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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

BRETHREN :

For the second time since my feet first touched the sacred soil of India, I am far from her shores on the Anniversary of our beloved Society. The distance is so great that it was not possible for me to receive the Annual Reports in time to write my own Report, but my beloved Brother, the Vice-President, takes my place. Now, long afterwards, I write the Presidential Report, that no gap may remain permanently in our records. I cabled my usual yearly invocation to Those who are our Guides, leading us from the unreal to the Real, from darkness to Light, from death to Immortality.

May Those, who are the embodiment of Love Immortal, bless with Their Protection the Society established to do Their Will on earth ; may They ever guard it by Their Power, inspire it with Their Wisdom, and energise it by Their Activity :

The General Work of the Society

The Theosophical Society, long ago in the days of our revered Teacher, H. P. Blavatsky, was consecrated by One of its inner Founders as "the corner-stone of the religions of the Future". That it will ever remain, adding to the pearls forming the "Mala," the Rosary, of our Human Race, the religions of the sixth and seventh sub-races of the Āryan Mother-Race, onwards through the sixth and seventh Mother Races and their daughters yet to come. That is its glorious destiny, of which none may rob it. As I glance back over my own three Presidencies, I see how it has grown from the eleven sections, forming the

Society when it placed itself under my leadership, to the number of forty-two. It will continue to increase, despite the prophecy, ever repeated when a handful of members, who have reached the saturation point of their capacity to receive the Divine Wisdom, crystallise at the point they have reached at the touch of a new gift from its inexhaustible treasury, and leave the common Home, carrying with them, happily, those gifts which they have received.

The exterior aspects of the three objects—the Fellowship of Faiths, the World-University and the Revival of the Mysteries—are growing slowly, for growth in physical forms is slow : “ Nature makes no leaps.” The first has advanced most, for an American organisation of the same name was started within three or four weeks of the same time, and has worked well in the United States, and ours has had some success in India.

The World-University is acquiring some land, and has three teaching centres at present in Adyar, Java, and London ; in the first, Dr. Cousins directs the Brahnavidyāshrama ; in the second a union of Educational movements is under it ; in the third Professor Marcault is the Director. These render invaluable services.

The Revival of the Mysteries has its outer basis in Masonry and is progressing steadily.

Our International Lecturers

Of these no report was sent to me, so I can say nothing.

Adyar Day

Adyar Day received Rs. 20,375-1-8, of which Rs. 19,717-4-0 were contributed by members in U. S. A. The Treasurer's report mentions how I have allocated the gift.

Revised List of Charters up to the end of 1926

The number of charters granted from the commencement of the Society to 1925 was 2,429 ; it rose in 1926 to 2,519. Hitherto the number has been given for each year from 1878, but this repetition

Lodges and Members

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	Active Members	New Members added during the year	Remarks
1	T.S. in The United States ...	274	7,511	1,299	
2	" England ...	154	4,974	644	
3	" India ...	437	6,751	835	
4	" Australia ...	30	1,688	205	
5	" Sweden ...	43	1,091	56	
6	" New Zealand ...	19	964	88	
7	" Holland ...	45	2,744	282	
8	" France ...	79	3,258	603	
9	" Italy ...	33	612	93	
10	" Germany ...	31	609	91	
11	" Cuba ...	34	749	120	
12	" Hungary ...	12	403	33	
13	" Finland ...	23	616	78	
14	" Russian T. S. outside Russia ...	12	300	—	
15	" Czecho-Slovakia ...	8	100	60	
16	" South Africa ...	11	424	65	
17	" Scotland ...	32	765	69	
18	" Switzerland ...	10	162	38	
19	" Belgium ...	12	375	66	
20	" Dutch East Indies ...	30	2,145	206	
21	" Burma ...	11	387	79	
22	" Austria ...	14	461	80	
23	" Norway ...	12	270	20	
24	" Egypt* ...	—	—	—	
25	" Denmark ...	10	530	35	
26	" Ireland ...	7	120	17	
27	" Mexico ...	23	470	86	
28	" Canada ...	24	562	50	
29	" Argentina ...	18	449	79	
30	" Chile ...	15	260	66	
31	" Brazil ...	24	360	90	
32	" Bulgaria ...	8	200	40	
33	" Iceland ...	7	293	30	
34	" Spain ...	18	340	61	
35	" Portugal ...	10	280	26	
36	" Wales ...	16	310	48	
37	" Poland ...	17	292	101	
38	" Uruguay ...	11	185	62	
39	" Porto Rico ...	19	340	152	
40	" Rumania ...	7	140	14	
41	" Yugoslavia ...	9	140	38	
42	" Ceylon ...	8	76	—	
	Non-Sectionalised Countries ...	15	332	49	
	Canadian Theosophical Federation ...	8	187	36	
	Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Egypt ...	5	76	43	
	Grand Total ...	1,645	43,301	6,233	

* See below, for statistics.

I omit, as anyone can refer to former lists. It suffices to say that 85 new Charters to Lodges and 6,127 diplomas to new members were issued during the year. The total number of members in 1926 was 43,301, showing a net increase of 1915 members during the year, despite the exceptional numbers of resignations, partly due to the false statement that the Objects of the Society had been changed, but chiefly to my own persistent delivery of the good tidings of the approaching Coming of the World Teacher. Most of the members who claim, quite rightly, to state their dissent from my views, quite wrongly deny to the President of the Society the right to hold opinions different from their own.

Our National Societies

United States. 462 is the net gain in membership. Numbers are not true measure of progress. Enthusiasm has grown enormously in America. America is busy with establishing a new Headquarters at Wheaton, Ill. The entire amount required for this edifice is being amassed. Members in general are not very rich and only a few can afford to donate freely, and yet the large sum required is being put together.

Libraries all over the country are utilized by our members where free books are placed in the service of the public. "One of our members spends her entire time in this useful work, travelling from city to city . . ." The Theosophical Press continues its useful work.

England. 644 new members have entered, less by 29 than the entries of last year. I had the pleasure of presiding at the Conventions of the four National Societies in the British Isles; at the English one the following resolution was passed, with only three dissentients:

"That in view of world-wide endeavours to re-interpret the fundamental basis of religion, this Convention welcomes all new expressions of religious truth from whatever source, and urges upon Fellows of the Theosophical Society an open mind and a receptive attitude towards every declaration of such truth, with a view to the fuller realisation of Universal Brotherhood."

Mr. Gardner, the General Secretary, reports plans for assisting odges to purchase their own premises, and I draw the attention of the

National Societies to this scheme proposed by the National Council of England. A most noted activity has been begun, "The Theosophical News Bureau," to supply newspapers with accurate information. If members who have some journalistic experience would supply the newspapers with terse statements when necessary, much can be done to correct the errors often made in the newspapers concerning the Society and its aims. But for this work to be done efficiently, training is required, as newspapers will not put in columns of diffused and rambling matter. England has made a point during the last few years of "Students Week Ends," and reports a great stimulation of interesting activity among members.

India reports a new Section of Ceylon from among the members who have so far been attached to the Indian Section. Six hundred and twenty new members as against 388 in the previous year have been added, and a fewer number ranked as dormant. The scheme of decentralisation was approved, and eight Federations have applied for autonomous powers. A sum of Rs. 50,000 has to be collected for the erecting of a marble temple in Shānti Kunja for congregational Hindū Pūjā, and of this sum, with the help of boys and girls and other workers, already Rs. 5,500 have been collected. Much success is reported in broadening Hindū institutions wherever Theosophists are active. The Section reports the gift to the Indian Section by the President of that branch of the Adyar Theosophical Publishing House which has existed at Benares, and says that the gift is calculated at about thirty to thirty-five thousand rupees. I am very glad to pass this business to the Section, now that it is working at a profit. Regret is expressed that there are not more lecturers to go about the country, especially to lecture in the various vernaculars.

Australia sent no written report, leaving it to its General Secretary, Bishop Arundale, to report its activities. I can only therefore chronicle the magnificent enthusiasm and power of inspiring activity in others, only inferior to his own; Australia has started a Broadcasting Station, which was opened by the Minister of Education, and is the first of our National Societies to have made this forward step. It has a National Magazine, *Advance Australia*, edited by the General Secretary. The heart and soul of the Section is Bishop Leadbeater, whose untiring work is the admiration of all, and whose wisdom is one of the pillars of the Society.

Sweden. The thirteen members who came to the Jubilee Convention took back with them many slides and cinema films of Adyar and the Convention. These have naturally provided much interesting material for the instruction of members and for general propaganda. Sweden is organising her Lodges into Federations for the closer linking up of members. A new venture is the Theosophical Book Shop and Studio, which has become a centre to disseminate not only Theosophy, but all advanced ideas.

New Zealand reports a year of steady work during which the General Secretary has toured as National lecturer. The veteran worker, Rev. W. S. Short, I.S.O., has also visited a number of the smaller Lodges and given his aid. A new Lodge building has been completed at the chief town of the South Island, Christ Church, bringing the number of buildings owned by the Theosophical Lodges in New Zealand to six.

The Netherlands report many misrepresentations concerning the announcement of the "World Religion," and hence much controversy. One group proclaimed that the Masters of the Wisdom have withdrawn from the T.S. The General Secretary decided to issue all controversial matter in a special supplement, and also to call a special Convention where all could amicably discuss the different points of view. In spite of the temporary turmoil, the work in Holland is stronger than ever. Its Convention was presided over by the President. The subsidiary activities report a healthy development. Needless to say, owing to the International Headquarters of the Order of the Star in the East being in Holland, the Dutch members are given unusual opportunities to show their special abilities in organisation.

France reports two visits from the President. Special stress is laid on the fact that one of the most vital elements of propaganda is literature, and that the Publishing Concern is increasing its sales. Eight new Lodges have been formed, one being in Athens. France has acted as foster-mother to several National Societies, and is now watching over the Lodges in Greece. Prof. Marcault has visited many Lodges in the south of France. Regret is naturally inevitable that he should be called away from France to England, to work in connection with the World University.

Italy. As with France, so with Italy. A large part of the propaganda is through literature. The General Secretary reports a fall in

membership, one reason being the usual lapse for non-payment of dues. The reason is stated by him as follows: "Another cause is the delicate situation in Italy arising from the recent law on secret societies and the personal and arbitrary interpretation given to it by some members, who think the Theosophical Society comes under that category, whereas the General Secretary points out that T.S. teachings are open to the public and have naught to conceal. Defections in both the above cases may be regarded as gains rather than losses to the efficiency of the National Society, which is thus relieved of carrying a dead weight."

Germany reports that a certain number have left the Society owing to misunderstanding of my announcements at Ommen in 1925. The misconceptions concerning the rôle of the T.S. regarding Star work and religious activities, like those of the Liberal Catholic Church, which have been going the round of the various countries, have evidently reached Germany. There is little doubt that in Germany, as in other countries, when these misconceptions disappear, the Section will come back again to its original strength and go forward with greater vigour. The report mentions the distress still existing in the country and the activities of many members to cope with it. An attempt is being made to bring the various organisations in Germany, which have separated from the main Society, to work together with the T.S., at least so far as general lectures are concerned, while retaining their individual freedom of thought and action. Hearty thanks are expressed to Herr E. Peiper for his help in publishing various German editions of important Theosophical works.

Cuba. After eighteen years, the veteran Theosophist, Don Rafael de Albear, resigned as General Secretary in order to allow the work to be re-organised by the younger men. The whole Executive resigned with him in order to facilitate the work. A new Board was elected, and the new General Secretary has already outlined many lines of activity which are given in detail in his report. A movement has been started to form a Federation of all the Spanish-speaking Sections so as to link them closely together for the common work. Many Lodges in Central America belong to the Cuban Section, and it is hoped that presently these will form themselves into a National Society of their own, though many difficulties exist owing to the poor means of communication among the various countries of Central America. I wish

to add my warm recognition of the fine work done by the late General Secretary, who has been the father of Theosophical activity in the Central American countries, and the inspirer of so much good work.

Hungary reports two new Lodges formed, and specially mentions the value of the young Theosophists, who have done work amongst the blind, the poor, the destitute and the unemployed. The finding of a new locality for the Section Headquarters, due to the generosity of Mrs. Rathonyi, enables the work to be developed with fewer drawbacks than in the past.

Finland reports a healthy year's development with no great outstanding feature. Music and song are constantly promoted in connection with the Theosophical work, and the movement is kept on a broad and cultural basis.

Russia. Ever since the persecution of Theosophy by the Soviet Government, the Russian National Society has not been able to exist in Russia. Those exiled Russians who were Theosophists have clung with greater devotion than ever to the ideals, and made scattered groups throughout the world. These groups were made into one National Society, though outside Russia, and the first Convention was held in Prague, a great centre of Russian exiles. The Secretary is our devoted and veteran Theosophist, Anna Kamensky, who this year has received from the University of Geneva a doctorate, for her thesis on *The Bhagavad-Gītā*. The membership of the Russian T.S. is nearly 300, with Lodges in Europe, Asia and America, and members in all the Continents. One of the most severe handicaps among the Russian members is their want of books, and a Committee has been elected to take up this matter. A magazine, *Vestnik*, is regularly published.

Czecho-Slovakia has sent no report, beyond the encouraging fact that it has enlisted 60 new members during the year. It has 8 Lodges.

South Africa reports the formation of a special Lodge, "Brotherhood Lodge" at Capetown, with the object of bringing "our coloured brothers of mixed blood into the T.S." While the first object of the T.S. proclaims Brotherhood without distinction of race or colour, it has not been possible to impose it as an obligation on members or Lodges. Hence in countries where race prejudice is overwhelming, as in South Africa, or in the Southern United States, white people have strenuous

objection to the presence of coloured Theosophists in Lodges. It is therefore a good sign that South Africa is attempting to surmount this difficult problem by having special Lodges where the Brotherhood ideal can be carried out in spite of the prevalent race prejudices. The National Society has been strengthened by the arrival of Captain and Mrs. Ransom, the latter on the termination of her work as General Secretary for Australia. The late General Secretary, Mr. Bischoff, is devoting himself entirely to the spreading of Theosophy among the Dutch-speaking members.

Scotland. I have received no report.

Switzerland reports that at last the Section and the Swiss Federation have amalgamated. The organisation of the Swiss Federation of members who were outside the National Society was an abnormal occurrence, and one that was bound, in a small country like Switzerland, to handicap the development of the work. Theosophists, as they work together, often intensify their personal equations, and hence sometimes very great difficulties of co-operation. In such a case, it is always best for similar-minded Theosophists to form Lodges to do work in their own way. But so far as the propaganda of the whole country is concerned, it is eminently desirable that there should be one National Society only. Special effort has to be made to develop the German part of Switzerland, where Theosophical propaganda hitherto has been weak.

Belgium sends a report which is a statement of work regularly and conscientiously done in the various Lodges with no great outstanding fact. During my travels in Europe, I visited Belgium. Small National Societies, like small Lodges, are more vital in the growth of the whole movement than Sections and Lodges that are numerically large on paper. Sometimes the devoted persistence and loyalty of small groups does far more to help the movement than they realise, when working under somewhat depressing conditions. Various subsidiary activities are fostered by the members.

Netherlands-Indies. Java reports going beyond the two thousand mark in its membership, with 905 Indians and 206 Chinese. The term, "Indian," is used in Java for the Javanese inhabitants. The Theosophical Order of Service is working strongly. The various movements with an educational trend have now been organised as a Theosophical World University Association.

Burma reports a thirty per cent increase of membership. Some members of the Rangoon Lodge encountered difficulties regarding the statement as to the World Religion. But the Lodge by an overwhelming majority refused to dissociate itself from the Fellowship of the World Religion. Maung Maung Ji is a welcome addition to the work. An outstanding event was the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Jinarajadasa. The former lectured on "Theosophy and Buddhism," and the latter on "Child Welfare" and "Aspects of the Women's Movement". A night school has been started with a special view of giving English teaching to the Buddhist Pongyis, or priests, a piece of work for Buddhism greatly necessary, though very much against the wishes of the older priests of Burma. The Burma Educational Trust works under serious difficulties in trying to carry on its two splendid schools for boys and girls.

Austria reports an increase of two active Lodges and also one dormant Lodge being revived. Many members have worked in propaganda, and among the foreign brethren who helped for a while are mentioned Bishop Wedgwood, and from Adyar, Miss A. C. Bell and Mr. Yadunandan Prasad.

Norway. No new activities have been begun. The number of members has diminished, largely due to the economic conditions, and also to the dropping out of the active roll of members who are in arrears. Lady Emily Lutyens visited the Section, but did not speak from the T.S. platform.

Denmark reports the cancellation by the Danish Government of the permission granted to broadcast Theosophical lectures by radio. The result has been an agitation and the creation of an organisation "consisting of as many as possible of the organisations outside the T.S. who are all fighting for the new time, each according to its conception of the ideals of the new time". Forty-two different organisations have joined together, and it is hoped to disseminate the broader ideas by some new method. There has been a certain amount of confusion in understanding the parallel movements and their relation to the T.S. The Executive Committee of the Section has advised the members "to pronounce its sympathy with and understanding of the work of the parallel movements," but at the same time recommending the members to "support every activity which tends to the creation of a definite and clear working-basis for the Theosophical work—a working basis which in no

way deviates from the Objects of the Theosophical Society, so that these always may be clear as well to the members as to the public, and may not be veiled by the work and the authoritative conceptions which the parallel movements might find occasion to convey to our time". Another activity has been the offering of Theosophical lecturers to outside organisations, which has met with much success. The Summer School has become a prominent part of the work.

Ireland reports my visit. The members are taking an active part "in outside activities which aim at relieving the sufferings of animals, and the general economic situation also receives our attention". The National magazine has changed its appearance, and good work is being done through its pages. On the whole in a country "in which the great majority of the inhabitants are strictly forbidden to attend Theosophical lectures," the work is holding its own steadily.

Mexico reports steadiness in the growth of membership, which has risen to 470, a course of public lectures on religion was organised for a lecturer who was not a member of the T.S. to show that the T.S. platform was one of spiritual tolerance. During November 15-22, 1925, a Theosophical Week was organised "with several public and private festivals which big crowds attended". The Lodges in Yucatan similarly held meetings in halls and theatres.

Canada sends no report, nor does Argentina.

Chile reports that more than 250 public lectures were delivered throughout the country in addition to the usual members' meetings and various T. S. Anniversaries. The Jubilee Anniversary was celebrated by a specially illustrated number of the Section magazine, which has been helpful in drawing the attention to the work of the T. S. Many members have taken part in "naturist" activities, as also in work for animals, for new education for boys and girls, and other work of a social character. The year's work is "signallised by a marked improvement in the extension of our ideals". Well done, Chile.

Brazil reports the completion of the Portuguese translation of the first volume of *The Secret Doctrine*, an invaluable gift to the country. The Section publishes two magazines. In Rio, a good deal of propaganda work is done by members writing for the daily papers. Some members are working for convicts and for the blind. The T.S. Order of Service has been organised. One Lodge has made a plan of organising

"trips of propaganda" to three cities of the interior, and has succeeded in founding three Study Centres. Mention is made of the fact that the press of the country is extremely sympathetic to Theosophy.

Bulgaria reports that the public interest in Theosophy has been roused by lectures on India, and on India being the country that could give the most suitable body to the World Teacher. More commodious quarters have been secured for the work, the expenses having been covered by special donations of 33 members, who are giving ten per cent of their income for the work—a most generous action. Would that all members followed it.

Iceland. During the absence of the General Secretary at the Jubilee Convention, two public lectures were organised. The type-written magazine has appeared regularly, and two books have been published, one being a translation of *Education as Service*. The Section has decided to publish a journal for the purpose of propaganda. Many Clubs have been organised by the members to develop and apply the spirit of Theosophy in the daily life of service.

Spain sends no report.

Portugal reports being much handicapped by the political crisis, which has caused hindrances in the way of holding private and public meetings. A few members have resigned owing to misunderstanding of the policy of the Society. Much work has been done for animals, and the T. S. and Star members have joined in developing a National Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. The high cost of publishing books seriously handicaps propaganda. The General Secretary suggests increasing the dues to Adyar by ten francs per member, so as to create a Central Fund from which loans could be granted to Lodges who are desirous of purchasing or erecting premises.

Wales reports steady work. I visited the Section and presided at its Annual Convention, as already noted.

Poland. No report, probably owing to political troubles. None comes from Uruguay.

Porto Rico held its Annual Convention in July. Though the Section had a cyclone which made roads unfit for travel, forty delegates representing thirteen Lodges were present. Forty lectures were delivered in nineteen towns of the Island, and study groups organised in seven towns. Two papers are published by two members:

Rumania mentions the loss to the Society by the passing away of Madame Fanny Seculici, who was present at the Jubilee Convention and who passed away at Port Said on her way back to Rumania. The National Society has been formally recognised as a legal institution, which enables the Society to hold property, and facilitates obtaining permission to hold meetings in towns under martial law. The work is proceeding steadily, though not rapidly.

Yugoslavia reports the visit of Bishop Arundale, who gave much help. Also there were other visitors, who were Mr. A. F. Knudsen, Mrs. A. E. Adair and Miss A. C. Bell. Two new Lodges have been added.

Ceylon resumes its life as a National Society, having been a Section from 1887-1889. Many visitors have come to help the Lodges to become strong enough to organise a National Society. A magazine is being issued regularly, and funds are being collected for the erection of a Headquarters building. The Youth Movement has been started, and is very slowly making headway. The work has lost a great and enthusiastic helper in the passing away of Mrs. Musæus Higgins.

I heartily welcome Ceylon, our Forty-second National Society, as its culture is different from that of India, and it brings its National Mission to the helping of the Theosophical Society. Besides, it was so dear to the heart of our President-Founder, and he worked so nobly and so successfully there in the cause of Buddhist Education.

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China. The work in China is progressing steadily and all the Lodges are very active. The news of the appointment of Mr. Manuk as the Presidential Agent for China was received with gratification by all the Lodges.

The Shanghai Lodge shows renewed activity under Mr. Calatroni and is doing good work. The Besant School in Shanghai under Miss Dorothy Arnold is working on successfully and is a real factor in spreading Theosophical teaching in China.

At Hongkong during the absence of Mr. Manuk, Mr. Lanepart did good propaganda work by lectures and articles in the daily papers, clearing away many misconceptions about Theosophy and the

Coming of the World Teacher. Besides, the visits of Mr. Max Wardall, Bishop I. S. Cooper, Prof. Labberton, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and other Theosophists are recorded. Owing to the increase in the number of Chinese speaking members a new Chinese Lodge was formed under Mr. Wei Tat and Mr. Wong Man Keung, and is doing very good work especially in bringing out publications in the Chinese language. In China Lodge at Shanghai, Prof. Shastri and Dr. Wan A. Hee are doing very good work by holding weekly meetings and lectures which have created marked interest in the Theosophical movement among the Chinese.

Egypt. Three Lodges out of eight in the Egyptian Section returned their charters, so the remaining Lodges are temporarily attached to Adyar Headquarters and are federated under the Presidential Agency of Mr. J. H. Pérez until the Section is revived. The political conditions in Egypt are not favourable for the present so the T.S. work is going on very slowly, but the Section will soon be revived by forming new Lodges in due course.

T.S. Outposts in the Wilderness

Nairobi. The Lodge reports the addition of two new members during the year and congratulates itself "on faithfully and devotedly keeping the lamp of Theosophy alight under exceptionally difficult circumstances".

Barbados. The Lodge is doing its work steadily. Owing to the ill-health of the President, Mr. Edward Drayton, the Lodge elected Mr. Clyde Williams as Vice-President, who delivers lectures and conducts study classes. The death of Mrs. Drayton, a very sincere and enthusiastic worker, is recorded with deep regret.

Japan. The Mahayana Lodge reports very little activity owing to ill-health of its principal workers. Since Prof. Labberton's departure from Japan the "Orpheus Lodge" in Tokyo has been suspended, but Capt. B. Kon with a few other members has re-started a small centre.

Canadian Federation. The Federation reports a gain of 3 Lodges and total membership of 200. It is very active and is trying to make Theosophy a living influence in the solution of the problems of human growth and happiness. It testifies its hearty appreciation of the cordial

co-operation it has always received from the American Headquarters' staff, and from its National President, Mr. Rogers, who visited Canada on a lecturing tour.

Russian Lodges-Federation within the Finnish Section. The Russian Lodges in Finland have unitedly formed themselves into a Federation and have joined the Russian T.S. outside Russia with the approval of the Finnish Section, but have kept their connection with the Finnish Section undisturbed.

The Adyar Library

The Acting Director and his staff record profound feelings of sorrow at the death of Pandit Mahadeva Shastri, the late Director, and express their sympathy with Mrs. Mahadeva Shastri and family. The learned Pandit has left behind him a lasting monument of valuable work, and I lose a valuable friend as well as an able colleague.

The work of the Library records the bringing out of at least the first part of a revised catalogue of Samskrit MSS. in the Library. Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.), as Assistant Director in the Eastern Section, and Dr. J. H. Cousins, D.Litt. (Keio), as Librarian of Western Section, have reorganised the Library and the reference work is very much facilitated.

Brahmavidya Ashrama

Dr. J. H. Cousins reports to have initiated several new lines of study of a scientific nature which promise to yield good results in the future. Mr. Ellis' lectures in Phrenology and Dr. P. K. Roest's special lectures on Anthropology, when taken with former lectures by Messrs. Trilokekar and Tristram, have added substantial material for the science of Anthropology. Thus the Ashrama goes on with its work of forming a synthetic nucleus of knowledge and illumination.

The Theosophical Educational Trust

The work of the Trust is going on very well though much handicapped by want of funds. The National Theosophical College at Adyar

is growing in popularity, and all the schools under the Trust keep up their high standard of efficiency. A Montessori Home is established at Guindy where 30 boys and girls learn and play together. The College at Madanapalle has been affiliated for the B.A. in History and Philosophy and is under the Andhra University. The scheme for the world University is progressing slowly.

Oloott Panchama Free Schools

The Superintendent reports that 3 out of 5 schools have been transferred to the Corporation of Madras with the condition that the old name of the schools be retained, and the trained teachers of the schools be taken into Municipal service. The Deputy Inspector of Schools remarks "the general condition of the schools continues to be efficient," and "it is one of the best schools in the range". The spinning and weaving section has been started in one of the remaining schools, and it is going on satisfactorily. The special feature of the school is that the children are made to feel free, happy and joyous.

The Round Table

A full report comes from Kt. Libra recording the new inspiration and clearer vision the Order received during the T.S. Jubilee Convention at Adyar, whereby the basic object of drawing young people into closer relations with the Masters of Wisdom was once more emphasised.

England and Scotland show steady progress. France carried out propaganda by posters about the coming of the World Teacher. Sweden forms links with Norway, Denmark and Finland, and Holland, Belgium, Italy and Germany are all doing steady work. The Chief Secretary for London encourages all to go on and do better, for the Life of the Hierarchy is apparent in the branches of the Order. Australia, Adelaide and Brisbane report substantial increase in membership and great activity. In Melbourne the movement is "marking time" while in Sydney the movement progresses well. The International Headquarters of the Order permits the formation of an Indian Section with Shrimati Rukmani Arundale as Chief Knight.

The Golden Chain in Spain

The Golden Chain in Spain goes on doing its work as usual under the guidance of Señorita C. Guyard in spite of difficulties.

Order of the Brothers of Service

Ever since the organisation of the Order its work has been one of the most vital contributions to the development of the Theosophical movement, especially in India. The Brothers are severally active in various places allocated to them by their Head, the Brother-Server. One of them, Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar, holds a responsible position of a Minister of the Crown in Madras, and is now in charge of the departments of Public Works, Development, Registration, etc. There are at present 25 full-pledged Brothers, 6 novices, 50 Lay Brothers and 43 Associates.

International Theosophical Order of Service

Bro. Ralph Thomson, the International Chief, sends reports from 20 different countries, all of which are doing useful work along one line or another. The various groups of this Order are internationally linked together to effectively carry on the work of helping the whole humanity on their own lines.

Women's Indian Association

The Association reports large increase in membership and formation of six new branches during the year. The admission of women into the Legislative Councils, and the complete equality between men and women, which is now established in Madras and Bombay Presidencies, have created great enthusiasm among its members. The Association offers a training ground to those who choose to serve Taluk and Municipal Boards and do public service. The Women's Home of Service and Child Welfare work are doing splendid work, but more money is needed to carry them on successfully. At the International Congress of Women in Paris four members represented the Association and

Mrs. D. Jinarajadāsa carried on propaganda on her tour in Bengal and Burma.

League of Parents and Teachers

The League enters on its 12th birthday and promises to do its work steadily under the fostering care of its energetic Secretary, Prof. R. K. Kulkarni.

International Fellowship in Arts and Crafts

Considerable activity is reported of this International Fellowship which has linked up 26 countries of different parts of the world by correspondence, exchange of plays, music, etc., and more beauty is thereby brought into Theosophical work. Community singing is introduced in various Lodges and valuable work is done in music and drama. India and Switzerland are reported to be studying National Arts and Crafts. There has been a good deal of activity also in the dramas and mystery plays. Polish and Belgian groups have produced a number of mystery plays, and well known dramas are being translated into English.

T.S. Muslim Association

The Association has a useful career before it, but needs many workers to bring closer co-operation between Hindus and Muhammadans. The addresses delivered by Dr. Abul Fazl, Superintendent of Education in Allahabad Municipal Board, Mr. Saiduddin Ahmad, Sub-Judge of Allahabad, and Mr. Abdul Karim, during the T.S. Convention at Benares, were much appreciated.

Association of Hebrew Theosophists

The Association reports the formation of two more Sections one in England and another in Holland, and the publication in California of a quarterly magazine, *The Jewish Theosophist*, by Mr. H. S. Samuels, the President of the American Section of the Association. Some money

is collected towards the Synagogue Fund, and Mr. A. Horne of San Francisco is busy collecting materials for printing books on Theosophy and Jewish religion, so as to interpret Judaism in the light of Theosophy.

**Theosophical Society Employees' Co-operative
Credit Society, Adyar**

The Co-operative Credit Society grows in membership and is getting popular among the employees, who feel grateful to the T.S. for giving them such help in their difficulties. The decrease in the amount of loans taken and increase in repayment of loans show a sign of progress, as some of the members are getting free from debts gradually and are coming forward to deposit. The real advantage gained by membership is in their moral uplift, for they stand surety for others and are willing to pay for those for whom they are responsible. The Society expresses its gratitude to the President and the Vice-President of the T.S. for their support and co-operation, and hopes to open a "Store" for the benefit of its members.

In concluding, I salute the members of the Society with deep gratitude for the love and helpfulness they have shown me in every land I have visited, and from every other land in which the Society is organised. I strive not to repay them, but to show my gratitude, by working as hard as I can. That is all I can do, and that I will continue to do. The times are difficult, of ever increasing difficulty. But the Great Brotherhood is with us, and Star of the KING shines over us; to that I lift my eyes in all moments of indecision, difficulty and danger.

AND IT SHINES

THE HEADQUARTERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The year ending 31st October, 1926, may be styled the Jubilee Financial Year, as the World Convention of the T.S. took place in its opening months. It is satisfactory to note that the Income and Disbursement Account closes with a surplus after wiping off the deficit of the previous year. The actual figures are as follows :

Income	...	Rs. 82,062	0	3	= £ 6,312	at Rs. 13
						per £ 1.
Expenditure...		„ 77,228	9	10	= „ 5,940	„ „
Surplus	...	„ 4,833	6	5	= „ 372	

INCOME

Rent and Interest Account—Rs. 22,667-6-0 (=£ 1,743)—shows an increase of Rs. 1,982 over last year's figure.

Fees and Dues Account—Rs. 16,644-12-1—also shows an advance of some Rs. 1,146 on the previous year's figure. It is too soon to judge the effect of the new norm of contribution by National Societies to Headquarters, resolved at the last Council Meeting in December, 1925. In some cases the National Society gains thereby. But more than one has generously remitted the larger amount that would have been due under the old rule.

Garden Produce—realised Rs. 12,846-2-0 (=£ 980), again showing an advance and a net profit of Rs. 4,543-15-5 (against that of Rs. 4,034-7-0 last year) when the expenses of the cultivated Gardens, Rs. 8,302-2-7, are deducted.

The sale proceeds are derived from :

Cocoanuts	...	...	...	Rs.	4,517	11	9
Sapotas	...	...	...	„	4,283	3	1
Pineapples	...	...	...	„	956	13	3
Firewood (Casuarinas)	...	...	...	„	906	14	9
Oranges	...	...	...	„	452	5	6
Bananas and Limes	...	...	...	„	443	7	9
Mangoes	...	...	...	„	347	5	10
Papais	...	...	...	„	129	3	4
Plants	...	...	...	„	116	0	0
Sundries	...	...	...	„	693	0	9
					Rs.	12,846	2 0

The net cost of the Unproductive (flower) Gardens, which at one time was a heavy item in the Expenditure of the Society, has thus been reduced, during the past year, by the profit on the Productive department, to Rs. 3,176-14-10 and is tending, we hope, towards a time when it will be entirely covered by sales.

The Electrical and Engineering Department shows a balance of Rs. 4,240-8-2 on the right side, but a decrease of Rs. 1,384-0-5 as compared with the Rs. 5,624-8-7 of last year.

Donations—not including donations for Convention Expenses and small sums received for transmission to Religious Temples and Shrines in the Compound—amounted to Rs. 46,767-0-8, made up as follows :

Rs.	17,816	15	2	Susan Daintry Bequest,
„	20,375	1	8	“ Adyar Day ” gifts,
„	413	0	0	for improvement of Arundale House,
„	5,000	0	0	anonymously for the Theatre and Lecture Fund,
„	1,053	12	8	Scottish friends, to complete cost of motor-truck,
„	8	0	0	“ White Lotus Day ” gift,
„	2,100	3	2	Unassigned.
Rs.	46,767	0	8	

Of the Rs. 20,375-1-8 received for "Adyar Day," no less than Rs. 19,717-4-0 were contributed by the American Section and were partly assigned by our revered President, in accordance with the discretion left to her, as follows :

To Adyar Library	...	...	Rs.	5,000	0	0
„ Theosophical Educational Trust	...	„	4,500	0	0	
„ Brothers of Service	...	„	4,500	0	0	
„ Olcott Panchama Free Schools	...	„	750	0	0	
„ Women's Indian Association	...	„	300	0	0	
			Rs.	15,050	0	0
Add :						
Donation for Theatre	...	„	5,000	0	0	
Scottish friends' gift for motor-truck		„	1,053	12	8	
Income and Expenditure account		„	25,663	4	0	
Total donations as above			Rs.	46,767	0	8

But for the Daintry bequest, which has been lumped with donations instead of being invested, our total results would, of course, have been very different.

Donations and unremunerated, or semi-remunerated, voluntary services are the factors which permit the Headquarters of the Society to meet the heavy calls upon its resources, and it is comforting to note that it can rely on such generous response to its requirements as is shown in the above statement.

Convention Account.—Thanks to special donations amounting to over Rs. 3,500 this account shows, at present, a surplus of Rs. 3,489-7-4, part of which might, perhaps, be properly transferred to *Construction and Repairs* and *Rent and Interest* Accounts, for reasons which need not be discussed. But it is kept open until we have cleared off our liability for the Public Address (Loud speaker or Amplifier) system so successfully used at our Jubilee Convention last Xmas. We had the option of either a high fee for hire, or the purchase of a new apparatus, and it was decided to accept the latter alternative, for use at Benares this year and at future Conventions.

EXPENDITURE

The expenditure has exceeded the Budget estimate by Rs. 3,062 chiefly due to increases in *Garden Expenses* by Rs. 1,023-0-9; *Servants' wages* Rs. 431; *Lighting (and water)* Rs. 1,452; *Construction and Repairs* Rs. 1,464.

Garden expenses appear to have been estimated too low in last year's Budget, for they have only exceeded those of the preceding year by about Rs. 23.

The under estimate for *Servants' wages* is nearly balanced by the over estimate for *Salaries*.

To *Lighting* we have added the cost of water consumption consequent on improved sanitary arrangements for servants and others.

As regards *Construction and Repairs* it is probable that a sum should justly have been credited to it out of Convention Account as mentioned above.

ADYAR LIBRARY

As already mentioned a sum of Rs. 5,000 has been apportioned to the Adyar Library out of "Adyar Day" gifts. This has obviated a deficit and enabled us to add Rs. 3,789-7-9 to the Endowment Fund.

ADYAR, MADRAS
31st October, 1926

REGD. G. MACBEAN,
Acting Hon. Treasurer, T.S

T.S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE					Rs.	A. P.
To Contribution to Adyar Library	...	...	...	...	5,000	0 0
„ Office Salaries	...	...	...	...	1,852	8 0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	...	6,431	10 9
„ Garden Expenses:						
Productive Gardens	...	...	Rs. 8,302	2 7		
Unproductive (Flower) Gardens	...	...	„ 6,504	10 0		
Roads, Fences, etc.	...	...	„ 1,216	4 3		
					16,023	0 10
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	4,213	5 9
„ Telegrams and Postages	...	...	...	...	858	3 0
„ Lighting and Water Expenses	...	...	...	...	6,452	3 0
„ Taxes	...	...	...	...	438	9 3
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	21,464	8 11
„ Establishment Charges	...	...	...	...	3,132	0 3
„ <i>Adyar Bulletin</i>	...	...	...	...	350	14 0
„ Olcott Cottage, Gulistan	...	...	...	...	876	5 0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	...	2,304	5 3
„ Brahmayidyashrama	...	...	...	...	2,881	11 0
„ Furnishing	...	...	...	...	360	8 6
„ Museum	...	...	...	...	111	3 0
„ Vice-President's Office	...	...	...	...	1,000	0 0
					73,751	0 6
Debit Balance from 1924-25	...	...	...	...	3,477	9 4
					77,228	9 10
Surplus Balance to New Acct.	...	...	...	...	4,833	6 5
					82,062	0 3

ADYAR

31st October, 1926

 REGD. G. MACBEAN,
 Acting Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1926

INCOME					Rs.	A.	P.
By Rent and Interest ...	...	...	...	...	22,667	6	0
„ Garden Produce ...	...	...	...	...	12,846	2	0
„ Electrical Department ...	...	...	...	...	4,240	8	2
„ Fees and Dues :							
				Rs. A. P.			
England ...	...	...	...	2,464 4 1			
Scotland ...	...	...	...	230 8 5			
Wales ...	...	...	...	179 9 10			
Ireland ...	...	...	...	100 11 0			
America ...	...	...	...	3,326 10 0			
Canada (1925) ...	...	...	...	282 14 3			
„ (1926) ...	...	...	...	392 11 5			
Australia ...	...	...	...	643 9 7			
New Zealand ...	...	...	...	467 11 10			
South Africa ...	...	...	...	180 15 1			
Dutch East Indies ...	...	...	...	985 8 0			
Holland ...	...	...	...	2,335 13 5			
France, on account ...	...	...	...	237 11 8			
Italy ...	...	...	...	78 0 5			
Switzerland ...	...	...	...	202 4 0			
Sweden ...	...	...	...	702 4 1			
Denmark (1925) ...	...	...	...	166 5 1			
Finland ...	...	...	...	129 3 10			
Germany ...	...	...	...	468 0 0			
Austria ...	...	...	...	49 10 9			
Yugoslavia (1925) ...	...	...	...	131 0 11			
Bulgaria ...	...	...	...	46 8 5			
Belgium ...	...	...	...	59 8 4			
Portugal ...	...	...	...	61 7 0			
Egypt ...	...	...	...	38 2 6			
Mexico ...	...	...	...	148 0 6			
Brazil ...	...	...	...	268 5 8			
Chile (net amount) ...	...	...	...	97 2 2			
Uruguay ...	...	...	...	267 6 6			
Porto-Rico ...	...	...	...	210 3 0			
Burma ...	...	...	...	50 0 0			
Fed. of Young Theosophists (1925) ...	...	...	...	142 8 0			
Unattached to National Societies ...	...	...	...	1,500 0 4	16,644	12	1
„ Donations as per Acting Treasurer's Report ...	...	...	...	25,668	4	0	
					82,082	0	3

Audited and found correct.

G. NARASIMHAM, F.R.S.A., F.A.A.,

Certified Auditor.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To General Fund (Capital)						5,00,788	6	8
„ Adyar Library Fund :								
Value of Books and MSS.	...	...	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,03,664	15	7	1,78,664	15	7
„ Adyar Library Building Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1925	...	...	62,913	2	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	2,516	8	0	65,429	10	0
„ Subba Row Medal Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1925	...	...	2,558	8	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	100	0	0			
			2,658	8	0			
<i>Less :</i>								
Cost of Medal to Dr. J. Van der Leeuw	...	...	63	0	0	2,595	8	0
„ Propaganda Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1925	...	...	476	0	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	19	0	0	495	0	0
„ Electrical Department Reserve Account								
Balance on 1st November, 1925	...	...	8,000	0	0			
<i>Deduct :</i>								
Cost of New Gas Engine	Ra. 8,179-1-0							
<i>Less :</i>								
Receipts to date for old Engine	„ 1,750-0-0...		6,429	1	0	1,570	15	0
„ Theatre and Lecture Hall Reserve Account								
Balance on 1st November, 1925	...	...	5,000	0	0			
Subsequent Donation	...	...	5,000	0	0			
Interest at 4 per cent	...	...	267	0	0	10,267	0	0
„ Income and Disbursement Account :								
Surplus carried to New Account	...	...				4,833	6	5
						7,64,644	13	8

ADYAR

REGD. G. MACBEAN,

31st October, 1926

Acting Hon. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31ST OCTOBER, 1926

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Adyar Library Books and MSS.	...	...	...	75,000	0	0
„ 5 per cent War Bonds 1929/47 :						
Rs. 45,200 at 95 and par	...	...	...	43,700	0	0
„ 6 per cent Government Bonds 1927 :						
Rs. 10,000 at par	...	...	...	10,000	0	0
„ 6 per cent Government Bonds 1932 :						
Rs. 45,000 at 102½	...	...	...	46,125	0	0
„ Immovable Property	...	...	...	4,52,700	0	0
„ Movable Property	...	...	...	19,000	0	0
„ Electrical Installation	...	...	...	40,000	0	0
„ Electrical and Engineering Dept., Stock of Materials	...	...	...	15,000	0	0
„ Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society	...	...	...	194	7	3
„ „ „ Adyar Co-operative Stores	...	...	...	251	0	0
„ Indian Bank, Ltd., Madras, Fixed Deposit	...	...	...	15,000	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Acct.	...	...	...	22,714	0	1
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	5,430	4	0
„ Sundry Debtors and Creditors	...	...	...	19,530	2	4
				7,64,844	13	8

Audited and found correct.

G. NARASIMHAM, F.R.S.A., F.A.A.,

Certified Auditor.

ABSTRACT OF ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

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ADYAR

81st October, 1926

REGD. G. MACBEAN,

Acting Hon. Treasurer.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIES OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETIES

T. S. IN AMERICA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The net gain in members during the year was 462, but figures are no true measure of progress. The gain in enthusiasm in the Theosophical Society in America has been enormous. The news that the President would attend the Annual Convention aroused the deepest interest throughout the country and over two thousand delegates assembled in Chicago in August—by far the largest Theosophical Convention ever held in the United States. The visit of the President, her lecture tour covering the entire Nation and the numerous meetings both public and private, have given a stimulus to this part of the Theosophical world that is beyond calculation.

The next most important thing of general interest is our new Headquarters to be established at Wheaton, Ill., twenty-five miles from the centre of Chicago, where the American Society is investing over a quarter of a million dollars. Soon after the President laid the corner stone in August, active construction began. The entire sum of money required for the work is being amassed by the voluntary contributions of our members. The method is to make pledges of such amount as the donor wishes to give in monthly, quarterly or annual payments, during a period of three years. Contrary to the popular belief the mass of Americans are not rich. With a very few exceptions our members are working for small salaries, but they very generously support all Theosophical activities.

A very important activity during the year has been the placing of free books in public libraries. One of our members spends his entire time in this useful work, travelling from city to city, carefully ascertaining what Theosophical books if any the libraries have, and making quite sure that if Theosophical books are given to them they will be properly displayed and not hidden away through the prejudice of some

librarian who is antagonistic to Theosophy. It has been found that without such pains-taking investigation, the money thus invested in books is practically thrown away. Our statistics upon the subject show that about one third of the libraries thus investigated are not proper custodians for the books and no Theosophical literature is placed in them. In the year just closed we have placed in two hundred eighty-seven libraries, scattered through twenty-four different States, 1,730 books.

Our Theosophical Press continues to increase its out-put of Theosophical literature. In 1923 the sales were a little over \$ 26,000·00. In 1924 they had risen to over \$ 36,000·00. By 1925 the sum total had grown beyond \$ 40,000·00, and during the year now closed, the sales exceeded \$ 50,000·00. This means that an enormous amount of Theosophical literature is being distributed throughout the United States.

L. W. ROGERS,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ENGLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The following statistics cover the period November 1st, 1925, to 31st October, 1926.

Lodges formed during the year	...	...	...	13
Lodges dissolved, transferred to Adyar, and amalgamated				11
Total number of Lodges	...	...	...	154
Members admitted	...	...	...	644
Members resigned, lapsed, died, transferred	...	...	...	608
Total membership	...	...	...	4,974
Centres formed	...	...	...	14
Centres dissolved	...	...	...	8
Centres become Lodges	...	...	...	9
Total number of Centres	...	...	...	57
Theosophical Circle (Associated) at Accra, West Africa	...			1

Your Visit.—During your very welcome stay with us this year you presided, not only at our own English Convention at the Queen's Hall, London, in June, but at each of the Conventions held in the British Isles—the first time, I think, that you have presided in the same year at the Conventions of the four National Societies in the British Isles. The public lectures given in the Queen's Hall on “The Coming of the World Teacher” were attended by very large audiences as also were the many lectures given in the larger provincial towns.

Your stay with us has been indeed an inspiration to the whole Section.

Mr. H. Baillie-Weaver.—It is with deep regret that I have to record the death of Harold Baillie-Weaver, General Secretary of this National Society from 1916-1921. He passed into Light on March 18th, 1926. .

Trained for the Diplomatic Service, he became a Barrister-at-Law and then devoted his life to work for humanitarian causes. At one time he was one of the best known Chairmen in London—Woman Suffrage, Vegetarianism, Anti-Vivisection, Medical Reform, Educational Work, were a few of his activities. During the crucial years of the War he was General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England, and none but those working in intimate association with him can appreciate what he did to maintain Theosophical work and assure freedom of activity for the Society.

Annual Convention, June 11th, 12th, 13th and 14th, 1926.—The opening meeting on Saturday, 12th June, was held at the Queen's Hall, London, when, after welcoming all those present, you introduced a discussion on "The Theosophical Society To-Day". You emphasised the necessity of leaving to all members of the Society entire freedom in matters of religious belief and expression of opinion with regard to such belief, and asked that any members present who had criticisms or suggestions to make on this subject should come forward and take an active part in the discussion.

Mr. C. S. Best, Mrs. Lavender and Mr. Nevin Drinkwater then spoke. All three outlined the growth of the Society in the last fifty years, and the influence, both direct and indirect, which Theosophical teachings have had in many phases of human activity.

Following this, Mr. Loftus Hare, after expressing his entire agreement with the principle of freedom of thought and belief, in order further to emphasise the fact that the Theosophical Society is not committed to any particular religious teaching beyond an affirmation of the principle of Universal Brotherhood, moved the following Resolution :

"That in view of the public declarations made by the President as to the coming of a World Teacher in the vehicle of Mr. Krishnamurti, this Convention of the Theosophical Society in England, respectfully submits that the specific propaganda of a World Teacher does not come within the scope of the Society's Three Objects, and declines to give its support to the President's efforts to force upon the Society a new World Religion and a new alleged World Teacher. Further, this Convention requests the President to make clear in her public lectures the fact that she is not speaking in the name and with the approval of the Theosophical Society in England."

Mr. Hare explained that in proposing this Resolution he was actuated by the fact that recent events, including the definition of the

Basic Truths of Religion and the launching of movements for the restoration of the Mysteries and the creation of a Theosophical World University, tended to give the impression that the Theosophical Society was proclaiming the coming of a new World Teacher.

After some discussion, the Hon. L. S. Bristowe proposed the following amendment :

“That in view of world-wide endeavours to re-interpret the fundamental basis of religion, this Convention welcomes all new expressions of religious truth from whatsoever source, and urges upon Fellows of the Theosophical Society an open mind and a receptive attitude towards every declaration of such truth with a view to the fuller realisation of Universal Brotherhood.”

In a brief but explicit reply to Mr. Hare, you pointed out :

1. That you had never spoken in public about the Coming of the World Teacher without first making it clear that this belief in no way constituted an official teaching of the Theosophical Society.

2. That none of the great teachings which the Theosophical Society had given out to the world since its foundation, such, for instance, as Re-incarnation, has been given as an official teaching of the Society.

3. That the three World Movements, to which Mr. Hare referred, come within the Objects of the Society, and that in fact they may well be regarded as merely a re-statement of those very Objects. The World Religion arises naturally from the first Object—the attempt to form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity. The World University, similarly, is a development of the second Object, and the Restoration of the Mysteries naturally touches on many unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

The Hon. L. S. Bristowe's amendment, seconded by Mr. F. E. Pearce, was carried by an overwhelming majority, three negative votes being recorded out of a total number of members present at the morning session of over 600.

In the afternoon you gave the Presidential Address, in which you made a most interesting and very comprehensive survey of the early history of the Theosophical Society.

At 5.30 p.m. Bishop Wedgwood, who was very cordially received, delivered the Blavatsky Lecture, under the title of “The Distinctive Contribution of Theosophy to Christian Thought”. This study will be much prized by Christians of the Modernist or Liberal School on account of the undreamed-of vistas which are opened up by its analysis of the Christian Faith in the light of the Divine Wisdom.

In the evening, members of the Convention had an opportunity of meeting each other at an informal gathering in the Queen's Hall, and on Sunday afternoon most of them assembled again at a garden party given at West Side House, Wimbledon, where members of the Margaret Morris Theatre gave an excellent out-of-door entertainment.

On Sunday evening, the first of your four public lectures on "The Coming of the World Teacher as seen by Ancient and Modern Psychology" was given. The Queen's Hall was packed, and all present listened intently while you spoke of your personal knowledge of the Great Teacher and His Work.

On Monday morning many interesting questions were discussed at the Mortimer Halls relating to Administration and Propaganda, and at a meeting of the Science Group valuable papers were read. In the afternoon you and Mr. Krishnamurti both spoke at a very largely-attended meeting of the Order of the Star in the East. The Convention came to a close in the evening with a reception at the Queen's Hall, during which a much appreciated musical entertainment was provided by Mr. E. Duncan-Rubbra, F.T.S.

In your parting address you spoke of the happiness it had given you to be present at this, the largest Convention ever held in England, and one which left all who had attended it full of confidence in a future already bright with promise. You asked that the good wishes of those present should go to the Vice-President of the T.S. (Mr. C. Jinarajadasa) and to Bishops Leadbeater and Arundale, and this was agreed to with acclamation.

More than 1,500 members attended the sessions of the Convention, and we were glad to be able to welcome representatives from the T.S. in the following countries: U.S.A., India, Australia, Holland, France, Scotland, Belgium, Iceland, Ireland, Wales, Poland, and the T. S. Lodge in Hong Kong.

A Plan for Assisting Lodges to Purchase their own Premises.—The National Council, at its Meeting in April, 1926, recommended that steps be taken to assist Lodges of the Theosophical Society in England to acquire their own premises.

A scheme to carry this proposal into effect was proposed and passed, and came before the English Theosophical Trust, Limited. The

resolution of the National Council was adopted by the Trust and can be operated as and when required.

This resolution governs the procedure and reads as follows :

1. That Debentures, for not less than £5,000 nor more than £10,000 be issued, at par, by the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd.

2. That the proceeds be applied to making loans, at an agreed interest, towards the cost of acquiring Lodge premises.

3. That any Lodge wishing to acquire its own premises under the scheme shall raise, within the Lodge itself, not less than 20 per cent of the total cost (*see clause 4b*) ; that a further sum, to a given maximum amount, shall be raised on mortgage through a Building Society or other agency, on terms to be approved by the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd. ; and that the balance required shall be advanced to the Lodge by the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd., provided that the amount advanced by the Trust shall not exceed that raised within the Lodge itself. The conditions of this clause may be modified to meet special cases, but only by the consent of the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd., recorded by unanimous vote at a properly convened meeting.

4. That the following procedure shall be observed :

(a) A professional valuer shall appraise the proposed property and submit a recommendation.

(b) The charges for valuation, conveyancing, and other incidental expenses shall be added to the purchase price in order to arrive at the total cost.

(c) The property shall be vested in the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd., upon Trust for the Lodge. In the event of the Lodge ceasing to function or seceding from the Theosophical Society, or the cancellation or surrender of its Charter, or dissolution, or other like event, the property shall be vested absolutely in the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd.

5. That no portion of the loan from the Lodge members shall be repaid until the loan from the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd., is repaid in full, together with interest, except by consent of the Trust.

6. That the President of the Lodge or his nominee shall have the right to submit personally to the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd., the proposal of his Lodge.

7. That the management of the property so purchased shall be in the hands of the Council or Committee of the Lodge or its nominee, together with the Chairman and Secretary for the time being of the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd., *ex officio*.

8. That a statement of accounts, properly audited, shall be submitted half-yearly to the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd.

9. That in the event of need, of which the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd. (after hearing the President of the Lodge or his nominee and the President of the Federation concerned), shall be the sole judge, the Trust may, by formal resolution, take over the management of the property.

It should be noted that the Directors of the English Theosophical Trust, Ltd., are the members of the Executive Committee (for the time being), of the Theosophical Society in England, with the General Secretary as Chairman. As the Committee and the General Secretary change by annual election the Board changes.

The Theosophical News Bureau.—In view of the growing interest which is being shown by the public at large in the Theosophical Society and those other movements which are working in sympathy with it, you have sanctioned the creation of the Theosophical News Bureau, whose business it will be to keep the Press, more especially in England and on the Continent of Europe, accurately informed of any events of interest which may take place within the Theosophical world.

In order that this work may be carried out efficiently, it is essential that the News Bureau be kept constantly informed of the growth, development and activities of the different organisations working in the Theosophical Movement, as also of any important events which may take place within their sphere. To this end the closest co-operation of all officials and members of the different movements in all countries is most earnestly requested.

By a continuous campaign of educative information, general interest in the Theosophical Society and the other movements that are working in sympathy with it will be stimulated and their message will be carried to an ever-increasing number of people. As a natural consequence, the distorted and inaccurate versions of events such as have appeared in many newspapers recently will be reduced to a minimum, and the public mind will be given a better opportunity of "thinking rightly" about these movements and of formulating a considered opinion concerning the ideals which they stand for and the efforts that they are making towards the attainment of these ideals.

The address of the Theosophical News Bureau is 171, Palace Chambers, Westminster, London, S.W. 1.

The Theosophical Review.—The management of the business side of *The Theosophical Review* is now transferred to the Theosophical

Publishing House, Ltd., 38, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C. 1, and all matters concerned with its production, distribution and advertisements are now in its hands. The editorial control will, however, remain with the Theosophical Society in England, and in the hands of Mr. S. L. Bensusan, to whom all editorial communications should be sent at the above (T.P.H.) address.

The Brompton Road Rooms.—The study work carried on at the Reading Rooms, 153, Brompton Road Rooms, London, has been continued during the year. The study Centre at this address is now affiliated to the Theosophical World University. As from 1st January, 1927, Professor Emile Marcault will take charge of the World University work in this country, using 153, Brompton Road, as his Headquarters for the present, from that date the Theosophical World University Association will be in charge of these Rooms. The public Reading Rooms and the large Theosophical Library will be open and used as hitherto.

Literature.—The scheme by which enquirers are sent booklets dealing with the main teachings of Theosophy at intervals of a fortnight is being widely used. Large numbers of these booklets are purchased by members at one penny each for private distribution. There are about two dozen of these available now.

Book-boxes are much in request by Centres and Study Groups, and the ten shillings annual payment for the loan of 35 to 40 books is counted towards the purchase of the books as the nucleus of the future Lodge Library.

Enquiries concerning Theosophy have greatly increased in numbers since the series of lectures given by you in the Queen's Hall, London, in June.

Students' Week-ends have been held in all the Federation areas and are found increasingly useful as a means of stimulating the interest and activity of members and their Lodges, in addition to which many pleasant friendships are begun at these gatherings and renewed year by year. In the Mortimer Hall (London) a Course for Students has been arranged in the Lower Hall on Sunday evenings at the same hour as the propaganda lecture in the Upper Hall, and both have been well attended.

Headquarters Library.—The records for the past year show that during the period 1st November, 1925 to 31st October, 1926, over nine

thousand books were exchanged and 1,278 parcels of books were despatched into the country to members and subscribers. Nearly a hundred non-F.T.S. now subscribe to the Library and we hope to make the unique character of the collection of about ten thousand volumes more widely known during the ensuing year, as it is increasingly felt that this is one of the chief elements in our publicity work.

With warm and affectionate greetings from us all to you and our brethren,

EDW. L. GARDNER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN INDIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The year 1926 has been one of still larger interest and activity on the part of our members throughout India. It has been a year of deeper faith and more joyous hope. A new outlook on life, a clearer understanding of our duties and a greater resolve to make ourselves fit for the glorious plan of work that is being gradually disclosed to us form the background of our narrative. We are awakening to the realisation that the golden page of the World History of the future is being written to-day almost unobserved by mortal eyes and that our clear duty is to be humble but deliberate agents in the working out of that Mighty Plan rather than be moved unconsciously and even unwillingly by the irresistible Force which unerringly moulds the World Destiny.

Constitution.—On 23rd December, 1925, at Adyar, the Council approved of the scheme of decentralisation and decided that the rules regarding the Federations being granted autonomous powers be brought into force from 1st October, 1926, for such Federations as may apply for the same. All the seven Federations in the South and only Behar in the North applied for autonomy and their application was forthwith granted by the Executive Committee. From the 1st of October, 1926, eight Federations have started their work on an autonomous basis.

The connection of the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists has been made closer with the Indian Section than before, and after full consideration the Council framed and introduced definite rules in the Constitution. It is a matter of great pleasure that our Council will, under the rules, have in future two representatives of the Youth Federation. Their presence will undoubtedly give the Council a freshness of outlook and a new energy and force which will be so much needed in our work in the near future.

Although strictly it does not fall within the scope of this year's review, it is however my pleasant duty to report that our President's Birthday in the year 1926 was marked by the re-incarnation of the National Society of the T.S. in Ceylon which had a short period of life from 1888 to 1891, after which its existence was merged into the larger body of the Indian Section. We give to this Forty-Second National Society in the World our fraternal and most cordial greetings.

Membership.—The roll of “active” members in the Section stands almost at the same figure as it was last year. In 1925 our strength was 4,980, in 1926 it has been 5,029, showing once more, after a seeming set back during the last three years, a slight increase of 49 members. It is a matter of great satisfaction that while our ranks have been strengthened by the addition of 620 new members as against 388 in 1924-25, only 468 had to be declared “dormant” as against 689 last year. Another hopeful indication of a more intense realisation of our duties and of a real and increasing interest in the great movement is that our list of dormant members has been definitely showing lesser and lesser during the last five years. With this steadily decreasing scale of losses it appears at first sight a mystery why our number of active members which was 5,833 in 1922-23 should stand at only 5,029 to-day. The reason lies in the fact that in December, 1923, the Council allowed the formation of an All-India Federation of Young Theosophists attached to the Indian Section but at the same time having full liberty to organise their own internal affairs. One result of the formation of this new body has been that all young men between the ages of 21 and 25 who previously used to be enrolled as regular members of the Indian Section now join the Youth Federation and form part of their enrolment and not of the Indian Section. The correct figures of the first year 1923-24 are not available, but in 1924-25 the Youth Federation had a membership of 1,415 which in the year under report has gone up to 1,722. Thus including the members of the Youth Federation our total membership in 1924-25 was actually 6,395 and now in 1925-26 it has gone up 6,751.

Lodges.—The number of active Lodges and Centres in 1925-26 under the control of the Section, excluding Youth Lodges and Centres, was 364 as against 365 last year. The slight decrease of one is due to the fact that four Lodges have been amalgamated into two. Including

the number of Youth Lodges and Centres which is 59 we have altogether 424 branches in India including Ceylon.

Headquarters.—We were hoping to be able to collect a donation of Rs. 5,000 in order to complete the improvements that we had taken in hand at the Headquarters last year. But at present we have postponed the collection of funds for this object and have undertaken a much bigger project, which, we are certain, will play an important part in the great work of the future. We have started constructing a marble temple in Shanti Kunja for the congregational Hindu Puja inaugurated under the auspices of the Bharata Samaj by our Krishnaji, which affirms the presence of the One Light and Life in all forms, and aims at making a ceremonial link between the seen and the unseen, a real channel through which the Higher Intelligences and the Deva Hosts may pour down spiritual life for the uplift of all. To it people of all creeds, colours and sects are welcome. We shall need at least Rs. 50,000 for the temple.

Conferences and Federations.—The South India Conference under the guidance of our venerable, but mysteriously young, Joint General Secretary, T. Ramchandra Rao, and the experienced and energetic Secretary Mr. S. Raja Ram, has been showing an increasing efficiency in organisation. Not only have all the Federations been busy improving their organisation, but the different groups of which they are composed are showing greater and greater activity. Those who know what South India was like a generation ago in its orthodoxy and in its fondness for social exclusiveness, will appreciate all the more the value of Theosophical work in those parts. It rejoices our hearts to read in Brother Ramchandra Rao's report that in nearly all places where our principles have been accepted narrow distinctions of caste, creed, sex and colour are being almost ignored. The North with its huge area and long distances and its complexities of language, religions, culture and traditions cannot show the same efficient results as our brothers in the South, in a more compact area, with greater uniformity of tradition and culture, can show. Moreover all our great leaders being so near at Adyar are easily accessible to them.

The Indian Bookshop, Benares.—Our noble President placed the Indian Section under a heavy debt of gratitude by transferring to it

on the 1st of April, 1926, the entire stock of the Indian Bookshop, Benares, which was hitherto a branch of the Theosophical Publishing House, Madras. The capital value of our President's princely gift may be roughly estimated at something between thirty and thirty-five thousand rupees. Let us hope the Indian Section will prove itself worthy of the trust placed in its charge.

Lodge Buildings.—The increased interest on the part of our members in the Theosophical movement and their growing desire to spread its message and extend its usefulness is showing itself in their efforts to provide suitable habitations for the more active Lodges. Some of our devoted and earnest brethren have presented to their respective Lodges lands owned by themselves, or have transferred to the Indian Section buildings constructed at their own cost. Subscriptions are being raised in many places to construct suitable buildings. This year the foundation stones of several T. S. Lodges have been laid ; combined sometimes with Halls for Co-Masonry or Star Work.

Propaganda.—We are particularly deficient in our propaganda through the medium of the different languages in this country. No other National Society of the T.S. has such a variety of languages through which it has to approach the public. Some efforts are being made to spread the knowledge of Divine Wisdom by means of Magazines, translations and occasional original publications. But the entire work has to be conceived and planned on a much bigger scale and has to be much more efficiently co-ordinated. The more one thinks of our future work the more is one struck by the fact that a well organised propaganda in the language of the people and in a manner suited to their genius is an indispensable necessity.

Other Activities.—Education is happily our most favourite activity and the understanding and earnestness which our members bring to bear in their work readily wins the confidence of the parents and guardians and receives an encouraging response from the public.

Women's work is also rapidly progressing and branches of Women's Associations are being established in many places. In our Girls' Schools and Colleges we are silently building up a true type of Indian Womanhood, refined, cultured, sacrificing and devout. Our children are being brought up in a cleaner and happier atmosphere and they are being trained with greater care and understanding not

only of the laws of physical but also of superphysical health. In fact there is a wonderful change going on silently in the Theosophists' homes, where life is freer, sweeter and more beautiful. Young Theosophists at various places are devoting themselves to educating the children of our poor and unfortunate neighbours. Work for the so-called 'depressed' classes is being taken up with greater sympathy and earnestness. Here and there individual members are interesting themselves in helping the convicts in jails and awakening them to a sense of the Divinity in them awaiting to be released.

Visitors.—We are very thankful to our Brother Captain Max Wardall, National Lecturer of the T.S. in America, who at the suggestion of our Vice-President, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, was good enough to place himself at the disposal of the Indian Section and did exceedingly useful lecturing work in the different Provinces of India. He made an extensive and continuous tour for nearly two months in Northern and Southern India where he addressed large and enthusiastic audiences eager to listen to the message of Theosophy. I trust our brother has carried with him across the seas happy memories of his stay in India, where he won the esteem and the loving regard of so many of his Indian friends.

IQBAL N. GURTU,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN AUSTRALIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The year under report has been one of steady growth as usual. During the year 205 new members have been admitted and 4 new Lodges have been formed. Our Section has now a total membership of 1,688 and 30 Lodges.

The Annual Convention.—The Thirty-first Annual Convention held in Sydney at Easter was one of the most successful our Section has ever held, and was marked by a great spirit of harmony and purpose. Your inability to attend was, of course, a great disappointment, but our great and deeply revered leader, Bishop Leadbeater, was constantly present, and was the Convention's great inspiring force. To the retiring General Secretary, Mrs. Ransom, the Section owes a very deep debt of gratitude for strenuous and devoted work during a couple of very arduous years.

Events of the Year.—The outstanding event of the year was the inauguration on August 23rd, 1926, of the *Theosophical Broadcasting Station*, 2GB, the most potent form of propaganda our Section possesses. The success the Station has achieved is due to Mr. A. E. Bennett, the General Manager, whose devotion to his work is beyond all praise. Very great gratitude is also due to our constructing, now our consulting, engineer, Mr. Beard, who has had many sleepless nights in the course of getting us ready for the air, and who has served the Station with a very rare and generous devotion. We have also to thank Miss Doris Gowland for invaluable services, and our friends Miss Ada Brook, Miss Monica Horder, Jack Post, Dan. Scully, and Lloyd Davies for the beautiful music which has won such appreciation from all quarters. The Section is most fortunate to have their co-operation.

Advance ! Australia, under the devoted care of my colleague, Mrs J. L. Davidge, has done very good service, and has been the means

of broadening the outlook of large numbers of people throughout the Commonwealth. Next to 2GB I regard *Advance! Australia* as our most valuable asset. The Section owes much to Mr. Davidge, who has practically done all the work from the very beginning.

The tours of Miss M. K. Neff and of Mrs. Mason Beatty have been of outstanding value, and it is clear that such tours do more than anything else to stimulate interest in Theosophy among the general public, and to stir our Lodges and Centres to further effort.

In accordance with your authorisation for effecting a compromise with the authorities of the Independent Theosophical Society a compromise was duly reached as per terms sanctioned by you. Your generous gift of the amount obtained against the compromise to the Section has been utilised to help to pay off the Morven liabilities. These have now been discharged in full, with all arrears of interest, thanks to the fact that the trustees of the estate most generously waived their undoubted claims, and the Section is at last free from all debt, and may look forward to the future unfettered.

Publicity Work has been active during the year under report. In connection with the *Theosophize Australia* campaign, the following literature has been distributed :

1. A Pebble of Goodwill.
2. Remembering Brotherhood.
3. The *Advance! Australia* prospectus and the Theosophical Broadcasting Station prospectus.
4. The Path to Happiness.

About 5,000 copies of each have been sent to people indicated as interested by various members.

In addition, an *Advance! Australia* series of pamphlets has been published as follows :

1. A Pebble of Goodwill.
2. The Path to Happiness.
3. Theosophy and the Problem of Existence.
4. Religions and Civilisations.
5. Australia : Her Power and Purpose (not yet printed).
6. The Problem of the Cinema.
7. Prohibition.

These have also been widely distributed.

I regard music as an essential part of Theosophy, and was very glad when Mr. Edward Branscombe found it possible to accept a temporary appointment as Musical organiser to the Section. The Adyar Ladies' Choir is one of Mr. Branscombe's most happy services, and I hope he will be able to tour the Section after Convention to inspire other Centres as he has inspired Sydney. Mr. Branscombe's community singing, on which he has specialised for some years, will soon become a feature, I hope, of the activities of every Lodge and Centre.

The following resolution was passed on August 6th, 1926, by the Executive Committee in regard to the admission of young people to membership of the Theosophical Society :

It is Further Resolved.—Under Rule 16 (e) of the Rules of the Theosophical Society, Australian Section, that the General Secretary be authorised to admit to membership young people under 18 years of age on payment of five shillings entrance fee, and one shilling per year, instead of ten shillings per year as at present. *It is Further Resolved :* That it be a recommendation to Lodges and Centres to admit young people to membership of Lodges and Centres on the most favourable terms.

The future of the Society lies with the young, not immediately with us elders, though later on the future will lie with us when we are once more young, and everything possible must be done to place our great truths before the young, as well as to encourage them to enter our ranks and help to speed the Society on the pathway that lies before it. I am glad to say that Lodges are responding well to the principle of facilitating the admission of young people.

We have been endeavouring to furnish the *Australasian Press* generally with facts regarding the Theosophical movement in place of the fiction which so often masquerades for fact in many journals. The *Fidelity News Service* has been organised to this end, and supplies about 250 journals periodically with facts. We are exceedingly thankful to Mrs. Horder and Mrs. Green for their own journalistic activities under the name of the Country Press Service, through which they periodically supply articles and paragraphs to a selected number of country journals. I consider this activity as most valuable, though it is too early yet to appraise the results achieved.

I desire to lay very special stress on the inauguration by the Executive Committee of the Section of the *80 Years Young Fund* to provide a sum of money for presentation to you and to Bishop Leadbeater as an utterly inadequate, but none the less useful, testimony to the reverent and loving esteem in which we hold you both. The Fund is, of course, to be collected from the Society as a whole, but I wish Australia must do more than her share. Mr. John Mackay, "Myola," David Street, Mosman, Sydney, is the treasurer of this Fund.

The inauguration of the *Australia-India League*, to promote goodwill and understanding between India and Australia, under the chairmanship of our beloved colleague, Senator Reid, may also be noted here. Already much good work has been done, and the League should become a powerful agent in the direction of drawing the two countries into close comradeship. Both countries have mighty futures before them. In each country there is a strong spirit of brotherhood.

The Future.—I look forward with the greatest confidence to the future of our Section, especially as our younger members are coming forward to take their rightful place as leaders in the new cycle our great country is entering. We of the older generation, at all events most of us, have borne our share of the burden. We hand on our trust not only unstained, but stronger, more vigorous than ever, to brethren younger in body but full of wonderful promise, and bidding fair to become more than worthy successors.

Everywhere I have travelled I have seen young people whom it rejoices one's heart to know to be ardent Theosophists, eager to stand before the world as champions of our great Cause. The Society is surely safe for ever with such a generation to succeed our own. All danger points are passed, even though from time to time storms will hurl themselves impotently against us. And living at our wonderful centre of the Manor I have been privileged to watch our beloved and revered Elder Brother, Bishop Leadbeater, training and guiding, as he alone can train and guide, a group of the finest young people I have come across during an experience of over a quarter of a century excepting, perhaps, a similar group in the Central Hindū College many years ago, most of whom are your very able helpers to-day. Day by day as I watch these young people, I rejoice with a great joy that some of us elders can safely lay down much of the work we have hitherto

had to do, and may confidently say: "Lord! now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation."

May I add that I am more than thankful that the venomous lies and exaggerations with which the gutter Press of Sydney has for years pursued us only strengthen the loyalty of our brethren and make us all the more eager in the service of "Theosophy"? Decent-minded men and women throughout the Commonwealth have long ago appraised this section of the Press at its true value, and it has the reputation it richly deserves. Theosophy in Australia flourishes under these attacks, and we ignore them as we would ignore the helping of some insignificant and infuriated creature at our heels.

I cannot close without offering, on behalf of the Section, our deeply grateful congratulations to you and to Bishop Leadbeater on reaching the 80th year. The older you grow the younger you become, and, if possible, the more deeply loved by us all. We hardly grasp the magnificence of the glorious drama now being enacted on the world's stage, with the Lord Himself in our very midst, and with you two venerable figures as His great lieutenants. As usual, the world as a whole knows nothing of the mighty events taking place under its very eyes, and perhaps we, too, understand but little, but future generations shall marvel at these times. Blessed indeed are we! Blessed that the veil for us is partially lifted, and our Section specially blessed in that one of the Lord's great lieutenants lives in our midst as the heart and soul of our work. May we be worthy of our priceless privileges, learning little by little to give up all, to hold naught back, in the service of Those Elder Brethren beyond the Himalayas Who ceaselessly give Their mighty all in the service of the world.

G. S. ARUNDALE,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SWEDEN

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have much pleasure in forwarding my report of the activities of the Swedish Section for the year ending October 31st, 1926.

Statistics.—During the year 56 new members have been admitted and 2 new Lodges have been formed. Our Section has now a total membership of 1,091, and 43 Lodges. Our magazine, *Teosofisk Tidskrift*, is published in 10 numbers a year with 36 pages in each issue. The members receive it free of charge and the fees to the Society are calculated to cover the expenses of the magazine.

Annual Convention.—Our Convention this year was held at our Headquarters in Stockholm at Whitsuntide. The thirteen members who had attended the Jubilee Convention at Adyar took the opportunity to give their impressions of their visit to our International Headquarters and of the Jubilee Convention. Pictures of Adyar were given by lantern slides and films. During the Convention a pleasant interlude was provided in the form of a picnic to a country cottage which has recently been presented to one of the Stockholm Lodges.

The General Secretary was unanimously re-elected for another year.

Our Section had given through its General Secretary its vote in favour of the Theosophical Society accepting the Basic Truths of Religion and becoming a member of the World Religion.

Lodges.—Although the total membership of our Section is not big the number of Lodges is comparatively large, as the Lodges are scattered all over our long country. To enable the work to be more effectively organised the Lodges have therefore joined themselves together into federations. So now the whole of Sweden is practically divided up into districts. These federations hold meetings regularly, exchange lecturers and co-operate in organising lecture-tours for lecturers and prominent visitors.

Literature.—The only book published by our Section this year is the Swedish translation of *Letters from the Masters of the Wisdom* by Mr. C. Jinarajadāsa. The newly opened Theosophical Bookshop, “Studio,” in Stockholm is doing very good work. It is run on a broad and tolerant basis supplying the public with books on idealistic subjects. Some of our Swedish newspapers have commented upon its high standard and have complimented its promoters on filling a need in the intellectual life of Sweden that has not hitherto been supplied by any other bookshop-library. Fifteen glass show-cases with books, pamphlets, notices of lectures, etc., which have been put up in central parts of Stockholm help greatly to advertise the T.S. bookshop as well as the public lectures and Sectional magazine.

Propaganda.—The regular propaganda with public lectures has been going on as usual and the General Secretary has been visiting most of the Lodges, giving lectures and talks about the Jubilee Convention and showing his films taken at Adyar.

The foregoing is but a bare outline of the work which is going forward in Sweden. It is difficult to put into words the enthusiasm and happiness of the members in their work for the Society and its allied activities.

This report carries with it the sincere and heart-felt love and gratitude to our deeply revered and much loved President.

HUGO FAHLCRANTZ,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to present to you a brief report of the activities of the New Zealand Section for the year ending 31st October, 1926.

Statistics.—New members 88, rejoined 14, transferred to Section 1, resigned 18, died 14, lapsed 66, transferred to other Sections 3, number of members on the register 1,256, active members 964.

The Lodges in the Section now number 19. This is an increase of one for the year, the new Lodge—the revival of an old one—being situated at Whangarei. There are also Centres at Feilding and Rotareia.

Annual Convention.—The Thirtieth Annual Convention was held in Wellington on the 28th and 29th December, 1925. Mr. B. Teates, President of the Wellington Lodge, was elected to the Chair, and the Opening Address, which dealt with the relation of the Theosophical Society to the World Religion, was delivered by myself. The Convention passed off most harmoniously, and was one of the happiest in the history of the Section.

Vasanta Farm.—This farm is still successfully carried on under the supervision of Mr. Colin Macdonald. The property which consists of 114 acres, was donated to the Section in 1911. It is free of debt, and at £ 30 per acre, is now worth £ 3,420.

Last Easter, an experimental camp was held at the farm, and proved such a success that it was decided to repeat it. The camp consisted of 30 members, and lasted 4 days. In the evenings, Bishop Thomson gave inspiring talks to those assembled round the large camp fire.

Vasanta School.—The school, this year, has made such good progress, under Miss B. H. Darroch, that an assistant Teacher was found necessary, and Miss E. Brooke Smith received the appointment. The attendance is now 27, and the classes range from Primer 1 to Standard IV. This school, which is one of the happiest in New Zealand, is undoubtedly fulfilling the purpose for which it was founded.

Publicity.—Theosophy in New Zealand, ably edited by Mrs. Younghusband, continues to be a most useful means of propaganda. It is sent free to members, and to many public institutions throughout the Dominion.

The Book Depots connected with our various Lodges are also doing good business.

On July 25th, the Rt. Rev. J. R. Thomson unveiled the memorial stone of the new Lodge Hall in Christchurch. This building, which will cost about £6,000, is of Georgian architecture and contains a Lodge Library and class room, and a lecture hall to seat about 180. Suitable accommodation is also provided for the Liberal Catholic Church and the Co-Masonic Order.

The following Lodges in the Section now possess buildings of their own: Christchurch, Dunedin, Hamilton, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Wellington and H.P.B., Auckland.

The Rev. W. S. Short, accompanied by his wife, has done good work in the lecturing field, visiting quite a number of the smaller Lodges.

As National Lecturer, I find that steady progress is being made everywhere throughout the Section, and that each Lodge, whether it be large or small, is doing what it can to make itself a channel for the Light and the Love which comes from the Great White Brotherhood.

Jubilee Convention at Adyar.—The Section was very fortunate in being represented at the Jubilee Convention by its late General Secretary, the Rt. Rev. J. R. Thomson. On his return to Auckland, a social was held in his honour, and Bishop Thomson gave the members a most interesting account of his stay at Adyar.

During this Convention, a copy of the inspiring "Message from an Elder Brother" was posted from Adyar direct to each of our members in New Zealand.

Kindred Movements.—I am pleased to say that the various organisations associated with the T.S., such as the Round Table, the Order of

the Star in the East, the Order of Universal Co-Masonry and the Liberal Catholic Church, are all pulsating with vigorous life, and working together in perfect harmony.

I send you, in conclusion, most loyal and affectionate greetings from the members in New Zealand.

W. CRAWFORD,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Our hearts go out to you with warm greetings and the fervent wish that your beautiful example may still inspire us for many, many years, as your presence amongst us never fails to do.

When the generosity of my Section enabled me to attend the Jubilee Convention in Adyar last December, I realised how wonderful our Headquarters are, and I enjoyed seeing another aspect of our President coming out strongly in that happy place, that of the Leader of us all.

The remembrance of that glorious time sheds its radiance over everything still and in fact I hope that it will never wear off quite.

On coming back the difference after the peace of Adyar was striking. I felt as the diver who having touched the bottom of the sea, has come in touch with the peace and the eternal light that reigns there, and who returning to the surface finds to his astonishment that the majority of people only know the element from the surface, moved by the storm that sweeps its waves and churned by the passage of traffic. But having once been in touch with Reality, a new outlook is gained and appearances can nevermore be so deceitful.

I found that my Section did not escape a share in the general unrest that is making itself felt more or less in the several National Societies; and, owing to the fact that Holland has become an important Centre in the Theosophical Movement, even a bigger share than seems compatible with the usually steady attitude of the Dutch Section.

Several difficulties had arisen in people's minds about the "Statement" and about the general course of the T.S., specially in relation to the allied movements.

The "Statement" was badly misrepresented and became the cause of much controversy. Another group of members could not agree with

the line our Leaders took and they held that the Masters of Wisdom had withdrawn from behind the T.S., which was now under the sway of Ignatius Loyola. Of course their group claimed to have this information from one of the Masters, who is said to use one of them as His mouthpiece! They sent many pamphlets, not only to the members in Holland, but to all other National Societies as well and also to the Press outside the T.S. where, *e.g.*, the Letter from an Elder Brother was published with scathing remarks and criticisms.

When I resumed office, I found no less than 23 articles of a controversial nature waiting for insertion in the *Beweging*, and it seemed to me very unwise to spread that matter out over several monthly issues, especially as the majority of our members were not interested in it.

So the Executive agreed with me that it would be far better to collect it all in a Supplement, with at the end my point of view, giving a synthesis of the contents.

In addition we thought that it would be good to call a special Convention to enable everyone who had something in his mind to speak out freely, as difficulties often disappear after open discussion. As all matters came more or less under the head of "Has the T.S. in its present state deviated from the line originally laid down by its Founders?", that was the point under discussion. The meeting was very well attended and not an unbrotherly word was spoken. Though of course it is not to be expected that holders of opposing points of view will have convinced each other, it has done much to clear up misconceptions amongst those who had not had an opportunity of hearing discussions from both sides.

Members.—In consequence of all this our membership suffered a decrease, though not a serious one. Of the 159 members who resigned only 35 stated that the reason was that the present attitude of the T.S. no longer appealed to them; 33 passed over; 17 were transferred to other National Societies, and 2 were taken off our rolls.

The increase of 282 was larger than last year, so that the total number is now 2,744.

Lodges.—We granted charters to five new Lodges: "Broederschap" in Amsterdam, "Dienst" in Amsterdam, "Neptunus" in Bergen,

“ Voorburg ” in Voorburg, and “ Wilhelmina Catharina ” in Naarden, in total 45.

Centres.—We formed three new Centres: “ Broederschap ” in The Hague, “ Zierikzee ” in Zierikzee and “ Shanti ” in Amsterdam.

Federations.—The three existing Federations work well and steadily for propaganda in the places where no Lodges exist.

Meetings.—The Jubilee of the T.S. was celebrated on the 17th of November by Jubilee Lectures on : “ Fifty Years of Theosophy ” in all Lodges and Centres, arousing a very deep interest in the audiences and being well reported in the newspapers.

Dr. D. Albers who acted as General Secretary during my absence, presided over a special Jubilee meeting for members, where he addressed them on the same subject, giving a survey of the Society's growth and history in these years. During the reception the Young Theosophists performed the Krotona Ritual.

Convention.—To our great joy our Convention was presided over by our President, who gave us a beautiful address on “ The Theosophical Society of to-day ”. During the reception she graciously talked to as many members as could get near her, and warmed all hearts by her love and understanding.

The public lecture in the “ Free Church ” on “ The Coming of the World Teacher as seen by Ancient and Modern Psychology,” was attended by as many as the big Hall could hold and was greatly appreciated, as it helped much to take away misconceptions raised in the general Press.

Finances.—In our last Annual Meeting Mr. Cochius, who has served the Section as Treasurer for eight years and who was a *persona grata* with nearly all members, saw himself obliged to resign, owing to an increasing amount of responsibilities. So Mr. ten Houte de Lange was elected in his place, the Council overcoming his repeated refusal with the promise to help him in all possible ways to mend our financial affairs.

We have always managed to make both ends meet, but sometimes under great difficulties.

Propaganda.—The Committee appointed for that purpose puts every year a scheme for the official propaganda of the Section before the National Council which comprises all places where as yet are no Lodges

and which also helps the weaker Lodges and Centres in their work. The recurrent complaint is lack of good lecturers.

Library.—Nothing special can be said this year except that it is growing steadily and quietly. The officials always find willing members to help them on with the work, so that everything is running smoothly.

The Theosophical Publishing House is growing very well indeed. In fact we feel the need of a better place for the little shop, as we are sure that it would attract enough attention to make it pay.

Allied Movements.—The Order of Service counts many Leagues in our Section, all awaiting the reorganisation that would probably already be in full swing if the Order had not lost its splendid and inspiring General Secretary, Arthur Burgess, so beloved by all who knew him.

The Leagues for Spiritual Healing, Lotuswork, Braille, International Correspondence, etc., are all doing well.

The Order of the Star in the East is naturally specially active owing to the International Headquarters that have been set up in Eerde, and to the Camp Congresses regularly held every year and this year graced by the presence of the Head and the Protector.

The Round Table does not go forward by leaps and bounds, but is steadily growing and attracting more and more young people to its ranks.

The Liberal Catholic Church is of course strong, owing to the International Centre at Huizen. It awakens great interest in the Press and suffers many attacks in consequence, especially from the Roman Catholic side.

Life is pulsating very strongly in the Theosophical body in Holland and though little eruptions sometimes break out, it can stand these passing troubles as the touch between the Life that inspires it and the cells that compose it becomes more and more vivid and real.

May that Life flow through every one of us and its Light irradiate the darkness of the world.

C. W. DYKGRAAF,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN FRANCE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I respectfully beg to submit a report of the activities of the French Section for the year 1925-1926.

During that period, eight Lodges have been formed : *Christos*, in Tanger (Morocco) ; *Blavatsky-Olcott*, in Athens (Greece) ; *Maitreya*, in Epinal ; *Maranatha*, in Montpellier ; *Lumiere*, in Courmètte ; *Wedgwood* in Biarritz ; *Le Foyer*, in Paris ; *Krishnaji*, in Esch sur Alzette (Luxembourg).

One Lodge has been dissolved : *Zenon*, in Larnaca (Cyprus).

We have now 79 Lodges in activity.

During the year 603 members have been admitted, but 268 have died, been transferred, resigned or have been dropped, thus bringing the net gain to 335. The number of our active Members stands at 3,258.

France acts still as foster mother to the Theosophical Movement in Greece and in the Grand Duché de Luxembourg.

The perusal of the above figures shows that the T. S. in France has remained harmonious, and that progress has been satisfactory and steady. The spreading of Theosophical literature is still here the best means of propaganda, and the lectures given under the management of the central T. S. authorities and of the Lodges—all well and regularly attended—only contribute to strengthen this most efficacious means of propaganda.

During the period 1925-1926 we have had the happiness to welcome twice in Paris our dear and revered President. Her first stay extended from 19th to 23rd October, the second, from June 28th to July 2nd. On each occasion very satisfactory results have ensued, and they have been strengthened by accounts of her doings and speeches

published in most of our leading papers. We have thus been able to ascertain that the public lecture given by the President at Theatre Mogador on the 1st of July had been favourably viewed by the public and by the leading papers ; that the return of the Great Teacher had been on the whole understood ; and that—some fanatic opponents excepted—the personality of our dear Krishnaji had been willingly accepted by the public as vehicle of the Great Teacher.

The short stay of our President and Krishnaji in Marseilles had also a very good effect in this part of France, and we can but hope that our genial President will, at her next journey, be able to stop in Lyons, which ranks second in importance among French towns, and is the centre of a large Theosophical Federation including many devoted members.

We must also mention that in a sitting held on the 15th of November ult., our Board of Directors approved the decision, taken by the General Secretary, to accept, in the National Society's name, the fundamental basis of the World Religion. The straightforward explanations given on the subject in the *Bulletin Theosophique* (official organ of the National Society), did not give rise to any opposition, and those publicly given by the General Secretary on his return from Adyar, pacified the minds of some members who had been shaken by erroneous statements printed in the public press.

We are happy to hail the establishing of the International Press Information Bureau, and are sure that it will in the future prove very useful.

During the year, Prof. Marcault gave considerable help, not only assisting with his speeches at our National Convention, and at the meeting of the Central Federation held in Grenoble, but undertaking also to deliver a series of appreciated lectures in the South of France—Marseilles, Montpellier, Nîmes, Castres, Bordeaux and Toulouse being the chief towns visited by him. His departure for England, where he will attend to the Editorship of *The Herald of the Star* and to the progress of the future World University, will be a great loss for Theosophy in the South of France.

The Congress of the Central Federation, presided over by the General Secretary on 24th of May, had gathered in Grenoble a large

number of delegates and was permeated with a cordial spirit of brotherhood.

During the long stay abroad of the General Secretary and his Assistant Secretary, Mr. Point, on the occasion of the Adyar Jubilee, the administration of the Section and the despatch of the work have been managed with much zeal and devotion by Mlle Cécile Bayer, Mlle Augusta Frey, and Mr. E. Bondonneau.

We watch carefully over our Publishing concern (incorporated as *Les Editions Adyar*) and are happy to note a regular increase in the sales, for, as mentioned above, books are the best means for spreading Theosophical teachings in our country.

We shall be thankful to you for expressing to the members and delegates assembled at the Convention the most brotherly greetings of the members of our Section.

CHARLES BLECH,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ITALY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The General Secretary of the Italian Section reports that his list of members during the past year was increased by 94 (of whom 93 were new members and one transferred) and reduced by 102 (3 by death, 8 by transfer to other National Societies, 57 by resignation and 34 cancelled), with a net loss of 8. The total number of registered members on November 1st, 1926, was 696, of whom 612 were active members. Of these 559 work in groups and 53 are "independent or unattached.

Two new Groups were chartered during the year—both in Rome—namely, the "Amor-Buddhi" (March 1st), and the "Amor-Manas" (March 31st), whereas 3 dissolved; the "Alcyone" in Rome, the "Azione" in Florence and the "Emanuele Swedenborg" in Bologna. Thus there are now 33 Italian Groups (31 active and 2 dormant) with three active Centres at Fuperia, Treviso and Udine.

The General Secretary submits that the strength of the Section should be judged qualitatively rather than quantitatively. Losses are partly due to a cause which annually repeats itself, namely to members dropping out from failure to pay dues. Another cause is the delicate situation in Italy arising from the recent law on secret societies and the personal and arbitrary interpretation given to it by some members who think the Theosophical Society comes under that category, whereas the General Secretary points out that T.S. teachings are open to the public and have naught to conceal. Defections in both the above cases may be regarded as gains rather than losses to the efficiency of the National Society, which is thus relieved of carrying a dead weight.

As regards subsidiary activities, which in Italy are summed up in the Order of Service, the General Secretary reports that there is no falling off in the work it does.

Publishing is hampered by want of money and the high cost of printing. But more attention will be given in future to the Theosophical journal *Gnosi* with a view to giving it a character of greater originality and usefulness for propaganda purposes.

The General Secretary ends by expressing on behalf of the Section his devoted and grateful homage to the President.

OLIVIERO BOGGIANI,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN GERMANY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

In sending you once more the Annual Report of the National Society in Germany I forward to you all the good wishes our members are forming for you in gratitude for the wonderful work you are doing with indefatigable enthusiasm all over the world.

Statistics.

Membership on October 1st, 1925	...	650
New members	... ..	91
Left	... ..	75
Died	... ..	5
Dropped off	... ..	55
Transferred to other Sections	... ..	1
Transferred from other Sections	...	4
		136 745
		—136
Total number on October 1st, 1926	...	609

Sixty-one of this sum are unattached members. The great number of members who left the T.S. has partly its reason in the announcements you have made at Ommen last year, partly in the fact that the Liberal Catholic Church is beginning to be active in Germany too. Some people think that the T.S. is losing (or has already lost) its democratic *spirit* even if it is still democratic in its form and rules. We have done our best to show them that this is not so but they preferred to leave the T.S. We have once more been obliged to drop 55 members from the

lists as they never reacted to any letter sent to them, never attended meetings, never paid their dues.

The following Lodges were founded :

Lodge Lotus at Hamborn on October 21st, 1925.

Lodge Lucifer at Reval (Esthonia) on December 11th, 1925.

Lodge Adyar at München on March 3rd, 1926.

The following Centres were established :

Centre at Saarbrücken on January 1st, 1926.

Centre at Landsberg on September 21st, 1926.

The following Lodges were dissolved :

Lodge Sonnenadler at Weimar on December 1st, 1925.

Lodge Faust at Kiel on May 10th, 1926.

Lodge Blavatsky at Düsseldorf on June 15th, 1926.

Some of the members of the dissolved Lodges are now unattached members.

Activities.—What I have said in my last Report about the difficulties for propaganda work as long as our funds are so small is valid for the last year too. The Lodges are doing what they can in arranging meetings for members and guests, in giving here and there public lectures but much more could be done if our funds were as rich as the funds of other Theosophical Societies seem to be who are making a very active propaganda partly directed against our T.S. and your way of working. Notwithstanding, we are trying to overcome this spirit of antagonism between the different Theosophical organisations in our country as it is paralysing the whole Theosophical *Movement* in Germany. Wherever there are possibilities to come into personal contact with members of those organisations we are taking it, faithful to the words in the Message from an Elder Brother : “ We have had enough of divisions which separate. Let there remain only distinctions which enrich.” So, for instance, the President of the Lodge at Munich has made an arrangement with the Presidents of the Lodges of the “ Internationale Theosophische Verbrüderung ” (founded by Dr. Franz Hartmann) and the Theosophische Gesellschaft Hauptquartier Leipzig ” (founded by Dr. Hugo Vollrath during the War), in the same place to have regular meetings on quite personal and friendly terms with the purpose of knowing each other better and of preparing the ground for a co-operation in the future.

I do very earnestly hope that other Lodges of the T.S. will follow this example and that the day will come when a federation of the different Theosophical Societies in Germany will be a fact. With some good will, this ought to be made possible as the differences are caused by personal likes and dislikes, by different opinions about what is the duty of a President of the T.S. and what is not, about what you ought and what you ought not to have said and written during the war ; whereas the great Theosophical ideals and principles are recognised by all these organisations.

In Autumn Mr. Vigevano from Amsterdam gave in some places very successful public lectures about "Thought Forms" with lantern slides. In November 1st, 1925, I started for Egypt on my way to Adyar. At Alexandria and Cairo I had the great pleasure of meeting T. S. members. After a fortnight's stay, we, my wife and I, continued our journey on board the "Pilsna" with more than 70 fellow members. We landed in Bombay on December 19th and started the same day for Adyar where we arrived on December 21st. Never shall I forget the welcome we have got from our Indian brethren, beginning with the help given by the Young Theosophists at the station at Madras. Without their help, their kindness, their wonderful smile, we would have been lost in all the turmoil of an oriental station. And this kindness, this marvellous tenderness which seems to me to be the most striking characteristic of Indian people surrounded us with an atmosphere where we felt immediately at home, more at home than anywhere else. To have been at Adyar, to have shared in what has been outpoured there during the Jubilee Convention means more to me than I can express in words. Not only to me personally but for the work I have to do in Germany. Now I know what Adyar is and I can speak to members and outsiders quite in another way than I could before I had been at Adyar.

On January 12th we left for a fortnight's trip in India. We visited Allahabad, Benares, Delhi, Agra, Udaipur, Jaipur. At Agra and Udaipur we attended meetings of the T.S. Lodges and were again received with exquisite kindness and courtesy. At Udaipur a member who is a member of the State Council of the Maharana had put a State carriage at our disposal for the whole time of our stay there and a Young Theosophist was a most lovable cicerone.

On February 1st we returned to Europe on board the "Cracovia". In March and May I have visited the Lodges at München, Weimar, Hamburg, Berlin and in the Rhineland and on the Ruhr. In Berlin where there had been some difficulties, I could help to establish a federation of the Lodges which have now a Lodge Room open every afternoon to members and enquirers. This is the first step towards more successful public work in Germany's capital. We owe much gratitude to Mr. Ernst Brener who has guaranteed the financial support of the Lodge House.

On March 19th our National Society has been legally incorporated at Hamburg. We have been obliged slightly to modify our Rules to adapt them to the German laws, but nothing has been added which is in contradiction to the rules of the Mother Society.

In June, I have again been in Berlin where I gave a lecture to members and guests about "The Task of the Theosophical Society" which has been published in the July-August number of our magazine *Theosophisches Streben*.

Mr. Ernst Pieper has published in his *Ring-Verlag* at Düsseldorf German editions of Bishop Leadbeater's *The Masters and the Path*, and Mr. Jinarajadāsa's *First Principles of Theosophy*. The translation of Bishop Leadbeater's books has been made by my mother, the translation of Mr. Jinarajadāsa's book by Mr. Ernst Keske. Moreover Mr. Pieper has just published a German edition from *Awaken, Ye Children of the Light*. We cannot be thankful enough that Mr. Pieper has made it possible to present to the German public these precious books. He has taken all the financial risk and the editions are very beautiful ones. We do hope that through these books the interest in Theosophy will be more increased in our country which in many ways has itself still much to give to the Theosophical world movement. Especially young people are full of interest for spiritual problems and full of enthusiasm for everything which is noble, great and spiritual. I experienced this again when I attended the Fifth International Democratic Peace Congress at Bierville (France) in August where thousands of young people, especially from England, France and Germany were present. I had long talks with many young Germans (most of them being Roman Catholics) and I have been deeply impressed by their broad mentality, their noble

feelings and their understanding of other people's standpoint. There is really growing up a new generation which will understand the spirit of the New Age and work in harmony with it.

The Young Theosophists have now an active group in Western Germany. During the Star Camp at Ommen you have consecrated their banner, a ceremony which will never be forgotten by those who were present. This group has been joined by the Young Theosophists from Luxemburg and is in close contact with the Young Theosophists from Holland. They will all meet again in 1927 to celebrate the solstice.

The Theosophical Order of Service has again done very valuable work under the magnetic guidance of its Secretary, Miss Johanna Weitz at Weimar. We are extremely thankful for all the help given by members from other countries who have sent money as well as clothes. Many of our members are still living in indescribable misery and we often do not know how to bring effective help, our own means being so restricted. Without the support given by friends, especially from England and from Holland, our task would have been utterly hopeless. Miss Weitz writes about the practical work done by the members of the Order: "Work for the protection of children and old people, for the blind, the defective, looking after persons left alone in hospitals, Prisoners' help, work in the Court of Justice for young people, Welfare for the young, Education and Protection of neglected children, New Healing, very good work in Animal Protection, in the Reform of diet, in the Peace-Movement. Some are working against Antisemitism, some against Alcoholism. Two groups of ladies are continually making new clothes from old ones. As to the method of all these activities members have always to join such Society or League as already exists for their chosen purposes and to work in them as Theosophists from the point of view of Brotherhood. In spite of the rather small number of workers in Weimar there is nearly no welfare nor social meeting or institution without one or some of our members as officials. We belong to the Municipal Welfare, to the Court of Justice for the young, to all the institutions named before and we even belong to the working committee of the Protestant Church! This last fact means really some progress for in general there was always much antagonism between Church and Theosophy."

This year we have had no Annual Convention, as we wanted to spare our small means for 1927 when our National Society will celebrate its twenty-fifth Jubilee. We do hope very strongly that it will be possible for you to preside over this Jubilee Convention and that many members from other Sections will join us in making this Convention a very fine one. The first twenty-four years of our Section began splendidly under Dr. Steiner's leadership. After the foundation of the Anthroposophical Society, difficulty after difficulty arose, but now our National Society is like a young tree who is growing steadily and will one day become a huge tree under the shadow of which many people will find rest and comfort and strength to continue their way. This is the aim for the realisation of which we are working year after year.

AXEL VON FIELITZ-CONIAR,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN CUBA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is with great pleasure that I have the honour of submitting to you this Report on the Cuban Section.

In preparing it, I have found myself somewhat handicapped by the fact that, owing to certain special circumstances I have been unable to consult correspondence files from 1922 to June, 1926. However, this will not be an obstacle in my way, and this Report will be written just the same.

Information contained in this Report shall be grouped under 7 different headings, i.e. :

- A. Why a New General Secretary was Elected.*
- B. Status of the Section on June 30th, 1926.*
- C. Working Programme of the New General Secretary.*
- D. What has been Accomplished from June 30, 1926, to date.*
- E. Charts and Graphs.*
- F. Future of the Section.*
- G. Suggestions.*

A. WHY A NEW GENERAL SECRETARY WAS ELECTED

The former General Secretary had been holding the Office for a period of 18 years. It is a fact that under his direction the Section had been slowly, but steadily progressing. However, of late the feeling had been growing practically all over the Section that it would be advisable to make a change in the methods and policies that for many years past had been followed.

It was also deemed advisable by others to have the various offices he held put in the hands of separate persons and not held by the same officer, amongst which offices were the National Representation of the

Order of the Star in the East, the General Secretaryship of the Cuban Section, the Presidency of a local Lodge, etc. It was thought that so doing all the various organisations would be greatly benefited.

These, and many other important reasons, made prevailing conditions such, that a change was imperative and therefore the former General Secretary decided to tender his resignation at the Annual Convention held on the 4th of July last, which was accepted by a majority.

The former General Council, being anxious to facilitate the future work of the Section and to leave the way free to new activities, also decided to tender its resignation at the said Convention.

In view of the circumstances, a resolution was adopted whereby a new General Council was elected, ample authority being given to the same to elect from its body the new General Secretary, it being further resolved that both the new Sectional Council and the new General Secretary should act for a period of one year only, until next Convention, when the said offices will be definitely filled.

They were entrusted with the mission of preparing a project of new By-Laws for the Section, after hearing opinions from members and Lodges, so as to definitely eliminate the troubles to which the present By-Laws have partly given origin.

B. STATUS OF THE SECTION ON JUNE 30TH, 1926

Membership.—As will be observed by the attached Statement, nominal membership was 862. However, inasmuch as 147 of these had not paid their annual dues, some of them for three and four years, they should be put on the list of inactive members, so that the actual number of active members of the Section was only 715.

Lodges.—As to Lodges, 33 were shown on the Report presented to the Annual Convention; but of this, one has not answered letters for some time and all of its members have not paid their Annual dues, so that it should be deducted from the total, leaving a balance of 32 active Lodges on June 30th, 1926.

Finances.—Balance Sheet from the former General Secretary, on June 30th, 1926, showed a total income of \$1,721.40, which added to the surplus of \$203.00 on June 30th, 1925, makes a total of

\$1,932.40; expenses amounting to \$1,294.29, leaving a balance of \$638.11.

However, when taking possession of this Office it developed that annual dues to Adyar for 1924-1925 had not been paid, so that they should have been deducted from the said balance. Also that \$70.00 were of the nature of a deposit to guarantee payment of rent.

It is to be regretted that this payment was not made on due time, because it accumulates with annual dues corresponding to the present fiscal year, just when owing to the changes required by prevailing circumstances and consequent extra expenses, we shall be short of funds to cover our budget until January 1st, 1927, or a period of six months.

Sectional Magazine.—Our *Revista Teosofica*, the Official Organ of the Section, showed an income of \$715.25, which added to the balance of \$103.37, on June 30th, 1925, gave a total of \$909.22, and deducting \$847.00 for expenses during the year, left a nominal superavit of \$81.00. However, when assuming the management of the Magazine this surplus had been reduced to \$27.50, owing to certain minor expenses paid after June 30th.

Therefore, the amount available was only \$27.50, which was evidently not sufficient to cover expenses for the next 6 months, at the rate of \$61.00, a month, or a total of \$366.00, plus incidentals.

Seven hundred and fifty copies of the Magazine were being printed, with only 332 subscriptions, the balance being used for exchanges with other Magazines and for propaganda purposes.

Various Activities.—During the period of time comprised between July 1st, 1925, and June 30th, 1926, the First Convention of Eastern Lodges was held, as well as the Third Convention of the Middle Provinces Lodges. Both Conventions were very successful, thanks to the efforts of those who organised them. One of the members in Havana has been writing every Sunday in one of the leading newspapers on Theosophical subjects, with very satisfactory results.

Building Fund.—Up to June 30th, 1920, \$2,025.22 had been received for the Building Fund. Certain unfortunate circumstances took place, which determined the loss of 70% of this amount, and which from October, 1920, stopped the Campaign that had been started to raise sufficient funds to build our Headquarters. Therefore, of the total of

\$2,025.22, only \$607.56 were turned over to the writer when taking possession of this Office.

C. WORKING PROGRAMME OF THE NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

In an Annex you will find a detailed list of the various changes and activities included in the Working Programme of the new General Secretary.

It might be said that when taking possession of this Office the writer felt that his work should not be limited solely to prepare, with the co-operation of the Sectional Council, a project of new By-Laws for the Sections, as had been resolved at the Convention. This, although a very important thing, requiring time and care owing to its complexity and the circumstances that had been prevailing, was not, in his opinion, the only work to be done. He felt it his duty *to do all he could* to put a remedy once and forever, to all past troubles and deficiencies so as to avoid any possible recurrence of the same in the future, and to work, to the full extent of all his strength and ability, for the development and improvement of our Section, to render it an efficient organisation for the spreading of Theosophy in its territory and a worthy instrument for the forces of the Masters.

To that end, the attached Working Programme was prepared, in which an effort was made to include everything that in his opinion would help the Section to attain the desired goal.

D. WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED FROM JUNE 30TH TO OCTOBER 31ST

It is obvious that during the short period of time elapsed, scarcely 4 months, it is impossible to accomplish much, specially if we consider the fact that there were a number of members personally attached to the former General Secretary and who were not satisfied with his resignation, mainly because they did not know all the various reasons that had led to it.

The writer realised that the first thing to do was to attain a radical change in the mental attitude of the Section as a whole, in order to make it responsive to the new ideas and activities, specially that of those

who, being ignorant of the facts and the advisability of the change, were more or less prejudiced against the changes made.

The writer wanted to convince every one and all of the members of the fact that it was his most earnest desire to carry out all plans, either prepared by himself or emanating from others, that could ultimately result in the benefit of the Section; that it was his firm decision to make of the Cuban Section one of the best Sections the world over, both from its spiritual and organical points of view, and that it was only through the enthusiastic and decided co-operation of all members that it would be possible to successfully carry out all plans.

He did his best to reflect this spirit in a first message sent to the members on taking possession of the Office, and having thus paved the way, he immediately began to periodically and systematically send out to all Lodges and members circular letters putting forth his various plans, and requesting their co-operation to the same.

This was an entirely novel method, as theretofore this Office had only been communicating more or less regularly with a certain number of members, the rest being practically ignored, as they were addressed only on very special occasions. Up to this writing, and in a period of four months, over 50 different circular letters have been sent out on various subjects.

The favourable reaction expected was immediate in most instances, and in others, fortunately few, it was somewhat delayed; but it was with great joy that I at last received news from the latter advising their satisfaction over the new orientations and activities that were being suggested, and showing their readiness to co-operate to the realisation of the same.

I will now give a Summary of what has been accomplished.

1. *Distribution of Work.*—Formerly, the General Secretary held at the same time the Offices of President of the Sectional Council, Treasurer of the same, National Representative of the Order of the Star in the East, Editor of the Sectional Magazine, President of a local Lodge, head of the E. S., and head of the Co-Masonic Lodge, devoting to all these activities only his spare time, as he had to work for his living.

This centralisation of power, besides having proven prejudicial to the harmonious development of the Section, was undesirable from the

point of view of all sound principles of a good and efficient organisation. It was utterly impossible for a single man to properly take care of these various activities, with the natural result that each one of them resented from it.

Therefore, the former General Secretary having resigned the Presidency of the local Lodge, as well as the General Secretaryship, which carried with it the resignation of the offices of Treasurer and President of the Sectional Council, and also the Editorship of the Sectional Magazine, the way was free to organise the administrative part of the work on the proper basis.

To that end, the writer only kept the offices of General Secretary and President of the Sectional Council, which is a sequence of the former, according to the present By-Laws; another member of the Sectional Council, a wealthy and responsible man, was appointed as Treasurer, and another member was appointed Editor of the Sectional Magazine, he being experienced in this line of work.

By so doing, the work was properly distributed, with consequent benefits to the Section.

2. *Removal of the Office.*—For many years this office had been located in one of the out-of-the-way sections of the City, and in a poor looking building.

It has been removed to a very centric place, in the newest and best Office building in town, where we have rented a large room. We are doing our best to have it nicely and attractively fixed, with good oil paints of our leaders, curtains, plants, flowers, etc., not only because of the Deva, but also because visitors will be better impressed, and our Society will be properly and decently presented to the world.

3. *Order of Servers.*—In order to offset certain tendencies that had developed in our Section, giving pre-eminence of personal affections and dislikes over fundamental principles, the writer thought it advisable to create a *Special Order of Servers*, the basis of which will be found attached to this Report.

The idea was to train members to defend principles against errors of persons, to think with their own heads and discriminate between good and evil things for our Section. A number of members have already enlisted in this Order, and once its need disappears, they could be transferred, if they so desire to the Order of Service of the T.S., which I

am planning to establish in Cuba, after an interview in New Orleans, with Capt. Max Wardall.

4. *Project of New By-Laws.*—To fulfil this part of the Working Programme, a circular letter was sent out to all Lodges asking them to submit their suggestions for changes to be introduced in the present By-Laws, all members being also at liberty to do so individually, if they so wanted. Suggestions are forthcoming.

I also communicated with the General Secretaries of other leading Sections, asking them to send me copies of their own By-Laws, so as to take from them anything applicable and useful to us. Some of these have already been received.

Some members of the Sectional Council, including the writer, have changes of their own to suggest, and it is to be hoped that once the new By-Laws are approved, they shall satisfactorily eliminate all possibilities of any future troubles.

5. *Library.*—When removing this office to the new building, the new Librarian, who has been doing a splendid work, has gone all over the Library, book by book, throwing away a great number of non-Theosophical papers, books and Magazines, of no use to us, which for many years had been accumulating, thus making useful space free for Theosophical literature. We have also been forced to throw away a number of Theosophical books which were badly moth-eaten. Two large mahogany and cedar book-stands have been specially built for the Library, with sufficient capacity to hold all our books, and I feel confident that after the reorganisation work is completed, and the new catalogue prepared, once the books now missing are replaced, we shall be in a position to offer adequate reading material in English, Spanish and French to Havana's 600,000 population.

6. *Office Equipment.*—Being experienced in Office Management, one of the first steps of the writer has been to equip this Office with all kinds of modern machines and devices in order to facilitate work and increase output. He has also been trying to secure the help of those of our members capable of rendering this kind of service.

A new typewriter has been purchased. The writer is negotiating the purchase of one Elliot addressing machine to address envelopes, circular letters, wrappers for our Magazine, etc., etc.; a Mimeograph which this Office had, but which had never been used, has been duly

repaired and is now rendering invaluable services. The writer also intends to buy an envelop sealing machine, as well as a small hand printing press, to print leaflets and pamphlets, until we can buy a larger equipment.

7. *Clerical Help.*—I have also been successful in securing the voluntary help of a number of members, amongst which I already have two stenographers, one of them a very enthusiastic member who is helping me a great deal. There is a probability of securing the services of another stenographer, and once this service is organised, the writer shall be able to flood the Section with personal letters to members and Lodges, which will no doubt contribute to keep alive their interest and to increase results. We have already had one day six members working at the same time in this Office, perhaps for the first time in the history of the Section.

Through the improved office equipment, the division of work and increased co-operation this Office has been able to do more work in four months than during the past years combined. When the writer may count on the complete equipment he wants, and a sufficient number of capable workers, we shall be in a position to do in a few days the same amount of work that would have taken years if old routine would be used.

8. *Central America Section.*—The writer has already communicated with Lodges located in Central America, advising them of the resolution adopted at the last Convention, and of my willingness to help them to organise their own Section.

Some Lodges have already answered taking up the project ; others have stated that poor means of communication between Central American Countries might leave them in a worse position. Anyhow, the two Lodges in Costa Rica, “Virya” and “Dharana,” I understand are trying to ask for the appointment of a Presidential Agent, but so far I do not know how many Lodges will join them in this, the first step to definitely organise their own Section.

Following a suggestion made by our President in an interview to the writer in New Orleans, I am now communicating with the said Lodges, telling them that in case they do not see their way clear to organise their Section right away, they might try to form a Federation of all Central American Lodges, similar to those formed by

various Lodges in England, which would be a first step towards that end and, if successful, they could then organise the Section without any possibility of failure.

9. *New Lodges*.—The writer is of opinion that there should be at least one Lodge in every town, and in every quarter of every large City, inasmuch as Lodges are centres of Life and Force for their respective neighbourhoods.

Efforts have been made in that direction, and he is glad to report that results so far obtained have been most satisfactory.

From July 8th to date, two new Lodges have already been organised in this City, one with 17 members and the other with 7 members. The former Lodge holds the very fine record of having been increasing its membership at the rate of two members per week since its was organised.

The writer is in correspondence with parties in various towns of the Island, and hopes that more Lodges will be formed before the end of the year. It is his aim to double the number of Lodges of our Section before next July.

10. *English-speaking Lodge*.—There are approximately 6,000 Americans and 1,000 Englishmen residing in Havana, in addition to the floating English speaking population, which amounts to several thousands.

The writer wants to bring Theosophy also to them, and he has already communicated with the Headquarters of the American T.S. asking for propaganda matter. He is thankful to the same for the liberal amount they have sent us already, and he shall soon start working on this. Let us hope that the proposed English-speaking Lodge shall soon become a reality.

11. *Reorganization of Lodges*.—In order to enable all Lodges in our Section to work as efficiently as possible, the writer has already started to prepare, with the very capable and enthusiastic co-operation of a member, a Chart and a plan, organising the work of the Lodges on an entirely new basis, and showing them lines of work and activities. When completed, this reorganisation plan will be submitted to the Lodges, and the writer feels confident that it will enormously increase tangible results for those Lodges deciding to accept it.

12. *Centres*.—The writer has also decided to try in our Section the organisation of Centres, two active members of the T.S. being able

to organise a Centre, one of them acting as its President and the other as its Secretary.

It is with pleasure that he reports that four Centres have already been organised, two in the City of Havana, and the others in the Eastern Province of the Island. No doubt these three Centres shall soon become Lodges, and it is to be hoped that more Centres shall soon be formed.

13. *Joint Meetings of Lodges.*—In order to develop co-operation between Lodges located in the same City, the writer thought it convenient to recommend to them holding joint meetings from time to time, and he is glad to report that two Lodges have already done it, and he is informed that there are other Lodges preparing to do the same thing.

On his return from New Orleans, the writer called all 4 Lodges now working in Havana to a Joint meeting, so as to convey to them all together his impressions of the trip. The writer is also planning to hold a joint meeting of all Havana Lodges on the 17th of November, to celebrate the 51st Anniversary of the foundation of our Society. This feast had up to the present been celebrated separately by the two Lodges located in this City.

14. *Country Parties, Concerts, etc.*—The writer has also suggested these activities to Lodges, which have been favourably received. One of the local Lodges has already had a country-party, and no doubt others will soon follow this plan, intended to strengthen ties of brotherhood between members of each Lodge.

15. *Exchange of Plans.*—In one of his circulars the writer has recommended Lodges to let others know those plans and methods of work they may have found satisfactory. A Section in our Sectional Magazine is now devoted to that purpose, and I trust this will enable Lodges to profit from the experience of others.

16. *Campaign to Increase Membership.*—On the occasion of the Birthday of our beloved President, the writer sent out to all Lodges a message urging them to make a special effort to triplicate their membership, by trying to get every member to bring a new one to the Society, each month, until the end of this year, and as a recompense for this effort, I have offered a Special Diploma, as well as a photograph of our President, to every Lodge reaching the goal

fixed. In his recent trip to New Orleans, the writer had a chance to explain this plan to our President, and she kindly acceded to co-operate in this plan.

The writer has also created what he has called the *Annie Besant Medal*, in honour of our President, which will have on the obverse the Seal of our Society, with its motto, and her image on the reverse, this medal to be awarded to the Lodge securing the largest number of new members from October 1st of any given year to September 30th of the year following.

Pins.—The writer is also planning to create a series of pins, to be given away to those members bringing others to Theosophy. The idea is to make one special pin for members having brought 5 new ones, another for those bringing 10, and so on increasing with 5, until 25. Very likely this pin will be the regular pin with the seal of the Society, with a little number hanging from it.

I feel confident that by July next our membership will be more than doubled.

17. *Propaganda*: (a) *Newspaper Advertising.*—I have been recommending Lodges to intensify the insertion of articles in leading newspapers, and if this is not possible, to publish advertisements containing the three objects of the Society. Some Lodges are already doing this, with satisfactory results.

(b) *Propaganda in Jails, Penitentiaries and Hospitals.*—This has already been suggested to all Lodges, and it developed that at least two of them have been doing it for some time past, although rather spasmodically, and will now start it again. No doubt other Lodges will also do it.

(c) *Broadcasting Station.*—The writer wanted to use this effective and far-reaching method too. He was successful in securing, with the help of one of our members, one of the two most powerful private broadcasting stations in Havana, and for about three weeks this propaganda medium has been used, and will be continued. We have found out that people are becoming interested in these radio lectures, and telephoning in increasing number reporting their satisfaction over it and asking when new lectures will be given. Although this Station only reaches a part of the Province of Havana, inasmuch as it is the most inhabited one, and where the Capital of the Republic is located, it

is to be hoped that this propaganda will indirectly reach the whole Island.

(d) *Leaflets, etc.*—The writer has already printed 20,000 copies of a leaflet reproducing an article written by our President, explaining the three objects of our Society. He intends to select or prepare special articles on Masonry, Spiritualism, Socialism, etc., from the view point of Theosophy, to be used in the propaganda work with these various associations, as he is of opinion that they would become quicker interested in Theosophy if on presenting it to them for the first time, their own problems are touched, instead of talking of things in which they are not vitally interested, such as Rounds, etc.

(e) *Lecturers.*—As it is not possible at the present time to appoint a National Lecturer, the writer is communicating with the various Lodges located in each one of the Provinces, asking them to suggest who in their opinion would be theosophically prepared and in a financial position to act as Lecturer for each Province, and once the answers are received, the writer will appoint Provincial Lecturers to give regular propaganda lectures in co-operation with Lodges. It is to be hoped that this plan will be very fruitful, and there are already two members willing to undertake this work.

18. *Special Plans to Raise Funds.*—Without money we cannot do much. And we need money, because *we want to do much*. Therefore, the writer has also been trying to find out effective plans to raise funds.

(a) One of them is to provide each member every week with a pocket cardboard money-box, to be used by him to deposit small change. These money-boxes would be brought by him to his Lodge every week, all boxes to be opened by the Treasurer after the meeting is over, and from total proceeds 50 per cent will go to the Lodge and the other 50 per cent to the Section. The writer expects that this 50-50 proposition will help to raise funds both for the Lodges and this Section.

(b) Another plan has been to create a special day in which members shall make a special effort to contribute as much money as they possible can to help propaganda work. The day selected by the writer has been the 17th of November, to be changed or confirmed next Convention. And it is curious to remark that at about the same time the writer had been thinking of this, Mr. Fritz Kunz submitted a resolution to the last

Convention of the American T.S. recommending the same day for the same purpose.

19. *Special Convention.*—The writer has called all Presidents of the various Lodges to a special Convention to be held on November 17th, in order to personally discuss with them all plans already submitted, and those they may have to submit, and this will undoubtedly contribute to a better understanding and co-operation.

When the writer interviewed our President in New Orleans on October 13th, she kindly acceded to write a special message for this Convention, and he is indebted to her for this, as it will greatly contribute to the success of said Conference.

20. *Courses :* (a) *Personal Efficiency Course.*—The writer wants every member to be as efficient as possible physically, mentally and spiritually. He is of opinion that we cannot be efficient in our Theosophical work, if we are not efficient in other aspects of our daily life. Efficiency, like every other quality, cannot be suddenly attained. Nature does not work by leaps. There are never sudden transitions in its orderly work.

Being thus convinced of the utter importance of Efficiency, he has decided to prepare a special Personal Efficiency Course, which he hopes will do much to organise a force of capable, efficient members. He already has a general outline of this Course, which he will work in detail as soon as possible.

(b) *Public Speaking Course.*—In the Theosophical experience of the writer in Cuba, he has found out that up to the present no attention has been given to prepare good lectures. He intends, therefore, to prepare also a special Public Speaking Course, specially suited to Theosophists, which he hopes will not only mean a personal joy and benefit to them, but will also greatly help them to put forth in public our teachings in the most attractive and advantageous manner.

(d) *Memory Training Course.*—There are many rules and devices to improve memory. Many are found in Theosophical books, but there are other good ones found somewhere else. Therefore, the writer intends to prepare a Special Memory Training Course, combining the various Theosophical and non-Theosophical texts, making it specially suited to Theosophists.

(e) *Correspondence Course*.—The writer also intends to prepare for the benefits of Theosophists and non-Theosophists in our Section, a special correspondence course on Theosophy.

21. *Anniversary Day*.—In pondering over the best plans to raise funds for our propaganda work, it occurred to the writer, as indicated somewhere else in this Report, that it would be a good thing to fix a certain day of the year in which members could make a special effort to that end; and he naturally thought that the best day for that purpose would be the anniversary of the foundation of our Society. As already explained, this was happening at about the same time; Mr. Kunz submitted the same proposal to the American T.S. Convention. It is to be hoped that this will be as successful in our Section as in the United States.

22. *Sectional Magazine*.—When our Sectional Magazine was turned over to the writer, funds available amounted only to \$27.50. It was, therefore, practically in bankruptcy, being about \$35 short to pay the August issue. But he said to himself that our Magazine *had* to be published . . . and it is being published.

He immediately communicated with all Lodges putting the cold facts before them, and making a Section-wide appeal for funds. The result was that we did not only get enough money to pay the August issue, but also those of September, October and November. Donations, ads. and subscriptions are still pouring in, and it seems that the Magazine is now on a sound financial basis.

The writer hopes that by the first of the year we shall be able to increase the number of pages, and trusts that before long the Magazine will have 64 pages instead of 32. He wants to make of our Magazine for Spanish-speaking countries what *The Theosophist* is for English-speaking peoples.

E. CHARTS AND GRAPHS

With the intelligent co-operation of a member, a number of Charts and Graphs have been prepared, covering the past record of the Section from its foundation up to June 30th, 1926; from July 1st, 1925 to June 30th, 1926; and from July 1st, 1926 to October 31st, 1926. These Charts and Graphs make it possible to have in a concise, intelligible manner the

past record of our Section, and at the same time to have a basis for comparison with future results.

(a) *History of the Section.*—The writer will also prepare the past history of the Section, to complement the Charts and Graphs attached to this Report. Time is too short to have this history ready now, but when completed it will be sent to Adyar, and will no doubt be useful for records kept there. In doing this work it will be very helpful to use the histories of the Lodges, written by themselves, which the writer suggested them to write for our Magazine, and which are now being received.

(b) *Trip to New Orleans.*—When the writer learned that our President was about to reach the United States, he communicated with the Lodges, suggesting that the largest number of their members make a trip to New Orleans to meet her. It was then suggested that we should invite her to pay a visit to Cuba, and the writer cabled them accordingly, after a number of Lodges had promised to pay all expenses. It was to be regretted that previous engagements made it impossible for her to accept our invitation, and then we returned to the original idea of going to New Orleans. Lodges made a contribution to pay expenses of the writer, as the General Secretary of the Section, to convey to her our heartiest greetings and deep feelings of love and gratitude. Five other members of the Section, amongst which were two Presidents of Lodges, also made the trip and it was with great joy that we had the honour and happiness of meeting her.

The writer hopes that this trip will be very beneficial to the Section. Our President kindly acceded to write two special messages, one for those who work for Cuba, and the other to the Presidents of Lodges. She made to the writer very helpful suggestions as to lines of work to be followed, and his talks with other leading members going in her party, such as Miss Poutz, Mr. Warrington and Captain Wardall, will also be very useful. As a result of an interview with Captain Wardall, the writer is trying to have the Theosophical Order of Service organised in Cuba.

F. FUTURE OF THE SECTION

The writer is every day more and more convinced about the bright future of our Section.

A new spirit is being manifested in many members, and they are beginning to realise that Theosophy is something to be *lived* and *not* to be *merely studied*; that it is the main duty of every Theosophist to bring to others the light of Theosophy, and not to keep it for themselves; that the time has come for real *Action* and *not* "to be comfortably seated in the arm-chair". The spirit of real freedom of action and thought is permeating every soul, and real co-operation is being developed.

Following a suggestion from our President, the writer is now planning to form a Federation of all Latin-American T.S. Sections, and this will no doubt be beneficial to all.

As to our Sectional Review, when the writer succeeds in making it a 64 pages Magazine, with interesting and useful material, it will undoubtedly greatly contribute to spread Theosophy, not only in our own Section, but also in other Latin American countries, and he sincerely hopes that the day will not be far when he will be able to materialise this dream.

STATEMENT OF NUMBER OF LODGES AND MEMBERS ON
JUNE 30TH, 1926 AND OCTOBER 30TH, 1926

		<i>Members</i>	<i>Non-Payment</i>	<i>Net</i>	<i>Lodges</i>
Colombia	...	50	1	49	1
Costa Rica	...	66	1	65	2
Cuba	...	561	107	414	22
Dominican Republic	...	40	19	21	1
Guatemala	...	37	7	30	1
Honduras	...	16	—	16	1
Nicaragua	...	32	2	30	2
San Salvador	...	47	10	37	2
Totals ...		862	147	715	32

NEW MEMBERS AND LODGES

From June 30th, 1926, till October 30th :

Colombia	...	...	...	1	
Cuba	...	...	...	33	2
			Totals ...	749	34

The writer trusts that next year's Report will be full of good news and realisations, and conveying to you the deep feelings of love and gratitude from all members of this Section, as well as my own, I beg to remain, Madame,

E. FELIX,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN HUNGARY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Once more the time has come for us to have the pleasure of greeting you and all those assembled in Convention, and of expressing the loyalty and devotion of the Hungarian Society.

In forwarding to you our Annual Report it is a great joy to me to be able to report to you the steady progress of the Society, and the marked influence of Theosophical thoughts in our country.

During our last season we held 32 general meetings including an Adyar Jubilee Meeting, a Good Friday meeting, White Lotus Day and Adyar Day, when those of our members who were so fortunate as to be able to take part in the Jubilee Convention at Adyar spoke to us about that Convention and brought us nearer in thought and spirit to our great centre in India.

Of the lectures given last season 30 were original, and 13 translations. This year we were glad to welcome here, Miss Daphne Bright, Miss Bell, Miss Flora Selevér, Capt. Price, Mr. Colenutt and Mr. Bertram, who lectured to us and each brought with them new thoughts and impressions which were very helpful.

Miss Martha Root, although she is not a member of the T. S., gave us a lecture on the Bahai World Peace movement which was much appreciated.

Our Sunday propaganda meetings were held regularly and brought several new members to the Society.

Besides these meetings several of our members lectured outside the Society both in Budapest and in the country, some being given in Societies other than the T. S., and one of our member's talks on India and the Theosophists drew crowded audiences and created much interest in the newspapers as well as among those present.

The number of our members is 403, Entered 33, Transferred 1, Left 13, Died 13, showing a total increase of 5.

We have 12 Lodges. Two new Lodges have been formed in two country towns, so now we have three Lodges in the country. Each Lodge holds its meetings separately and quite independent of our general meetings. Besides these Lodges there are four groups working : the Order of Service, the Music Group, the Arpád Group and lastly the Young Theosophists, and I feel that I ought specially to mention the excellent work our Young Theosophists have done amongst the blind, the poor, the destitute and the unemployed.

Our magazine, the *Teozofia*, has appeared regularly every two months as we have not sufficient money to bring it out monthly.

Owing to lack of funds several books and pamphlets are waiting to be printed. So far only the *Temple*, by Dr. Walter Klein, has appeared in Hungarian, and the following original works : *The Monad and Weekday Theosophy*, by Mrs. de Fekete. *Is there Reincarnation*, by Major Fekete. *The Mysteries*, by Mr. Faluba, and two leaflets, *What is Theosophy*, and *Theosophy*, by Mrs. de Ráthonyi.

The translation of *The Secret Doctrine* by Miss Szlemenics and Dr. Hennyey is printed chapter by chapter and the first part we hope will be completed this year.

In June we had our Convention when all our officials were re-elected with great enthusiasm.

Of late years our small Headquarters has been a great drawback to the development of our Society, all the more important meetings having had to be held elsewhere. Only a few days ago we were able at last to move into a new Headquarters, in the private villa of one of our very devoted and zealous members, Mrs. de Ráthonyi, who through her untiring enthusiasm and sacrifice, together with the £ 30 help from the European Federation helped to provide us with a Headquarters.

In a few days we are expecting Bishop Wedgwood, who will stay two days with us and we hope to have our new rooms fairly in order by that time, so that we may be able to ask him to inaugurate our new Headquarters, where we hope that with renewed zeal and strength of purpose we may better serve our Great Elder Brothers and build up a centre worthy of Their Blessings.

NADLER ROBERT,
General Secretary.

T.S. IN FINLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have herewith the great pleasure and honour to submit to you the Annual Report of the Finnish Section for the year 1-9-1925—1-9-1926.

Statistics :

Total membership on 1st September, 1925	...	628
New members during the year	... ..	78
		706
Dead, resigned and dropped from the total	...	90
Total membership on 1st September, 1926	...	616
Released from fees	... ..	26
Total number of paying members on 1st September, 1926		590
Lodges formed during the year	... ..	2
Lodges dissolved	... ..	1
Total number of Lodges	... ..	23
Total number of Centres	... ..	5

The new Lodges formed are : “ Helsingin Teosofinen Keskuslooshi ” in Helsinki and “ Tutkija ” in Lappeeauranta. The Dissolved Lodge is : “ Veljeys ” in Helsinki.

Annual Convention.—The Nineteenth Convention was held at the Headquarters in Helsinki during the 3rd—5th April. Members had arrived to the Convention very abundantly. In prevailing holiday feeling the Convention began with piano music, played by the Vice-General Secretary, architect A. Rankka. The first day was, except for a lecture, occupied with reports, accounts, election of members to the Sectional Council instead of departing members and with some questions, the chief of which was : the selling or not of the

Sectional Headquarters-house with its ground at Kansakoulukatu 8, Helsinki on account of a profitable offer and the renting of a suitable premises elsewhere in its place. The question caused a very lively debate, where almost all speakers opposed the selling as being unfavourable, especially from the economical standpoint and the matter was dropped for this time. The evening of this first day was arranged to form a soiree with music, songs, speeches, etc. The following day was set apart for a public festival at noon, including a lecture and a speech, songs and music, executed by artists. The musical part was exceedingly effective and fine. And during the evening soiree a beautiful and elevating ceremony was performed, named "Waiting the Master," a modified "Krotona Service," dealing with brotherhood of religion and the expected coming of the World Teacher. Beautiful songs and music (violin and organ) and the song-composition by Leevi Madetaja to the words: "Waiting the Word of the Master," performed by a choir, accompanied the ceremony performance. The third day was set apart for lectures, discussions, etc. Mr. Antli lectured over the "Upanishads," Miss Helmi Jalovaara held a lecture over "The Work of the World Teacher as the Reviver of the Mysteries". A lively discussion was carried on about the question: "Theosophical Study and Life." In the evening there were some solo songs by Mrs. Blinoff and others and some poetical declamations and several good-bye speeches which all expressed deep satisfaction with these Theosophical days, some saying that the Conventions seem to become year after year more powerful and more giving.

Lodge Activities.—All Lodges have held regular meetings mostly only for members, but some have also arranged at times meetings for members and interested guests together. The work, consisting chiefly in study and propaganda, has been carried on with more or less efficiency. The fiftieth year of the Society was celebrated by almost all our Lodges on the 17th November and mostly in form of public festivals with speeches about the significance of the day, songs, music and declamations. Almost everywhere the festivals were *very well attended by the public*. The Lodges in Helsinki had arranged for free public lectures in Helsinki every Saturday evening during the autumn and winter. The lecturers had been Mrs. Anna Arvidsson, Miss Signe Roswall, Miss Helmi Jalovaara, Mr. A. A. Saarnio,

Mr. A. Rankka, Mr. Yrjo Kallinen, Mr. Alex. Torronen, Mr. G. Mustonen and Mr. M. Tuuliainen.

Soon after the Adyar Jubilee Convention, our newspapers contained many articles about Mr. J. Krishnamurti as the World Teacher or Messiah, mostly repeating the wrong stories which appeared in newspapers abroad. Some newspapers published also short reports about the Adyar Jubilee Convention or short interviews with members returning from the Convention. These and other things show that the interest of the public in Theosophical questions and matters seems to be increasing year by year also in our country.

Concerning the widened interest of the public in Theosophy and the Theosophical Movement, the past year can be regarded as a comparatively good year.

JOHN SONCK,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN RUSSIA (OUTSIDE RUSSIA)

To the President, Theosophical Society.

In the name of the "R.T.S." outside Russia I send to You our loyal, reverent and loving greeting.

The great event of the year for us, Russians, has been the Jubilee-Congress and the organisation of the Russian movement in a definite form, under the name of "The Russian Theosophical Society outside Russia".

The second important event is our first Convention, which was held, in Prague, the great centre of Russian exiles (there are millions of refugees in Czechoslovakia). There are many Russian schools here, colleges, 2 universities and even an Academy, where Russians can learn and teach. Thus, Prague is a most important Russian centre abroad. Our Convention took place in October (24th—29th). Delegates came from Reval, London, Paris, Geneva, proxies and greetings came from 10 other Lodges and Centres. On the first day we sent our loving greeting to the *P.T.S.*, and work began. First of all, our Rules and Regulations were studied and accepted, with a few complementary clauses, which I send to You for approval. Then, the election of the General Secretary was confirmed once more (unanimously)¹ and the Council elected.

We are in great need of books. So the question of press and literature was much discussed. A committee was chosen to work out the scheme of a Co-operative Society on Actions, which could undertake a publishing activity in the future.

The *Vestnik* (Messenger) is recognised as the official magazine of the "R.T.S.o.R." It has been decided also to issue from time to time a *Bulletin* for all business and for information.

¹.At Ommen, after the Star-Congress, delegates being present from 11 Lodges and Centres, the Russian T.S. members elected the General-Secretary and resolved that our First Convention should be held in October in Prague.

The problem of Education and the work with young people have been earnestly considered. We have resolved to start anew the "Union for the Education of the Free Man," which did such splendid work in Russia and was stopped by the Soviets. The "Union," under Prof. Yansen (Reval), shall be in close touch with the World-University movement.

The Russian Section of the Theosophical Order of Service, has been started, the Chief Brother being Miss C. Helmboldt. The work of Arts and Crafts, splendidly begun by Countess O. de Suzor, will be attached to the Order. This group has also worked much for brotherhood between nations, being under the F.L.F.N. A Slavonic Concert, artistically performed, crowned so to say the work of the Congress.

A public lecture on the "World-Religion" was held in the People's University by the General Secretary.

We had also an evening with our Czech brethren, who invited us to a meeting of the Czech Lodge in Prague.

The Convention was very harmonious and successful. It will certainly give a new impulse to our movement.

We are now nearly 300 members. We have 12 chartered Lodges and 17 Centres, spread in Europe and all over the world. (Lodges in Geneva, Prague, Reval, Paris, London, Riga, Belgrad, Constantinople, Bulgaria, China, America,¹ Centres in Belgium, Berlin, France, Lithuania, America, Egypt, Java.)

We have members scattered in Africa (Congo, Tunis) and in South America (Brazil, Argentina). It seems that there is not a corner in the whole world, where there are no Russians, and letters with demands for books and enquiries come from the most unexpected places. Perhaps it is a unique opportunity of "Theosophising future Russia" and we cannot overvalue the possibility of working now as a united and organised body. We are more than 13 millions of refugees all over the World and we realise that our national Dharma is a very important one, although we are happy to co-operate with every National Section in any place, where we, pilgrims, happen to be. We hope that when the doors of a free Russia will open for us, an army of joyful Theosophical builders will come and help the reconstruction of resurrected Russia.

¹ I have just received a demand for a charter from San Francisco. I don't mention Russian Lodges attached to other national Sections (for instance, in Poland and Finland).

Our headquarters are Geneva, where the General Secretary resides actually.

Our Lodges are very active and alive. Our magazine, (*Vestnik*), is linking them all up, giving an opportunity of exchanging ideas, plans and material. The work in Prague, Reval and Tientsin is of a special, interesting character. These Lodges have trained leaders, full of a splendid initiative and I wish to say a few words on each of them.

In *Prague*, the great centre of Russian exiles, the Lodge "Vasanta," under Miss Pavla Azantcheosky, besides a weekly study class, holds regular public meetings, one of the People's Universities kindly lending a room for meetings. Various activities are undertaken (Educational, Arts and Crafts, the Round Table, Scouts, Sokol, Social group of the F.L.F.N., the Slavonic movement for brotherhood, not to speak of the work of a very earnest Star group also). When the crisis of the Czech Section came, our members were happy to help to form in Prague a new Czech Lodge, true to Adyar, and this has much strengthened our friendly bonds with our Czech brethren.

In *Reval*, the Lodge, formed under Prof. Erassi, has divided now in two centres: the Russian Lodge "Kitej," under Mr. P. Ossipoff, and the Esthonian Lodge "Annie Besant". Russian members have been happy to help to form a new Esthonian centre and there is a most friendly intercourse between the 2 Lodges.

The Lodge "Kitej" has study-classes and weekly public meetings. It has groups for Education, for Protection of Animals, for Friends of the League of Nations, 3 Round Tables, a Golden Chain and a Christian group especially studying the L.C.C., in parallel with the ritual of the Greek Church. By the initiative of the President, Mr. P. Ossipoff, a Children's Club has been started, a Russian college kindly lending its premises on Sundays for this work.

In *Reval*, the Star Work and Co-Masonry are also very active.

In *Tientsin*, the Russian Lodge under Mrs. Sokol, is not only holding regular public meetings: it has organised a fine series of concerts and has opened a sort of popular University with evening-classes on many branches of science and philosophy. The courses are paid, but the Theosophical lectures are all free. The call has been: "Let those who possess Knowledge—give! let those who wish to learn—come and receive!" And a wonderful answer has come to the call.

The young Russian Lodge is a very poor one, but full of splendid devotion and initiative. When the North-China Lodge lost its President and remained without a leader, the members came to the Russian Lodge and asked its help. It was resolved to unite for a time and to work together, both languages, Russian and English, being used.

As said, *Geneva* is the Headquarters of the "R. T. S. outside Russia". It also is the seat of the Russian Lodge "Giordano Bruno," and the centre also of many international activities. (O. Service, F.L.F.N. Educational Trust, Work for the Blind, Protection of Animals.) It is also the office of the *Vestnik*, although the magazine is published in Brussels. Geneva is a big centre of international Work and there are many opportunities of co-operating with various idealistic movements. It may be interesting to note that the General Secretary has been a student for 5 years in the Geneva University, has defended a thesis on the "Bhagavad-Gita" and won the degree of docteur-ès-lettres (Dr. L.). In Geneva, Russian T.S. members had the privilege of helping the Swiss Theosophical movement.

These are the most important centres of Russian work, but all our Lodges are doing excellent work. Very promising are the Lodges in Paris, Riga and London, and the centres in Belgium and Berlin.

We have been able to issue this year, with the help of a kind friend, only one book (in Russian and in French): the translation of the *Bhagavad-Gita* which was to accompany the thesis defended in the University.

In Tientsin, several Theosophical Brochures have been published. Our *Vestnik* is issued regularly.

We consider it a great privilege that 3 of our chief workers (Miss C. Helmboldt, Mme. B. Poushkiné and the General Secretary) have been able to attend the marvellous Jubilee Convention in Adyar, and to come thus into a deeper contact with beloved India,

To all brethren, assembled at the Annual Convention in Benares, we send our most hearty and loving greeting.

ANNA KAMENSKY,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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T. S. IN SOUTH AFRICA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The year 1926 has been one of steady growth and progress in the South African Section of the Theosophical Society. Although our statistics do not appear to support the statement, a little explanation will show that it is nevertheless correct.

Of the two Lodges now returned as officially dissolved, one has been in a state of suspension for some time and all hope has now been abandoned of reviving it in the near future, and the other has decided to amalgamate with the parent Lodge from which it sprang, the joint Lodge now being a greater source of strength than were the two smaller Lodges. A Charter has been issued for the new "Brotherhood Lodge" at Cape Town, this Lodge having been formed with the special object of bringing our "coloured" brothers, of mixed blood, into the T.S.

Our present membership of 424 shows an apparent falling-off which is entirely due to drastic revision of our registers; actually 65 new members have been admitted during the year. There is every evidence that a large proportion of the educated whites of this country are thirsting for the teachings of Theosophy, and we confidently expect ever-increasing yearly additions to our membership. Strenuous propaganda is essential to success in this direction, and effective propaganda is both difficult and costly in this sparsely populated country of great distances. We have been greatly helped this year in our propaganda work by Capt. Sidney Ransom, and later in the year by Mrs. Ransom, who are paying South Africa what we all hope will be an extended visit. As whole time officers of the South African Section, they will have a splendid opportunity of unifying and invigorating it. We have also been glad to welcome to our shores Mrs. A. M. Gowland, well known for her splendid work in Uruguay.

Signs are not wanting that fresh life is flowing through our Section, and, in addition to our eleven active Lodges, we now have five established Centres at which active groups are carrying on the work. The Lodges at Durban and Pretoria have purchased land on which they propose in the near future to erect their own buildings, whilst Cape Town and Johannesburg hope to be able to emulate their efforts at no distant date.

Our official organ *Theosophy in South Africa* is going ahead splendidly under the very able editorship of Mrs. Ransom, and promises to become a vital factor in our Section life.

At our Eighteenth Annual Convention held at Cape Town at Easter, 1926, Mr. J. Bruno Bischoff resigned his office of General Secretary, in order to devote himself entirely to the spreading of Theosophy among our Dutch-speaking brothers, a splendid piece of work in the undertaking of which he carries our unanimous good wishes.

With loyal and devoted greetings from the members in South Africa,

G. R. HEYWOOD,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN SCOTLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

On April 30th, 1926 (the close of our financial year) we had 765 active members on our roll. During the year 69 new members joined and 3 were transferred to us from other National Societies. Our losses were 44 through resignation and 10 through death, while 43 were suspended and 4 transferred away from us. The number of resignations was exceptionally large, and was partly accounted for by recent developments in the T.S., which proved too much for a certain number of people. Some failed to grasp the fact that the Fellowship of the World Religion was the outward and visible sign of the inner and spiritual brotherhood we have always professed, and that the platform of the Society remained unaltered. On the other hand we have an increase in the number of new members compared with the previous year, so that encouragement is not lacking.

Four new Centres have been opened, Kilmarnock in the West, Hawick and Peebles in the Border country, and Cowdenbeath in the North. Lodges in different parts of the country have also done propaganda in places near at hand, and we hope soon to see centres established in some of these. We are now unfortunately without any National Propaganda Lecturer, as Miss MacPhail, who did admirable service in this capacity, was obliged to resign, owing to continued illness in her family. No suitable substitute who can give half the year to this important work has been found, so some of our members who were apparently already working up to their utmost limit are doing a little extra in the way of lecturing to supply the need. We have had as usual some visiting lecturers from England, and we were delighted to welcome our old friend Professor Marcault, whose lecture at Headquarters on "The Education of Intuition" attracted a cultured and thoughtful audience.

The whole of the work since I wrote my last report seems coloured to a greater or lesser extent by the Jubilee of the Society. We all felt that fitting celebrations must be held to mark the occasion, and during the last three months of 1925 a special attempt was made to spread Theosophical teachings in Scotland, as one way of doing so. Three of the four new Centres owe their birth to this effort. Very happy celebrations of the 17th of November were held by various Lodges, mostly in the shape of social gatherings; and in Edinburgh as well the members raised money to distribute baskets of food and comforts to a considerable number of poor old people whose names were sent in by the various Lodges. Twelve of us attended the Jubilee Convention at Adyar, and surely no one who was there, and no National Society as a whole, could remain unaffected by that wonderful experience. We only wished a much larger number had been with us in the flesh, as they undoubtedly were in the spirit. We have done our best to share all we could with those who remained at home, but I think we all felt we gave a very pale account of the glories of Adyar. The essence of the Convention was incommunicable by words or lantern slides or cinema films, and the only way to realise it was to be there.

During my absence for four months Mrs. Gale acted as General Secretary and carried on the work with entire success. It was a great joy to find that work everywhere in Scotland went on with the usual keenness and smoothness, despite the absence of many outstanding workers. In fact I came to the conclusion that Scotland could get on quite well without a General Secretary at all, so efficient are the various workers in their departments.

Fortunately I arrived home in time for Adyar Day, and was able to give some account of the Convention at the "Welcome Home" meeting organised at Headquarters for that night. How great the interest was may be judged from the fact that some country members let their train go without them and remained in Edinburgh all night, rather than miss hearing any of the wonders of Convention.

Our Scottish Convention was held for the first time in Glasgow in June, and a splendid Convention it was. Of course the fact that you were presiding brought out the members in large numbers, and we can never be grateful enough for the generous help and inspiration you gave us. It was one of the happiest Conventions we have ever had.

Our great need is more workers. Work opens out on every hand, but much has to be left undone for want of people to do it. Mr. and Mrs. Christie's absence in Holland leaves a great blank here, but we know the work is all one, and are glad to give them to the big international movement. The Young Theosophists are a splendid recruiting ground from which many new young workers are coming forward, and we look to them to take a prominent part in Scotland's future career.

We send loving greetings to the Fifty-first Convention.

JEAN R. BINDLEY,

General Secretary.



T. S. IN SWITZERLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The main event of the year 1926 was the joining together of the Swiss Section and the International Federation, which we hoped for so many years. In fact it was not sound that there existed two different organisations in such a small country.

The result of this event will surely be a greater strength to the Theosophical movement in Switzerland.

The Swiss Section has now Lodges in the towns of Geneva, Lausanne, Basel, Zurich, St. Gallen, La Chaux, etc., Fanes, Locarno Morges and Neuchatel and counts 162 members.

The aim of the activity in the years to come is to intensify the propaganda in German Switzerland in order that the light of Theosophy may shine in all parts of the country. Therefore our *Bulletin* is printed in German and French in order to express the ideal of comprehension between races that is the ideal of the Swiss country.

G. MÉAUTIS,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN BELGIUM

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The number of our members, on the 1st of June last, was 375, divided as follows: Central Lodge, 98; Blue Lotus Lodge, 50; Alecyone Lodge, 34; Blavatsky, 10; Brussels Lodge, White Lotus Lodge, Krishna Lodge, each 9; Antwerp Lodge, 30; Perseverance Lodge, 18; Olcott Lodge, 12; Br. of Liège, 32; Vrede Tak, 11. There are, moreover, 49 unattached members and 5 Russian members.

Since the 1st of June, 1925, 53 new French, and 8 new Flemish diplomas have been granted, which, added to the 5 Russian members, gives 66 new members. Against this, we had 48 departures, deceases, resignations, transfers to other Sections, and also striking off the lists, these having been more carefully revised than foregoing years. There has been thus a net gain of 18 members compared with last year, which had 358 members.

During the year, following lectures have been given: October, "Gnosticism" (G. Polak); November, "Sub-Consciousness and Education" (Mlle. J. Orban); December, "The Philosophy of Kant" (Professor De Coster); January, "Elémir Bourges" (Mlle. M.A. Cochet); March, "Universalism" (P. Otlet); April, "Does Man Live only Once?" (Prof. Marcault); May, "The Emerald Tablet" (G. Polak); June "Spirit and Matter" (G. De Boeck).

Our revered President has visited Brussels this year. The 19th of July she spoke on "The Coming of the World-Teacher," and next day on "The Three World-Movements". The two lectures were given in the beautiful hall of the "Palais des Académies" before about 1,000 people each time, and made a deep impression on the audience. Sympathetic articles have been written in the papers. The visit of our beloved President has been a source of fresh inspiration for the

members, and makes us look forward with much confidence to the coming year.

Professor Marcault has helped us also very much. He lectured, not only in Brussels, but also in Liège and Antwerp and raised much enthusiasm.

We received good news from the activities of the Branches. The "Antwerp Lodge" specially endeavours to spread the Theosophical teachings, not only in Antwerp, but also in other localities of the Province; in the new Branch Vrede, in Ghent, the members pay each month a tax of 10 francs in order to get a propaganda fund.

We had no new Lodges this year, but two groups have been founded, one for the study of Astrology, the other for the study of Christian Esotericism.

The great event of the year, for the whole Theosophical world, has of course been the Congress in Adyar, which the General Secretary had the privilege to attend, and of which detailed reports have been given in lectures and in articles in *The Bulletin*.

A course of Theosophy, well attended, has been given this year also, thanks to the help of Mlle. Orban and Mr. Lemesre.

The Bulletin Theosophique appears regularly every three months as in the past years.

The Lotus Day has been commemorated with the usual solemnity and collectedness.

Auxiliary organisations: "Ligue Braille pour le Bien des Aveugles," "Round Table," and "Youth Lodge," and also the Anti-vivisection League, have worked most efficiently with the co-operation of Theosophists.

In concluding, I wish to send, in the name of the Belgian T. S., as well as in my own, our unswerving love and loyalty to our beloved President, and our fraternal greetings to all brothers assembled in Convention.

GASTON POLAK,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Last year's report of the membership of this Section showed a total number of 1,939; this year the number has grown to 2,145, making an increase of 206. As to nationalities this number can be divided as follows: 1,034 Europeans, 905 Indians and 206 Chinese. This year the Singapore Lodge joined our Section, making the number of Lodges now 30 together with 18 active Centres.

The Annual Easter Convention this year, was held in Headquarters Buildings and Blavatskypark Compound at Batavia, where nearly all visitors were housed together in the different bungalows of which there are thirteen on the premises. This arrangement, a kind of copy of last year's Convention at Djokjakarta, was in one way an improvement because the visitors this time were not lodged in a boarding-school but on our own compound. A large kadjan dining room was built over the tennis-court and all visitors took their meals there, both Indian and European style. Amongst the 2 à 300 visitors were the Treasurer, T.S., Mr. A. Schwarz, Mgr. Bishop Jhr. J. A. Mazel, Mr. Rein Vreede and also some members of the Netherlands Section, T.S., who took the opportunity of visiting us when coming from the Adyar Jubilee Convention.

Just as last year the Government railways gave a reduction of 50 per cent for members, visiting the Convention by which arrangement it was made possible for those who are living in further places of the island to come as well. It was a most peaceful and harmonious Convention and all of us who were present have felt that the blessing of the Great Ones there rested upon us.

Our Magazines are *Theosofisch Maandblad* (Dutch), *Theosofie in Ned. Indie* (official, Dutch and Malay), *Pewartat Theosofie* (Malay), *Coemandang Theosofie* (Javanese, edited by the Soerakarta Lodge) and

Jeugd (our Youth periodical). They all carry on in about the same way as usual, generally leaving some deficit which is carried by the Section or the Lodge.

The Publishing House Minerva issued several new books of which a list is given separately.

The Theosophical Order of Service Report is also given separately. We can here especially mention that the different institutions for educational purposes which were till now incorporated in the T.O.S. are now organised in a separate body, the Neth. Ind. Branch of the Theosophical World University Association. Consequently this Association, which was duly established on 11th April, 1926, started with a good number of already organised schools ; 1 Training College for teachers, 10 Arjuna Schools, 2 Kindergarten Schools, and 1 Montessori School. It proved not to be very easy work to build up the new organisation, but by the time that this report is made everything is now in good working order. Several schools in the country applied for association with our new institution but these are not yet accepted because primarily we want to settle first our own organisation before beginning with new enterprises.

All Lodges have been very active last year, in Lodge meetings, propaganda, etc., as well as in the different parts of the greater Theosophical Movement and consequently this Section has grown not only in numbers but also in inner strength. Dedicating our life and work to the Great Cause we offer our hearts and love to the Great White Brotherhood and to You our beloved President and Teacher.

J. KRUISHEER,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN BURMA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Jubilee Convention has given a new impetus to the movement in Burma as elsewhere with the result that 63 members were brought from the suspense list and 79 new members were added making the total 387 on the 30th September, 1926. Ten members were transferred to other Sections and one died during the year. The Lodges in Rangoon, Maymyo and Mandalay are active and membership therein has increased but the others remain in *status quo*.

Propaganda.—5,000 leaflets in Burmese and 1,000 in English were printed to spread the message of Theosophy besides translations of the reports of the Jubilee Convention and Ommen Star Congress. Two of the Buddhist monks, U San Mya and U Hla Sein are assisting me in the work of spreading Theosophy in Burmese. Thirty new subscribers have been obtained for *The Message of Theosophy*.

Lodges.—Lectures on “The Coming of the World Teacher” and “Jubilee Convention” were given at Olcott Lodge, Rangoon. Some dissatisfaction was shown by a few members on the declaration as to the World Religion (now called the Fellowship of Faiths), and a resolution to dissociate the Lodge from the Fellowship of Religions was brought forward but hardly half a dozen supported it, the great majority supported the action taken at Adyar of our leaders. A Night School for teaching English to Buddhist monks was started but we have not enough teachers so the work is progressing very slowly. Mandalay members are taking some part in the Asian Buddhist mission and trying to promote vegetarianism. Maymyo Lodge has been reorganised by Brother Rajagopalachari who has been transferred from Rangoon to Maymyo and new members have been added and much enthusiasm shown in Theosophical work. U San U in Pyinmana, Dr. Brahaspati in

Prome, Col. Green in Kalaw and U San Mya in Taungdwingyi are doing their best to create interest in these places.

Finance.—We started with a cash balance of Rs. 129-15-9. The total receipts were Rs. 1,591-13-0 and the expenses Rs. 1,523-14-0 leaving a balance of Rs. 197-14-9. More money is needed and co-operation of a greater number of members for efficient work.

Jubilee Convention.—Twenty members attended the Jubilee Convention at Adyar and some kindly words of advice and encouragement were given to the representatives of the various activities by the President and leaders. Burma had the privilege of offering the first flowers when the Buddhist shrine at Adyar was opened on the 30th December, 1926, with due Buddhist rites.

Subsidiary Activities.—The Star and Co-Masonic work has been going on as usual. The Educational Trust Schools are working under financial difficulties. Bros. Naganathan and Arasu have formed an Education Committee to find the necessary means.

Visitors.—Our Vice-President, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, and Mrs. Jinarajadasa came over on 2nd September and stayed in Burma till the 8th October, 1926. They were very cordially received everywhere. The Vice-President gave 4 Public Lectures at the Jubilee Hall which drew very large and enthusiastic audiences. The lectures were on "The Glorious Mission of Buddhism," "Theosophy and World Brotherhood," "The Great World Teacher's Message to Men," and "The Greatest Adventure in Life". Mrs. Jinarajadasa's lectures to women on Child Welfare and Indian Women and the World Woman Movement were much appreciated and a "Women's Association" was formed. They visited Kalaw, Mandalay, Maymyo, Taungdwingyi and Pyinmana, and much of the prejudice against Theosophy has been removed by this visit. We hope to have our Illustrious President and our beloved Krishnaji as visitors in the near future.

With deep devotion and loyalty to our beloved President Dr. Annie Besant from Burma Section.

U SAW HLA PRU,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN AUSTRIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Statistics.—The past year has been so internationally oriented that it is difficult to gather in one's thought to concentrate on national affairs. We are glad to be able to state however, that we now have 14 active Lodges (versus the 12 of last year), two new ones and one dormant having become active again, as Varnsdorf is now numbered, of course, under those of Czechoslovakia as the President of that Lodge of German speaking members is now the General Secretary for Czechoslovakia. Through this transfer and those of others from Centres in Moravia we now have only 461 active members left, although 80 new members joined during the year, which means that 189 were transferred or resigned.

Activities.—Coming out of the blinding glare of the Jubilee Convention at Adyar, where the peace of Shamballa ever prevails, the brilliant gathering of the Star Camp at Ommen which under Krishnaji's inspiring guidance was led by Him at times to the Feet of the Lord Himself, and the splendour of the worship with its stately ceremonial at Huizen in which the magic of the Mysteries and Their Master can already be discerned, one feels like being held in leash, panting to be sharing Power, Love and Knowledge right away with all the world and thus liable to undervalue the work done in the past, and especially recently during the stirring times. Compared with the great events of these latter days, our efforts seem to be so insignificant, almost paltry! Naturally they only seem to be so, as during all the months work has steadily gone on under the able guidance of our Committee members, Drs. Klein, Weiss, Engel and our dear sisters Stephani, Singer Löffler, Wertheimer, Hüber, Kemperling, Dickenson-Auner, and our brothers Schiff, Hüber, Schleifer, Werner, Riedel and others. It would almost appear unjust to single these out by name, so many more worked as hard, even if less conspicuous, at humdrum office work. Preparing as we are for a great leap forward, we thought it wise to appreciate and inwardly digest the Great Message from the

Elder Brother, and marking such proceedings, by setting our own house in order. Herr Baurat Körner thus came forward and organised the work of rebinding our library invalids, books bearing too many marks of frequent handling, and clothing valuable pamphlets in more substantial garb than mere paper wrappers. Frau Prof. Scheffranek continued among her many other activities at Headquarters her English study class so that now only quite a few remain among the more earnest who cannot follow English. Returned from Adyar, I lectured to over 300 people on Krishnaji and the Coming. The audience was highly interested so that we live in hopes that this year will mean a veritable leap forward. Newspapers seem to have been most anxious to bring news about the happenings at Ommen and I saw more than one paper using last year's photographs and texts, as they evidently could not procure this year's in time but were forced by the news hungry public to use up what was handy.

Our Children's Home is now renamed a "Theosophical Home of Youth" as the inmates have grown out of childhood into girlhood. The Society which figures as owners has also changed name from "Fraternity in Education" to the "World University Association". The hundreds of Sunday passers-by coming out of town to enjoy the surrounding woods marvel not a little at this name, but we hope that the expected visit of Mr. Yadunandan Prasad and Bishop Wedgwood and other great minds whom we are expecting to honour us during the coming months, will help us to justify the new name. Miss A. Catherine Bell, late of Adyar, has also taken up her abode in this centre where the dozen or more regular inmates make quite a harmonious little community already, linked especially close during the day at times of Theorhythm practise and L.C.C. worship.

Having received so much, it would be almost heartless to say that we were disappointed at not having had you, our revered President, and Krishnaji, our Star leader, among us at Vienna, but we hope that our strenuous endeavours and wise activities will all but force you to come here at the first opportune moment. For everyone reckons that it is only you, our great and beloved Guru, who can crown our work with full success by your visit.

JOHN CORDES,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN NORWAY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The work here in Norway has continued along the same lines as before. No new activity has been taken up, the efforts have been directed on the keeping of the landmarks of the movement and upon the consolidation of all forces for strengthening the Society itself.

The public Sunday Lectures have been given this year as in the last years, and they seem to have won some popularity. Our public lecturers are the same as before : Miss Gyda Haabjorn, Miss Marie Schonberg, Mr. Erling Havrevold, Miss Karro Syvertsen, Mr. Trygve Buchholdt and myself. New lecturers are Mr. Kristian Fimland and a young painter Mr. Paul Wideroe, who has given a series of lectures on "Atlantis". We have this autumn been so happy as to have Dr. Lilly Heber for the first time lecturing from the Theosophical platform. It is my hope that she moreover will put her eminent gifts also at the disposition of the Theosophical Society.

Our Sectional journal, now seven years old, is a good link between the members and in that the best means of strengthening the Section and keeping the interests of the members. The editor, Mr. Erling Havrevold, is highly appreciated for the good and useful work with the magazine.

This year the Section had the great joy of receiving Lady Emily Lutyens as its guest.

Lady Emily was introduced to the Public and to the Press from her own platform, neither from the T.S. nor from the Star.

The newspapers had long and very sympathetic articles about herself and reports of her lectures. Her visit was a very great success for her and of very much inspiration for the members. But, however, with regard to the outer propaganda for the T.S. and the Theosophical movement, I don't feel quite sure that the neutral platform is the right way of introducing our guests. The next time we are to be honoured with a

visit of some of our prominent members or leaders the question of the neutral platform contra the Theosophical will be given new consideration.

As the statistics are showing, our membership is dwindling. The reason first and foremost must be sought in the present bad financial situation in Norway, which makes people consider the financial responsibility in entering a new movement. Here may also be mentioned, that the Star of the East, which to a very high degree attracts the same people and is working along the same lines, has no fixed fees, but, however, with the many collections of funds among the members, puts a certain economic burden, whose influence may be felt also in the T.S. Another reason for the dwindling membership is that every year many members who are in arrears with their fees have their names taken off the roll.

Statistics :

Membership—September, 1925	...	281	
New members during the year	...	20	
Reinstated	... ..	3	
		—	304
Resigned or emigrated	... ..	14	
Dropped from the list	... ..	20	
		—	34
Active membership	... ..	Total	270

The Norwegian Section through me begs to express to the President and the T.S. in Convention its loyalty to our leaders and its devotion to our great cause. May the strength from the Masters ever keep the flame burning and the work alive.

AGNES MARTENS SPARRE,

General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE YOUNG THEOSOPHIST GROUP IN OSLO, 1925-26.

The little group of Young Theosophists, which has been in function in Oslo since the visit of Messrs. Burgess and Thomson, partly changed its methods of work from the autumn 1925, the direct interest

in Theosophy among the members having grown strong enough to adopt a more regular course of study than had hitherto been possible.

On alternate meetings a Theosophical text-book was read and commented upon, while the other evenings were set apart for lectures or more friendly talks on various topics. As the most suited book was chosen Mr. Jinarajadāsa's *First Principles of Theosophy*, which book is available in Norwegian translation (Translated by the General Secretary, Mrs. Agnes Martens Sparre).

One of the lecturers was the well known Norwegian theologian, Dr. Kristian Schjelderup (Author of *Where Men Become Gods*). His lecture on "What is Religion" was very well attended. The other lectures were given by the members of the group, and several meetings were taken up by study of *The Herald of the Star's* Congress Number and talks about the happenings at Ommen during the Congress.

Our Young Theosophist Group is only a small one, but its members seem to be filled with the happy and eager spirit of the young generation within the T.S. Some few of the members of the Group have already taken the next step of entering the Mother Society, thereby showing the *raison d'être* of the Group. The work will be kept up and if possible enlarged.

T.S. IN EGYPT

REPORT NOT RECEIVED

T. S. IN DENMARK

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour of submitting to you the annual report of the Danish Section of the T.S. (1925-26).

(1) No new Lodges formed ; (2) No Lodges dissolved ; (3) 10 active Lodges ; (4) 35 new members ; (5) 9 members resigned, dropped out or dead ; (6) Total membership, 530.

The last year has in many respects been stamped by the insecurity of the time, and this has not omitted to influence the work upon the whole.

It is as if the intense work-development of the last year now demands its necessary reaction.

One of the causes has among others been the occurrence that the Danish state in the beginning of the year cancelled the permission the Section had obtained to broadcast Theosophical lectures by radio.

This was of course a very great disappointment to us, so much more, as through the radio-broadcasting we had got in contact with a great many of the Danish people, with whom on account of different circumstances it had been difficult for us to get in contact.

The board of the Section has of course made representations to the Danish radio-direction, but these representations have until now proved quite fruitless, therefore the Board of the Section has taken steps to get an organisation formed consisting of as many as possible of the organisations outside the Theosophical Society, who all are fighting for the new time, each according to its conception of the ideals of the new time.

As soon as the necessary preparatory work is finished, this organisation will put forth an official claim to the Danish Government for the right of emitting by radio lectures and the like, so that the Danish people hereby may be made acquainted with the efforts which

are made from different sides and directions in order to create the foundation for the new time that is to come.

The organisation includes at present 42 different organisations and delegates from all these will assemble one of the first days of November to discuss lines of future work.

The impulse to the above mentioned efforts has gone out from the T.S., and the work that here has been done has to many of the members been the great luminous point, but it is not to be denied that a great deal of the members look with scepticism on this outdoor work, thinking that the T.S. here has undertaken a work which it is not able to master.

Another thing, which has contributed to create a certain passing disharmony, as well in the work as among the members, is the events which in the world have left their traces in the press in the shape of an undesirable confounding of the parallel movements and the Theosophical Society, and which in Holland has had the result that a circle of members have started an Order of Service for the protection of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society.

The Board of the Section has closely followed these events, and has clearly stated its standpoint to the members pronouncing its sympathy with and understanding of the work of the parallel movements, but at the same time recommending the members to support every activity which tends to the creation of a definite and clear working-basis for the Theosophical work—a working-basis which in no case deviates from the objects of the Theosophical Society, so that these always may be clear as well to the members as to the public, and may not be veiled by the work and the authoritative conceptions which the parallel movements might find occasion to convey to our time.

Another of the luminous points of the year has been the growing demand for Theosophical lecturers from different Societies and organisations, as well in Copenhagen as in the provincial towns.

Similarly as last year the Section has sent circulars to a series of Societies with a list of our lecturers and their subjects, and the Section has already received numerous demands from these Societies to send lecturers to their meetings.

Our *Tidskrift for Teosofi* (the periodical) has now begun its fourth year and has continually a good increase of subscribers, as well from outsiders as from members.

Our Sectional paper *Theosophia* serves as a means of communication between the Board of the Section and members.

A union of these two papers into one big paper has been ventilated, but it seems as if the time is not yet ripe for this.

The summer-school in Nakskov, which has now become a permanent part of the work, has also this year been well attended under the guidance of Mr. Otto Viking.

The central library of the T.S.—mentioned in last year's report—is now a reality and installed in the premises of the central bureau.

It was a disappointment to us that we were not allowed to bid you, our dear President, welcome to our country this year, but we understand very well that events and work in the great world has to an overwhelming degree taken up your time.

We hope however in a near future to have the honour and joy of a visit, and in the expectation hereof, I send on my own account, and on account of the Danish Section, a heartfelt greeting to our revered President, and to the Congress-members.

CHR. SVENDSEN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN IRELAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

On the occasion of forwarding my Annual Report of the Theosophical Society in Ireland, I beg to assure you of our loyal support and great love and veneration for yourself.

This has been a memorable year for Theosophy, and even in this country, remote from world movements, the influence of the Coming of the World Teacher and the great Jubilee Convention of the Theosophical Society has been considerable.

This year was further made memorable by your visit to Dublin and Belfast, where your powerful lectures greatly impressed audiences which, although small compared to your audiences in other countries, were large for a country in which the great majority of the inhabitants are strictly forbidden to attend Theosophical lectures. This fact, together with the general depression and disillusionment referred to in my last report, make the progress of Theosophy very slow in this country and our total membership has only increased by three : seventeen new members having been added to our Section during the year, whilst we lost fourteen members.

Weekly public lectures are given in Dublin and Belfast except during two summer months and our Lodges in Cork and Derry organise public lectures less frequently, whilst various weekly study meetings are carried on at all four centres.

Besides our own speakers, we have been greatly helped by the English National lecturers, Miss K. Browning, M.A., and Mrs. Stevenson Howell and we have also been glad to make the acquaintance of Major Galloway in his capacity of lecturer.

Considerable interest has been aroused recently by a series of lectures, delivered in Belfast and Dublin, by Capt. A. G. Pape, F. A. S., etc., on behalf of the Theosophical World University.

Our national magazine *Theosophy in Ireland* has received numerous congratulations on its appearance in a more effective form than hitherto and good work is being done through its pages, in printing information regarding the great heritage we possess in the folklore and the sacred places of our country.

Our members are taking an active part in outside activities which aim at relieving the sufferings of animals, and the general economic situation also receives our attention.

May I take this opportunity of thanking you, on behalf of the Irish Section, for the invaluable personal help you gave us by your very welcome visit this year ; may it bear much fruit and prepare our country to follow the World Teacher in His present effort to lift the world to a higher level of individual and national life.

Praying that you may long be spared to guide and inspire us.

T. KENNEDY,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN MEXICO

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Most satisfactory is it for me to inform that our present Theosophical year, though not marked by strenuous enthusiasm, yet shows a regularity in the general work of the Section and a steadiness in growth of active members which denote perseverance in our effort and continued devotion to Theosophical Ideals.

Membership Statistics.—New admissions amounted to 86, while 4 only lapsed and 5 died. The number of active members in Lodges is 456 ; loose 14 ; Total, 470.

Lodges.—At present the Mexican Section is formed by 23 Lodges. During last year the “Fraternidad” and “Maitreya,” of Monterrey and Mexico City respectively, were discontinued, the required number of members having dropped. While some of them are trying to reorganise both Lodges afresh, I consider them in Pralaya. Charters not yet returned.

On the other hand 3 new Lodges came into life : “Blavatsky” in Linares City, “Surya” in Campeche and “Shrikrisna” in Puebla. All existing Lodges are working harmoniously and successfully.

Propaganda.—The able work of our Propaganda Department is responsible for increase in active membership though owing to certain social and economic conditions which the country is going through, admissions were less than we expected. We have organised a course of public lectures on Religious topics delivered by Ing. Agustín Aragon who is not a fellow of the Society and deals on the matter from an almost divergent point of view, his conclusions being therefore far from similar to ours. However, this fact being a practical and public demonstration of the Theosophical spirit of tolerance, is proving useful to bring people near the door of Lodges. Even adverse persons make inquiries. On the other side, the opportunity was given for our

members to increase their knowledge on religion from the interpretation of opposite aspects.

Sectional Organ.—Our bi-monthly Review *Mexico Teosofico* has been distributed with due regularity as well as *Teosofia en Yucatan*, edited by 2 Yucatan Lodges, and *Teosofia* published by Monterrey Lodge.

Fees.—As a result of the above named financial unsteadiness many members have applied for prorogation in payment of fees due.

Jubilee, 1925.—From 15th to 22nd November, 1925,—our *Theosophical Week*, we called it—our Society's Jubilee was commemorated by several public and private festivals to which big crowds attended. It was our tribute offering to the revered Founders of the T.S. as well as to their successors. A special mention is deserved by the splendid manner in which Yucatan Lodges displayed their enthusiasm at public Halls and Theatres, the report of their varied festivals to be read in *The Adyar Bulletin*, 15th April, 1926.

Let me express once again, before closing, the joint loyalty and devotion from the Mexican Section and its General Secretary to our beloved President, Dr. Besant and her co-workers in the leading of the Society.

AGUSTIN SERVIN,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN CANADA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

My report last year closed with a protest. Since then we have had your visit to Toronto and your explanation that there had been some mistakes in the presentation of the idea that had been brought before the General Council, and that the "Fellowship of Faiths" was to take the place of the original conception of a "World Religion". There can be no objection to that form of the proposal as long as we do not fall into the error of trying to crystallise our ideas into some form of creed or belief which our successors might find to be the same kind of millstone that our fathers in the old time before us, innocently enough no doubt, hung around our necks. Your assurance that the objects of the Society were left intact, and that our autonomy as a National Society collectively and in our individual Lodges has not been interfered with gives us cause for much relief and not a little gratitude.

During a tour of the western Lodges last spring I found that they were very much exercised over the apparent interference with the liberty of thought and absence of dogma which had been the fundamental characteristic of our Movement. It will do much to reassure them and rally them to those ideals which beckon us ever to greater endeavour and to higher aspiration. It was easy to see that many things which have arisen in the recent years of the Society had weakened the public interest in Theosophy in Canada, and members who had once been devoted had turned to channels where more individual freedom of opinion was guaranteed, or to movements where less vigorous thinking and the ease of stereotyped formulæ and ceremonial utterance were the fashion. These are the necessities of the immature, but the Theosophical Society was meant surely for the pioneers of mental endeavour and moral vigour, and should keep in view the attraction of strong souls to its ranks.

In Canada especially we must not allow ourselves to become reactionary or we lose touch with the forward element which has made the Dominion take the vanguard in the Empire's progress. It is unfortunate that the province of British Columbia, whether under the influence of the United States, or for whatever reason, has given the whole Dominion an evil reputation in India. It should be known that Hindus are welcome in the east at any rate and that we have no colour line in Ontario, nor indeed, I believe, outside the Pacific province. So it has come to pass, that in the Colonial, or rather the Imperial Conference just closing, a new status has been recognised, as having been attained by the several Dominions, of co-equality, and it has been attributed to Canada, by Professor Zimmern at least, that Canada has been the pioneer in the development now officially accepted. The Theosophical Society cannot lag behind exoteric state-craft in the breadth nor in the autonomy of its principles. It is the general regret that the independence of India was not included in the individual sovereignty of the other Dominions. But we shall expect at the close of the ten years of experiment of the present regime, that wider authority shall be conveyed to the Indian peoples.

The inability of some of our Canadian F.T.S. to work with the majority led to the formation of the Federation of Lodges which we were all glad to think enabled these members to remain in the ranks of the Society. During your visit we had an opportunity to co-operate with the Toronto Federation Lodge, and this measure of united action indicated that we were not so far apart as some had thought. Your own definition of our elements of agreement, embodied in the message which you kindly wrote before leaving Toronto, provides a basis which we may trust will eventually bring about the better understanding which we have always sought.

I have dissented from the proposal to assert proprietorship in the belongings of National Societies or Lodges which, having considered themselves out of harmony with the main body, or ethically wronged, feel that they must separate themselves from the Society. While such action is to be deplored I think that we should do as we would be done by in such cases, and render to them that which is theirs in due proportion. So I have suggested that in all such cases a pro-rata division be made as between the members going out and those remaining, if

any, according to the annual returns last made previously to the separation.

I spoke of Church Union in my last report. The experiment has been regarded as a magnificent success in Canada. The Moiety of the Presbyterian Church which held out is carrying on, and the Baptists are still separate. In the latter Church one stormy petrel still tossed on the waves of ancient winds of doctrine, has made himself so disagreeable by his insinuations that at the Annual Conference of his district it was voted to expel him. This, however, is to be taken rather as a token of the advancing breadth of view of the Church in question than as an evidence of intolerance. It was the stormy petrel who insisted on intolerance towards his brethren, and we are not without parallels in our Society. There is growing tendency away from sacerdotalism, a human frailty which is now making itself felt in the Medical fraternity as it loses its hold in the Church. The close corporation into which the Medical Profession has formed itself in Ontario threatens to deprive the individual of all liberty in connection with matters pertaining to his health, his food, or his professional treatment. We have in Toronto the advantage of the lowest death-rate of any city of its size, but we pay a considerable price for the privilege, and we are threatened with vaccines and serums to an extent which cannot fail to interfere with natural processes.

Yet our science progresses with the best. Professor McLennan, F.R.S., who has been kind enough on a number of occasions to address the local Society, is one of the greatest authorities on physics in the world, and his studies in helium are unique. In art we have made a distinct impression through the School of Seven already mentioned in my reports. The Sesqui-Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia this year became an opportunity for the further recognition of the works of this School as original, national, and distinctive. In literature the year has given us another volume from the hand of Wilson MacDonald, *Out of the Wilderness*, over which the critics have vied with each other in praise. Its new quality is the Theosophic note that pervades it, not so much in expression as in spirit. He has contributed from time to time to *The Canadian Theosophist*, as also has Mr. Lawren Harris of the School of Seven, his article, "Revelation of Art in Canada," in the July issue, being widely noticed. Another writer

who has made her stay in Canada is Mrs. L. Admas Bock and her work should be in the hands of all Theosophists. One may mention *The Way of Stars*, and *The Splendour of Asia*, the latter a life of the Buddha, as examples of her work.

Matters associated in the public mind with the Theosophical Society, to which I need not more specifically refer, have in Canada done much to obscure interest in Theosophy, with the result that fewer members have joined this year, and the older members in many cases have allowed their interest to wane in our work. This, one hopes, is but a passing phase, and next year we may see a revival of the sterling enthusiasm for Theosophical ideals which has always borne our workers to higher achievement. Several of our Lodges have taken out charters of incorporation, the Montreal Lodge in Quebec, the Toronto Lodge in Ontario, and the Vancouver Lodge in British Columbia. They thus become legal entities and are able to do all that any similar body can do. Mrs. Dora Jefferson gave up the work of the routine in the General Secretary's office last January and since then Miss Maud E. Crafter has done this work, arduous as it is, almost without assistance, except in the despatch of *The Canadian Theosophist*. Mr. Roy. Mitchell gave up the associate editorship of the magazine last December, and since then, having been married in May, has been living in the country, 150 miles from Toronto.

It has been a great privilege to have been allowed to serve the cause of the Masters for the full seven years that I have been entrusted by our members with the post which I have so inadequately filled. With the scantiest of leisure for a position which should properly have the undivided attention of any man, one can only lay the very humble offering on the altar, and pray that for what is wanting the Master may within Himself make it perfect. Of ourselves we do nothing, but great things may be done through us if we are willing. As Dr. Norwood says, if we seek to make beauty serve us, beauty will desert us, but if we seek to serve beauty, there is no limit to the beauty that shall be manifested through us. There is no beauty like the beauty of Theosophy, and if we serve this Wisdom, each in his place, we may have the eternal Song of Life singing in our hearts till the end of Doom.

ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ARGENTINA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Argentine Section of the Theosophical Society has completed its seventh year of life, and entered the eighth with great vitality and good outlook for its future life. It has contributed, as always, and in every way, to the diffusion of Theosophy in South America and, as a consequence of that action, the formation of three more Sections is preparing in Peru, Paraguay and Bolivia. The first will easily be Peru, where there are a lot of lodges that are working intelligently and with great enthusiasm.

The tonic note of the year was the Jubilee celebrated on account of the Cinquentenary of the Society, and my journey to Adyar, which I did accompanied with the thoughts and affections of all the brothers of the Section and that was of great interest to all and all the news and impressions I could give were very well received.

It was a personal satisfaction for me because it enabled me to know you and make "good friendship" as you affectionately told me and also because I thus knew several of the workers of Adyar and a great number of my colleagues of all parts of the world. On the other hand I, although the language was unfamiliar and also some other trivial inconveniences, managed to see clearly the work that is actually done by the Society and the individual action of each one of the Leaders, also our duties.

The knowledge of Adyar will enable me to unite myself with you in memory and rememorate more vividly the important days of the Jubilee and even those others, further away, when H.P.B. and H.S.O. inhabited the General Quarters and received there the Instructions of the Masters that have done so much and will do so much yet in the World they love and want to help.

Here the Jubilee was commemorated by the edition of an extraordinary and beautiful number of *Teosofia en el Plata* that was very well received in all places by Theosophists and others.

During my absence, my work was done, with love, by the dear Brother Pedro Sprinberg, member of the Council and of the Logia Hypatia.

The question of the Universal Religion was received with surprise in the first moments and I have done all I could to explain with the few elements of information I possessed and my limited knowledge the reason why of that resolution so that it would not produce any conflicts.

It can be said that the year has passed with the commentaries and news of the Jubilee and the studies of the question of the Universal Religion that a few took to passionately and most with the serenity that corresponds to each student of Theosophy.

My journey to Adyar has made me see the convenience that it would be to the South American Sections to have there a permanent Representative that knew well our countries and that could be a conscientious intermediary between Adyar and these Sections for any information and for anything that needed explanation, etc.

Mistaken knowledge arrives there because there is nobody that knows and can judge them correctly.

The dear Brother A. de la Peña Gil, resident in Adyar for some time and who is South American, ever since I knew him has been a great help and it will be sincerely felt that he will leave without another South American to replace him. I have thought that the Sections here ought to send a special Representative each and run with the necessary expense.

Our Section has had the following movement :

Membership.

In August, 1925	...	...	...	470
New members in the year	...	...	...	79
				549
Losses to be deducted	...	...	...	100
			Total	449

New Lodges.—One has been formed in Cordoba, called “ Karma ” and four others are in formation that to-day figure as groups. I accompany the list of the respective Lodges.

Propaganda.—All the Lodges of the Section have realised different acts of propaganda and it is expected that in the New Year there will be more work.

Annual Convention.—In the end of September the Eighth Annual Convention takes place, and as I have resigned to the re-election of General Secretary that was offered me by all the Lodges, the Sectional Council has made a list of new candidates with the following names : Arturo Montesano Delchi—Jose Marsal—Fernando Marquez.

The three named are good brothers but according to information received from the Lodges Dr. Arturo Montesano Delchi will be elected General Secretary and in consequence the General Quarters for Argentina will go to Buenos Aires again.

I will also help the Section with love but I have thought that it is best for other brothers to display their activities and know the responsibilities of all direction and to prepare to better further ahead.

I believe that change will be beneficial for the Section and my best wishes are that every success be for the future General Secretary.

I will now end my report wishing to express to our dear President my best “ good friendship ” quoting your own words and remembering also that Krishnaji preferred the word “ friend ” to “ brother ”.

ADRIAN A. MADRIL,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CHILE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

May my first words be, on writing down my first Report on the activities of the Theosophical Society in Chile, to extend to yourself my most heartfelt and loyal attachment ; the admiration I profess to the wonderful work you are carrying out so efficiently ; to give the assurance of a firm purpose to continue as a faithful co-operator in a labour in which I clearly perceive the Will and Purpose of the Great Ones Whose messenger and server you now are as was formerly our honoured Founder H.P.B. And at the same time to extend a thought of affection, gratitude and friendship to my predecessor Brother Armando Zanelli, to whom was given the privilege of forming the Society in Chile and to give it its first organisation.

Lodges and Members.—Since the 11th September, 1925, which is the date borne by our last Report, two Charters have been extended :

On October 25th, 1925, to “ Logia C. Jinarajadasa ” in Santiago ; on September 1st, 1926, to “ Logia Punta Arenas ” in Punta Arenas. The “ Logia Ana Huguet ” has been declared temporarily in abeyance, having become amalgamated with the “ Rama Arundhati ” in order to intensify its activities.

Our Lodges numbered last year	...	...	14
To which have been added	...	...	2
Thus making a total of			16
Less	...	...	1
Thus making a total of active Lodges of			15

The previous report returned a total of 231 members ; but upon careful revision of the records we find that the exact figure on that date was 229

Admissions :

During the year	...	...	...	66
Reincorporated	...	...	...	4
				70

Thus making a total of 299

Decreases :

Departed this life	...	...	...	4
Resigned	...	...	...	15
In arrears in payment	...	...	...	7
Left the city	...	...	...	13
				39

Which leaves a total of 260

that is to say, an increase of 29 over the number returned last year.

This report only indicates members and Lodges officially registered ; but I have the pleasure to state that 6 Centres have been formed for the study of Theosophy : in *Angol, San Fernando, Curanilahue, La Union, Osorno* and *Chillan*, with a considerable group of members ; and furthermore that in Santiago and Valparaiso there are many persons interested in the courses of Theosophy given in these cities.

Activities.—The perusal of the reports on the public meetings, sent in by the different Lodges gives a very satisfactory impression, and the same may be said regarding the private meetings and entertainments. The activities are generally divided between the private meetings and those to which the public is admitted. An approximate estimate would indicate that during the year 1st July, 1925—30th June, 1926, more than 250 public lectures have been delivered on Theosophy throughout the country ; to which must be added a much larger number of private gatherings, and the celebration of the White Lotus Festivity and the Social Anniversary, which always attract large numbers from different parts.

A fact worth mentioning is, that among the better prepared brethren many, for some reason or other (generally for altruism or on

business) travel through different cities, where they visit the sister Lodges and deliver lectures. Our country, owing to its geographical position, has need of this bond of union, which fortunately becomes stronger and stronger and which is a deliberate tendency, which is shown by holding the Convention in different cities, sometimes distant, as circumstances permit.

Revista Teosofica Chilena.—The Magazine continues its efficient work of propaganda, and is now in its seventh year of existence. The output is 1,850 copies which are distributed amongst the members of the Section, to the public, and is also mailed to foreign countries. Its columns publish as soon as possible the translations of the latest articles on matters of moment and also the Theosophical items of news of world interest; a list is also published of literature on sale at the Theosophical Libraries; in its columns preferrent attention is given to contributions by native brethren, with a view to stimulating these activities.

The Fiftieth Anniversary of the T.S.—This was celebrated amongst all the Theosophists in Chile in a manner worthy of notice. The Magazine opened a literary competition and issued a special illustrated number which merited universal approbation on account of its attractive appearance and also owing to the fact that the chief contributions were by local talent, highly inspired by the true spirit of our teachings.

The Lodges met at the appointed time in accordance with the Brazilian proposition to meditate on Brotherhood; besides, public and private entertainments were given; and in Santiago, where the official gathering took place, a public lecture was given in the lecture hall of the Chilian University; a picnic and garden party were also held and proved a complete success.

Book-stores and Libraries.—Generally speaking, all the Lodges have Libraries for the use of members, and several have also a book-selling section attached, in which literature is sold to the public without extra charge on current prices, both Spanish translations of works and in the original English.

Theosophical Home.—Up to the present none of the Lodges have premises of their own; but we entertain the hope that the steps which are being taken to acquire a property in Santiago will ultimately be successful.

Mrs. Annie M. Gowland.—This beloved sister acted as our Representative in Adyar at the Jubilee festivities ; and I would here express our thanks for her valuable co-operation in our labours.

Other Activities.—The majority of the active members of the Lodges co-operate also in other activities ; not only in connection with the *Order of the Star*, which has developed satisfactorily, and which publishes *La Nueva Era* and holds an Annual Convention, but also in the *Naturist* activities, in which many of the brethren render efficient help ; in the *Protection of Animals* ; in the work of the *New Education* movement ; in the *Boy Scouts* brigades, and many others of a purely social character, which, being entirely disinterested, may be considered genuinely Theosophical.

To sum up briefly, I may say that in spite of the difficulties of every kind which characterise these unsettled times, the year under comment is signalised by a marked improvement in the extension of our Ideals and in the constitution and organisation of our Society, although we are fully aware of the fact that much remains to be done in every department.

ARMANDO HAMEL,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BRAZIL

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is the sixth time that I come to your presence in order to present the report of the work done in our Society's year, now ending, concerning our National Section.

Every Lodge having not sent as yet their partial reports, it may be that there are some gaps referring to the work done here. And though being much less than we desired, the little we have done is, nevertheless, something. As we have taken the formal pledge to continue always with increasing devotion the work for the spreading of Theosophy in Brazil, we bring before you the little we happen to have done as an offering to the Masters.

Statistics.—In our last Report we counted the following Lodges : “Jesus de Nazareth” in Manaus, State of Amazonas ; “Annie Besant” in Belem-Pará ; “Pax” in S-Luiz, Maranhão ; “Maitreya” in Parnahyba ; “Unidade” in Fortaleza-Ceará ; “Henry Olcott” in Recife, Pernambuco ; “Krishnamurti” in Macció-Alagóas ; “Aleyone” in Bahia ; “Blavatsky” in Victoria, Espirito Santo ; “Damodar” in Nietheroy, State of Rio ; “Perseverança,” “Pythagoras,” “Orfeu” “Hamsa,” “Rozenkreuz” in the Federal Capital ; “Bhagavad Gautama,” Bello Horizonte, Minas Geraes ; “São Paulo” in São Paulo ; “Albor” and “Arjuna” in Santos, State of São Paulo ; “Nova Krotona” in Curytiba, State of Paraná ; “Jehoshua,” “Annie Besant” and “Lotus Branco” in Porto Alegre, Pelotas and Cachocira respectively, in Rio Grande do Sul—22 in all. In the year ending to-day the Lodge “Leadbeater” was found on the 17th July in the city of Campos, State of Rio de Janeiro, a lucky fruit of the Centre of studies which several free members have started there through the endeavour of our obliging brother Paulino Diamico. We have, therefore, at present, 24 Lodges at work with 355 members ; 89 have been taken out of the list

through death, abandonment and lack of payment. There are 5 unattached members belonging to our National Society.

Besides the Lodges the following Centres are at work in propaganda of Theosophy in Brazil: "Banyan" in the city of Bomfim, Bahia and "Annie Besant" in Barreiras; "Helena Blavatsky" also in the same State; "O Caminho" in Fructal, Minas Geraes. In Cuyabá an active member—free—brother Manoel Miraglia has congregated around him a few students. In Passo Fundo, Rio Grande do Sul, the brother F. A. Xavier de Oliveira and in Maceió the brother José Salgado have also brought together a few students in different groups of studies. May good luck fall upon those who have worked for the spreading of Truth!

Among the methods now employed here for the propaganda of Theosophy we must not forget the one of our devoted brother José Rodrigues de Souza who almost every night calls on his friends in order to talk about Theosophy.

The first volume of the Brazilian edition of *The Secret Doctrine* under the management of our much devoted brother Aleixo Alves de Souza has been published. It contains 347 pages in 16°.

Theosophical Reviews.—*The Theosophist*, the sectional organ of the National Society and *Isis*, a well written review edited by the Lodge of S. Paulo, are now the exclusively Theosophical reviews published in Brazil.

Daily Press Propaganda.—In Rio de Janeiro, as well as in several cities of the different States there are daily papers which facilitate the printing of the propaganda of Theosophy in their papers. Short articles in a clear language are of much advantage. I am always calling the attention of our brothers to that effect. The brothers Aleixo de Souza, Rodrigues Quintans, Paulino Diamico, Deocleciano dos Santos, Luiza de Carvalho, Isolino Alonso, Ernani Abreu, Caio Lemos, Gastão de Castro, have done much towards that principle.

The propaganda among the convicts and blinds—a few brothers have made conferences to the blinds and convicts—it is a work worthy of attention.

Theosophical Order of Service.—Thanks to the initiative of the dedicated brother Rodrigues Quintans we organised on the 17th July in our National Society the Theosophical Order of Service for which

we think we can bring together the co-operation of the M.S.T. in Brazil as well as the persons strange to the T.S.

Everything indicates that this institution shall render in the future valuable service to our cause. With a month of existence this institution has already started to help the upkeeping of our house. Its founder is worthy of our thanks. Instructions have already been asked of Mr. Burgess, International Secretary of the Order about the organisation in other countries.

Work in the Lodges.—The Lodges and Centres of our National Society, each one within its power, continue to take the utmost interest in the spreading of our doctrines throughout Brazil. We must count in first plan the work done by the São Paulo Lodge which, besides a systematic study at its meetings, maintains the excellent review *Isis*, very good for the propaganda of our teachings.

I must also call to your attention that the brothers of the Lodge “Alcyone” of Bahia, with unquestionable efforts are publishing a paper of propaganda—*O Despertar*, which in spite of an irregular publication has done much for the propaganda of Theosophy, the sole objective of the Lodges.

Unfortunately, up to the moment of remitting the present Report, only some of the Lodges have presented their Reports. To this is due lack of data about the work of all the Lodges.

In the big days of the Theosophical Calendar, the Lodges of Rio de Janeiro, “Perseverança,” “Pythagoras,” “Orfeu,” “Hamsa,” and “Rosenkreuz” hold joint propaganda meetings with music. Such meetings many times attract people strange to the cause.

The “Perseverança,” the older of our Brazilian Lodges in activity, the root of our official organ, held during the year two public sessions (monthly) for propaganda, besides many others for study.

The following method is generally adopted in other Lodges :

The Lodges “Albor” and “Arjuna,” both in the city of Santos, have lately held joint meetings maintaining a Library free to the public. In its quarters the Co-Masonic Lodge holds meetings and also the Groups of the Order of the Star in the East and Young Theosophists. Their work is really great by means of books and the press.

The Lodge "Jesus de Nazareth" has its own house where there is a library open to the public and has held its meetings regularly for commemoration and propaganda.

The Lodge Krishnamurti has held its meetings regularly and maintains a service of correspondence with the National Departments of several countries.

The Lodge Bhagavad Gautama, besides the activities already mentioned in previous Reports, organises propaganda trips through the cities of the interior of the State and has succeeded in the foundation of three Study Groups in Lavras, Itumirim and Esperança, nuclei for new Lodges in the future. This Lodge is in negotiation for the acquiring of land in an elevated spot of the city of Bello Horizonte where the Lodge is located now, in order to build its private Quarters. The land is wonderfully situated looking over the city and has a small forest which our brothers shall eventually transform into a wood for the Order of the Star.

The São Paulo Lodge maintains all the previous activities, the number of people attending its propaganda meetings always increasing ; a number which has already reached in the last period 3,334.

The Lodge "Hamsa" continues its activities and its members are taking steps for the birth of a Co-operative Society for consumption so as to bring closer the spirit of Fraternity.

The other Lodges realised effective work of propaganda either by means of speech or the press, maintaining in nearly all the States of Brazil the same wide awake attitude.

Your attention is also called to the fact that in all the Lodges there are meditation meetings of the Star, before the beginning of the T.S. meetings.

Some of the Lodges have in our hall a special place for the Star meetings.

The devotion of the members of the "Hamsa" helped them to organise a true chapel where may be seen a picture in natural size representing the Lord Maitreya. In that corner one feels a smooth influence of veneration and love for the Masters. The picture is the work of our brother Oswaldo Silva of the "Perseverança" Lodge, T.S. We have also two more pictures given as a gift by said brother—one representing the pupil at the Feet of His Master ; the other is the

symbol of the T.S. surrounded by figures representing the Founders of the great Religions.

Financial Standing.—Our contributions to the Mother Society are still made in accordance with the previous Bye-Laws, *i.e.*, we remit 10 per cent of the amount collected together with whatever the brothers send to the T.S. Naturally we must only consider income of the National Society what is received for annuities, fees and dues and diploms. Under such nomination the amounts received at our Treasury total only to about £ 93-15-0.

The amount of £ 19 we have remitted is more than 10 per cent of our collections.

We are far from being in a prosperous financial condition. Due to that we cannot hire a person for our Society which would help to a great extent. However we shall do the best we can, always.

Offertory.—Venerated Dr. Annie Besant, beloved President, in your honorable hands we lay the present Report of the work done by our Society in Brazil. I regret sincerely we could do no more to help the spreading of Theosophy in the Brazilian Land.

Beyond the hindrances coming from the indifference of many concerning the higher subjects, we have against us the great quantity of analphabets making in some manner rather difficult the propaganda of any idea by written word.

However we are conscient of having been doing something.

There are Lodges or Study Groups at work in 15 States of our Republic and in the Federal District (Capital and surroundings).

We may say without exaggeration that all the Press in the Country has already written something to help Theosophy.

Let our efforts and devotion ever increase, such are our desires !

And may Those Who are the embodiment of Divine Love pour forth upon you who are our spiritual Mother, Their life-giving blessings so that you may continue to guide us yet for many years to come, for the accomplishment of the sacred work of spreading by word, thought and action the Theosophical teachings and to live them in order to promote the welfare of all Mankind.

RAYMUNDO P. SEIDL,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN BULGARIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Our activity during the last year (1-10-1925—1-10-1926) was characterised chiefly by a dispute in the press with University Professors, materialists by conviction, about the human soul and its relations to the body. The public interest was also aroused by our lectures on India, as a proper country to give birth to the body to be used by the Coming World Teacher. The Public lectures continue unceasingly.

This year we have 40 new members, and our active membership now is 200.

A new Lodge was founded and 5 old ones are dormant, so that there are now 8 active Lodges.

More comfortably arranged now in new large quarters, our activity is going on smoothly. This we can do thanks chiefly to some 33 brothers and sisters, who are giving 10 per cent of their income for the Master's Work. May the Great Ones bless them !

On behalf of the Bulgarian brethren, I send sincere greetings to the President and the Society all over the World.

SOPHRONY NICKOFF,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ICELAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report of the Icelandic Section of the T.S., covering the period from April 1st, 1925 to April 1st, 1926.

Statistics.—The number of members on April 1st, 1925, was 302. During the year 30 members joined, 4 died and 13 resigned and dropped out.

The total membership, April 1st, 1926	...	315
Suspended members	... ..	22
Active members	...	293

Propaganda.—In my last report which appeared in *The General Report* a printing error occurred in one place. It was stated that “The Association of Theosophical Students” in the city requested me to deliver a series of lectures on Character Building in the Light of Theosophy. But this Association was not “Theosophical”. It was “Theological,” the members being students of theology at the University of Iceland. This request, therefore, looked to me as having some importance, because it shows a more liberal trend of thought and a desire for more rational study than one is accustomed to find as a rule among theologians elsewhere.

I was abroad during all of last winter and could not deliver any public addresses, but one of our members, Gretar Fells, delivered two public lectures which were accorded great appreciation.

Literary.—Our typewritten magazine, *Gangleri*, has appeared in the same manner as previously. Two books have been published by Theosophists. A translation of *Education as Service* by J. Krishnamurti, the translation being done by Mr. Hallgrimur Jonsson, and *Minning*,

a collection of original essays and short stories by Sig. Kristofer Petursson.

It was decided at our Annual Meeting here that I should begin to publish a journal in the interest of Theosophy. We hope that this periodical will spread the teachings of Theosophy over a much wider area and cover a larger field than we were able to before.

Clubs and Groups.—Pall Einarsson, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court here, acted in my capacity in my absence, and last winter the work of our Section was carried on with energy. The following clubs and groups kept on working: the Band of Servers, the Sewing Club, the English Club, the Social Group, the Students of Comparative Religion, the International Correspondence League, the League for the Federation of Nations, the Federation of Young Theosophists.

The Jubilee Congress.—The most remarkable thing which I met with during the year was my trip to Adyar. I keep many pleasant and unforgettable remembrances from that trip, and you, dear Dr. Besant, contributed in no small measure thereto. I realise more and more how much good it did me to go to Adyar and attend the Congress there. I sometimes feel as if my soul had been ploughed and therein sowed some seeds, which I hope will grow little by little, and be of some use.

In conclusion, permit me to extend to you the assurance of our affection and loyalty.

JAKOB KRISTINSSON,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN SPAIN

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Spanish Theosophical Society which I have now, accidentally, the honour to preside is restoring itself from the last shakings of a growing-crisis. The main happenings which have characterised its development and originated the present crisis in its growing are the following :

(a) On the first of April, 1926, a meeting of our General Council took place, according to our Bye-laws, in the city of Barcelona. Using its faculties, the Council altered the Section's Rules without previous insertion of this item in the Agenda (an emergency which was not provided for in any article of the old Rules). On the second day of the same month the General Assembly of the Spanish Theosophical Society was opened. According to our regulations, the Assembly is authorised to rectify or ratify any decisions of the Council. In this case they were fully ratified thus acquiring validity.

(b) An address having been read before the Assembly from the General Secretary Mr. Julio Garrido, in which he decidedly expressed his intention to make of the Spanish T.S. a hierarchical body ; and at the same meeting having been resolved by the Assembly that the Spanish T.S. is democratic and federal, a discrepancy between the assertion and tendencies of the General Secretary and the assertion and tendencies of the Assembly was made manifest. So, the latter resolved to ask the General Secretary for his resignation, not without duly thanking him for his past services to the Section. Mr. Garrido refused to tend his resignation, based on alleged irregularities at the meeting ; and it was only after having applied individually to each member of the Council and after having received from the majority a confirmation of their Barcelona votes that he presented it.

(c) According to the civil legislation of this country it is compulsory to notify the Municipal Authorities, within ten days, of any

decision bringing about modification of the inner rules of any Society, for their approval and legalisation. In compliance thereof, the above named alterations to our Rules were duly presented, approved and returned properly signed by the General Director of Public Security. But soon after he demanded the devolution of his approval on account of one of our brothers, a fellow-member, having denounced as unlawful the proceedings of the Barcelona Assembly and, consequently, as contrary to law the above approval. A controversy followed during which this Secretary presented all needful official documents as well as the signatures of the Council's majority confirming their agreement with all proceedings at Barcelona. From the other side there were also presented petitions, accusations, signatures, etc., asking for the nullification of the proceedings of said Assembly. During six months all these documents were received at the Administration of Public Security and it was on September 28th when, after careful examination of said papers, the Director declared again as valid and legal the decisions agreed to at the meeting of the Assembly.

(d) Meanwhile, the resignations of the General Secretary, the Treasurer and the Vice-President of our Section were sent to the Council and I took provisional charge of all these offices having managed to discharge them to my best. As soon as the above named proceedings were legalised, I called for election of a new General Secretary and the voting will definitively take place on December 18th next, so as to give immediate possession to the elected who will convene the Council to appoint new officers.

GENERAL DATA

Lodges.—The Spanish Theosophical Society is formed at present by twenty-three Lodges of which five have systematically refused to acknowledge communications and callings of the Secretary of the Council, abstaining themselves from payment of annual fees and denying recognition of legality to the above mentioned proceedings. They insist upon a new Assembly to be called in order to annul the acts of the former. As the majority of Lodges and Council members refuse to meet again unless the Section is normalised, these five Lodges are still keeping an attitude of separateness. They are : Rama “ Madrid,”

“Maitreya,” “Adelante,” “Besant” and “Asturias”. Our Section, therefore, may at present be considered as formed by eighteen Lodges.

Membership.—Members of said Lodges and a good number of loose members make a total of 340 active fellows of the Spanish T.S., those whose annual dues have already been paid up.

Fees.—The respected Vice-President of the Society having instructed me to extend the term for payment of dues, with the hope that many members will re-join the Section, I did so and that hope was fulfilled in several cases. The day being very near when the new General Secretary will be appointed, it will be he who will determine the end for this extension, sending definite lists of Lodges and membership returns.

Before closing, I think it my duty to point out as inaccurate the current idea about two adverse parties within the Spanish Theosophical Society fighting each other. There is only a discrepancy of opinions between a small group which hold that our Section should be a Hierarchy in its outer body, and the bigger group which believe it should be democratic. However, the difference has been deepened owing to the fact that those who stick to the Hierarchical organisation and who restrict the spreading of Theosophical teachings in Spain, are precisely those who have been up to the present at the head of all subsidiary activities. They believe themselves unjustly dispossessed by the majority whose tendencies are openly democratic and among whom members of recent admission are to be found. Thus, our differences are solely of opinion and it could be said that the Spanish Section of the T.S. has grown in consciousness higher than its former leaders.

The above is a synthetical survey of conditions within the Spanish Theosophical Society where great energies, spirituality and love for high ideals are latent. As soon as the Section has entirely overcome this *crisis of growth*, it will enter a splendid era of peace and progress serving again as a spiritual centre for all Spanish-speaking countries.

With affectionate love and loyalty to our President as well as to our Vice-President, I beg to remain.

MRS. GUADALUPE G. DE JOSEPH,

Acting General Secretary.

T.S. IN PORTUGAL

To the President, Theosophical Society.

With the presentation of my highest consideration and admiration, I have the pleasure to send hereby the Report of the work of the Theosophical Society in Portugal during the year 1925-1926.

The Theosophical work during the last economical year has been much handicapped by the political crisis this country is going through, which having caused the temporary privation of individual and meeting guarantees, prevented many assemblies and lectures, which we held every Friday, from taking place.

The work of some Lodges was likewise interrupted, their assemblies having been prevented to meet.

We had also to surmount other difficulties in the internal life of the Society, strengthened with the faith and confidence that Future keeps in store for the Theosophical Society the highest Mission that progresses all through the world, and which it shall carry out fully.

Membership.—The membership which in October, 1925, was 290, by the increase of 26 members, attained to 316, however because of the death and resignations of some, is at present 280, according to the following list :

Active members in October, 1925	...	...	290	
Members admitted until 30th September, 1926		...	26	
			—	316
Members resigned	...	...	29	
Members dead	...	...	7	
			—	36
				—
Total active members	...			280
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Out of the 29 resignations, only a minority have declared to have gone away because of discrepancy with the orientation of the Theosophical Society.

Lodges.—Because there were several slackened Lodges, which seldom met, and that without a definite end, or which had to face the inertia of the majority of their members, which failed to appear, the Council has decided to interpose definitely, by cancelling their Charters. Thus the following Lodges have been cancelled :

Krishnamurti ; Osiris ; Yeoshna ; Hermes ; Horus.

The last has been dissolved just because its Chairman had gone out, on pretence of discrepancy with the declarations of the Congress of Ommen.

But most of the brothers remained, and on the 15th March they raised a new Branch under the name of *Koot Hoomi* and under the Presidentship of Colonel Mr. Arnaldo Costa Cabral de Quadros, who now works with great activity.

A new Theosophical Centre has also been founded in Espinho, with the denomination of *S. Francisco de Assisi*.

I must also point out that our brother Sarmento de Beires having resigned, because of his discrepancy with the declaration of the Congress of Ommen, at his request his name has been taken from the Centre of Oliveira de Azemeis, called till then, *Sarmento de Beires Lodge*, and was replaced by the denomination *Centro Alcyone*.

Activities.—Since the unexpected death of our dear and devoted brother Mr. Eduardo Tudela de Castro, of whom the report of last year makes commemorative reference, which he fully deserved, the new activity started by him : *Troop of Boy Scouts*, intended to give a Theosophical instruction to its members, has slackened, so that it was necessary to find some one who could reconstitute that activity with the same faith. I hope it will stand on a good footing before the close of the year.

In April, 1926, was founded the beneficence group denominated “*Fraternidade*” an activity of the O.S.E. with the view of bringing to unfortunate and distressed homes the material and moral comfort needed for their suffering. Since its foundation, this group has already distributed, in food stuff, from April of this year up to this date, Esc. 3·730 \$ 55 (40 pounds) to 260 unfortunate people.

The development of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, an activity of the Order of the Star in the East and of the Theosophical Society, has increased, the membership being nowadays nearly 1,000.

The income of this activity in the year of 1925-1926, was of Esc. 13·000\$00 (£ 136) and in its station close to the Headquarters 1,083 consultations and treatments were given to different kinds of animals.

The League will create a new station in Lisbon (Alcantara) in a building which was put at its disposal by Government, which however had to go through several repairs. It has already branches in the province, namely in Alijo, Vila Real, Coruche and Benavente, and has created in Lourenço Marques (Portuguese Eastern Africa) another league under the direction of our brother Antonio de Vasconcelos, having already 250 members there, with the prospective of becoming a strong institution for the protection of animals.

As the burden animals are treated with cruelty in this country, owing to the stage of advancement of the population, which is very behind in progress, and the remissness of the authorities, this League has a wide field to exert its action, and much more would it have achieved, had it disposal of material resources, which was not the case.

The action of the League with the Government and the authorities was very intense, 14 claims or protestations having been put against the barbarian spectacle of the bulls-fights, which being prohibited in Portugal, some people strive to revive. The daily press gives full news on such a topic, and in consequence of its insistence, the Cabinet Council has given its consent to one of such barbarian spectacles, which was advertised, and took place in the town of Evora.

I can affirm that the action of the League has been efficacious, having prevented many cruelties, and protested against those which it cannot prevent, which is already known all through this country.

I send herewith a placard of this institution with the relief station already opened to the public.

Theosophical Propaganda.—The review *Isis*, the organ of the Theosophical Society in Portugal, has been issued, and in this year a new booklet, *The Power and Use of Thought*, by Mr. C. W. Leadbeater, has also been published.

The lack of funds, and high cost of books in Portugal, do not enable us to increase the publication of other works, which are very necessary.

So far as possible, extracts of our lectures and conferences are notified in the press.

Headquarters of the Society.—The want of an independent Headquarters to meet, is felt in the life and progress of this Society, and must likewise be felt in many other National Societies which are in like circumstances. This has led us to reason that if it were possible to increase by 10 francs the yearly subscription of all Theosophists, one could obtain a sum that would permit to raise a building for each Section, inasmuch as 40·000 Theosophists would realise yearly a sum of Frs. 400·000,00. These permanent subscriptions would be remitted to the Headquarters in Adyar, which would assign each year the Section to be endowed. We shall shortly send a proposal in this way, in order to see if this is feasible.

Within 10 years, 10 Sections would thus be endowed with independent buildings, and 10 francs yearly is by no means a burden for each member, I think.

With my fraternal greetings, please receive, Madame the vows of full confidence and faithfulness of the Directive Council of the Theosophical Society of Portugal.

A. R. SILVA JUNIOR,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN WALES

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Report of our General Secretary for Wales shows continued activity and progress in that Section, although the actual number of members remains stationery. There are 310 active members on the Register, the same number as last year. One new Lodge and one new Centre have been formed during the year, making a total of 16 Lodges and 11 Centres in Wales.

The Treasurer's Report shows a satisfactory position. A Company known as the *Welsh Theosophical Trust Ltd.* has been formed for the purpose of purchasing property, receiving legacies, and executing trusts on behalf of the Society in Wales. The members of the National Council for the time being form its Board.

The General Secretary of the Section has attended the Annual Meetings of the General Council held at Adyar, the Meetings of the European Federation and the Meetings of the British Isles Federation.

Our *National Library* is growing and is doing useful work. Many Lecturers have toured our Lodges and Centres. Groups of *Young Theosophists* are being formed. The *Theosophical Order of Service* is doing much good work in the Section. In Colwyn Bay new Lodge Quarters have been opened. The house is named *Plas Bendith* (The Blessed Place). The quarters contain a good lecture hall, a members' room and a Roof Garden, and other accommodation has been given over to the Co-Masonic Order and the Liberal Catholic Church for their use. Several of our members are living there and are so forming a small Theosophical Community.

Our cordial greetings are sent with this Report to each of the 40,000 Fellows throughout the world. A warm welcome will always be waiting for any F.T.S. whom we have the privilege of receiving into this Country to enable us to try to repay, in some small measure, the

generous hospitality that has always been accorded to Welsh members when visiting other lands.

Wales has been fortunate once again in having Dr. Besant to preside over our Annual Convention. On October the 1st she reaches (the Report is dated 1st July, 1926) her 79th birthday, but her activity, her enthusiasm, her sympathy, are keener than ever. We can but once again express our loyal devotion to the ideals to which she is guiding us, and trust she may continue to enjoy health and strength for the great Service to the world to which her life is dedicated.

PETER FREEMAN,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN POLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

This year of work was a most successful one, in all our inner as well as outer activities. We have tried to build by meditation a special bridge and channel between Adyar and our centre in Warsaw, and we have lived in full reality through the tremendous happening of the 28th of December. We knew here by our own experience, He had spoken that day, as we had exactly and with imperious certainty felt His blessing coming as a great wave of light to us. This of course has influenced all our work.

Our greatest effort and care was concentrated this year on building a true *Community of the Order of the Brothers of Service* where mutual, real, not conventional, love, joy, simplicity, un-reserve, could be a free expression of life, where deep personal friendship could bind all together, creating a corporate body, apt to be used by higher forces and to be the best training-ground for discipleship. We have dedicated our Community to one of the Masters, Whose inspiration we feel most in Poland, and after many months of trials, hard work, privation and sacrifices we have succeeded. We have realised *Unity* between our 14 members, as really we are one in will and heart. This Community is also the true heart of all the work in Poland, and we are starting 2 other Communities.

Another most useful activity for the training of workers are our *summer-schools*, where members gather for 2—4 weeks, leading a simple, co-operating life in full nature, carrying out a living brotherhood in everyday life. Many of them in this experience found the turning-point of their life, which changed all their attitude and comprehension of the world.

These two experiments of common life have been a great propaganda and have interested in our work many people and organisations. Some of them ask for our help in organising communities and camping, with summer-school programme.

Our outer activities show also a great increase of force and number. We have 5 new Lodges, 3 of them in places where there was no Centre at all. The total number of Lodges is 17 and 8 active Centres. We have 292 active members, 12 dropped during the year, and 16 resigned. During the year we have admitted 101 new members.

The work of all the Lodges was steadfast and successful.

The *Propaganda* consisted of: Weekly public lectures in our own Headquarters Hall and monthly in large halls, the publishing of a Diary, and of one book only: Chatterjee, *The Esoteric Philosophy of India*. (*The First Principles of Theosophy*, by Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, is in preparation.)

From the first of October we began a new activity: Study-classes consisting of 3 courses on: 1. Theosophical Philosophy, 2. New Psychology and New Methods of Healing, 3. Esoteric Christianity. It is, we hope, a first nucleus of the future Section of the World-University. There is also a Study-class for workmen's use, organised by Young Theosophists, which is probably a nucleus of a future University for workmen.

We have co-operated in different ways with different Societies: 1. Vegetarian Society, 2. Society of International Friendship, 3. League for Peace, 4. Society for the Protection of Animals, 5. League for the Work for Defective Children, 6. Society for Practical Hygiene, 7. Christian Students Association, 8. Society for Moral Regeneration, 9. Polish Organisation of Freedom, 10. Practical Idealists Association, 11. Evening Schools for Adults, 12. Clubs for Workmen's Use. The Theosophical Society is always co-operating in full harmony with the Theosophical Order of Service, the Order of the Star, Young Theosophists, and with the Liberal Catholic Church founded recently in our country by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Wedgwood. We consider all these movements as different departments of Their *one* work, and we try to co-ordinate them in their outer (technical, financial) affairs. It is a kind of Federation with one Inspector of the treasuries of all the movements, another Inspector for the co-ordination of the technical

work (typewriting, printing-rooms, etc.). We do consider as a fact that we have to practise and build up in our own lives and on the working-field of our Societies every quality and virtue that we want to see and to build up in the character of our nation. We try to introduce into our work new methods of organisation.

We feel the ideals of Theosophy influencing the minds of the public at large, and it is difficult to find to-day a cultured person who does not know about and does not admit the possibility of reincarnation. We hope Their force will influence through us every year more and more all departments of life in our country, and will radiate even beyond her frontiers, as we already see such wonderful and immense results of seven years of work.

The recent visit of Bishop Wedgwood and his opinion about the possibilities which are lying before our T.S. and our country, has confirmed our hopes and was the most powerful stimulus for greater efforts. The Bishop's visit was an immense outflow of force, giving us the true, calm happiness essential of spiritual life, bringing all of us nearer to the great Reality, and to the life of our Elder Brothers. The utter devotion of our group of workers for Bishop Wedgwood is one of those which last for many lives and which is a most powerful help in the difficult upward-leading Path.

We have had also several visits of our English, Czech, and Hungarian brothers. Miss A. C. Bell and Miss Adair were a few days with us; Mrs. A. E. Gardner, Mrs. and Mr. Bolt, Miss M. Warner, Miss M. Raymond have worked with us for a longer time at our summer-school, enjoying freedom and simplicity of life and environment. Rev. E. C. Bolt has helped us immensely in our Church work—training our candidates for priesthood. Miss Hecht and Miss Lane paid us a visit during the stay of Bishop Wedgwood and travelled with us to Cracow to visit its powerful Centre. A longer stay of our General Secretary in England and of our National Representative of the Star in Holland have formed new international links and strengthened old ones.

Our co-operation with our Czech brethren in Morawska Ostrawa who are working with a most wonderful and heroic spirit, is constant. We are visiting each others several times a year and are happy to know our strong links and good results in the work.

A very strong link was formed this year between the Polish and Hungarian T.S. Sections. This link will strengthen the influence of Theosophy in central Europe and I hope we will be able to do some good work together.

So we are looking brightly forward with firm belief that "In His strength we can do all things".

WANDA DYNOWSKA,

General Secretary.



T.S. IN URUGUAY
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T. S. IN PORTO RICO

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The following statistics cover the period for September 1st, 1925 to August 31st, 1926.

Number of new Lodges formed during the year	...	6
Total number of active Lodges	... ..	19
Number of members admitted during the year	...	152
Number of members dropped out, died or transferred	...	9
Total number of members	... ..	340

The First Annual Convention of this Section was held in the town of Ponce on July 25th and 26th.

Though a cyclone visited our island on July 23rd, making most of the roads unfit for travel, 40 delegates representing 13 Lodges were present.

A cable was sent to Dr. Annie Besant expressing to her the love and loyalty of the Porto Rican Section and saluting also the Congress at Ommen. Another was sent to Bishop C. W. Leadbeater, at Sydney.

The most cordial feeling of harmony and real brotherhood prevailed during the two days session and the hospitality of the Lodges of Ponce was most cordial.

Not less than forty public lectures were given during the year in nineteen towns of the island. As a result, Groups for study were organised in seven towns, which will become Lodges in a near future, besides the six new Lodges formed in the towns of Fajardo, Humacao, Lares, Caguas, Guayama and Aibonito.

The written propaganda has been carried on by our Sectional Organ the *Heraldo Teosofico*, and lately by the paper *Teosofia*,

published by the Caguas Lodges. We have also done good and persistent work in the daily press.

In closing, I am glad to send you the expression of our devotion and loyalty, and most fraternal greetings to the members assembled at Convention.

F. VINCENTY,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN ROUMANIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The loss of our dearly-beloved General Secretary, Fanny Seculici, was a severe blow to our young Section. We are however doing our utmost to carry on the work she began.

Her close friend, Mrs. Helene Romniceanu, has taken on the position of General Secretary ; the offices of Vice-Presidents continue to be held by Mr. Mircea Nenitescu and Mrs. Helene Lazar. As Mrs. Romniceanu spends much of her time in Geneva, in connection with her work for the World Union of Women, her work will be carried on by a niece of the late Miss Seculici, Mrs. J. Popp-Bragadir.

Of the four Lodges in Bucarest, two are, or will shortly be, active, and we hope that the remaining two will follow suit.

Good work is being done in Transylvania where the Lodges in Turda and Cluj are active. Useful groups have been attracted in Oradia-Mare and Arad under the guidance of Dr. Pall Gabor ; we hope in due course that Lodges will be formed.

On 14th November, 1925, the T.S. in Roumania was officially recognised as a " Persoana Morala " which is of valuable assistance in obtaining permission to hold meetings in towns under martial law ; it also enables the Society to hold property.

Translations of Theosophical works into Hungarian are being made and circulate in Transylvania.

The list of members is under revision : we have gained 14 new members and lost 8 (1 died, 6 resigned, 1 transferred). Total membership is 140.

(The President asked Mr. Bertram, who had worked earnestly in Roumania, before it formed a National Society, to pay it a visit and help the cause, weakened by the lamented death last spring of its first General Secretary, in Egypt after the Jubilee Convention. He sends the following interesting report.)

REPORT ON MY VISIT TO ROUMANIA IN OCT., NOV., 1926

Leaving London on the morning of the 5th October, and after spending a day and a night at Budapest, I entered Roumania on 8th October and reached Turda on the evening of that day. Mrs. Helene Lazar, Vice-President of the T.S. in Roumania, welcomed me with her accustomed kindness. The Hungarians have a reputation for lavish hospitality—and this is what one enjoys as Mrs. Lazar's guest.

Work began on the following day with a short E. S. meeting, and a meeting of the Transylvania Lodge in the evening. This Lodge is composed of a small number of old students of Theosophy; a fair amount of literature in Hungarian is being circulated; plans for increasing its activity were discussed by inviting outlying members to visit the Lodge in turn and each to be the guest of one of its members.

Official meetings are only a part of the work. Mrs. Lazar has for instance written some articles on her experiences in Adyar which were gladly accepted by a Roman Catholic periodical—the “*Katholicus Vilag*”.

On Sunday, 10th October, we journeyed to Cluj (Klausenburg), a former Hungarian town, now under military rule. Four new members were waiting to join the T.S. To remove the false impressions left by Press articles earlier in the year, I lectured on “The Coming of a World Teacher in the Light of Theosophy”. Miss Elzi Lazar ably translated into Hungarian, and Dr. Pall Gabor helped with some introductory remarks. After the lecture, one of the foremost Cluj journalists interviewed the somewhat tired lecturer in German. The result will appear in the leading newspaper.

The work of Dr. Pall Gabor on behalf of Theosophy is becoming increasingly appreciated. His little introductory book in Hungarian has penetrated as far as Budapest and he is the inspirer of two groups now forming in the Hungarian towns of Arad and Oradea Mare, notwithstanding the great distances to be travelled.

Theosophy is being eagerly taken up by thoughtful people in Transylvania, and any good Theosophical speaker with a command of German might find a fruitful field of work in “nursing” such groups, as well as in forming fresh ones.

From personal talks with cultured people in Transylvania one learns that we reach many who for various reasons are unable to join our movement—though their hearts are with us. It is but natural that the consolation of our magnificent teaching is most eagerly sought by those who have been through much suffering.

During the past year there was an increase of 17 members in Transylvania, and it is characteristic that they were drawn from various towns. Transylvania still holds Hunyadi Janos in affectionate remembrance—and His remembrance of His beautiful country will surely be no less affectionate.

It is a whole day's journey from Turda to Bucarest, which is reached late at night.

The Fellows in Bucarest have a claim to our sympathy. Shortly after choosing their first General Secretary, Miss Fanny Seculici, she went to the Jubilee Congress at Adyar, and though still in the prime of life, she died at Port Said on the journey home. She was a courageous and much-loved leader, but, I must confess, a little careless about the claims of her physical body, which she did not protect with the customary mosquito net at Adyar. She was badly bitten, and malignant malaria developed, all unsuspected by the doctors, until it was too late.

Her intimate friend, Mme. Helene Romnicianu, has succeeded the office of General Secretary ; but as her work for the "Union Mondiale de la Femme" keeps her in Geneva most of the year, she leaves the actual conduct of T.S. affairs almost entirely in the hands of Mme. J. Popp-Bragadir, a niece of the late Miss Seculici. This lady has been keeping the movement going in discouraging circumstances ; the fortnightly meetings of the "Fratia" Lodge are held at her house, and she has placed one of its rooms at the disposal of the T.S., where a visitor can be put up, surrounded by the portraits of our Leaders, our literature, etc. She has not for long been a Fellow, but as she finds time to study Theosophy more deeply, with an improvement in her health, she should develop into a leader who is able to inspire others. Madame Jeanne has a charming personality, is a gifted musician and has a leaning towards psychology and philosophy.

Under her direction a programme of meetings is being arranged for the season 1926-27, and the second number of the sectional organ, *Stiriisi Insemnarii* is to be issued. Bucarest members were

circularised as to whether they wished to retain their membership. This brought seven resignations, making the total membership of the National Society 140.

Of the four Lodges in Bucarest :

1. Lodge "Fratia" is the parent Lodge, which holds fortnightly meetings, open to all F. T. S.

2. Lodge "Armonia" is being reorganised as a Lodge for beginners.

3 & 4. Lodges "Activitatea" and "Cercetarea" will be reorganised as soon as suitable arrangements can be made.

During my visit four meetings of the "Fratia" Lodge were held. My third and fourth lectures were summaries of Dr. Besant's lectures at the Queen's Hall last June, July, of which one was translated into Roumanian by Mme. Popp-Bragadir, and the other given in French. The Coming of the World Teacher is a subject much distorted by the Bucarest Press, and my object was to explain the Coming in its true light, at least to F. T. S.

Next year it is hoped that Miss Wanda Dynovska and Baron van Pallandt will visit Roumania. If financial arrangements can be made, Mme. Kamensky would be willing to undertake the journey from Geneva, and indeed, it is greatly to be hoped that her visit will materialise.

The Section has but little money, and is unable to pay the travelling expenses of those who come from abroad. Lodging can generally be arranged, and perhaps, to some extent, board also. F. T. S. visiting Roumania should have a clear understanding on these points. Notice of a proposed visit should be given well in advance, and a confirmation obtained, before starting. In general, the period from 15th May to 15th October is unfavourable—the holiday season. At least one disappointment was caused owing to failure to notify the intended visit in advance.

The most suitable language for work in Transylvania is German, and in Bucarest, French. A public lecture in Bucarest should only be undertaken by one who speaks really good French. For private talks and Lodge work, the standard is not so high.

The T. S. in Roumania now consists of :

Four Lodges in Bucarest, one in Targoviste (Old Roumania). .

One Lodge in Turda, one in Cluj, (New Roumania).

There are groups in Arad, Moreni, Ploesti, Oradea-Marc, Temesvar.

The National Society has now obtained official recognition as a *persona juridica* which enables it to hold property and facilitates matters for Lodges in military areas, who have to get permission to hold their meetings.

Reform and progress are in the air. Roumania has something to give the older peoples of the world, as well as something to learn from them. The country is struggling to express its own national ideal, to sound its note. The wine of a new-found liberty is bubbling. New forms are being sought. What precisely it will be is hard to say at present. Personally, I sense that it will be something at once synthetic and beautiful.

There is need for an experienced whole-time worker, able to lecture in French, and to speak German, who would be willing to live a year or two in Bucarest, and make occasional tours in the provinces. At the end of that time, the young National Society should be firmly established, and able to go forward by itself.

A few weeks' tour, such as mine, can be managed for about £30 and does something to keep this isolated National Society in touch.

E. F. D. BERTRAM

T. S. IN YUGOSLAVIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

On behalf of the Yugoslav Section deepest love and reverence as well as unswerving loyalty. The report I am submitting to you respectfully, covers the period from November 17th, 1925 to September 30th, 1926.

This year of work was very full and rich in impressions and experiences, discovering through them the different images of the One Eternal Truth. Being the youngest Section, our first year was the first step of efforts to experience and to live the true Brotherhood.

Bishop Arundale's most brotherly promise for attending the Jubilee Convention, given to the General Secretary of Yugoslavia at the Ommen Congress, 1925, got fulfilled. The money help of our dear friend Mr. A. F. Knudsen and the European Federation enabled Yugoslavia to be represented by the writer at the Adyar Congress. This extraordinary privilege for Yugoslavia caused a very sensation in the country during months before the journey as well as afterwards.

The greatness of the gathering there in India, three thousand people from all parts of the world, representing the most democratic Unit of the mankind, produced an epochal fact history has never mentioned. It was the Divine Symphony of the Theosophical Ideal unifyingly attuning the Worlds. It will ever be remembered as a "red-letter year" in the World-Annals.

The inspiring and uplifting teachings given at Adyar, while reporting on them during months in different cities of the country, strongly moved almost all the members as well as the public. The struggling of getting them perfectly understood, was very much helped by the visit of Mrs. Alice Adair from Adyar in May, 1925. She had at Zagreb and Beograd a very successful exhibition of Indian paintings. She showed to the visitors and explained to all interested the

attitude of the Indian Soul which provided to the World Teacher the vehicle through which the world will gain salvation and life on the earth.

Yugoslavia, though having the channels for the very strong spiritual influence of Adyar, caused by the Presence of the Lord, was deeply stirred. But a beloved friend, Miss Catherine Bell, coming from Adyar, answered some striking questions especially to the public during her lecture on the World Teacher and finally harmonised them all in a brotherly love. On account of this she left with us an undestructible impression of sympathy and joy. It has drawn out new and fresh energy so that three months afterwards, one of the best known newspapers in Yugoslavia published a serious and true article on the World Teacher by our friend Mr. Milan Marjanovic, working now in New York.

The Adyar Light, radiating immensely powerful strength, directed our work this year mostly into the propaganda work. Owing to the Spiritus Agens of our faithful and dear Secretary, Mrs. Valerija Mayerhoffer, the mutual work with friends abroad as well as with those at home succeeded splendidly. After having visited all the Lodges and Centres, the Secretary and the General Secretary were helped to meet our most beloved President and other Leaders by attending the Ommen Congress in July, 1926. The Happiness lived at Adyar has changed utterly every one of the Adyar congressists, and the New Happiness lived at Ommen proved to the World the Eternal Truth of the Holy Messengers bringing a new attitude of living Brotherhood which is the Reality itself, being the constructive power of our Society.

The next effect was the forming of the Council of Yugoslav T.S. at the first meeting held on September 5th a.c., at Zagreb.

Two new Lodges were founded, the eighth Lodge *Sloga*, Concord in Cakovec and the ninth *Tstok*, East, in Beograd, just on the last day of our official year, September 30th, both spreading the Theosophical Ideal in the social way. The other seven continued their work successfully.

Our membership increased with 38 new members (resigned 7, dropped 6, and 7 transferred to other Sections). The Yugoslav Section consists at present of 140 active members.

Many of them shared the work in different activities. I take the liberty to quote some lines from the Report of our National Society's

Secretary, being submitted at our Annual Convention held on October 1st, 2nd and 3rd :

“The Order of Service worked in modest silence. To the Chief Brother of this Order, Mrs. Milena de Sisic, we owe the fact that our General Secretary got leave of absence” (being teacher of the government school) “for the journey to India. The Order thus is very often helping people who have no idea who helped them”.

The Round Table activity of this year is promising the nice success of establishing in the next future new Tables, creating thus in the Society an atmosphere of manifesting youth spirit which is the Esoteric Spirit.

It was this spirit in which the T.S. in Yugoslavia celebrated this year October 1st. Reiterating once more to our profoundly beloved Head the promise of cultivating the most perfect harmony during the coming year, another gift was added to your Birthday presents. Our Annual Convention, which was a very gentle gathering, emanating a calm atmosphere, unanimously elected you, our dearest Mother, for Honorary President of the Yugoslav Theosophical Society.

Expecting the Solemn Day of being able to welcome you in our country, we pray you, our Divine Messenger of the Holy Masters, to bring to it the real Power of Education, the true Wisdom of Religion and the glorious Light of Mysteries.

With gratitude to India and loving greetings to all brothers assembled at the General Convention,

JELISAVA VAVRA,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CEYLON

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is with great joy that the T.S. Members in Ceylon formed themselves into a separate National Society, the Forty-Second on the Society's roll, on the 1st October, 1926.

Membership.—There are at present seven Lodges, three in Colombo, one in Jaffna (in the North), one in Galle (in the South), one in Kandy (in the Centre), and in Moratuwa, where the Founders established one of the earliest Lodges in the East, and a Youth Lodge in Colombo. There are altogether seventy-six Members, who are the Founding Members of the Section.

Visitors.—Your visits and those of the Vice-President during the last five years have given the necessary stimulus to quicken the formation of our Section. Nor can I omit to mention the visits of other distinguished Leaders and workers who have been visiting us at intervals. They too have contributed their share towards the happy event. Special mention may be made of the following: Dr. James H. Cousins, Sir T. Sadasiv Iyer, and Mr. T. Ramachandra Rao, Joint General Secretary, South India, have made lecturing tours to all the Lodges and Centres in Ceylon, prior to the formation of the Section. Lady Emily Lutyens lectured in Colombo and Mr. Ernest Wood in Colombo and Kandy. The visit to Colombo of Bishop Leadbeater, and Mr. J. Krishnamurti, Bishop Arundale and Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, Bishop Wedgwood and the Rev. Oscar Kollerstrom afforded the members the unusual opportunity of coming into personal contact with those in whose lives Theosophy is a living power.

Workers.—Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Pearce helped the work of the Lodges in Galle and Jaffna during their stay at these places. Further, you were pleased to place the services of Mr. M. Subramania Iyer, from

Adyar, at our disposal to organise the T.S. work in Ceylon, for four months every year, since 1922. He has been working steadily and enthusiastically, visiting Lodges and Centres, lecturing, writing to the press, interviewing those interested, getting into touch with the life of the members. As he has strengthened the movement sufficiently for the formation of the Section, he is now engaged in opening out new fields of work in places not visited before. Some of our members too have availed themselves of opportunities of visiting various places and speaking to the younger people about Theosophy, and its ideals of life.

Magazine.—As the result of a suggestion thrown out by the Vice-President at the Third Annual Group Conference of the Ceylon Federation, in June, 1925, a Theosophical Journal, called *The Ceylon Theosophical News* was started in July, 1925. It has now become the Official Organ of the Section. It serves a useful purpose as a means of keeping up the link between members.

Library.—The presentation, by the heirs of the late Mr. P. D. Khan, J.P., of a number of Theosophical and other books, formed a nucleus of a Theosophical Library in Ceylon. Another longstanding member of ours who has rendered conspicuous service in the Educational field added to the nucleus some past volumes of *The Theosophist*.

Book-Depot.—A very small book depot for the sale of books on Theosophy and allied subjects has been started since 1923. The demand for our literature will grow steadily as the people of the country become more familiarised with the ideals for which the T.S. stands.

Headquarters.—A building fund has been started recently to collect donations for providing a Headquarters for the Ceylon Section as it is felt that a place where all the work is centralised is necessary for further progress. The Committee is working hard and enthusiastically and has collected over Rs. 3,700 in the course of a few months. The Committee thinks that a sum of Rs. 2,5000 will be necessary for the project.

Youth Movement.—This Movement has just started its work with Miss Pearl Fernando, B.A., as President and fourteen members. Eight others, who are also Fellows of the T.S., have also joined it. It would appear that there is great scope for this Movement and the members are making a special effort to make the activities of the Youth Lodge as bright and attractive as possible.

Subsidiary Activities.—The Musæus Buddhist College for Buddhist Girls, and the Theosophical Movement as a whole, sustained a great loss by the passing away of its Founder who gave the Institution its name. But the memory of Mrs. Musæus Higgins is sanctified by the grateful recollections of thousands of hearts throughout the Island. Her school, which is her enduring monument, continues to grow, based as it was from the beginning on the dedicated and consecrated services of a follower of Lord Gautama to His Service. Her collaborator for the last 35 years, Mr. Peter de Abrew, one of oldest of our members, continues to minister to the needs of the School. The grounds are almost covered with buildings and negotiations are proceeding with a view to the acquisition of the adjoining site to meet the ever-increasing need.

The Order of the Star in the East has a group in Colombo. A District Star Worker is in charge of the Star work in the Island. There is also a Self-Preparation Group.

A fair amount of propaganda work has been done. The Social Committee is doing well in organising Social Meetings for members and their friends. This helps very considerably to bring our work, our aims and our ideals to the notice of the general public, and thus to diffuse correct information.

In conclusion, on behalf of the T.S. in Ceylon, I assure you of its firm loyalty to you as President, and of its gratitude for the work you have done for humanity as a Light-Bringer.

H. FREL,
General Secretary.

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CHINA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to hand you enclosed the Reports of the Hongkong Lodge and of the Shanghai Lodge of the Theosophical Society. The reports from the Lodge in Tientsin and from the Chinese Lodge in Shanghai are not yet to hand, but will be forwarded in due course.

I am glad to report that all the Lodges are most active and are doing splendid work and our outlook for the future is most promising. Last month I visited the Lodges in Shanghai where I delivered a course of lectures and was more than satisfied with the enthusiasm and efficiency of all the members, workers and leaders. The Besant School in Shanghai is doing most admirable work under the able management of Miss Dorothy Arnold. The school promises to be a real factor in the spreading of Theosophical teaching in China and I am sure we could do a great deal more, but for the lack of funds.

Last week I had the pleasure of handing out the charter for a Chinese Lodge in Hongkong. The function was a very pleasing one and I am sure the movement under the leadership of Mr. Wei Tat, B.A., will be a real and a living force in South China.

All the members join me in sending you their loving and respectful regards.

M. MANUK,
Presidential Agent.

I. HONGKONG LODGE

I take pleasure in submitting the Hongkong Lodge's Fourth Annual Report.

Members.—During the year under review 26 new Members joined, thus bringing the membership up to 93. Of this number 13 left

Hongkong for good and wherever possible were transferred to other Lodges, 5 resigned for various reasons and 10 were put on the inactive members list leaving to-day 65 active members.

Officers.—Re-elected in August were: M. Manuk, President, D. Gubbay, Vice-President and Hon. Treasurer, H. E. Lanepart, Hon. Secretary, Mr. Wong Man Keung, Hon. Booksteward, Mr. Lee Tin Sik, Hon. Librarian, Messrs. J. Russell, M. Miney, Frederic A. Lanc, R.N., Wei Tat, D. de Silva, Geo. Zimmern—Committee.

Meetings.—The work of the Lodge was carried on throughout the year without intermission. The President was away for nine months visiting the Conferences at Adyar, Australia and Shanghai, during which time his duties were performed by the Hon. Secretary. During the year under review 52 English public lectures and 38 Chinese public lectures were delivered and 47 Star Meetings held, in addition to other meetings for members.

Visitors.—We had during the year the pleasure of a visit from the following Fellow Theosophists from abroad, to some of whom we are also obliged for addresses and lectures: Max Wardall, Miss E. Menzel, Bishop I. S. Cooper, Miss F. Casey, Prof. H. Labberton, Mrs. J. Douglas. Other visitors were Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rogers and the Masters Rogers, Mr. Cassel and Mme. de Manziarli.

Chinese Section.—In view of the increasing number of Chinese Members, a Chinese Section of the Hongkong Lodge was formally opened by the President in February, which Section ever since has been giving weekly public lectures in Chinese at the Lodge, under the able leadership of Bro. Wei Tat, B.A. The work progressed so well and the interest shown was so great that in October it was found possible to re-organise the Section into an independent and duly chartered new Lodge, under entirely Chinese Management, as the CHINESE LODGE T.S., Bro. Wei Tat and Bro. Wong Man Keung becoming its President and Hon. Secretary-Treasurer. The new Chinese Lodge is very active and much devoted, and promises to become the Mother Lodge of other Chinese Lodges in Hongkong and South China. Both the Hongkong and Chinese Lodges occupy the same premises and lecture hall, and several of the Officers of the Chinese Lodge hold also offices in the English Lodge, thus assuring an effective and harmonious co-operation and perfect understanding. The leaders of the Hongkong

Lodge take a keen interest in the development of the work amongst the Chinese and also repeatedly address the Chinese Lodge.

Publicity and Propaganda.—37 out of the 52 English public lectures were reprinted in from one to four local Newspapers. We were thus able to place the Theosophical teachings in a handy form before the English speaking public, which to a great extent stimulated public interest and sympathy. Besides bringing us in a number of new members, it gave also rise to several public discussions and controversies in the papers, of which we took full advantage for the benefit of Theosophy. Several attacks on the Theosophical Teachings and our great Leaders, as well as on the Order of the Star and Mr. J. Krishnamurti, were promptly and effectively replied to. Besides this, the President called on the Editor of the leading daily paper and fully explained to him the misstatements, with the desired result. A further collection of Theosophical books were presented by the Lodge to the Hongkong University Students' Union, one large collection of 40 books to the Hongkong City Hall Library, and another smaller one to the library of the local Rationalist Press Association. The President presented 1,000 sets, each of 4 Australian penny-booklets, for propaganda purposes, which were all distributed amongst members, friends and the various Far Eastern T. S. Lodges. 50 copies of *Outline of Theosophy*, by C. W. L., an excellent book for beginners and inquirers, were given away at our lectures and to inquirers, together with other propaganda matter. 250 copies of *Theosophy in Outline* by Milton Willis were mostly given away free to inquirers.

Library.—Thanks to our President, the Lodge now possesses a valuable and nearly complete Theosophical Library, and we hope, after the publication and wide distribution of a complete lending and sales catalogue (which work is well in hand) the circulation of the library books and the book sales will increase.

Translations and Publications.—In view of the urgent need of further Chinese translations of Theosophical books, besides the six already translated, the new Chinese Lodge is considering the matter of further translation of books and every assistance will be given by us in this most important work, as on this depends the successful spread of Theosophy amongst the Chinese. So far the Chinese Section (now the

Chinese Lodge) has written some effective newspaper articles and reports which have appeared in the Chinese press.

Star Work.—The Hongkong Star Group, consisting of 14 regular members and many more sympathisers and friends, met every Sunday evening, under the President or Hon. Secretary. Special attention was given to the information of the public about the Coming of the World Teacher, the World Religion, and the Mission of the Order. Several of our public lectures were delivered especially for this purpose and frequent references were made to this in other lectures. 300 copies of Dr. Besant's 1911 lecture *The Emergence of a World Religion* were mailed to all clergymen and the Bishops of Hongkong as well as to missionaries, Lodge Members, friends and public leaders. Several newspaper articles and letters were published by us in the Press, in reply and correction of misstatements about the "Star" and its Head, and also several hundred reprints of these were mailed out together with the above pamphlet.

A spirit of perfect harmony and peace pervades the Lodges and we all look forward to greater work in the future. Many of our Members were seriously affected by the events in South China, and a number of them have left Hongkong on home leave for good, yet the work of the Lodge was steadily and successfully carried on and we are glad to say that Theosophy is well received in China and gives splendid hopes for the future.

Presidential Agent for China.—The news of the appointment of our President, Mr. Manuk, as the Presidential Agent for China, was received with gratification by the Members as Mr. Manuk has done much for the movement in China.

HERBERT E. LANEPART,

Hon. Secretary.

II. SHANGHAI LODGE

Membership.—Our membership consists of 36 of which 30 may be called active members. Ten members have been struck off the list of active members, 3 have left the country and 4 have resigned.

Public Lectures.—These were suspended during a great part of the year, owing to the activities of most members being thrown into organising and maintaining the Besant School for Girls and activities connected with this centre, and also owing to the fact that many of our most able members in a position to lecture had left Shanghai for a time. Fortunately with the able assistance of our Presidential Agent we have been able to give during his recent visit a most fruitful course of lectures, in which he succeeded in greatly stimulating the interest of the public in our movement for at all his lectures the attendance was splendid and the appreciation fully voiced. As a result of his interesting presentation of our great Theosophical truths many enquirers have been drawn to the centre and 10 new members have joined as a direct result of his work and influence.

Lodge Meetings.—These have been held regularly under the direction and Presidentship of Mr. Calatrani who during the whole of the summer expounded the First Principles of Theosophy to an eager group of students and so prepared the ground for the autumn lectures. Many changes have taken place in the leadership of the Shanghai Lodge, Miss Arnold having been succeeded by Mr. Edison Calatrani and there is no doubt that the Lodge is greatly benefiting under his devoted and enthusiastic care.

Besant School for Girls has proved most successful as the School numbers about 140 students in the second year only existence. The senior girls have established a Youth Lodge and this is having an excellent influence in moulding the whole of the school. The founders of the School expect great results from it in the future and believe that it will have a real influence in Theosophising China as time goes on.

Dawn Lodge has been rather in abeyance, but has lately revived its activities and opened a Chinese centre in the Chinese City where classes in Theosophy are regularly held and where it is intended to open a Besant Primary School as soon as the condition of martial law at present prevailing is over.

Besant Academy for the People may be said to be an activity of the Dawn Lodge and this is proving successful in attracting some new workers to our movement from amongst the Chinese.

Altogether to sum up we feel that we are justified in saying that the movement in Shanghai is most promising and that we look forward

to great success in the near future under the splendid leadership of our local President, Mr. Calatroni, and our much loved Presidential Agent Mr. M. Manuk.

D. ARNOLD,

Secretary.

III. CHINA LODGE, SHANGHAI

I beg to report on the working of the China Lodge of the T. S., in Shanghai.

It is a pleasure to record that during the year the Lodge has made a steady progress, and brought the spiritual ideals of life to the notice of more than 500 Chinese, many of whom have repeatedly attended our lectures, and showed a marked interest in our movement.

The weekly meetings have been conducted by Prof. H. P. Shastri and Dr. Wan A. Hec. Ten lectures on the life career of Bodhi Dharma or Daruma as he is called in Japan, and Damo in China, who brought the philosophy of Zen or *Dayana* to the Far East, about a 1,000 years ago, delivered by our revered brother Prof. H. P. Shastri, attracted extraordinary interest.

The membership of the Lodge has increased by 15 per cent this year.

The Raja Yoga classes conducted by Prof. H. P. Shastri have enabled several of us to see the truth of Theosophy, convincing us of the immortality of the soul.

WAI POO WO,

Secretary.

EGYPT

To the President, Theosophical Society.

In answer to your circular letter of October 8th, I am enclosing the Annual Report of our activities in Egypt, with the particulars you demand in your letter :

- (1) No new Lodge has been formed during the year in revue.
- (2) Three Lodges have been dissolved during the year in revue.
- (3) There are actually five active Lodges in Egypt : two in Cairo, two in Alexandria, of which one dormant, and one in Port-Said.
- (4) The number of members admitted during the year was ... 43
- (5) The number of members who have resigned or lapsed ... 45
- " " " in our lists about the membership of which we are in doubt 15
- (6) Total number of active members attached and unattached to end of September, 1926 76
- (7) Enclosed complete list of Lodges as per your requirements.
- (8) No books, but three pamphlets in Arabic, specimens of which are being sent to you, have been issued in this country, and the magazine of the Section *The Papyrus* has been suspended.

I take note of your instructions as regards the formation of new Lodges, and I shall send a list of the names of the new members as well as their original applications to end of December.

RAPPORT SUR LES ACTIVITÉS DES LOGES THÉOSOPHIQUES EN EGYPTÉ, POUR L'ANNÉE 1925-26

PRÉSIDENTE REVÉRÉE,

L'année que nous passons en revue a été pour nous en Egypte un mélange de bonnes choses à d'autres moins bonnes.

A un moment donné, la théosophie était à l'ordre du jour : causeries, articles de journaux, etc., puis survint une réaction : campagne violente

de presse déchaînée par nos adversaires dogmatiques, actes de brutalité contre quelques uns de nos membres, insinuations perfides contre les enseignements théosophiques. Tout cela passera naturellement, mais dans un pays tel que l'Égypte, où tant de races se condoient et où les esprits s'enflamment si vite, pour éviter de pareilles réactions violentes à l'avenir, il est bon, dans l'intérêt même du développement de nos enseignements, qu'on les répande avec mesure.

L'année 1925-26, du fait du cinquantenaire de notre Société Mondiale, a une signification toute spéciale dans l'histoire de l'évolution des idées théosophiques. Quoique l'importance de cet événement ne saurait être surestimée, il nous a créé en Égypte des difficultés toutes particulières, tant au Caire qu'à Alexandrie. Nous avons eu à en souffrir par la façon dont certains membres ont interprété les événements d'Adyar.

Maintenant nos efforts tendent à faire ressortir, tant à nos membres qu'à ceux qui viennent vers nous, que la Société n'a pas de dogmes et ne se transforme pas en une sorte de Société religieuse, qu'il n'y a pas d'orthodoxie théosophique et que chacun reste absolument libre de penser comme il le veut, tout en se considérant bon membre de notre Société, pourvu qu'il adhère à son premier but qui est de former un nucléus de la fraternité humaine, et s'efforce de vivre cette fraternité.

Un groupe de nos membres d'Alexandrie qui a voulu ignorer ce fait, s'est séparé de nous parce que la Société Théosophique s'était affiliée à la religion mondiale. Nous restons toujours en bonnes relations avec ces ex-membres qui continuent à s'occuper de théosophie sous le nom d' " Union des Théosophes Libres ". Depuis cette séparation, Mrs. Duckworth, ainsi que Monsieur et Madame Suarès se sont dépensés sans compter pour réorganiser les loges d'Alexandrie. La scission avait coupé l'essor que prenait la Société Théosophique dans la ville d'Hypathie, mais nos vaillants amis se sont remis à l'oeuvre, et la situation commence à s'améliorer d'une façon satisfaisante. Qu'ils acceptent ici tous nos remerciements et notre reconnaissance.

De ce côté-là, nous espérons avoir à signaler de bons résultats dans le rapport de l'année prochaine.

Au Caire également, nous avons eu à faire face à des difficultés sérieuses. L'enthousiasme irréfléchi de deux de nos membres les a conduits à des activités exagérées. Ils ont voulu répandre à tout

prix et sans mesure les enseignements théosophiques, vus d'un point de vue presque fanatique, qui était le leur, et qui finit par faire plus de mal que de bien à la société. Ces deux membres qui, durant 18 mois, avaient fourni beaucoup de travail, ont cherché à donner à nos branches une allure trop énergique, combative, et en antagonisme flagrant avec l'idéal de fraternité, et avec les vues du comité et du secrétaire général.

Les détails de ces événements vous ont été longuement relatés dans un rapport qui vous a été remis en Mai dernier, lors de votre passage par Port-Said, en route pour l'Europe. Comme vous le savez, il a fallu exiger de ces membres leur démission, et dissoudre trois loges du Caire. De ce fait, le nombre de loges actives pour toute l'Egypte étant réduit à moins de sept, la section a cessé automatiquement d'exister, et suivant votre demande, la charte a été retournée à Adyar.

L'organisme de la section a été remplacé par une agence présidentielle, à la tête de laquelle vous avez bien voulu me nommer. Tous mes efforts tendent maintenant à attirer vers nous des éléments pondérés de façon à pouvoir reconstituer avec le temps, une section plus stable. Nous avons perdu un nombre assez élevé de membres mais j'ai l'espoir qu'avec le petit noyau qui nous reste, nous parviendrons graduellement à former des loges fortes et bien organisées, capables de répandre un peu de l'idéal de la Théosophie en Egypte. Afin de faciliter la co-ordination du travail, nous avons décidé d'organiser les loges en une fédération ; ainsi nous espérons constituer une unité plus à même de faire face aux difficultés de la situation.

A côté de ces événements plutôt pénibles, nous avons à enregistrer l'effort merveilleux d'un de nos membres musulman, Monsieur Tewfik Diab, qui a amorcé une tâche difficile et délicate de présenter l'idéal théosophique à l'élément égyptien islamique de ce pays. Il a organisé une série de conférences en langue arabe dans les villes principales de l'Egypte. Ces conférences sont faites sur divers sujets d'actualité et d'ordre social ; on n'y parle pas théosophie et elles ne sont pas faites au nom de la Société Théosophique, mais l'inspiration et l'idéal sont tels que Monsieur Diab est en train, comme il le dit, de servir ses frères musulmans égyptiens, en s'inspirant de l'idéal théosophique.

Un travail de ce genre a une grande importance en ce moment-ci dans ce pays, et nous ne saurions assez lui exprimer ici notre appréciation de ses efforts et nous réjouir du travail précieux qu'il est en train de

faire en vue d'aider ses coréligionnaires à prendre contact avec l'idéal théosophique.

Nous avons eu, l'hiver passé, le plaisir de voir parmi nous plusieurs théosophes qui, allant à Adyar, se sont arrêtés pour quelques jours au Caire. A une réunion improvisée se sont trouvés réunis chez nous les secrétaires généraux et quelques membres d'une grande partie des sections européennes. Le sentiment de fraternité et de dévouement à un haut idéal commun qui unissait, qui rendait réellement frères L'Egyptien et l'Irlandais, le Suédois et le Hollandais, le Syrien et l'Allemand, l'Italien et l'Américain, nous ont laissé un souvenir qui est une inspiration et une force pour travailler à reconstruire sur les débris du passé encore non entièrement déblayés.

J. H. PÉRÉZ,
Presidential Agent.

THE T.S. OUTPOSTS
IN THE WILDERNESS

NAIROBI T. S., AFRICA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Though the Nairobi Lodge cannot report more than an increase of 2 new members during the past year, it is to be congratulated on faithfully and devotedly keeping the lamp of Theosophy alight under exceptionally difficult circumstances.

Kenya is composed of a number of mixed races and whilst we have only had 2 or 3 European members, it is known that there are many Europeans interested in Theosophy, and there are even a few who own to being members of South African or other Lodges, yet they will not ally themselves with the Lodge owing to the very peculiar racial situation in this country. Our 2 or 3 European members find no difficulty in holding Theosophical drawing room meetings, but they are against the formation of a separate European Lodge as being contrary to the first Object of our Society.

Occasional visits such as we have had during the year from Mrs. Millar of the Capetown Lodge, and Mrs. Anderson of Sweden have given quite an inspiration to carry on.

Despite losing the only other 2 European members we had, Mr. E. Hawley and Mr. Cameron on the question of the "Coming," we are yet a very happy little Lodge, which is deeply indebted to Bro. A. P. Best for his unswerving loyalty and guidance as President of our Lodge for over 7 years.

We sorely miss our former Vice-President, Bro. Duni Chand, who by his genial personality made himself dear to us all. He used to conduct classes in Hindustani, but our activities now only comprise fortnightly meetings taken by Mrs. Ernestine Best. We advertise in the local paper at the beginning of every month.

Interest in the Lodge activities has unquestionably awakened during the past year and we feel that "quality is better than quantity" and

the present 23 members can do more in earnest service of the world, than a large half-hearted membership would be likely to do.

It would be encouraging if Adyar could take a little maternal interest in us, and no doubt heaps of good could be done, if we could occasionally be visited by really competent lecturers. None of the members of the Lodge are wealthy, but the best hospitality among us would be heartily extended to any visitor Adyar could spare us.

Our Library of 439 books is quite well appreciated, but we believe, if Headquarters could let us have a case of Theosophical and Star Literature on Sale or Return, it could be disposed of.

By way of propaganda, we have presented the East African Women League with several Theosophical volumes.

Our little Lodge carries on joyfully believing the Master's words :

“ Where only 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name there will I be in their midst.”

KAHAN CHAND KAPOOR,

LALL CHAND KAPOOR,

Secretaries.

Note : I would like to place on record the excellent services rendered by our Secretary, Bro. Kahan Chand Kapoor. He is the faithful strong hand that holds the activities of our struggling Lodge together.

A. P. BEST,

President.

BARBADOS LODGE, T. S.

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The following is the report on the working of the Barbados Lodge of the T.S. from July 1st, 1925—June 30th, 1926.

The Lodge President has delivered the following lectures at open Lodge meetings—Social Problems; The Early Coming of the Lord Christ; The Coming of Our Lord; The Ancient Mysteries; Easter; The Masters and the Path.

Owing to the President's unsettled state of health, Mr. Clyde Williams greatly assisted by giving two lectures, "The Reasonableness of Reincarnation" and "Theosophy and Religion," and delivered one lecture, "Theosophy and Christianity," for the President. Also Mr. Whitefield Smith, O.B.E., gave a lecture on "The Transition Period".

White Lotus day was observed.

The President being unable, on account of ill health, to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Lodge held on September 3rd, 1925, Mr. Williams took the chair. A motion was passed that Rule 5 be amended to provide for a Vice-President to the list of Officers; this was unanimously carried, and Mr. Williams was elected Vice-President of the Lodge.

With regard to our financial position, there is a small deficit which was supplied by the Hon. Treasurer. If however all the arrears had been collected, there would have been a balance of \$11 to our credit.

This leads me to suggest that in future all members should be requested to pay their monthly subscriptions at the end of the lecture meeting each month, at the Theosophical Lodge rooms.

This would not only greatly assist the work of the officers of the Lodge, but would also meet the convenience of members for the payment of dues.

The study class held by Mr. E. Clyde Williams is continuing successfully, and the present study is *The Path of Discipleship*, by Dr. Besant.

There were 18 members, two of whom pay headquarters dues only. Two new members have joined this year. I have, with deep regret, to record the death of Mrs. Drayton, a sincere and enthusiastic member, and the devoted wife of our esteemed President, which occurred on the night of September 24th.

Thus our total number of members is at present 19.

WINIFRED WILLIAMS,
Hon. Secretary.

JAPAN MAHĀYĀNA LODGE, KYOTO

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have little to say of our Mahāyāna Lodge of Kyoto. Owing to my own ill health and that of Prof. Utsuki the Lodge has been very quiet during 1926 only a very few meetings having taken place. One of our members Mrs. Mattheysen returned to Germany. Prof. Uno moved to Tokyo and Mr. Matsui resigned. We have lost three members and gained two, Mrs. Hibino of Sendai (as absent member) and Mr. Jugaku. We have now therefore fourteen members. During 1927 we hope to be more active. My husband and I have offered our home to be used for Lodge meetings. At the last meeting held a few days ago Prof. Izumi of Otani University spoke on "Life After Death".

We send our greetings to all the workers at Headquarters and specially to the President, Dr. Besant and to the Vice-President, Mr. Jinarājadasa.

BEATRICE LANE SUZUKI,

Secretary.

CANADIAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

To the President, Theosophical Society.

At the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1926, the Federation is able to report a gain of three Lodges, bringing the total up to nine. Notwithstanding a loss of seventeen members through inaction or demits, the issuance of 44 new diplomas enables us to report that the total membership has just reached 200.

The baby Lodges, one at London, Ontario, one at Summerland, B.C., and one at North Vancouver, B.C., all come into the Federation for the express purpose of exemplifying the highest ideals and principles of Theosophy in loyal co-operation with their revered leader. It is especially noteworthy that in centres where there are Federation Lodges, the subsidiary and kindred activities of the members of the Theosophical Society are most pronounced. Our members are earnestly trying to make Theosophy a living influence in the work they do among their fellows in ritual and religion as well as in the solution of the problems of human growth and happiness as expressed in social and political economy.

The Jubilee year meant much to the society as a whole and to those who were fortunate enough to participate in the Fiftieth Annual Convention at Adyar ; but uppermost in the minds of our membership is the all too brief glimpses they had of our President at Chicago, at Seattle, at Vancouver and at Toronto. Though only a few were able to get to the American Convention at Chicago, and a few others paid a visit to Seattle ; we feel sure that the influence of the contacts which Federation members had with the President will exert an ennobling and energising effect for many years to come. May we hope that the taste thus acquired for such contacts will not go unheeded in the future plans for tours of this continent ? Canadian Lodges are isolated by such enormous distances that they may be excused for casting

occasional envious glances toward their more fortunate neighbour on the south.

It is fitting comment on the splendid organisation which has been built up in America to say that the Federation is desirous of testifying fully its hearty appreciation of the cordial co-operation it has at all times received from the American Headquarter's Staff and from the National President, Mr. L. W. Rogers. It is indeed an occasion for rejoicing when Mr. Rogers pays Canada a visit. He gave a series of well attended lectures in Vancouver this year, and we have his promise of a return engagement during the coming spring. The policy of exchanging lecturers between the various Lodges of the Northwest Federation of Theosophical Lodges is being continued with mutual benefit.

The report of work done by the Hermes Lodge of Vancouver indicates that they are finding one solution of the problem of Theosophising Canada. Centres are being established at New Westminster, Abbotsford and Chilliwack where study classes are held each week and public lectures once a month. It is expected that these centres will soon develop into Lodges which will then reach out and establish other centres. The new Lodge at Summerland has undertaken a Summer School which should in time provide the nucleus for a Theosophical College. Last year they carried on a ten day session with public lectures and regular classes in Theosophy.

The Federation has not yet been able to publish a magazine for its members, but the arrangement made with the American T.S. brings *The Messenger* to each member and thus places them in intimate contact with their American fellows. *The Messenger* also includes sufficient general news to keep our Federation members informed as to the principal events in other countries.

Dearly beloved President, the Federation rejoices in your brief visit to Canada, and rejoices that another year of your power and wisdom has been vouchsafed the Theosophical Society. May there be many more visits and many more years of your splendid activities for the Society and for mankind, and may each visit and each year find an ever increasing number of earnest Theosophists willing and able to assist you in your great work. The aim of the Federation is to play its part in the Theosophising of Canada by encouraging those activities

which foster tolerance, brotherliness and high ideals, whether within the Society or outside, and to discourage both within and without the Society those activities which draw their life force from intolerance, credalism, dogma and the unbrotherly, untheosophical repetition of scandal and gossip. We believe that if the Society is to really form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, it can do so only when its members make brotherliness a living objective in daily practice toward Theosophists and non-Theosophists alike.

With sincerest greetings to you and to all our brethren,

WILLIAM E. DUCKERING,

Federation Secretary.

THE RUSSIAN THEOSOPHICAL LODGE-FEDERATION

WITHIN THE FINNISH SECTION OF THE T.S.

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The impossibility of carrying on Theosophical work in Petrograd after the closing of the Finnish-Russian frontier, 1918, and the longing for Theosophical study and work brought two in Finland residing members of the Russian T.S. in contact with members of the Finnish Section, and with kind aid first of Mr. Pekka Ervast and then of Dr. Sonck the first Russian Lodge in Finland was established, which happened in September, 1920, at Kellomaki—a village not far from the Russian Frontier—and which Lodge got the name *Esperantia*. Dr. Sonck living then in Raivola not far from Kellomaki became its seventh member. With his assistance and aid the Lodge began to work regularly, holding meetings weekly. By the time its work became more systematised and after some preliminary teaching such fundamental work as Mr. Jinarājadasa's *First Principles of Theosophy* could be read in Russian and discussed. The propaganda work also was not neglected. Some lectures in Finnish by Dr. Sonck and Mr. Helio from Viborg were translated into Russian, and Mr. Efimoff held some in the Russian language. These lectures were held at Kellomaki, Raivola and Terijoki and were accompanied by music and song.

The result of this was on the one side that new members were joining, but on the other side that it aroused opposition from some orthodox clergy in Kellomaki which resulted in temporary excommunication for some members. This turned our attention principally to the relationship between Theosophy and Christianity and to the study of Theosophy from the standpoint of Christianity, which tendency has prevailed in our Lodge until now. Mrs. Besant's *Theosophy and Christianity, Is Theosophy anti-Christian?*, *Esoteric Christianity* and Pekka Ervast's *The Secret School of Jesus* were then translated and

read. In October, 1923, a new group under the leadership of Esperantia Lodge began to meet in Kuokkala some K. M. from Kellomaki and there on the 8th of July, 1924, the first daughter Lodge of Esperantia was born to its independent existence, called *Esperantia-bis* and received its charter from the hands of the General Secretary and has always remained in close contact with its mother-Lodge. The third Russian Lodge was formed in Helsingfors after a new Russian member had arrived there from Petrograd, Madame Syrtlanof. She gave there some lectures, which gathered round her some Russian speaking people interested in Theosophy, with whom she began to work and soon succeeded to form a Lodge, strongly following the traditions of the Russian Lodge in Petrograd, arranging its members into groups for study. It got its charter in January, 1924. On the 2nd July, 1924, the presidium of all these 3 Lodges gathered together for the first time at Kellomaki to a common meeting just before the chairman of the Russian Lodge in Helsingfors, Madame Syrtlanof left for Ommen, where she expected to meet Madame Kamensky, the Russian General Secretary. Madame Syrtlanof brought with her to Madame Kamensky our common resolution of the Kellomaki meeting which was as follows :

1. The leaving of the Finnish Section is not desirable.
2. The joining of the proposed Russian Theosophical organisation is very desirable.
3. A preliminary meeting of all Theosophical Russian organisations abroad is very desirable.

After the return of Madame Syrtlanof another meeting of the Russian Theosophical members took place—this time at Dr. Soncks' Villa on the frontier region. In order to unite the seemingly contradictory wishes of the members—all wished to join the Russian organisation abroad, but not to leave the Finnish Section—Dr. Sonck suggested the idea of forming a Federation of the Russian Lodges in Finland, which Federation could possibly belong both to the organisation abroad and to the Finnish Section. This suggestion was unanimously accepted, and on the 21st of December, 1924, the first Federation Meeting was held at Terijoki, under the chairmanship of Dr. Sonck, elected to be honorable chairman of the now constituted Russian Federation. In April, 1925, the Russian Federation was officially approved by the Finnish Section at its Annual Meeting.

From this time onward all our festivals, celebrations, etc, have been held collectively with increasing number of members.

Now our Federation includes three Lodges, namely, *Esperantia*, *Esperantia-bis* and *Temperantia* and two Centres namely a centre in Seivasto and a centre in the town Viborg. The new Lodge *Temperantia* was formed on the 21st of December, 1924, at Terijoki after a year of preliminary study, holding its first constituting meeting the same day just before the beginning of the first Federation meeting. The two Centres are under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Efimof, the chairman of the Federation.

The Russian Lodge at Helsingfors did not join the Federation and soon afterwards its first chairman Madame Syrtlanof left it for moving abroad.

Some *Esperantia* members when staying in Helsingfors use to take part in the work of the Lodge in Helsingfors, providing it with translations, *e.g.*, *The Masters and the Path*, but at the same time holding their own Lodge meetings.

N. EFIMOF

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

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To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to submit herewith the Report of the Adyar Library for the year 1926.

I must begin, for myself and on behalf of my colleagues by placing on record our profound feelings of sorrow at the passing away, on 21st March, 1926, of Pandit A. Mahadeva Sastri, B.A., who was the Director of the Library since October, 1916. His was a rare type of Indian scholarship. Born of a Brahmin family of hereditary priests, he took an English education, after learning the Vedas from his father. With the help of his studies in the Samskrit Sastras and with the benefit derived from Theosophical studies he was enabled to awaken thinking people in India to the need of social and religious reform. With all the weight and authority of Vedic scholarship, he has spoken against caste rigidity, child-marriage, animal sacrifice and the like, and pleaded for the brotherhood of religions. His unassuming simplicity and his obliging nature endeared him to all who came in contact with him. The Adyar Library begs leave to express its heart-felt sympathy with Mrs. Mahadeva Sastri and her family in their bereavement.

During the time of his regime, Pandit Mahadeva Sastri worked at the Adyar Library edition of Minor Upanishads, which number, as is well known, 98 in the authentic collection of 108 Upanishads, the ten remaining being considered as Principal Upanishads. These Minor Upanishads were classified by him as Yoga, Sāmānya Vedānta, Vaishṇava, Saiva and Śākta and Samnyāsa Upanishads. With the exception of the last class, these have been published with the commentary of Sri Upanishad Brahma Yogin, with analytical notes by him on their contents. He had hoped to complete the work by publishing a last volume of Samnyāsa Upanishads and then to begin the translation of the whole

series. But his sudden demise leaves the volume of Samnyāsa Upanishads unpublished.

I was called on to officiate as Director while the post is vacant, with Dr. Kunhan Raja, M.A., D. Phil. (Oxon.), as pro-tem Assistant Director to carry on the literary work of the Library in the Eastern Section. Dr. James H. Cousins, D. Litt. (Keio), continued as the Honorary Librarian of the Western Section. As I had other work on hand, I was not able to give much time to the work of the Library, and the scholarly part of the work has been done by Dr. Raja and the routine superintending work and librarian's work has been done by Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier, to both of whom, for their very kind and valuable assistance, which amounted to bearing the brunt of the whole work, I tender my very grateful thanks. The Pandits connected with the Library have done their usual work with the greatest zest and competence and all the members of the staff have been doing their best.

In the Western Section a new plan has been adopted under the direction of Dr. J. H. Cousins for the re-arrangement of books, which when completed will, it is hoped, be found of great assistance in keeping a record of old books and of the additions made from time to time to the Library and also in facilitating reference. It is proposed to adopt the same plan in the Eastern Section in time. More room for the overflow of books in European languages other than English and for printed books, in the Eastern Section is a question demanding our earliest attention.

This year the volume of Samnyāsa Upanishads with the commentary of Sri Upanishad Brahma Yogin could not be printed as there was much editorial work still to be done with regard to them. But there is already a critical edition of the text of Samnyāsa Upanishads published for the Library by Dr. F. O. Schrader. Attention was concentrated on bringing out at least the first part of a revised Catalogue of Samskrit Manuscripts in the Library. It was seen through the press by Dr. Kunhan Raja and is now available to the public. This Catalogue had already been prepared by the Pandits of the Adyar Library and 160 pages of it have been printed under the supervision of the late Director; the remaining 98 pages have since been finished by Dr. Kunhan Raja with the help of the Library Pandits and he has seen the whole work through the press. This first part of the Catalogue of Samskrit

Manuscripts deals with the Religious Literature consisting of Sruti, Smṛiti, Purāṇa and Stotra. The second part of about the same size dealing with Literature, Grammar, Sciences and Systems of Philosophy will, it is hoped, be published next year. But the work of completing the series of Minor Upanishads by publishing as early as possible a new volume of Samnyāsa Upanishads with the commentary of Sri Upanishad Brahma Yogin will, it is hoped, not be lost sight of.

Collection of Manuscripts.—This year's collection of manuscripts comprises those purchased for the Library from their owners and those presented by the well-wishers of the Library, besides those transcribed by our copyists from elsewhere numbering in all 269. The purchased manuscripts number 176. The transcribed ones, 15. Mr. R. A. Sastri presented 15 volumes of paper MSS., and the Madura Branch of the Theosophical Society presented 63 volumes of palm-leaf MSS. The Library expresses its grateful thanks to the donors for their kind interest. These 254 volumes of palm-leaf MSS. contain 563 different works, of which the rare ones that are worth mentioning as new accessions are given in the Appendix at the end of this report. The rest are duplicates. Besides these there are 74 Tamil MSS., chiefly works of the Siddha School of medicine, alchemy, and mysticism.

Additions to the Library.—The additions to the Eastern Section comprise 252 books and 18 pamphlets in printed volumes and 269 volumes of MSS. In the Western Section the additions consist of 412 books and 143 pamphlets. These additions include presentation copies of 351 books and 133 pamphlets.

Binding.—399 books and 208 pamphlets were bound during the year under report, and in the previous year.

Use of the Library.—The books lent this year outside the Library were 1,175 as against 1,894 last year. The decrease in the number is due to a deliberate restriction in the lending of books with a view to making the Library more useful to those who come for study to the Library. The following figures to an extent justify the restriction made. 1,177 volumes were consulted in the Library as against 710 last year. Transcripts of old Samskrit MSS. were made for scholars outside.

Exchange.—As usual, the Adyar Library has exchanged its report with those of some important Libraries of the world.

British Empire	12
United States of America	20
Switzerland	2
Holland	1
Japan	2
Sweden	1

Our thanks are due to the Curators of Government Oriental Library, Mysore, Central Library, Baroda, Samskrit Publication Department, Trivandram, Madura Tamil Sangham and the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library, Egmore, for their exchange of publications and especially to the last for their having allowed our copyists to take transcripts of some of their manuscripts.

I append part of a note by Dr. Kunhan Raja on the work of the Library.

EXTRACTS FROM A NOTE BY DR. KUNHAN RAJA

When I came to the Library, there were two pieces of work demanding attention. Both were begun by the late Director, but he could not see the work through to the finish. The Library was publishing the text of the 98 Minor Upanishads, and one volume, being the Samnyāsopanishads, has yet to be published. An up-to-date catalogue of the manuscripts in the Library has been prepared by the Pandits of the Library under the supervision of the late Director, and 160 pages had already been printed off. After consultation with the Officiating Director, I decided to finish the printing of the catalogue first. As the Library contains one of the finest collection of manuscripts, especially South Indian manuscripts, which are very rare and not available in any of the libraries of the world the publication of the catalogue is a more urgent matter for scholars than the last volume of the Upanishads, especially in view of the fact that a very critical edition of the text of the Samnyāsopanishads has already been published under the auspices of the Library by one of its former Directors, Dr. F. O. Schrader.

If it is for the text of the Minor Upanishads, then the Library has brought out a complete edition. If it is for the commentary, then we have to publish the next volume of the Minor Upanishads, and then the Major Upanishads in two volumes, perhaps three volumes. The main

object in proceeding with the remaining Upanishads is to complete the series which Pandit Mahadeva Sastri has begun, as the South Indian recension of the text of the Minor Upanishads, which is the more important thing, has already been brought out completely. I think the task of finishing the series may be held over for some time. After finishing the printing of the catalogue, which is now proceeding the next undertaking may be to bring out an edition of certain manuscripts which are rare and which are not available in print or of which there is no good edition. There are a large number of such works, and publication of such manuscripts will be a great help to scholars.

If it is for the commentary, there is no outstanding merit in the commentary of Sri Upanishad Brahma Yogin. But that is the only complete commentary available for all the Upanishads. Now there is another set—the commentary on the 108 Upanishads by Appaya Dikshita. There is only one more volume needed to finish the 98 Minor Upanishads. Then there are ten Major Upanishads. The same author has commented upon* these ten also. The commentary by Appaya Dikshita too extends over these ten.

The press copy of the catalogue was ready, and as said before, the first 160 pages had already been printed off. I examined the whole of the press copy for the portion that was printed under my direction. There were only few corrections to be made, mostly in the form of rearranging certain names in the right alphabetical order, verifying certain shelf numbers and rearranging some of the numbers. The names of certain MSS. that were collected after the preparation of the catalogue were incorporated into the original list when proofs were being corrected, and such manuscripts as could not be recorded in the main catalogue are noted in an appendix.

In this connection I must say a word about the whole Catalogue of the Manuscripts. The manuscripts were collected in the course of now forty years and the same work known by different names in different parts of the country are put under separate headings. The same work bearing the same name has been found to be catalogued under two subject headings, and such mistake is found more in the Stotras. I have corrected some of them. But the whole correction could be done only by preparing a good index for the catalogue, and also by a very careful examination of the manuscripts for a detailed and descriptive catalogue.

Most of the mistakes that have crept into the cataloguing are accidental and inadvertant, but some have been deliberately pushed into the catalogue to show an apparently larger number of manuscripts and subject headings by interested persons placed in charge of the collection. A few manuscripts have been tampered with by some persons, as a result of religious fanaticism.

This brings into prominence the necessity of the staff being selected from among those members of the Society who have dedicated themselves to the ideals of the Society. This is a point that needs special attention, as some manuscripts have been tampered with by some previous employees of the Library to satisfy their religious fanaticism. A Theosophical outlook and a scholarly love for knowledge is essential for the proper discharge of his duties, in a man placed in charge of such a Library. The pandits of the Library are all good scholars, and very useful work could be turned out by the Library with their help under the supervision of a competent scholar trained in scientific methods.

P. K. TELANG,

Hony. Director.

APPENDIX

List of Rare MSS. acquired during the Year 1926

- Advaita : Goudapādabhāṣya-vyākhyā (1 and 2 ābhāsas) by Anu-
bhūtiśvarūpācārya.
Harīharabheda-dhikkārah by Bodhendra Yatih (complete).
Kiraṇāvali by Bālakṛṣṇānanda Sarasvatī (complete).
- Alankāra : Kāvya-ratna-vyākhyā (Arthapradīpikā) (complete).
Rasārṇavāḷankāra by Prakāsha Varma (incomplete).
- Bhakti : Bhagavad-bhakti-viveka by Ananta Deva (complete).
Hari-bhakti-nirūpaṇam by Ananta Deva (complete).
- Dvaita : Pramāṇa-paddhati-vyākhyā by Vedesha (complete).
Sudhā-Parimāla-tippaṇī (incomplete).
Tātparya-nirṇaya-tikā (incomplete).
- Ganita : Gaṇita-sankhyā (incomplete).
Līlāvati-vyākhyā by Parameshvara (complete).
- Gīta : Gītārtha-sangrahaḥ by Rāghavendra (complete).

- Jyotiṣa :** Dashāntaradasha-gaṇana-phalāni (complete).
 Horā-tātparyā-nirṇaya by Parameshvara (incomplete).
 Jyotiṣa-sūtra-shlokaḥ (incomplete).
- Kāvya :** Govinda-charita by Kṛṣṇa (incomplete), Kṛṣṇa-vijayah by Shankara Kavi (incomplete), Kirātārjuniya-vyākhyā by Viyamādhavaḥ (complete), Kumārasambhava-vyākhyā (1 and 2 Sargas only) by Nārāyaṇa, Mahānātaka-sudhānidhiḥ by Immidi Devarāya Sumati (incomplete), Naiṣadha-vyākhyā (1 to 5 Sargas only), Raghubamsha-vyākhyā (1 to 4 sargas) by Nārāyaṇa, Satyabodha-vijayah by Kṛṣṇa (incomplete), Śhrṅgāra Shlokaḥ (incomplete), Sītāvijayah (incomplete), Subhadrā-haraṇam (incomplete), Sudāmacharita (incomplete), Sūktimālā by Nāgoji Pandit (complete), Sumanoranjana by Śhrīnivāsa-kavi-sārvabhūmah (complete), Sundara-dāmodara by Rolambi Raja (incomplete).
- Kośa :** Amarakośa with Subodhini by Jātaveda Dīksita (Simhādi Varga to Brahmādi Varga), Nāmalingānushāsaṇa with Canarese tika.
- Māhātmya :** Āmalaka-grama, Daksina-dvāraka, Kartika, Kathoragiri (Brahmaṇḍa Purāṇa), Kodara (Vāyu Purāṇa), Panduranga Kṣotra, Pragraheshvara, Śhrivāṇchhya (from Skāṇḍa, Brahmāṇḍa and Sāmba Upapurāṇas), Vaidyānātha-sthala (Śhiva Purāṇa), Varadarājakṣetra.
- Mantra :** Gayatri-purashcharana-chandrika by Kashinath (complete).
 Gopālarchana-chandrika by Yashodharah (complete).
- Mīmāṃsā :** Atidoshalakṣaṇa-punaraksopah by Appaya Dīksita (complete), Mīmāṃsā Karika (complete).
- Nāṭaka :** Aścharya-Chudamani-Vyakhya (incomplete), Bhagavad-ajjudyam (complete), Dhananjaya Nāṭaka (complete).
- Nyāya :** Maṇikaṇah by Gopālāh (complete), Nyāyashikhāmaṇiḥ by Rāmākṛṣṇādhvarīndra (complete), Siddhānta Chandrodaya by Kṛṣṇa Dhūrjati (complete).
- Pāṇcharātra :** Nārada-Pāṇcharātrah (complete).
- Purāṇa :** Hariharabhedādvaitabhūṣaṇa by Bodhendra Yati (complete).
 Vaiṣṇava-kāṇṭhābharaṇam by Somasūnu (complete).
- Samhitā :** Rudra-bhāṣya by Ahobalah (complete).
- Shroutam :** Prāyashchitta-shatadvayi-vyākhyā (complete).
 Shroutakārikā (incomplete).
- Smṛti :** Mitākṣara-vyākhyā (Subodhini) by Viśhvēshvara (complete).

- Smṛti :** (Nibandhana) : Gṛhyatattvam (complete), Kālasiddhānta by Chandra-chūda-bhatta (complete), Keralāṇhikam (complete), Muhūrtasarvasvam by Rughuvīra (incomplete), Pravara-khandikā by Ahebalabhatta (complete), Pravara-ratnam by Lakṣmaṇa (complete), Smārta-prāyaschitta-vimarśinī (complete).
- Stotra :** *Sahasranāma*
 Lalitā-sahasranāma-vyākhyā (Jayamangalā) by Bhaṭṭa-nārāyaṇa (complete), Nāmakārikā-sahasram (complete), Nāmakārikā-sahasravākhyā (complete).
Other Stotras
 Āryapanchāṣṭīh by Patanjali with commentary by Svayam-prakāśha Yati (complete), Bhairavastakam (complete), Dolānavaratnamālikā by Śhrīdhara Venkateshah (complete), Desaparihāra-stavah by Śhrīdhara Venkateshah (complete), Kṛṣṇa-karṇāmṛta-Vyākhyā (complete), Kṛṣṇastuti by Avedakṣitipati (complete), Shīvakarṇāmṛta-siddhānta-sankṣēpah (complete).
- Shaiva :** Shīvotkarṣa-prakāśhah by Bālakṛṣṇah (complete).
- Tantra :** Gouri-yamala (incomplete).
- Veda-lakṣaṇa :** Shākhā-lakṣaṇam by Shaishirah (incomplete).
- Vijaya :** Vijayīndra-parājayah (complete).
- Vyākaraṇa :** Siddhānta-koumudī-vyākhyā (Mitavādinī) incomplete. Śārasvata-dhātu-pāthah by Harṣakirtisūri (complete). Sphoṭasiddhi (complete), Vyākaraṇa-pravēśhaka.
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BOOKS PUBLISHED DURING 1926

[Only a few Sections have sent in lists. The complete record is much larger than that which appears here.—P.T.S.]

AUSTRALIA

The following is a list of new magazines, pamphlets, etc., published by the Australian Section during the Society's year ending October 31st, 1926.

MAGAZINES :

Advance ! Australia

The Australian Theosophist

PAMPHLETS AND BOOKLETS :

The Theosophical Broadcasting Station

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA SERIES OF PAMPHLETS :

1. <i>A Pebble of Goodwill</i>	G. S. Arundale
2. <i>The Path to Happiness</i>	„ „
3. <i>Theosophy and the Problems of Existence</i>	„ „
4. <i>Religions and Civilisations</i>	„ „
5. <i>Australia : Her Power and Purpose</i>	„ „
6. <i>The Problem of the Cinema</i>	„ „
7. <i>Prohibition</i>	„ „

ITALY

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS :

Una Società umana (Lecture)

Annie Besant

Uno sguardo sulle condizioni del mondo
(London Lectures of 1925)

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Le Stanze di Dzyan (2nd edition)

H. P. Blavatsky

Byron e la Reazione (Lecture)

E. Pavia

MAGAZINES :

Gnosi, an Italian Review of Theosophy. Bimonthly (Turin).
Rincarnazione. Quarterly (Palermo.)

HUNGARY

<i>The Monad</i>	Mrs. de Fekete
<i>Weekly Theosophy</i>	„ „
<i>Is there Reincarnation</i>	Major Fekete
<i>The Mysteries</i>	Mr. Faluba

PAMPHLETS :

<i>What is Theosophy</i>	Mr. de Ráthony
<i>Theosophy</i>	„ „
<i>The Temple</i> , translation	Walter Klein

The translation of *The Secret Doctrine* is going on and is printed chapter by chapter.

OUR MAGAZINE :

Teozofia appears every two months as a double number.
 Several translations are ready for print but want of money hinders the appearance.

FINLAND

The following books and booklets have during the year been published in Finnish :

<i>The T.S. The First 50 Years</i>	B. P. Howell
<i>A Text-book of Theosophy</i>	C. W. Leadbeater
<i>Three Ways of Union with God</i>	Annie Besant
<i>Theosophy and Modern Thought</i>	C. Jinarājadāsa
<i>Clairvoyance</i> (Second Edition)	C. W. Leadbeater
<i>The Coming of the World-Teacher</i> (Booklet)	Annie Besant
<i>Menneitten Clamien Perinto</i>	Helmi Jalovaara
Song Composition: <i>At the Feet of the Master</i>	Lewi Madetaja

THE MAGAZINE :

Teosofi

DUTCH EAST INDIES

<i>Een nieuwe lente, een nieuw geluid</i>	A. J. H.
<i>Naar Leerlingschap</i>	J. Krishnamurti
<i>De mensch, zyn verleden, zyn wezen en zyn toekomst</i>	C. W. Leadbeater
<i>Het leerstuk der drieëenheid</i>	„
<i>Een tempel als gedachtevorm</i>	„
<i>De Advent</i>	Mgr. J. A. Mazel
<i>De invloed der Theosofische Vereeniging op het denken der laatste halve eeuw</i>	J. Kruisheer
<i>De band, die allen bindt die liefhebben en allen die lyden</i>	„
<i>Eerste inleiding tot de Theosofie</i>	„
<i>Vrymetselary als Mysterie-school</i>	„
<i>De mystieke beteekenis van oude Cultuurmonumenten op Java</i>	„

BURMA

<i>The Message of Theosophy.</i> Published Bi-Monthly, Sectional Organ.							
<i>Theosophy and Four Noble Truths</i> , Pamphlet, English, 1,000 Copies							
„	„	„	„	Burmese	„	„	
<i>What is Theosophy</i>			„	„	„	„	
<i>The Coming of the World-Teacher</i>			„	„	„	„	
<i>The Aims and Objects of the T.S.</i>			„	„	„	„	
<i>Thought, Its Power and Use</i>			„	„	„	„	

BRAZIL

Secret Doctrine, Brazilian Edition, 1st Volume.
O Theosophista, Sectional Organ.
Isis, edited by the Lodge of S. Paulo.

ICELAND

MAGAZINE :

Gangleri, a typewritten magazine, issued every month except the summer season.

BOOKS :

Leidsögn, translation of *Education as Service*, by J. Krishnamurti.
Minning, a collection of original articles on Theosophy by Sigurdur Kristofer Petursson.

POLAND

Esoteric Philosophy of India (Polish translation). Chatterji

MAGAZINE :

Theosophical Review, No. 11.

SHANGHAI LODGE

TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE :

Reincarnation

Irving Cooper

Noble Eightfold Path

First Steps in Theosophy

E. Mallet

Man, Visible and Invisible

C. W. Leadbeater

PUBLISHED QUARTERLY :

Far Eastern Theosophical Notes.

SUBSIDIARY ACTIVITIES

THE BRAHMAVIDYA ASHRAMA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The work of the Fifth Session of the Brahmavidya Ashrama began on October 2nd, and while carrying on certain of the lines of study begun in previous years has initiated several new lines of study which promise to yield valuable results in the future. These new lines are chiefly of a scientific nature. Mr. A. E. Ellis of Blackpool, England, has come to give a six months course in craniology, and has brought with him a valuable equipment as a gift to the Ashrama. In addition to his lectures, he is accumulating data regarding the objective signs of character and capacity in a number of young people.

We have received a small outfit for the beginning of work in experimental psychology. Observations will be made on the same group of students with a view to setting side by side the external signs and internal reactions of the students. Out of all this parallel study we hope to derive much knowledge and illumination in regard to the different types of students, and be able to find ways and means for the future advising of them along lines calculated to help them towards the fulfilment of their highest capacities.

Dr. P. K. Roest has come from Europe to give a six months course on lectures in Anthropology. These added to former lectures by Messrs. Trilokekar and Tristram give the Ashrama substantial material in this subject.

In this and other ways the Ashrama proceeds with its work of forming a synthetic nucleus of knowledge and illumination.

JAMES H. COUSINS,
Principal.

THE THEOSOPHICAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST, ADYAR

REPORT FOR 1926

To the President, Theosophical Society.

General.—During the year under report, the number of institutions under the Trust, has been 12 as against 11 last year. The School that has been added to the list is the National Sindhi Primary School at Hyderabad, under the management of Mr. Kewalram D. Shahani. All the Schools report satisfactory progress. The total number of boys and girls trained under the Trust is over 3,500, and the numbers of teachers and professors is well over 200 giving an average of 18 pupils per teacher, showing the amount of personal attention that is given to individual pupils.

Reports on Schools.—*The National Theosophical College, at Adyar,* continues to grow in strength and popularity. The Montessori Department of Miss Barrie's School is now a part of it and a Montessori Home is established with about 30 boys and girls living, learning and playing together. Mr. Subba Rao, the Principal, has taken leave till April due to illness and Mr. Yadunandan Prasad is acting as Principal.

The Theosophical College at Madanapalle has during the year been affiliated for the B.A. in History and Philosophy and is now under the newly constituted Andhra University. Mr. Duncan Greenlees is acting as Headmaster in the absence of Mr. N. S. Rama Rao.

Miss Amery has been transferred from Benares to Coimbatore to take charge of the School there and Mrs. Douglas has taken her place in Benares. Mrs. Butler, who was in charge of the Girls' School at Kumbakonam has had to leave for Colombo, and Kumbakonam is in need of a Superintendent. At Shuklatirth, the Managing Committee appointed by the Trust has had to relinquish management due to

various reasons and it is for the Trust to decide whether it will continue to recognise the School as an affiliated institution.

The Benares institutions continue their work in the north and are the mainstay of our reputation in Northern India.

No satisfactory arrangement has yet been arrived at with regard to the management of the Bankipore School, although efforts have been made during the last three years. The Trust must decide finally what course it is going to adopt.

Affiliated and Constituent Institutions.—At present there is no distinction made between the various institutions of the Trust, although some are under the direct supervision of the Trust and are financed by the Trust, while others are practically independent as regards management and over which no supervision is exercised.

The Trust at present lays down no distinctive features, beyond religious instruction, which must be observed by all institutions under it, and leaves every institution free to work out the principles of Theosophical education. But unfortunately, due to lack of supervision and sometimes even knowledge and ability, many of the institutions, bearing the name of the Trust, have strayed away far from the ideals of Theosophical Education. If the Trust is to build up a reputation for a distinctive type of education, we must firstly, reorganise our institutions under two groups, namely, (1) Constituent, and (2) Affiliated—the Trust being wholly responsible—financially and otherwise—for the former, while only recognising and generally supervising and not being financially responsible for the latter. Secondly, we must lay down certain definite distinctive features for the guidance of all institutions under it. Thirdly, the Trust must arrange for periodical inspections of all its institutions.

Madanapalle University.—The scheme for the Madanapalle University is progressing very slowly. Land to the extent of 150 acres has been bought, as authorised by the Trust at its last meeting. Well-boring has also been tried and water found at a depth of 30 feet, but to be sure of a constant and a sufficient supply, boring must be made for much deeper wells, the machinery and labour for which will cost about Rs. 10,000. It has to be decided whether, in spite of no substantial donations during the year for the University, it is safe to spend such a large amount.

Finance.—The financial condition of the Trust is not very satisfactory as can be seen from the financial statement of the Treasurer. The donations this year were only Rs. 10,409-1-0 as against Rs. 29,169-15-2 last year, and unless a special effort is made by members of the Trust to collect money during the coming year, we must either fall back again on the resources of the ever-generous President of the Trust or close some of the institutions.

Finally, I have to record here the passing away of Pandit A. Mahadeva Sastri, a member of the Trust, in the month of March, this year.

YADUNANDAN PRASAD, M.A. (CANTAB.),

B.Sc. (LONDON & ALL.),

Hon. Secretary, Theosophical Educational Trust.

THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

(From 16th December, 1925 to 15th December, 1926)

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to submit the following brief Report of the Olcott Panchama Free Schools for the year ending 15th December, 1926.

As the result of the negotiations which owing to stringent financial considerations were being carried on with the Corporation of Madras at the time of my writing the last Report, the three of our Schools within the Municipal area of the City of Madras were transferred, on the 8 h of January, 1926, as gifts, with all their property, such as buildings, books, furniture, etc.—to the Corporation of Madras. The only restricting conditions we made were that the old names of the Schools should be retained, and that the trained teachers in those Institutions at the time of the transfer should be taken into the Municipality's service. Though we may be sorry for such a separation as they had been with us so long, we may feel happy to learn that the financial conditions of those teachers are much improved. They are all much better paid now than they could have hoped to be while in our service. As a result of the transfer we have been able to enhance, though to a very, very small extent, the salaries of our present school Staff, but I hope we may be able to improve their condition still further.

But the one problem before us for some time past has been that of accommodation. In spite of the transfer of the three Schools, we have not been able to make adequate provision in that direction. During the past year, three thatched sheds have been added to the Olcott Free School, Adyar, and this has considerably relieved the congestion. Though we have converted the garage at the H. P. B. Memorial Free School into a decent class-room, we have yet to provide room for two classes, as the School work suffers very much for lack of proper accommodation, especially during the rainy and hot seasons. Therefore

accommodation for 40 or 50 pupils more has yet to be provided. Now that there are only two institutions and these are growing, I hope it may somehow be possible to meet their requirements, and I fervently pray that we may also be able to improve these two schools in very many ways.

During the year under review, the Schools continued as in former years to be carried on efficiently as may be evidenced by the following remarks of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, "the general condition of the School continues to be efficient" and "to be doing very satisfactory work". He has stated in one of the Inspection books "it is one of the best Schools in the range". Endeavours have been made to enthuse the teachers to render their duty in a spirit of service and love.

The daily attendance of the pupils has been fairly satisfactory as in previous years. The children are compelled to observe hygienic principles in their daily life. Bathing is made compulsory in our Schools and arrangements are made to provide them with the necessary facilities. The health of the children has been satisfactory on the whole. The health of the teachers also was fairly good, except in one case where there were frequent absences, and for long periods, owing to ill-health.

Instruction in the 3 R's and other allied school subjects has gone on steadily as before. A few artistic and manual subjects—like different kinds of drawing, leafwork, clay-modelling, sewing—are being continued and the Deputy Inspector says about their execution that "they are good".

During the past year, with the help of the untiring worker Sri Peramma of Adyar, and of our good friend M.R.Ry. C. N. Subramania Iyer, it has been possible for us to start a spinning and weaving section in one of our Schools. The experiment has proved so far very successful. In course of time this class will prove of immense help to our children in their future life. Sri Peramma is in charge of the section and is doing very good and useful work.

Fifteen of our former pupils are being helped to prosecute their higher education.

The daily distribution of mid-day food is becoming more and more essential for securing regular attendance and efficient work.

"Amma's" Birthday was a source of great happiness, enthusiasm and joy to the children, who were very active with their processions,

bhajanas, sports, meetings and entertainments. As usual they were fed on that day by our Mr. C. N. Subramania Iyer. The children were also very fortunate on that occasion in getting a gift of 900 yards and more of cloth from Mr. H. Sakharam Rao, the friend of the poor in Madras. A special collection was made to meet the tailoring expenses for converting the cloth into kurtas for the children.

Special emphasis may be laid on the efforts made to make the children feel free, happy and joyous. Attempts have been made to give a religious background to the children's activities. In one of the Inspection books, we find the following remarks: "Scouting, sports, games, music, small social functions arranged now and then, a free intercourse between the several members of the Institution—all these have helped much in dispersing the natural depression of these pupils and making them happy and cheerful."

In conclusion I offer my sincere thanks to Mr. C. N. Subramania Iyer, who has given me help and advice in all matters connected with the work of the Schools, to Sri Peramma, who is actively helping me in my work, and to Messrs. A. Schwarz and R. G. Macbean for the kind help they have been giving me throughout.

NUMBER OF PUPILS ON THE ROLL ON 1ST DECEMBER, 1926

CLASS	OLCOTT FREE SCHOOL		H.B.P. MEMORIAL FREE SCHOOL		TOTAL	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Kindergarten	27	9	50	20	77	29
I Standard	49	22	25	7	74	29
II "	24	3	30	5	54	8
III "	25	2	18	7	43	9
IV "	25	1	16	7	41	8
V "	20	1	4	2	24	3
Total	170	38	143	48	313	86
Grand Total	208		191		399	

M. KRISHNAN,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE ACTING SECRETARY-TREASURER OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

To the President and the Board of Managers.

The financial year ending March 31st, 1926, closes with a deficit :

Expenditure	...	...	...	Rs. 11,876	2	4
Income	...	...	...	„ 10,492	12	6
<i>Deficit</i>	...	...	...	„ 1,383	5	10
<i>Less : Surplus from last year</i>	...	...	...	„ 356	6	1
<i>Net Deficit</i>	...	...	...	„ 1,026	15	9

Expenditure is less by Rs. 349-5-2 than that of last year, but Income shews a still larger decrease of Rs. 1,448-1-3, as may be seen from the following comparative table :

	1924—25	1925—26
Donations	... Rs. 7,069 15 0	Rs. 7,510 14 3
Grants-in-aid	... „ 3,563 0 0	„ 1,649 0 0
Interest	... „ 1,307 14 9	„ 1,332 14 3
Total	... „ 11,940 13 9	„ 10,492 12 6

In addition to the above donations Rs. 1,401 were received for the Food Fund, as against Rs. 1,022-12-10 in the previous year ; but, on the other hand, no donations came in for the Adoption Fund which received Rs. 1460-1-5 the year before.

Three of our schools have been transferred during the year to the Municipality and some further contribution from the Authorities for Grants-in-Aid should be forthcoming for the proportion of the year during which they were still under our care and administration.

The two remaining schools, bearing the honoured names of the two Founders of the Theosophical Society, should not be allowed to share the same fate for want of funds and will require some Rs. 4,000 in Annual donations to enable them to carry on. An analysis of donations during the past year shews that of the Rs. 7,510-14-3 collected, Rs. 6,437-10-2 were contributed by only 3 donors, of whom one, "A Friend, Adyar" gave no less than Rs. 4,900. To the *Food Fund* the same generous donor contributed Rs. 1,000 of the Rs. 1,401 collected, or over 66 per cent of the two categories of donations taken together, and one feels tempted to submit that a large number of smaller gifts would be a more encouraging and fitting tribute to the ideal put forward by the Founders in these Panchama Free Schools, than the dependence of so large a proportion of the upkeep on the generosity of one single member. Such gifts would be still more significant if they principally came from our Indian brothers.

ADYAR, MADRAS

10th April, 1926

REGD. G. MACBEAN,

Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DISBURSEMENTS					Rs.	A.	P.
To Teachers' Salaries	...	...	...	...	8,375	7	8
„ Superintendent's Salary	...	...	...	...	900	0	0
„ Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	...	156	5	6
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	...	411	0	0
„ Books and Supplies	...	...	...	...	285	10	0
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	4	4	0
„ Rents and Taxes	...	...	...	...	220	15	6
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	520	0	0
„ Motor cycle Account	...	...	...	...	776	13	0
„ Discount, Collection and Exchange	...	...	...	...	23	0	8
„ Subscription to Periodicals	...	...	...	...	12	10	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses (Auditor's Fee Rs. 50)	...	...	...	...	190	0	0
					11,876	2	4

ADYAR

31st March, 1926

REGD. G. MACBEAN,

Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.
To Panchama Educational Fund			27,050	3	4
„ Food Fund :			Rs. A. P.		
Balance on 1st April, 1925	287	12 4			
Donations received	1,401	0 0			
	1,688	12 4			
Less : Food Expenses	1,249	11 0	439	1	4
„ Adoption Fund :			Rs. A. P.		
Balance on 1st April, 1925	1,738	3 11			
Less : School and College Fees of Pupils	329	9 6	1,408	10	5
			28,897	15	1

ADYAR

31st March, 1926

REGD. G. MACBEAN,

Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

FREE SCHOOLS PER 31st MARCH, 1926

PROPERTY AND ASSETS					Rs.	A.	P.
By Immovable Property	...	...	...	...	2,534	8	0
„ Movable do.	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
„ 3½ % Govt. Pronotes (Face Value Rs. 30,200) @ Rs. 60	...			...	18,120	0	0
„ 5 % Bombay Municipal Debentures	...		...	...	1,000	0	0
„ 6 % Bombay Development Loan	...		...	...	2,563	0	0
„ District Education Committee	...		...	...	1,649	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of Madras	...		...	...	1,198	4	8
„ Cash in hand	...		...	...	306	2	8
„ Income and Expenditure Account (Deficit)	...		..	..	1,026	15	9
					28,897	15	1

Audited and found correct.

G. NARASIMHAM, F.R.S.A., F.A.A.,

*Associated Accountant (London),**Government Certified Auditor*

THE ROUND TABLE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

At Adyar last Christmas the Order entered upon a new phase of its existence. For the first time the Chief Knights (or their deputy) of many countries where the Round Table is working, had the joy of meeting in the flesh their Senior Knight. It was not surprising that from such a meeting, held during the wonderful days of the Theosophical Jubilee Convention, new inspiration, and a clearer vision of what the Order has to do, should have come forth.

One result was the re-statement of the basis of our Order, which was declared to be a definitely Theosophical Movement, having for its object the drawing of young people into closer relations with the Masters of Wisdom.

At a meeting of the Ommen Star Congress in August it was decided that the Ceremonies and Constitution, embodying the proposed reforms, should be printed as soon as possible.

Since then, however, still further developments arising from information given by the Senior Knight regarding the true purpose of the Order, have come about, and as a result we may expect to see members grouping themselves in Tables, some of which will work on distinctly ceremonial lines, preparing their members later to enter some of the ceremonial activities in which many Theosophists engage, whilst other Tables will try to carry out their ideal of Service rather through active philanthropic work and physical training.

Several countries have sent interesting detailed reports of the last year's work, which lack of space unfortunately forbids our recording here, but the following extracts from some of the Reports will be of general interest :

France.—An interesting activity of the French Round Table this year was the printing and posting in the streets of huge bills announcing the

Coming of the World Teacher. The whole affair was done very skilfully, no reference being made to the source whence the posters were issued, it being thought best to leave the tidings to strike the public without prejudice.

America.—The splendid work done by the Round Table in the United States, which carries its propaganda into many schools, and reaches circles at present untouched by Theosophical teachings, has met its just reward by having our Protector and Knight of Honour Krishnaji staying for some months in their country.

News of this visit is not yet to hand, but it will doubtless give a fresh inspiration to the Order in America which already does so well.

The Quest, the American Round Table magazine, and the lecturing Tours of American State Knights link up the widely scattered Tables, and do effective propaganda.

Scotland and England.—These countries both show in their Reports steady progress and the formation of new Tables. The drama is one of the forces which is found most effective in welding Tables and enabling them to give much pleasure to others. Tables in two different towns find a combined meeting now and then exceedingly useful.

Sweden.—The Swedish Round Table has during the last year changed its method of working and largely increased its membership. It prints 100 copies of a magazine published every two months, and its energetic Chief Knight has translated the Ceremonies into Swedish, and issued also a pamphlet for propaganda explaining the objects of the Order. The Companions join together in outdoor excursions which give opportunity for all sorts of sports as well as for nature studies, whilst a group has been formed of the more serious-minded members which is to be the real heart of the movement in Sweden, in which training in self-discipline and ideals of service are the keynotes.

Another useful side of the work in Sweden is that they are forming links with the Tables in *Norway*, *Denmark* and *Finland*.

Finland.—From the Chief Knight of Finland (now staying in Letchworth) we learn that the Round Table has managed to carry on during the past year in spite of internal troubles which have injured the work of its parent, the Theosophical Society.

Turning to other continents we are glad to report that considerable initial activities are stirring in *India*, and we hope that this Christmas

1926 the Chief Knight for India—Knight Galahad—will be able definitely to arrange work there. *Australia* and *New Zealand*.—Both report steady work, whilst *South Africa* has taken a step forward in printing its own Book of Constitutions. It has also changed its Chief Knight, Mr. Tann having handed over the charge to Mr. Loveday.

We must not omit to mention *Holland*, *Belgium*, *Italy*, and *Germany*, in all of which countries Round Table work goes steadily on year after year under their devoted Chief Knights. *Holland* in particular shows very promising signs, so many of the younger Knights coming forward with ideas and suggestions. One fine activity has been the giving of concerts in hospitals and prisons and asylums. A quarterly meeting of leading Knights to talk over the work has also been inaugurated.

Hungary.—Frau von Hild has passed on her charge to a younger Knight, Herr Bobinac.

Spain.—Still continues its work, and is one of the best financial supporters in the Order.

Yugoslavia.—Has an energetic and capable Chief Knight, and should presently become a strong centre.

We are very glad in conclusion to report that *Switzerland*, where for some years past activities have hung fire, has now made a fresh and very promising start, with a new Chief Knight, Monsieur Adrian Gogler, and a strong Table at Geneva, with others in prospect.

P.S.—Since writing the above the following news has reached me from Chief Knight Arjuna (Madame Kamensky) who has for so long been Chief Knight for Russia.

She writes now to ask if *Miss Azantchersky* of Prague may now take her place. She adds that *Reval* has now 3 Tables, one for working for animals, one for studying Heroes, and another for Symbolical Drama; whilst in *Prague* another Table is to be formed.

Knight Arjuna has helped the Round Table so much and for so long, that all will be glad to hear that she will remain on the Senior Council as Knight Counsellor for Russia.

Denmark.—We hear that a new Table has been opened in which the members are working busily at such useful things as shorthand, the study of English, music and kindergarten work, all (presumably) with the aim of becoming of more service in the *King's* work.

Last summer they helped by their contributions two Companions to attend the Theosophical Summer School in Warsaw.

The Table in Denmark is also responsible for starting work in *Iceland*, sending forth a Knight who has been living and working in Copenhagen.

Looking therefore over the work, we must all feel encouraged to go on and do better—for the Life of the Hierarchy and of the *King* Himself is apparent in all branches of the Order, and where That is present we have only to learn to make better and better channels for It to work through.

KT. LIBRA,

Chief Secretary for London.

II. AUSTRALIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is with pleasure that I have to report a substantial increase in Membership, our gain, during the year, amounting to 68 ; giving us a total of 26 Knights and 179 Squires, Companions and Pages (*N.B.*—Most Centres prefer to retain the old term of “Companion,” reserving the term “Squire” for those being definitely prepared for Knighthood, though one or two have substituted the one term for the other.)

In Adelaide, members have shown increased interest and the attendance has grown considerably ; while assistance has again been given to the “Baby’s Aid Society,” the “All Nations’ Chum Movement” and the T.S. Lodge. In the members’ own interests, a quarterly “Game Night” has been successfully inaugurated.

In the suburb of Redfern, a new Table has been formed, with 9 members, and with great hopes for the future.

Brisbane reports a year of marked progress, with an increase in membership of 26. A Christmas Entertainment, with a well-laden Tree, was again provided for Soldiers’ Children to the number of 80, who, with some 40 of their parents, had a most enjoyable time, with tea and gifts of various kinds. The Lotus Circle has again been the object of special care ; while further help has been given to the “Children’s

Playground," the "Kindergarten" and the "Creche," and much time and energy expended in connection with the Fete held on behalf of the "Star in the East" funds. Members have also helped, individually, in the services of the L.C.C.; given lectures for the "Star" and the T.S. Lodge, and acted as assistant officers of the latter.

A short visit by Knights of Honour, Dr. and Mrs. Arundale, was greatly appreciated, whilst the departure, for Sydney, of Miss M. R. Clarke, who had nursed and guided the movement from its infancy, was felt as a very real loss, the members being deeply impressed by a sense of their indebtedness to her.

In Launceston, owing to the departure of many members, the movement had been somewhat in abeyance, but a fresh start has now been made, with great promise for the future.

In Melbourne, the movement appears, for the moment, to be "marking time," as it were, there being no increase in membership to report, though work for the "Music Club," the "Order of the Star," and the T. S. Lodge has gone on steadily; while, as the result of the monthly collection, together with the proceeds of a most successful Social Evening, supplemented by a gift of £ 5, from a lady sympathiser, the sum of £15 was given to the Free Kindergarten, as well as a number of small garments, made by the members, in honour of the birthday of our dearly loved Protector, Dr. Annie Besant.

In Perth, much work has been done for the T.S. Lodge, the L.C.C. and the "Order of the Star," while a dramatisation of "The Other Wise Man" has been given three times, in aid of the funds of the Gosnells T.S. Lodge, and great preparations are being made for a T.S. Bazaar. Help also was given in providing a Christmas treat for the children at the Parkerville Home, whilst one member continues to do Braille writing for the Blind, and others hold office in the Anti-vivisection League, and otherwise work for the protection of animals.

In Sydney, thanks mainly to the energy and organising ability of Miss Mary C. Needham, and to the provision of a suitable place of meeting, great progress has been made, the membership having grown from 30 to 69, whilst there have also been provided a Library of over 100 Books, a "Chair," pictures of the Protector and Senior Knight, Easels, Banners, etc., and funds are in hand to provide for sending some sick children into the country, during the coming Christmas.

With most cordial greetings to you, our beloved Protector, to our esteemed Senior Knight, and to all our comrades throughout the World, we confidently hope that our Order may prove of value, in the King's Service.

SAMUEL STUDD (KNIGHT GARETH),

Chief Knight for Australia.

III. INDIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to submit the following short report of the Order of the Round Table, Indian Section for the year 1925-26.

Before the month of October, 1925, the Order of the Round Table did not exist in India as an organisation. There were here and there some scattered members attached to the American Section of the Order. The present National Secretary for India, Brother S. R. Krishnan (Sir Nitya) was appointed as the Divisional Representative for India by the Chief Knight of America till the Organisation was definitely launched in India.

After the Jubilee Convention the International Headquarters of the Order definitely permitted the formation of an Indian Section, with Sister Rukmini Arundale (Sir Galahad of India) as the Chief Knight for India. The organisation took its definite shape on the 1st of October, 1926, with its National Headquarters at Madanapalle, the future Theosophical University centre. The Chief Knight empowered the present National Secretary to organise the Order since he was in charge of the work in the American Section. Immediately the National Officers were appointed as follows :

Chief Knight for India : Shrimathi Rukmini Arundale (Sir Galahad).

Dy. Chief Knight for India : L. R. Seshu (Sir St. John).

National Secretary : S. R. Krishnan (Sir Nitya).

National Treasurer : P. Narashimachar, M.A. (Sir Krishnaji).

National Director of Ceremonies : K. L. N. Joshi (Sir St. Francis).

There are now four Tables at Madanapalle, one at Chidambaram, one at Ceylon; and Tables are now in formation at Colombo,

Kumbhakonam, Coimbatore, Adyar, Quetta, Bombay and other places. The total number of Members is at present 59 distributed in various grades are :

Honorary Knights	...	...	9
Knights Councillors	...	...	1
Knights	...	...	24
Squires	...	...	25
Pages	...	...	nil

Now the Headquarters has taken up the work of Propaganda in order to start Branches all over India and before another year passes we hope to well establish the Order of the Round Table in India.

S. R. KRISHNAN,
National Secretary for India.



ORDER OF THE GOLDEN CHAIN

SPAIN

To the President, Theosophical Society.

In spite of the increasing difficulties disturbing the work of the Golden Chain in Spain, difficulties due to the great shocks troubling the Spanish Theosophical Society inwardly and outwardly, with repercussion in the Golden Chain, some leaders having abandoned the E. S. leaving 3 Groups undone. In spite of it all 1 new Group has formed itself and 1 is in formation outside Madrid ; 6 new Links have entered and the same enthusiasm—as of old, reigns between Links and Directors.

Its Work.—So as to teach the children the virtue of *tolerance* when listening to different opinions about one subject (intolerance being widely spread here) we have introduced the following exercise : each Link by turn, chooses a pet subject, studies it well and when in possession of it espouses it, giving his own point of view about it. The other Links then give their opinion and the Director sums up the discussion showing them how and where they all meet and how the diversity makes an harmonious whole.

The *Bulletin* of the Golden in Spain is regularly published and 150 exemplars are distributed quarterly in Spain and foreign countries.

The feasts given by the G. C. for its Anniversary and at Epiphany met with the same great success of the precedent years.

To sum up :

Animated by the one and constant desire to serve Him as it is our duty to do, firmly believing that the work will go on ever progressing, our faith and ardour always growing, we let the final result in His Hands.

CÉLINE GUYARD,
National Representative in Spain.

THE ORDER OF THE BROTHERS OF SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT—1926

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Since the organisation of the Order in 1917, the work done by the Brothers has been one of the most vital contributions to the development of the Theosophical Movement, especially in India. Without their work, many activities would have been but little developed. The unique spirit pervading the Theosophical educational institutions in India is mainly due to the Brothers of Service.

During the year 1926, there is nothing new to report concerning the Order. No new Brother of Service has been admitted. The Brothers of Service have been severally active in the places allocated to them by their head, the Brother Server, Dr. Annie Besant. About half the income of the Order is derived from the earnings of the Brothers themselves, the other half being made up by donations from the Lay Brothers, who donate one-tenth of their income, and from the Associates, who contribute what they can.

One Brother of Service, Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar, was elected for the third time to represent the constituency of Bellary District in the Madras Legislative Council. On the resignation of the existing Ministry, he became one of the three Ministers of the Crown, and is now in charge of the departments of Public Works, Development, Registration, etc.

Another Brother of Service, Mr. B. Shiva Rao, was a candidate for another constituency of Madras Presidency, but failed to be elected by some five hundred votes in one of the largest constituencies in Madras.

There are now in the Order, Brothers of Service 25 ; Novices 6 ; Probationers 50 ; Lay Brothers 53 ; Associates 43.

The following are the Brothers of Service, with the work allocated to them :

1. Bro. E. M. Amery, Principal, Coimbatore Girls' School.
2. „ J. R. Aria, Recording Secretary, T.S.

3. Bro. G. S. Arundale, General Secretary, Australian Section, T.S.
 4. „ A. C. Bell, Theosophical work in Europe.
 5. „ M. E. Cousins, Secretary, Women's Indian Association.
 6. „ N. R. Deobhankar, Medical Supervisor, National Theosophical College, Adyar.
 7. „ Fritz Kunz, National Representative for the Star, U.S.A.
 8. „ A. Herington, Teacher, National Theosophical College, Adyar.
 9. „ V. Krishna Menon, in Europe, completing studies.
 10. „ M. S. Madhava Rao, Assistant Editor, *New India*.
 11. „ M. McCulloch, Editorial Work, T.P.H., Adyar.
 12. „ E. B. Noble, Principal, Girls' High School, Mylapore.
 13. „ Padmabai Sanjiva Rao, Principal, Theosophical Women's College, Benares.
 14. „ R. V. Phansalkar, Medical Supervisor, National Theosophical College, Benares.
 15. „ Y. Prasad, Professor, National Theosophical College, Adyar, and National Representative for the Star.
 16. „ N. S. Rama Rao, Vice-Principal, Theosophical College, Madanapalle and National Representative for the Star.
 17. „ A. Ranganatha Mudaliar, Minister of Development, etc., Government of Madras.
 18. „ K. M. Ridge, Clerical Services, T.P.H., Adyar.
 19. „ B. Sanjiva Rao, Principal, Queen's College, Benares.
 20. „ C. V. Shah, Manager, T.S. Dairy, Adyar.
 21. „ B. Shiva Rao, Political and Secretarial work, and President, Madras Labour Union.
 22. „ N. Sri Ram, Assistant Editor, *New India*.
 23. „ G. V. Subba Rao, Principal, National Theosophical College, Adyar.
 24. „ C. Subbarayudu, Assistant Manager, Vasanta Press, Adyar.
 25. „ C. S. Trilokekar, Principal, Theosophical College, Madanapalle.
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SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT, 1925—1926

To the President, Theosophical Society.

AUSTRALIA

Chief Bro. : Mrs. H. F. Bennett.

A Central Executive has been formed in which are included the Chief Brothers representing the Six States, an Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chief Bro. Supervisor of Magazines for Australia, and an Inter-State Secretary to deal with State and Commonwealth Legislation and Reforms to assist Women and Children.

This National Section of the Order was formed in April, 1926, but work in the various States has been carried on for some years.

Activities.—Prohibition. Child and Maternity Welfare. Creches and Kindergartens. Endowment of Motherhood. Baby Health Centres. Animal Welfare. Anti-Vivisection. Co-operation with Red Cross Society. Work for Hospitals. Country Women's Association. Aid to Families in need. Braille. Co-operation with the Good Film League. Newspaper Articles. Abolition of Capital Punishment. League of Nations. Vigilance Service. Politics. Penal Reforms. Citizenship. Esperanto. Women's place in Government. Public Health. Entertainments. Study Groups for Science, Astrology and Theosophy.

Some of the State organisations are affiliated to the National Council of Women, the Australian Federation of Women's Societies for Equal Citizenship, and the British Commonwealth League. Much assistance is given to the Magazine *Advance Australia* and the Bulletin *Fidelity News Service*. The Prohibition Group of the Order is in close touch with various other Prohibition Leagues and submits questionnaires to members of the Legislative Assembly. The Vigilance Group is linked up with the Racial Hygienic Centre and co-operates with other similar organisations. The Braille and Service of the Blind Group is linked up with the Blind Institution. The Penal Reform Group is represented on the Howard League for Penal Reform. The Anti-Vivisection and Animal Welfare Group is represented on the S.P.C.A., the Humanitarian Society and other organisations.

AUSTRIA

Chief Bro. : Dr. Walther Klein.

This Section consists of seven working Groups. The Representatives of the Order hold regular business meetings except during the summer months.

Activities.—Braille. Women Protection. Arts and Crafts. Translations and Publications. Animal Protection. Peace and League of Nations propaganda. Aid to Discharged Prisoners.

The Animal Protection Group are introducing an Animal Welfare Week into Austria and are preparing a big public demonstration against Vivisection. The "Humane Killer" has been introduced into the Provinces. The Group for Peace and League of Nations propaganda have been instrumental in the engagement of the famous Pacifist, General Schonaich, for a series of Public Lectures in Vienna. Young Austrian members have given much help to the founding of the Austrian Branch of the World Youth Movement. Other Groups are doing well on their own lines.

BRAZIL

This Section is being organised and hope to submit their first Report next year.

BULGARIA

Chief Bro. : Mr. Luben Niagoloff.

Activities.—Food Reform. Animal Welfare. Peace. Healing. Aid to the Blind, the Aged, Widows and Orphans, the Sick, the Poor, Refugees and Prisoners. Education. The International Correspondence League and the Round Table have been started in Bulgaria through the instrumentality of the Order.

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Chief Bro. : Oscar Beer.

Annual Report not yet received.

DENMARK

Chief Bro. : Herr Prnsholt.

Annual Report not yet received.

DUTCH EAST INDIES

Chief Bro. : J. Kruisheer.

Activities.—Education. N. I. Anti-Vivisection League. Moslem League. Work to establish a Crematorium. National Correspondence Group.

The Educational activities include the establishment and up-keep of fifteen Schools, one Training College for Teachers and a Theosophical Scholarship Fund. The N. I. Anti-Vivisection League is in a strong financial position and hopes to accomplish much useful work.

ESTHONIA

Chief Bro. : Mme. Solovsky.

Activities.—Animal Welfare. Aid to Russian Children. The Scout Movement. Healing Groups (2). Translation of Theosophical and 'Star' books and the Liberal Catholic Church Liturgy.

FINLAND

Chief Bro. : Mrs. Annie Boehm.

Activities.—Healing. Work for the Blind. International Correspondence.

GERMANY

Chief Bro. : Fraulein Johanna Weitz.

Activities.—Child Welfare. Work in the Courts for young persons. Protection of Children. Animal Welfare. Aid to the Blind. Aid to the Defective. Aid to Prisoners. Hospital work. Education. Healing. Food Reform. The Peace Movement. Prohibition. Work against Anti-Semitism.

This Report tells of the intense misery and poverty that still exists in Germany, and because of that condition of the Country it has not been possible, apparently, to form a very definite organisation. Most of the work that is being done is done by individual members working on their own or through public Societies and Associations. Evidently the Order in Germany is carrying on its work under great difficulties, but the Ch. Brother writes: "There is scarcely a Welfare or Social Meeting or Institution with which one or other of our Members is not connected; we take part in Municipal Welfare work, and in the work of Juvenile Courts of Justice, and even belong to the working Committee of the Protestant Church. This latter fact means real progress, because of the antagonism that has formerly existed between Church and Theosophy."

GREAT BRITAIN

Chief Bro. : Ralph Thomson.

This Section consists of twenty-six Branches spread throughout Great Britain, fifteen new Branches having been added during the year.

Activities.—Peace. Animal Welfare. The Abolition of Cruel Sport. Child Welfare. Relief for Wives and Children of Miners'. Food Reform. Aid to the Blind. Relief for the Poor in Germany. Hospital work. Support for the League of Nations. Anti-Vivisection. The

Abolition of Capital Punishment. The Brotherhood Movement. Women's Movement. Lectures. Education and numerous other activities.

The National Lecturer, Miss Dorothy Matthews, during the year made extensive Lecture Tours lecturing on many various subjects.

The Order continues to be affiliated to the National Council for the Abolition of the Death Penalty, The National Council for Animal Welfare and the National Council for the Prevention of War. The Order co-operated during the year with the promoters of the Women's Peace Pilgrimage. Many of the Order's Branches assisted in their local demonstrations and Processions and in the London Demonstration, the Order's Banner was carried and a goodly contingent followed behind.

HOLLAND

Chief Bro. : Jacques Bienfait.

Annual Report not yet received.

HUNGARY

Chief Bro. : Frau Ella Von Hild.

Activities.—Child Welfare. Hungarian Order of Service Magazine. Animal Welfare. Help for the Poor.

ICELAND

Chief Bro. : Mrs. Marta Kalman.

Activities.—Child Welfare. Healing. Temperance. League of Nations. Social work. A Sewing Club. A Service Club. An Instruction Group. A Committee for assisting Visitors. International Correspondence.

INDIA

Chief Bro. : Srimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram.

Activities.—Welfare of Women and Children. Animal Protection. Village Reform. Welfare of the Submerged Classes. Sanitation. Temperance. The work in India was commenced in April, 1926. Four Branches have been established.

ITALY

Chief Bro. : Grant Greenham.

Activities.—Protection of Animals amongst Children. Work for the Blind. Food Reform. Propaganda for Cultivation and use of the Soya Bean. Arts and Crafts. League of Doctors for Research along occult lines. Magnetic Healing and Auto-Suggestion. League of Business men. Information and Hospitality Service. International Correspondence.

NORWAY

Chief Bro. : Fru Agnes Martens Aparre.

Activities.—Social and Political Reforms. Mental Healing.

POLAND

Chief Bro. : Mrs. Halina Krzyzanowska.

Activities.—Child Welfare. Care of Young Delinquents. Young Children's Education. A Club for Newspaper Boys. A Club for 'fallen' girls. A Book-binding Workshop for discharged women Prisoners. A Library for Working Men and Boys. Healing through Abram's method and Colour Treatment. Classes in Rhythmic Breathing.

SWEDEN

Chief Bro. : Sven Serrander.

Annual Report not yet received.

SWITZERLAND

Chief Bro. : Miss Helmboldt.

Activities.—Child and Baby Welfare. Weekly Meetings for Street Girls. Help in the Homes of the Poor. Cottage Industries. Arts and Crafts. Concerts for the Blind, Poor and Sick, with music expressing Theosophy. Visiting Hospitals.

UNITED STATES

Chief Bro. : Max Wardall.

This Section is in course of being organised. The Report says :
“The Organisation of the Order is proceeding rapidly along the lines

indicated in the attached pamphlet which he (the Ch. Brother) is circulating throughout the States." The pamphlet proposes most of the activities being carried out in other Countries.

YUGO-SLAVIA

Chief Bro. : Fritz Karschulin.

Report not yet received.

THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE IN DUTCH EAST INDIES

Second Annual Meeting on Monday, 5th April, 1926, at Weltevreden.

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Organising Secretary, Br. J. Kruisheer, on taking the chair says that before proceeding to reading and discussing the accounts of the various societies associated he first would point out that this work of rendering Service also forms part of the GREAT PLAN belonging to the preparation for now coming times and the promotion of the evolution, as well as any other "movement" now more prominent. For in the Social field such an enormous amount of work is still to be done also by the F.T.S.—that it is time for organising this line of action too. This point was subjected to discussion at the Adyar meetings of the T.O.S.

Dutch East Indies Theosophical Association for Education.—The membership of this Association this year numbers 165 and it is working in seven regional departments.

Bandoeng has now two Arjuna schools and two kindergarten schools besides one Montessori school.

Batavia, besides "Goenoeng Sari" Training College for Teachers, has three Arjuna schools of which two are now in good working order—the first one having a fine schoolbuilding of its own—whilst the third one is newly started.

Buitenzorg has one Arjuna school which is newly reorganised and consequently goes much better now.

Djokjakarta Arjuna school has a somewhat difficult existence notwithstanding the labours of some of our members.

Poerwokerto has three Arjuna schools of which the third and youngest is the one newly established this year. The two other ones do quite well.

Solo Arjuna school flourishes very well and works without Government subsidies, as its Board wants it.

Pekalongan Arjuna school, stopped a few years ago, is started again this year ; we hope with better result than the first time.

Our own Educational Periodical, named "Association" is doing better than last year. It is much appreciated outside T.S. circles. It only wants some more subscribers.

Representatives of the Theosophical Educational movement were nominated in two instances, *viz.*, Mr. P. Post is nominated to represent us in the Government's Educational Board, an institution of considerable importance. In the Neth. Ind. Education Congress Board we were represented by Mr. J. J. Maatman, who took the place of Mr. W. P. D. Corporaal during his leave.

"GOENOENG SARI"

Training College for Teachers.—In 1925 this school counted on an average 115 pupils of which 25 girls. Eighteen pupils passed their final examination while 2 were plucked. Two of the successful pupils want to study on at the Higher Seminary whereas the others were appointed teachers either of the Arjuna Schools of our society or related ones or of a government school.

The pupils who left school because they could not successfully follow the teaching found with hardly any exception a place at various offices giving satisfaction in every respect.

More than 500 pupils applied for the first class of the course 1925-1926 which at the utmost provides for 30 places only, thus more again than the previous year.

A new class of 34 pupils was formed, in fact too big, but the overwhelming number of applications induced us to place so many candidates.

As this year the school will run short of teachers to be delivered to our own schools for assistance, subsidy for a new Seminary was asked for just as in previous years. Due to the very rapid growth of the number of schools associated with the N.I.T.B.O.O. the need of a second Seminary becomes greater. Should the government remain unwilling to lend support, this work has to be done with entirely private means

Even if subsidy is granted a good deal of money is required to start with. Still another question calls urgently for a solution. For many years it was intended to move the school which plan, however, could not be carried out for want of funds. A splendid piece of ground on which a very large Theosophical complex of schools could be established has now been put to our disposal by one of our members. A beautiful beginning indeed.

It becomes ever more evident to the board of management and teachers which way they have to go to realise our ideals in educational matters. The pupils even though on a moderate scale have lived as well with the grand events at Ommen and Huizen. At many weekly meetings of all pupils and teachers under the tamarind tree, these events were discussed. Our school also rendered homage to the Mother-society on the occasion of its Fiftieth Anniversary by an aubade performed on the lawn in front of our Headquarters.

Of a few more internal matters we will make mention. The school still follows the Dalton System and both the teachers and pupils have found that this method gives more opportunity to the development of personality than the old system. We shall therefore proceed on this path.

The system of "Self-government" introduced into our boarding-school for boys is of great importance. Those wishing to know more of it are referred to the monthly periodical "Association"; it is difficult to give a brief outline of it. We will only say that it has proved a good system for the awaking of the feeling of responsibility in young people. We may advise every leader of a boarding school for boys to awaken the slumbering strength by such a working-method and to lead them on the paths of co-operation.

"Last not least" there is to be mentioned the well-succeeded effort of one of the teachers in showing how we can inspire with new life the teaching of history.

An old Javanese dramatic piece was performed by the pupils of our school on our playground by moonlight in co-operation with the pupils of the 1st Ardjuna school. This dramatised lesson of history was followed with great attention and often received with loud cheers by a few authorities and many teachers and other interested people and was also highly praised in the press. We hope to give such a demonstration again next year.

THEOSOPHICAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

On the first of January, 1925, 14 pupils were supported by the fund, 3 pupils finished their studies, 2 need not be supported any longer while from 1 pupil financial assistance was withheld for want of aptitude. Eight new pupils have been added extending the number of pupils supported to 16 at the close of 1925.

On the whole the Committee are satisfied with the progress of the pupils supported. A good deal more, however, might have been effected, had subscriptions been more liberal. The fund has 89 subscribers of which 60 resident at Batavia, the monthly subscriptions collected amounts in total to F.90. That in spite of it a total of F.5341, 67 could be paid out by the fund is due to the fact that 10 members have contributed extra on behalf of pupils specially nominated by them.

Further the fund has charge of a number of schools which are administered quite separately from the aiding-fund.

Recently the Ardjuna School at Weltevreden, the oldest of them, took possession of a new nice schoolbuilding at Petodjo. This school enjoying great popularity has 280 pupils divided into 7 classes subsidized by the government.

At Meester-Cornelis too, an Ardjuna school was established this year which also proves a success ; it has already more than 120 pupils divided over 4 classes. This school has no subsidy from the government. At Bandoeng the Fund has 2 Ardjuna schools and a Abimanjoe school or kindergarten. The Girolojo Lodge of the T.S. formerly had charge of the 1st Arjuna school at Bandoeng. These two schools have now together 236 pupils of which 86 girls. The Abimanjoe kindergarten was attended by 48 pupils. At Sourabaya a Dutch Chinese School was established starting with 33 pupils.

To sum up we call your attention to the increasing intensity displayed by our fund. Both the number of scholarships and the schools rapidly increased in the past year and it will also be certainly the case in the coming year. The number of the pupils under our direction doubled. In rendering support as well as in shaping and feeding the general school-mind our Theosophical principles were brought into prominence in greater measure still, *viz.*, by : 1st, pervading the education with the Theosophical idea of brotherhood so as to divest the relation

between the East and the West of its sharp edges and to cultivate forbearance ; 2nd, gradually founding the education in this country on an Indonesian cultural-historical basis.

Life and activity are the leading features of our fund ; the Committee feel sanguine of and grateful for the growing interest in their work though still inadequate at present. Let us understand that we only just started our great work. Many hands, many heads and many purses should still be offered to us if we are to become an essential factor in the growth of Indonesia. For many applications for financial aid have still to be refused, many a student who would greatly be helped by F.15—a month only must be disappointed now ; this must change. It is regretful that not a single member of several Theosophical Lodges and centres has entered his name in the list of contributors or donors of our Fund. But the climax is pointing in the right direction which becomes obvious on comparing the state of affairs on ult. 1924 and ult. 1925. We hope more Theosophists will share in and give countenance to our work ; we are badly in want of workers and subscribers for the educational work we have taken up, one of the greatest lines of activity marked out for mankind by its TRUE LEADERS.

The whole Educational Movement in this country now being reorganised as the N. I. Theosophical World University Association, this will be the last time that these reports are given under the auspices of the T. O. S.

NATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE GROUP

The object of this group is to bring members of the T.S. in this country in personal contact with one another through correspondence. In 1925 Mrs. Van der Stok established this group by sending a general letter to all Dutch Lodges and Centres, as she thought it desirable that members of the T. S. in Holland should know something more of the life and work of the Theosophists in Indonesia than can possibly be known from the official accounts. As a result about 10 letters were received and sent to several persons who at the beginning offered themselves to do the work. Besides from the Secretaries, a letter from the Secretary of the Dutch Section of the International

Correspondence League has been received too, along with the list of members which included a list of members of Indonesia.

When Mrs. v. d. Stok, who had diligently begun the first organisation of this group, left Java her task was taken over by Mr. E. Vervuurt at Tasikmalaja who also on account of his departure—the great drawback of all work in this country—is obliged to lay down this work.

It has proved an exceedingly great difficulty for the leader of that correspondence group to be informed of what has been done by the member correspondents in this year under report. Notwithstanding the good intention there is not much to communicate of this group as none of the Secretary correspondents has sent a report. Of course everyone is quite free to work and to correspond as he himself likes provided, however, that one keeps to the only condition by which the organisation can actively hold its own, *viz.*, contact with the Organising Secretary.

Owing to Mr. Vervuurt's departure I am asked to be leader of this group which I gladly accept additional to the Secretaryship of the International Correspondence League. By visiting and studying so many countries I have arrived at a better understanding of the national idea. Our national work can only succeed if we are able to form as it were a net-work of correspondents all over the country all connected with the Central Office of the Organising Secretary. Consequently I summon all co-operators to do their utmost in the year coming and try to keep me informed of the work.

Blavatskypark 9

L. VAN SWIETEN

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE LEAGUE

In the summer of 1919 this International Correspondence League has been established in London by Mrs. Besant and a few enthusiastic members of the T. S. from Norway, Sweden, Iceland, France, Spain, Hungaria, Australia and England. After some difficulty the I. C. L. obtained a vast field of operation and in 1925 the English corresponding Secretary had more than 1,000 correspondents of which 220 representatives of the Youth-movement in England, India, China and Germany. Many Theosophical and other periodicals were forwarded to

the members abroad and in India and at present 40 members are regularly sending periodicals to members abroad. Moreover many visitors of London have learned to feel themselves at home there as lodging was secured for them. A great number of Theosophical Lodges is also in regular contact with members from far over sea and correspondence is done between the United Kingdom and the different countries of the world. Now there are Secretaries of the I.C.L. in more than 40 countries, more than 12 German students are corresponding with English students and we may expect the best results. Members in Austria found friends both in Germany and Paris through this correspondence. So a mutual understanding arises, a brotherhood and true comradeship between people from all countries and parts of the world. By personal ties of friendship our league can contribute towards a firm basis of Internationalism and we hope to prepare a closer contact between all nations in the future.

The work of the League can be much more extended and will be able of embracing a great deal more in time to come ; the method and the way of performance also differ in each country according to the difference in temperament of the inhabitants.

Purpose of the I.C.L. is to serve the Theosophical Society and to encourage the allied organisations ; to facilitate the contact between members in the different parts of the world by means of correspondence and visits and by rendering such visits as agreeable and useful as possible. Thus Brotherhood will be strengthened and made more living, enabling the message of the World Teacher when He comes to be passed and spread to different peoples in different countries.

L. VAN SWIETEN,
Secretary, International Correspondence League of the
T.O.S., Blavatskypark, Weltevreden.

N. I. ANTI-VIVISECTION LEAGUE

In March, 1925, the N.I.A.V.L. was not in a favourable condition. The temporary Secretary left again for Europe at the end of 1923 whose place remained vacant and owing to ill-health and the pressure of activities the Deputy Treasurer could not do the work of the League. Since April, 1925, the two functions were taken over by Mr. and Mrs. Kist-van

Rhyn and since that time a revival was to be observed. In 1925 some 75 new members were admitted so that at the 31st December, 1925, there were in all about 125 members. A small number but sufficient to courageously begin 1926. Mrs. R. Coster-Lucas at Buitenzorg and Mrs. Van Ameron-Anschutz at Bandoeng were willing to be Commissioners of the League.

The Board begged co-operation of :

1. The Board of Directors of the Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, which was refused.

2. The Order of the Star in the East, who did not reply.

3. The Vegetarian Section. Mr. van Wijk replied that he was willing to co-operate to the best of his ability, however, he himself could not yet join the Anti-Vivisection League.

4. The T.O.S. that would like to co-operate. For a fortnight at Weltevreden and 3 months at Bandoeng three pictures taken from "The Anti-Vivisection War" were shown at the bioscope. During the fair at Bandoeng some 500 brochures and pamphlets were distributed gratis. The Anti-Vivisection League had been taken into the Booth of the Theosophical Society together with the Star and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Unfortunately there was no stock of exhibition-materials yet at the time, which in the meantime have been received from Belgium so that at the annual fair in 1926 the Anti-Vivisection League Section hopes to be well represented.

Mr. van Wijk at Weltevreden sent application forms for membership to all vegetarians in Indonesia along with "New ways in medical Science" and vivisection pictures. The immediate result, however, was small and so far as could be traced nobody joined the League consequent upon it. Besides Mr. Van Wyk was so kind as to sell and distribute a few hundred pamphlets.

Besides the organ of the Dutch League various pamphlets were sent gratis to the members. In March, 1925, the cash balance amounted to F.1160,70, at ult. December, 1925, it amounted to F.1701,55 while the expenses in 1925 were F.606.

Admitting the strong financial position of the League yet members are urgently requested to miss no opportunity to promote the work of the League, to spread its ideals and to oppose excesses and cruelties.

(Excerpt from the account of the Secretary C. Kist-van Rhyn.)

MOSLIM LEAGUE

Since last year two persons joined the league extending the number of our members to 16 now, which is very small compared to the conspicuously important work propagated by the League, viz., the study of the Islam religion.

The little book dealing with *The Religion of Mohammed* announced last year and published at the beginning of the year under report seems to entirely justify expectations which is a good basis for further study. A few members are again collecting additional data and any information which is considered of importance and conducive to our purpose will be gladly received. As soon as there is sufficient matter a second book will be edited.

The first book is to be had at Minerva's as well as with ourselves at F.1,25. To enable its publication a few members of the league pay a little sum and if the first sells readily the cost of the second can be paid out of it. At Adyar the undersigned took part in the League's meeting of the Indian section which along with our section and that of Egypt represent the only countries where our League is established. We received a circular from the President of the Moslim League asking financial support for the establishment of a Mosque at Adyar, for which we kindly solicit our members' and friends' attention.

As remittances to Br. India meet with much difficulty the undersigned is willing to charge himself with collecting and forwarding the money ; Address : Blavatskypark 4, Weltevreden. We think it certainly on the way of our Moslim-League to lend support, seeing that it is of general importance that the opportunity be also offered to the Islam religion to join the World-Religion in due time ; that Islam, too, with a mosque—a reproduction reduced in size of the celebrated Pearl Mosque at Delhi—be represented at Adyar, as also belonging to the Universal Brotherhood of the Religions.

J. KRUISHEER

WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

One of the events worth mentioning of the Easter Congress at Batavia which was a great success, is the organisation of the younger

members of the T.S. with the intention of linking themselves up to the World Federation of Young Theosophists :

Owing to the remote situation and because in the Br. Indian and Australian sections English is the leading language it was proposed to form a separate section.

The section will consist of local autonomous groups. Young people may join them who agree with the aims of the World Federation of Young Theosophists.

The board of the section consist of 3 members who are elected for one year. The board members for this year are :

1. President : Ir. H. van der Veen, Madoerastreet 6, Bandoeng.
2. Vice-President : R. Winarno, Kadipolo, Solo.
3. Secretary : S. Djojopoespito, Dacostaboulevard, 14, Bandoeng.

Each group has a local leader who is regularly in correspondence with the section board reporting on the activities accomplished. The existing monthly *Youth* has been chosen as the section's organ.

At present there are groups at Batavia, Buitenzorg, Bandoeng, Semarang, Soerabaia and Solo. We hope more groups will start and that the youth in these countries will contribute to the spreading of the fellowship idea.

A CREMATORIUM IN JAVA

At Batavia Dr. Boerma recently took the lead of establishing a society with the purpose of founding and working as soon as possible a crematorium in this country. A few years ago the same attempt was made at Samarang but then the plan could not be carried out and the money collected was appropriated for a charitable end. The promoters of this new society including the undersigned are of opinion that it is high time of having here also at least one opportunity for cremation, by which the foundation at other places will be facilitated as soon as the first has been set up. The co-operation of all realising the desirability of it is requested apart from personal reasons and arguments one may have.

The practical realisation of the plan will greatly depend on the number of members applying—the financial part is likely to succeed—and only when a large number of partners join the society the plan can be put into practice. We need not discuss the preference of

cremation to the present method of internment, it would require a whole volume. Thus our present aim is merely to induce partners to make themselves known by joining the new society. Later on when there will be a crematorium—members will pay less than non-members, just as in Holland. Every advocate of cremation is requested to join the new Society by applying to the Secretary, Mr. J. G. Spaan, Javastreet 58, Weltevreden, or the undersigned.

No written accounts came in of the Societies for combating Drink and Opium and for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals but the work was catchingly discussed at this meeting of the Th. O. S. and those present were urged to support these two matters at their residences too, by actively joining the organisations already operating in that sphere.

After a few more words to all those present to especially consider this work too as an essential part of the Great Work and not to forget that on this work also rest the Bliss of the Great Ones, that this also is a way of rising to their Feet, the Organising Secretary closed the meeting.

J. KRUISHEER

INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE LEAGUE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Since last Report (up to July, 1925) big strides have been made by the International Correspondence League as a whole, and its activities have extended to seven new countries, as follows :

Brazil	Japan
Chili	Uruguay
Egypt	California, U.S.A.
Guatemala	

In the countries where the League already existed the year has been marked by increased life ; this is particularly the case with Ceylon, France, Germany, Hungary, Java, Portugal and Roumania ; while Secretaries in less favoured countries have worked steadily in spite of not much response.

From one or two countries, such as China and Colombia, we do not seem successful in getting answers to our letters, and we have no news as to what their activity along I.C.L. lines may be.

England, India and Italy, where the work has already been well organised and flourishing for some years, continue their steady and splendid work.

In New Zealand, though we have many correspondents, there is as yet no I.C.L. Secretary. We are, however, in touch with two of their people about it and hope soon to add New Zealand to our list. We are also in correspondence about Secretaries for Belgium and Canada.

A special effort of the International Office during this period has been the linking up of the Latin-American countries with the object of binding them together with each other as well as with the other Branches of the I.C.L. The response on the whole has been good, and in some instances our movement has come to fill a very real need, as in

the case of Chili. Some of the newly appointed Secretaries in these American Republics are very keen and able men, so that we now hope for a more steady development of the I.C.L. in this field.

The following Sections have submitted Annual Reports :

Argentine	Hungary	Porto Rico
Australia	India	Portugal
Austria	Italy	Rhodesia and S. Africa
Burma	Japan	Roumania
Ceylon	Java	Scotland
England	Jugo-Slavia	Spain
Finland	Morocco	Sweden
France	Norway	U. S. A.
Germany	Peru	Uruguay
Greece	Poland	Wales.
Holland		

Reports have also been sent in separately by the following :

The Magazine Section.

The International Social Centre.

The Correspondence Section.

The Youth Section.

India has been referred to as a Country of "Extraordinary Activity" in international correspondence.

The Report ends with the following paragraph "We cannot end this Report without putting on record the loss sustained by the I.C.L. in the passing away of Mr. Arthur Burgess, on whose advice and help the League could always count."

MR. ESTHER NICOLAU,
International Secretary.

LEAGUE OF HEALING

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Twenty-eight Groups are working in Great Brintain and 32 Overseas, amongst the latest Groups formed being Bangalore and Washington. 247 Members are on the Register.

Headquarters has been transferred from 52 Lancaster Gate to 84 Boundary Road, London, N.W.8.

A Meeting was held at Ommen on July the 28th. The President (Mr. Pearce) took the chair and gave a most helpful talk. Mr. Geoffrey Hodson and Mr. Jack Burton gave addresses, all emphasising the work of the League in helping people to realise that physical health is the outcome of spiritual well-being. Mrs. X. Kooper gave a Report on the steady work being done in Brussels. Many asked for information with regard to starting Groups.

Four people in different Districts removed from Centres have arranged to become attached to Headquarters by following the Ritual at the time of the Meeting, regularly. This arrangement should strengthen the group and be a means of linking up all who are interested in serving along this line of activity.

A. V. STRANG,

Hon. Secretary.

WOMEN'S INDIAN ASSOCIATION

FROM 1925—26

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Association has had a large increase in its membership during the past year. Six new Branches have been formed. Continued propaganda is being carried on to secure the further Raising of the Age of Consent from 13 to 14. Complete political equality between men and women is now established in Madras and Bombay Presidencies and in the Punjab. Women are now admitted into the Legislative Councils and the one who has been nominated for the Madras Legislative Council is one of the most active and well-known members of the Women's Indian Association. The Association has been the training ground of almost all the women who have been chosen in growing numbers as Members of District, Taluk and Municipal Boards. The members of the Branches are interesting themselves increasingly in Child Welfare work in addition to the holding of weekly meetings, lectures and classes. The Women's Home of Service has moved to larger premises and has added to its numbers of pupils in training for vocational posts. Four Members ably represented the Association at the International Congress of Women in Paris. Mrs. Jinarajadasa carried through a valuable tour in Bengal and Burma speaking everywhere on behalf of the advance of women. The Magazine, *Stri Dharma*, continues to form a valuable source of information on the doings of Indian womanhood and it admirably links the members together. An Appeal is made for more financial support for the Work for Women as the amount of work which can be attempted successfully is in ratio to the amount of money available for it.

THE LEAGUE OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS

REPORT FOR 1926

To the President, Theosophical Society.

On the 28th of December which was described the other day by Bishop Leadbeater as the day consecrated to children in the Festivals of Mediæval Church, the League of Parents and Teachers enters on its twelfth birthday leaving eleven years of work in India and elsewhere behind. The inspiration to the work came to us, Theosophists, from Bishop Leadbeater and Dr. Besant. Scattered individual work took the shape of a regular movement at the hands of Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa in Bombay in the Christmas of 1915 when the National Congress and the Theosophical Convention for the first time came together in that beautiful city. Mr. J. Krishnamurti and Bishop Arundale fostered the movement, one by supplying the ideal in his "Education as Service" and the other, by the creation of a set of teachers devoted to that ideal through his work as Principal of the National Training College at Adyar. We owe not a little inspiration to Professors Ernest Wood and Telang, Principal Sanjiva Rao, Fritz Kunz and others.

This is not a place for going into a detailed description of our work. But reference must be made to the labours of Mr. Veni Shankar Bhatt, B.A., in Gujerat, Prof. H. C. Kumar in the Punjab, Messrs. K. Narahari Sastri, M. Parvatisam, Panchapagesan and others in Madras, and W. L. Chiploonkar and Mr. Toro, B.A., Deputy Educational Inspector for Visual Instruction in the Bombay Presidency. Mr. Ramasraya Prasad lectured in Behar with the help of magic lantern slides. Babu Sabitri Chatterji, B.A., of the Upasana Press, has co-operated with us by his lectures in some places in Bengal. Mrs. D. Jinarājādāsa spoke on Child Welfare in some places in Burma.

R. K. KULKARNI,

Hon. Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP IN ARTS AND CRAFTS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

During the year the membership has doubled, and there has been a considerable increase of activity. The number of countries represented has reached 26.

There has been more linking up between the various countries, by correspondence, exchange of plays, music, etc.

A number of works by members, both musical and literary, have been given to the library, and typed copies of the catalogue have been issued. A list of additions will be sent out annually.

Three leaflets have been published. In November, 1925, "Beauty as Service," by the International Secretary, and in June, 1926, an outline of the work of the Fellowship, and the article on "Artists and Theosophists," by the President, Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, M.A. The last two have been translated into several languages.

Special meetings were held at the World Congress at Adyar, with addresses by the President and the International Secretary, and also at the English, Scottish, and Welsh Conventions, at several Lodges in England, and in Poland, Germany, and Belgium, the International Secretary having carried out several tours.

Arising out of the London Convention discussion, schemes for bringing more beauty into Theosophical work have been brought forward, with practical experiments at Letchworth Lodge, and several Lodges are forming groups to work in close association with the Fellowship.

Community singing was introduced at the English and Welsh Conventions, at Adyar, and in several Lodges ; a list of music published, and selections sent to various parts of the world. Singing has also been enjoyed in clubs organised by the Theosophical Order of Service, while the Fellowship was represented at the mass meeting for spreading

community singing in England, which was held in the Albert Hall, London, organised by *The Daily Express*. Members are also giving their services for choir-training in Women's Institutes, etc. The Secretary for Finland is compiling a book of songs for use in that country.

There has been a good deal of activity in the dramatic sections of several countries. The Polish and Belgian groups have each produced a number of mystery plays, and some of those written by Mlle. Serge Brisy of the "Monada" Community, and Mlle. Bonaceska of the Moniuskistr. Community are being translated into English. "The Human Touch," the anti-vivisection play by Mr. L. A. Compton-Rickett, Secretary of the Arts Lodge, has been revived in London, under the auspices of the Arts Lodge the "Blue Rose" players gave one of the "Little Plays of St. Francis" and a Chinese mime play, and the students of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, "The Silver Box," by Galsworthy. "Joseph of Arimathea" was successfully produced by the Bournemouth Mystery Drama League in a beautiful garden. Other groups have been hard at work, though full reports have not yet been received; members in Finland, Africa, America and England have performed the Krotona Ritual, and also co-operated with members of the Round Table in serious dramatic work. There is scope for many workers in the translation of suitable plays from Indian, Chinese, and European languages.

Valuable work has been done in music. In Vienna, Mrs. Auner's introduction of lecture recitals into the elementary schools has received the approval and support of the government, and is now spreading into hundreds of schools in a large area. Lectures, recitals, and idealistic educational work are occupying members in England, America, Australia, Austria and Holland, the "Orpheus" group in Switzerland works especially for the poor or blind, and most sections are working for the provision of suitable music for lectures and different types of meetings. The musical arrangements for the London Convention meetings were carried out by the Fellowship, and at the Prague Convention a fine Slavonic concert was also given.

India and Switzerland are studying national arts and crafts, excellent work along these lines being done by members in many sections.

Everywhere funds are needed, especially for the help of countries with special difficulties of finance and currency.

So much of the work is individual that details cannot be given, but there is everywhere a quickening of life, interest and energy. Many new avenues of work are opening before us, and with the inspiration our President gives to help us to respond to the calls, we can go forward with joy and confidence to the service of the world.

SYBIL MARGUERITE WARNER

T. S. MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The work of the Association is greatly needed in India, in order to bring into closer co-operation cultured Hindus and Muhammadans who are ready to transcend communal claims. But the Association is handicapped for want of workers, though wherever he goes Bro. Hukm Chand Kumar of Hyderabad, Sind, lectures on the inner spirit of Islam to Muhammadan audiences, and Bro. Abdul Karim of Trichinopoly lectures whenever his official duties permit.

During the T.S. Convention of 1926 at Benares, three addresses were delivered, as follows : (1) a scholarly paper on " Muhammad in the Light of Modern Thought," by Dr. Abul Fazl, M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt., translator of the Koran, Superintendent of Education in the Municipal Board, Allahabad ; (2) a paper on " The Unity of Religions and Islam," by Mr. Saiduddin Ahmad, Subordinate Judge, Allahabad ; (3) An address by Mr. Abdul Karim.

The more those interested in the Association get to know of Islamic traditions the more firmly they are convinced that the Association has a most useful career before it, as slowly more workers are enrolled.

The Mosque at Adyar, whose foundation stone was laid during the Jubilee Convention, has been built only four feet from the ground so far. For its completion, about another Rs. 5,000 are needed, and the Committee is trying to collect this sum, though as yet only a small part of the sum has been procured from sympathisers.

For the Association :

C. JINARĀJADĀSA

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ABDUL KARIM

HUKM CHAND KUMAR

ASSOCIATION OF HEBREW THEOSOPHISTS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The year under report being the first of the life of the Association was not of much activity. The main work was being done towards the raising of funds for the "Adyar Synagogue". The amount received during the period from private as well as from public appeals is about Rs. 1,100 ; added to the Rs. 1,000 subscribed by the founders during the Jubilee Convention it makes a total of about Rs. 2,100 out of which Rs. 300 await payment from the subscribers.

A quarterly magazine, *The Jewish Theosophist*, edited by Mr. Henry C. Samuels, President of the American Section of the Association, issued its first copy last September in Seattle, (Washington). To the zeal and ability of the officers of that Section we owe about half of the donations received during the year for the Synagogue Fund.

Mr. A. Horne of San Francisco is at present at work on a booklet *Jewish Mysticism*, to be published by the Theosophical Press at Chicago, and is also gathering material for a larger work, *Theosophy and the Jew*. He is also collecting all passages in *The Secret Doctrine* and *Isis Unveiled* touching on the Kabala, and will arrange them in logical and consecutive order for publication. I hope as time goes on a new interpretation of the Jewish religion, and the Jewish literature will be given to the world by Jewish Theosophists assisted from time to time by the vast occult knowledge of the Leaders of the Theosophical Society.

Beside the American Section two others have been formed during the year in Europe, one for England and the other for Holland. India is now busy in making its own section. What we need for the progress of our movement is better co-operation in the field of active work.

At a meeting of the five Jewish Theosophists who attended the Convention of the Indian Section of the T. S. last December at Benares,

it was resolved that a library should be attached to the Synagogue at Adyar which should chiefly contain books on Jewish religion, Jewish philosophy, ethics, history, etc., for the use of the Jewish members who may come to Adyar in the course of time to study Judaism in the light of Theosophy and help the Association in its work. An appeal will be made for the collection of such books.

S. S. COHEN,
Adyar Representative.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY EMPLOYEES' CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY, ADYAR

FOR THE YEAR 1925—26

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Society had at the close of last year 88 members on its roll with 485 shares and the amount of share capital paid was Rs. 1,648-11-0. 35 members were newly admitted during the year while 19 left the Society (15 voluntary withdrawals + 4 expulsions for default of payment) and the number of members at the close of the year thus stood at 104 with 597 shares and a paid-up share capital of Rs. 2,350-9-6 against 600 shares and Rs. 3,000 capital fixed under the by-laws. As the maximum number of shares sanctioned was reached, the General Body of members decided to raise it to 800 shares and the same has been approved by the Deputy Registrar in September last. The number of shares now held by the members is 708, more than 100 out of 200 newly allotted having already been taken up. These figures are a clear proof of the popularity of the Society among the employees of the Theosophical Society. Even the 15 withdrawals referred to above are due to the fact that the members could not continue under the rules after they have left the service in the T.S.

The total transactions of the year amounted to Rs. 8,762-10-4 against Rs. 7,333-8-1 of the previous year and Rs. 2,848-7-1 of the year previous to it, while the loans given and repaid work out to Rs. 5,346-0-0, and Rs. 5,045-15-9 against Rs. 5,588-0-0 and Rs. 4,491-5-10 respectively of the previous year.

There was a slight decrease in the former (amount of loan taken), and increase in the latter (re-payment of loans), which is a sign of progress. The former is due to the fact that a few of the members are now free from debts and a portion of the amount they were

paying to clear their loans is now paid to the Society under recurring deposits. We have now 9 members as depositors and the monthly collection under this account is Rs. 24. In the report for last year eight loans were reported to be over-due ; 3 have since been cleared, steps are being taken to collect the amounts outstanding in three of them and two will shortly be sent to the ARBITRATION COURT through the Assistant Registrar. Though the three loans mentioned above are time barred having been given in 1922 the Panchayat has full hopes of recovering the amounts simply by moral persuasion.

A sum of Rs. 146-8-3 has been added to the Reserve Fund for the year making a total of Rs. 461-5-6 ; of course these figures are subject to slight alteration when the Audit Report for the year is received.

The Panchayat is glad that, seeing the benefits that a Co-operative Society could bestow on its members, two sister Societies were started during the year for those who could not conveniently become members of this Society, *i.e.*, one for the Vasanta Press Staff and the other for the Urur Village close by. This Society is unable to express in words their gratitude to Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, for his love towards us in taking into consideration the miseries we are undergoing unconsciously through ignorance and in finding solution therefore. In his speech given at the time of our last anniversary, he mentioned that if we so wished, he would help us to start a "Store" for us so that we might save a little of our petty incomes without its being absorbed by the local bazaar man ; but when we expressed our inability to provide for the capital required, he arranged to open the Store and it has been registered by the Deputy Registrar and is to be formally started on its work this day.

Mention was made in the report for the previous year that as payments were regularly received from the members the Deputy Registrar was requested to register the Society as a "LIMITED" one, but the matter was dropped on the advice of Rao Bahadur M. K. Venkta Chariar, late Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies. The progress made by the Society is steady and satisfactory considering that almost all of its members are poor and low paid menials and they feel thankful for the benefits they have gained from the Society ; but the greatest boon conferred on them by their membership is not in rupees, annas and pices—which of course have been a great help as it is

the material gain that first draws in outsiders as members—but the real advantage is in their moral upliftment. The members feel that co-operative brotherhood as a reality which is shown in their willingness to stand surety for others, who are not necessarily persons that stood surety for themselves, and in their willingness to pay the dues of others for which they are responsible. In two cases, two members came forward to clear the loans of others for which they are morally responsible in having recommended the loans and for which they have no legal responsibility whatever.

Our weekly religious classes are being continued though not with the number anticipated.

In conclusion the Panchayat begs to offer their heartfelt namaskarams to the President, the Vice-President of the T.S. and the heads of Departments for their kindness and help.

C. SUBBARAMAYYA,

President.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the Registration of Literary,
Scientific nad Charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

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

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

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

(ii) To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.

(iii) To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

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

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by gift or otherwise, of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purpose 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

<i>President-Founder</i>	... H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.
<i>Vice-President</i>	... A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	... Dr. S. Subramania Iyer, Madras, Justice of the High Court.
<i>Treasurer</i>	... W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7 West 8th Street, New York.	W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76 Ams-teldijk, Amsterdam.
Upendranath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Sec-tion, Benares, U.P.	Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secre-tary, French Section, 59 Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.
Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28 Albemarle Street, London, W.	Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380 Corso Um-berto I., Rome.
W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42 Mar-garet Street, Sydney, N.S.W.	Dr. Rudolf Steiner, Gen. Sect., German Section, 95 Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.
Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engel-brochsgatan 7. S t o c k h o l m, Sweden.	José M. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Ha-vana, Cuba.
C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.	

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author [for 3 years].	Francesca Arundale, Benares. Author [for 2 years].
G. R. S. Mead, London, Author [for 3 years].	Tumacherla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge [for 1 year].
Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalavala, Poona, Special Judge [for 3 years].	Charles Blech, Paris, France, Re- tired Manufacturer [for 1 year].
Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician [for 2 years].	

4. Henry Steele 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 member 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 the Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society, 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 the 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, dated this 3rd day of April, 1905.

Witness to the signatures :

H. S. OLCOTT

W. A. ENGLISH

S. SUBRAMANIAM

FRANCESCA ARUNDALE

UPENDRANATH BASU

ANNIE BESANT

N. D. KHANDALAVALA

} ... W. GLENNY KEAGEY

} ... ARTHUR RICHARDSON

... PYARE LAL

... PEROZE P. MEHERJEE

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council, which shall be the Governing Body of the Theosophical Society, shall consist of its President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary and the General Secretary of each of its component National Societies, *ex officio*, and of not less than five other members of the Society ; and not less than seven members of the General Council shall be resident in India, and of these seven there shall be not less than three who shall and three who shall not be natives of India or Ceylon. The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

2. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office, while the other members shall be elected for a term of three years, by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting ; the names of proposed members shall be sent to all members three months before the Annual Meeting. Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society, 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 less than five members.

4. 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 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.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy.

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 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.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of Office his successor shall be nominated by the General Council, at a

meeting to be held by them, and the nomination shall be communicated to the General Secretaries by the Recording Secretary. Each General Secretary shall take the votes of the individual members of his National Society on the list of members forwarded to Adyar in the preceding November, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall take those of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to Adyar. A majority of two-thirds of the recorded votes shall be necessary for election.

11. The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of office shall expire upon the election of a new President.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall take effect from their dates, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority vote of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at its next succeeding meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of whom at least two-thirds shall be members of the Council and it shall consist of seven members, all residents of India, including the President as *ex-officio* Chairman, the Vice-President when resident in Madras, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary as *ex-officio* Secretary of the Committee, and three of the members of such Committee shall and three shall not be natives of India or Ceylon.

15. The Executive Committee shall, as far as convenient meet once in every three months for the audit of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the Chairman 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 less 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 Chairman or Vice-Chairman, 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 Imperial 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 the President or by the Treasurer of the Society.

21. The funds of the Society not required for current expenses 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 of First Mortgages on such property, and with like advice and consent he may sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer the same, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall apply to the property at Adyar, Madras, known as the Headquarters of the Society.

22. Documents and conveyances, in respect of the transfer of property belonging to the Society, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary, and shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society.

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, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President and by the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President, until a successor takes Office.

HEADQUARTERS

26. The 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 of the Headquarters' premises for occupation and residences, 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.

ORGANISATION

28. Every application for membership in the Society must be made on an authorised form, and must, whenever possible, be endorsed by two fellows and signed by the applicant ; but no person under the age of majority shall be admitted without the consent of their guardians.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary ; and a Diploma 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.

30. Lodges and unattached Fellows residing within the territory of a National Society must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

31. When a Lodge or an individual Fellow is, for any serious and weighty reason, desirous of leaving the National Society to which it, or he, belongs, but is not desirous of leaving the Theosophical Society, such Lodge or individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters severing all connection with the National Society, provided that the President, after due consultation with the General Secretary of the said National Society, shall sanction the transfer. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member, and due consultation with the General Secretary of the National Society in which that new member is residing should always precede any decision for his admission.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas 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, in a country where no National Society exists, may apply to be chartered as a Lodge, the application to 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 National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the Rules of the Theosophical Society, and the rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

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. The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows : For Charter, £1 ; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s. ; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s. ; or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large not belonging to any Lodge shall pay the usual 5s. Entrance Fee, and an Annual Subscription of £1, to the General Treasury.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received from its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer on or before the first day of October of the current year, and the official year of the Society shall close on 31st October.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36 or the withdrawal from the Theosophical Society of any National Society or Lodge thereof, its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, lapse and become forfeited, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to the Society, belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge, shall vest in the Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property

shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President or his nominee in its behalf; and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of the Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall be empowered to revive and transfer the said Charter of the National Society or Lodge, whose Charter has so lapsed and become forfeited, to such other Lodges and Fellows or other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge, whose Charter has lapsed as aforesaid is situated, prohibits such vesting in the Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, which the Society may become entitled to 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.

MEETINGS

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 the June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in the 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 shall be held out of India, beginning with one in Europe 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, after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of their whole number, 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.

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FOR 1926—27

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MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at Shanti Kunja,
Benares City, on December 24th, 1926, at 10 a.m.*

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa	...	<i>Vice-President.</i>
„ J. R. Aria	...	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
„ R. G. Macbean	...	<i>Acting Treasurer.</i>
Pandit Iqbal Narain Gurtu	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in India.</i>
Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale	...	„ „ „ <i>Australia.</i>
Mr. U. Saw Hla Pru	...	„ „ „ <i>Burma.</i>
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Señor A. de la Peña Gil	...	„ „ „ <i>Mexico & Spain.</i>
Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta	...	<i>Member, General Council, T.S.</i>
„ P. K. Telang	...	„ „ „ „
Rao Sahib G. Subbiah Chetty...	...	„ „ „ „

In the absence of the President the Vice-President presided.

1. The Minutes of the Meetings of December 22nd, 23rd and 31st, 1925, and of January 8th, 1926, having been previously circulated among the members of the General Council, were taken as read, and the alteration of the record of the voting regarding the entry of the T.S. into the Fellowship of the World Religion as under—

“ Passed : 49 for, 1 against and 1 not voting.

The one vote against the proposal was that of the General Secretary for Canada ; and the other not voted was that of Nawab A. Hydari, Additional Member of the Council ” was confirmed and signed.

2. The Councillors' votes on the election of the Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater in place of the Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale were all in favour. The Treasurer, Mr. A. Schwarz, had however pointed out,

after the voting circular was issued, that as Rule 1 of the Rules and Regulations of the T. S. provided that the three non-Indian members of the General Council should be resident in India, and that as Bishop Leadbeater's residence was not in India, his election would not fulfil the requirement of Rule 1. Sustaining the objection of Mr. Schwarz, the President presented to the Council a new recommendation, that Mr. J. D. L. Arathoon now resident in India be elected in the place of Bishop Arundale, and that Bishop Leadbeater be elected a further Additional Member. The Council voted and

Resolved.—That the Recording Secretary be authorised to send a circular letter to the members of the General Council, T.S., proposing the name of Mr. J. D. L. Arathoon as an Additional Member of the General Council in place of the Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, and the name of Bishop C. W. Leadbeater as a further Additional Member and get votes thereon.

Carried unanimously.

3. The votes of all the Councillors, except that of the General Secretary, T.S. in Canada (who sent an amendment which reached Adyar after the Council Meetings were over) were in favour of alteration to Rule 44 of the Rules and Regulations of the T. S. But the General Secretary, T. S. in England had suggested a slight change in the wording so as to make Rule 44 read as follows :

“ In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36 or the withdrawal from the Theosophical Society of any National Society or Lodge thereof, its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, lapse and become forfeited, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to the Society, belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge, shall vest in the Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President or his nominee in its behalf ; and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of the Society.

“ Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall be empowered to revive and transfer the said Charter of the National Society or Lodge, whose Charter has so lapsed and become forfeited, to such other Lodges

and fellows or other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

“In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge, whose Charter has lapsed as aforesaid is situated, prohibits such vesting in the Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

“To effect any transfer of property, which the Society may become entitled to 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.”

Note.—The following are the amendments made to the original wording of the Rule No. 44 which were circulated to the Members of the Council in the Recording Secretary's circular letter dated May 1st, 1926.

1. The whole paragraph to be divided into four small paragraphs.
2. In line 22 the word ‘case’ to be changed into ‘cases’.
3. „ Line 23 the words ‘Lodge or National Society’ be changed into ‘National Society or Lodge’.
4. „ Line 24 between ‘aforesaid’ and ‘prohibits’ the words ‘is situated’ to be introduced.
5. „ Line 25 between ‘Society’ and ‘the’ the words ‘in that case’ to be introduced.
6. „ Line 26 first word ‘the’ to be changed into ‘its’.
7. „ In Line 27 between ‘Society’ and ‘in’ the words ‘shall vest’ to be added.
8. „ Line 27 the word ‘nominated’ to be changed into ‘appointed’ and the words ‘or Trustees’ to be added after ‘Trustee’.
9. „ Line 28 the words beginning ‘for . . . effectuating’ to be removed and ‘To effect’ to be introduced.

The said additions and alterations, being in order, the Council unanimously accepted them and hence, it was

Resolved.—That the amended Rule 44 be inserted in the Rules and Regulations of the T.S.

Carried unanimously.

4. The Treasurer's Report and Balance-Sheet, which showed a surplus of Rs. 4,833-6-5 was passed by the General Council after discussing a few items. The surplus was largely due to liberal donations, amounting to about Rs. 46,767, out of which the Susan Daintry Bequest brought in Rs. 17,816, and the Adyar Day collection in U.S.A. Rs. 5,000, to the General Fund.

The T.S. and Adyar Library Budgets for 1927, which were provisionally passed by the Executive Committee, T.S., were unanimously passed after examining various items.

T.S. BUDGET FROM 1st NOVEMBER, 1926 TO 31st OCTOBER, 1927

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Surplus from last year ...	4,833	6	5	Contribution to Adyar Library	5,000	0	0
Fees and Dues ...	15,500	0	0	Office Salaries ...	2,000	0	0
Rent and Interest ...	20,000	0	0	Servants' Wages ...	6,600	0	0
Garden ...	12,000	0	0	Garden Account ...	16,100	0	0
Electrical Department ...	4,000	0	0	Printing and Stationery ¹ ...	3,500	0	0
Deficit to be made up by donations ...	18,205	9	7	Telegrams and Postages ...	1,000	0	0
				Lighting and Water ...	6,500	0	0
				Taxes ...	439	0	0
				Construction and Repairs ...	20,000	0	0
				Establishment Charges ...	3,000	0	0
				<i>The Adyar Bulletin</i> ...	400	0	0
				Olcott Cottage, Gulistan ...	1,000	0	0
				Miscellaneous ...	2,500	0	0
				Brahmavidyashrama ...	3,000	0	0
				Furnishing ...	2,000	0	0
				Museum ...	500	0	0
				Vice-President's Office ...	1,000	0	0
	74,539	0	0		74,539	0	0

ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FROM 1st NOVEMBER, 1926 TO 31st OCTOBER, 1927

INCOME				EXPENDITURE			
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Interest on Capital ...	5,000	0	0	Salaries ...	6,860	0	0
T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	0	0	Fire Insurance ...	351	8	0
Sale of Library Publications...	740	0	0	Purchase of Books and Journals ...	2,000	0	0
Deficit to be met by donations	2,761	8	0	Purchase of MSS. ...	600	0	0
				Copying MSS. ...	540	0	0
				Bookbinding, Stationery and Sundries ...	1,950	0	0
				New Publications ...	1,200	0	0
	13,501	8	0		13,501	8	0

¹ This charge includes printing of the T.S. Annual Report which is distributed free to every Lodge.

5. The Vice-President pointed out that the increasing size of the T.S. General Report was becoming a heavy item of expenditure. Two hundred pages were devoted to the lists of Branches of National Societies. The publication of such lists served a useful purpose in the earlier days when hardly any National Society had a magazine of its own. Now nearly all the National Societies had their own magazines, in which the names of Lodges and addresses of Secretaries were to be found. An arrangement could be made for each General Secretary to receive the magazines of the sister National Societies, so as to have on his file the name and address of the Secretary of any Lodge in any country, should such be needed to give introductions to travelling members. The saving of 200 pages in the Report by eliminating the Lodge lists would enable the full publication of all the reports sent, without adding to the present heavy cost of presenting the General Report, T.S., free of cost to each Lodge. The Council agreed to the suggestion and

Resolved.—That the Branch Lists of the National Societies be not printed and published at the end of the General Report, and that the Recording Secretary, T.S., be asked to arrange to have sent a copy of Branch Lists of all the National Societies to each General Secretary for his reference.

Carried unanimously.

6. *Resolved.*—That Mr. G. Narasimham, F.R.S.A., F.A.A., Certified Auditor, be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1927 on the usual remuneration.

The Meeting adjourned to December 29th, 1926.

MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held at
Benares in the Indian Section Headquarters, on December
29th, 1926, at 5.15 p.m.*

PRESENT :

Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	<i>Vice-President.</i>
„ J. R. Aria	...	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
„ R. G. Macbean	...	<i>Acting Treasurer.</i>

Pandit Iqbal Narain Gurtu...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in India.</i>			
Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale ...	„	„	„	<i>Australia.</i>
Mr. U. Saw Hla Pru ...	„	„	„	<i>Burma.</i>
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Chetty ...	„	„	„	„

1. The Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, General Secretary of the T.S. in Australia, informed the General Council that, under instructions from the President, an action in equity had been brought against the Independent Theosophical Society at Sydney claiming the property 69 Hunter Street, Sydney, familiarly known as “King’s Hall,” as the property of the T.S. A preliminary agreement for a compromise having been drawn and agreed upon, the Independent T.S. now desired the formal confirmation of the agreement by the General Council. The General Council

Resolved.—That the General Council, T.S., confirms the President’s action in settling the “King’s Hall” suit on terms embodied in the agreement dated November 2nd, 1926, and the payment of three thousand pounds to her Agent Mr. John Mackay, and authorises all further steps considered necessary by the President.

Carried unanimously.

2. *Resolved.*—That the President, the Vice-President, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer, *ex-officio*, and Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, Mr. D. K. Telang and Dr. James H. Cousins be the members of the Executive Committee for the year 1927.

Carried unanimously.

3. The General Secretary of the T.S. in Portugal sent a suggestion that Adyar Headquarters should collect a contribution of ten (gold) francs from each member of the Society each year, and out of the amount so collected loans be given to such National Societies or Lodges in them as contemplated the erection of Headquarters or Lodge premises. The Council after discussion thought the suggestion not practicable, hence it was dropped.

4. The majority of votes were in favour of the proposals of the General Secretary, T.S. in Holland, which were circulated among the

members of the General Council along with the circular letter dated May 1st, 1926, from the Recording Secretary ; hence it was

Resolved.—That the word “ Convention ” in line 1, Rule 47 of the Rules and Regulations of the T.S., be changed into “ Congress ” and,

That the Constitution and Rules governing the World Congress of the T.S., as circulated along with the Recording Secretary’s circular letter of May 1st, 1926, be adopted as follows with the word “ re-election ” occurring in the last line of the recommendation altered to “ election,”

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

Governing a World Congress of the Theosophical Society as adopted by the General Council

From the General Rules of the T.S. :

Rule 4. “ 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 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.

Rule 47. “ At least once in every seven years a World Congress of the Theosophical Society shall be held out of India, beginning with one in Europe at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.”

Recommendation approved by the General Council in 1925.

“ That the next World Congress will be held in 1929 in the United States of America.”

Rule 48. “ The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.”

Proposed Rules :

Rule 1. The funds for the World Congress shall be derived from :

- (a) subscriptions ;
- (b) donations.

2. Each National Society shall be invited to pay annually, on or before October 1st, to the General Treasurer of the T.S., a

subscription of 1% of the total annual dues, received from its fellows during the previous year commencing from 1926.

3. A meeting of the General Council shall be held immediately before and immediately after each World Congress.

The business transacted at these meetings shall include the following :

- (a) To receive a full report from the International Council of the World Congress ;
- (b) To elect a Secretary or Secretaries, Treasurer and International Committee for the next World Congress ;
- (c) To fix the time and place of the next World Congress ;
- (d) To arrange for editing and publishing the Transactions of the World Congress.

4. The administration of the general affairs of the World Congress shall be vested in an International Council, consisting of :

- (a) The ex-officio members of the General Council,
- (b) Congress Secretary or Secretaries and Treasurer,
- (c) Five other members, all appointed for each World-Congress by the General Council of the T.S.

5. This International Council shall have power to co-opt three members from the National Society inviting the World Congress.

6. The Executive Officer or Officers of the International Council shall be the Secretary or Secretaries of the World Congress.

7. The duties of the International Council shall include :

- (a) To arrange the Programme for the World Congress ;
- (b) To appoint Chairmen and Officers for all meetings ;
- (c) To invite where necessary ; speakers, exhibitors and other exponents necessary for the carrying out of the Programme ;
- (d) To provide facilities for Congresses of each activity within the Theosophical movement, subject to the approval of the General Council ;
- (e) To appoint sub-committees for various purposes ;
- (f) To prepare and submit to the General Council a report of the World Congress' transactions.

The Council recommends the General Council to confirm in the meeting of December, 1926, the appointment of :

Mr. L. W. Rogers	} Joint Secretaries
Mej. C. W. Dykgraaf	
Mr. E. L. Gardner	
Rai I. N. Gurtu	
Mr. J. Mackay	
„ P. Freeman	
„ J. H. Pérez	

as members of the International Council for the next World-Congress.

8. The official language of the World Congress shall be English.

9. These rules may be altered at any General Council Meeting, provided the proposed alteration is received by the *Recording Secretary* in time to be placed on the Agenda.

Carried unanimously.

The Meeting terminated at 6 p.m.

Telegrams and letters of fraternal Greetings to members assembled at the T. S. Convention at Benares were received from the following places :

The General Secretaries of	France, Scotland, Dutch East Indies,	
National Societies	... Burma, Wales and Yugo-Slavia.	
The President, T.S.	... Ojai, Calif., U.S.A.	
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