, Phung Su (Service), reports activities accomplished this year in their seven year (1968-1975) plan of aims. In 1972, Nguyen-van-Luong, Lodge President, has suggested work on the youth's daily life, especially for the children. Y.T.'s meet three times a week, on Saturday afternoons, Sunday mornings and afternoons. Lectures, studies and discussions are included in the program. Their theme for meditation this year has been "Wisdom" which is part of a four year (1971-1975) course "Unfolding the Higher Self". During the year, the Lodge translated a

number of Theosophical works into Vietnamese, and is expanding its library to include books on education, as they are aiming at educating young children from the Theosophical point of view. A number of groups within the W.F.Y.T. helped them acquire books and other literature on education, and they have begun to translate one of them. Please send further contributions to Mr. Nguyen-van-Luong, c/o The Theosophical Youth Lodge, 72/4 Nguyen-dinh-Chieu, Saigon, South Viet-Nam.

Youth Lodge activities are also concerned with children's entertainment which includes participating children from the Saigon orphanage, work with new members and those drafted for military service, the publication of *Theosophia*, the official magazine of the Y.T.'s, which contains various articles on "Towards 1975", and an English course for those who wish to grasp a firmer understanding of the English language.

In March 1972, the Y.T.'s enjoyed the occasion of meeting Mr. John Coats, and a special meeting was organized to afford mutual acquaintance and co-operation. Our Chairman spoke and answered questions on "The New Cycle or Upheaval of Spirituality", with art and musical entertainment closing a most happy event.

Membership in the Youth Lodge now stands at 123, and most members are very active and have a sound knowledge of Theosophy.

For their English training and at the same time to keep our world-wide link strong, we can be of further help by becoming penpals with some of the members and exchanging experiences and ideas about life. Please contact the lodge President or the W.F.Y.T. Secretary about this.

*India.*—The Adyar Lodge, as part of its 75th Anniversary celebrations, arranged

a students' camp at the Camping Center on the International Headquarters Estate from September 30 to October 1. Students from five colleges participated in the program which consisted of discussion on the fundamental unity of all religions based on Annie Besant's work *Universal Textbook of Religions and Morals*, walks and informal sharing of ideas on various subjects, campfires, etc.

International President, N. Sri Ram addressed the Y.T.'s at the inaugural function and at the birthday celebrations of Annie Besant arranged by the Theosophical Society, when he spoke on the work of Annie Besant with special reference to the youth of India.

The students expressed a desire for more of such camps, and for a longer period of time when they can leave for awhile the noise and busyness of the outer world and get an opportunity to be with nature and commune with each other.

*Pakistan.*—Dara Mirza, a Y.T. living in Karachi, has written that there is no longer any Y.T. group in this country. However, young members are actively involved in Theosophical work, as in almost all of the countries, and the Lahore Lodge has a nucleus of several enthusiastic young members who are meeting regularly.

The W.F.Y.T. has been requested to make an appeal through this report for help in acquiring Theosophical books, pamphlets and magazines (old and new) for the Lahore T.S. Lodge which is re-establishing itself as a lodge after 25 years of inactivity. Up to 1947, there was a flourishing and well established lodge here. But in the events that occurred at the partition of India in 1947, most of the members dispersed or went away to India, and their library and premises were lost. Contributions should be sent to: Mr. Fali Engineer, 253/A1, Gulberg No. 3, Lahore, Pakistan.

*U. S. A.*—The American Federation of Young Theosophists has members scattered throughout the vast nation. The President is Nathaniel Altman, and all correspondence for this Federation should be directed to him at: P.O. Box 412, Ojai, California, 93023, U. S. A. Members of this Federation are actively involved in lodge and Federation work (where a number of them are active lecturers), the Theosophical recreational summer camps, the work of the Krotona School of Theosophy in Ojai, and the work of the National Headquarters, "Olcott", where a large number of Y.T.'s are on the staff.

As part of an effort to promote vegetarianism, the A.F.Y.T. has been selling automobile bumperstickers with the catchy phrase "If You Love Animals, Don't Eat Them". A special Y.T. account was established with the Theosophical Publishing House so that the A.F.Y.T. can get a discount on books.

An operating structure was set up for local Y.T. "Theosophical Action Centers" to enable Y.T.'s to provide books, pamphlets, recorded lectures and films to their local communities.

In November 1971, a very successful "Thanksgiving Festival of Life" took place in Wheaton on the T.S. grounds, and already has become something of a tradition. A number of Y.T.'s participated in symposia that were held during the T.S. Convention-Summer School. One day the Y.T.'s held a Convention picnic after which Srimathi Rukmini Devi Arundale met and spoke with the Y.T.'s. Summer Camp 1972 was held July 30-August 4 at the Theosophical Camp Indralaya, which is located on Orcas Island, near Seattle, Washington, with the theme "Project Awareness".

Young Theosophists attended the North American Student's Conference held this year at the Headquarters of the T.S.

in America this past October, and had the opportunity to meet with a number of young members of the Canadian section.

The journal *Sophia* has greatly expanded under the editorship of Rosemary Clark. It is issued quarterly, now has a bilingual (Spanish) section and has expanded into an international journal.

*Conclusion.*—Many of us as Theosophists and also as Y.T.'s who are engaged in work to help meet the needs of modern youth, are looking towards 1975 and the Centennial Celebrations of the Theosophical Society. It is the hope of the W.F.Y.T. Executive Committee that we

can each ask ourselves, what we as individuals and as a group can do to help prepare the way for this new cycle of Theosophical activity. A pamphlet was sent out explaining a few of the plans that are currently being made for these celebrations. A number of groups have started and we should all start making our own plans so that the W.F.Y.T. shall be well represented. We might all get in touch with the T.S. in our own country to find out what special preparations are being made there.

CHARLES CHESROW,  
*General Secretary.*

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# THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1971-72

The total turnover of business during the year amounted to Rs. 4,22,600, against Rs. 5,70,600 in the previous year and Rs. 3,53,000 in 1969-70. The volume of printing we did for the Quest Books was less than in 1970-71, and this accounts for the fall in turnover.

*T. P. H. Council.*—Mrs. Radha Burnier was appointed a member of the Council, in place of Mr. S. Somasundaram, who resigned. No meeting of the Council was held during the year but matters for decision, as they arose, were settled by circulation.

*New Publications.*—The following new publications were released during the year: *Dynamics of the Psychic World*, compiled from the works of H. P. Blavatsky by Lina Psaltis, Asian and African Edition; *The Opening of the Wisdom Eye*, by His Holiness Tenzin Gyatsho, the XIVth Dalai Lama of Tibet (Asian and African edition).

We supplied reproduction prints of of these two titles to The Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton.

*New Editions and Reprints.*—The reprinting of *The Secret Doctrine* (six volumes) was completed during the year.

The Theosophical Manuals *Man and His Bodies*, *Karma*, *The Seven Principles of Man*, *Death and After* and *Reincarnation* (Besant) and *The Astral Plane* (C. W. Leadbeater) were reprinted, each of them in larger numbers than previously, owing to the demand that has developed for them in the United States.

Other books reprinted were *Kundalini* (G. S. Arundale), *A Study in Karma*, *A Study in Consciousness*, *The Doctrine of*

*the Heart*, *The Bhagavad Gita* (translation only) and *Islam* (Besant), *Creating Character and Man: Whence, How and Whither* (Besant and Leadbeater); *Practical Occultism* and *The Voice of the Silence* (Blavatsky); *The Mahatmas and Their Letters* (Compiled by A. T. Barker); *Light on the Path* (Mabel Collins); *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible, Vol. II*, *A Yoga of Light* and *The Kingdom of the Gods* (Geoffrey Hodson); *At the Feet of the Master* (J. Krishnamurti); *Vegetarianism and Occultism, To Those Who Mourn* and *The Beginnings of the Sixth Root Race* (C. W. Leadbeater); *Old Diary Leaves, Vol. III* (H. S. Olcott); and *The Science of Yoga* (I. K. Taimni). In most of these cases the reprint orders were larger than before owing to the higher demand for the books.

The following books were printed in other presses in order to relieve pressure on the Vasanta Press: *Reincarnation*; *The Seven Principles of Man*; *Man: Whence, How and Whither*; *The Beginnings of the Sixth Root Race*; *A Study in Consciousness* and *The Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible, Vol. II*.

We supplied reproduction proofs of *Thoughts for Aspirants*, abridged edition (N. Sri Ram), to T. P. H., Wheaton.

*Book Prices.*—A Committee consisting of Mrs. Radha Burnier, Mr. K. Ramanathan and Mr. K. N. Ramanathan, revised the prices of books for sale in the Asian and African regions, and fixed lower prices for such sales in respect of 38 titles dealing with fundamental Theosophy or having a special appeal. The prices of soft cover editions of a number

of books reprinted during the year were also reduced, these including *Kundalini*, *The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett*, *Bhagavad Gita* (English only), *Reincarnation*, *A Study in Consciousness*, *Practical Occultism* and *A Yoga of Light*.

*Workers*.—Mrs. Bridget Paget continued to work as the Assistant Editor of *The Theosophist* during the year. The services of a number of residents in the Adyar Estate were available for the reading of proofs and the evaluation of manuscripts, and we express our thanks to them.

*The Theosophist*.—The circulation of *The Theosophist* remained steady during the year. We have continued to receive the help of the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, The Theosophical Publishing House, London, and a number of National Sections of the Society as also individual Theosophists in registering and collecting subscriptions, and we are thankful to all of them.

*The Book Gift Fund*.—Donations received for the Book Gift Fund during 1971-72 totalled Rs. 13,722. Gifts of books made from the Fund in the year amounted to Rs. 12,694. (The corresponding figures for 1970-71 were Rs. 11,270 and Rs. 9,758 respectively). There were 134 beneficiaries. These included National Sections of the Society, Lodges, and public libraries mostly in economically under-developed countries. Gifts were made on the recommendations of General Secretaries of Sections, Secretaries of Federations and Lodges, and National Lecturers, as well as leading Theosophists with personal knowledge of the requirements of the recipients. The main contributions to the Fund were from Mr. J. K. Patnaik and Mr. B. K. Patnaik, to both of whom sincere thanks are offered.

K. N. RAMANATHAN,  
*Manager.*

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The year 1971-72 has been rather a difficult year for the research section of the library. Pandit T. H. Viswanathan who was appointed in place of Dr. K. P. Aithal had to go on long medical leave rather suddenly. Another pandit appointed to fill this vacancy had also to leave on medical grounds. Hence the publication projects on hand had to be slowed down. Mr. S. Anantaraman, a pandit with traditional learning, joined the staff during the year.

### PUBLICATIONS:

The *Descriptive Catalogue* of Sāṃkhya, Yoga, Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika manuscripts has just been completed and released as vol. 100 of the Adyar Library Series. Due to the sudden illness of Pandit Viswanathan as mentioned above, Prof. A. A. Ramanathan had to take over the completing of this catalogue in the last stages and see it through the press.

The *Śrīharicarita Mahākāvya* of Padmanābha Śāstrin, a poetical work based on the *Rāmāyaṇa*, edited by Prof. T. Venkatacharya of Toronto University, has also been completed and is to be released shortly as Adyar Library Series 102.

The *Haṭhayogapradīpikā*, a classic text on Haṭha-yoga, by Svātmārama Svāmin with the commentary *Jyotsnā* of Brahmānanda and with an English translation was released as Adyar Library General Series 4. This was originally published by Mr. Tookaram Tatya on behalf of the Bombay Theosophical Publication Fund, being one of the first fruits of the many efforts made by the Theosophical Society in the last century to bring to the attention of the Western world the Eastern Wisdom. A second edition was brought out in

1933 by the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar. Since then it had run out of print. Because of the deep interest in yoga particularly in the West and the demand for the book, a revised edition has been brought out by the Library. Lacunae and errors found in the previous edition of the text and commentary have been set right on the basis of manuscript material in the library, and a revised translation prepared to conform more closely to the text and commentary and yet to be readable. This work is of value as it attempts to grapple with the task of reconciling the Rāja- and Haṭha-yoga systems, and by bringing it out in the library's popular series, it is hoped to give a new directive to aspirants on the path of yoga.

Besides these, the third reprint of *The Philosophy of Bhedābheda* (ALS 74), was released during the year. A revised edition of Dr. V. Raghavan's work on Sanskrit Poetics, *Studies on Some Concepts of the Alaṃkāra Śāstra* (ALS 33)—also out of print for some time—is in the indexing stage and will be released soon.

During May we were fortunate to have with us Dr. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma, one time Curator of the Library, to complete the compilation of the *Descriptive Catalogue* of the Sanskrit MSS. given to the Library by the Visvabharati, Santiniketan, (now a university) in exchange for the Bengali MSS. in the Library's collection. The press copy is being prepared and it is hoped to send it for printing during the coming year.

Pandit S. Anantaraman, a recent addition to the staff, is completing the *Descriptive Catalogue* of the Tamil MSS. in the library's collection. The press

copy of vol. 2 of *Amarakośa* with the commentaries for Kāṇḍa 3 of Lingaya-sūrin, Mallinātha and Bommagaṇṭi Appayārya did not make much headway due to Prof. Ramanathan being engaged with other editorial work in the absence of Pandit Viswanathan. It is hoped with more help in the research section in the coming year this can be sent to press for printing.

Another valuable publication, just run out of stock and being revised for re-printing, is the *Introduction to the Pāñcarātra and the Ahi-budhnya Saṃhitā* by Dr. Otto F. Schrader. This is still of great value to Āgama students interested in the literature and philosophy of Pāñcarātra, though written in 1916 when very few publications were available in this field. As per present plans this will be released by the end of next year.

*Sales.*—With the Theosophical Publishing Houses in Wheaton, Illinois, U. S. A., and in London, England, taking over the distribution of our books in the Western world, and with the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, participating in the Book Exhibit at the Asian Studies Conference as a regular feature, as well as with increased advertisement and prompt attention to orders, the demand for the library publications is steadily increasing and they are reaching a wider area.

*The Adyar Library Bulletin.*—The *Haṭhayogapradipikā* with the text, commentary and translation was also featured in the volume for 1972. A supplement containing the annual report of work done in the library for 1971-2 and the index for volumes 28-36 inclusive are also included in this issue.

In the December number for 1971, also released during the period under report, a short *stotra* text, *Haristuti*, with a commentary, and a translation by Dr. E. R. Sreekrishna Sarma of the first

of the *Samnyāsa Upaniṣad-s*—the *Avadhūta Upaniṣad*—were included in the text sections. Besides these an article by Dr. V. Varadachari on the *Sanatkumāra Saṃhitā* (ALS 95) and other papers of interest to Indologists were included. An extensive section of reviews of some 55 books, and the report of work of the Library for 1970-71 were also included in this number.

The editorial board plans to bring out periodically in the *Bulletin*, reprints or revised editions of various books of value to students of Indology or of general interest. The next such work to be reprinted will probably be the *Mānane-yodaya*, a Mīmāṃsā work of the Bhaṭṭa school, with translation by the late Dr. C. Kunhan Raja.

The *Adyar Library Bulletin* records 132 exchanges and 166 subscribers. The subscription had to be increased again due to increased cost of printing and postage.

*Manuscripts Register.*—Due to lack of personnel in the research section it is regretted that no entries could be made in the register this year also.

#### SERVICE RENDERED:

Microfilms of 15 palm leaf MSS. and 69 books which include copies of all the annual reports of the Theosophical Society in Germany, and photostat copies of one MS. and 105 books were supplied on request. The library also supplied 198 photostat frames of 58 documents and letters to the Treasurer, Theosophical Society. Among the books for photostating were articles from books and journals on the influence of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society on the religious revival in India, for a Reader in the Calcutta University.

The library, in co-ordination with the Archives section of the Nehru Memorial Museum Library, New Delhi, is engaged

in the project of microfilming all the *New India* and *Commonweal* volumes which were edited by Dr. Annie Besant while she was engaged with the work of freedom for India. So far 21 volumes covering the period October 1941 to June 1916 have been completed.

The library also supplied transcripts in Devanāgarī of 77 manuscripts to institutions and scholars on request. Also typed copies of books, reviews and articles by and on Ananda K. Coomaraswamy were supplied to a scholar in Malaysia.

*Works Used.*—The library has now 303 readers, 109 resident readers-cum-borrowers, 108 borrowers (from the city) and 26 Braille borrowers.

During the year under report 5,022 persons used the library; 22,885 books and 3,085 MSS. were consulted in the premises; 5,922 books and 34 MSS. were loaned out.

*Research Scholars.*—Among the many scholars and research fellows who used the library, the following may be mentioned: Mr. Eamon Murphy of the University of West Australia, who was doing research in modern South Indian History, and found much material in the *New India* volumes; Miss M. Hamilton of Syracuse University, New York, on a brief visit to study the problems, methods and goals of Indian libraries; Dr. Charles S. J. White, Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy, American University, Washington D. C.; Mr. V. K. Chari, Professor of English, Carlton University, Ottawa, Canada, doing research in Sanskrit Poetics; Mr. Sankari Prasad Basu, Reader, Calcutta University, interested in the influence of the Theosophical Society on the religions of India; Mr. S. Jagadisan, Sanskrit Lecturer of Madurai College; Miss S.R. Matha of Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati; Mr. M. Hasan of the English Department of the Aligarh Muslim University;

Mr. Ram Sharma, Research Director of the Punjabi University; Mr. K.V. Sambamurti and Mr. N. S. Venkatanathachar, both engaged in the project of compiling a dictionary of *Alaṃkāra-śāstra* in the Oriental Institute, Mysore University; Dr. Jürgen Lütt, a research scholar from the Heidelberg University, interested in the history of Indian independence; Mr. Michael Moffat of the University of Chicago, and attached to the American Institute of Indian Studies, Madras; and Miss Sudha Srivastava of the Banaras Hindu University. A number of research fellows from the Madras University regularly use this library for their research. We are also happy to report that amongst the regular readers and borrowers are a number of young people from outside India deeply interested in the Eastern Wisdom.

#### REPAIR AND PRESERVATION:

Four hundred and seventy nine volumes of books and journals were bound in the Vasanta Press of the Theosophical Society; 712 books were repaired and bound where necessary in the library's repair section; 36 books of the library and 86 pages of documents from the Treasury of the Theosophical Society were hand-laminated; 16 palm-leaf manuscripts were repaired.

#### ACQUISITION AND CATALOGUING:

*Books.*—Out of 2,002 books received during the year, 130 were purchased, 66 were exchanges with the Adyar Library Series and the rest were gifts.

Out of the 1,806 received as gifts, 1,162 are still to be accessed and catalogued. All these were part of the *New India* Library and given to the Adyar Library by Mr. N. Sri Ram. Many of them are books and pamphlets pertaining to the freedom struggle in India, by many well-known Theosophists and others who

were associated with Annie Besant in her Home Rule Movement.

Other books donated were: 180 from Dr. D. Rood; 114 from Mr. T.R. Balachandran, a regular borrower of the library; 94 light fiction books from the Olcott Library and Research Centre, Wheaton, U.S.A.; 104 on languages and Theosophy from Mrs. C. de Vogel-van Gogh and Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap; 92 Sanskrit texts and studies through the Ministry of Education and Youth Service, New Delhi; 91 from *The Theosophist* Office being review books; 77 from Mr. Kewal Motwani, mostly duplicates of Krishnamurti's *Talks*; 75 on Jainism from Sri S. Jain Yuvak Sangh, Madras; 84 from Mr. N. Sri Ram; 57 being books reviewed in *The Adyar Library Bulletin*; 41 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar; 41 from Dr. P. Swaminathan, another borrower of the library; 33 from Mr. P. Tiruvengadam, also a borrower; 32, mostly Sanskrit texts, from Dr. A. Kannan; 26 on Tamil wit and humor by the author, Mr. M. Venkataraman; 23 from Mr. B.C. Barai; 21 from the Theosophical Publishing House, Wheaton, Illinois, U.S.A.; 20 from Mrs. Radha Burnier; 20 French books on yoga, mysticism, etc., from The Theosophical Society in France; 19 from Mrs. Kalpagam Nagaratnam; 16 children's books from Mrs. M. Macdonald, England; 15 from Dr. G.B. Raj; 12 from the Theosophical Publishing House Ltd., London.

Our thanks are also due to Mrs. I. Borodin, Switzerland; The Economic and Scientific Research Foundation, New Delhi; The U.S.I.S., New Delhi; the Recording Secretary's Office, Adyar; Mrs. Adeltha Sita Devi, Adyar; World Goodwill Mission, London; and Dr. V. Raghavan for gifts of books ranging from 7-12. Particular mention is to be made also of a gift of 65 Braille Theosophical Books from The Theosophical

Book Association for the Blind, Ojai, California. Although we have 26 registered Braille borrowers the number of Braille books loaned out is not many. The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind is helping the library by offering to transcribe into Braille the list of Braille books available here and sending it to all these 28 blind readers who are members of the Braille Theosophical Lodge, Ojai, California. It is hoped that this will help in getting the section used more. We also thank Mr. S.R. Misra and Mr. G. Prakash for presenting 43 and 10 Braille books respectively.

As in the past years, Mrs. Radha Burnier has given as a gift Rs. 1,160 worth of new books, mostly published in England. She has also donated six rolls of films for microfilming MSS. and rare books in the library. We also take this opportunity to thank The Theosophical Society in U.S.A. and Canada for a gift of 30 new books on Tibetan, Chinese and other religions.

*Books Cataloguing.*—The reclassification of books in the Eastern Section is making steady progress, and three hundred books in the Social Sciences section have been completed leaving only a few pamphlets. This work had to give way to the cataloguing of the new titles.

#### DONATIONS:

The library takes this opportunity to record its grateful thanks to: 'Friends' (who wish to remain anonymous) for a generous contribution of Rs. 4,500.00; Mr. L.W. Baohm, South Australia, Rs. 168.00; Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Linton, U.S.A., Rs. 978.81; The Theosophical Society in Netherlands, Rs. 338.12; Mr. Etelke Von, London, Rs. 100.19; Dr. Jean Raymond, Rs. 50.00; and to The Theosophical Society in Argentina, Miss Mary Graham of New Zealand and Dr. S. C. Harrex, for their contributions.

## VISITORS:

Notable visitors to the library included: Mr. Albertine Gaur of the British Museum; Mr. Miladin Issaey, Poet, Bulgaria; Dr. S. C. Harrex, Flinders University, South Australia; Mr. Nils Simonssen, Professor of Sanskrit, University of Oslo, Norway; Mr. R. L. Shafer, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Mr. John G. Sommer, Ford Foundation, New Delhi; Mr. M. Scheller, University of Munich; Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, one man commission for the Sanskrit University, Trivandrum; Mrs. Ishvari Corea, Librarian, Public Library, Colombo; Mr. Masaaki Hattori, Kyoto University; Dr. K. Krishnamurthy, Head of the Department of Sanskrit, Karnatak University,

Dharwar; Dr. Karan Singh, Hon. Minister of Tourism, New Delhi; and Mr. R. C. Dogra, Assistant Librarian, South Asia, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

In conclusion we wish to record our appreciation and thanks to Dr. V. Raghavan and Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja for their continued help in the research and publication projects. Our thanks are also due to Mr. E. F. Orfila for his help in the microfilming and repair and preservation sections, and to all members of the Theosophical Society and other friends for their support and encouragement in the work.

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,  
*Librarian.*

## SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

The 23rd Session of the School of the Wisdom was opened on November 15th, 1971, with Dr. I. K. Taimni as Director of Studies. At the opening ceremony, Dr. Taimni described the studies planned for the session, which would be those of a depth analysis of the Absolute and the God within, and an approach to Reality through Science. The Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, spoke of the meaning of the School of the Wisdom and its aims.

We opened the studies with fourteen students and six observers present. This number was soon augmented by five, but one student was obliged to leave because of illness, so that our work proceeded with eighteen students as well as observers and visitors. By the beginning of December, our average attendance was twenty-three at the morning sessions and ten at the afternoon sessions. We had students from many countries. England, Southern Africa, Luxembourg, Malaysia, the United States of America and Switzerland were represented, as well as several States of India.

Dr. Taimni's lectures attracted great interest. He took us to grand heights with his lucid explanations of the concepts of Deity as expressed in Hindu scriptures. Four lectures were also given by Mrs. Radha Burnier on various religions of the world, two by Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap on the teachings of Mme. Blavatsky and two by Miss Jeanne Dumas on certain phases of two religions. In the afternoon sessions, Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu gave us four lucid lectures on the fundamentals of Theosophy, and Mr. Yagneswara Sastry gave a talk about the T. S. Estate. Other afternoon sessions were utilized for discussions, public speaking classes

and trips to various departments on the Estate. These trips included visits to the Archives and Museum, the Library, the Vasanta Press, the Engineering Department, the Garden Department and the Olcott School. We also had one trip to the Madras Museum and the Maha Bodhi Society, and were kindly entertained at Mylapore Lodge. The young people of our group, who have been very accommodating and helpful, gave us an excellent dinner and tea.

We were very disappointed by the unfortunate illness of Dr. Taimni, which made it impossible for him to be with us for the second term. But with the able leadership of Mr. Zoltán de Álgya-Pap and the co-operation of many lecturers, we carried on not only happily but also constructively. Our Principal, Mr. N. Sri Ram, was kind enough to give us six most inspiring talks on consciousness and life, and also answered questions. Our Director of Studies gave eight much appreciated talks on H. P. B. and her teachings, and Mr. Bolislaw Leitgeber gave nine lectures on a number of subjects. We were happy also to have two more lectures by Mrs. Radha Burnier, and were disappointed that she was unable to be in Adyar longer so that she could give us more time. Other lecturers to whom we owe gratitude are: Mr. M. Krishnamacharyulu, for two lectures; Dr. A. Kannan, two on Science and Theosophy; Mr. R. Balfour-Clarke, three hours of reminiscences; Mrs. Bridget Paget, a talk on William Shakespeare; Prof. Hakim, two talks on Islam; Miss Jeanne Dumas, on the physical elemental; Dr. Jean Raymond, on Ecology; and Mr. Homi Shroff on Mysticism.

At the beginning of this second term we had twenty students, four observers and up to twenty casual visitors. For the talks by Mr. Sri Ram we had as many as forty-two. However, it was necessary for some who came from a distance to return to their homes early, and at the closing exercises we had thirteen students and four observers.

We had our time for play as well as for work. One delightful afternoon we spent at Mahabalipuram, and the Kancheepuram Lodge entertained us royally for a day in that ancient and historic city. The students gave a tea party on January 31st for our helpful lecturers, we had a delightful evening of "star-gazing" with Mr. and Mrs. Y. Sastry, and finally we were given a conducted tour of the Chettinad palace, which we see across the river.

This report would be incomplete if there were not some mention of our very co-operative students. Particularly I must speak of Mr. S. C. C. Sittambalam, who was not only my right hand but my left hand also, as well as my two feet, and sometimes even my head. He ran errands and took messages all over the Estate. He typed notices and lectures. He helped arrange entertainments, and

took students on tours of the Estate. There was nothing he was not willing to do and cheerful in the doing.

The ladies of the group must also be mentioned for their helpfulness. Mrs. Ruth Espin, Miss Annine Bischoff and Miss Jeeva Dorairaj gave their valuable aid when it became necessary to replenish the cushion covers in the meditation room. Particularly should Jeeva Dorairaj be thanked for the sewing and stuffing of cushions, which she so ably did. (It might also be mentioned that this enthusiastic young lady made the arrangements for us to visit the Chettinad Palace.)

This session of the School of the Wisdom was characterized by variety and earnestness. The students were of many types and nationalities. We were happy to have attracted many young people, although most of them came as visitors rather than as registered students. But they were always welcomed, and they added much to the atmosphere of our School. Our thanks to everyone, finally, for their kindness in overlooking mistakes and difficulties, and particularly thanks to our Principal for his wise help.

JEANNE DUMAS,  
*Secretary.*

MEMORANDUM  
OF  
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

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



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 expirations 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 immediately prior to the close of the said official year 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 immediately prior to the close of the said official year. 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 member 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, 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.

(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, Rs. 18.00; for each Diploma (Certificate) of Membership, Rs. 4.50; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, Rs. 4.50; and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Federation or Presidential Agency for Charter Rs. 18.00, 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 Rs. 1.13 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 Rs. 4.50 and Rs. 18.00 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of Rs. 4.50 and an Annual Subscription of Rs. 18.00.

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, 1973

## *Ex-Officio Members of General Council*

**President:** MR. N. SRI RAM

**Vice-President:** MR. JAMES S. PERKINS

**Recording Secretary:** DR. (MRS.) JEAN RAYMOND

**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	... Miss Ianthe H. Hoskins	... 50 Gloucester Place, London, W1H 3HJ
1891	India	... Mrs. Radha Burnier	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221001
1895	Australia	... Miss Ruth Beringer	... Rooms 3-5, 4th Floor, Kembla Building, 58 Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W., 2000
1895	Sweden	... Mr. Curt Berg	... The Theosophical Society, Nybrogatan 24, S-114 39 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 75007
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	Southern Africa	... Mrs. A. M. G. Bischoff	... P.O. Box 863, Johannesburg, South Africa
1910	Scotland	... Mr. James G. Mitchell	... 15 Binghill Cres., Milltimber, Aberdeen AB1 0HP
1910	Switzerland	... Mr. G. Tripet	... Av. Dumas 29, 1206 Geneva
1911	Belgium	... Mr. Jean Barreiro	... 51, rue du Commerce, 1040 Bruxelles 4
1912	Indonesia	...	...
1912	Burma	... U Than Kyaing	... No. 102, 49th Street, East 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	... "Anandagaarden," Staarup, DK-4500 Nykøbing S.
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	... Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson	... Ingólfsstraeti 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	Sri Lanka	... Mr. D. L. F. Pedris	... 8, Alfred Place, Colpetty, Colombo
1928	Greece	... Mr. C. Melissaropoulos	... Dragatsaniou str. 6, Athens 122
1929	Central America	... Sta. Pilar Madrigal Nieto	... Apartado 1911, San Jose, Costa Rica
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 (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)	... 2, Tekels Park, Camberley Surrey, England
Canadian Federation		... Mrs. Ida Frances Stephen (attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)	... 2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada
Inter-American Federation.		... Sr. Luis Spairani	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina
World Federation of Young Theosophists . . .		Mr. Charles Chesrow . . .	2820 Telegraph Rd., Deerfield Ill. 60015, U.S.A.

### Additional Members of the General Council

- MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Eeckenrhode A. 8, Aalst-Waalre (N.B.) The Netherlands (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 600020 (for 1973, 1974 and 1975).
- 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 600020 (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 1973, 1974 and 1975).
- 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).
- MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020 (for 1973, 1974 and 1975).
- MR. L. H. LESLIE-SMITH, 2 Tekels Park, Camberley, GU15 2LF, Surrey, England (for 1973, 1974 and 1975).

\* Presidential Agency } Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the  
 † Federation } General Council.

## SUMMARY

*Of the Minutes of the Meetings of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held in the H.P.B. Room at Headquarters, Adyar, on Monday, 25th December 1972 and Monday, 1st January 1973 at 8.30 a.m.*

### PRESENT

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	<i>President (in the Chair), and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Italy, and for Mr. J. E. van Dissel, Additional Member.</i>
Dr. J. Raymond	..	<i>Recording Secretary, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Yugoslavia.</i>
Miss A. Tjioe Siang Nio	..	<i>Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England and the Netherlands.</i>
Miss J. Mills	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America.</i>
Mrs. R. Burnier	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in India, and Proxy for Mr. J. S. Perkins, Vice-President and for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in Sweden and Finland and for Mr. V. M. Slater, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. P. Sorensen	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Denmark.</i>
Mr. S. Ballard	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Cuba.</i>
Mr. A. B. Patel	..	<i>General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in East Africa.</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. J. B. S. Coats	..	<i>Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the Theosophical Society in France, Switzerland and Colombia.</i>
Mr. G. Hodson	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Miss H. V. Zahara	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith	..	<i>Present by invitation (25-12-72); Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Germany (1-1-73)</i>
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	..	<i>Present by invitation (25-12-72); Additional Member (1-1-73).</i>

*The Minutes of the General Council Meetings on 25th December 1971 and 1st January 1972:* These were confirmed and signed.

*Amendments to the Rules and Regulations:*

The following amendments to the Rules and Regulations were adopted, following confirmation of the postal vote:

(a) *Amendment to Rule 10, para 3:*

“... 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 immediately prior to the close of the said official year* 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 immediately prior to the close of the said official year*...”  
(Alterations in italics)

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>
38	1	1

(b) *Amendment to Rule 29(b)(i):*

“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.”  
(Additions in italics)

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>
39	—	1

(c) *Amendment to Rules 41 and 42:*

“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, Rs. 18.00; for each Diploma (Certificate) of Membership, Rs. 4.50; for the Annual subscription of each fellow, Rs. 4.50; and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Federation or Presidential Agency, for Charter Rs. 18.00, 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 Rs. 1.13 per quarter."

*(Alterations in italics)*

"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 Rs. 4.50 and Rs. 18.00 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of Rs. 4.50 and an Annual Subscription of Rs. 18.00."

*(Alterations in italics)*

The result of the Voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>
38	—	2

*Sale of the old Vasanta Press building and the houses owned by the Society in Urur village:*

The sale of the old Vasanta Press building and the houses owned by the Society in Urur village had been confirmed by an almost unanimous vote of the General Council Members during 1972, and the Motion had been acted upon by the Executive Committee following receipt of the votes.

*Additional Members of the General Council:*

Under Rule 2 (b) of the Rules and Regulations, the President nominated for re-election Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale and Mr. J.B.S. Coats as Additional Members. He also nominated for election Mr. L.H. Leslie-Smith and Mr. K. N. Ramanathan as Additional Members.

The voting results were as follows:

	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>
Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale	40	—	—
Mr. J. B. S. Coats	39	—	1
Mr. L. H. Leslie-Smith	40	—	—
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	40	—	—

The four were declared duly elected Additional Members for 1973, 1974 and 1975.

*Irish Section:*

It was reported that the Irish Section, whose membership had been below 49 for more than three years, had a membership of 50 as at 30 September 1972. Therefore no action was required under Rule 36.

*The Century Book:*

Mr. Leslie-Smith reported that he had already received a number of contributions towards this book.

It was decided that the book should be released early in 1975. Copies of the manuscript would be made available to Sections who wished to translate it into languages

other than English well before that date so that they could release their editions simultaneously. It was suggested that funds be transferred to the Non-English Publications Loan Fund for use in assisting in the publication of the book in other languages. The English edition will be printed by T. P. H., Adyar and its cost may be subsidized by the Special Publications Reserve Fund.

*Lease of Damodar Gardens:*

A letter dated 22-12-1972 had been received from Mr. K. Sankara Menon, Joint Director of the Besant Centenary Trust, informing the General Council of a Resolution adopted by the Managing Committee of the Besant Centenary Trust. The text of the Resolution is as follows:

“In view of the fact that the Theosophical Society was unwilling to lease the lands and buildings occupied by the Besant Theosophical High School for a period of five years from 1970 as requested and the present lease terminates in June 1973, all steps are being taken to move the school from its present location.

Resolved that the plans submitted to the committee in this respect be accepted.”

*Treasurer's Report:*

In the discussion on the Treasurer's Report, which was adopted, the Treasurer recommended that when sending Adyar Day donations, it be specified that they are to go into the A.B.C. Fund or the Century Fund.

It was reported that the new premises for the Olcott Schools, which are being built in Besant Gardens, are partly financed by donations given especially for the purpose and partly from the proceeds of the sale of the rice fields. They will be owned by the Society and let to the School at a nominal rental.

It was recommended that income from the Society's investments in various countries be used to assist suitable lecturers to visit the smaller Sections, the President's approval of the choice of lecturer being obtained first.

Part of the funds in the H. P. B. Publications Reserve Fund is to be used for translation and publication of H.P. Blavatsky's works in Indian languages. The Special Publications Reserve Fund is to be used for reprinting valuable works such as Dr. Annie Besant's "Autobiography" and Dr. G.S. Arundale's "The Lotus Fire".

The retail price of all soft-cover Theosophical publications is to be reduced to twice the cost of publication. (Hard-cover books will still be priced at thrice the cost of publication.) This reduction is to assist in the sale of the books in Eastern countries, where incomes are low. The General Council recommended that the advertising budget for the Theosophical Publishing House, Adyar, be increased to Rs. 10,000 for the current year.

*Budget:*

The Budget for 1972-73 was considered and adopted. It was reported that the major capital expenditure for 1973 would be the construction of the buildings for the use of the Olcott Schools.

*Appointment of Auditor for 1972-73:*

Messrs. Naganathan & Co., Chartered Accountants, Mylapore, Madras, were reappointed as Auditors for the year 1972-73 at an increased remuneration of Rs. 4,000 per annum, and otherwise on the same terms and conditions as in the previous year.

*Appointment of Executive Committee for 1973:*

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1973:

President	}	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President		
Recording Secretary		
Treasurer		
Smt. Rukmini Devi Arundale		<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier		<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan		<i>Member, General Council</i>
Mrs. N. Y. Sastry		
Mr. C. D. T. Shores		<i>Member, General Council</i>

*Non-English Publications Loan Fund (see Annexe):*

It was reported that a number of Sections and groups were intending to publish translations of Theosophical works to coincide with the Centenary celebrations, especially works of H. P. Blavatsky. Unprecedented calls on the resources of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund were therefore anticipated to assist in this work.

It was therefore resolved that the International Headquarters at Adyar contribute up to £ 25,000 to the Non-English Publications Loan Fund, this sum to be made available from maturing investments of the International Society in England.

*The Theosophical Society of Indonesia (Perwathin):*

The President reported that he had been engaged in correspondence with Mr. S. Soejatno, National President of Perwathin, which was anxious to be recognized as a part of the International Society. Legislation in Indonesia prevents the organization from becoming a component Section within the International Society, but there is nothing in the present Constitution of Perwathin which conflicts with the Rules of the International Society. It was resolved to recognize Perwathin.

*Printing of General Council Minutes in Annual Report:*

It was resolved that in future a summary of proceedings would be printed instead of the Minutes.

*Annexe:*

Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee—Report for year ending 30th September 1972.

## NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

*Report for Year Ending September 30, 1972*

To: The President and Members of the General Council

During the past year there was published the first book for which aid from the Non-English Publications Loan Fund was given. This was a Hebrew translation of *Reincarnation, the Hope of the World* by Irving S. Cooper, and it was printed in Tel Aviv, Israel by Lodge B'sorat Hagalil. The amount of the loan was \$ 600.21. The amount of \$ 485.00 which had been approved for the publication in Hindi of *The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant to be produced by the Indian Section was transmitted to them but was later returned as assistance was given instead by Adyar. In addition, a loan for the Inter-American Federation to enable a Spanish edition of *An Abridgment of The Secret Doctrine* to be published has been approved, but has not yet been paid pending completion of the translation and publishing arrangements.

A letter of appeal for support for the Fund was mailed on behalf of the committee from Adyar on May 1, 1972. It was hoped that this would engender greater response than if mailed from the U. S. A. by the Vice-chairman, who has previously handled these mailings.

The Theosophical Society in Australia, which has been a consistently generous supporter of the Non-English Publications Loan Fund since appeals were begun five years ago, has asked that particular consideration be given to publications in Asian languages and this request will of course be taken into account.

Following general approval by the Committee, I mailed a letter on September 20 to all non-English speaking Sections or groups of Sections proposing that an effort be made to have *An Abridgment of The Key to Theosophy* by H. P. Blavatsky, edited by Joy Mills, translated into as many languages as possible before 1975 as part of the Society's 100th anniversary celebration. A gift from The Theosophical Society in America of two copies of the work was sent to each group. It was suggested that consideration also be given to the possible translation prior to 1975 of *An Abridgment of The Secret Doctrine* by H. P. Blavatsky, edited by Elizabeth Preston and Christmas Humphreys. Where a loan is needed, consideration will be given to such an application.

So far we have had interested replies from the Society in Pakistan who plan to publish an edition of *An Abridgment of The Key to Theosophy* in Urdu; from the Society in Indonesia who hope to do the same in the Indonesian language; and from the lodge in Tokyo, Japan, who may have an edition in the Japanese language. There already exists a German edition of an abridgment of *The Key to Theosophy*, edited by Dr. Norbert Lauppert. It is hoped that other countries will also respond when they have had an opportunity to consider the proposal.

Should there be a large number of requests for loans as a result of the above proposal, we will of course need further support and donations for the Fund in order to meet them. We hope that the English-speaking Sections especially will keep this important fund in mind.

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, 1972. The balance in the U.S. account stands at \$ 7,567.53, and in the European account Sw. Fr. 10,115.55. The total of both accounts amounts to \$ 10,272.92 or £4,352.30 (approx., subject to exchange fluctuations).

It is hoped that by this time next year we will be able to report a good deal of activity in the Fund as a result of the new proposal and we hope that this will make a really valuable contribution to the work of making our literature available to many more people in the non-English countries of the world.

#### COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. N. Sri Ram, *Chairman*  
 Miss Helen V. Zahara, *Vice-chairman*  
 Mr. K. N. Ramanathan  
 Mr. Leslie H. Leslie-Smith  
 Mr. John B. S. Coats  
 Miss Joy Mills  
 Mrs. Claire Wyss

Submitted by

(Sd). Helen V. Zahara

Helen V. Zahara, *Vice-chairman*

NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS

LOAN FUND COMMITTEE

*November 30, 1972*

# NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS LOAN FUND

*Financial Report for Year Ended September 30, 1972*

## 1. Account held in trust for Fund by The Theosophical Society in Europe at Basle, Switzerland:

Balance in current account Union Bank of Switzerland April 30, 1972  
Sw. Frs. 9,638.45

### Receipts:

Bank Interest	Sw. Frs.	48.20	
Payment by English Section		251.65	
Payment by English Section (for Spanish translations)		183.00	
Donation from Heinrich Srebrow, Haifa, Israel		37.00	
			<u>519.85</u>
			10,158.30

### Payments:

Bank Charges	Sw. Frs.	22.75	
Treasurer's Expenses (audit)		20.00	
			<u>42.75</u>
	Sw. Frs.		<u>10,115.55</u>

Submitted by Paul Hasler, Treasurer, T.S. in Europe

*Note:* Sw. Frs. 10,115.55 equals approx. \$2,660.39 or £1,132.08 (subject to exchange fluctuations).

## 2. Account held in trust for Fund by The Theosophical Society in America at Wheaton, Illinois:

Balance October 1, 1971 \$ 6,214.46

### Receipts:

Donations: U.S.A.	\$ 1,368.69	
Australia	382.85	
New Zealand	41.07	
Canada	37.00	
		<u>\$ 1,829.61</u>
Bank Interest		123.67
Payment returned from T.S. in India		485.00
		<u>2,438.28</u>
		\$ 8,652.74

### Payments:

T.S. in India (returned as shown above)	\$ 485.00	
Lodge B'sorat Hagalil, Tel Aviv, Israel	600.21	
		<u>1,085.21</u>

Balance on September 30, 1972 \$ 7,567.53

*Note:* \$ 7,567.53 equals approx. £ 3,220.22.

Total in both accounts \$10,227.92 or £4,352.30 (subject to exchange fluctuations).

Submitted by  
HELEN V. ZAHARA,  
Vice-Chairman,

Non-English Publications Loan Fund Committee.

November 30, 1972

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1972

National Sections (Active)	40
Presidential Agencies (Active) ..	4
Federations formed under Rule 35(c) ..	2
Total Lodges ..	1,232
Total Membership 1971 ..	32,176
Total Membership 1972 ..	33,345
Increase	1,169

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America ..	102	6,119
2. England ..	72	2,281
3. India ..	463	7,869
4. Australia ..	17	1,841
5. Sweden ..	11	323
6. New Zealand ..	19	1,168
7. The Netherlands ..	32	1,063
8. France ..	39	1,204
9. Italy ..	20	585
10. Germany ..	15	308
11. Cuba ..	19	376
12. Hungary ..	—	—
13. Finland ..	21	424
14. Russia ..	—	—
15. Czechoslovakia ..	—	—
16. Southern Africa ..	11	412
17. Scotland ..	4	93
18. Switzerland ..	9	223
19. Belgium ..	11	269
20. Indonesia ..	—	—
21. Burma ..	6	53
22. Austria ..	8	239
23. Norway ..	8	146
24. Egypt ..	—	—
25. Denmark ..	13	300
26. Ireland ..	3	50
27. Mexico ..	24	238
28. Canada ..	14	312
29. Argentina ..	42	747
30. Chile ..	8	82 (1968)
31. Brazil ..	42	957
32. Bulgaria ..	—	—
33. Iceland ..	14	642
34. Spain ..	—	—
35. Portugal ..	12	176

\* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
36. Wales ..	2	65
37. Poland ..	—	—
38. Uruguay ..	10	154
39. Puerto Rico ..	6	60
40. Rumania ..	—	—
41. Yugoslavia ..	4	77
42. Ceylon ..	7	66
43. Greece ..	6	235
44. Central America ..	12	151
45. Paraguay ..	—	—
46. Peru (see below) ..	—	—
47. The Philippines ..	17	296
48. Colombia ..	8	127
49. East Africa ..	29	1,297
50. Pakistan* ..	4	190
51. Malaysia* ..	7	90 (1969)
52. Northern Ireland† ..	3	39
53. Israel (see below) ..	—	—
54. Japan (see below) ..	—	—
55. Viet-Nam ..	17	1,047
56. Venezuela* ..	3	42
57. West Africa† ..	11	327
58. Bolivia* ..	3	41
59. Canadian Federation ..	10	216
60. Fellows-at-Large ..	—	58
61. Lodges attached directly to Adyar		
Chile ..	1	13
Israel ..	5	99
Peru ..	4	82
Hong Kong ..	1	10
Singapore ..	1	37
Japan ..	1	13
Bangladesh ..	1	13
Total	1,232	33,345

## Study Centers:

United States of America ..	47
England ..	19
India ..	44
Australia ..	1

DR. JEAN RAYMOND,  
Recording Secretary.

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY**

**ADYAR, MADRAS 600020, INDIA**

*Accounts for the year ended 30th September 1972*

## A. B. C. FUND INVESTMENTS

<i>Particulars</i>		<i>Amount</i>
No.		Rs.
1.	3% Conversion Loan, 1946-1986 ..	261,200
2.	4½% 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 ..	130,000
7.	4½% Andhra Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures, 1970-75 ..	20,000
8.	4% Mysore Land Mortgage Bank, Debentures ..	5,000
9.	7½% Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit ..	83,000
10.	7½% Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Deposit ..	100,000
11.	7¾% Punjab National Bank, Deposit ..	100,000
12.	7% Punjab National Bank, Deposit ..	250,000
13.	7¾% United Commercial Bank, Deposit ..	100,000
14.	7% United Commercial Bank, Deposit ..	20,000
15.	7¾% Indian Bank, Deposit ..	305,000
16.	7½% Indian Bank, Deposit ..	50,000
17.	7% Indian Bank, Deposit ..	25,000
18.	7¾% Bank of India, Deposit ..	50,000
19.	7½% Bank of India, Deposit ..	40,000
20.	12 Years National Defence Certificates ..	10,000
21.	4% Funding Stock (Sterling) 1960-90 £ 11,297 ..	237,243
22.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. £ 3,000 ..	63,000
23.	4½% Kenya Government Loan £ 500 ..	10,500
		2,009,943

# FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1972

	1970-71 Rs.	1971-72 Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	.. —	4,855.60
„ Australia	.. 4,344.88	5,127.07
„ Austria	.. 712.54	850.30
„ Belgium	.. 1,597.58	1,457.65
„ Bolivia	.. —	525.39
„ Brazil	.. —	2,716.86
„ Canada	.. 2,592.70	1,371.26
„ Central America	.. 615.70	689.20
„ Ceylon	.. —	18.00
„ Chile	.. —	1,015.87
„ Colombia	.. 205.60	254.46
„ Denmark	.. 407.41	462.90
„ England	.. 8,028.31	9,989.46
„ East Africa	.. —	1,871.79
„ Finland	.. 827.35	1,300.50
„ France	.. —	9,681.10
„ Germany	.. 1,052.44	1,411.78
„ Iceland	.. 2,602.75	—
„ India	.. 11,064.39	7,987.50
„ Ireland	.. 27.15	—
„ Italy	.. —	1,123.98
„ Mexico	.. 1,550.51	1,195.29
„ Netherlands	.. 8,823.22	12,032.56
„ New Zealand	.. 1,725.54	1,831.58
„ Northern Ireland	.. 37.65	39.03
„ Norway	.. 143.94	144.88
„ Philippines	.. —	270.46
„ Portugal	.. 1,266.40	—
„ Puerto Rico	.. —	826.30
„ Scotland	.. —	322.07
„ Southern Africa	.. 69.35	1,325.62
„ Sweden	.. 792.96	850.18
„ Switzerland	.. 1,421.25	1,276.93
„ U.S.A.	.. 30,634.14	—
„ Uruguay	.. 129.50	143.83
„ Venezuela	.. 341.57	294.40
„ Wales	.. 177.30	279.50
„ West Africa	.. —	1,295.73
„ Yugoslavia	.. —	328.00
Canadian Federation	.. 276.90	394.29
Lodges Attached to Adyar	.. 1,373.39	1,390.72
Fellows-at-large	.. 843.15	1,886.88
	<u>83,685.57</u>	<u>78,838.92</u>

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>Appropriations:</b>				
President's Travelling Fund ...	10,000.00		10,000.00	
School of the Wisdom ...	6,000.00		8,000.00	
		16,000.00		18,000.00
<b>Departmental Results:</b>				
Adyar Library ...	-45,475.85		-55,183.66	
Bhojanasala ...	+ 832.74		- 964.97	
Garden Department ...	- 3,878.16		-10,600.05	
Laundry Department ...	- 7,894.75		- 7,140.59	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	- 3,343.94		- 5,213.71	
Maintenance Department ...	-27,917.10		-27,024.49	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+54,868.81		+69,924.60	
Vasanta Press ...	+ 3,639.42		+ 734.65	
		29,168.83		35,468.22
<b>Depreciation:</b>				
On Gulistan Property ...	519.75		519.75	
On Immovable Property ...	20,579.72		34,102.17	
On Motor Cars ...	4,532.92		3,626.35	
On Movable Property ...	1,558.21		1,800.17	
		27,190.60		40,048.44
<b>Establishment and other Expenses:</b>				
Bad debts ...	26.10		656.78	
Boundary Expenses ...	—		10,656.03	
Convention 1971 ...	10,729.94		6,820.98	
Dispensary ...	10,319.93		10,964.84	
Fire Insurance ...	198.54		802.94	
Gulistan Maintenance ...	986.86		1,308.05	
International Offices ...	12,537.42		15,094.41	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	5,000.00		3,355.00	
Light & Water ...	6,297.64		6,328.18	
Miscellaneous ...	11,620.61		15,052.29	
Museum and Archives ...	5,012.39		2,655.27	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	4,144.42		5,089.22	
Printing and Stationery ...	1,097.63		1,442.28	
Publications to General Secretaries ...	1,155.90		1,149.17	
Repairs and Renewals ...	61,157.43		65,685.34	
Retirement Allowances ...	4,407.14		5,961.52	
Salaries and Wages ...	31,111.18		41,190.95	
Sanitation ...	7,210.05		7,710.03	
Taxes ...	18,809.58		17,939.50	
T.P.H. Management ...	12,000.00		12,000.00	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	1,890.10		1,888.03	
Watch and Ward ...	22,197.71		26,966.88	
		227,910.57		260,717.69
<b>Gratuity allocation</b> ...		5,405.00		2,591.00
		305,675.00		356,825.35

ADYAR

6th December 1972

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,

Hony. Treasurer,

Examined and found correct.  
N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,  
*Chartered Accountants.*

Examined and found correct.  
N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,  
*Chartered Accountants.*

## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>General Fund:</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	2,942,580.47		3,071,219.07	
Add: Receipts during the year:				
Donations ...	20,753.00		2,896.01	
Fees and Dues ...	83,685.57		78,838.92	
Bequests ...	25,829.29		81,560.78	
Increase in the value of Life Policy ...	219.00		219.00	
Transfer of Vasanta Press Machinery Replacement Fund ...	—		113,266.45	
Transfer of Adyar Animal Clinic Building Fund ...	—		19,664.90	
Surplus on disposal of lands during the year ...	—		1,000,300.84	
	3,073,067.33		4,367,965.97	
Less: Reversals ...	—		11,000.00	
	3,073,067.33		4,356,965.97	
Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	1,848.26		11,722.07	
		3,071,219.07		4,345,243.90
<b>Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (b)</b>		2,024,699.01		2,030,330.72
<b>Century Fund (a)</b> ...		214,376.11		279,578.59
<b>Exchange Equalisation Fund</b> ...		207,846.53		207,846.53
<b>Other Funds:</b> (see notes below)				
(a) <b>Of The Society: Interest bearing</b>				
Miscellaneous Funds (a) ...	29,516.74		30,399.84	
Miscellaneous Funds (c) ...	154,647.86		302,396.91	
		184,164.60		332,796.75
(b) <b>Of The Society: Non-Interest bearing</b>				
President's Travelling Fund ...	14,024.33		24,848.59	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	256,726.53		236,546.04	
		270,750.86		261,394.63
(c) <b>Of others: Interest bearing</b> ...		75,404.57		91,644.36
(d) <b>Of others: Non-Interest bearing</b> ...		4,774.11		5,785.59
<b>Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Building Fund Cash (c) ...	599,681.15		602,478.70	
Immovable Property ...	39,000.00		38,000.00	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	6,048.97		7,457.44	
Gratuity Reserve ...	13,871.02		14,816.02	
Grant from Ford Foundation (India). ...	48,750.00		48,750.00	
		707,351.14		711,502.16
<b>T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Capital Fund ...	121,958.32		121,958.32	
Reserves and Surplus ...	230,642.96		299,897.41	
Creditors ...	126,125.74		154,631.25	
T.P.H. Investments ...	63,000.00		283,000.00	
		541,727.02		859,486.98
<b>Vasanta Press:</b>				
Machinery Replacement Fund ...	113,266.45		—	
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ...	15,095.90		7,111.06	
Retirement Allowance Reserve ...	41,500.00		41,500.00	
		169,862.35		48,611.06
		7,472,175.37		9,174,221.27
C/o				

## SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 1972

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>Immovable Properties: At Cost</b>	215,946.00		215,946.00	
Less: Land sold during the year ...	—		9,043.16	
		215,946.00		206,902.84
<b>Lands at Urur (At Cost)</b> ...	3,782.40		3,782.40	
Additions ...	—		100.00	
		3,782.40		3,882.40
<b>Lands in Sindh</b> ...		10,000.00		10,000.00
<b>Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	823,189.53		823,189.53	
Additions ...	19,664.90		540,898.15	
	842,854.43		1,364,087.68	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	524,254.91	318,599.52	558,357.08	805,730.60
<b>Buildings under Construction:</b>				
Animal Clinic Garage & Room ...	1,452.93		—	
Besant Scout Camp Toilet Block...	—		7,599.12	
Olcott School Building ...	—		21,120.06	
Staff Quarters ...	34,792.85		206,453.81	
T.S. Well & Water Tank ...	—		14,089.93	
Vasanta Press Building Extension .	—		70.79	
		36,245.78		249,333.71
<b>"Gulistan", Kotagiri (At Cost)</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	20,790.72		20,790.72	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	7,885.79	12,904.93	8,405.54	12,385.18
<b>Movable Property at Adyar:</b>				
Furniture & Fixtures: (At Cost)				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	97,133.87		104,097.99	
Additions ...	6,964.12		3,878.47	
	104,097.99		107,976.46	
Less: Disposals ...	—		1,694.50	
	104,097.99		106,281.96	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	86,734.90	17,363.09	88,535.07	17,746.89
<b>Motor Cars (At Cost)</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	56,057.50		56,057.50	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	37,925.76	18,131.74	41,552.11	14,505.39
<b>Investments (At Cost)</b>				
Government of India Loans ...	255,051.76		255,051.76	
State Government Loans ...	310,962.00		310,962.00	
Foreign Investments ...	822,073.55		833,930.01	
Surrender Value of Life Policies ...	35,119.00		25,338.00	
Miscellaneous Securities ...	58,084.69		66,834.69	
Fixed Deposits ...	2,805,395.00		4,807,895.00	
		4,286,686.00		6,300,011.46
<b>Interest Accrued on Investments</b> ...		66,511.87		94,183.35
<b>C/o</b>		4,986,171.33		7,714,681.82

## BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

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ADYAR  
8th December 1972.

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
(MISS) TJIOE SIANG NIO,  
*Hony. Treasurer.*

**SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 1972**

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		4,986,171.33		7,714,681.82
<b>Departmental Assets:</b> (As valued and certified by the Management)				
Water Line Meter Installations ...	231.30		208.17	
Electrical Installations ...	15,774.30		14,196.87	
Telephone Installations ...	12,480.78		12,328.30	
Tools, Equipments etc. ...	27,954.44		39,285.66	
Printing Machinery etc. ...	156,000.35		152,158.80	
Amounts Recoverable ...	12,473.93		10,487.93	
Standing Crops and Developments	6,858.04		5,850.86	
Stock on hand ...	130,050.87		126,642.05	
Buildings in progress: (Vasanta Press & Manager's Quarters) ...	462,997.22		---	
		824,821.23		361,158.64
<b>Adyar Library Assets</b> ...		1,145,647.91		1,139,728.84
<b>T.P.H. Assets:</b>				
Assets ...	558,065.33		497,438.82	
Investments ...	63,300.00		283,300.00	
Cash and Bank Balances ...	46,158.80		54,469.87	
		667,524.13		835,208.69
<b>Sundry Assets</b> ...		2,427.74		2,872.60
<b>Loans and Advances</b> ...		43,026.89		66,966.97
<b>Outstanding Income:</b>				
Fees and Dues ...	7,733.14		1,268.10	
Subscriptions ...	1,169.61		1,529.61	
		8,902.75		2,797.71
<b>Security Deposit</b> ...		390.00		390.00
<b>Sundry Debtors:</b> (Considered good by Management)		17,775.11		26,855.23
<b>Gratuity Advances</b> ...		1,598.57		
<b>Prepaid Expenses</b> ...		1,702.94		2,801.87
<b>Cash:</b>				
In Madras Banks on Current Account ...	90,576.76		115,674.22	
In London Bank Account ...	9,002.80		9,141.81	
On hand ...	12,817.41		18,272.05	
		112,396.97		143,088.08
		7,812,385.57		10,296,550.45

Examined and found correct.  
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**THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1972-73**

EXPENSES	Budget for 1971-72	Actuals for 1971-72	Budget for 1972-73	INCOME	Budget for 1971-72	Actuals for 1971-72	Budget for 1972-73
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bad Debts ...	100	657	500	Interest (Gross) ...	225,000	271,406	275,000
Boundary Expenses ...	—	10,656	11,000	Quarters' Maintenance ...	65,000	69,737	70,000
Convention ...	14,000	6,821	15,000	Wood ...	2,000	—	—
Dispensary ...	11,000	10,965	12,000	Donations ...	—	6,436	5,000
Establishment: Salaries and				<b>Special Departments:</b>			
Wages ...	50,000	41,191	50,000	Adyar Library ...	22,500	24,597	27,000
Fire Insurance ...	250	803	1,000	Bhojanasala ...	24,000	23,295	23,000
Gulistan Maintenance ...	1,000	1,308	1,500	Garden Department ...	33,000	29,225	30,000
Interest on Funds and				Laundry ...	6,300	6,854	7,000
Accounts ...	3,000	2,476	2,500	Leadbeater Chambers ...	33,000	39,538	42,000
International Offices ...	13,000	15,094	16,000	Maintenance Department... 142,000	142,000	148,162	150,000
Legal & Audit Expenses ...	7,000	3,355	5,000	Sanitary Department ...	4,000	4,912	6,000
Electricity & Water ...	8,000	6,328	7,000	Theosophical Publishing			
Miscellaneous ...	12,000	15,052	15,000	House ...	130,500	223,439	158,500
Museum & Archives ...	5,000	2,655	2,000	Vasanta Press ...	110,500	100,619	110,000
Postage, Telegrams and				Deficit ...	91,140	11,722	69,350
Telephones ...	5,000	5,089	5,000				
Printing and Stationery ...	4,000	1,442	1,500				
Publications to General							
Secretaries ...	1,200	1,149	1,200				
Provision for Gratuity ...	6,000	2,591	5,000				
Repairs & Renewals ...	55,000	65,685	65,000				
Retirement Allowances ...	5,000	5,962	7,000				
Sanitary Department ...	11,000	12,622	14,000				
Taxes ...	20,000	17,940	20,000				
T. P. H. Management ...	12,000	12,000	12,000				
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,000	1,888	2,000				
Watch & Ward ...	24,000	26,967	30,000				
Reserve for doubtful debts ...	200	—	500				
<b>Contributions to:</b>							
President's Travelling Fund	10,000	10,000	—				
School of the Wisdom ...	6,000	8,000	—				
Depreciation ...	28,000	40,048	40,000				
<b>Special Departments:</b>							
Adyar Library ...	73,100	79,781	78,900				
Bhojanasala ...	25,000	24,260	25,000				
Garden Dept. ...	40,000	39,825	45,000				
Laundry ...	15,000	13,994	15,000				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	37,000	44,752	47,000				
Maintenance Dept. ...	170,000	175,186	180,000				
Theosophical Publishing							
House ...	108,340	153,515	131,400				
Vasanta Press ...	106,750	99,885	108,850				
	888,940	959,942	972,850		888,940	959,942	972,850



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