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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

BRETHREN :

Once more from the Chair to which you re-elected me for the third time in 1921 I bid you a warm and glad welcome to the Central Headquarters in the physical world of our Masters' Theosophical Society. We have come to the last half-year of my term of office, and I render to you my report of the ever-spreading activities of our beloved Society. But you will join me first in our annual 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 Coming of the World-Teacher

The outstanding event of the year for those of our members who believe in the Hierarchy and in its immemorial relationship with our world, is, of course, the completion of the long preparation for the Coming of the World-Teacher, beginning in 1909, by His own announcement that He had chosen the body of one then a child, which, if he should prove to be worthy of the choice when he grew to manhood, He would use "on My approaching visit to your world". Shortly after that statement the child came to Adyar, with his father, a widower,

and his younger brother. The two young boys were made my wards, and after some difficulties, I sent them to England and they were privately educated there. When the time was ripe, the special preparation of the body took place in California and Italy, and finally in Holland, where in August of the present year, 1927, such part of the consciousness of the World-Teacher as could manifest within the limitations of a human physical body descended and abode in him, taking up the human consciousness into wondrous association with the Divine Life. I, who have known him from a little child, and have served him to my utmost ability, now have become his devoted disciple and still serve him wherever I can.

The Society has suffered two great losses, one by the calling Home of Dr. Mary Rocke, who suddenly passed away from heart failure on board ship, travelling in the same vessel with our little party. The second, by the call which came to Sir Sadashivier, the noble retired Judge of the High Court, Madras, who had consecrated all his time, after he had left the Bench he adorned, in visiting the villagers of the Presidency, in the company of his devoted and able wife, teaching them in their own vernacular Hinduism in the light of Theosophy, and using his high intelligence to purify and broaden their faith.

I mentioned last year that the externalisation of our First Object in the practical manifestation of the Fellowship of Faiths had been advanced by the foundation in the United States of a similar movement, started there within a few weeks of our own Convention ; I may add that this year in London the pioneers of that movement visited England, and held two very successful meetings in the City Temple, London, a famous Nonconformist building, rendered illustrious by the names of Moncure D. Conway, Mr. John Robertson, the Rev. Mr. Campbell, and others. It has ever been a centre of light and leading. Two very successful meetings were held there in the early summer and autumn ; in the first, each speaker expounded his own faith ; in the second, he spoke on what he regarded as the most valuable characteristics of Christianity. A London journal made the quaint remark that in many places of worship we heard attacks on other religions, but never before had been heard appreciations of different religions by each other.

The World University, the synthesising aspect of our Second Object, has continued its unobtrusive and useful work in its three centres

in Adyar, London, and in a considerable group in Java. A new centre in Holland has been opened, and one in France. The writing of Text-books is going on. Dr. Cousins is still the ever-active head of the studies, and his energy seems to increase every year. His cultural work is most useful, especially in the prominence he gives to the wonders of Indian painting and sculpture. Mrs. Cousins adds her remarkable powers to the uplifting of music in Madras.

The preparations for the Revival of the Mysteries, the practical side of our Third Object go steadily forward.

Our International Lecturers

Fruk. Dijkgraaf, who had resigned from the General Secretaryship of the Netherlands Section after years of most efficient and devoted work, has been appointed one of our international lecturers for Dutch, German and English-speaking countries. Also, for the same area, I have appointed Heer Vigeveno, who is doing specially useful service in Germany. Such lecturers from abroad give a great impulse to Theosophical activities in other countries, and often remove misconceptions due to ignorance.

Adyar Day

Once more we have to express our grateful thanks to Mr. Fritz Kunz and Dr. Ernest Stone for the exercise of their organising talents on behalf of Adyar Day.

The Auditor's Summary shows that in 1924,

Adyar received	\$ 1711·64
„ „ 1925	\$ 5071·13
„ „ 1926	\$ 6800·00
„ „ 1927	\$ 7000·00
	\$ 20,582·77

Truly a noble gift to the Headquarters from a single Section. The clerical and other work has been done by voluntary helpers, with a single exception, due to the heavy work for the Order of the Star

done by Dr. Stone. The little notice sent mentions that the idea originated with Mme. Manziarly, and was taken up by Mr. Fritz Kunz—that tireless worker—for the United States. The Committee, in addition to these two, has been: Mary S. Rogers, Alma Kunz-Gulick, Harry J. Budd, Anna M. Brinkley. May I once more pay the tribute of thanks to all who have so helped “Our Masters Land”.

The U.S.A. Headquarters

We must warmly congratulate the General Secretary and the Theosophical Society in the United States, on their great achievement of completing their Headquarters at Wheaton within a year; I laid the foundation-stone last summer (1926), and the building and gardens were opened this year. Dr. and Mrs. Arundale, who were the guests of honor at the Convention of this year, speak enthusiastically of the beauty and convenience of the new Centre.

Dr. and Mrs. Cousins

These tireless workers, one of whom is the creator of the Brahma-vidyāshrama, and the other the founder of the Indian Women's Association, are leaving for a tour round the World, that will take about a year and a half. Dr. Cousins will give a course of lectures at Yale University and at the University of Tokyo, and who knows at what others. We shall miss them badly, but they have promised to write for *New India*, and, I hope, also for *The Theosophist*. This last note does not belong to what is now last year. But thanks to the speech being late in appearing, I shamelessly insert it here, in the proof.

Charters up to the end of 1927

The number of Charters granted from the commencement of the Society to the end of 1926 was 2,519. In 1927, 89 new Charters were granted, raising the number to 2,608. 6,538 diplomas to new members were issued, being 305 more new members than in 1926.

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 ...	262	8,520	1,807	No Report
2	" England ...	161	5,150	672	
3	" India ¹ ...	438	6,216	1,108	
4	" Australia ...	33	1,562	177	
5	" Sweden ...	43	1,094	37	
6	" New Zealand ...	19	972	71	
7	" Holland ...	46	2,832	311	
8	" France ...	81	3,456	420	
9	" Italy ...	38	548	—	
10	" Germany ...	42	801	223	
11	" Cuba ...	35	620	254	
12	" Hungary ...	14	319	57	
13	" Finland ...	23	618	43	
14	" Russian T. S. outside Russia ...	12	200	—	No Report
15	" Czecho-Slovakia ...	7	96	—	
16	" South Africa ...	13	489	96	
17	" Scotland ...	32	783	63	
18	" Switzerland ...	10	162	—	
19	" Belgium ...	12	420	70	
20	" Dutch East Indies ...	30	2,028	286	
21	" Burma ...	6	235	43	
22	" Austria ...	10	441	92	
23	" Norway ...	10	261	19	
24	" Egypt ² ...	—	—	—	
25	" Denmark ...	12	614	94	No Report
26	" Ireland ...	7	114	10	
27	" Mexico ...	29	341	24	
28	" Canada ...	22	503	45	
29	" Argentina ...	19	385	34	
30	" Chile ...	16	261	44	
31	" Brazil ...	25	500	22	
32	" Bulgaria ...	8	201	35	
33	" Iceland ...	8	366	64	
34	" Spain ...	18	340	—	
35	" Portugal ...	11	305	42	
36	" Wales ...	18	331	48	No Report
37	" Poland ...	12	343	—	
38	" Uruguay ...	12	166	34	
39	" Porto Rico ...	22	384	—	
40	" Rumania ...	10	170	30	No Report
41	" Yugoslavia ...	9	143	13	
42	" Ceylon ...	10	109	35	
	Non-Sectionalized Countries ...	21	548	85	
	Canadian Theosophical Federation ...	8	203	23	
	Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Egypt ...	5	67	7	
	Grand Total ...	1,679	44,217	6,538	

¹ This number includes 109 Lodges and 680 members and 299 new members of the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists.

² See below for statistics.

Our National Societies

United States. A remarkable advance is reported, the visit of the President being credited with the bringing back to the Society of a large number who had dropped out. The net gain in membership for the year is 639. The event of the year is the finishing and dedication in August of the new headquarters building at Wheaton. The work of placing literature on Theosophy in public libraries reported last year has been carefully carried on. Three hundred libraries were thus supplied. The Theosophical press shows an advance on last year. Increased interest in Theosophy by young people is reported.

England. New members numbered 672, thus wiping out the deficit in the number of enrolments in the previous year. The President was in England for several months and presided at the Annual Convention in June. At this Convention a resolution was passed expressing the desirability of having a European Congress annually or biennially. (This has been adopted by the Council of the European Federation, which has decided to have a Congress annually in some European country) Dr. Arundale and Shrimati Rukmini Devi, Mr. J. Krishnamurti and Bishop Wedgwood were also present at the Convention. In June I delivered a series of lectures in the Queen's Hall on "The New Civilisation," and Mr. Jinarājadasa lectured in the same hall on "The Divine Vision".

I was happy to be able to dedicate the fine and commodious new premises of the Manchester Lodge on July 5. Bayswater (London) Lodge has made a new departure in forming an Art Group to draw together those members who are artists and art-lovers, and to stimulate and encourage the presentation of Truth as Beauty. Interesting dramatic performances have been given under the auspices of this Lodge. During the year nearly a hundred special courses of lectures were delivered in connection with various Lodges and Centres. Students' week-ends were held in a number of places.

The General Secretary visited the United States of America for a lecture tour, and he records his happy recollections of the kindness shown to him by the American members.

The work of the Theosophical News Bureau in England goes on.

India. A spirit of alertness and increase of life are reported. Dormant members have decreased by half. Membership stands at 5,536, a considerable increase on last year. Educational work in connection with the Section is winning increased recognition, and is beneficially influencing general education, especially in regard to the treatment of children in schools. The work for the uplift of Indian women is progressing, and brings an added strength to the Society through the co-operation of women and men in the work of the Section.

The All-India Federation of Young Theosophists received charters for 11 Lodges during the year, making a total of 63 chartered Lodges, with a regular membership of 2,034 and 84 associates. Organised activity has been particularly evidenced in Maharashtra, the United Provinces, Gujerat and Kathiawar, also in the Madras area where local Federations are being formed. The Lodges have been active along cultural and social service lines, and yeoman service was rendered to the victims of the floods in Gujerat.

Australia. This virile Section sets a pace all its own. The broadcasting station 2GB has a splendid record of work, and its field of usefulness is growing. It keeps its programmes up to a high standard and caters specially for children. Through this wise general appeal the prejudice against Theosophy has largely broken down. Bishop Leadbeater has twice spoken over the radio with great effect. Australia has given an example to the whole Society in the raising of funds for work. It shows confidence in age by giving Bishop Leadbeater youth to train and a place to train them in, and it shows its confidence in youth in having the youngest General Secretary.

Sweden. Thirty-seven new members were admitted during the year. The Theosophical Bookshop supplies the public with books on all kinds of idealistic subjects. I presided at the Convention in August.

New Zealand. The General Secretary, touring as National Lecturer, reports steady progress, and notes the enthusiasm and devotion of many small country Lodges. There is an increase of 71 members. The various movements connected with the Section are all working harmoniously. A group of visitors from Australia helped to make the Convention a great success.

The Netherlands. The General Secretary has been released in order to work up the European Federation and its Congress in Brussels

next summer. The new headquarters building at Amsterdam is nearing completion. The National Council will share the building with the Amsterdam Lodge. The Theosophical Order of Service has done much good work. The Young Theosophists have now eleven local groups. The central office in Utrecht does both national and international work. The members carry on meditation, study and action, and are earnest and reliable.

France. France reports a year of steady progress. Eight new Lodges have been established, and there has been a net gain of 198 members. Three Lodges are dormant. Mr. Jinarajadasa presided at the Annual Convention, and his lectures were a source of much inspiration and strength. Work of outstanding importance is being carried on by the publishing department. Many books have been produced and sales are steadily increasing, much to the satisfaction of the General Secretary, who regards this as one of the best means of propaganda among the educated public. A branch of the Theosophical World-University Association was founded.

Italy. Italy sends no Report.

Germany. Germany reports the formation of thirteen new Lodges and a stirring of new life and enthusiasm largely through tours by Mr. Jose Vigeveno of Amsterdam and Mr. John Cordes of Vienna. Deep gratitude is expressed for his self-sacrificing labour, and the Section has appointed him its National Lecturer. I presided at the 25th, semi-jubilee, Convention in Hamburg. My public lectures at Hamburg and Berlin will be published by Mr. Pieper who, continues his useful activities in this line. Lack of funds and lecturers had greatly hampered the Section's work, but this year sees it once more firmly established, with every promise of future growth and activity.

Cuba. Cuba has a very satisfactory story to tell. She has released a whole new potential Section from her ranks, yet remains strong and actually larger. Nine Lodges, with 234 members, branched off to form the Central American Federation under a Presidential Agent. Cuba has also been responsible for the development of the Latin American Theosophical Federation. Five Sections have joined it, and they plan a Congress in Havana in 1928.

Hungary reports that the past year has been one of the most eventful in the history of the Section. The Theosophical Order of

Service and the Round Table have been reorganised, and the Young Theosophists carry on very useful activities. The greatest difficulty to be contended against is the lack of funds, the result of the extreme post-war poverty of the Nation. French members sent a generous donation to meet the most urgent requirements, and the Theosophical Society in Wales made a gift of books. A succession of visitors, including myself, are stated to have given great help and stimulus by lectures.

Finland. I had the pleasure of flying to Finland in August. The Section is developing its work along cultural lines, and is going to erect a new headquarters building. Mrs. Adair's visit from Adyar aroused widespread interest in Indian art, on which she lectured with original paintings as illustrations. Other activities were helped by a number of visitors, such as Bishop Wedgwood, Madame Poushchine and Miss Naomi Magge.

Russia. The Russian Theosophical Society, whose members are, under present political circumstances, outside Russia, ends a most interesting Report. It is everywhere—Shanghai, San Francisco, and most of the countries of Europe have at least one Lodge each. Many activities are in operation, and books and a little magazine in Russian are printed. In Tientsin (China) the Lodge runs a regular popular university with evening courses. These scattered Lodges carry on a very effective work for internationalism chiefly through the General Secretary.

Czecho-Slovakia reports that the work of the year has largely consisted in efforts towards the consolidation and adjustment of the activities of the Section, rendered necessary by the secession of many members in 1925. The first Convention since the reorganisation was held in June, and an Executive Committee was elected. Financial assistance has been given to the Section by the European Federation. I visited Prague during the year. The General Secretary records help given by visitors from other Sections.

South Africa reports steady progress. Membership has increased by ninety. The first Lodge building in Africa is being erected in Pretoria. Durban and Cape Town hope to follow suit. The Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, P.C., the representative of India in South Africa, has delivered lectures under the Society's auspices to

large audiences. These have helped to create a spirit of tolerance and goodwill towards Indians in South Africa. Nairobi Lodge has joined the Section, and it is hoped that a Lodge will shortly be formed in Lourenco Marques in Portuguese East Africa. A tribute is given to the good work done by Captain and Mrs. Ransom.

Nairobi Lodge, mentioned above, sends a separate Report which is interesting in its association with India in the fact that books in Urdu, Hindi and Gujerati, which are languages of India, as well as in English, have been sold.

Scotland has not much to say about numbers, but emphasises work through dramatic performances in various parts of the Section. Discussion as a propaganda activity is also being tried. The young people promise well for the future.

Switzerland sends no Report.

Belgium has increased its membership by 45. I visited the Section during the year and gave two lectures. The Section has realised a long-cherished wish in the purchase of a house to be used as National Headquarters. This was made possible by the generosity of many of the members. The Section has advanced towards the fulfilment of its ideal of spreading spiritual enlightenment in Belgium and congratulates itself on the fact that the next Convention of the European Federation will be held in its territory.

Netherlands-Indies. The most important event recorded for the year was Bishop Leadbeater's tour in November of 1926, when he visited the island Lodges on his way to Benares. This was his third visit, and as usual his presence evoked everywhere love and enthusiasm. Steady progress is being maintained in the various activities. Malang opened its new Lodge building at the Annual Convention, adding another to the large number of important Lodges who own their own premises. There are several magazines published in the Dutch, Malay and Javanese languages.

Burma records much good work and progress, also very helpful visits from Bishop Leadbeater and Mr. Yadunandan Prasad. These helped to dissipate certain shadows of prejudice on the matter of the World-Religion which had hung in the air from the previous year.

Austria reports the visits of Bishop Wedgwood and myself. Members of the Section are doing good work in other countries, and

members of other Sections, such as Mrs. Rathonyi, Miss Wanda Dynowski and Miss A. C. Bell, have paid helpful visits. An Action Lodge has been created which has taken up propaganda work.

Norway sends no Report.

Denmark reports my visit. Work is carried on in the face of difficulty and some disharmony, but the membership steadily increases. Lecturing to other societies continues successfully. It is hoped that the Broadcasting Bill introduced into the Danish Parliament will soon be passed. This gives every society which is fighting for ideals the right to broadcast, and will, if passed, enable the Danish Section of the Theosophical Society to resume its former work in this way. The Summer School continues its good service.

Ireland. This Section still labours under difficulties, mainly material. Dublin and Belfast are the principal centres, but public work is done also in Cork and Derry, and a new Centre has been established at Coleraine. The quarterly magazine is doing good work in relating the folk-lore of Ireland to the Ancient Wisdom. English friends have helped the Section in finance and also by lecture visits.

Mexico reports that no marked progress of spread of the Theosophical movement can at present be looked for, owing to the "unfavourable political and economic conditions of the country". Nevertheless the General Secretary reports that the work has at least maintained the level of former years. Headquarters have been established in a suitable building in pleasant surroundings.

Canada reports much misunderstanding of the World Religion and of the announcements at Ommen in 1925. There is a decrease in membership through lapses. The Toronto travelling library is doing good work. Individual members are active in the field of literature. The death is reported of the author, Michael Sherk, of Toronto Lodge, and of the essayist and musician, Francis Grierson.

The Canadian Federation of Young Theosophists has a tale of excellent work to tell along various lines. The Summer School run by Sirius Lodge is arousing the interest of non-Theosophists, and is to be a permanent organisation. The North-West Federation has purchased 26 acres of land, which it calls "Indralaya," on Orcas Island, Washington, where it hopes to establish a permanent Theosophical community and camping place for visiting members. The Federation

had visits from Bishop Arundale, Shrimati Rukmini Devi, and other well-known Theosophists. A book centre has been built up, and a magazine is in contemplation. All this is very satisfactory, and I sincerely congratulate the Federation.

Argentina reports good growth in the ninth year of the Section's life. While curiosity seekers have dropped out, new workers have come in. The bi-monthly magazine goes to all the Spanish-speaking countries. The Theosophical Library Association is particularly active, and co-ordinates all the subsidiary activities.

Chile reports general approval in the Section of the scheme for the formation of Latin-American Theosophical Federation. Much interest is taken by members in the new methods in education and the scheme for the establishment of the Theosophical World-University. The Section has benefitted by the generous bequest of the greater part of the estate of Mr. M. Yuraszech, and gratitude is expressed for this.

Brazil. The General Secretary resigned owing to ill-health, but was requested to be permanent Honorary President. Mr. J. Mesquita was appointed in his place. Money is being collected to build headquarters. Meantime roomier premises have been found. Lodges are working efficiently and steadily. A Branch of the Theosophical Order of Service has been started. S. Paulo Lodge is marked by well organised activity. It publishes a magazine and runs a Theosophical College with 280 students, some in residence. The residential section is vegetarian. The Damodar Lodge, besides doing fine propaganda and social work, runs a school for poor children. The translation of *The Secret Doctrine* into Portuguese is proceeding.

Bulgaria is progressing steadily, and her members show a spirit of unselfish service. Lecturing is the main activity. At the consecration of a Lodge's new premises (the gift of the upper storey of a house by a member) a priest of each of four different faiths (Greek Church, Muhammadan, Jewish and Liberal Catholic) gave their blessing. After the ceremony, the priest of the Greek Church mentioned how moved he was to see in this act the fulfilment of an ancient prophecy, the reunion of the faiths and the communion of the Holy Spirit. Though he was afterwards forced to deny this, it was published in all the newspapers.

Iceland announces growth and extension in all ways. The visit of the Vice-President was a great help. The number of members has doubled, and is now 366. There are three lecturers besides the General Secretary. Eight subsidiary societies, including the Young Theosophists, carry on effective activities.

Spain again sends no report, but we are aware from other sources that there are signs of increasing activity in the Peninsula, and that two groups of students, associated with the Brahmaidya Ashrama at Adyar, are at work in Madrid and Barcelona. I hope next year will bring a cheering report.

Portugal still finds itself hampered by political conditions, but the Section carries on a "peaceful penetration". The Fraternal League (a charitable organisation) and the National League for the Protection of Animals, movements carried on by Theosophists, are doing much useful work. The outstanding event of the year was the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Jinarājādāsa, when large audiences gathered to hear lectures on Theosophical topics.

Wales. During the year, the Section purchased its own headquarters building for Theosophical and allied activities. A Trust has been formed to hold the property. Mr D. Jeffrey Williams has been appointed National Organiser and Publicity Secretary. An effort has been made by the Section to establish May 18 as Goodwill Day throughout the world.

Poland sends no report.

Uruguay reports much consolidation and re-organisation. As a result the financial outlook is better and the future very promising. New activities of the Lodges have included musical and art evenings. Members have visited the jails for juveniles. One Lodge devotes itself to visiting and aiding the sick. There is great solidarity among the Lodges, and work is laid out on seven lines, each member choosing a line: education, social affairs, arts and sciences, religion and philosophy, philanthropy, administration and finance.

Porto Rico sends no Report.

Rumania. Work here is much handicapped by the political situation. Touch is kept with isolated members who are supplied with books by the Bucharest Lodge. Transylvania hopes for recognition as part of the Section in order to get permission to meet. The growth in

this district is admirable. Strong Lodges have developed from the parent one. The Section has a difficult work in bridging the gulf between the various nationalities and cultures.

Yugoslavia presented me with a coat of the National costume during my visit in August, and derived much pleasure from my wearing it at my public lecture. In spite of natural deductions, the membership has increased by ten per cent, and the Section has now members in thirty different towns. A quarterly magazine is published, and books are slowly coming out in the indigenous language. The Order of Service is active.

Ceylon reports a net gain of 35 members, though there is a net loss of one Lodge. The Youth Lodge is developing dramatic performances. Funds are being steadily collected for a headquarters building. Mr. H. Frei, who has done much good work for the cause of Theosophy in Ceylon during the last 25 years, resigned the General Secretaryship on leaving the island in June. Mr. N. K. Choksy takes his place.

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China. Hong Kong Lodge keeps up its good work, all activities showing growth and effectiveness. The members are generous, one family giving the headquarters hall. Regular publicity is secured by clever use of the daily press. Many leaflets are distributed. Work is done among the army and navy and by correspondence. The book department has done very good service.

A Chinese Lodge has budded off from the Hong Kong Lodge. It works through the Chinese language, and uses its own members for class-room and platform work. The officers are all Chinese and a Chinese library is being collected. A lecture-practice class is carried on.

Shanghai Lodge has nearly doubled its membership. It keeps up a good headquarters with many activities. "First Steps in Theosophy" has been published in Chinese. This is very good. We need Chinese Lodges and Chinese books. For China, though so ancient, has a future. Miss Arnold's splendid and lonely work is bearing fruit.

Singapore Lodge, after trying affiliation with the Netherlands-Indies Section, reverted to Adyar for linguistic reasons. The Lodge owes its success to Bro. J. H. Ruttonjee of Hong Kong, who has much

helped it in the matter of rooms and in a gift of 133 books. The Lodge entertained Dr. Rabindranath Tagore when he passed through on his way to Java.

Japan. Mahayana Lodge has been actively working since October, after an interval of inactivity due to the ill-health of the chief workers and the death of Dr. Emma Erskine Hahn. The booklet "Information for Enquirers" has been translated into Japanese for early publication. It is hoped that a book on Theosophy in Japanese will be published in 1928.

Egypt. After last year's stormy period, work is proceeding quietly in an atmosphere of brotherhood. Two members of the Lodge have translated *At the Feet of the Master* into Arabic, and this has been published. Visitors moving East or West occasionally call, notably last year Bishop Arundale and Shrimati Rukmini Devi.

T.S. Outposts in the Wilderness

Greece resumed her activities by founding the Plato Lodge in 1923. Now there are five Lodges and 700 members. They have nice headquarters at Athens, with a good library and useful activities. A little deputation came to me in Paris, and gave me a coat, beautifully embroidered by Greek ladies.

Barbados Lodge reports a quiet yet busy year.

The Adyar Library

During the year Dr. C. Kunhan Raja has filled the office of Director. A thorough and systematic re-arrangement of the Western Section was completed, and the same is being done in the Eastern Section. The library has grown steadily in materials and in public usefulness. Many valuable books have been added both by purchase and gifts. The students of the Brahmaildya Ashrama make good use of the library. Many additions have been made to the manuscript department.

Brahmaildya Ashrama

The Principal's Report shows that one of the outstanding features of the session has been a course of synthetical studies of the Will by

various members of the Ashrama, this being an attempt to carry out a suggestion made by the Chohan K. H. to Mr. A. O. Hume in 1882. Schopenhauer's Philosophy of the Will was presented by a German student, Fraulein S. Leidtke. Dr. Handy of the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, gave a course of lectures which was practically an adjustment of the principles of Ethnology to Theosophical fundamentals. Other valuable courses are in progress, also a study group. Associated Ashramas are being formed in other parts of the world through the enthusiasm of members who have been at Adyar, and realised the value of the Ashrama's special work.

The Theosophical World-University Association

An Indian section of this international association was formed early in the year, and has local groups working in all the areas of the country. The members are kept in touch with the movement by pamphlets and circular letters. Thus the idea of the future World-University is being spread. Sections in Great Britain, America, Java, France, Holland are also busily at work spreading ideas on the new education.

The Theosophical Educational Trust

The Trust continues its excellent work, though lack of funds hampers its activities. The National College at Adyar continues to grow in popularity and strength. Madanapalle has started a girls' hostel, and it has been decided to make the school and college entirely residential. The Theosophical School at Allahabad reports rapid developments, and now owns thirteen acres of land and two buildings. The National Girls' School at Coimbatore has been dropped owing to lack of support, but the Girls' School at Mangalore has been affiliated. The Narmada English School at Shuklatirth is no longer affiliated, and the Montessori School at Adyar has been closed.

Olcott Panchama Free Schools

Work is carried on in these schools in a spirit of happy service, and the inspector reports satisfactory conditions. Personal hygiene

receives much attention, and the Adyar Baby Welcome helps greatly in this respect.

The Round Table

Australia reports a substantial gain in membership and much real and consistent work. Five new centres have been established and almost all report some increase.

Order of the Brothers of Service

This Order continues to serve various activities with its usual and most commendable spirit of self-sacrifice. The work done by the Order has been of incalculable value especially to education in India.

International Theosophical Order of Service

Much progress in many countries has been made by this Order under the enthusiastic guidance of Captain Max Wardall, and his scheme for working the Order in the United States of America should be carefully studied with a view to its adaptation to suit the needs of varying conditions.

Women's Indian Association

The Association has now 70 Branches and 3,600 members. Good work is being done everywhere for women and children, especially in educational reform and in the movements for the abolition of child marriage and the devadasi system. Most of the women now prominent in public life, such as the Deputy President of Madras Legislative Council, are members of the Association. Its magazine *Stri Dharma* is a valuable asset to international sisterhood as it is quoted by ex-changes abroad.

League of Parents and Teachers

The League reports widespread and effective activities, but like many another useful organisation reports a heavy loss on the

physical plane through the death of Sir T. Sadasivier who was its President.

International Fellowship in Arts and Crafts

The Secretary reports an encouraging amount of activity during the year. Numbers of small groups and centres have sprung up, each with its own independent and often original activities, and many members are working with and inspiring other organisations. Mr. Jinarājadāsa's new book, *Art as Will and Idea*, has been of great service to students. Reports have been received from 25 countries of activities carried out chiefly along the lines of community singing, dramatic art, and training in handicrafts. An exhibition was arranged at the Theosophical Order of Service Camp at Ommen in August. In order to avoid overlapping it has been decided to incorporate the Fellowship in the reorganised Theosophical Order of Service as the nucleus of its art section.

T.S. Muslim and Association

The T.S. Muslim Association, so splendidly helped by Professor H. C. Kumar, is at work in the vital task of drawing the two great communities into closer accord.

Association of Hebrew Theosophists

The Association of Hebrew Theosophists is spreading Theosophy most usefully in Judaism.

Theosophical Society Employees' Co-operative Credit Society, Adyar

This Society fills a special place in the domestic arrangements of Adyar, and is going on satisfactorily.

Theosophical Medical League

This League was constituted at Ommen in August with the view to preparing the ground for the creation of a new medical science "touched

and transformed by the new spiritual current which flows from the Theosophical movement". Membership is open to all who sympathise with the Theosophical objects, and who have a legal qualification to practise medicine, surgery and obstetrics, or any branch of these, and to certificated nurses and masseurs. The League has already fifteen National Secretaries.

THE HEADQUARTERS

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Income and Disbursement Account of our Adyar Headquarters for the year ending 31st October, 1927, shows a considerable excess of expenditure over receipts, balanced fortunately, by the surplus carried forward from the preceding year, the final result being a small debit balance of Rs. 39-0-2. The actual figures are as follows :

Expenditure	...	Rs. 78,892	15	2	=	£ 6,069	at Rs. 13	
							per £ 1.	
Income	...	„ 74,020	8	7	=	„ 5,694	„ „	
Deficit	...	„ 4,872	6	7	=	„ 375		
Less Surplus from 1925-6	„	„ 4,833	6	5	=	„ 372		
<i>Debit Balance to new</i>								
Account	...	„ 39	0	2	=	„ 3		

Compared with our budget for the year the expenditure has kept fairly close to budget limits, the excess on five or six accounts being equalized by savings on other accounts. Individual accounts do not require special notice, with the exception, perhaps, of *Construction and Repairs Account* which exceeds the amount allowed in the budget (Rs. 20,000 = £ 1,538) by Rs. 2,995-2-3. The expenditure is made up as follows :

Rs. 8,828	12	0	Repairs to roof and verandahs in Lead-beater Chambers,
„ 1,373	6	0	Sanitary Installation at Besant Gardens,
„ 3,457	10	0	New Charcoal Shed and Improvements at Powerhouse,
„ 4,247	9	0	Alteration to Street Lights,
„ 958	13	6	Drainage, Compound Wall near Alsace Grove, etc.,
„ 4,128	15	9	Sundry Repairs to Buildings.
Rs. 22,995	2	3	= £ 1,769.

All the above have been necessary improvements. Further heavy expenditure will await us in the coming year, as only one-third of the roof of Leadbeater Chambers has been completed and the remaining two-thirds have now to be taken in hand.

Our statement of Disbursements includes three items which could not appear in our budget :

(1) Rs. 1,148-8-2 (=£ 88) *Loss on "The Golden Book of the T.S.,"* the cost of production having exceeded the original estimate.

(2) Rs. 1,117-0-0 (=£ 86) *Reserve for Isolation Hospital*, which is a transfer from Donations of the gift by Mr. W. L. Chiplonkar, Akola, set aside for the above purpose.

(3) Rs. 1,429-1-0 (=£ 110) *Reserve for Electrical Installation*, appropriated from the profit made by our Electrical and Engineering Department, in order to increase the reserve for the replacement of the battery and of machinery to the round sum of Rs. 3,000.

INCOME

Rent and Interest Account.—Our income of Rs. 20,395-5-2 (=£ 1,569) denotes a decrease of Rs. 1,872 compared with the preceding year. It is due to the fact that we had a smaller number of visitors from abroad, only few of the rooms in Blavatsky Gardens and Leadbeater Chambers having been occupied during the greater part of the year.

Garden Produce realized Rs. 16,352-11-9 (=£ 1,258), which beats all previous records. The sale proceeds are derived from :

Cocoanuts	...	...	...	Rs.	3,634	15	9
Sapotas	...	...	...	,,	5,289	11	9
Pineapples	...	...	...	,,	647	7	6
Firewood (Casuarinas)	...	...	...	,,	2,575	6	3
Oranges	...	...	...	,,	1,985	7	6
Bananas	...	...	...	,,	351	13	0
Mangoes	...	...	...	,,	1,268	0	3
Papais	...	...	...	,,	58	11	9
Plants	...	...	...	,,	93	0	0
Sundries	...	...	...	,,	448	2	0
					Rs.	16,352	11 9

The income from Sapota trees, planted ten years ago, has again increased by Rs. 1,006, this fruit yielding now a steady, good income. We also had a good Mango and Orange season, while Cocoanuts have suffered from the failure of the monsoon last autumn and from the continued drought throughout the summer of 1927, which has also had a disastrous effect on our Casuarina plantations. About 2,200 trees, among them a few fine old specimens, died and have to be cut down and sold for firewood, leaving many a gap for which we are sorry. The proceeds come to about Rs. 5,000, of which amount Rs. 2,000 were paid in old account (part of Rs. 2,575-6-3 shewn above), while the balance of Rs. 3,000 will benefit the year 1927-8. 1926-7 has been an exceptional year and we cannot expect a similar result in 1927-8. It is very satisfactory, however, that in all likelihood the income from Garden Produce will always be in excess of the expenditure for productive gardens, even if this excess does not amount to the record figure of Rs. 6,648 of the present year.

The Electrical and Engineering Department Account closes with a profit of Rs. 4,125-15-2 (=£ 317), of which amount we have placed Rs. 1,429-1-0 on reserve for replacement of battery, etc., as mentioned above. The profit of this Department being mainly derived from current supplied to, and work done for, the Society it really goes to reduce the cost of lighting and of construction and repairs. Thanks to Mr. Zuurman's capable management this Department is able to undertake all work in connection with building, repairs, furnishing and electricity.

Fees and Dues Account.—Rs. 23,522-11-7 (=£ 1,809) also shows a record figure. This amount does not, however, refer wholly to the year under review, but includes dues for preceding years, received during 1926-7, as follows :

Account 1925 and 1926	...	Rs.	3,825	14	10 (=£ 294)
„ 1927	...	„	19,696	12	9 (= „ 1,515)
			Rs.	23,522	11 7

About Rs. 20,000 (roughly £ 1,500) may, with our present membership, be considered our annual income from Section Dues under the new scheme on the basis of 10% of the dues received by the Sections. It is evident that this does not represent a great advance

on the former scale of Eight Annas for each member, for with a membership of 43,000 (the figure shewn in the Report of 1926) the Adyar dues would amount to Rs. 21,500, provided each member paid his dues, even leaving the higher scale for members attached directly to Adyar out of consideration. In the case of most of the Sections 10% amounts to less than Eight Annas per member ; only in a few cases is there a slight excess, notably in the case of America, contributing Rs. 4,862-14-9 (the largest contribution) for 8,520 members. The new scheme is certainly more equitable than the old one, especially as affecting Sections suffering from an adverse currency, who now pay at the rate of 10% in the currency of their own country.

Donations have brought in Rs. 9,623-12-11 (=£ 740) as follows :

Rs.	1,117	0	0	from Mr. C. W. Chiplonkar, Akola, set aside for an Isolation Hospital, as men- tioned above ;
„	4,537	0	0	“ Adyar Day ” collection from American Section,
„	1,906	2	9	“ Adyar Day ” „ „ other Sections,
„	2,063	10	2	Sundry Donations.
Rs.	9,623	12	11	

With regard to the amount of Rs. 4,537 from the American Section it must be mentioned that the total gift sent by them for “ Adyar Day ” amounted to Rs. 19,337 (=£ 1,487), distributed as follows :

Rs.	5,000	to Adyar Library,
„	4,537	„ Adyar Headquarters, as shewn above,
„	4,500	„ Theosophical Educational Trust,
„	4,000	„ the Order of the Brothers of Service,
„	1,000	„ the Olcott Panchama Free Schools,
„	300	„ the Women’s Indian Association,
Rs.	19,337	

a very great and welcome help to all these institutions.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation and hearty thanks to all who have so generously helped us with donations.

ADYAR LIBRARY

We have been able to increase our Endowment Fund, which had been dwindling for some years, from Rs. 1,03,664-15-7 in the beginning of the year to Rs. 1,06,842-8-11 (=£ 8,219) at its close, thanks largely to the "Adyar Day" gift of Rs. 5,000 from America, as stated above. Our Library abstract shows the following figures of income and expenditure :

Income ...	...	Rs. 14,941	14	6 (=£ 1,149)
Expenditure	...	„ 11,764	5	2 (= „ 905)
Surplus Income	...	Rs. 3,177	9	4

representing the increase of Endowment Fund.

Contrary to expectation we have been able to tide satisfactorily over an unpromising year. Financial difficulties, however, lie ahead of us, for according to our budget for the coming year we require no less than Rs. 25,000 (=£ 1,923) in donations for the upkeep of Headquarters and of the Adyar Library. We trust that our appeal for help will evoke response, that this report and our balance-sheet will be read and studied in order to get a clear idea of our financial position, and that through "Adyar Day" and other gifts our needs will again be provided for.

A. SCHWARZ,

Hon. Treasurer.

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T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE						Rs.	A.	P.
To Contribution to Adyar Library	...	...	...	...	...	5,000	0	0
„ Office Salaries	...	...	...	...	...	1,883	14	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	...	...	6,341	11	9
„ Garden Expenses :								
Productive Gardens	...	...	Rs. 9,704	6	7			
Unproductive (Flower) Gardens	...	...	„ 6,138	5	9			
Roads, Fences, etc.	...	...	„ 701	5	0			
						16,544	1	4
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	3,336	13	0
„ Telegrams and Postages	...	...	...	...	...	926	10	6
„ Lighting and Water Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	6,721	11	0
„ Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	458	0	0
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	22,995	2	3
„ Establishment Charges	...	...	...	...	...	1,546	9	3
„ Adyar Bulletin	...	...	...	...	...	446	14	0
„ Olcott Cottage (Gulistan), Ootacamund	...	...	...	...	...	374	3	7
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	3,313	15	10
„ Brahmavidyashrama	...	...	...	...	...	2,946	11	6
To be carried						72,836	6	0

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1927

INCOME					Rs.	A.	P.
By Rent and Interest ...	...	...	...	...	20,395	5	2
„ Garden Produce ...	...	...	...	...	16,352	11	9
„ Electrical and Engineering Department ...	...	...	...	...	4,125	15	2
„ Fees and Dues :							
				Rs. A. P.			
U. S. America ...	...	...	...	4,862 14 9			
Canada ...	...	...	...	664 4 3			
England ...	...	...	...	2,748 10 4			
Scotland ...	...	...	...	228 13 10			
Wales ...	...	...	...	167 6 7			
Ireland ...	...	...	...	40 0 0			
India (1926) ...	...	...	...	1,608 6 0			
„ (1927) ...	...	...	...	1,937 0 0			
Burma ...	...	...	...	50 0 0			
Ceylon ...	...	...	...	28 4 0			
Australia ...	...	...	...	1,041 11 4			
New Zealand ...	...	...	...	497 11 5			
South Africa ...	...	...	...	255 2 0			
Netherlands-India ...	...	...	...	967 8 0			
Holland ...	...	...	...	1,259 2 7			
France (balance of 1926) ...	...	...	...	139 10 1			
„ (1927) ...	...	...	...	319 6 10			
Italy ...	...	...	...	121 12 8			
Switzerland ...	...	...	...	72 15 0			
Sweden ...	...	...	...	536 6 0			
Norway (1926) ...	...	...	...	106 10 8			
„ (1927) ...	...	...	...	106 2 9			
Denmark (1926) ...	...	...	...	144 9 2			
Iceland (1926) ...	...	...	...	176 2 2			
„ (1927) ...	...	...	...	179 3 11			
Finland ...	...	...	...	161 5 0			
Austria (1926) ...	...	...	...	6 8 0			
„ (1927) ...	...	...	...	73 0 0			
Yugoslavia (1926) ...	...	...	...	40 0 10			
„ (1927) ...	...	...	...	42 1 5			
Hungary ...	...	...	...	74 0 6			
Belgium (1926) ...	...	...	...	23 8 11			
„ (1927) ..	...	...	...	37 10 7			
Spain (1925 and 1926) ...	...	...	...	384 11 10			
„ (1927) ...	...	...	...	42 0 0			
Portugal ...	...	...	...	72 0 0			
Russian Section, outside Russia ...	...	...	...	27 12 5			
Cuba (1925) ...	...	...	...	361 4 0			
„ (1926) ...	...	...	...	399 12 0			
„ (1927) ...	...	...	...	436 0 0			
Mexico ...	...	...	...	265 9 10			
Porto-Rico ...	...	...	...	181 7 0			
				20,888 10 8			
To be carried ...					40,874	0	1

T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE						Rs.	A.	P.
Carried over	...	...	...	...	...	72,836	6	0
To Furnishing	...	...	...	...	...	1,259	8	0
„ Museum	...	...	...	...	...	102	8	0
„ Vice-President's Office	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
„ Loss on <i>Golden Book of the T.S.</i>			...	...	...	1,148	8	2
„ Reserve for Isolation Hospital			...	...	...	1,117	0	0
„ „ „ Electrical Installation			...	...	...	1,429	1	0

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A. SCHWARZ,

Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st OCTOBER, 1927 (*Continued*)

INCOME				Rs.	A.	P.
Carried over ...	...	...	Rs.	20,888	10	8
Argentine (1926) ...	...	...	...	304	14	2
" (1927) ...	...	...	...	207	8	0
Brazil (1925) ...	...	...	...	73	3	4
" (1926) ...	...	...	...	56	9	8
" (1927) ...	...	...	...	183	0	11
Uruguay ...	...	...	...	633	14	2
Chile ...	...	...	...	174	10	0
Unattached to National Sections ...	...	...	...	1,000	4	8
				23,522	11	7
By Donations as per Treasurer's Report ...	...	...	...	9,623	12	11
				74,020	8	7
„ Credit-Balance from 1925-26 ...	...	...	...	4,833	6	5
„ Deficit carried forward to new Account ...	...	...	..	39	0	2
				78,892	15	2

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	...	...	1,06,842	8	11	1,81,842	8	11
„ Adyar Library Building Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1926	...	...	65,429	10	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	2,617	2	0	68,046	12	0
„ Subba Row Medal Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1926	...	...	2,595	8	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	103	12	0	2,699	4	0
„ Propaganda Fund :								
Balance on 1st November, 1926	...	...	495	0	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	19	12	0	514	12	0
„ Electrical Installation Reserve Account :								
Balance on 1st November, 1926	...	...	1,570	15	0			
Transfer from Income and Disbursement Account	...	...	1,429	1	0	3,000	0	0
„ Theatre and Lecture Hall Reserve Account :								
Balance on 1st November, 1926	...	...	10,267	0	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	410	12	0	10,677	12	0
„ Isolation Hospital Reserve Account :								
Donation by Mr. W. L. Chiplonkar, Akola	...	...				1,117	0	0
						7,68,686	7	7

ADYAR

A. SCHWARZ,

31st October, 1927

Hon. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31st OCTOBER, 1927

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 1932 :						
Rs. 45,000 at 102½	...	...	...	46,125	0	0
„ 4 per cent Government Bonds 1934/37 :						
Rs. 10,000 at 94	...	..	...	9,400	0	0
„ Immovable Property Account :						
Balance on 1st November, 1926	...	Rs. 4,52,700	0 0			
Purchase of land in Ootacamund	...	„ 932	4 0	4,53,632	4	0
„ Movable Property				19,000	0	0
„ Electrical Installation				40,000	0	0
„ Electrical and Engineering Department :						
Outstandings and Stock of Materials	...	...	...	20,615	8	8
„ Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society ...				307	1	1
„ „ „ Adyar Co-operative Stores				251	0	0
„ Indian Bank, Ltd., Madras, Fixed Deposit				15,000	0	0
„ Chartered Bank, Madras, Fixed Deposit				10,000	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Acct. ...				31,810	11	8
„ Cash in hand				2,433	4	1
„ Sundry Debtors and Creditors				1,372	9	11
„ Income and Disbursement Account :						
Deficit carried to new Account	...	...	...	39	0	2
				7,68,666	7	7

Audited and found correct.

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

Certified Auditor.

ABSTRACT OF ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Salaries	...	...	...			6,431	4	0
„ Purchase of Books and Manuscripts	...	...	...			2,015	13	11
„ Copying Manuscripts	...	...	...			465	12	9
„ Fire Insurance Premium	...	...	...			351	8	0
„ Bookbinding	...	...	...			910	12	3
„ Furnishing	...	...	...			559	8	0
„ Stationery and Postages	...	..	...			339	3	3
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...			690	7	0
						11,764	5	2
<i>Balance to New Account:</i>								
Value of Books and MSS.	...	...	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,06,842	8	11	1,81,842	8	11
						1,93,606	14	1

ADYAR

A. SCHWARZ,

31st October, 1927

Hon. Treasurer

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARIES OF THE
NATIONAL SOCIETIES

T. S. IN AMERICA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

This year has been the most strenuous we have ever known in America. We have been fortunate in having an increased number of lecturers from abroad and our building programme has been additional to our usual Theosophical work.

Our visitors who have made extensive lecture tours included the President, Dr. Arundale and General Secretary Mr. Gardner. Mr. Krishnamurti and Mr. Rajagopal also spent several months in the United States.

The coming of the President had a very marked effect upon membership. Several hundred persons whose membership had lapsed applied for reinstatement. The net gain in membership during the fiscal year closing June 30th was six hundred and thirty-nine as against only one hundred and seventy-eight in the previous fiscal year.

Our Headquarters building at Wheaton, the cornerstone of which was laid by Dr. Besant in August, 1926, has been completed and was dedicated by Dr. Arundale in August, 1927. Perhaps a brief detailed description of the building will be of general interest as it is the type of building said to represent the last word in building construction in this country. The material is brick, stone, steel and concrete with some wood used for doors, casings, etc. It is therefore practically fireproof. It is designed for a combined office building and residence and special attention was given to light and ventilation. No part of the building is without abundant light and the direct rays of the sun enter each room. The south wing contains the offices on the first and second floors. Two large vaults for records and valuables were built into the south wing and at the extreme southern end is the library, two stories high, extending the entire width of the building. The north wing contains

the living apartments and drawing room, while the west wing is devoted to kitchen, dining room, garage, etc. An artesian well supplies water to the building and pipes carry the water to all parts of the grounds to supply abundant moisture to plants and trees in dry seasons. The building is equipped with the latest devices for saving time and labor. One machine softens the water for the laundry in the basement, where other machines do both the washing and the ironing. A "Frigidaire" in the basement, operated by electric current, manufactures ice in abundance. Both the water and the heating systems are automatic. The lowering of the water in the pressure tank turns on the electric current that operates the pump and the falling of the temperature in the building increases the flow of fuel oil under the boilers. No coal or wood is used for fuel. Gas only is used for cooking. An intramural telephone system connects the offices with each other so that information needed in one office can be obtained from any other office without either party leaving his desk. Conversations may be carried on between various offices simultaneously without interference or confusion. For example, the Messenger office may be consulting the book department about an advertisement while the Secretary-Treasurer's office may be asking the bookkeeper's office for certain information. Electric calls connect each room in the living wing with the centre of the building. The essentials kept in mind in designing the building were business efficiency, fresh air, abundant sunshine and control of the temperature within the building.

During the past year we have stressed our public library work, keeping one experienced and expert worker continuously occupied in travelling over the country, placing free books in any public library that would accept them and agree to keep them displayed. Unless the library showed a co-operative spirit, or if the board of control was at all hostile, the books were not given because experience has shown that when those in authority are unfriendly the books are not catalogued and are generally put out of sight in some obscure place. In the twelve months three hundred libraries were thus supplied with Theosophical books.

The Theosophical Press continues to grow with the expansion of the Society and each year the sales are an advance over the previous year.

There has been a marked increase in the number and the interest of the young people in Theosophy during the year. Mr. Ray W. Harden, the new head of the Round Table, who has had many years of experience in working with children, has taken the field with excellent results and we are looking forward to a year of considerable Theosophical growth among the young people.

In general, America has never had a more active and interesting year of Theosophical life and with the President and Mr. Krishnamurti coming for the Star Camp in May and, we hope, for our Annual Convention, there can be no doubt of the continued high tide of spiritual upliftment and the consequent beneficent reaction in the growing strength and influence of the Theosophical Society in America.

L. W. ROGERS,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ENGLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The following statistics cover the period 1st November, 1926 to 31st October, 1927 :

Total number of members	...	...	...	5,150
Total number of Lodges (including Associated Lodges)	...	...	...	161
Total number of Centres (including Associated Centres)	...	...	...	53
Number of members admitted	...	...	...	672
Number of members resigned	...	...	...	170
lapsed	...	...	...	256
transferred	...	...	...	30
died	...	...	...	40
			—	496
Number of new Lodges formed	...	...	...	9
Number of Lodges dissolved	...	...	...	2
Number of Centres formed	...	...	...	11
Number of Centres become Lodges	...	...	...	6
Number of Centres dissolved	...	...	...	10

Your Visit.—During the year we have had the inestimable privilege of your presence among us for several months, and have also been favoured by visits from the Vice-President and Mrs. Jinarājadasa, Mr. Krishnamurti, Bishop and Mrs. Arundale, and Bishop Wedgwood. Your own four lectures in the Queen's Hall on "The New Civilisation" drew large and attentive audiences, and as they have since been printed in book form it is hoped they will reach a wide public. We are indebted also to Mr. Jinarājadasa for his three lectures on the *Divine Vision* given in the Queen's Hall in May, an experiment which proved a very great success. The Vice-President has certainly established himself in the hearts of the British public who are accustomed to attend Theosophical lectures in the Queen's Hall. During the year we also

had the pleasure of having with us Mr. Aria, the Recording Secretary of the T.S., whose visit to this country, his first, I believe, has left a very happy memory.

My American Tour.—A long standing promise was fulfilled this year when at the invitation of the American Section I visited the U.S.A. and carried out a lecturing tour in that vast country. It was a great pleasure to me to meet so many of our American members and I brought back with me many happy recollections of their kindness personally and of the earnest desire of the American members that their Section should take its rightful place in the Theosophical family.

The Annual Convention for 1927, held June 5th, 6th, 7th, at the Queen's Hall, London, over which you presided, will be remembered for its happy atmosphere and stimulating helpfulness. With us also were Mr. Krishnamurti, Bishop Wedgwood, Dr. and Mrs. Arundale, and many other distinguished visitors from abroad. Most unfortunately Mr. Jinarājādāsa was detained by illness in Harrogate.

Dr. van der Leeuw gave the opening lecture on *The Mystic and the Occultist* and spoke with clarity, wide vision, and from obviously profound experience. He brought us nearer to the world of reality than is usually possible by lecturing alone. In the afternoon the representatives of other countries rose at roll-call to give and acknowledge greetings, and you spoke on the duties of tolerance and good-will amongst members. Professor Marcault gave the Blavatsky Lecture, a contribution to the psychology of the Intuition which all those interested in the subject would be wise to read and consider carefully, as it covers a wide field and represents the view of the intuition which is being emphasized in the Theosophical World University work. It may be of interest to record here that Bishop Wedgwood's Blavatsky Lecture of 1926, on *The Distinctive Contribution of Theosophy to Christian Thought*, has been very widely distributed, among the copies sent out 500 having gone especially to clergymen and ministers of religion in this country. On the Saturday evening there was Community Singing and an invigorating greeting from Dr. Arundale, who arrived that day from Australia. Sunday was given over to allied activities, and your first Queen's Hall lecture entitled *The New Civilisation*.

On Monday morning the large hall of the British Medical Association was overcrowded and, in addition, an overflow meeting in another hall

near by listened by loud speaker to two of the addresses given. You then explained that the Fellowship of Faiths was an extension of the first object of the Society, as the World University was an extension of the second, and the Mysteries of the third. The Fellowship is no new religion, but an expansion of consciousness in religious thought, the recognition of the One Life worshipped under various forms. Bishop Wedgwood mentioned various ways by which we could prepare for the restoration of the Mysteries, through ritual work in the Liberal Catholic Church and Co-Masonry, and by the conscious training and deliberate use of our own astral and mental faculties, so that co-operation with the work of the Devas might become possible. Professor Marcault spoke of the Mysteries of Knowledge, and the need for us to train the intuitive faculty in order to make ready for the study of the "science of liberation," which he considered to be the basic science of the World University.

A Garden Party at West Side House, Wimbledon, so friendly and hospitable that even a shower could not spoil our pleasure, filled the afternoon.

The closing meeting on Monday, after a charming programme arranged through the Arts League of Service, was addressed by Mr. Krishnamurti, who spoke with characteristic dignified simplicity on the search for the Real, the search for Happiness. Dr. Arundale, with his incomparable forcefulness in no way abated, stirred his audience to a fuller appreciation of the vital needs of the moment, and you concluded with a magnificent appeal to Theosophists to go out into the world and remould it so that the Great Plan of the Elder Brothers should be more nearly realised on earth.

In one meeting after another the wider vision of life had been emphasised, and your final appeal to make the Unseen, and yet the Real, more evident in daily life sent those of our members who were fortunate enough to be present back to their Lodges, filled with some of the "burning earnestness" of our leaders.

Theosophy in Europe.—The following Motion was submitted to the Convention during its business session on June 4th, 1927, by Bishop Wedgwood :

That this Convention of the Theosophical Society in England, believing that in the shaping of a new Social Order the Theosophical

teachings are of paramount importance, strongly urges upon the European Federation of Theosophical Societies the desirability of holding a Theosophical Congress annually, or biennially (as provided formerly in the Federation Rules) in a different European country.

It is satisfactory to know that the Motion has been adopted by the Council of the European Federation, T.S., who have decided to hold a Congress of the Society annually in one or other of the European countries.

Theosophical News Bureau.—Having proved its usefulness by its twelve-months' work during one of the busiest years this National Society has known for some time, an office of the Bureau has been opened in Paris, through which the Secretary who now resides in France, will be concerned more particularly with the Continental Press. The work of the Bureau in England will be carried on as part of the administrative work of the National Headquarters.

Manchester Lodge.—The Manchester Lodge began a new era of activity in that great city by entering into possession of their fine and commodious Lodge premises known as *Ward Hall, Victoria Park*, on July 5th, 1927, when you dedicated the Lodge Rooms and addressed a large meeting of members. The Lodge is indeed to be congratulated on securing such a remarkably fine property. The number of Lodges that own their Rooms, usually in conjunction with a residential house and garden, is constantly increasing. The value to the efficiency of all the local Theosophical activities is inestimable and the spirit of helpfulness and brotherhood is warmly fostered in the Lodge that has its own home centre and from which to work.

Drama.—Many of our members have felt that, with the beginning of the Society's second half-century, the time has come for some specialisation within the Lodges, which, up to the present have necessarily been concentrating on propaganda and study. Such a step towards group-work on special lines has been taken by the Bayswater (London) Lodge which has formed itself into an Art Group for the purpose of drawing together those members who are artists or art-lovers and of creating facilities for art-expression within the Society and of stimulating and encouraging the presentation of Truth as Beauty. The Lodge also endeavours to link up and establish friendly relations with existing Art Societies, which it is hoped will prove helpful in increasing the

sympathetic recognition of Theosophy. Already a number of interesting performances have been given under the auspices of this Lodge, and it is proposed that they be continued throughout the coming winter in the Mortimer Hall, where the portable stage has been transferred from the Upper Hall and fixed permanently, with suitable lighting equipment, in the Lower Hall.

The Work of Members.—I cannot allow the opportunity, offered by this Report, to pass without expressing appreciation of the steady work done week after week by Lodges, Centres, and many of our members individually. The success of the Society in this country, in the ultimate, depends upon the individual member who, by his study of the truths of Theosophy, and his attempt to live them, becomes a centre of spiritual help to his fellows in the Society and in the outer world. It would be easy to cite many instances of the working of this spirit of helpfulness and brotherhood among our members during the year. The results are chronicled, necessarily baldly, month after month, in our "News and Notes": healthy Centres formed in parts of the country where the word *Theosophy* had never before been heard; quiet Centres bursting forth as flourishing Lodges through the self-sacrifice and devotion of a few energetic members. One individual effort in particular I would recall to your memory, the scheme set on foot by one generous and thoughtful member whereby an increasing number of the more advanced Theosophical books are placed in the hands of people who, in some cases, could not have afforded to buy them, and in others, have vainly sought for many years just the enlightenment shed by that special book. Everywhere such gifts have met with real appreciation.

National Lecturers.—During the past year nearly a hundred special courses of lectures, varying from a few days to several weeks, have been delivered in connection with the work of Lodges and Centres. Such courses, each carried on for a definite period, have been found of great value wherever held.

Mortimer Halls.—On Sunday evenings throughout the year, Theosophical lectures are given and are well attended.

Literature.—The following new booklets have been published (at nine-pence per dozen) during the year: *The Path to Happiness*; *Theosophy and Christianity*, by Annie Besant, D.L.; *Theosophy and the Coming Race*.

Orange posters for announcing Lodge Lectures are now greatly in demand all over the country and are proving an effective method of advertising. Sizes of posters vary from 10in. X 8in. to 30in. X 20in. This year we have also used a thousand very large orange posters dealing, the one with *Reincarnation* and the other with *Theosophy*, which, wherever displayed by Lodges, create great interest.

Fifty-two book-boxes are in use in Lodges and Centres. Each box contains approximately thirty-five of the best known books dealing with Theosophy, and is useful as providing the nucleus of the Lodge Library.

The demand for fortnightly booklets is greatly on the increase; in six months nearly five thousand have been dispatched to enquirers in response to about seven hundred applications. A point of interest is that many pass on their booklets to friends and further names follow. In one instance a single booklet went the round of twelve people.

Students' Week Ends were held in the South, during Easter week at Paignton, in Devonshire; in the North at Kiplin Hall (Yorkshire) during September; in the Midlands at Crich during May; in London at the Theosophical World University Centre during the Christmas week-end, and also during the week following the National Society's Convention in June.

These are greatly appreciated by all those attending and the numbers have varied from fifty and upwards. The attractive features of several has been that all are together as a house party for some days and the delightful and harmonious spirit prevailing has been very marked.

Among the lecturers visiting the gatherings were yourself, Dr. Arundale, Professor Marcault, Mr. James Scott, Miss Charlotte Woods, Miss Clara Codd, Mrs. Stevenson Howell, Major C. F. J. Galloway, myself and Mrs. Gardner, and members of the Science Group and other organisations.

Special Lectures were given in the Queen's Hall, five being given by yourself in June and October, and three by the Vice-President in May. We had also the privilege of three lectures from Dr. van der Leeuw on *The Conquest of Illusion*, given this month in the Mortimer Halls.

You were also good enough to visit Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham and Bristol, and the Vice-President visited Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Bath, Birmingham and Harrogate.

Miss Wanda Dynowska toured the country for three weeks in April and May. Her visit was greatly appreciated.

Dr. Arundale on his way from America to India gave us a lecture in the Friends' Hall, his subject being "America : Her Power and Purpose".

With affectionate greetings from us all to you and our brethren, in Convention assembled.

EDW. L. GARDNER,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN INDIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The outstanding feature of the year ending 30th September has been a spirit of alertness among our members. Although our Lodges have not yet overcome many of their difficulties, there is, generally speaking, a cheerful and optimistic tone throughout the Society in India. We feel that we are receiving a new life, that we are going forward and are getting ready for more strenuous work.

Although the increasing communal tension has unfortunately engrossed most of the attention of our people at present, it is at the same time driving the serious-minded amongst us to find out a solution of the troubles which are threatening to grow into a serious deadlock. The better mind of the country is anxious to bring about peace and goodwill between Hindus and Musalmans and is slowly beginning to appreciate the practical advantages of the proper Theosophical attitude towards different religions and our characteristic spirit of tolerance.

The T. S. Muslim League organised by the Vice-President in 1924 is awaiting the touch of a new and more vigorous life, though it has not been quite inactive. Some of its members have been constantly lecturing on Islam and have been placing the results of their Islamic studies before the public through the Section Magazine and other Theosophical journals. Its membership needs the addition of much further strength and we are hoping to enlist the sympathy of a larger number of non-Theosophist Musalmans to make it more serviceable at the present juncture.

Membership.—Our membership in the main body stands at 5,536 as against 5,029 last year. Among the All-India Federation of Young Theosophists, however, there is a sudden drop from 1722 to 680. Perhaps the chief reason for this large decrease is—as hinted by the Secretary in his report for the previous year—that a system of

Provincial organisations which will more effectively control Provincial areas and maintain a close relationship with the Headquarters has not yet developed. In the main branch of the Indian Section, however, there is a very satisfactory increase of 507, although when we include the number of Young Theosophists our total membership comes down to 6,216 against 6,751 shown last year. The number of new admissions in the main body is 809 against 618 in 1926 and in the Youth Federation 299 as against 91. Our losses due to resignations come to 26 as against 44 last year and the toll of "dormant members" is only 210 as against 468 in the previous year.

Lodges and Centres.—The number of Lodges is 329 as against 334 last year. This seeming decrease of five is really due to the fact that seven Lodges have been transferred during the year to the newly formed National Society in Ceylon. Our Centres are also reduced from 30 to 25 this year.

Federations and Lodges.—The number of "autonomous" Federations remains the same as last year. The various Federations into which the Indian Section has been sub-divided are showing signs of better organisations and greater activity. As with the Indian Section so with the Federations the paucity of funds greatly hampers the efficiency of work, but judging from the increasing interest which our members now take in our common work it is expected that the much-needed financial support will be more readily and ungrudgingly given in future. In South India there is a growing tendency in favour of strengthening the Federations by amalgamating the smaller areas together. Some Federations are trying to increase the activities of their Lodges in vigour and depth. There are happily a few strong and well-conducted Lodges in every Federation area which are setting an example to weaker Centres in establishing a deeper understanding of our teachings by encouraging serious study along with efforts in the direction of public propaganda. There is also a growing tendency among the Lodges to have a permanent building of their own.

Field Work.—For the success of our work in this vast country and for the proper understanding of the message of Theosophy, it is essential that we should have a very much larger number of efficient lecturers both in English and the different Indian Vernaculars. That has been the weakest point in our organisation for a large number of

years. In the South our veteran Joint General Secretary, Brother T. Ramachandra Rao, with his lieutenants has, as usual, done solid work. In the North Mrs. Huidekoper and Brothers B. Sanjiva Rao, H. C. Kumar, Harjivan K. Mehta and Panda Baijnath have been extremely helpful in this direction.

The Section is much indebted to Brother Abdul Karim who kindly made a long lecturing tour in North India. His thoughtful presentation of Islam in the light of Theosophy was highly appreciated by his audiences. We need many more Musalman friends like him to help us in interpreting the beauties of the great Islamic faith to the Indian public.

Our Ex-General Secretary, the late Sir T. Sadasivier, whose recent death has caused a tremendous loss to our Section, was almost always touring in South India. He carried conviction to the hearts of the people by his wide scholarship and deep earnestness, and by his great devotion and high character. May the Peace of the Eternal abide with him.

Publicity and Propaganda.—Lack of necessary funds has also stood in the way of a wider publicity and a good supply of propaganda literature which is so essential for placing before the people Theosophical truths and the practical solution they afford of the many problems troubling us in India. At the last Fair at Hardwar an attempt was made to approach the large number of Hindu Pilgrims that had gathered there and it is hoped that such experiments will also be tried in future at several other important Centres of pilgrimage in India. Most of our Federations are publishing their own Magazines in their respective Vernaculars and by this means the message of Theosophy is being carried to those who do not know English.

The Sectional Magazine, *Theosophy in India*, has been very much improved and, we are given to understand, is being more and more appreciated.

The Indian Book Shop.—The Bookshop which is the handsome gift of the President to the Indian Section, has under the capable management of Mr. Venugopal shown a certain amount of profit, although since the change of its character from a branch of the T.P.H. at Adyar it has had to contend against serious difficulties. There is a large stock of pamphlets that we are selling at very much reduced prices in order to encourage the Lodges in freely distributing them among the public.

Our Educational Work is winning greater and greater recognition and is increasing in efficiency as our workers are gaining more experience. What is more, its influence is spreading among other institutions as they are gradually introducing our methods regarding the treatment of children.

The Women's Movement is progressing every year under the auspices of our Indian Women's Association, and there is a considerable accession of strength to the T. S. in India as our ladies are sharing with men the great inspiration of Theosophy. The presence of our energetic Joint Secretary, Mrs. B. Padmabai Rao, as one of the Chief Executive Officers of our Section is a sure guarantee of the lead which Indian women will soon give us in the Theosophical Society in India. To her I owe a deep debt of gratitude for the advice and help she has always un-grudgingly given me.

It is for the first time that throughout the whole of the year under report our Section was deprived of the inestimable privilege of your presence in this country which is so dear to your heart and for which you have so tirelessly worked and mean to continue to work. The absence of our beloved Krishnaji and our respected Vice-President and of other leaders from the country has also been very keenly felt. But I trust, dear President, your children in India have, on the whole, done fairly well to deserve your confidence and the blessings of the Great Brotherhood whose service is the highest ambition of the members of the Theosophical Society.

IQBAL N. GURTU,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN AUSTRALIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour to send you the following report of the Australian Section of the Theosophical Society for the year ended 30th September, 1927.

Statistics.—The total membership for the Australian Section for the year under report is 1,562. 177 new members were admitted, but on the other hand 204 were lost to us by death, resignation and lapsed subscriptions. The number lost during the year is high, but Lodges have for years been carrying many inactive members who have been deleted from the roll since our dues have been increased. Though we cannot claim the high number formerly reported these members are mainly active and we carry little dead wood.

The Thirty-second Annual Convention was held in Sydney at Easter and never before has this Section had such a remarkable gathering which planned so purposefully and well the campaign of work to be done in the service of the Masters. With Bishop Arundale in the Chair and Bishop Leadbeater ever ready to offer his wise counsel, all delegates were welded into a united body each intent on using his best judgment in the cause of Theosophy. Large issues were put before the Convention and important decisions made, chief of which was the adoption of the Active Service Fund. Bishop Leadbeater's talks all urged the necessity for a virile patriotic spirit, and the General Secretary outlined a striking policy for Australia, including a plea for government by the wise and a larger all-Australian outlook.

A new feature of the Convention was the answering from many different points of view of a pithy Questionnaire covering a number of debatable Theosophical conceptions, an instructive and humorous proceeding.

Section Officers.—We rejoiced exceedingly that we had the opportunity of re-electing Bishop Arundale as General Secretary.

The Revs. Byron Casselberry and Harold Morton were elected Joint Assistant General Secretaries, the position of the former being taken later by Miss Muriel Beaufoy and still later by Mr. Henry Frei, late General Secretary of the Ceylon Section. Mr. Houstone and Mrs. A. E. Dempster were elected respectively as Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and Miss M. K. Neff was re-elected as National Lecturer.

Finances.—The Active Service Fund inaugurated by the foresight of the General Secretary is worthy of detailed report. This Section decided on a large programme of public work, and in order to finance its activities Bishop Arundale made an arresting appeal to members to subscribe 1,000 half-crowns per week, calling those who responded “the Happy Thousand”. The amount thus derived from this source during this year is being apportioned as follows :

	£
Theosophical Broadcasting Station	2,600
“80 Years Young Fund”	1,300
Section (including magazines)	1,200
Star	1,000
	£ 6,100

While a regular income of 1,000 half-crowns weekly is a splendid achievement, it is doubly appreciated because it is the donation of the many and not of the few, a fact which keeps the united spirit of the Convention prominently before all. The inclusion of the Order of the Star is only for the convenience of members who belong to both organisations so that there may be only one appeal for funds. To carry on this fund each year will enable us continually to enlarge our scope of work, and the sacrifices made by members for this common purpose aid the team spirit so vital to our work.

The Theosophical Broadcasting Station.—2G.B. has a splendid record of work and is now entering on a still greater career. Standing always for noble citizenship, culture, right education and brotherhood it has fought down the ignorant prejudice against Theosophy, and the Society is being recognised and more respected for its practical and disinterested idealism. A large public is being reached, for besides the

broadcasting of Theosophical and Star lectures, Anglican and other Churches are co-operating, and, which is of great importance to the Commonwealth, a refined and cultured programme is broadcast especially for the children. Special efforts have been made by the manager, Mr. A. E. Bennett, to keep the music at a high level so that the public can always rely on having a first class musical programme from 2G. B. Committees in each capital are drawing up plans for the establishment at a later date of relay Stations to be erected when finances permit.

Lodge Activities.—In Sydney we have had the aid of the Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, Professor and Mrs. Wood, Dr. J. J. van der Leeuw and Dr. P. K. Roest for series of public lectures. Twice during the year Bishop Leadbeater himself spoke in the Adyar Hall, on White Lotus Day about Madame Blavatsky and on the President's Birthday about Dr. Besant. These talks were all broadcast and the following extract from the public press is worthy of report :

Slow, very distinct, grammatically perfect and with wonderful pronunciation, I cannot help feeling that here is a voice that should be heard more often. What a pleasure it would be if all the voices were like Bishop Leadbeater's. The first person that goes over with a voice like that is going to be famous in radio realms.

Lodges.—Charters have been issued for three new Lodges, Kew, Babinda, and Manly. A new Centre has been formed at Canberra, the Federal Capital of Australia, which promises to be an important influence in the future, and another in the Dawson Valley, Queensland.

It is unnecessary to report individually on the work of each Lodge. We are as a Section carrying out big plans for the whole of Australia and the strength of the Section is in the support which all parts give to the greater plan.

National Lecturers.—Miss Neff has since Convention travelled extensively over the vast spaces of Australia and broken much new ground. Unfortunately the strain of constant lecturing has been too severe and she has been forced to resign the office of National Lecturer. This is a great loss to Australia, but our loss will mean some other Section's gain, for she is always a tireless worker.

Mrs. Mason-Beatty has done valuable work in Queensland ; as a well-known member of many public organizations she carries the message of Theosophy to large numbers who would otherwise not be contacted.

World Federation of Young Theosophists.—Miss Clare Tracey has organized the work of the young Theosophists and co-operated always with the Round Table. These two movements have done excellent work for the youth of Australia.

Particularly are we glad to see the way in which adult members are resigning their posts in favour of the young people in order that they may be free for larger and more strenuous duties on behalf of the Section.

Publicity.—Each month *Advance ! Australia* and *The Australian Theosophist* are published ; the former devotes itself “without fear or favour” to the interests of Australia, and the latter is more particularly for members. The circulation of these magazines is 2,500 and 1,150 respectively. Seven numbers of *The Australia-India League Bulletin* were printed until the appearance of the *New India Weekly*. One thousand copies were printed. The Bulletin was posted to all State and Federal legislators in the Commonwealth and undoubtedly created a sentiment in favour of India and the Home Rule movement.

No pamphlets have been printed this year as our interests have centred principally upon *Advance ! Australia*.

Dr. Mary Rocke.—We desire to put on record our appreciation of the splendid work done by the late Dr. Mary Rocke in the service of the Masters. Having resided in Sydney for a number of years she earned the love and respect of all who worked for her.

The Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater.—Australia has again been honoured with the presence of Bishop Leadbeater. The great masterpieces of his labour are the young people who come to him for training and leave him later as efficient and devoted workers in the Masters' cause. Such a group is now gathered at *The Manor* and they are an example to us of the unity which Their workers endeavour to maintain. May Australia prove itself worthy of his presence.

In conclusion I would say that this year has been one of consolidation. Bold ventures were inaugurated last year and this year they have been established on stable foundations. Much public

work has been done but of greater value than all this is the determination to work according to the Masters' plans for the uplift of the Commonwealth.

On behalf of this Section I have the honour to lay at your feet the uttermost love and loyalty of your many obedient servants.

HAROLD MORTON,
Acting General Secretary.

T. S. IN SWEDEN

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have much pleasure in forwarding you my report of the activities of the Swedish Section for the year ending October 31st 1927.

Statistics.—During the year 37 new members have been admitted. Our Section has now a total membership of 1,094 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.

Annual Convention.—Dr. Annie Besant, our venerable President, presided at our Convention held during August at her Scandinavian tour. It was a great event for all of us and I need not mention that her visit was a big success.

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

Lodges.—The membership is not very large but we have comparatively many Lodges scattered all over our big country. The Lodges are joined together in districts for inner work and propaganda.

Literature.—Our Theosophical Bookshop, “Studio,” is doing very good work. It is run on a broad and tolerant basis supplying the public with books on idealistic subjects.

Propaganda.—The regular propaganda with public lectures has been going on as usual.

This report carries with it sincere and heartfelt love and gratitude to our deeply beloved President.

HUGO FAHLORANTZ,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour and pleasure of submitting to you a brief Report of the Activities of the New Zealand Section for the year ending 31st October, 1927.

Statistics.—New members 71, re-joined 8, transferred from other Sections 1, resigned 14, passed away 5, lapsed 112, transferred to other Sections 7, number of members on the register 1,198, active members 972, and active Lodges 19.

Annual Convention.—The Thirty-first Annual Convention was held in Christchurch in the new Hall of the local Lodge on the 29th and 30th December, 1926. The Rt. Rev. J. R. Thomson, President of the H. P. B. Lodge, was elected to the Chair, and gave the Opening Address. The success of the Convention was due not only to the friendly co-operation of visiting members from all parts of the Dominion, but largely to the inspiration and help derived from the presence of Professor and Mrs. Ernest Wood, the Rev. Edward Branscombe and the Rev. Lawrence Burt—all from Australia. At this Convention, the method of voting was slightly amended, and the Annual Dues were raised by unanimous consent from 7/6 to 10/-

Publicity.—*Theosophy in New Zealand* continues to be a useful means of propaganda. It is sent free to members, and there is a long list of exchanges. It is pleasing to note that there is a slight increase in the number of subscribers.

Miss Selene Oppenheimer visited many of the Lodges in the North and South Islands, and did excellent work on the lecture platform shortly before her departure for England early in the month of July.

As National Lecturer, I have already visited seventeen of the Lodges, and find that all is going well. Many of the country Lodges, although small in numbers, are strong in devotion and enthusiasm.

Vasanta Farm.—This farm, consisting of 114 acres, was donated to the Society sixteen years ago, and during that time it has been successfully worked by its present manager, Mr. Colin Macdonald. A bungalow on the farm has been partly furnished, and is let to members who are in need of a holiday.

Vasanta School.—This garden school, situated amidst beautiful surroundings, and with a new open-air school-room, is making excellent progress under the care of its Principal, Miss M. Faram and her Assistant, Miss E. Brooke-Smith. Miss Faram is a friend and co-worker of Miss Darroch who was in charge of the School at the time of my last report, but was obliged to relinquish her post owing to continued ill-health. The attendance at the School is now 34, as against 27 last year.

Kindred Movements.—The various organisations associated with the T.S. are all working together in perfect harmony under Leaders who recognise that each movement has its part to play in the Great Plan, and is necessary to the perfection of the whole.

With loyal and affectionate greetings from the members in Zew Zealand.

W. CRAWFORD,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Miss Dykgraaf, our former General Secretary, in handing over her function to me on September 19th, left me in charge of the Annual Report of our Section October 1st, 1926—September, 30th 1927.

In drafting it I have felt that I could hardly make an adequate statement on the general condition of our Section. Especially after having started on my visits to the Lodges and Centres I have found that it is only by getting personally into touch with our members all over the country, that I shall be able to know what the general attitude of mind is.

With regard to the life-side of our Section I cannot therefore give you any valuable information.

I can only give you facts as follows :

Lodges and Centres.—Three more Lodges and three new Centres were formed during the year.

The Federations of Lodges at the Hague, Amsterdam and “het Gooi” have continued their co-operation for special purposes, the Lodges themselves however keep full autonomy and each of them works in its own area ; a Federation of Lodges and Centres was newly formed at Rotterdam.

We have now 46 Lodges and 22 Centres.

Membership.—We lost 234 members during the year : 20 deceased ; 29 were transferred to other Sections ; 36 were cancelled after repeated attempts to get some kind of response to our various appeals ; 149 resigned, most of them because they disagreed with the policy of our leaders especially with regard to the Statement, very likely owing to misunderstanding. I shall make every attempt to clear up whatever miscomprehension existing on the subject. This seems the

more urgent as many of those who resigned were among our best and oldest members, and while I feel that we have to respect their point of view as soon as it is based on honest conviction, yet it seems important to try and keep their co-operation for our Section.

Owing to this loss of 234 we can only state an increase of 77 although 311 new members joined our ranks.

On September 30th, 1927, the total number was 2,832.

Change of Constitution.—As a consequence of the International changes of constitution we had to adapt ours to the new conditions. We succeeded in doing so but as *change of name* would have involved too many legal and other difficulties we had to stick to our old name : T.S., Section of the Netherlands.

One important improvement with regard to the work of the General Secretary is the appointment of an Assistant Secretary who takes charge of the organising part of the work. I may add to this that we have been fortunate in finding one of our very efficient and devoted young co-workers willing to fill this place.

Our book-year will henceforth run from January 1st to December 31st.

Convention.—We had the great privilege of having both our President, Dr. Besant and our Vice-President, Mr. Jinarajadasa, as guests of our Convention. Dr. Besant's address to members, her public lecture on "The New Civilization" as well as Mr. Jinarajadasa's interesting talks in answer to various questions were highly appreciated. We all felt what an exceptional occasion this was and in our hearts lived the fervent wish that for many a year to come the splendid co-operation between President and Vice-President may continue and be the inspiring and guiding force in our Society.

I am sure for most of us the one shadow that lay over this Convention was the fact that it was the last at which Miss Dykgraaf was among us in her function as General Secretary. We owe her our heartfelt gratitude for her devoted and effective work during nine years.

New Headquarters.—The plans for our new Headquarters have now reached such stage that it is possible in co-operation with the P. C. Meuleman Foundation to start on the building in the immediate future.

The new building will arise by the side of our new E.S. Hall ; it will consist of three parts : one for the Secretariat and the Library, one for the Theosophical Bookshop and one for the National Council who will share its localities with the Amsterdam Lodge. We hope that within ten months our new quarters will be ready for us.

Many are the financial sacrifices that our members have made to get us so far, many more will have to be asked from them. We are however convinced that our appeal will not be in vain.

Propaganda.—Our propaganda department has continually to face the difficulty lying in the small number of speakers who are able to give sufficient time to this work. We shall have to find ways by which this situation may be improved. We may safely say however that the interest in Theosophy in our country is constantly growing. And no wonder ! We are so highly privileged in having within our frontiers two powerful spiritual centres of an international character, that we cannot but expect such influence to permeate the whole of our little country.

Library.—The Library is showing a constant growth ; it is looking forward to its new quarters where extension of its activities will be possible.

Publishing House.—Our Publishing House is doing efficient work and is steadily developing.

Order of Service.—The Order of Service is doing very efficient work outside as well as inside our Section. Its area has extended itself by the formation of local groups which are forming links with all sorts of social work.

The Order took a large share in preparing the Congress of the International Order of Service last August and was greatly helped by a donation of grounds extending over 20,000 square metres for the purpose of holding all sorts of camps. Large groups of young people have been camping there during summer.

Young Theosophists.—The Young Theosophists have now formed 11 local Groups whose leaders work in close mutual contact.

A Central Office was formed in Utrecht, a kind of clearing-house for national as well as international work.

Three lines of activities are followed : Meditation, Study and Action and we may say that the work is in serious and reliable hands.

I have now been in office for almost three weeks—too short a time to judge whether I shall be able to do the work as it ought to be done, but long enough to know that I love it and can devote myself to it with all my heart. I can only hope I shall be found worthy of it.

C. RAMONDT-HIRSCHMANN,

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 1926—1927.

During that period eight Lodges have been established : *Krishnaji* in Esch sur Alzette, *L'Aurore Guyannaise*, in Cayenne, *Socrate* in Paris, *Bonheur* in Toulouse, *Unite* in Nogent Le Perreux, *Agama* in Royan, *Sagesse* in The Havre, *Evolution* in Moyeuivre la Grande.

On the other part three Lodges have become dormant : *Krishnamurti* in Paris, *Hyppatie* in Paris, *Caritas* in Le Havre.

During the year 420 members have been admitted, but 222 have died, been transferred, have resigned or were dropped, thus making the nett gain 198. The number of our active members stands at 3,456.

The Theosophical work has progressed normally in our Section during the year 1926-1927, and has not been hampered by a long absence of the General Secretary—lasting from 28th of November, 1926 to 20th February, 1927—thanks to the devotion of the Headquarter's Office staff and the good care of the Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Point.

The slight excitement which arose after the Star Congress in 1926 had no evil consequences and was even useful in strengthening the complete harmony existing in the French Section of the T.S.

Madlle. Cécile Bayer undertook in February and March, 1927, a long tour, in order to visit our Lodges. Her presence, together with the confidence—inspiring quality of her speeches and lectures, of which she delivered quite a number, have had the best results and won her the sympathy of all.

During the month of March and again in June, the General Secretary proceeded to Spain to fulfil a task apportioned by

our President, and had the opportunity of drawing closer the ties of Brotherhood which link so closely the members of the two Sections.

Our National Convention was this year postponed to the 3rd Sunday of April in consequence of the arrival in France of our dear Vice-President, Mr. Jinarājadasa, who remained a week in Paris—from the 22nd to the 28th of April—and presided the Convention meetings with great authority and perfect tactfulness. This Convention was rendered particularly attractive by the rare quality of the speeches and lectures, and the large number of M. T. S. who attended it, some coming from the farthest end of the country. I consider as specially worthy of praise the opening and closing speeches of Mr. Jinarājadasa, in which were embodied some very important pieces of advice. Mr. Marcault had come from England to give his assistance as lecturer and translator, in both of which capacities he showed his mastery. A lecture given by Madame David Neel brought before our public a very interesting sketch of her last stay in Tibet.

Two of our members, Madame Canudo and Mr. du Mas have this winter done very good pioneer work in Royan, and have, before their departure from that town, laid the basis for the foundation of a new Lodge there, the name of which appears in the above list.

A bookbinding workshop has been established in the basement of our Headquarters and is chiefly busy with the binding of the books of our lending library. It is run by volunteers, all M. T. S. and has proved highly efficient and useful, as the excessive prices now charged by the professional bookbinders would not allow our Library to make both ends meet.

An Association for the Theosophical University has also been founded. It is under the leadership of our Brother Monod Herzen and the high authority of Mr. Marcault.

I cannot close this report without praising once more the work of our Publishing Department—styled *La Famille Théosophique* and *Les Editions Adyar*—so efficiently managed by our Mr. Bondonneau. Quite a number of books have been published this year, of which the appended list gives a summary. In addition several books have been reprinted. The turn over reaches a high figure and the sales are in steady increase. These favourable results are so much more interesting for us that the

propaganda through books is by far the best means at our disposal to bring our teachings before the educated public.

We look forward with the greatest confidence to the next Presidential election, and we can assure our dear and revered President that her re-election is certain without the shadow of a doubt, as far as our Section is concerned, and will be carried practically unanimously.

I feel that our members are at one with me in expressing to the Members and Delegates assembled at the Convention, our most heartfelt wishes and brotherly greetings.

CHARLES BLECH,

General Secretary.

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T. S. IN GERMANY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Once more I have the great pleasure to submit to you the Annual Report of the T. S. in Germany for the year ending September 30, 1927.

Statistics.

Membership on October 1st, 1926...	...	608
New members	...	223
Left or dropped off	...	27
Died	...	2
Transferred to other Sections	...	3
Transferred from other Sections	...	2
	32	833
		32
Total number on October 1st, 1927	...	801

The following Lodges were founded : Wiedergeburt, Karlsruhe ; Bruderschaft, Wesel ; Bruderschaft, Essen ; Teutonia, Lunen ; Annie Besant, Berlin ; Parzival, Landsberg a. Warthe ; Adyar, Frankfurt a. M ; Shanti, Darmstadt ; Bruderschaft, Mannheim ; Wahrheit, Duisburg ; Rote Erde, Dortmund ; Ojai, Hamburg ; Leadbeater, Bonn.

The following Centres have been established : Waldan i. Schles. at Allenstein ; at Koln.

The following Lodges have been dissolved : Freiheit, Gottingen ; Blavatsky-Olcott, Dusseldorf ; Parzival, Nordhausen.

The Centre at Danzig has been dissolved.

The Lodge " Gluck Auf " has been transferred from Dinzlaken to Buchholtswelmen.

We have at present 42 Lodges and 3 Centres to which 725 members belong, the rest of 76 being unattached members.

This is the highest number reached since the reorganisation of the T.S. in Germany in 1913.

Activities.—The reports from the Lodges show that they have been active during the whole year as far as the often very difficult outer condition (lack of means for propaganda, of suitable lecturers and rooms) have made it possible. The new Lodges in Western Germany promise to become excellent centres of work and enthusiasm. Mr. Robert Syring who has founded the Lodge at Karlsruhe has been giving public lectures in different places. Every year he is holding a Theosophical Summer School at Lieberzell i. Baden, where members from different Theosophical organisations meet and try to live in the spirit of real brotherhood and mutual understanding. Mr. Syring has been for years a prominent member of the International Theosophical Fraternity, founded by Dr. Franz Hartmann, but has left it and joined the T.S. because he has found in the latter more tolerance than in the first one. He is well known in the Theosophical world in Germany as a writer and lecturer.

On Christmas the Young Theosophists at Jserlohn have made a distribution of presents to 50 of the poorest children there.

In January Mr. José Vigeveno (Amsterdam) lectured at Essen, Wesel and Lohberg. Mr. John Cordes gave public lectures at Hamburg, Berlin and Hanover in January and February.

In February Mr. Vigeveno made his big tour and gave public lectures at Dinsburg, Dortmund, Köln, Bonn, Frankfurt, Darmstadt, Mannheim and addressed members at Rastatt where Mr. Syring lives. This lecture tour has been extremely successful. Though it was made just during the carnival, the halls were crowded everywhere. The first results were Study Classes in the different places held by Messrs. Pieper, Heidmann, Bremer and Syring. The second result was the founding of 6 Lodges and 1 Centre out of these Study Classes with about 200 members, that is nearly 10 per cent of those who had attended Mr. Vigeveno's public lectures in February. He went to the different places in June to hand the Charters over to the Presidents of the Lodges, as I was still in Italy to recover from a long and serious illness. We cannot be thankful enough for what he has done for the T.S. in Germany in giving his time, energy and enthusiasm and last, not least, paying all the heavy expenses of the lecture tour himself.

To show our gratitude, our Committee has appointed him as National Lecturer.

The last year has brought another far reaching event : your public lectures at Berlin and Hamburg. Not only that the halls in both places were crowded and that at Berlin about five hundred people could get no more seats, but the response of the public and the press has been exceedingly sympathetic. At Berlin a Study Class has been formed as one of the good results of your lecture. The way is free for more lectures, and I do hope most earnestly that you will put into your programme of 1928 two successive public lectures at Berlin. The result for our work would be invaluable in its importance.

Two years ago, I wrote in my Annual Report : " It would be a very great help indeed if prominent international lecturers of the T.S. could include Germany in their programme and spend with us a few months. The interest in Theosophy is growing rapidly in our country, but we need lecturers who are able to present it in genuine form." (THE GENERAL REPORT OF THE T.S. 1925, p. 86.) The result of your and Mr. Vigevano's lectures shows that I was right in saying this.

The 25th Jubilee Convention at Hamburg from August 19th-21st.—After your public lecture at Berlin in the big hall of the former Herrenhaus (the German House of Lords) on August 18th and your address to members on August 19th in the morning, you went to Hamburg to preside over our Jubilee Convention. Though there were less members present than in other years, we were from the beginning united in a spirit of joyousness and thankfulness to have you again in our midst. Your inspiring addresses made a very deep impression at Hamburg too, your public lecture on August 20th was very well attended by a deeply interested public. Your Berlin and Hamburg lectures will be published in German with the title " Vortrage in Deutschland von Dr. Annie Besant," by Mr. Pieper in his Ring-Verlag. Some of these lectures as well as some newspaper cuttings about your public lectures will be published in the November issue of our magazine, *Theosophisches Streben*. Those who have been at our Jubilee Convention will never forget the love, wisdom and strength that you have poured out over us to enable us to do our work better and better. The words you have said about Germany's capacities and its

future will make our task so much easier than it has been during the last years, and I am sure that the work will grow rapidly now.

Literature.—Since October, 1926, Mr. Ernest Pieper has published German translations of the following books :

1. Mabel Collins. *Light on the Path and Karma.*
2. Dr. Annie Besant. *A Study on Karma.*
3. Dr. Annie Besant. *The Riddle of Life.*
4. Dr. Annie Besant. *Religion and Music.*
5. C. Jinarajadasa. *First Principles of Theosophy.*
6. C. W. Leadbeater. *The Masters and the Path.*
7. C. W. Leadbeater. *Talks on "At the Feet of the Master".*
8. C. W. Leadbeater. *Rents in the Veil of Time.*
9. C. W. Leadbeater. *Ancient Ideals in Modern Freemasonry.*
10. *Awaken, Ye Children of the Light.*
11. *The Spirit of the Unborn.*
12. J. Krishnamurti. *At the Feet of the Master.* (Popular edition.)
13. Wodehouse. *The Taking of a body by the World Teacher.*
14. Rajagopalacharya. *Order of the Star, Information for Inquirers.*

Then he has published three pamphlets of the Liberal Catholic Church, its Principles and its Liturgy.

The Star Group at Berlin has published one of your Queen's Hall Lectures, 1925, about the Coming of the World-Teacher as a pamphlet.

All these publications are of the greatest importance, because there are many people in Germany very much interested in Theosophical literature, but not able to read it in English.

After you had left Hamburg for Copenhagen on August 22nd, Mr. Vigeveno gave there a public lecture with lantern slides in the overcrowded big hall at the Curiohaus where our Jubilee Convention had been held. Here too a Study Class has been organised which is held by Mr. Boyken, our Hon. Secretary, and attended by more than hundred people, this is about 20% of those who attended the lecture.

When I look back over the first twenty-five years of the history of the T. S. in Germany, I see a splendid beginning during the first ten years under the most capable leadership of Dr. Rudolf Steiner, then, in 1913, the heavy blow of the founding of the Anthroposophical Society, later

on the complete isolation during the war and a weakening of our work through these terrible years and the following revolution and inflation, but at the same time, since 1919, the coming into contact again with Adyar and other National Societies, many proofs of understanding and love from them, even material help of different kinds. The small group of members which had remained in the T. S. faithful to its spirit of brotherhood, faithful to the Masters Who embrace *all* nations and people in Their love, had for years a very hard task to reorganise the National Society and its Lodges, to stand the many misunderstandings caused by the suspicion and mistrust which had grown through the experiences of the war.

Slowly but steadily all the difficulties have been mastered. Since Mr. Jinarajadasa's visit at our Convention at Weimar in 1923 and your first visit at our Convention at Hamburg in 1924, our National Society began to recover and to grow in strength and capacity, though for some years the membership diminished again, as we had to revise radically our lists of membership. But now, at the beginning of our second twenty-five years of existence, I think I can say without any exaggeration that our National Society is again established on a firm and sound basis, and will do more and more important work for the T. S., for Germany and for the world at large. As we have been able to overcome the difficulties of the last 25 years, we are not afraid of possible difficulties during the next twenty-five years.

I have most gladly seconded Mr. Gardner's proposal to re-elect you as President for the next seven years, and I am sure that the great majority of the members in Germany will do the same. May the T. S. have you still as President for a very long time, and may Germany fulfil its glorious destiny as you have shown it so wonderfully to us this year !

AXEL VON FIELITZ-CONIAR,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CUBA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

For the second time I have the pleasure and honour of submitting to you an Annual Report of the T.S. in Cuba.

Since the date of the former, much has been done, not only in connection with the re-organisation of our National Society, to enable it to carry on its enhanced activities, but also in the obtention of material results towards the development and aggrandizement of our movement and the Theosophication of our country.

I shall now proceed to give you a brief statement of the work done, touching only the most important subject :

<i>Lodges :</i>		1926	1927	<i>Increase</i>	
Active Lodges	...	21	34	13	62%
New Lodges	...	2	15	13	750%
<i>Centres :</i>					
Active Centres	...		25	25	
Centres converted into Lodges			4	4	
<i>Members :</i>					
Active Members	...	414	620	206	67%
<i>Finances :</i>					
Incomes	...	\$2,600·10	\$4,426·78	\$1,826·65	60%
Expenditures	...	\$2,401·13	\$3,608·79	\$1,207·06	66%
Superavit	...	\$62·97	\$817·99	\$755·02	770%
Annual Dues, remitted to Adyar.			\$456·82 ¹	\$456·82	
Adyar Day, Contribution to Adyar.			142·00	\$142·00	

New Headquarters.—Several months ago we moved to new, better headquarters in the heart of the City and in the best Office building.

¹ *Note :* On September 30, 1926, our National Society was in arrears, as no Annual Dues had been remitted to Adyar for 1925 nor for 1926, and the sum of \$456·82 includes Annual Dues for 1925, 1926 and 1927, and also 10/o for the World Congress Fund.

We are now trying to move to larger premises, with plenty of room for our Offices, as the present quarters are insufficient to hold them, and, also to be able to deliver public lectures to as large an audience as possible.

Records.—Our records of Lodges and members have also been improved, and an individual card system adopted whereby it is possible to instantly locate any member, whether active or inactive.

We have also adopted the practice of giving to each member a membership card, when paying their annual dues.

Accounting.—One of the most important accomplishments has been the reorganisation of the Accounting System, to such an extent that *for the first time in the History of our Section, we are able to know exactly what we have.* A voucher system has been introduced, as many accounts have been opened as required, and the best and latest accounting principles have been adopted, making it possible to prepare complete and detailed Balance Sheets and to know exactly where we stand.

Departments.—Putting in practice the wise principle of the subdivision of work, the various activities have been grouped under 7 Departments, *i.e.*, Management, Propaganda, Publicity, Magazine, Library, Foreign Affairs and Co-Related Movements. I attach hereto a chart showing the distribution of work.

Each Department is in charge of a different member, with authority to select his own helpers, and although all the Departments are to carry on the work along the lines given by the National President, they have sufficient autonomy to take whatever initiatives they may deem convenient to the movement.

Circular Letters to Lodges.—Circulars are frequently mailed now to all the Lodges, and in some instances to each one and every of the active members, suggesting new plans and activities, and stimulating the work in general. In this manner interest is kept alive, and every Lodge and member is maintained “on the job”.

Joint Meetings of Lodges.—Throughout the year it has been recommended to Lodges located in the same town, to hold joint meetings as frequently as possible, in order to strengthen ties of friendship and brotherhood amongst their members, and so far results have proven most satisfactory and in general a better feeling of good will and co-operation is being developed.

Tours.—In order to gain personal contact with the largest possible number of members, and a better acquaintance with plans of the National President and their own projects, tours have been made to the majority of the towns where we have T. S. Lodges. To that end, the writer was successful in obtaining from the Railroad Company, a free pass for all the railroads of the Island, and in this manner it has been possible to travel more extensively in spite of the fact that our Travelling Fund is very limited. Very shortly these tours will be resumed, on a larger scale and combined with public lectures, and no doubt they will largely contribute to the popularization of our teachings.

Special Conference of November 17th.—So as to meet personally the Presidents of the various Lodges, and in order that they could know in details what the plans of the National President were, and at the same time be able to put forth their suggestions and their own plans, a special Conference of Lodges' Presidents was called for November 17th. Dr. Besant kindly consented in writing a special message for this meeting, and another one for the people of Cuba, and they greatly contributed to its success. Through this Conference a better understanding was attained, and also a more intelligent co-operation.

Public Lectures.—On occasion of the return of the writer from New Orleans, where he went, together with other members, to greet Dr. Besant, a special meeting was held by all the Havana Lodges, and the audience, which included non-members, was addressed on Theosophical subjects. This was the largest meeting so far held in our Section, there being about 400 people. Also on November 17th and May the 8th, and on July the 2nd, public meetings were organized, all of them attended by a very large audience, specially that of November 17th, where we had about 500 people. This meeting was most important, because, for the first time in the history of our Section, a theosophical meeting was held in our Academy of Sciences, which in Cuba is equivalent to the Sorbonne in France. That of July the 2nd, the eve of our Annual Convention, was also held at the same place, and very wide publicity was given by the press to it.

Special Lodge Meetings.—In order to awake enthusiasm and to attract indifferent members, also ex-members, the writer has been suggesting to the various Lodges to hold special meetings on the

occasion of the anniversary of their organization. Most of the Lodges have followed the suggestion, and they have all reported most satisfactory results.

Annie Besant Medal.—This medal, created to be awarded to the Lodge securing in the course of the year the largest number of members, has been won this year by a Lodge which has added 35 new members to its list. The writer feels confident that this incentive will operate wonders in the coming year.

Book Department.—A Department has been organized to sell Theosophical books to members and non-members at low prices. So far sales have attained a satisfactory volume, and we intend to push this Department not only to render a positive service to those who buy Theosophical books, but also to obtain a reasonable profit for the Society.

History of our Section.—We are gathering information to write the history of our Section, from its organization to date. To that end, we have been asking from the various Lodges to send us their own histories, and already have quite a number of them. We will also use Annual Reports, minutes of meetings held by the Sectional Council and Conventions, and any other documents available. Very likely this History will be published in a Silver Book we intend to print when holding our twenty-fifth Convention, in 1929, with many other interesting details.

Statistics.—Much of the preliminary work for the writing of said History has been done, with the preparation of statistics showing the growth of our Section from the date of its organization, covering Incomes and Expenditures, Lodges, members, Magazine, etc., etc. They have all been published in the body of the Annual Report submitted by the writer to the twenty-third Annual Convention, which appears in our July Magazine. I am attaching to this Report to you a number of them, with some Charts, from which it will be possible to notice how our Section has grown.

Sectional Magazine.—The name has been changed to *Revista Teosofica Cubana*, and we are making arrangements to have it sold at the newspaper stands to the public in general.

We have decided to give to our Magazine a wider scope, and a more flexible organization, so as to reach people connected with other

movements working for the welfare of humanity, though it be in ways and manners different to ours, and to that end new Sections have been created to advocate for the Order of the Star, Masonry, Education, Boy Scouts, Physical Culture, Spiritualism, Science, etc., etc., making a total of 25 new Sections, in addition to the regular Theosophical writings. Naturally, all subjects related with the said movements will be treated from the Theosophical view-point, whenever possible, or at least on the grounds of mutual respect and tolerance.

It is hoped that this new organisation will gain us the good will of all those connected with the aforesaid movements, who will contribute to get a wider circulation for our Magazine. We have already had letters from two of our prominent public men, non-members, one from a former Vice-President of the Republic, and the other from the leader of the most important political party who is now President of the Senate of the Republic and a Presidential candidate, praising our project and endorsing the Theosophical movement.

The writer has also received a letter from Dr. Besant approving the said project, and advising she was sending it to *The Theosophist* so that it may reach other National Societies.

Spiritualism.—The writer has been trying to make a gentleman's agreement with the President of the Cuban Spiritualistic Society, whereby better good will be fomented between members of his organization and those of the T. S. in Cuba, as during the past lack of understanding and a certain spirit of animosity and criticism on the part of members of the T. S. in Cuba had led to create a feeling of natural resentment on the part of the spiritualists. The writer does not see any reason why if spiritualists in Cuba believe in Karma, Reincarnation, Evolution, and some others of the main Theosophical teachings, even if not exactly as we Theosophists put them forth, there should not be at least fraternal relations and good will between all. To that end, efforts are being made to secure the co-operation of the highest types of spiritualists in Cuba, in order to popularize those teachings in which there are no discrepancies, leaving aside those that might bring some friction or discussion. If these negotiations succeed, we might get a good number of additional workers, as it might be said that one-third or more of the total population of Cuba, either practises or believes in Spiritualism, more or less intensely.

Circular Letters to Other National Societies.—In order to strengthen bonds of brotherhood with other National Societies, and at the same time effect a kind of exchange of plans and activities, we have started sending out to all of them a Monthly News Letter, giving a resumé of our activities, and putting forth our projects. We have also asked the various General Secretaries to appoint a member in their respective headquarters to keep us posted on similar lines, Mr. Arundale having given to those members the name of "Theosophical Embassadors". This exchange of plans will no doubt bear good fruits to this and other Sections.

Classification of Members.—Heretofore the practice had been followed of definitely dropping from our lists those members not paying their annual dues. We have decided to put these members on a list of "Inactive members," with the privilege of becoming active members automatically when paying their pending dues. In this manner the link is not broken, and apathic members, or those who for some reason have been unable to pay, always have the door open to return to activity.

Anniversary Month.—The American T. S. adopted at their Annual Convention of 1926, a resolution to celebrate the 17th of November as the Anniversary Day, this resolution having been adopted about the same time that the same idea was suggested to members in Cuba, in August, 1926. We have finally adopted a resolution whereby the whole month of November will be considered by us as the Anniversary Month, of the Month of Offering, and a special effort will be made in it to raise the largest possible amount to be devoted to *propaganda* and to unforeseen expenses, such as Travels, etc. Of course, on the 17th of November we will hold, as usual, special celebrations; but the idea is to have in our National Society something similar to the Month of Offering in the Order of the Star^{*}.

Order of Servers.—In order to cope with special conditions prevailing in our National Society, the writer thought it advisable to create an "Order of Servers," on certain basis. This Order is now being reorganized and vitalized, and very effective results are expected from it. May be that eventually this Order will be merged into the International Theosophical Order of Service, which we will try to organize in Cuba.

Synchronical Meditation.—Trying to unify thought currents from members of our National Society, and at the same time prepare

mentality of the Cuban people to receive Theosophical teachings, the writer has organized a synchronical or joint meditation all over the Island, and groups are being formed so as to have the largest possible number of members *meditating on the same subject at the same time* throughout the country, also when rising and at noon. Subjects for study and meditation are 12, one for each month, including Karma, Reincarnation, Power of Thought, Brotherhood, etc. Once this meditation is in full operation, no doubt wonderful results will be obtained in preparing the public mind for Theosophy.

New Bye-Laws.—Our Bye-Laws have been totally changed, so as to avoid certain difficulties we had experienced in the past, and at the same time to organize our Society on a wider basis, enabling it to take care of the increased activities and of the greater development to be attained through the intense campaign we are beginning you make to Theosophize the whole country.

The main changes introduced have been :

The name of our Society has been changed to The Theosophical Society in Cuba: the General Secretary has also now the title of National President; the National Council is composed of 13 members, 12 elected by Conventions and the National President *ex-officio*, and also all Presidents of Lodges are members *ex-officio*, but without vote; the headquarters have been entirely separated from all Lodge meetings; the National Council may now hold meetings at the various towns of the Island, instead of in Havana City only as well as our Annual Conventions; the procedure for the election of the National President has been changed, giving Lodges and members opportunities to propose their candidates, which function was heretofore limited only to the Council; the secret vote method has been adopted for all elections; all Government's rulings connected with Societies have been embodied in the new Bye-Laws, to avoid any legal troubles, with the result that Government's officials have praised this, stating that *the only Bye-Laws in the country made according to the Law* are those of our National Society; the accounting system has been reorganized; our Fiscal year has been changed to make it more in accordance with that of the International Theosophical Society; dues have been raised to \$3 per annum, instead of \$2 as heretofore, or an increase of 50%, and we have adopted the "family dues" whereby wives, unmarried daughters and

sons under 21 years of age of all active members shall have to pay only 50% of the regular dues, or \$1.50 a year ; and we have also adopted the " Life Dues," whereby members paying \$75.00 shall be exempted from paying any other dues for the rest of their life ; and finally, the reorganization of Centres has been included in the Bye-Laws, in addition to other details of secondary importance.

A translation of the Bye-Laws, which have just been approved by our Government, will be prepared and forwarded to you, for your final sanction.

RESULTS OBTAINED

By the above you may have seen that the organization work during the year has been great and far reaching.

Let us see now the results so far obtained.

LODGES

Lodges on October 1, 1926	...	...	...	34
Transferred to Presidential Agency				
for Central America	...	...	9	
Merged into other Lodges	...	...	2	
			—	11
				23
New Lodges organized during the year	...		...	14
				37
Classified as Inactive, for non-payment of				
annual dues	...	...	...	2
				35
Total Active Lodges on September 30, 1927			...	35

CENTRES

Centres on October, 1, 1926				
New Centres organized during the year	...		...	25
Converted into Lodges	...	...	...	4
				29
Total Active Centres on September 30, 1927			...	29

MEMBERS

Active Members on October 1, 1926 :

Affiliated	...	...	...	729	
At Large	...	...	...	6	
				<u> </u>	735

Decrease :

Dead	...	...	...	3	
Resigned	...	...	...	10	

Transferred :

To American Section	...	1			
To Presidential Agency	...	234			
		<u> </u>		235	

Removed to Inactive File :

Affiliated	...	...	129		
At Large	...	...	5		
			<u> </u>	134	
				<u> </u>	382
					<u> </u>
					353

Increase :

New Members during the year :

Affiliated	...	...	251		
At Large	...	...	3		
			<u> </u>	254	

Removed from Inactive to Active File ... 7

Rejoined the Society	...	6			
		<u> </u>	13		
			<u> </u>	267	

Total Active Membership on September 30, 1927 ... 620

Affiliated	...	...	616		
At Large	...	...	4		
			<u> </u>	620	

By the above you will observe that on September 30, 1927,
we have :

Active Lodges	...	...	...	35
Active Centres	...	...	...	21
Active Members	...	...	...	620

During the year we have remitted to Headquarters in Adyar the following amounts :

		\$	Rs. A. P.
Annual Dues for 1925 and 1926	...	279.83	761 0 0
Annual Dues for 1927	...	176.99	481 0 0
		456.82	1,242 0 0
Adyar Day	...	142.00	394 8 0
Total	...	598.82	1,636 8 0

In Annual dues for 1927 is included the 1% for the World Congress Fund.

By the above you will observe that in the course of a year we have covered Annual dues to Adyar for three consecutive years. This was the result of the fact that our National Society was in arrears, and we have succeeded in covering all indebtedness with the headquarters, although the amount to pay was \$456.62, or Rs. 1,242.

Theosophical College.—The first steps are being taken to have the first Theosophical College organized in Cuba.

Annual Convention.—Our last Annual Convention was a culmination of the work done during the year. Happiness, co-operation, good will and enthusiasm reigned, and all past troubles and difficulties were eradicated. We might say that it was the best and most fruitful Convention we have ever held.

Radio Station.—Our National Society has been lucky enough to be the second one to acquire a broadcasting Station, which will soon be in operation. This Station covers at present one half of the territory of Cuba, but we hope that it will be possible to make it reach the whole country.

Presidential Agency for Central America.—One of the main achievements has been the organization of the Presidential Agency for Central America, to which were transferred 9 Lodges and 234 members. In spite of this, our National Society has at present more Lodges than in October, 1926, and we might say that it also has more members, as the 129 members removed to the Inactive File were in almost its totality already inactive in 1926, and should have been deducted from

the 735 members appearing on that date which would leave a balance of 606 active members, whereas we have at present 620 active members for Cuba alone.

Latin-American Theosophical Federation.—But the greatest achievement has been, in our opinion, the organization of the Federation of Latin-American National Societies.

The project of the Bye-Laws was made by us, and it deserved the approval of Dr. Besant, and has been already accepted by four National Societies, *i.e.*, Porto Rico, Chili, Argentine and Uruguay, which leaves the Federation practically organized. We feel confident that Mexico, Brazil and the Presidential Agency for Central America will also enter the Federation, which will enable us to combine our efforts and resources in the Theosophication of the whole Latin America.

Four National Societies, *viz.*, Argentine, Chili, Porto Rico and Cuba have already agreed to hold the First Congress in the City of Havana, in 1928.

The writer is endeavouring to obtain from Mr. Jinarajadasa to so combine his trip to South America to make it possible for him to act as Chairmen of the said Congress, and it is to be hoped that he may see his way clear to do so. The tentative date has been fixed for June, 1928, but the definite date will be fixed according to Mr. Jinarajadasa's reply.¹

The Future Before Us.—The complete reorganization of our National Society, which has been practically completed ; the intensification of the propaganda work, which already started ; the greater enthusiasm that is being noticed amongst members ; the enhancement of the collective conscience of our National Society, through the ample, tolerant and broad-minded plan of co-operation with all the useful movements of our country, which has been prepared ; the improvements in our National Magazine ; the organization of the different departments to carry on the complex work of our Headquarters ; the goal fixed to our members for next years' work, calling for a 100% increase in our Lodges and membership ; and finally the possibility of being honored by the visit of some of our great leaders, Mr. Jinarajadasa and perhaps

¹ The tour which was planned has been cancelled. The General Secretary for Chile, who is in charge of the arrangements, has notified me that the cost of travel from India to South America and back cannot be met, though efforts were made to collect the sum necessary.—C. J.

Dr. Besant and Bishop Leadbeater, to whom we have invited to come if they can so arrange it when coming next year to America, makes the writer foresee one of the brightest futures that has ever offered to any of our National Societies, which would make it a useful unit in the Latin American Theosophical Federation, and an efficient instrument in the hands of the Masters for the happiness and welfare of our country.

E. A. FELIX,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN HUNGARY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to submit my report which covers the period November 1, 1926—October 31, 1927.

The past year was one of the most eventful in the history of the T.S. in Hungary. The transferring of the Headquarters from its old premises in the Eszterházy u. to the new quarters VI. Délibáb u. 20 in November, 1926, marked the beginning of a more active life in the Society, helped by the larger lecture room, holding about 100 people.

Regular General Meetings were once a week on various Theosophical subjects, by different lecturers, apart from the Lodge-meetings devoted to special study.

Propaganda Meetings were arranged every Sunday from December till the end of April. These meetings were very well attended and several people joined the Society.

Kindred Movements.—"The Theosophical Order of Service" was reorganised under the leadership of Chief Brother Mrs. E. de Hild. Meetings were held with the ceremony twice a month. The new Chart introduced this year at Ommen by Capt. Max Wardall will be a great help in organising the different activities of the Order.

"The Round Table" has been reorganised by Chief Knight Mrs. E. de Almásy. The meetings were held twice the month always ceremoniously with addresses by different members of the Round Table.

"The Young Theosophist" under the leadership of Mr. Á. de Ráthonyi have changed their objects before purely practical now studying the principles of Theosophy and holding lecture classes.

"The Order of the Star" reorganised by Mr. A. Reisch arranged several meetings and did useful propaganda work.

"The Árpád Group" and "The Music Group" under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. de Takách have done much useful work.

All these kindred movements function as Lodges of the T.S.

Library.—Through lack of funds, we had to give up subscribing for foreign magazines and could not add to our library any of the new books recently issued.

Publishing Activity.—Members have translated several books, but cannot be printed through lack of funds.

Finance.—The financial position of the T.S. in Hungary is positively distressing. This situation is chiefly due to the low membership fees which had to be adopted because of the extreme poverty of the whole Nation in consequence of the sore mutilation of the country.

Donations.—A donation of valuable books and pamphlets was received from the T.S. in Wales. A generous donation of 1,000 Francs was recently sent by the T.S. in France, to cover the most urgent needs of the T.S. in Hungary.

Visitors.—We had the honour of receiving Bishop Wedgwood in November, 1926—our first visitor in the new Headquarters—for a short visit. This event was a turning point in the life of the Society which received from him great help and stimulus for the work. Rev. C. S. Price our faithful friend and helper has visited our Section twice giving several lectures and talks to members; his help is greatly appreciated by all. Mr. John Cordes visited us three times and his lectures were also much appreciated, so were those of Miss Wanda Dynowska and Miss Catherine Bell. We had the very great privilege of receiving Dr. Besant on the 3rd of September this year. Her wonderful understanding and sympathy with the needs and difficulties of our country, won the love and gratitude not only of the members but of all who heard her or read about it in the newspapers of the country. Her inspiring presence has given us strength and courage to face the difficulties in our uphill work. Mr. J. R. Aria's short visit was also a great help to us. His lectures on peace made a great impression.

General Secretary.—At our Annual Convention held the 24th of June, our former General Secretary Prof. R. Nádler resigned his office, which he held for 17 years and I was elected General Secretary with 113 votes out of 174. We owe Prof. Nádler hearty thanks and gratitude for the true impartiality and brotherly love with which he presided over the Society all these years.

Lodges. We had at the beginning of the year which has just elapsed 13 Lodges. During the year 3 new Lodges were formed and 2 dissolved. We have now 14 active Lodges.

Membership. We think that one of our chief duties is to form a strong nucleus of good Theosophists, eager to learn and serve, therefore we strictly applied our by-laws and removed all those members from the roll, who besides not paying their dues for several years, show no longer interest in the teachings of Theosophy and take no part whatever in Theosophical work.

Previous total members ...	...	...	403
New members in 1926-1927	...	...	57
			460
Resignations ...	...	37	
Members lapsed and removed	...	90	
„ expelled ..	...	2	
„ died	...	6	
Transferred from Hungary	...	6	
			141
Total Membership ...	...	...	319

We have thus decreased in number but I think we gained in quality and efficiency.

May our united efforts put aside all prejudices and misunderstandings and may we all join in harmonious service in the work which the Masters expect from us.

With heartiest greetings to the Convention and with the expression of our deep love and gratitude to our dear and revered President.

ELISABETH DE RÁTHONYI,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN FINLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report of the activities of the Finnish Section for the period October, 1926 to October, 1927.

Statistics.—No new Lodges have been formed during the year, and none has ceased to exist, wherefore the number of Lodges is the same as it was the previous year or 23.

The membership in September, 1926	...	616
New members admitted during the year	...	43
		659
Members resigned	... ..	34
Members died	... ..	2
Members transferred to Sections abroad	...	5
		41
Total increase during the year	...	2
Total membership 1st October, 1927	...	618
Released from membership fees	... ..	30
Total number of paying members	...	588

Annual Convention.—The Twentieth Convention, held at the Society's Headquarters in Helsinki (Helsingfors) the 15th—17th April, was very well attended, and its most important decision was the erecting of a new Headquarters building of brick, 5 storeys high, instead of the old wooden and brick buildings, which are staying there now. A few lectures were delivered during the Convention. The Convention went on very peacefully and harmoniously.

Publishing Activity.—Four books and four pamphlets were published.

Magazine.—*Teasofi* (12 numbers a year, 352 pages).

Propaganda Activity has been carried out in a somewhat smaller degree this year than before, because our national lecturer, Miss Helmi Jalovaara was away a great deal of the year and our accidental lecturers had not time to replace her. These accidental lecturers, Mr. A. A. Saarnio, Mr. A. Vesentera and Mr. N. Rauvala, lectured each in several places. Most lectures have been held in Helsinki (Helsingfors), where a special Committee has arranged all the small Theosophical festivals there and procured the performers of the programmes (singers, musicians, lecturers, etc.) Some of our Lodges have arranged one Lodge meeting a month public for interested people, having a special for the public appropriate programme. Many Lodges have also arranged one or more times a year public Theosophical entertainments with lecture, song, music, recitation, etc. In Oulu and Kotka some Lodge members have given some Theosophical lectures in their local people's high schools.

Visitors.—This year our Section has had the great fortune of being visited by several well-known, able Theosophical workers and leaders. First came Mrs. Alice Adair, the fine apostle of Indian art, with a multitude of Indian paintings, many about 2,000 years old, and held art exhibitions both in Turku (Abo) and in Helsinki (Helsingfors), which exhibitions aroused a lively interest amongst the public and especially amongst the artists. She also lectured for members about Indian art in both places in a most beautiful way, being much appreciated by the members. She stayed in Finland for about 10 days in October.

Next came Bishop J. I. Wedgwood in the middle of February and stayed for six days. He helped us in many ways exceedingly well and radiated out power and strength.

He gave excellent instructions in Co-Masonry and Liberal Catholic Church work and delivered a very well attended public lecture in Helsinki (Helsingfors) about "New Ideas in Religion". He also lectured several times for members in Helsinki and once in Turku (Abo). Miss Noomi Magge, the Star Representative of Sweden, who accompanied Bishop Wedgwood on his way from Stockholm to Finland and back to

Stockholm, spoke to members of the Star both in Turku (Abo) and in Helsinki (Helsingfors), and succeeded very well in arousing the interest of the members towards more activity and work for the Star-idea.

Then came Mrs. B. Poushkine, the able Star worker from London in the beginning of March and stayed here for some days, lecturing also to the Star members here.

Lastly came you, our dear and loved President, to our capital town the 26th August flying by the air, accompanied by two American members, Mrs. and Mr. Logan. You formed the acme in the line of our visitors. You landed on our northerly shores as a white bird from higher regions bringing with you good Messages from spiritual worlds. Your world-wide fame had in spite of the rain brought together at the landing place thousands of devoted people and a troop of girl-scouts, all eagerly waiting to give you a hearty welcome. Hands and hats waved, flowers rained and hearts greeted you joyously and triumphantly. To a thousandfold crowd of eagerly listening people you gave out your noble messages with your clear voice, in your intelligible, convincing manner. You gave new ideas, splendid teachings, and lifted your audience for a moment to a higher world, full of peace and happiness. The newspapers of our Capital took a favourable position, all mentioning your arrival, your work, etc., and reproducing pictures of you from different occasions. And your inner work here was certainly of a still greater importance than your outer. All members present felt that they had got so very much from you and that those days were the greatest days in the history of our Section. Our joy and gratitude was extreme. We saw that our great Mother had not abandoned her remote children.

Although our Section has not increased with more than two new members during the year, we are nevertheless conscious that the interest of the great public in Theosophical things has increased considerably and that members now, after your visit, are more eager than ever before to do anything of use and to work for our Movement. The passed year therefore is in many ways a fortunate year, and we look forward with glad hopes.

JOHN SONCK,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN RUSSIA (OUTSIDE RUSSIA)

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Once more the first words of my report express to you the deepest gratitude and the unswerving loyalty and love of us all.

During this year the "R. T. S. outside Russia" has steadily increased in strength and in number.

Statistics.—We have lost 2 Lodges in Bulgaria—"The White Lotus" and the "Temple of Search of Truth," because members had to leave the place and seek work elsewhere; they are dissolved but we have at the same time 3 new ones: the Blavatsky Lodge in Shanghai, which has attached itself to the "R. T. S. outside Russia" and 2 new Lodges: one in San-Francisco, California; the other in Harbine, Siberia, the part of Siberia which is now Chinese. Thus we end the year with 12 Lodges and 15 Centres spread all over the world. Now we are 300 members, but there are hundreds of outsiders asking for books and information. There is a big correspondence on this account.

Convention.—Our First Annual Convention took place in Prague, in November, 1926. It was a very harmonious and enthusiastic Convention. On this occasion the General Secretary lectured in the local Popular University.

Our Second Convention was held in August, near Bruxelles, this year 1927, which gave us the opportunity of having many delegates going afterwards to Ommen. It was very alive, reports of excellent work done in all Lodges and useful schemes of work outlined for the future.

Propaganda.—During this year the General Secretary visited the Russian Lodges and Centres in Paris, London, Bruxelles and Prague, lecturing a great deal. Miss C. Helmboldt, Vice-President, has lectured in Paris, Lausanne and Bruxelles. Mme. B. Poushkine has made a

big tour through Europe, visiting Germany, Finland, Esthonia and Yugoslavia.

Publishing Activity.—Our little magazine *Vestnik* is appearing regularly in spite of financial difficulties. Our Lodge Yaroslav-the-Wise (in Yugoslavia) has issued 2 pamphlets: *Occultism* and *Esotericism in Religion*, by Dr. A. Kamensky. In Reval was issued the *Brotherhood of Religions*, manual, by Dr. Annie Besant.

Subsidiary Activities.—Besides our special Theosophical work, we have started many subsidiary activities: the Order of Service, the Round Table, Educational Groups, the Golden Chain, the Slavonic Cultural Union for Brotherhood, Art-Groups. They work in Reval, Prague, Geneva.

In *Prague*, under the able leadership of Countess de Suzor, the Slavonic League has made great progress, uniting with the Arts and Crafts group and working through art and beauty. Many outsiders of diverse nationalities have joined, professors, writers, artists, social workers, students, some having a high social situation, as for instance, the President of the Czecho-Polish Club and the Head of the Red Cross in Czechoslovakia.

In *Tientsin* a regular popular University with evening courses has been started by the Lodge.

In *Geneva*, the Order of Service has held a Peace-Conference, inviting speakers from different peace-movements. Russian and Swiss members worked in very friendly co-operation to organise the Conference which was a success.

In *Paris*, the Lodge opened a reading-room for workmen and classes for children.

I do not mention the Order of the Star, which is an independent and very active organisation with its own magazine. All our T. S. members, with a very few exceptions, are practically members of the Star.

International Activities.—I must mention also our international activities. As we are spread in many lands, we have opportunities to help other Sections, especially in times of difficulties. For instance our members are working for Esthonia, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Switzerland, and in other countries. The General Secretary on her tours generally lectures for other Sections (Belgian, French, Swiss). This

year she was asked to lecture in the World-University in London during the Students-week and to give a lecture in the "Palais Mondial" in Bruxelles, the subject being "Universal Religion".

We try now to enlarge our publishing activities and we look with joyful hope into the future.

We send our loving greetings to the brethren assembled at the Convention in Adyar and to beloved India.

ANNA KAMENSKY,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

When the great part of members of T. S. in Czechoslovakia separated themselves from Adyar on account of the proclamation of Dr. Annie Besant, in Ommen in 1925, of the Coming of the World-Teacher, and founded, "The Society for Mystical Studies," the smaller part remained faithful to the Mother Society to which they belonged since 1909.

After this important date September 11, 1925, our Section was living for two years under the consolidation of the internal activities, especially of the adjustment of the Statutes and other matters. And so also was changed the title from T. S. in Bohemia into T. S. in Czechoslovakia. We principally encountered economical difficulties, then all possessions like the library, etc., were taken by the majority of members, who joined the late General Secretary, Mr. J. Bedrnicek, who left the T.S., Adyar.

In these circumstances we were substantially helped by the Federation of European Sections of T. S. which supplied us with £ 20 which were used to buy a type-writer and other things.

The first important step we can call the first Convention, which took place at Mor. Ostrava on 26th June, 1927, where all question of administration and ideas were dealt with and where the Executive Committee were elected :

Josef Skuta, General Secretary ; Josef Parchansky, Hon. Secretary ; Emilie Parchanská, Assistant Hon. Secretary ; Frant Repecky, Treasurer ; Václav Cimr, Oskar Beer, Frant Novák, Albert Karsai, Josef Drobisz, Josef Kaczynski ; Michalík Frant, Loznov Bohdan, Auditors of Accounts.

An event of the most importance was the visit of our dear President Dr. A. Besant to Prague on September 1st, 1927, where in

the midst of her admirers she gave a lecture. We are very thankful to her for the mental encouragement which she offered us by her presence and her lofty example. What a wonderful example she gave us by her admirable action in her eighty years of age.

Her Eightieth Birthday was commemorated by 3 public lectures, entitled "Dr. A. Besant and her World-Importance" in which the General Secretary explained her immense work, social, literary and spiritual. Let us express on this occasion the wish of our Section that our honoured President may enjoy good health for many years to come and may masterfully lead the T. S. towards its great aims for which it was established by its great Founders.

Of great importance on the public and internal life was also the visit of Miss C. W. Dijkgraaf who was accompanied by Miss Glen-Walker. In clear and simple words, from the Theosophical point of view, she dealt with the problems of daily life and of the Coming of the World-Teacher. They have done a great deal of work in the way of re-establishment of our Section and we shall be grateful to them. During their visit 5 public lectures took place, in addition to 2 lectures for members and three private. In Varnsdorf, Prague, Brno and Mor. Ostrava, Miss Glen-Walker also had an address in the Anglo-Czech Club in Mor. Ostrava.

I am glad to state that Miss Wanda Dynowska, General Secretary for Poland, also visited our country. She held 2 public lectures which were well attended, and one private lecture.

Mme. A. Kamensky, General Secretary for Outside Russia, also visited Prague and addressed a small audience on the "Cultural Slavonic Brotherhood".

Besides this Prague was visited by the following guests: Miss Bell and Mr. A. Schwarz of Adyar.

Statistics.—Memberships in 7 Lodges, as was supplied to the Convention, is following: Mor. Ostrava: Blavatska: 26; Karvinná: Jutrazenka: 17; Horní Suchá: Przebudzenie: 13; Michálkovice; Komensky: 13; Varnsdorf: Adyar: 12; Prague: Arjuna: 7; Brno: St. Alban: 8; total members: 96.

Activities.—The principal activity consisted principally of public lectures of which there were 22, in addition to 74 lectures for members and 2 debating meetings.

Co-operation.—We co-operate with “Cas” Czechoslovak Teetotalers Union, in which Mr. Parchansky our member is very active. In this Society lectured the General Secretary on the “New Man” in the Esperanto Club in Prague also Mr. V. Cimr lectured on “The Theosophy”. The closest co-operation exists with the Order of the Star.

The Order of Service just started with us and Mr. Beer was entrusted with its lead. We hope that it will well prosper. The first work they have on their hands is to prepare the book : *At the Feet of the Master* for the Blind and other works of smaller importance.

In the enclosed map of Czechoslovakia the places where the Lodges, T. S., Adyar, have been established.

I also enclose a list of Lodges and ask you to supply me with the Charters for all of them.

This is the visible work of our Section, described in general terms, which I lay at the Feet of our Great Leaders with faithfulness and love.

JOS. SKUTA,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN SOUTH AFRICA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

There has been steady progression, the membership increasing, and the attendance of the public at lectures indicating a growing desire on the part of thinking men and women to relate themselves more vitally to life in its manifold phases. Mr. and Mrs. Ransom did excellent work whilst here, and we shall reap the benefit of their wide experience in Theosophical matters. There is manifest in the Lodges of the Section a desire to acquire permanent homes and to this end some have started building schemes. The Pretoria Lodge has actually started building, the Durban Lodge hopes to follow suit shortly, Cape Town is working quietly in the same direction. The appointment of the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri, P.C., to South Africa has had a marked effect on public opinion, and his charming personality and eloquence of speech is creating a new spirit of tolerance and goodwill towards our Indian brothers. He has linked himself in no uncertain way with the Society, and has already given several addresses under its auspices. The audiences composed of men and women of every religion and walk of life ; Bishops, clergy, professors and students being present. Hundreds have been turned away. The tide is turning and a change of heart is manifesting itself. Nairobi has linked up with the Section, two new Lodges have been granted Charters, one particularly being worthy of notice—our Brotherhood Lodge in Cape Town. It is composed for the most part of “coloured members”. The word “coloured” in South Africa refers not to the full blooded native races, but to those of mixed colour. We welcome this as a definite step in the direction of a realisation of our first object. There is every hope that a Lodge will soon be started in Lorenzo Marques in the Portuguese Territory contiguous to the Union. Healing Groups are being started in several centres. These are not only doing good work, but are creating centres of force

in the Lodge itself, which are bearing fruit. Mrs. Gowland, late General Secretary for Uruguay, is now a member of this Section, and with her husband, is doing good and useful work.

The membership at 31st December, 1926, was 425. There have been 90 additions and 10 cessations (4 by death, 2 by transfer, 4 by resignation) up to the time of writing this report, so that the membership now is 505 all in good standing.

C. E. GYDE,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN SCOTLAND

To the President, Theosophical Society.

On April 30th, 1927 (the close of our financial year) we had 783 active members on our roll. During the year 63 new members joined, and 2 were transferred to us from other National Societies. Our losses were 24 through resignation and 4 through death, while 13 were suspended and 6 transferred away from us. Our membership shows a gain of 18 as compared with the previous year.

One new Lodge, the Scottish Astrological, has been chartered, and one Lodge, the Virya, returned its Charter, as the members wished to unite with the Aberdeen Lodge in the same town. One new Centre has been formed at Newburgh. This Centre is the only visible result of much Propaganda work done in Fife. An effort in the Border towns met with little success. Indeed our indefatigable Propaganda Secretary gives it as her opinion that we need more workers and new methods.

We had visiting lecturers from England, Wales and China, and we had the great pleasure of welcoming again to Headquarters our old friend Professor Marcault, whose address on "The University of the New Age" was much appreciated. Bishop Wedgwood's five days visit to Glasgow and Edinburgh was a great joy, and his address to members at Headquarters on "The Way to the Masters" was a memorable one.

Our social gatherings on White Lotus Day, the 1st of October, the 17th of November, and the 17th of February were particularly happy occasions when games and tableaux had a prominent place.

The Orpheus Lodge continued its fine dramatic work. Under the auspices of this Lodge Masefield's "Pompey the Great" was produced in Edinburgh, and members of the Lodge helped the Indian Dramatic Association to produce Tagore's "Sacrifice". The dramatic side of the work is being developed by other Lodges. In Edinburgh a mystery play by Miss Macphail proved a great success.

The Northern District Conference was held at Forfar in September, when there was a good discussion on "What Theosophy means to us in various departments of life". The great value of this annual Conference lies in the fact that it brings together the members of the scattered Northern District. The first Eastern District Conference was held at Headquarters in January, the two subjects of discussion being "How to Theosophize Scotland," and "The Efficient Worker". No definite conclusion was reached, but there was a general feeling that new methods must be tried and that more attention should be paid to artistic and dramatic presentations of Theosophical truth.

We had the great joy of having you in the chair at our Seventeenth Annual Convention, which was held in Edinburgh, on July 2nd and 3rd, and was a most happy and successful one. It was a great privilege to have indicated to us the main line of work for the immediate future and the inspiration to carry it out given to us by our President.

It only remains to mention the bright and keen circles of young people who are among the greatest assets of our National Society.

We send loving greetings to the Fifty-second Convention.

N. A. ELLINGSEN,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN SWITZERLAND
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T. S. IN BELGIUM

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The number of our members, at the 15th of May, 1927, amounted to 420, against 375 in 1926, that is, a gain of 45 members. During the year 70 new members have been received, but 25 lost: in this number, we count 6 Russian members, who have now to be considered as belonging to the Russian Section outside Russia.

Last July, Dr. Besant gave, in the "Palais des Académies," two splendid lectures on the "Coming of the World Teacher," and "The Three World Movements". They deeply impressd the public, and have been sympathetically commented on by the press. Bishop Wedgwood was so kind as to give us two lectures, the first on "The Meaning and the Reality of the Spiritual Life," the second on "Meditation, as Aid in the Spiritual Development".

Several University Professors have spoken from our platform: Prof. Kreglinger, on "Steps of Religious Evolution," Prof. Mahaim on "The Social Duty," Prof. Dumont on "The Upanishads and the Vedanta ". Dr. Kamensky, the devoted General Secretary of Russia, spoke on "Religions and Universal Religion," and on "Occultism ". The Rabbi of Brussels, Dr. Berman, lectured on "Modern Streams in Jewish Thought". Several of our members gave lectures on various subjects: "The Ancient Mysteries and the Feeling of the Divine," "The Religious Feeling and its Numerous Forms," "The Kingdom of Heaven," "The Caves of Ajanta," "The Occult Aspects of Art," "The Contradistinctions of the Modern World," etc. Some of the lectures had lantern-slides. All were well attended.

The course of lessons on Theosophy, given every Wednesday, alternately by Mlle. Orban and Mr. Polak, were attentively followed, and gave us a good number of new members.

The *Bulletin Theosophique*, a quarterly, continues to link the members together.

The "Lotus Day," and, for the first time, the "Adyar Day," have been held with the usual ceremony and devotion.

Besides our usual general and Branch meetings, we have had once a month, friendly social meetings which have done much to bring the members more closely together.

Thanks to the generosity and selflessness of many of our members, a long cherished wish has been fulfilled: a house has been bought in one of the nicest parts of Brussels, 51 Rue du Commerce, which will be used next spring as Headquarters of the T. S. in Belgium. The necessary money for the purchase, about 350,000 francs, has been partly given, partly lent without interest or with 4% interest. During the first three years, the T. S. will occupy only a part of the house; the rest will be let; the rent thus obtained will be amply sufficient to pay the interests and even to begin a sinking fund; after that time, we shall see whether our own resources will allow us to keep the whole house for the use of the Society.

In Ghent, the Lodge "Vrede" has bought a ground in the centre of the town, and will also have its own house early in 1928, thanks to the generosity of its President, Mme. Huybrechts.

As you see, the Belgian T. S. has made laudable efforts to increase its efficiency and to better fulfil its mission of spiritual enlightenment in Belgium. That is why we look forward with confidence to the future. At the last T. S. Council of the European Federation of the T. S., held in Ommen, it was decided that there should be a European Convention of the T. S. every year, and that the next Convention will be held in Belgium next summer (1928), probably immediately before the Star Congress in Ommen.

We consider this decision as a reward for our efforts, and a promise of greater unfoldment in the future.

We tender to our beloved President, and to our Brethren, our best regards and wishes at this Fifty-second Convention of the T. S.

GASTON POLAK,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN DUTCH EAST INDIES

To the President, Theosophical Society.

There has been an increase of 286 new members this year, a larger number than we have ever booked in any previous year. However, we saw ourselves also compelled to struck out 206 names of our list of membership, owing to their being too much in arrears with their annual dues. With the ordinary coming and going of membership our total membership at the 1st of October, 1927, amount to 2,028, viz., 1,018 European, 824 Javanese and 186 Chinese.

The most important event of the year in the life of the Dutch East India Section has been the so highly appreciated tour of Bishop C. W. Leadbeater in November, 1926, who on his way from Sydeny to Benares Convention visited our Island-Lodges: Makassar Lodge in Celebes, several Lodges in Java, and Medan Lodge in Sumatra. Besides much Co-Masonic, Round Table and L. C. C. work, we had quite a number of most interesting question-meetings for the T. S. Lodges? It has been a great privilege to welcome once again our revered Teacher here in our Section, after twelve years passing since last time we had the honour to meet him in our midst. Having visited our Section three times already, Bishop Leadbeater knows the country and its people by direct contact and there is little wonder how it comes that all members in this country belong amongst his most loyal adherents. Much do we owe him and—we hope—much love do we give him. A motor-tour was made all over the length of Java from Soerabaia to Batavia, visiting several Lodges successively. His work, assisted by Messrs. Harold Morton, Theodore St. John and Capt. R. B. Clarke, has stimulated and inspired us to increased labour in several departments of our Movement.

The Annual Convention has been held this time at Malang, a hill-place in the eastern part of Java, and it was visited by some 200 delegates from all Lodges. There was the inauguration of the newly

erected local Lodge-building—most of the larger Lodges here now occupy their own Lodge-building—and harmony and goodwill prevailed. The Convention was presided by Messrs A. G. Vreede and A. J. H. van Leeuwen while the General Secretary was prevented to be present. In spite of the necessity to alter much of the original programme, because some lecturers had to be cancelled, the lecturers not being able to be there, so that other ones had to take their places—the proceedings are reported as having been quite satisfactory. Again we have enjoyed the usual reduction of 50% on railway fares for all members visiting the Convention.

Our Magazines are doing well now. The official one, *Theosofie in Ned. Indie* is edited in two languages—Dutch and Malay—and is the principal link between the Section's Council and the General Secretary with the Lodges and members at large. For students there is the *Theosofisch Maandblad* (Dutch), which periodical now, this year for the first time during its existence of 26 years, is covering its own expenses. There is also a similar periodical published in Malay, which, we hope, next year will reach the same status, viz., leaving no more deficits; it is called *Pewartu Theosofie*. Besides there is an other monthly paper, published in the Javanese language and edited by the Solo Lodge, T. S., which periodical, by name *Koemandang Theosofie*, is doing really good work. It will be noticed that we have to publish magazines in at least three different languages, but this only solves part of the problem for Chinese, Sundanese and Madurese—not to speak of the innumerable lesser ones—are three other vernaculars which urgently want their own magazines, when we only could find the editors and the means therefor.

Our linguistic difficulties have been increased by the affiliation of the Singapore Lodge to our Section, the people there speaking English, and consequently we have mutually agreed that the above-named Lodge be affiliated directly to Adyar again as has been the case before.

The Young Theosophist Movement here was started some four years ago and is growing slowly but steadily, there being a special Youth Branch in most of the important Lodges in the Section. These Youth Branches, though part of the Lodge, have completely their own management and are autonomous, independent of the Lodge-Council. This arrangement proves most satisfactory for this country, because the

Youth-branches are not strong enough to stand quite alone and in this way they can profit of all facilities the Lodge can provide for.

The Publishing House "Minerva," continued its most useful work of spreading our literature and is now succeeding in getting our books sold in ordinary bookshops also. There are book-depots in the most important Lodges where all books are sold at the same prices as charged for in the main-office in Batavia. A list of newly issued publications is given separately.

Theosofisch Steunfonds is still doing most useful work as an instrument for the financial support of our different activities. Several loans were given and indeed the whole of its working-capital amounting to 32,000 guilders has been used all year round. This fund is intended to give support to every enterprise that is promoting Brotherhood and consequently is connected with the whole of the wider Theosophical Movement and has given its services to several branches of our work for humanity, every one of them—if funds permit—receiving a loan for a certain fixed time only. Because no loans are granted without certainty that the enterprise is based on sound foundations, this Fund has become a kind of guarantee for every new financial enterprise that is started as to the reliability of its investments. When this Fund grants a loan to one or other of the Theosophical enterprises, it is a guarantee to other investors—and also to people who prefer to give free donations but want to know how the money is used—that the thing has been duly organised and is safe.

Theosophical World University Association in Dutch East Indies was started April 11th, 1926, being formed by joining together into one single organisation of the four till then separately working educational movements in Java. A full report has been delivered elsewhere, so be it sufficient here to mention only that this report covers the work of the year in 15 schools, all managed by our Association, with 15 European and 42 Indonesian teachers and nearly 2,000 pupils. The Training College for Teachers, till now established at Weltevreden (Batavia), is now removed to a splendid new site in a healthy hill-place, Lembang, near Bandoeng. We were lucky enough to be able there to buy a hotel in quite good condition, with considerable grounds still unoccupied and now we hope that this may become the place where the Theosophical World University once might have its future home also. A very beautiful spot indeed.

Theosophical Order of Service has had its Third Annual Meeting here on the 18th of April, 1927. A full report has been sent in elsewhere and for this occasion it will be sufficient to mention that the activities of this Order here are growing steadily. Both *International* and *National Correspondence Leagues* have a good number of correspondents here and they are well organised now; Secretary is Mrs. J. Brug-de Gelder, Tandjonglaan 14, Weltevreden (Java). A branch of the *International Fellowship in Arts and Crafts* has been started, its Secretary being Mr. W. S. Bittér, Poerworedjo (Java). Our *Labour Exchange* did very useful work in bringing employers and employed together. Several members of the T. O. S. have also done good work in outside activities as: *Peace Movements, Protection of Animals, Anti-Vivisection, Abolishment of Intoxicating Drinks and of Opium*. The *Muslim League* has issued a second publication, viz., "Mysticism in Islam," which already has proved to be highly appreciated by several Indonesian students and adherents of Islam Faith. It is published at a moderate price, so that it might be possible that this pamphlet may reach many followers of Muhammad's great Religion.

The Theosophical work is thus extending considerably and ever more workers are wanted, while the same small band of devoted workers has to take the heaviest burden in everyone part of it. But several new workers are coming to the front now—though also several of the old ones leave for Holland now—and the fruits of all our labours show themselves in a slowly but surely improving attitude of the general public—notably the newspapers—towards us and the Theosophical Society. So in conveying the kind greetings and love from all members of the Dutch East Indian Section, T. S., I can report at the same time that "all's well" in our movement here.

J. KRUISHEER,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN BURMA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

On the 1st of October, 1926, the number of members on the roll was 387. There were 43 new admissions during the year, 2 transferred to another Section, one member passed away, and 192 were placed in the Suspense list. At the end of September, 1927, we have 235 active members.

Bro. Shew Prasad of Maymyo who died in September, 1927, was a source of great strength to the Section and his Lodge. Bro. K. G. Vaidyanathan, a valuable member, has gone to Bombay to serve in a wider sphere, the Fellowship school. Our task is still to interest the Burmese Buddhists in Theosophy; some headway has been made to remove prejudices or misimpressions by carrying on propaganda in Burmese. The 4 active Lodges of this province are in Rangoon, Maymyo, Mandalay and Pyinmana; the rest are more like Centres with an earnest member in their midst.

Our Convention was held at Rangoon on the 5th, 6th and 7th October, 1926. Our esteemed Vice-President of the Society, Bro. Jinarājādāsa presided. We have recorded in our last year's report the useful work done by him and Mrs. Jinarājādāsa during their sojourn in Burma for 5 weeks. He admitted into the T.S. 7 new members and spoke to them of the privilege of coming into the Society. He gave us the following fine message :

It goes without saying that Burma and Buddhism are synonymous. It is true that there are now in Burma, born as citizens of Burma, Hindus, Muhammadans, Christians, Chinese and others. But taking the civilisation as a whole, it has certain marked characteristics which are Burmese.

Every one who comes to Burma has noted a wonderful charm, due partly to the temperament of the people, and partly to the joyous spirit of Buddhism, which has developed in the Burman to an unusual

extent. While life is certainly sorrowful for all, it seems in many ways less sorrowful to the Burman, because he has been trained to gain out of life many charms. Whereas the Indian temperament when at leisure is apt to go deep into philosophical thoughts of importance, the Burman has managed in his leisure to gain a sense of happiness and peace combined. It is this quality which radiates, or rather did radiate, once upon a time everywhere, from the platforms of Pagodas especially. I am quite aware how sometimes, since ease has been exaggerated, that work begun is never properly completed because the character gets tired of effort. On the other hand, it is a gain that the character should recognise that life is not for work so much, as that work is for life.

It is quite possible for the Burman to be thoroughly up-to-date, in touch with the methods of the twentieth century civilisation, and yet so moderate the pressure of life on him as to retain that peculiar Buddhist charm, which is inseparable from the Burma of old days. I hope that with the combined culture of India and Burma, and adding what elements can be found from the other religions, Burma will remain always that place where the sunshine seems softer, and where the trees seem to wave with an added grace.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Leadbeater and 3 brothers of his party from Australia visited us in December, 1926, for 5 days, on their way to Benares. His gracious presence at Olcott Lodge was uplifting to us; he gave lucid explanations of questions put to him at members' meetings. He spoke of the World-Mother, of the objects of the Liberal Catholic Church which were not for converting people of other faiths, and he urged the Buddhists to carry out the precepts of the Lord Buddha.

Brother Yadunandan Prasad gave us a welcome and refreshing visit in April, 1927. He gave four public lectures in Rangoon on *The World Teacher*, *Theosophy and Science*, *Some Thoughts on Education*, *A Travel through Europe* and an address on Krishnaji to members and another address to students. These addresses were very much appreciated, as also the film which he brought of the Star Congress of 1926 at Ommen. He also gave similar public lectures at Mandalay, Maymyo and Pyinmana.

Bro. A. Rangaswamy Iyer, President of the Madura T. S. Lodge also visited us with his son and gave lectures on *Sanatana Dharma and the New Age*, *The Message of Buddhism*, *The World-Teacher in Our Midst* and other lectures. The Rangoon Lodge hall has been fairly used for public lectures both by members as well as other speakers. Lectures were on *Our Duty to Children*, *How Shall We Serve, Whom Shall We Serve*, *Ideals in Education*, *Co-operative Housing*,

Bahaism, Organizations like the Star, Fellowship of Teachers, Youth Improvement Society and The Burma Humanitarian League, the Rangoon Literary Club have made use of the hall for their activities. Maymyo Lodge, on account of its energetic Secretary, Bro. Rajagopal, provided well-attended public lectures on the *World-Teacher, Mysticism, Re-incarnation, The Teachings of Islam, Theosophy and Buddhism, Protestant Hinduism*, etc. Dr. Mullan, Bro. Kyaw Hla, Bro. Dorabjee have kept up Theosophy in Mandalay. Bros. Naganathan, amidst other work, has rendered valuable help in keeping up the Section office.

Bhikku U Kondanna returned from Benares in March and addressed other Bhikkus in a few Kyaungs on the coming of the World-Teacher. Bhikku U Withokda takes interest in the Rangoon Lodge studies. A very young Buddhist aged only 5, Mg. Tun Nyun, gave in the Rangoon Lodge two sermons on Lord Buddha's Teachings with quotations in Pali.

The General Secretary, in conjunction with several Bhikkus in Rangoon, has organized a series of lectures on Buddhism which are given in Burmese by Bhikku Ledi U Sadila which are well attended and appreciated by the Buddhists.

For the Buddhist Shrine at Adyar a sum of Rs. 1,200 has been collected from the Burmese Buddhists by the General Secretary with the co-operation of Bhikku U Withokda and Brothers Wales and Verhage in Rangoon ; through Brothers Kyaw Hla and Dorabjee in Mandalay and through Dr. Brahaspathi in Prome.

The President's Birthday, The T.S. Anniversary Day, Bishop Leadbeater's Birthday, Adyar Day and White Lotus Day have been celebrated as usual by the Lodges by holding devotional meetings and getting up small subscriptions for charity. Prayers of all Religions are now regularly recited every Sunday at Olcott Lodge and on special occasions at public gatherings. Olcott Lodge maintains its regular contribution to the Public Purposes Fund.

The name of the Section Magazine has been changed from *The Message of Theosophy* to *Towards Burma's Glory* and special attention is paid to the Burmese portion thereof.

Taking up the excellent suggestion of Bishop Arundale Burma Section is providing a humble contribution to the 80 years Young Fund. The sum, expected to be realized, would be about Rs. 1,600.

We conclude in the noble words of her great colleague on the special occasion of the President's 80th birthday and 20 years of sagacious leadership, "if it be the Will of the Great White Brotherhood whose chief servant and Representative she is, it is our most earnest desire and prayer that she whom we so love and trust will continue to lead us on our Upward Path for twenty years yet to come. We lay our homage at her feet and we invoke upon her head the richest blessing of those illustrious Masters whom she has so long and so faithfully served."

SAW HLA PRU

General Secretary.

T. S. IN AUSTRIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Statistics.—Great events cast their “Light” before, and thus the past year (looking back on it with the insight gained since) seems to have been solely filled with the endeavour worthily to prepare for your coming to our beloved Vienna. The various activities leading up to it were started, naturally all unconsciously of your forthcoming visit, because we hardly dared to hope that you could spare the time for Central Europe, you never having been here during the fifteen years of the existence of this National Society. The effects of your presence among us (if only for a day and a half even) will make themselves felt in the figures of our next year’s report, I am sure, and will show a great advance on this year’s. The number of our active Lodges is : 10 (last year 14) and of our active members 441 (461 last year) the 92 newly joined inclusive.

Activities.—But your visit was heralded, as it were, by the momentous stay amongst us, during a short week in November last, by Bishop Wedgwood, whose tournee covered practically the same ground as yours and vitally helped us to link us up closely with Warsaw and Budapest, ably seconded by the labours amongst us of Capt. Brice, Miss Betty Vidler, Akos de Ráthonyi and his mother, who is the General Secretary for Hungary, and Miss Wanda Dynowska, General Secretary for Poland. Before turning to the assistance rendered to us by Miss Bell, I must mention another vital stimulus reaching us from abroad : the publication in German of a series of the great masterpieces of our literature by Ernst Pieper, Ringverlag, Düsseldorf, Germany. That we are thus blessed from abroad is surely the Karmic fruit of us having rendered help abroad, to wit : Andor Steinacker at Eerde, Ommen. Blanca Schlamm at Huizen, Elly Kastinger and Kitty Verständig at Benares, Liesl Herbatschek at Allahabad, of Franz Pfeiffer and other

Viennese members gladly doing yeoman service at the Star Camp alongside their Dutch and German confrères who, with a sprinkling of English, were largely responsible for the smooth working of that huge organism. My own itineraries in Germany and Hungary and those of Ernst Breuer, now of Berlin, may also have contributed to increase the influx of "Life Theosophical" into Vienna, which stream of force lead up to the climax of you yourself putting in an appearance on the platform of the largest hall of our capital, before a crowded and highly appreciative auditorium.

Doing so much independent work abroad, one need not be surprised if our members have shown great initiative at home as well. To have given the impetus to creative activities has undoubtedly been the result of Miss Bell's labours among us. Her presence was due to your kind motherly forethought, you knowing the writer to be over-worked by too many responsibilities. The upshot of our members awakening to their own executive responsibilities was first of all the organizing of the Order of the Star as a separate and really independent "Verein," taking advantage of the much more liberal political conditions now prevailing in Vienna itself, the cityfathers of which managed at last to emancipate the city from ecclesiastical supervision of its own affairs. Mr. Andor Steinacker's leadership in this has been duly recognised in that he is now the National Organiser of the Star and as such works, I am very glad to state, with ever increasing vigour as well for the well-being of the Austrian Section of the Theosophical Society, which in its turn works as heartily as the Order of the Star itself to spread the message of Krishnaji's "Kingdom of Happiness". Quite a batch of lecturers have been active last season, foremost among whom Hans Walther Schiff, may be mentioned, ably seconded by Mrs. Elsa Lorsy-Stephani, who took also the arduous translation work off my shoulders and earned already laurels also in Ommen, Berlin, Hamburg. Mr. Fritz Schleifer and Prof. Hans Hüber were active in the province, and were specially concerned in helping a newly founded peasant Lodge, which threatened to be swamped right away by orthodox intolerance of "friendly neighbours". Golden strains of love link our city centres with the Waidhofen community, whose marvellous activities attracted visits from many a member of our Executive, Dr. Walther Klein and Dr. Richard Weiss among them. The fact of public opinion being thus

imperceptibly but effectively permeated with our ideals was proved, I venture to submit, by the widespread and friendly notices of the local press anent your presence, and the lengthy reports since your departure. Our public lectures will in consequence be better frequented even than last year's, I am sure, to further which happy event an Action Lodge has been created, which has been honoured by the distinguished patronage of no less a person than Bishop Arundale himself. As a tangible result of your influence may be mentioned the fact that some 300 people handed us on special slips their names and addresses, and the Action Lodge is already arranging to keep the interest awakened not only going but to still further increase it, where possible. That your coming coincided with the happily completed refitting of our Headquarters and library inclusive, has to be booked to the credit of Oberbaurat Körner, whose intuition timed his inspired activities with truly marvellous precision, backed as it was, by his most self-sacrificing energy.

In conclusion, I beg to prophesy that we shall faithfully steer the course you set for us in spite of possibly dirty weather ahead, and ever herald your message for peace by trying our best to link up all Teuton peoples by bonds of mutual help and trust, and by spreading the ideals of noble motherhood, thus assisting advanced egos who will acclaim with glee Krishnaji's "Kingdom of Happiness," and with that to help to establish the real Brotherhood of Angels and of Men.

May you, the Herald of the thousand years of Peace, who have been young for eighty years already, guide our beloved Society far into the millennium with unabating vigour !

JOHN C'ORDES,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN NORWAY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

This Year's Report, like those of the last few years, has little to tell of great undertakings within the small Norwegian Section of the T.S. It is a Report to show, that we exist, and that we are cherishing hopes for the future.

The work of the Section has been much hampered this year on account of illness among the active workers, and propaganda, in consequence thereof, has not been what it used to be, and what we wished it to be. Much to our own regret, we have had to cut out the public lectures in Oslo from our programme. These lectures have always been much appreciated by the public, and we therefore do not like to be without them.

What has been lost in one field of activity, however, has been made up for in another. Throughout the whole year many attacks have been launched against the T.S. due to the propaganda about the World-Teacher. These attacks, which have been partly of a rather vulgar and unsympathetic nature, have appeared in newspapers all over the country, and have brought replies from Dr. Lilly Heber on behalf of the Star Movement, while Mr. Kai Normann, Mr. Ernst Nilsen and I myself, have defended the Society, stating its objects and work, and also giving its relation to and attitude towards the Star. The opportunity, thus offered for the spreading of our ideas, has been used to a great extent, and we have been able to reach a larger public, than any lecture-attendance could possibly provide.

The visit of the President became a very great success. The Press, both before her arrival and during the visit, showed very much interest in her person and works, and the general tone of the various articles was distinctly respectful. Both Press and public seemed to be rather struck with awe and reverence for the President herself. Really, the

word Theosophy was on everybody's lips, and we felt quite popular as members of the T.S.—a great and new experience, indeed.

To the members themselves, it was a never-to-be-forgotten event to see and to hear the President. Many years of longing were realised to most, although by reason of the shortness of the visit, the members failed to get the privilege of the more intimate relationship with the President.

After her departure the calm was broken, and from opposing quarters including Anthroposophists and orthodox clergy alike, severe attacks were hurled both against the President, the T.S. and Theosophy as a teaching. In the Press as well as in public lectures, these attacks were launched. The press-attacks appeared in the most widely circulated papers throughout the country, and my own answers, consisting of 3 articles, therefore, were printed in the same papers.

In like manner the Press was a very good means for giving publicity to the movement for the spreading of peace by the prayer of peace sent out through the Order of Service. An article of mine, entitled "War or Peace" appeared first in one of the leading papers in Oslo, and went afterwards through a good many of the most prominent local newspapers throughout the country. Thus this bit of peace-work has been known in practically all parts of our wide-spread country, and many a friendly and sympathetic response has reached me in direct answer to the article.

Besides the visit of the President, our Section has been favoured this year with two other remarkable visits. In February the Rt. Rev. J. I. Wedgwood was with us for about a week, and now in these very days, we have had Mr. D. Rajagopal on a brief visit. The visit of Bishop Wedgwood was likewise a very successful visit. The Press was friendly and polite, the public interested and for the members his visit was a means of great inspiration and stimulus to continued efforts for the Theosophical movement. The members have the hope soon to get opportunity of a happy return of the Bishop's visit.

The visit of the Organizing Secretary of the Star, Mr. Rajagopal, came very early after the visit of the President, the Press, having in fresh memory the brilliancy of the President and their own respect and awe for the wisdom of the aged, was not so interested in this visit as in the earlier visits this year. The Press was however friendly and

very much impressed over the personality of Mr. Rajagopal, over the sincerity and intelligence in his manner of delivering the message about Mr. Krishnamurti. But the whole Press stated, there was nothing new in the message. The President had told them all these things beforehand !

Then in looking at the other parts of the work here, some of the Lodges are doing good work and keep faithfully the Theosophical Fire burning. One small Lodge has been dissolved this year. The President of the Lodge passed away, and there was no other member at hand to keep the Lodge alive.

The Publishing Office is in the hands of the Section, but, because of the continued economical depression in the country, which influences the finances of all Idealistic movements, works under very restricted finances, and has been able to print only some small pamphlets.

However, we are alive in the Theosophical Field and keep the Fires—once lit—burning, and do whatever we can to spread the message of the Brotherhood of Religions, which is, I think, the most attractive message in this country.

At our Convention in August, a proposal was carried to the Government and Department of Education about reforms in the teachings of History. The proposal was brought forward by one of our most energetic workers in the Social and political field, Mrs. Ingeborg Boye. The content of the proposal was, that the teaching of History in the Schools ought to lay more stress upon the more peaceful aspect of historical events, instead of glorifying war and bloodshed.

The proposal was after Convention supported by other movements, working for peace.

The Convention agreed with my view, that the T.S. may—at any given time—appear in the outer world, not only with propaganda for Theosophy, but as in the case with this proposal to the Government, as a movement, which takes interest in the welfare of the greater community as well as in the enlightenment of manhood, both outside and inside the T.S.

Much of the opposition and enmity towards the T.S. may be weakened, when the world sees, that Theosophists not only—as the saying goes—are thinking on their own perfection, but also consider it the duty of the Society to keep an eye to the needs of the world.

Membership :

Membership the 1st of October, 1926 ...	...	270	
New members and reinstated ...	...	19	
			289
Passed away ...	...	4	
Resigned ...	...	7	
Dropped ...	...	17	
			28
Total ...			261

The Magazine *Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift* has this year been issued quarterly. The editor is Mr. Erling Havrevold.

On behalf of the Section I beg to send you and to the members assembled in Convention our most loyal and affectionate greetings.

AGNES MARTENS SPARRE,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN EGYPT
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T. S. IN DENMARK

To the President of the Theosophical Society.

I have hereby the honour to submit to you the Annual Report of the Danish Section of T.S. (1926-1927) :

New lodges founded	...	...	...	2
Lodges dissolved	...	...	...	0
Active lodges	...	...	...	12
New members	...	...	...	94
Members resigned or dead	...	...	...	10
Total membership, October, 31st....	...	...	...	614

When I, a year ago, drew up my last GENERAL REPORT, I felt induced to say that the insecurity of time had put its stamp upon our work in whole, and I regret very much having to state that we still have the same difficulties in keeping up the temper of the Theosophical work in Denmark. The diverging points of view within the circle of members, which I last time termed as a "passing disharmony," are still present, and I am constantly on the outlook for ways and means which might settle the difficulties.

Nevertheless, the work is carried on, we give lectures to strongly interested audience all over the country, and to members of different Societies in the capital and its neighbourhood. This work causes a steady increase of membership of our Society, while the resignation is caused chiefly by the difficult social conditions.

The chance of resumption of the broadcasting of Theosophical lectures is still uncertain, but the Board of Section has done its very best to this end, through the organization of radiosenders, mentioned in THE GENERAL REPORT of last year. A bill has been introduced to the Danish Parliament—a bill giving the right of emitting by radio to every organization fighting for ideal aims. The bill will, according to my judgment, soon be passed.

The editors of the periodical: *Tidskrift for Teosofi*, state a constant increase of subscribers, and our Sectional Paper: *Theosophia* does its work satisfactorily as a means of communication between the Board of the Section, the Lodges, and the members.

The summer school at Nakskov has worked as previously, and has given encouraging results.

Two new Lodges, the "Leadbeater Lodge" and the "Herning Lodge" have been founded in the course of the year.

An exceedingly important impulse to our work was given to us through our dear indefatigable President's visit to Copenhagen in August, an event which was not only an experience never to-be-forgotten to all the members, but also a very important help to the Board of the Section in its work to widen the breach in the prejudices which our local intellectual aristocracy still nourish towards Theosophical Teaching.

Moreover, the presence of our President did very much towards making the Theosophical knowledge popular and known in Denmark.

On behalf of the Danish Section, and on my own account I send our heartiest greetings to you, our dear President, and to all the assistants at the Headquarters.

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 wish to assure you of our loyal support and great love and veneration for yourself.

The epoch-making events in the Theosophical world, during the past year, have had very little outward effect in this country and the support accorded to our Society continues to be disappointing.

The general well-being of the country has been worse than ever, and is reflected in the fact that a large number of our members are too harassed to study and work for our cause and an increasing number failed to pay their subscriptions.

Our principal Centres continue to be Dublin and Belfast but public lectures continue to be given in Cork and Derry, as well as at these two places and we have also established a Centre at Coleraine.

Besides local lecturers, we have been greatly helped by visitors who gave lectures at these places, particularly by Miss Browning, Mrs. Yates, Mr. Bosman, Mrs. Sharpe and Bishop Pigott and we are very grateful for their help, as well as for the financial help which we continue to receive from kind friends in England.

Some of our members concentrate on study groups ; others are taking an active part in outside philanthropic work and the task of Theosophising life has been further promoted, during the past year, by the establishment of Co-Masonry and the Liberal Catholic Church in Ireland.

We continue to publish our quarterly magazine, *Theosophy in Ireland*, which whilst failing to attract general support, is doing good work in relating to our great folk-lore to the Ancient Wisdom.

I very much regret that I cannot offer a better record of work done during the past year, as some token of appreciation of the inspiration

we have all derived from your leadership ; I can only express the hope that our next record will be better and that the fruit of our work may prove how much we appreciate your teaching.

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.

I have the honour of rendering, herewith, report about the work accomplished by the Mexican Section during the last Theosophical year.

My report differs but little from the one rendered last year as far as Lodge work, membership, propaganda, etc., is concerned. An obstacle to any marked progress or spread of our movement has to be looked for in the fact that no incisive change took place during the past year in the unfavorable political and economical conditions of the country and which, therefore, have continued to exercise their retarding influence. Nevertheless, I am in a position to state that, generally speaking, our work has progressed normally and that it has, at least, maintained itself at its level.

Perhaps the most conspicuous event of the year was the change of our quarters to our present address at the "Cuauhtemoc Building" at Calle de Ocampo No. 3, where we have found more spacious and in every respect more suitable quarters. They comprise the offices of the General Secretary, a spacious hall suitable for lectures and Lodge meetings, a small library, an ante-room and another small hall, set apart specially for the E. S. I am convinced that our new quarters are much better suited as well for preparing our future work, because we have now reason to be satisfied with the outer aspect of the domicile of the Society without, of course, clapping to aspire to obtain our own building some day.

So that during the year, a noticeable progress has been scored as far as the outer form is concerned and I hope that before long I may be in a position to report the same concerning inner progress; after all, among us, a fact which has become a settled conviction with the great majority of our members, will no doubt make its beneficent influence felt very noticeable before long.

At present the number of our Lodges amount to 29, and the total membership of the Section to 341.

I trust with all my heart that the Theosophical Society will continue under your wise guidance and that the sphere of your beneficent action will continue to spread wider and wider in the world, while at the same time I would tender You in the name of our members and my own the most sincere assurance of our loyalty and love.

AGUSTIN SERVIN,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CANADA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Dominion of Canada antedates the Theosophical Society by eight years, and has this year celebrated its sixtieth year with national and popular rejoicings. In the stock-taking which naturally accompanied the celebration, the extraordinary resources of Canada, its advantages of soil and production, its forests and fisheries, its mines and oil fields, and its maritime situation, combined with a climate which has always contributed to the development of the hardiest races, were all seen to point to a national future beyond anything discoverable elsewhere on earth. What the Theosophical Movement may do for an incipient nation by aiding it to be free of the burden of priestcraft and sacerdotalism, and the organized religion which, as a Master has well said, is responsible for more than two-thirds of the evils that pursue humanity, may well be considered, and is surely the task which the T. S. in Canada has to shoulder. Nothing but the strictest neutrality on the part of the Society can ever secure success in this, and it has been felt necessary to renew the protest already officially made against the imposition of a World Religion with a set of dogmas presented for acceptance to the General Secretaries. This could only be done on the authority of an unanimous membership, and it is not easy to believe that the members would stultify themselves by adopting a measure directly in antagonism with the Constitution of the Society which refuses the yoke of dogma of any kind, and provides utter freedom for all who join its ranks. Canada is a democratic country, and is not in sympathy with either the domination of Facism or of Bolshevism, or the tyranny of personal leadership. The Theosophical Society appear in recent years to have abandoned its democratic tendencies. This mistake has been adverted to mildly enough by Mr. Krishnamurti in his address, "Who Brings the Truth?"—in which he points out that personal leaders die and their followers form sects.

“ You will then begin to have ceremonies, to invent phrases, dogmas, systems of beliefs, creeds, and to create philosophies. If you build great foundations upon me, the individual, you will be caught in that house, in that temple, and so you will have to have another Teacher to come and extricate you from that temple, pull you out of that narrowness, in order to liberate you ; but the human mind is such that you will build another temple around him, and so it will go on.” We scarcely expected to receive such support for our Canadian views, but the truth is the truth wherever it is spoken, and we trust this will be given the support due to a fundamental policy.

We have suffered in Canada for proclaiming this very doctrine, and I have been accused of abusing and antagonizing Mrs. Besant because I have consistently held this position. I, or any General Secretary, would have just as much right as Mrs. Besant to proclaim, say, Mr. William Kingsland, the author of *Scientific Idealism*, *Rational Mysticism*, *Our Infinite Life*, *The Esoteric Basis of Christianity*, and other outstanding books, as an Arhat and one to be followed as a Leader in the Society. In fact, I would not be likely to do as much harm, since fewer people would attend to my announcement, as far as the neutrality of the Society is concerned, although, on the other hand, no one has been mentioned who could have a greater influence for good through his books. It is a mistaken loyalty that permits anyone to sap the foundations of the Society for the sake of promoting the cult of any Teacher. Mrs. Besant took this view when she expelled the whole German Section for its allegiance to the late Dr. Rudolph Steiner. And yet he had as good a right to do what he did as any one has to exploit another teacher in a similar or even more influential way.

The true policy is to allow liberty to all, but to give preference in the Society to none. Individual members can do as they please. The wrong begins when the Society is committed to the support of any Leader or policy. Mr. Krishnamurti has pointed out the danger and I am glad he has done so.

The effect of the propaganda which has been forced upon the Society has been as marked in Canada as anywhere. Even membership has fallen from 562 in 1926, to 503 in 1927 at the close of the year on June 30. The decrease is largely from the inactive list, those who failed to pay their dues during the year just ended. These are much affected by public

opinion which was decidedly hostile to the idea of a new Christ publicly proclaimed. The public are not unexpectant of a new Saviour, but they look for one who will come in humility and meekness, who will win his way by his wisdom and his power, bearing the signs spoken of the Christ, as they were given to the disciples of John the Baptist—"the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached unto them." The Gospel of Happiness, that we should all wear good clothes and be happy, is only a mockery to the poor toiling masses of our so-called civilization whose misery is their poverty, for whom good health is impossible by reason of their diet, whose minds are degraded inexpressibly by the materialistic education to which they are subjected. In *The Key to Theosophy*, chapter xii, these things are spoken of, but Madame Blavatsky is no longer an authority in the Theosophical Society, and I heard lately of a member (not in Canada) being expelled on account of persisting in holding a Secret Doctrine Class. Such things do not attract the public to our ranks, but we hope to outlive this era, and survive till the time when real Theosophy shall be welcomed everywhere. It has never yet had a proper presentation to the masses. There is a stirring in the Valley of Dry Bones of the Churches, however, as the arraignments by such men as Dean Inge and Bishop Barnes in England, and the preaching of such men as Rev. Dr. Robert Norwood in New York indicate. The common people hear these men gladly, and they are taking the common sense estimate of sacramentalism and sacerdotalism in general, which will eventually give real Theosophy its due opportunity.

Canada has suffered also from some of the Cuckoo movements which, unable to build nests of their own, deposit their eggs in the Theosophic nest, and look to the Society and its members for succour and support. One of these has threatened to split the T. S. in Canada in two, but the wiser members do not fear his terrifying prophecies, which appear to be based on those of the Pyramid prophets who announce that on May 29 next will begin an eight-year period of war and desolation, ending with Armageddon!

A kindred movement to that of the Theosophical Society is making great headway both in England and America, and it is not without strength in Canada. The adhesion of Sir Oliver Lodge and of Sir

Arthur Conan Doyle to Spiritualism has widened the influence of this cult to a tremendous extent. *The Canadian Magazine*, a conservative periodical, this year published serially Sir Arthur's story, "The Land of Mist," which is really an account of Spiritualistic phenomena as developed by Richet, the French savant in Paris, and other mediumistic incidents, all very striking, and with illustrations of the materialization of Homo Pithecanthropus and other wierd manifestations. Happiness is no antidote for this kind of thing ; Spiritualists are steeped in every sort of satisfaction and content as far as mere enjoyment can carry them, so that a Gospel of Happiness can offer them nothing new.

The Canadian General Executive at a meeting in August determined to assist in the development of the Travelling Library activity started by the Toronto Theosophical Society. In a country as sparsely settled as Canada with a stretch of 3,858 miles between Halifax and Vancouver, it can be understood that it is only through books that propaganda can be effectively sustained. As far as it has been put into operation these travelling libraries have given much satisfaction and promise to be popular.

The Canadian Theosophist has been our chief activity during the year, and its impartiality and freedom of speech have made it popular among those who value these qualities. Mr. James M. Pryse has been a frequent contributor during the year, and among other things his testimony that Madame Blavatsky's ring is now worn by Mrs. Besant and not by Mrs. Tingley as has been alleged, is of general interest. Mr. Pryse, as one of Madame Blavatsky's most valued assistants, is a modest but gifted occultist.

Members of the Society in Canada have been responsible for several interesting books published during the past twelve months. Mrs. Fred B. Housser of the Toronto Society, issued a study of the Canadian Art movement under the title, *An Art Movement in Canada*, which has attracted the attention of critics far and near. It is a most interesting piece of work. Dr. Lionel Stevenson, of the Vancouver Lodge, now on the staff of the University of California, published through the Macmillans, *An Appraisal of Canadian Literature*, a delicate piece of criticism, which has been highly commended and which gave due recognition to the special strain of mysticism in Canadian literature. Mr. A. M. Stephens, another Vancouver member, published his second volume

of poems, *The Land of Singing Water*, which contains some exquisite work, and is altogether of a high order. The Blavatsky Institute of Toronto published a reprint of T. E. Willson's *Ancient and Modern Physics*, which has been out of print for a number of years. This is indispensable to the student. A pamphlet which has attracted much attention here is Mr. William Kingsland's drastic analysis of the report of Society for Psychic Research on Madame Blavatsky in 1885. This scathing criticism should be in the hands of every Theosophist.

Among the deaths of the year were those of Michael G. Sherk, the author of a volume of historic interest, *Pen Pictures of Early Pioneer Life in Upper Canada*. It deals with the Province of Ontario, as it is now called, and of the district largely settled by Germans in Waterloo County, where Kitchener (formerly Berlin) is situated. Mr. Sherk was a member of the Toronto Lodge. Another death is that of Francis Grierson, the distinguished essayist and musician, well-known in Toronto, who formed one of a party with Colonel Olcott and Madame Blavatsky at the Eddy homestead in Northern New York on a certain occasion.

There will be no opposition in Canada to your re-election as President next year.

ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE,
General Secretary.

T. S. IN ARGENTINA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Argentine Section has entered into a new epoch, which I venture to classify as one of greater order, activity and cohesion of the elements composing it.

If the number of Lodges, Groups and Members of the previous year be compared with that of the present year it will appear as if we have lost ground. A more careful examination will however show that this is not so. A number of fictitious Lodges and Groups have disappeared—or in other words only those members have lapsed who entered our Society in order to please their friends or through mere curiosity or because they believed that they would find a community of supermen free from all defects.

Although the characteristic of this country is indifference which leads to no-co-operation and facility in criticizing, generally speaking we have observed that the number of workers has increased considerably.

The General Secretary and the Sectional Council, as a whole, have set a good example, doing methodically and with perseverance and love the important work which each and all are responsible for.

During this last year the Council has held 16 ordinary meetings and 4 extraordinary ones—nearly all were attended by full gathering of the councillors. In the latter meetings the Rules of the Section have been reformed and given a larger scope, greater cohesion and gravity. The reformation is now awaiting the approval of two-thirds of the votes of the Presidents of Lodges before putting them into practice.

Those persons who occupy the different official posts are always on the watch to prevent the Society being perturbed by adverse elements which unfortunately abound and insiduously infiltrate into our ranks with intentions to weaken them or to prey upon the members' vitality. Several serious conflicts have arisen relating either to

internal or external affairs but the General Secretary has faced them all as he should even though it has meant, in certain cases, personal sacrifice.

Our official Magazine *Teosofia en el Plata* is published regularly every two months and on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of our beloved President we edited a special number which has doubtless been seen in Adyar and its value recognised. In all the Spanish speaking countries our magazine is much appreciated.

As regards the number of Lodges, Groups, Regular Members and Members attached to these Headquarters, all of the Argentine Section, the following schedule will give a clear idea of the general state as well as the detail movement of the membership.

Statistics.—Lodges, 18 ; Members in year 1926, 403 ; Members in year 1927, 385 ; Gains, 34 ; Losses, 52.

In addition to these members, there are 3 members at large, *i.e.*, attached directly to this Headquarters.

Besides the number of Lodges, Groups, etc., that meet in this Capital there is an Institution that is autonomous although dependent from the Section, namely the Argentine Theosophical Library Association. It is open every day and on Sundays public propaganda lectures are given. Moreover here several other allied institutions carry on their activities, namely, Liberal Catholic Church, The Star of the East, Co-Masonry Study Groups and the E. S. T. The Library Association is at present in a flourishing condition due largely to the activity of several devoted members of the Order of Service.

We are at present collecting the votes of all the F. T. S. for the next election of the President of the Theosophical Society. This is necessarily a slow operation because this Section comprises the Argentine, Peru, Bolivia and Paraguay—countries that are situated several days' journey apart. However we hope to be able to send all the votes collected by 1st of November and we have every confidence that Dr. Besant will be re-elected.

The proposed visit of Mr. Jinarajadasa has stirred up great interest and we regret that it has been impossible to carry it out. We will however wait for his next trip to Europe and will then request him to come over to South America. There is not the slightest doubt that such a visit would do a great deal of good to the cause in this continent.

The amount of fees that has been collected this year—including the annual and entrance fees—is \$1,775·00 paper dollars. As is usual we are sending 10% to the International Headquarters, namely \$177·50 paper dollars which is equivalent to £ 15-12-4.

We are in the most cordial relations with all the other Sections although we regret that the larger part of the magazines outside this country do not take the interest in us as frequently as we do about them.

On the 18th of this month the Ninth Convention of this Section was held in perfect order and complete harmony. At that meeting it was unanimously decided to send a telegram giving our greetings and loyal support to our beloved President. This telegram was despatched on the day following the Convention.

After perusing this Annual Report there arises any indication that you consider would be useful we should be glad to receive same and would endeavour to comply with it to the best of our ability.

With this suggestion I will conclude and respectfully salute my Chiefs.

ARTURO MONTESANO DELCHI,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CHILE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is my privileged duty to give you in the following lines a general idea of the activities of the Theosophical Society of Chile during the term between the 1st September, 1926, date of my last Report, and the 31st August, 1927.

Before entering fully upon the subject, I desire to express to you, our great President, our profound admiration for your Theosophical labours and for your efforts for the furtherance of the Grand Ideals of the New Era ; to repeat the gladness with which we endeavour to co-operate towards their speedy accomplishment, realizing that they are in accordance with the sublime Plan of Evolution ; that they are inspired by the Masters of Wisdom, of Whom you are the authorized speaker ; the object of which is the realization of Brotherhood, which should be the chief motto of the Theosophical Society.

Lodges.—The following charters have been issued :

Logia Loto Blanco, in Angol.

Logia Kut Humi, in Valdivia.

The Logia Punta Arenas has been left in abeyance ; consequently the status is as follows :

Last year the Lodges numbered	...	...	15
New Lodges formed	...	...	2
			—
			17
Dormant	...	...	1
			—
Remaining	...	...	16
			—

<i>Members.</i> —On same date last year our members numbered				260
Have been enrolled	...	...	...	41
Have been reincorporated	...	...	...	3
				— 44
				304
Have retired by being erased from roll	...		...	43
				261
There remain	...	...	...	

The number of members have not increased because Lodges in general have been stricter as regards rolls.

Of the Centres of study mentioned in last Report, that of Angol alone has developed into a Lodge. Two new Centres have been formed in Coquimbo and Puerto Montt. Of the former mentioned in last Report, those of Curanilahue and San Fernando alone continue their ordinary activities.

Activities.—The Lodges have continued their ordinary work of study and diffusion of our teachings. Several public lectures have been delivered throughout the country: press articles have been published for the extension of our doctrines; the White Lotus Festival has been becomingly celebrated and also the Social Anniversary; and in several cities training courses have been formed for mental improvement after the methods of our friend Mr. Ernest Wood, in his work entitled *Concentration*.

I have to state that several brethren amongst us have had the opportunity of travelling over our extensive territory and neighbouring countries, taking advantage of these opportunities to deliver public and private lectures, thus bringing about an increased unity and brotherhood. Amongst these travels I do not wish to pass over in silence that carried out by Madame Elcira C. de Armengolli to the city of Mendoza, Argentine Republic, where this lady carried out some very useful activities for brotherhood, and which originated afterwards the visit of the dear brother Carlos A. Stoppel, a prominent member of that country, and finally the tour which it was my privilege to make to Bolivia, where the most fraternal relations were commenced, and where determined efforts are being made to establish new Lodges.

Latin American Theosophical Federation.—The scheme of our Cuban Brethren has merited on our part the most cordial acceptance, and we are disposed to give it our fullest and best support ; for we perceive that the union and approach of Latin American countries form part of the Grand Plan of the Masters.

Sectional Organ.—Our Sectional publication *La Revista Teosofica Chilena* has increased its circulation to 2,000 copies, its pages to 32, and has considerably improved its appearance. Its general plan of work is the same as pointed out in our previous Report ; in addition to which we expect that the *Revista* will, as time passes, become a more important bond of union between Latin American countries.

Book-Selling.—We are pleased to state that the sale of Theosophical books has corresponded with our best expectations ; we hope to increase its development by the formation of department especially devoted to the extension of foreign literature and publications.

Matias Yuraszeck.—I desire to publicly record hereby the gratitude of the T. S. in Chile towards Mr. M. Yuraszeck, of Puerto Montt, who has bequeathed by will the greater part of his estate to the Society and its Lodges.

Visits.—The longing to receive the external help of some of our leaders is still very strong amongst us. We have not presumed to extend an invitation to visit us to yourself, well knowing how arduous are your many duties. However, in conjunction with some other South American Sections, we have extended one to our beloved Vice-President, Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, who has kindly accepted and whom we expect during the next year. We have also invited Mrs. Annie M. Gowland and Mr. Ernest Wood.

Other Activities.—I must point out the interest evinced by a group of our members for the Educational Problem. Two organizations have been formed. One is under the name of Asociacion de la Nueva Educacion, the aim of which is to work for the propagation in the country of the New Education Fellowship principles, and in aid of which it is expected that people outside of the T.S. will in future take a more prominent part. It publishes quarterly the magazine *La Nueva Era*, of which 1,500 copies are printed, and whose acceptance is daily increasing. The other bears the name of Asociacion de la Universidad Teosofica Mundial, whose President, Mr. Carlos Parrau, is one of our

Society's most efficient and active members. The object of this organization is to work for the extension of your grand scheme of the World Theosophical University.

The diffusion of Naturism and its teachings also has the hearty co-operation of our members. Brother Isamel Valdes has opened a Naturist Restaurant in Santiago, which has served as an important means of propagating these ideas. Mr. Demetrio Salas, of La Serena, is also doing active work in this direction, besides publications and other activities.

The Order' of the Star, the Women's Protective Legion and many other movements of a social character, such as Boy Scouts, Societies for the Protection of Animals, etc., are fields which offer a wide scope for the disinterested and altruistic activities of many of our best members.

Our teachings have lately been the object of systematic attacks on the part of different members of the Catholic Church. I hope that in the future, as heretofore, our members will maintain in their replies and controversies, in these emergencies, the lofty respect due to all, and also the forbearance and brotherhood which should be the distinctive marks of all true Theosophists.

In short, the year may termed normal : I believe the progress has been rather in quality than in number, as the improvement attained by numerous brethren, by their spirit of patient and persevering work, is worthy of commendation, and inspired by our Grand Ideal of Service and Brotherhood.

ARMANDO HAMEL,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN BRAZIL
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T. S. IN BULGARIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The chief characteristic of our Theosophical work here during the last year (1st October, 1926 to 1st October, 1927) is lecturing. Our General Secretary has visited almost all the towns of our small country, giving in each of them courses of three or four lectures on different subjects. The activity in the capital of Sofia was going on with great regularity and vigour. Our ideas are gaining more and more hearing in the midst of the general intelligent people. We are sorry that our publishing work is very limited, because of the low exchange.

It is with great joy that I mention the following fact. One of our brothers presented as gift to the Lodge he belongs to one storey of his private house. When it was to be opened, there were invited to give their blessings four priests of the churches—Greek-Orthodox, Jewish, Muhammadan and Liberal Catholic. All of them came, and did their duty at the same time one after the other, before many visitors. At the end of the service, the Orthodox priest, moved by the strange and new act, spoke how thankful he is of the good luck to see fulfilled one of the oldest prayer of his church—the reunion of the Faiths and Communion in the Holy Spirit. I am sorry to add that afterwards he was forced to deny the fact, but the act did its public service. About it a note was published almost in all papers.

This year we have 35 new members, and the whole active membership is 201.

We are thankful to some 47 brethren who are so good as to help us by giving 10% of their income, and so our Section is sure for its good standing. May the Great Ones in Whose Name they offer this sacrifice bless them.

On behalf of the Bulgarian brethren I have the honour to send sincere greetings to the Reverend President as also to 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., this time covering the period from April 1, 1926 to October 1, 1927.

Statistics.—According to the Rules of our Section the members have to pay their Annual dues before the end of March every year. On the 1st of April, 1926, we had 316 members. During the year 26 members joined, 2 died, 4 resigned and 2 dropped out.

The total membership, April 1, 1927	...	333
Suspended members	... ..	33
Active members	...	300

On May 3, a New Lodge was founded at Isafjordur, a town in the western part of Iceland. From May 1 to October 1, 38 members joined and 5 dropped out, so the total membership on October 1 is 366.

Propaganda.—During the winter Grétar Fells, Kr. Sig. Kristjánsson and Halldór Sigurdsson gave some public lectures. I gave also 26 lectures at different places in the country. Most of them were on the Coming of the World-Teacher and they were exceptionally well attended so I had to repeat some of them.

Clubs and Study Groups.—During the winter season the following Clubs and Groups kept on working: The Band of Servers, the International Corresponding League, the English Club, the League of Information, the Sewing Club, the League for the Federation of Nations and the Federation of Young Theosophists. Most of these Groups form a Branch of the Theosophical Order of Service, of which the Organising Secretary is Mrs. Martha Kalman.

Literary.—The Icelandic translation of the book *At the Feet of the Master* was quite sold out, so we had it reprinted this year. In

December last we issued the first printed number of our Magazine, *Gangleri*. Till then we had only typewritten it. We have got about 1,000 subscribers, of whom more than two-thirds are not T.S. members.

The Vice-President's Visit.—The visit of Mr. Jinarājadasa was a great event in the history of the T.S. movement here. For years we had hoped that one of our leaders would some day come to our country and at last our hope was realized. The Vice-President remained with us for 18 days. He visited most of our Lodges and gave a number of lectures at T.S. meetings and also in public. The newspapers had many articles about him, all written in a friendly and sympathetic tone. The T.S. movement in Iceland will derive very much good from his visit, and I extend our hearty thanks to you, dear Dr. Besant, for giving your sanction to his going to our country.

Conclusion.—The last year has been one of the most prosperous years, since the foundation of our small Section: At T.S. meetings we have had about 80 lectures delivered by our members and 35 public lectures. Our Magazine, formerly typewritten, is being printed now, a new Lodge was founded and the members who joined were almost twice as many as those who joined each of the former years. And last not least we had the visit of our Vice-President. It is perhaps worth mentioning that this happy year of ours is the seventh year of the existence of our Section.

In conclusion permit me to extend to you the assurance of our reverence and gratitude.

JAKOB KRISTINSSON,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN SPAIN
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T. S. IN PORTUGAL

To the President, Theosophical Society.

With my most sincere fraternal greetings and highest proof of my homage of admiration and respect, I submit the report of the Portuguese Theosophical Society to you, referring to the year running from the 1st of October, 1926, till the 30th of September, 1927.

The Theosophic work done at the meetings of the Lodges, meetings in common for lectures and Theosophic courses and general propaganda were once more disturbed and interrupted, as in former years, by a political and social agitation that lasted for more than 2 months ending in the serious revolutionary movement in February of this year.

Though the sharp periods of such things be generally short, it certainly caused the rights of the meetings to be suspended and the prolonged censure prevented the expansion of human thought and ideas.

Notwithstanding, as soon as normal peace was established, and with the authority of the military government, we resumed our peaceful, penetrating, fraternal movement of spreading Theosophical light which is so necessary to illumine human minds in this country.

Membership.—During the year more than 42 members were admitted and 1 was readmitted ; 3 members died and 15 resigned ; there being an increase of 25 in comparison with last year.

Active members on the 1st of October, 1926	...	280	
Members admitted until 30th September, 1927	...	42	
„ readmitted until 30th September, 1927	...	1	
			323
Members resigned	...	15	
„ deceased	...	3	
			18
Total active members	...		305

Lodges.—Once more the attempt to develop the Theosophic Movement in Oporto failed and the “Fraternidade Lodge” that had been refounded was dissolved for want of members, but we are going to try once again in that city.

In compensation 3 of our Lodges were founded in Lisbon during the present year which are indicated in the adjoining map.

They are : Count S. Germain, H. Olcott and Leadbeater, the latter being removed to the city of Lagos, in the province of Algarve at south of Portugal.

There are therefore 11 Lodges that form the National Section of the T.S.

As to the number of the Centres of Theosophic study, there are actually 4 as shown by the adjoining map, but they have not really given the result that was expected.

It has become necessary to develop a greater propaganda in the provinces, which the Directing Council thinks of doing next spring, initiating visits to various cities and villages with an oral propaganda.

Spreading Theosophic knowledge throughout Portugal, it is interesting to know that, though the number of the members in Society is small, the ideas are much spread throughout the population.

This may partly be explained by the apathy of the population though the backwardness of the general culture and the economical crises that these people are crossing and everyone is refraining from making expenses and paying subscriptions.

I believe that the number of persons interested in Theosophy is great though there are only 305 members inscribed in the Society.

Owing to the same economical crises, we cannot make a greater propaganda with books and words.

The Work of the Lodges.—The work on ethics, cosmogony and anthropography predominates in the Lodges, there being a great number of hearers but very few lecturers. The latter, overtaxed with Theosophic work, rarely frequent the Theosophic school to be able to make the deep study which it requires. A great limiting Karma is raised before the Theosophic heralds in Portugal. But there is a constant individual struggle that shall overcome all difficulties.

General Meetings.—On Friday in the room hired by the T.S., general meetings are held by the members of the Society, the programme

being the following: (1) Lecture once a month; (2) Lessons on Theosophy and a meeting of the Order of the Star.

There is a gathering of about 60 persons.

This year we are going to inaugurate a complementary course of Theosophic study to substitute the elementary one that took place.

Theosophic Propaganda.—The *Isis* review is published but it has a great economical struggle to keep itself up.

This year is a new edition of 1,000 copies of propaganda pamphlets *Reincarnation*; it was not possible to publish any more.

The Theosophic publications continue to be in great demand, which are published by the Editor Teixeira of this city, which are translated from vulgarised Theosophic works, *Karma*, *Theosophy*, *The Seven Principles of Man*, *Man and His Bodies*, *Invisible Helpers*, *Clairvoyance*, *Ancient Wisdom*.

The Society's Head Office.—This problem continues to be without any solution that will deserve a special study of the Council, because its need greatly opposes the development of the Society. At present the General Meetings are held in a hired room that contains from 100 to 120 persons and the Lodges meet in private houses, excepting the Maitreya Lodge which has its own quarters.

Activities.—The National League for the Protection of Animals, the activity of the T.S., in free development, there being about 1,500 members. Its animal post of help is developed, giving any attendance at any hour, for it has a permanent nurse. Up to the 30th of June last year about 700 consultations, treatments and operations were made. A subscription is being got up, which is going on rather slowly, for the building of a new station of the league that will be opened in Lisbon, but there is a great need of money among the compassionate ones. The League has several delegations in the provinces and has founded another institution at Delagoa Bay which has developed and has now about 500 members.

The "Fraternal League," to which I referred in the report of last year, has about 300 members and many valuable donors, so that it has been able to give ample assistance to many poor persons and has distributed more than 20,000 *escudos* in alms, about £200 sterling.

The Round Table is being now organised.

Great Theosophic Movements.—Of the three great Theosophic movements I hope to begin the World University next year, the organization of which I am studying.

A small but devoted group is going to organize a Liberal Catholic Church that will reunite persons of devotional spirit, but who will have to struggle against a very strong reaction of the Catholic clergy that always tries to thwart the Theosophic ideas.

The Visit of the Venerable Vice-President of the Theosophical Society.—The most important fact for the Portuguese Theosophical Society, which the report of this year has to mention, was the visit of the venerable Brother C. Jinarājādāsa and his wife Mrs. Dorothy Jinarājādāsa which took place from the 22nd to the 25th of last September.

It was the first time that the Portuguese Theosophists had the chance to be in contact with one of the most eminent Directors, I can affirm without any exaggeration, that visit marked a new era in Theosophical life in Portugal.

Though their visit was short in this country three days and a half, and there being the holiday period that interrupted the Theosophical work and many brothers absent from the city, it is certain that the majority of the brothers appeared in a body, the two lectures that took place and always found in the various visit to the activities the realization of faith and admiration that the Theosophical ideal arouses in the Portuguese Theosophist.

That dear chief gave two lectures, one devoted to the T.S. and Order of the Star, in a fine room which we hired, in the presence of about 400 persons and another public lecture in the Hall of the Portuguese Geographical Society, which is considered the hall of honour, in the presence of about 2,000 persons that heard him with great respect without the slightest interruption.

The interest aroused by that lecture was great, and all the press referred to it, even the attitude of a contrary Catholic newspaper was actually benevolent, compared with the violent aspects which it assumes when it tries to impose its belief on any point of view that is not of its dogma. This first visit of our dear chief C. Jinarājādāsa and his charming wife was then registered in Gold Letters in the annals of the P.T.S.

Before concluding I must say that in the Convention of this Society held on the 1st of April last I had the honour to be re-elected General Secretary for three years more and by unanimous votes.

I must also say that a new project of statutes was discussed and approved of by a majority to govern this national Section of the T.S. in future, and that this project translated into English accompanies this report, to be examined by you and by the Convention of the T.S. and if it be worthy of approval to put into force.

With my fraternal greetings will you deign Madam to accept my homage of highest esteem, consideration in which all the Directing Council join.

A. R. SILVA JUNIOR,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN WALES

To the President, Theosophical Society.

During the year we have purchased our own Headquarters building at 10, Park Place, Cardiff, for £2,500.

It was decided to keep, the premises entirely for Theosophical and kindred activities, and to endeavour to raise sufficient funds from these to meet the necessary expenses for upkeep. This has involved many changes and re-arrangements of the premises, which as a result is becoming a more useful centre for the work of the Masters. In addition to the Cardiff Lodge T.S. Lecture Room, (seating about 100), there is a Co-Masonic Temple, a small Oratory for the Liberal Catholic Church, the National Library and Offices, a Star Room a Refectory, a Rest Room for Members, a small E.S. Room, and one for Young Theosophists. Miss A. Banks and Miss L. Harry continue to occupy the top flat as resident F.T.S.

The Welsh Theosophical Trust has been formed for holding the property.

Another important step has been the appointment of Mr. David Jeffrey Williams as National Organiser, Lecturer and Publicity Secretary for Wales. His practical experience as a miner and his devotion to the cause of Animals are amongst his qualifications for this post.

An effort to establish "Goodwill Day" on May 18th throughout the world has been made.

Three new Lodges have been formed, at 1, Port Talbot, 2, Llanelly, 3, Pontypridd, and a Centre at Anglesey. Forty-eight members joined during the year.

We were again very fortunate to have our President, Dr. Annie Besant, to preside over our Sixth Annual Convention which was held at Cardiff.

PETER FREEMAN,

General Secretary.

T.S. IN POLAND
REPORT NOT RECEIVED

T. S. IN URUGUAY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have pleasure in sending you the report of our activities during the year 1926-7.

Due to the absence of the National President, Sister A. M. Gowland, actually in South Africa, and due to the resignation of the National Secretary few months after having been elected, I have been appointed to replace him. This young Section needed to be consolidated and duly organized, therefore the chief efforts during the last months aimed at this important object.

Considerable work has been done in a short time, so that to-day our offices are in order, the financial situation is more favourable, and our prospects for the future are very promising.

We had to change locality moving offices and abode of several Lodges to another house in a centric place, and with the necessary commodities. There will be inaugurated the Public Theosophical Library for which we have plenty of books and magazines.

The official magazine, *El Mensajero*, has been suspended to reorganize it, and to give to it financial stability.

A reform of the by-laws of the Section according to the requirements of the moment is being studied.

The Lodges of the Section have been working normally, developing generally different activities.

The inclination for the Arts, principally for Music, is the dominant characteristic, having had interesting meetings with commented music, recitation, etc.

One Lodge devoted herself to the visit and aid of the sick in the hospital. Another is sending a Commission to the jail of the minors to give good counsels and to distribute books.

There have been made excursions to the country ; festivals of Naturalists, and Sunday meetings dedicated to the children have been attended.

It is a great pleasure for me to point out the harmony prevailing among members of the Lodges, which is reflected in the collective harmony of the Section. There is a spirit of solidarity, and the feeling for co-operation is growing stronger.

I have suggested, and it has been accepted by the Council, to form seven great divisions or Theosophical groups of action, of Education, Social Affairs, Sciences and Arts, Philosophy and Religions, Philanthropy, Propaganda, Administration and Finances, respectively, with the view that each member of the Section should join the group or groups with which he finds himself more in harmony, each group having possibility for forming sub-groups to facilitate or extend the sphere of activity.

The initiative which is recent already began to be realized, having been organized groups of Arts, Sciences, Education and Philanthropy.

We aspire that Theosophy should not be merely a field of study, investigation, spiritual development, but also a focus of higher powers which should crystallize in useful deeds for human improvement in our daily life.

We are sending herewith the statistical data corresponding to the Uruguay Section.

New Lodges formed during the year	...	...	2
Lodges dissolved during the year	...	...	0
Total number of active Lodges	...	...	12
New members during the year	...	...	34
Members-reentered during the year	...	...	9
Members lost, dead, transferred	...	...	40
Total number of active members	...	...	166

With our best wishes for the progress of the T. S., and for your happiness, greets you your brother and faithful servant.

F. DIAZ FALP,
General Secretary.

T.S. IN PORTO RICO
REPORT NOT RECEIVED

T. S. IN ROUMANIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

There are now ten Lodges divided as follows :

Four in the Capital (Bucarest), meeting from time to time in the T. S. room in Mme. Popp's House, Strada Vasile Conta No. 8.

There is a dormant Lodge in Targoviste, 5 Lodges in Transylvania.

There are about 170 Fellows, of which some 50 are in Bucarest.

The General Secretary, elected until April, 1929, is Mme. Helene Romnicio, of l'Union Mondiale de la Femme, 17, Boul. H^élvetique, Geneva. She holds a position in this organisation, which is working for World-Peace ; she delegates her powers to Mme. J. Popp-Bragadir, who is resident in Bucarest. Mme. Romnicio is much admired and respected in Roumania. She is expected there this month (November) for a visit.

The Vice-Presidents are Mons. M. Nenitescu of 4, Strada Dorobantilor, and Mme. H. Lazar, of Turda, Bucarest.

Our movement is naturally affected by the political, economic and social difficulties of the country as a whole. There is a good deal of political unrest owing to the unfavourable state of relations with Hungary ; and as most of the newly-formed Lodges are on former Hungarian territory, where a " state of siege " *still* exists, work there is hampered by the difficulties involved in getting permission to hold meetings of over 5 persons. The Press is censored, strong military garrisons are maintained in the newly-annexed towns, and the movements of foreigners are rigidly controlled, limited periods of residence only being allowed. I personally was told I must leave by 30th November.

Events have placed the town of Bucarest in the position of the Capital of the New Roumania, whence the whole country is administered, and whence officials are sent to govern the newly-acquired provinces. The formation of a strong Centre there is an object worth some trouble and sacrifice, as it could favourably affect the whole of the

country and produce tolerance and brotherhood where now there is racial antagonism and fear.

The Bucarest Headquarters has been asked by various Lodges in Transylvania to inform the Authorities that they form part of the T.S. in Roumania, thus leading to the permission to meet being granted them. A useful little issue of *News and Notes* is made from Bucarest half yearly, as well as occasional summaries of lectures, etc., all of which help to keep isolated members in touch. There are one or two F.T.S. in almost every large town in Roumania who are able to obtain books from Bucarest.

There has been some re-arrangement of the Bucarest Lodges, so as to provide for beginners, for students and active workers.

All members joined in a festival meeting for Dr. Besant's birthday. A public lecture on "The Appearance of a New Spiritual Teacher" was given in French to F.T.S. and the public at the Maison des Francais on 18th October by Mr. Bertram, and was well received.

Transylvania.—The growth here is admirable. Starting with a Parent Lodge, the Transylvania, the following Lodges have grown up around it: Cluj (Kolosvar), and within the last year, Arad, Oradea (Grosswaerden), Temesvar (Timisoara)—all formerly Hungarian towns. In Arad, in particular, a Theosophical lecture is sure of a very warm welcome, especially if he can introduce a note of beauty into his addresses. Mme. Marguerite Jombart is the President.

In Temesvar Mr. Silviu Russu is the President, and the Lodge members are Hungarian, Roumanian and German. The Lodge was formed in the presence of the undersigned, on 11th September. The town was one of the strongholds of Hunyadi Janos.

The Lodge in Oradea suffers from its proximity to the Hungarian frontier, but has Roumanian members in good positions.

The new Lodges formed during the past year are largely due to the eloquence and energy of Dr. Pall Gabor, of Turda. His lectures have attracted thoughtful people of all kinds.

Groups.—There are Groups in Ploesti, under the leadership of Mr. P. Timmermann, and in Chisinau, led by Miss D. Belovodsky.

The great mission of the T. S. in Roumania seems to be to bridge over the gulfs arising from varying culture and traditions separating its present citizens. Will the older culture of the Hungarians ever

blend with the Latin traditions of the Roumanians? Or would it be better for Hungary's lost provinces to be restored to her by some sort of peaceful agreement. So mixed up are the Hungarians, Roumanians, Saxons, Swabians, etc., in Transylvania that, whoever held power, there would always be large minorities, consequently some discontent. The Roumanians are feverishly building schools for the spreading of their language and Latin culture, whilst the Hungarians, assisted by the Roman Catholic Church, have held, at least one huge gathering for the purpose of pledging themselves to preserve their culture by all possible means. Is there not a grave danger of another conflagration, as Dr. Besant pointed out in London on 2nd October? Perhaps Theosophy and the Star alone can prevent this calamity.

E. F. D. BERTRAM,
For the General Committee.

T. S. IN YUGOSLAVIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Devotion and loyalty to you, our beloved Chief ! I have the honour to submit to you the report of the Yugoslav Theosophical Society covering the period of October 1st, 1926 to October 1st, 1927, respective to December 5th A.C. It is the day Miss C. W. Dijkgraaf and her Secretary, Miss J. Glen-Walker have left our country. May be that I ought to report just after having experienced their inspiration.

Miss Dijkgraaf evoked your spiritual presence so vividly that we all lived through the glory of your Light. Few only did it a month ago when publicly celebrating on October 2nd A.C. your 80th Birthday Anniversary and having your picture beautifully ornated on the platform. She realised in Yugoslavia too, "the deep and warm feeling that fills our hearts for you, our wise and loving President."

So, we shall have in a month you unanimously elected our President for ever. Yugoslav Section resolved it already at her Annual Convention on October 1st A.C. May you far in the future nobly represent the Theosophical Society in the world as you always do.

History.—In this year Yugoslavia got a red letter day. On September 2nd our three delegates presented to our reverend President a national coat as an anniversary souvenir. The whole Yugoslavia as well as the neighbour countries appreciated the most friendly gesture of our great President in putting the "coha" on to go on the platform at the Vienna lecture and sending to the writer an inexpressibly kind letter from Paris, dated September 10th A.C. It is published in our sectional Magazine *Theosophy*, Vol. I, No. 2, the whole of which we dedicated to our revered President. There is also a picture in it representing Dr. Annie Besant in Yugoslav national dress. This kind of readiness, our beloved Mother, to help your children in Yugoslavia in donating to them the mentioned photograph of you is again one of many, many kindnesses we owe to you and we have to gratefully thank you as Yugoslavia is doing it most sincerely.

Statistics.—In Yugoslavia there are now nine Lodges and two Centres. One Centre ceased to work on account of the death of its Chief, but a new one was established to continue the work though in another town.

From last year's report the number of 140 members increased though 2 are dead, 5 left our country, 7 resigned and 18 were placed on the suspended list. On October 1st our Section numbers 143 active members, and to-day on December 5th, 1927, there are 156 in 30 different towns, all desiring Dr. Annie Besant to remain permanently our President.

The Annual Convention was the last of our 448 meetings (in the regular period of one year) where all gathered people again expressed the unanimity to renew the promise given to their great President as a gift for the next year too, *i.e.*, the keeping of genuine harmony in the Society as well as outside of it.

Activities.—The activity of the Section has been during the last year chiefly devoted to sectional editions. On Holy Saturday *Theosophy and the Theosophical Society, To Those Who Seek the Truth*, appeared as our first printed edition. For May 25th we issued Krishnaji's *At the Feet of the Master*. These two pamphlets were followed by our Sectional Quarterly. Owing to the idea of our wise President it just happened to meet the first number on the day of her election, July 6th. Expressing to the European Federation our hearty gratitude for kindly helping our publication item we shall endeavour to continue it.

The strengths brought by one of our members who was helped to attend the Congress of the Theosophical Order of Service have influenced our Chief Brother to be able to link successfully with it some of the kindred societies. They joined to make propaganda for the Great Silence Day. The school children and the army people celebrated it officially and the Women Movement *ex privata* but publicly dedicating a special meeting to the "Solemn two Minutes of Silence".

May this spark enlighten Yugoslavia to be led by you, our very Illustrious Brother and Most Beloved Mother, to the Vision of the World Wide "Holy Eucharist of Silence".

JELISAVA VAVRA,

General Secretary.

T. S. IN CEYLON

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Theosophical Society in Ceylon, which existed as a part of the Indian Section, became a separate National Section as on and from 1st October, 1926.

Membership.—There were 74 Founding Members on the Roll and eight Lodges. During the year 35 new members joined ; of these 5 are unattached members. Our total membership then stands at 109 as on the 30th September, 1927.

Lodges.—The Section started with 8 Lodges. In August last two new Lodges, the Saraswathi Lodge and the Besant Lodge, were formed. As against this three Lodges are inactive. The following are the Lodges of the Section, at present :

Service Lodge ; Lanka Lodge ; Maitreya Lodge (inactive) ; Asoka Lodge (inactive) ; Olcott Lodge ; Hope Lodge ; Saraswathi Lodge ; Viriya Lodge (inactive) ; Besant Lodge ; Youth Lodge.

Although three Lodges are inactive some of their individual members study Theosophy and endeavour to infuse the spirit of brotherhood and friendship into their surroundings and their life. Some of their members are doing work through other organisations, such as the Scout Movement and the Social Service League, and a Buddhist Sunday School.

The Youth Lodge holds out good hope of being a Centre round which our membership will grow best.

Activities.—A Dramatic Branch has been formed by the Members of the Youth Lodge. “The Krotona Ritual” and “The Post Office” were staged by the Youth Lodge in conjunction with members of other Lodges. Some of the other Lodges are engaged in the study of Theosophical books.

The Saraswathi Lodge has started Educational Classes in English and Short-hand for those who are not in a position to pay fees.

The Society inaugurated a series of Sunday-Afternoon Social Gatherings as from February, 1927, at the Theosophical Library, Borella. The main item of the Social Afternoon is a short address on any subject of human interest and welfare. The wide platform has appealed to many and the speakers have been both members as well as non-members. These meetings have been a great success and it may be said that through these gatherings there has been formed a strong Centre for the diffusion of the ideals of Theosophy. It has also helped to correct some misconceptions as to what the Society stands for.

The Social Committee organised six socials during the year on various occasions of importance. They were successful in infusing a better sense of comradeship among the members and their friends. Each such Social has attracted a larger attendance than the previous one. They are distinctly popular and deserve encouragement.

Quarterly Members' Meetings were held from April, 1927, to bring together the members of the various Lodges comprising the Section.

Many of our members take an active part in movements promoting Brotherhood and Social Reform.

Visitors.—The Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale and Mrs. Arundale, Mr. A. E. Ellis (one time a lecturer in the Brahmavidya Ashrama) and Mr. F. Gordon Pearce visited Colombo in the course of the year. All three of them gave Public Lectures, during the brief stay. Mr. Ellis' stay was longer than that of the others and so his visit was the most useful from the point of view of the Society. His public lectures on Phrenology, Character Building and allied subjects attracted much attention from the various Societies to whom his services were lent.

Headquarters.—Our greatest need to-day is a Headquarters wherein we can gather together the various activities which exist to-day at different places. As it is, our work is carried on in different places, and at private residences. A Headquarters of our own will lead to a better co-ordination of our work.

The Building Fund Committee, have so far, been able to collect Rs. 7,046.92 nett, including Bank Interest. Of this amount Rs. 1,101 was derived from a Benefit Night kindly given by Messrs. Madan Theatres Ltd. at their Elphinstone Picture Palace. The members were largely responsible for the sale of tickets for this benefit night and they thus helped materially towards increasing our Building Fund. It is felt

that a strong steady effort must be made in the ensuing year to increase the Fund. Rs. 5,000 of the collection have been placed in the Savings Deposit Account at the Eastern Bank at an interest of $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per annum.

The Sectional Journal.—*The Ceylon Theosophical News* has been continued throughout the year. It was issued monthly when we started it in July, 1925, but now it has had to be made into a quarterly magazine because the cost of its more frequent publication was disproportionate to the funds at our disposal.

Library and Book Depot.—The Library taken over by the Section on November 1, 1926, was begun with 96 volumes, 55 presented by the heirs of the late Mr. P. D. Khan and 41 on loan from Mrs. Mary Lane, F.T.S. The total number of volumes is now 348, acquired partly by purchase and partly by gifts of books and money from members and others. During the year 20 non-Fellows of the Theosophical Society have become Library Members of whom 4 have joined the Society.

The Book Depot shows a turn over of over Rs. 500. It has helped the Library by supplying books at cost and promises to become a source of revenue to the Section in the near future.

General.—Our first General Secretary Mr. H. Frei resigned the post as from 30th June, 1927, as he was leaving the Island. We take this opportunity of expressing the gratitude of the Section for the manifold services rendered by him during his 25 years' connection with the Theosophical movement in the Island, and especially for his generous financial support in its various activities.

We have to record with great regret the passing away of a great Theosophist, Mrs. Marie Musæus Higgins, in July, 1926. She laboured for 35 years in the cause of women's education in Ceylon and the Musæus College for Buddhist Girls is a living testimony of her devotion and zeal in the work of her Master.

In conclusion we tender our thanks to all those members who have rendered services to the Society in various forms and capacities. Had it not been for their co-operation in the humblest tasks, often uninteresting and irksome and involving sacrifice of time, money and personal comfort, it would not have been possible to carry on the work of the Section. It is earnestly hoped that the members will in the coming year dedicate themselves anew to help on the work of the Society, and more particularly of their respective Lodges. The duty of each member

to the Society cannot be put better than in the words of one of its distinguished Founders, Madame H. P. Blavatsky :

“No member should set too great value on his personal progress . . . but must be prepared rather to do as much altruistic work as lies in his power. He should not leave the whole of the heavy burden and responsibility of the Theosophical movement on the shoulders of the few devoted workers. Each member ought to feel it his duty to take what share he can in the common work and help by every means in his power.”

N. K. CHOKSY,
General Secretary.

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CHINA

I. HONGKONG LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Members.—During the year under review, we gained 11 new members, making the total 44. The continued unsettled conditions in China, with the resulting economic depression, which has compelled many to leave the colony, accounts for the reduction in our numbers, in addition to which, two members passed away and two resigned. Three members are unattached, having left the colony, though still paying annual dues.

Officers.—At the Annual Election Meeting in June, the following Officers were elected :

President : Bro. Malcolm Manuk. Vice-President : Bro. John Russell. Hon. Secretary : Mrs. Mabel May. Hon. Treasurer : Bro. Burjor M. Talati, B.A. Hon. Librarian, Book-steward and Propaganda Secretary : Bro. Herbert E. Lanepart.

Committee : Bro. David Gubbay, Bro. Wei Tat, B.A., Bro. Wong Man Keung, Bro. Maurice Minney, Bro. Lee Tinsik

Meetings.—Altogether 127 meetings were held, comprising Public Lectures, Members Meetings, Devotional Meetings, Star Meetings and Self-Preparation Group Meetings. From May to September no Public Lectures were given, but the Committee met every week and bathing picnics were arranged, which were well attended by members and friends. During that time, at the instigation of the Vice-President, a syllabus was drawn up for the remaining three months of the year, giving a list of forthcoming public lectures and much other information. Owing to the influence of the President, we now hold the public lectures in a very attractive room in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, though we are still greatly indebted to our devoted Parsee friends,

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ruttonjee for the use of the Lodge premises for all other purposes, with electric light, etc., entirely free of charge.

Lecturers.—Of the Public Lectures, only a few were given by the President, owing to his absence in Shanghai and Australia during the greater part of the year. The remainder were given by the Vice-President, the Propaganda Secretary, the President of the Chinese Lodge, one of the Lodge members and the following visitors :

Rev. Oscar Kollerstorm, Bro. N. S. Rama Rao (who gave six lectures), Dr. and Mrs. Handy (who gave two), Lieut. Myers and Miss Dorothy Arnold who gave one each.

Finances.—The main sources of our income are the usual monthly membership dues of \$1 and the collection from our Sunday lectures. The former, though not so regular as one would like it to be, is still quite satisfactory when the prevailing depression is taken into consideration, while the latter, which has only just been introduced, has proved quite successful, though the greater part of it is taken up by the incidental expenses of the public lectures.

Although we are not dependent on the generosity of a few members or supporters, still we cannot call the Lodge self-supporting because our Lodge and lecture rooms are not paid for.

Some of our Chinese members having been transferred to the newly established Chinese Lodge, their dues are collected by that Lodge. Still, we are greatly indebted to them for their ready response to the various subscription lists opened, and it was mainly through them that we were able to send £21 to Ommen on account of the Star Self-Denial Fund.

The untiring efforts of our Hon. Propaganda Secretary has also enabled us to subscribe another £21 to the "80 Years Young Fund" and Rs. 45 to "Adyar Day".

Publicity and Propaganda.—All our public lectures were summarised by the Propaganda Secretary and published in the four principal English newspapers, who were all liberal with their space. From 300 to 700 copies of their reprints weekly were distributed among the general public. Copies were sent to outports and all Far-Eastern Lodges.

In addition, a large number of propaganda leaflets and pamphlets were distributed among the Army and Navy (of which there has been a great influx owing to the trouble) and which may bear fruit on the return of the troops to their homes.

In answer to attacks on Bishop Leadbeater and Mrs. Besant in a local newspaper, the Propaganda Secretary replied by a number of letters in the "Correspondence" column, and effectively silenced our opponents. The whole controversy lasted about six weeks and thus gave the Society a large amount of publicity and the public a good deal of information.

Booksales and Library.—The Book sale department did very good work, the total orders for books (mostly from T.P.H., Adyar) amounting to £78. A stock of books for sale is kept at the Lodge, and a selection taken to the lecture room on Sundays. The Library, however, could have been used more extensively.

Adyar Bulletin.—The total number of *Adyar Bulletin* required for our Lodge next year is 27.

Address :

P. O. Box 632,

Hongkong.

MRS. MABEL MAY,

Hon. Secretary.

II. CHINESE LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Membership.—The Chinese Lodge was established on November 9th, 1926, with fourteen members, some of whom were old members of the Hongkong Lodge. By the end of May, 1927, when the year's work was closed for the summer holiday, the membership had increased to 36. Many friends had expressed their desire to join the Society though they had not yet formally signed their applications. About seven months before the official formation of the Chinese Lodge, a Chinese Section was formed, and weekly lectures were given to an average audience of about 30 people. During the half year a very successful attempt had already been made to present Theosophy to our Chinese brethren in the Chinese language. Most of the lectures were delivered by Bro. Wei Tat, B.A., President of the Lodge, and by Bro. Manuk, interpreted by Bro. Wei Tat. The lectures dealt in general with the Outline of Theosophy, Reincarnation, Karma, Life After Death, Thought Power, At the Feet of the Master, The Masters and the Path, Universal Brotherhood, etc. Lectures on the Order of the Star in the East, and

on the Coming of the World-Teacher were also given. A big and successful social function was held during that embryonic period of our Lodge, and the publication of the Presidential Address of Bro. Wei Tat in the local papers at last introduced our Lodge to the outer world.

On the 9th of November, 1926, on the occasion of the establishment of the Chinese Lodge, a very impressive ceremony was held in which the President of the Lodge received the Charter of the Society from Bro. Manuk, Presidential Agent for China. In his reply to Bro. Manuk's address, Bro. Wei Tat declared emphatically, "This is the beginning of a long and continuous life of active service and self-sacrifice, service devoted to our country China in particular and to the whole world at large. The aims before us will be the dissemination of Light and Truth throughout the length and breadth of China, the realization of that ideal of Brotherhood among her sons, and the recovery and revival of her marvellous philosophy in the light of Theosophy not only for the vitalization of the Taoist and Confucian religions but for the fertilization of the world field of thought . . ."

Lectures.—During the seven months of activity following the formation of the Lodge, 28 lectures were given, one of which was kindly delivered by Bro. Rama Rao, who passed Hongkong on his way to India. The inspiring lecture of Bro. Rama Rao instilled into the Chinese Lodge a new spirit for service and new strength for spiritual attainment. The remaining lectures were generally undertaken by Bros. Manuk, Wei Tat and other members of the Lodge.

Organization.—For the administration of the Lodge, the following officers were elected for the year by the members: *President*: Wei Tat. *Secretary*: Wong Man Keung. *Committee*: Bros. Lee Tinsik, Tsoi Wai Yat, Chu Mau Chi, Peter Kwok, Chunkin Liu, and Wan Ping Ching.

Finances.—The income of the Lodge depends on the monthly subscriptions of the members, and outside donations. The monthly subscription of each member is fifty cents; but they were not collected for the whole year, as no necessity for expenses was felt during the year. However, Bro. Wei Tat succeeded in obtaining for the Society outside donations amounting to \$370.00 of which \$50 had been transferred to the Ommen Fund in support of the Order of the Star.

Present Activities.—At present our Lodge has a large number of active and enthusiastic workers. A Chinese Library has been formed, and a “Lecture-practising Class” is being successfully carried on. A New-Thought Centre has also been formed by a few members for mental and spiritual development.

Future Prospects.—The future of the Chinese Lodge is a most promising one. It has been found that Chinese people of all classes and religions, Taoists, Confucianists, Buddhists, and Christians, respond to the Message of Theosophy very readily, and show a very urgent demand for our Theosophical literature. To-day the number of members is steadily increasing, and the attendance of our lectures is also becoming large. It is hoped that when adequate propaganda pamphlets have been prepared and distributed among the Chinese, we shall easily increase our membership to a hundred or more. A mighty effort will also be made to introduce the Order of the Star among the Chinese Brothers, and to spread the Messages of the World-Teacher in China.

Co-operation with the Hongkong Lodge.—Our Chinese Lodge has been co-operating with the Hongkong Lodge in giving weekly English lectures at the tea room of Messrs. Lane, Crawford & Co., Ltd. During this winter term the President of our Chinese Lodge has already given to large audiences a series of lectures on the religions of China, namely, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism.

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Hongkong.

WONG MAN KEUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

III. SHANGHAI LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

During the year 26 new members joined the Lodge, 2 resigned, and 4 left China, making the total membership 44.

A Lodge Room was taken at 12 Nanking Road, the Library was installed there, and classes and lectures were held. Monthly lectures were given from October, 1926, until the middle of January, 1927, and from then until the end of May fortnightly.

The financial year closed on June 30th, when the books showed a balance in hand of \$253.47.

The translation had been completed into Chinese of *First Steps in Theosophy*, and a thousand copies had been printed, which it was hoped would find a ready sale as the price was purposely kept very low.

Address :

49, AVENUE ROAD,

Shanghai.

P. AYRTON,

President.

ALL-INDIA FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The All-India Federation of Young Theosophists has completed the fourth year of its existence, the period under review being one of slow but steady progress. It also marks the second year of its closer relationship with the National Society while retaining its autonomy in the management of its own affairs. It continues to be affiliated to the World Federation of Young Theosophists.

Constitution.—The Constitution and Rules evolved gradually by the Young Theosophists themselves as a result of their previous year's experience and as finally passed at the Benares Young Theosophists' Convention held in December, 1926, were found to be simple and most conveniently workable while giving at the same time the greatest unfettered scope for free self-expression on the part of its constituent Lodges and Centres. Organised activity has been much in evidence especially in such provinces as Maharashtra, U.P., Gujarat and Kathiawar besides the Madras City and Suburban areas where Local Federations as provided for in Rule 30 of the Constitution, have been in process of formation.

Headquarters.—As before, the Central Headquarters of the Federation continued to be located at Adyar and its close proximity to the International Headquarters of the Parent Society has undoubtedly helped to draw the necessary vitality for an effective spread of it to the distant corners of our vast country. The Headquarters Office was being managed by the Joint General Secretaries assisted by a whole-timed worker.

Lodges.—At the end of our last official year we were reported to be having 104 Lodges and 7 Centres on our rolls although only 52 Lodges and 4 Centres (or about 50% of them) were mentioned as having maintained their relationship with the Headquarters by sending reports of their activities, etc., at regular intervals. During the year under review 11 Lodges have been chartered and 2 Centres have been formed. Out of the 11 Lodges chartered, 6 were already mentioned as having been formed during the last year although not chartered.

We have now 109 Lodges and 9 Centres on our rolls. 43 Lodges and Centres have been in constant touch with us, sending in their reports, etc. The comparatively small increase in the number of its Lodges and Centres is not only indicative of the general lull in the country so far as organised Theosophical activity is concerned but it also proves the necessity for a large number of enthusiastic and capable Youths forthcoming to serve as honorary Youth Lodge Organisers in their respective areas. However, looking at the work that these existing Lodges and Centres have been doing during the year there is nothing to despair; for much useful service has been rendered by some of the active ones to the people of the locality in several areas. For example the Action Youth Lodge of Surat, the Bilimora Lodge, and Ahmedabad Youth Lodge, to mention a few out of the many others, have done yeomen service to the sufferers of Gujarat on account of heavy and devastating floods. Bombay, Poona, Bhavnagar, Madanapalle and Benares, as usual, have been very lively centres of Theosophical and allied activities. Stray members here and there, have been doing propaganda work. First Aid work, drawing, painting and music classes, weekly study classes, manuscript magazines, camp-fires, excursions, relief work such as Hospital-visiting, Jail-visiting, etc., have been the most popular of the activities of our Youth Lodges amongst others. A few Lodges in North India have also very closely co-operated with movements such as the T.S. Order of Service, Order of the Round Table, Order of the Star, The Boy Scouts movement and so on, and have done much useful work.

Membership.—Last year, we had 1,767 members on our rolls of which 45 were full members of the Indian Section. The Federation issued 269 Diplomas during the year under review making the total strength 2,036. We lost one by death and one by definite resignation. We have also to add to that number 39 Fellows of the T.S. who joined the Federation as Associate members. We have, therefore, 2,034 Regular members of the Federation and 84 associate members. The whereabouts of a large majority of the old members are not traceable due to—as has already been observed by our predecessor—the centres themselves being inactive and in not a few cases almost completely dormant. With the organization of Local Federations and with much intensive activity on the part of our Lodges and workers here and there,

we hope that the coming year will witness much co-ordinated activity and the coming into active membership again of most of the old members.

Magazine.—*The Young Theosophist* continued to be the Official Organ of the Federation and it was being ably edited from Bombay by Bro. Sunder P. Kabadi. Our heartiest thanks go out to him for all the trouble that the editing and publishing of the journal have entailed him on account of the highly unsatisfactory state of its finances. We hope that the Young Theosophists will see to it during the coming year that the magazine is made really self-supporting. It rests entirely with the members to make it more interesting and financially stronger.

"80 Years Young Fund."—The greatest event in the life of the Federation during the year under review has undoubtedly been the work in connection with this "FUND". The response to our President's appeal made from on board s.s. *Ranpura* on August 4th, for a total collection of Rs. 1,000, has been indeed marvellous. The Headquarters got certain small button-hole Flags and Stamps both bearing the bust photographs of Dr. Annie Besant made for sale in aid of the "FUND". Lodges and members have shown real enthusiasm in collecting monetary contributions to the "FUND" as also in selling these Flags and Stamps. So far about Rs. 600 have been collected and before the end of December we hope that the expected one thousand will be realized. What is of greater importance is not the amount itself but the enthusiasm to demonstrate our Love, Reverence, and Gratitude to two of our Elder Brothers that the appeal of our beloved President has stimulated.

Conclusion.—A great work lies ahead of us. True, the year has witnessed the Ideal becoming the Real to those who have had the visions to see; but the glory lies in the conscious surrender of our all to Him who is the Lord and who in His infinite compassion has once again chosen to walk as Man among men and by so perfecting our organization as to be a most efficient channel for spreading His Gospel of Love and Happiness. Glorious is the opportunity of the Young—nay not of the body alone but of the spirit as well—to co-operate in His work. The Call is there; who will rally round it?

C. KUNHAN RAJA,

G. R. VENKATRAM,

General Secretaries.

SINGAPORE LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Greetings to you and to all our brothers and sisters gathered at the Annual Convention! On behalf of the Singapore Lodge, T.S. I submit to you my report for the year 1926-27.

Statistics :

Total active members on 30th September, 1926	...	12
New members	... ..	7
Transfers from other Sections	... ..	2
		—
		21

Less :

Deceased	... ..	1
Resigned	... ..	2
Placed on inactive list	... ..	2
		—
		5
		—
Actual total membership	... ..	16
		—

It is interesting to note that while we have a small membership several nationalities and almost all religions are represented in our midst.

A Historical Sketch.—It may not be out of place if I begin to give you an account of how the Singapore Lodge, Theosophical Society, was formed in the year 1911 and a Charter was obtained on 1st August of that year. But till April, 1925, very little work seems to have been done, it being left to Bro. M. Fones to keep even the name alive. During April, 1925, Professor Kulkarni of the Gwalior College, Central India, paid a visit to Singapore on his return home, after a world tour.

As a result the Lodge was again revived, and meetings began to be held regularly on Sunday mornings with a very small membership. In March, 1926, it was considered desirable to apply to the Registrar of Societies to exempt the Lodge from registration so that work may be pushed forward more vigorously and systematically. On 12th May, 1926, the advice of exemption was received. On 11th September, 1926, Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee of Hong Kong made a generous offer to the committee to place at their disposal a spacious room in his offices. The committee accepted the offer on the understanding that it is to serve as a Town Branch of the Lodge. Although the room was ready early in the beginning of this year yet we could not make use of it through the lack of funds until 3rd of March, 1927, when it was officially opened by our President Bro. M. Fones. The sincere thanks of the Lodge are due to Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee who not only gave the free use of the room but also presented 133 books to the library and donated a sum of \$200 for general work and furniture. Much appreciation must be accorded to his representative Mr. Phiroze Mistry who has assisted much and is ever ready to help the Lodge.

The Lodge used to be attached to no Sectional Society till towards the end of 1925 when it was thought advisable to seek connection with the Java Section in view of the nearness to their Headquarters and the possibility of being able to get into personal touch with some of their members who constantly pass through Singapore on their way to and from Java. The language, Dutch, however proved to be a stumbling block in the way, as our members could not make any use of their periodicals and bulletins. At the Annual General Meeting, it was resolved, therefore, that the Lodge sever its connection with the Java Section on account of the linguistic difficulties and re-transfer it to Adyar Headquarters. The Java Section was written to and the official consent was duly received from the General Secretary of the Dutch East Indies and confirmed by the Acting Recording Secretary at Adyar on 13th August, 1927. Once more it is attached to Headquarters and now for better progress and service !

Committee Meetings.—During the year the Committee consisted of Brothers M. Fones (President), J. R. Naidu (Vice-President), Ou Lock Heng (Secretary), P. Mistry (Treasurer and Librarian), C. R. Menon and J. M. Jansen.

Eleven of these meetings were held during the year for the transaction of various kinds of business.

Finance.

Credit Balance on 30-12-26	...	...	36·28
Cash receipts during 1st January to 30th September, 1927 :			
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	301·05
Entrance Fees and Headquarters Dues			57·00
Library donations	...	...	95·00
Books and Pictures Sales	...	...	61·52
			550·85
Cash payments during 1st January to 30th September, 1927 :			
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	327·04
Entrance Fees and Headquarters Dues to Adyar	...	...	63·24
Library Books	...	...	86·60
Books and Pictures Sales Account	...	...	61·58
			538·46
Cash Balance in hand	...	...	12·39
Books and Pictures in hand	...	...	6·76
			19·15

Meetings.—Study classes were held uninterruptedly every Sunday mornings. The book *Talks on "At the Feet of the Master"* was chosen for special study and practically the whole of it has been carefully read and discussed in conjunction with *Talks on the Path of Occultism* in the course of the year.

Since the opening of our Town Branch at 3 Finlayson Green we hold regular public meetings on Thursday evenings when lectures of following titles were delivered: "What is Theosophy," "The Law of Cause and Effect," "On Moods," "Theosophy," "On Values," "Brotherhood," "What is Theosophy," "Spirit Messages from Rudolf Valentino," "How I Became a Theosophist," "What I Find in Theosophy," "Sacred Fire," "Discrimination," "Reincarnation," "Life

after Death," "Talismans," "Unity in Diversity," "Theosophy and Theosophical Society," and some Thursdays were entirely devoted to Questions and Answers classes, for the members, visitors and enquirers. These attracted quite a number of interested people and it is a pleasure to watch the slow but gradual growth of the fundamental truths of Theosophy among them by their attitude of mind and intelligent discussions which we encourage at the close of every lecture.

The Order of the Star in the East, under a separate organisation having Bro. K. Subramanyam and Bro. T. Pakiry as the Representative and Secretary are doing some good work. There are ten Star members and two meetings were held on the 11th and 28th of every month.

Special meetings were held on the occasions of the White Lotus Day, Dr. Annie Besant's Birthday, The Wesak Day, The Fifty-first Anniversary of the T. S. and an invitation extended to Dr. R. Tagore on 24th July, 1927, during his visit to Singapore at the Town Branch where he was garlanded and a letter of welcome was read to him. He replied in suitable words and expressed his sympathy towards the Society and our work for Universal Brotherhood.

Propaganda.—Being a small body of students the Committee gave proper consideration as to the advantages and dangers of wielding this weapon. We should, therefore, exercise tact and careful measures regarding this particular kind of work so as to avoid an overwhelming tide of undue public criticism and ridicule. When our Lodge is sufficiently strong to withstand this we will then carry out vigorous items of the programme. We are satisfied for the present to enlist the help of the local newspapers to publish from time to time short announcements of lectures and the welcome to our Free Reading Room. Pamphlets and summary of lectures are distributed to enquirers. We are greatly indebted to the Hong Kong Lodge and Bro. H. E. Lanepart for sending us copies of these pamphlets and lectures. On the 12th September of the current year a free Short-hand Class was started under this work and a number of deserving students have availed themselves of this opportunity. Social function such as teas and picnics are organised to create an atmosphere of practical brotherhood among members and friends.

I regard the Library as a collection of silent and most patient of propagandists and yet the most effective part of our work. It is still

far from adequate and I hope that any of our brothers and sisters who have spare copies of any useful books for disposal will remember us.

Outlook.—It has been decided at a Committee Meeting to get up a Theosophical Quarterly Magazine in the course of the next year. Its name shall be *Rays of Truth*. It will contain 80 pages or so of reading matter devoting chiefly to Theosophical or Universal subjects. If funds are forthcoming and all are well we hope to bring out the first copy by January next when we shall like to hear from prospective subscribers and we now invite writers for their co-operation by voluntarily sending us from time to time any interesting article for publication. Please address all correspondence *re* this to the Editor, *Rays of Truth* 3 B, Finlayson Green, Singapore.

Most Beloved President and Members of the Council, I beseech you to remind lecturers who are on their way out East, whenever possible, to make a point to call at Singapore and give a series of lectures on some fundamental truths of the World Religion, for I believe and can assure you that their trouble will not be in vain, provided sufficient time can be given for public arrangements

Singapore has awakened to the importance of general education and every year hundreds of children are turned away simply because there is no accommodation in the local schools. The Governor in Council recently called attention to this great need. There is no reason why a school—like the Olcott or Besant School—cannot be run in Singapore even with profit as some of the private schools are doing here without any outside help. What an opportunity awaits those who are keen on educational work !

Closing this Report with my best fraternal greetings.

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NO. 3, FINLAYSON GREEN,
Singapore.

OU LOCK HENG,

Hon. Secretary.

T.S. FEDERATION IN EGYPT

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to send you with my devoted and respectful greetings the Annual Report of the activities of the Federation of the Lodges of the Theosophical Society in Egypt for 1926-27.

After the stormy difficulties of the past, the year under review has been quite calm and our members, although in small number, have been busy working assiduously in an atmosphere of harmony and brotherhood. It looks as if we were entering into a new period of quiet work which I hope will bring, in time, good results. For the moment, all our efforts consist in gathering the members who remained faithful to us, and organize them so as to have a strong although small centre to which may be attracted those who need or value our teachings.

I must state that in spite of our small membership, Theosophical teachings are more and more known and appreciated in certain spheres in this country.

In Cairo we have had regular Lodge and semi-public meetings in French.

The President of the English Lodge, Mr. Hamza Carr, has created a small study class which is assiduously followed by a few young Egyptians—future members in the making of our Society.

I feel I must congratulate specially here our brothers Mr. Tewfik Bey Diab and Mr. Abou Khater for the beautiful result of their devoted labour in achieving the translation into Arabic of the book *At the Feet of the Master* which has just been issued. We trust that when this book will be known by the public, its beneficial effect will be a great asset for our work in this country. This precious jewel of guidance to the spiritual life will help not only the Egyptian Musalmans, but also those of their faith who read Arabic and are scattered in Asia, Africa and elsewhere on the face of the earth.

I am very glad to say that in Alexandria, under the intelligent and active impulse of Mr. and Mrs. Suarès and of Mrs. Duckworth—to whom I extend a fervent welcome on behalf of all of us—the year has been very good ; the branch is prospering ; serious work is now being done in spite of last year's stormy conditions.

In Port-Said the Lodge's activity is rather slack ; but its devoted President and its Secretary are always there to receive and accompany all those of our Leaders who cross the Canal of Suez.

Nothing special to report about our isolated members in Suez and Khartoum.

We had this year the great pleasure of the visit of several foreign members. We have been honoured by the presence of Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale and Mrs. Arundale ; their stay of a few hours amongst us was precious. The activity, the Theosophical energy which characterise Bishop Arundale, will have an echo here and will help us in our task.

Mr. Max Wardall, also visited us and delivered a very interesting lecture.

Mr. A. Peña Gil of Mexico stayed with us a couple of weeks.

Our cordial thanks to these visitors for their help. Their presence made feel a little more to our members that fraternity is a tangible reality.

Address :

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Cairo.

J. H. PÉRÉZ,

Presidential Agent.

CENTRAL AMERICA AND COLOMBIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The chief event during the year 1927 has been for us the formation and organization of our Presidential Agency, created by Dr. Besant on March, 1927. Since Virya Lodge was founded on the 1st June, 1904, under the auspices of the Chilean Section, we have been steadily growing, till now we have 9 Lodges scattered in every country of Central America and in Colombia, with 5 Centres of study which we hope in a very near future will be ready to have their Charters.

An especial Provisional Council has been appointed to supervise the work of our jurisdiction, and we are very glad to give the names of its members :

José B. Acuña	...	...	<i>Presidential Agent</i>
Julio Acosta G.	...	...	<i>Vice-President</i>
José Coronado	...	...	<i>Secretary</i>
José Monturiol	...	...	<i>Treasurer</i>
Alejandro Aguilar M.	...	...	<i>Legal Adviser</i>
Tomás Soley Güell	...	...	<i>Councillor</i>
Mariano L. Coronado	...	...	"
Francisco Vidaorreta	...	...	"
Carlos Luis Sáenz	...	...	"

The Draft of our Regulations have been published and we have gathered the opinions of the various Lodges. Now a Commission is sitting to draw its final form.

The Presidential Agent sends a monthly letter to all Lodges as a sort of personal link with them, in which he freely discusses the general attitude of Theosophical students towards the big problems of life. This device seems to meet with a great deal of success.

Number of Lodges : 9

Place : 2 in Costa Rica ; 2 in Nicaragua ; 2 in Salvador ; 1 in Honduras ; 1 in Guatemala ; 1 in Colombia.

Study Groups : 5.

Place : 3 in Costa Rica ; 1 in Nicaragua ; 1 in Guatemala.

Total Membership : 288.

New Members since March, 1927 : 35.

Unattached Members : 3.

Especial Groups : 7.

Objects : 1 Meditation ; 1 Study Class ; 1 Organization of Centres ;

1 Propaganda ; 1 Lending Library ; 1 Translations ; 1 H. P. B.

Course. All these work in Costa Rica.

List of Publications :

Revista Virya (magazine), Official Organ, C. R.

Brahma Vidya " Guatemala.

Dharma " Salvador.

Pamphlets Distributed Free :

Que es la Teosofia ? Dr. Annie Besant

Vida de Pitagoras don Marinano L. Coronado

La Teosofia y la Educacion idem

La S.T. y el movimiento Teosofico don José B. Acuña

La Iglesia Catolica Liberal idem

Consideraciones generales sobre la S.T. don Julio Acosta

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Order of the Star.—National Organizer : don Tomás Povedano, San José, Costa Rica. Centres in Guatemala, Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Colombia. Membership : 420.

Round Table.—Knight Director : don Mariano L. Coronado, San José, Costa Rica. Membership : 24.

Co-Masonry.—Deputy of the Supreme Council for Central America : Sta. Esther de Mezerville, Nico, France. Lodge St. Germain No. 621 at Or. of Costa Rica ; new Lodge (not yet chartered) at Or. of Nicaragua.

Liberal Catholic Church.—Church of San José, Priest-in-charge : Rev. José B. Acuña, Costa Rica. Membership : 75.

Karma and Reincarnation.—Costa Rica 1 Centre under Dr. Francisco Miranda ; Nicaragua 1 Centre under don Isidro de J. Olivares.

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THE T.S. OUTPOSTS
IN THE WILDERNESS

NAIROBI LODGE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Statistics.—There has been no new member during the period under report, whereas, we have lost 3, Bro. A. C. H. Cross has resigned and Bros. D. C. Mutreja and Sat Bachan Singh have been put on the dormant list and the Lodge dues as well as Headquarter dues against them have been written off, thus leaving the nett membership on the roll of 20 against 23 of last year.

Library.—As Bro. Ram Labhaya, Hon. Librarian, has had no time of late, his report has also been included in the present one.

The total of books and pamphlets of all languages on 30th September last was 469 as detailed below against 439 as on 31-8-1926.

English books	...	...	283	against	253
Urdu	„	...	49	„	49
Hindi	„	...	13	„	13
Gujerati	„	...	15	„	15
English pamphlets	...	...	109	„	109

The increase of 30 books, all English, is due to the following :

Purchased by Lodge	...	3
Presented by Bro. Ram Labhaya	...	6
„ „ Lal Chand Kapoor	...	1
„ „ Popatlal G. Mehta	...	6
„ „ Kahanchand Kapoor	...	8
„ „ „ „	...	5
others and	...	5
„ „ J. B. Dixit	...	1

30

Total number of books, etc., issued to members and sympathisers during the period under review is 56 against 66 of last year, which is very discouraging considering the number of new books we have got during this period.

Periodicals.—We have continued subscribing to *The Theosophist* besides which, *Herald of the Star* which had been subscribed for the Lodge by Bros. C. J. Patel and Kahan Chand Kapoor for one year, has been subscribed by the Lodge for the current year.

We have been receiving *Theosophy in India* gratis from the Indian Section, T.S., for many years past.

Propaganda.—Nothing special has been done in this direction except that we had purchased 25 copies of the *Information for Enquirers* some of which have already been distributed.

We have moreover sent 10s. paid by brother C. M. Patel to S.A. Section for 1,000 leaflets for propaganda purposes. These have not yet been received.

Executive Meetings.—We have had three Executive Meetings during the period to conduct Lodge Meetings.

Lodge Regular Meetings.—Usual fortnightly classes as you all know, have been held on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. The classes, as before, had been conducted by Mrs. Best, but on the completion of the book *Life After Death* it being proposed that other members should also come forward and take some active part, “Evolution and Destiny of Man” was started. Some of the members having volunteered, they were allotted different chapters of the book and had to come with their portion thoroughly mastered and express the same in their own words in about half an hour, after the class had been opened by our Rev. Bro. A. P. Best by reading a few lines from *At the Feet of the Master*, and after the same had been meditated upon by the members present and afterwards explained by Bro. Best.

The meeting is being thrown open in the end for general discussion on the subject under study. It should, however, be recorded that it was always our President, Bro. A. P. Best, who would elucidate all our difficulties. Attendance at the meetings had not been discouraging considering the number of members in Nairobi.

Finance.—There are at date (30-9-1927) 20 members on roll. Present monthly subscription, as detailed below, amounts to 36s. only :

3 members at	...	3s.	per mensem	=	9s.	
11	„	...	2s.	„	=	22s.
5	„	...	1s.	„	...	5s. who are in India or otherwise
1 not settled yet						
						Total ... 36s.

General.—White Lotus Day was observed as usual. As was announced in our last report, Bro. Kahan Chand Kapoor had been to India last year and attended the Benares Convention.

A letter was received from the National Society, T. S. in S. A., for affiliation of our Lodge and it was passed unanimously in our Executive Meeting held on 19th July last that “As we have repeatedly tried our best and have not been successful in receiving any material help from the Headquarters, and owing to our Lodge being geographically in one part of Africa, we will be on a better footing if this Lodge is affiliated with the National Society in South Africa and thereby it is likely that more inspiration will be received by way of propaganda and lectures”. A Circular Notice was issued to all the members and all of them being in favour of the affiliation, T. S. in S. A. was advised accordingly.

Strange to say, when our Bro. Kahan Chand Kapoor had been to Benares Convention, last year, he had explained our difficulties to Bro. J. R. Aria, Recording Secretary, he too, had suggested the same thing.

The present book under study having been almost finished, it is our earnest desire that the same scheme be followed as to our further studies and more members should come forward and volunteer themselves for active part in the fortnightly meetings.

As Mr. and Mrs. Best are leaving for South Africa on long leave during July next, no doubt we will miss them much but we earnestly hope that members will make it a point to take more interest in Lodge Affairs even from to-day so that, while away from East Africa, they should rest assured that our young Lodge who own so much of its

existence to their selfless interest will not dwindle down and finally closed for ever during their absence.

Wishing every success to the cause of Theosophy in this part of the world.

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KAHAN CHAND KAPOOR,

C. J. PATEL,

Joint Secretaries.

BARBADOS LODGE, T. S.

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Annual General Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Lodge Rooms, Pinfold Street, Bridgetown, on the 28th July, 1927.

Since the last Annual Meeting, namely, on the 31st May last, a great loss has been sustained by the Lodge through the death of our esteemed President, Mr. Edward Drayton. A special resolution referring thereto was passed, a copy of which accompanies this report to Headquarters.

At the last Annual Meeting the monthly subscription was advanced from 50 cents to 60 cents and this has helped, together with the fact that the members have been paying up fairly regularly, to keep us clear of debt.

We lost 4 members during the year, Mr. Drayton and his wife, by death, and their daughter, Miss Esther Drayton by her going to reside in England, and another member J. I. Downie, who has also left the Island, but there have been obtained 3 new members, so that our number is now 19 local members and 2 non-resident members who live at Grenada. An application for membership by Mr. Fitz Patrick was sent on to Headquarters by Mr. Drayton previously to his death, but this diploma has not yet been received.

During the past year owing to illness our late President was unable to deliver more than two lectures, but our Vice-President, Mr. G. C. Williams, filled the gap on three occasions, and his lectures were well attended and much appreciated. As Mr. Williams has been appointed President for this year we are hopeful of keeping up the regular monthly lecture, and our new Vice-President, Mr. P. P. Spencer, has promised to try and help, if necessary, but he is endeavouring at present to get the members of the Order of the Star into some sort of working order.

A Study Class and Question and Answer Circle has been operating successfully through the year.

Our Secretary is on a visit to Canada and Mr. Spencer, the Vice-President, has undertaken in her absence to attend to the forwarding of this report, which it is hoped will reach Headquarters in due time.

The Library has received a gift of 55 Theosophical Books from our late President's collection, kindly presented to the Lodge by his son, Mr. Vivian F. Drayton, of St. Lucia.

The Officers of the Lodge for the current year are as follows :

Mr. G. Clyde Williams (President of the Assistant Court of Appeal), President ; Mr. P. P. Spencer, Vice-President ; Miss Winifred Williams, Secretary ; Mr. Chas. L. Ross, Treasurer ; Mr. A. P. Spencer, Librarian ; Mr. H. A. L. Johnson, Member of Committee also composed of above members.

Address :

WINIFRED WILLIAMS,

SUNNYMEADE,

Hon. Secretary.

Pinfold Street,

Bridgetown, Barbados, W.I.

CANADIAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Canadian Theosophical Federation, in spite of the loss of two Lodges, one by dissolution and one by transfer, is able to report a net increase of membership and the chartering of one new Lodge. Fifty-one new members were added to the rolls during the year, and at the present time a majority of the Theosophists living in the central and western parts of Canada belong to the Federation.

A number of pseudo-Theosophical and semi-occult organizations have become active in Canada during the past year, but have failed to draw on our membership, showing that as a whole our members are really in earnest in the effort to make Theosophy a living power in their lives and few are attracted by the offerings of spectacular short-cuts to perfection.

Among the Lodges, Harmony Lodge of London, Ont., deserves special mention for having attained a 100 per cent increase of membership during the year. Its twenty-one members now place it as the second largest Lodge of the Federation, but a new lease of life in Wayfarer's Lodge of Winnipeg under the recently assumed leadership of Mrs. Ethel Layton bids fair to make the race a close one during the next twelve months. Hermes Lodge of Vancouver, with over one hundred members, is the largest Lodge in the Society west of Toronto, and is carrying on a large and varied programme of Theosophical work. Krishna Lodge of Calgary, reports activity in many channels, such as The Star, L.C.C., Co-Masonry, The Humane Society, Child Welfare, World Peace, Antivivisection, etc., indicating an attitude of intense appreciation of the needs of humanity. The members of Sirius Lodge, inspired and lead by Jack Logie, have successfully conducted a Summer School dealing with Theosophy and Allied Subjects, at Summerland for two

weeks during August. This is to be a permanent organization and is attracting considerable attention from non-Theosophists.

The Northwest Federation of Theosophical Lodges, which includes British Columbia, has this year begun the foundation of a permanent Theosophical Camp at "Indralaya" on Orcas Island, Washington. Twenty-six acres of land has been purchased. Plans for several weeks of community life and instruction in Theosophy each year, have been approved by practically all the Lodges in the Northwest. It is expected that members who attend the Camp at Ojai, California, will be able to bring their messages and inspiration to those who find themselves unable to make the longer trip and thus Indralaya will serve as a secondary distributing centre.

The Federation has been unusually fortunate this past year in having visits from Mr. L. W. Rogers, Mr. Edw. Gardner and Bishop Arundale, General Secretaries in their respective countries, who gave inspiring and instructive series of lectures. Rukmini Arundale, Fritz Kunz, Dora Van Gelder Kunz, Mrs. Charles Hampton and Dr. Nina Pickett also gave lectures in Vancouver under the auspices of the Federation. To all of these we wish to express our sincere appreciation and our earnest desire that their visits be repeated many times in the future.

The Canadian Theosophical Book Centre, with Mr. Charles Potter as Manager, was organized during the year and it is hoped that this will serve as a means of gradually building up a thoroughly efficient book business, a distributing centre for Theosophical books in Canada. The Headquarters of the Book Centre are in Vancouver, B.C.

An effort is being made to perfect plans whereby the Federation may publish a small magazine. Our efforts will be very humble and the magazine very unpretentious, but, it seems high time that the Theosophical world be made aware of the fact that a large and active section of the Theosophical membership in Canada is not in sympathy with intolerant and unbrotherly attacks on anyone, by the Theosophists or otherwise, and is most emphatically engaged in sympathetic support of the leadership of our Reverend President and her programme.

May the time be not far distant when Canada may once more welcome our Beloved Leader, and may she be among us many, many years. The Federation looks forward to, and eagerly anticipates the time when

in the person of Jiddu Krishnamurti, the Great Teacher, may pour His Message directly into the Theosophical centres in Canada. May such an event be indeed close at hand. In the meantime we pray that our ears and our hearts be alert and sensitive to the needs of mankind, that through us more help may be released to alleviate its ills.

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WILLIAM E. DUCKERING,
Federation Secretary.

THEOSOPHICAL ACTIVITIES IN GREECE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Greece, which was mentioned at the beginning of the history of the Theosophical Society, has resumed its activity in June, 1923, when a Lodge Plato was formed with the help of the T. S. in France.

The young and enthusiastic founders of that Lodge had to overcome many difficulties. No meeting-place, no members, no Library for the study and teaching of Theosophy. Six months were needed for organisation and the getting of new members.

Some members of the former 'sleeping' Lodges Apollo and Hermes, joined the founders of Lodge Plato and helped with great zeal.

Books were bought. Members began to study so as to be able to help others. Meetings took place regularly twice a month from February, 1924, in the Hall of the Society for Archeology at Athens.

The meetings were advertised in the papers and this publicity resulted in interesting some inhabitants of the island Cyprus. They made enquiries at Athens and formed a Lodge Zenon : meetings however only took place during one year and the Lodge is a sleeping one now.

At the end of 1924 two new Lodges were formed : Athena at Athens and Pythagoras in the Pyreus. They have remained active. The fourth Lodge Blavatsky-Olcott was formed in the Jubilee Year, 1925.

At the end of November, 1925, Mr. A. F. Knudsen, who was passing through Athens added to the interest of our meetings. Weekly meetings now take place.

The period 1926-27 has been full of activity. The Lodges did good work and we are happy to say that the Library now contains three hundred volumes.

We succeeded in getting a new locality, containing three rooms and a hall, so that we now have an office, a library and lecture room besides the hall.

A new Lodge Orpheus must be added to the list.

We look forward with confidence to the near future and we hope to see the birth of another Lodge.

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THE ADYAR LIBRARY

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To the President, Theosophical Society.

I beg to submit the Report of the Adyar Library for the year 1927.

When the year began, Prof. P. K. Telang, M.A., LL.B., was officiating as Director, and I was pro. tem. Assistant Director. Owing to ill-health, Prof. Telang left Adyar and took up residence at Benares. Then he found it inconvenient to discharge his duties efficiently from that distance, and the Executive Committee appointed me as pro. tem. Director. I took charge of my new position on the 1st of March, 1927. Prof. Telang's scholarship, ability and experience contributed to maintaining the dignity of the Director's position, so well safeguarded under all the previous Directors, although Prof. Telang could not find time to personally supervise the affairs of the Library except through occasional visits. I now offer my services to the Library with the hope that I will be able to follow the path marked out by my predecessors, steadily and loyally.

In August, 1927, the University of Madras offered me the chair of Sanskrit in the University. Last year I was invited by the University to deliver a course of lectures, and this year they offered me a permanent post in the University. I accepted that offer and I joined duty on the 22nd of August. From that day I began to serve the Adyar Library as Honorary Director. Owing to the heavy work which my new appointment demanded of me in the University, I found it better to have a scholar to assist me in the Library, so that the efficiency of the Library may not be impaired through my inability to devote a sufficiently long time in the Library, as I had been doing before.

Even before I was offered the Professorship in the University of Madras, the Executive Committee had sanctioned the appointment of an Assistant in the Library. So I recommended the name of Mr. T. R. Chintamani for the post of an assistant in the Library, in the Eastern

Section. He holds the Degree of B.A. Hons. of the Madras University, in Sanskrit, and after his graduation, he was a Research Student in the University for three years. He has studied Sanskrit at home, apart from his University Course, and he knows how to recite the Vedas according to the orthodox method. The results of his researches in the University for the last three years, I have satisfied myself, is a valuable contribution to modern Sanskritic Studies. He has studied German under me, and in various ways he has been associated with me in my scholarly activities after I came to Adyar. The Executive Committee sanctioned my recommendation, and he began to work in the Library from the 1st of September. His work has been very satisfactory. He is assisting me in the publication of the catalogue of the manuscripts.

Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier, the Assistant Librarian, was doing all the office work of the Library under Prof. Telang. Now he continues to do the same work under my personal supervision. He is also engaged in arranging the books in the various rooms. He has been uniformly hard-working and devoted to his duty in the Library. He has finished the arrangement of the books in the Reading Room Section (the Western Section). The books are re-arranged and numbered, and the whole work is very artistically executed under the guidance of Dr. J. H. Cousins. Now Mr. Ramasubbier is engaged in arranging the books in the main room of the Eastern Section. He follows the same plan as in the Western Section as suggested by Dr. Cousins. The work is proceeding steadily and rapidly, and all the books will soon be arranged in a very orderly way.

The arrangement of the books in the Eastern Section is a difficult problem in comparison to that in the Western Section. Proper accommodation for the books is a matter which is causing some anxiety to me. The books are distributed in four different places. This makes it much more difficult to give proper attention to the keeping of books in safe and good condition. If books could be kept in a more compact way, the attenders can dust the shelves, and the books kept in proper condition and safety, much more easily than now. This matter is receiving my attention, and with proper guidance from the Vice-President, I hope to be able to make some arrangement soon.

When the last Report was submitted, the first part of the catalogue of the manuscripts in the Library was ready for the public. The

printing of the second part was immediately taken up, and it is nearing completion. It will be ready in a couple of months. Pandits T. V. Venkatarama Sastri and T. R. Seshadri Sarma have been unsparing in their work to revise the press copy of the catalogue. Pandit N. Ramanatha Sastri was not keeping good health in the beginning of the year, and I assigned to him various pieces of miscellaneous work. Now he is in good health again, and he is engaged with Pandit T. V. Venkatarama Sastri in revising the final portion of the catalogue that is now in the press. Pandit T. R. Seshadri Sarma is now engaged in registering Sanskrit books and manuscripts, and writing out the press copy of the work that is next to be taken up for publication. In handling the manuscripts that are on a variety of subjects, and in revising the press copy of the catalogue, the Pandits have shown a great width of learning and a method in execution. A little more personal attention from me would have avoided a few small lapses that have crept into the catalogue. But as I was subject to very frequent attacks of malarial fever till July, I could not go through the press copy and the proof sheets with the same care and attention that is needed. But all such defects will be remedied in the form of a small appendix.

The Adyar Library has published four volumes of the Minor Upaniṣhads, along with the commentary of Upaniṣadbrahmayogin. There still remain the Saṁnyāsopaniṣhad to be published with the commentary, though Dr. F. O. Schrader has already published the text. I wish to take up the publication of this part of the Upaniṣhads soon after the catalogue will be ready. We have in the Library still manuscripts of over 75 Upaniṣhads, not yet published and little known to the world. The publication of these Upaniṣhads also in some definite order may be taken up in due course.

The year's Collection of manuscripts comprises of those copied from private owners and from the Madras Government Oriental Manuscripts Library. Our thanks are due to the Curator of this Library for the facilities he has afforded in getting the manuscripts copied.

It is now some years since any organised attempt was made by the Library to search for new manuscripts. The Library was in recent years buying, or getting transcripts of, manuscripts that came in our way. I wish to suggest that it would be very useful to send out a

search party in South India for a systematic collection of manuscripts. The party that was sent by the Government Manuscripts Library has prepared the way. I think that this year a party may be sent out by this Library.

I subjoin a report by Mr. Ramasubbier, the Assistant Librarian, which gives details regarding the addition to the Library and the use which the public have made of the Library. I must also report to the President that all the members of the Library staff have done very satisfactory work during the year.

Our thanks are due to the curators of the Central Library, Baroda, Sanskrit Publication Department, Trivandrum, Government Oriental Library, Mysore and Madura Tamil Sangham who have exchanged their publications with ours, and to a few gentlemen who have presented books to the Library.

Prof. Rudolf Otto of the Marburg University, Germany, came to Adyar and stayed here as a guest of the Library for four days. The other scholars also who visited the Library have spoken highly of the collection here and of the way in which the manuscripts are kept. The Library has a good reputation throughout the world. To maintain this reputation, I think that a sort of socialisation is necessary. Our resources are limited and we cannot make the collection up-to-date in all the subjects. So it will be better to concentrate our attention on books relating to ancient civilizations.

C. KUNHAN RAJA,

Hon. Director.

Additions to the Library.—92 books and 9 pamphlets in printed volumes and 22 transcribed works in the form of MSS. volumes were added to the Eastern Section. The addition to the Western Section comprises of 466 books and 136 pamphlets in printed volumes, totalling in all, 558 books and 145 pamphlets.

The following are the names of Works transcribed for the Library :

(1) Tantrasikhāmaṇi, X Chap., (2) Sangitaratnākara, (3) Padma-charitam*, (4) Kaveripattanavaisya Mahatmyam,* (5) Mukunda Vilāsa,†

(6) Lalitārchanaṣṭakam †, (7) Rasikarasāyanam, (8) Sakalāgamasārasaṅgrahah, (9) Vaikhāṇasaśāstra Bhāṣyam, (10) Jinasēnāchāryamahāpurāṇam, (11) Saṅgītasāṅgrahachintāmaṇi †, (12) Tāpasavatsarāja, (13) Amaravyākhyānam †, (14) Siddhāntaprakāśikā, (15) Vākya-padīyatīkā, (16) Vyākaraṇasūtras, (17) Śṛṅgāraprakāśah *, (18) Ajitāgama *, (19) Dikṣhādarsam *, (20) Vijayīndraparājayah *, (21) Munisuvrata-kāvya *, (22) Makutāgamah.*

Of these the star-marked ones are complete works. The dagger marked were restorations from the original palmleaf MSS. of the Adyar Library, as they would otherwise be crumbled to pieces owing to their worn out condition. No. 12 Tāpasavatsarāja is a Photograph ordered from Kasse der Preussischen Staatsbibliothek, Berlin.

Two copies of Mahābhārata MSS. (Vana parva) and one MS. giving the description of Adhyayas in the same have been lent to the Bhāndārkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona, to collate with, for its critical edition of Mahābhārata and 2 volumes of Jayākhyā Samhitā to the Editor of the Gaekwad's Oriental Series, Baroda Central Library Department for publication.

Donations.—*Eastern Section* : Books were donated by Government Press, Allahabad, Mr. M. Krishnan, The Central Library, Baroda, Mr. Atal B. Ghosh Āgamānusandhānasamiti, Dr. J. H. Cousins, Tanjore Serfoji Maharaj Saravati Mahal, Mr. B. D. Seshācharlu, Mr. T. R. Seshadri Sarma, Ettaiyapuram Samastanam, Superintendent, Government Press, Madras, Mr. J. R. Aria, Director, Adyar Library, Vasanta Institute, Mr. Timmaraju Subba Rao, Superintendent, Government Press, Nagpur, Dr. Annie Besant, Secretary, Bhārata Samaj, Mr. T. V. Venkatarāma Sastri, Mr. P. Sankara Sarma, Mr. B. S. Rāmasubbier, Mr. P. Adinārāyaṇa Sastri, Mr. Kadalangudi Natesa Sastri, Mr. C. Ramiah and Mr. V. S. Ratnasabhāpati.

Western Section : Theosophical Publishing House, Dr. James H. Cousins, Mr. M. Krishnan, Mr. C. Jinarājadasa, Mr. Ellis, Mr. A. de Peña Gil, Dr. Annie Besant, Mr. A. Schwarz, Australian Section, T.S., Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Mr. Pavri, Ahmadiya Anjuman-i-Ishaat Islam, Miss Jelisava Vavra, Yugoslavia, University of Illinois, U. S. A., Dr. P. K. Roest, Mr. J. R. Aria, Mr. S. K. Partharathi, Christian Publishing Company, Mr. D. H. van Labberton,

Mr. A. F. Knudsen, Mr. C. V. Shah, Mr. K. Natarajan, Dr. I. J. S. Tarporevala, Mr. R. Natesan, Mr. J. L. Arathoon, Professor Otto, Editioni Adyar, Square Rapp, Paris, Government Press, Washington, Missouri University, Mr. Hegler, Government of India Central Publication Branch, Government Press, Trivandram, Oberlian College, Miss A. J. Willson, Visvabhārati, Indian Star Headquarters, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Mr. K. V. Natesier, Mr. P. Sambamurti, Mr. Aiyaswami Sastri, Mr. H. Pender, Mr. D. H. Steward, Mr. S. Srinivasier, Association of Hebrew Theosophists, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, and Theosophical Society in England. The rest of the acquisitions were bought.

Binding.—375 books were bound during the year under report.

Use of the Library.—2,353 volumes were consulted in the Library by Visitors and Residents of Adyar as against 1,177 last year. The duplicate Theosophical books and books on Fiction used to be freely lent to the resident members of Adyar and to the Staff of the National Theosophical School and College, Adyar. The Staff and Students of the Brahmavidyāshrama on recommendation by Dr. Cousins and other Oriental Scholars on the recommendation of Dr. Kunhan Raja borrow books from the Library. The number of volumes thus lent out this year is 1921 and almost all of them have been returned and the remaining few are being returned in their due time.

Exchange.—The usual exchange relationship in the matter of sending Annual Reports to the various Libraries of the world has been kept up. The Library has also sent its last publication to those Institutions that have been sending theirs in exchange to the Adyar Library.

The Financial Statement of Receipts and Expenses for the year 1927 is appended herewith.

B. S. RAMASUBBIE,

Asst. Librarian.

BOOKS PUBLISHED DURING 1927

[Only a few Sections have sent in lists. The complete record is much larger than that which appears here.—P.T.S.]

FRANCE

Translations, in French, of the following books have been published by *La Famille Theosophique* during the year 1926—1927.

<i>Secret Doctrine</i> (Third Edition)	
<i>Letters of the Masters of the Wisdom</i> (Second Edition)	C. J.
<i>At the Feet of the Master</i> (Sixth Edition)	J. K.
<i>Self-Preparation</i>	"
<i>The Path</i>	"
<i>Fragments of Occult Truth</i>	Hume and Sinnett
<i>The Masters and the Path</i> (Second Edition)	C. W. L.
<i>The Inner Life</i> (Third Edition)	"
<i>Text Book of Theosophy</i>	"
<i>The Fire of Creation</i>	J. J. van der Leeuw
<i>Gods in Exile</i>	"
<i>Varieties of Psychism</i>	J. I. Wedgwood
<i>The Science of Sacraments</i>	C. W. L.
<i>The Chakras</i>	"
<i>The Seven Rays</i>	E. Wood
<i>The Etheric Double</i>	Powel
<i>Nirvana</i>	G. S. Arundale
<i>The Kingdom of Happiness</i>	J. K.
<i>Who Brings the Truth</i>	"
<i>Talks on the Path of Occultism</i>	

and in addition a number of original books on Theosophy and kindred subjects, by French writers.

FINLAND

Translation of <i>The Masters and the Path</i>	Bishop C. W. Leadbeater.
„ <i>Man Visible and Invisible</i>	„ „
„ <i>In His Name</i>	C. Jinarājadāsa
A song book for Choir-singing	A. Rankka

PAMPHLETS :

World University, The New Era, Do You Want to Know the Object of Your Life.

 RUSSIA

Vestnik (Messenger) appearing monthly and twice during summer.

1. *Brotherhood of Religions* (Manual of Religion and Ethics) Dr. Annie Besant
2. *What is True Occultism* (brochure) Dr. A. Kamensky
3. *Esotericism in Religion* „ „

 EGYPT

List of books published during the year in review :

Translation in Arabic of *At the Feet of the Master*.

 MINERVA

<i>De Mystiek in den Islam</i>	J. Kruisheer
<i>Het Pad van den Magier</i>	„
<i>Dwalingen</i>	Mabel Collins
Commentaren op <i>Aan des Meesters Voeten</i>	
(First part of <i>The Path of Occultism</i>)	A. B. and C. W. L
<i>Oude Theosofische Geschriften. (Five years of Theosophy)</i>	„ „ „
<i>Algemeene Gemeenschappelyke Vrymetselary</i>	„ „ „

SUBSIDIARY ACTIVITIES

THE BRAHMAVIDYA ASHRAMA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The sixth lecture-session of the Brahmailidya Ashra on October 3. The work of the session is notable in including a course of synthetic studies of the Will by various members of the Ashrama. The course arose out of a suggestion from the Chohan K. H. to Mr. A. O. Hume in 1882 that a comparison of the teaching of Schopenhauer and the Arhats on the Will would be valuable. The syllabus not only carries out this suggestion, but groups around it the Will-philosophy of the world. Good fortune brought a German student, Fraulein S. Leidtke, this session who has presented Schopenhauer's philosophy direct from the original. The sojourn of Dr. and Mrs. Handy (of the Bishop Museum, Honolulu) at Adyar has enriched the work and records of the Ashrama with exceedingly valuable contributions. Dr. Handy has given a course of lectures on "Culture : Its Life and Forms," which amounts to an adjustment of ethnology (his special professional subject) to Theosophical fundamentals. He has also conducted a group-study of "Theosophy and Science". Mrs. Handy has given a lecture-course on "The Drama of the Future," and classes in dramatic expression. Miss Barrie has begun a course in "Evolutionary Psychology" and Professor B. Rajagopalan in "The Growth of History". Courses begun in previous sessions are being amplified by other lecturers.

Dr. Besant visited the Ashrama early in the session and emphasised the desirability of each National Section of the Theosophical Society sending a student to the Ashrama. Meanwhile, though numbers are small at Adyar, the work is expanding from the centre to other parts of the world. Mr. A. de la Pena Gil, after three sessions at Adyar, has founded branches of the Ashrama at Madrid and Barcelona on his way home to Mexico. Similar groups are forming in Finland, Austria and Holland.

JAMES H. COUSINS,

Principal.

THEOSOPHICAL WORLD UNIVERSITY

To the President, Theosophical Society.

I have pleasure in submitting to you a report on the activities of the London Centre of the Theosophical World University at the end of its first scholastic year (two terms only).

The policy that has guided us in our work has been to guard against crystallisation into any form of institution. No definite academic organisation has been attempted ; no name given to our Centre except that of " affiliated Centre " ; no title assumed by the director in charge ; no regular staff appointed in the teaching or lecturing department.

We have felt that our work lay especially in three directions :

1. To diffuse a true idea of what, as far as can be known at present, the T. W. U. will represent in the economy of the new civilisation.

2. To give a scientific presentation of Theosophical knowledge, thus tending to hasten the completion of fifth race science, and prepare scientific minds for the science of the new age.

3. To gather together intuitive students and give them special help.

I

The chief means devised for spreading the principles and aims of the Theosophical World University has been the Theosophical World University Association. Founded as a revival of the Theosophical Fellowship of Education by Mr. Baillie-Weaver in 1923, it has taken new life with the opening of the London Centre and has spread rapidly not only in Great Britain but also in Europe and the United States. Entirely independent of the T.W.U., so as to leave full freedom to the latter, it fills the same rôle as the various Associations for the advancement of science in relation to the ordinary Universities. A body intermediate between the public and the T. W. U. for the diffusion

of its culture, it has already served its purpose by helping to organise lectures given during a tour of the Provinces in Scotland in March and in Switzerland in April, interesting University Professors and students, inviting teachers and educationists, diffusing literature, etc.

The Association has spread rapidly abroad, so that Sectional organisation has been possible in eighteen countries. In America it numbers nearly one thousand members ; in France five hundred ; in Great Britain over six hundred. Teachers, not all of whom are Theosophists, join it because of the educational ideals it stands for, and educational authorities evince signs of interest.

Within the Theosophical Society lectures on the T. W. U. are continually being asked for by Lodges, and National Lecturers are including them in their syllabuses.

Apart from the regular courses at Brompton Road (which are dealt with in the next Section) lectures have been given by myself on subjects connected with the T. W. U. on thirty-seven occasions. Almost all these lectures were public, the remainder to Lodges or private circles (E. S. for example).

The tour in England and Scotland (March, 1927) included lectures in Liverpool, Colwyn Bay, Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Bradford, Leeds, two or three meetings being held in each of these towns. The most interesting feature of the tour was the opportunity afforded me, at Bradford, to give evidence before the Educational Commission of the Independent Labour Party, as a result of which the members of the Commission expressed their intention of basing their report on the Theosophical doctrine of education which I had expounded.

In Liverpool a course of six lectures was arranged, and delivered by me in one of the University Colleges, on "The Psychology of Man's Evolution". This has led to an invitation from the Institute for Philosophical Studies in the University to lecture before its members next winter.

In Glasgow and Leeds the lectures I gave on "The University of the New Age" were presided over by University Professors (in Glasgow the Professor of Education) and delivered in University Halls.

I also gave one of the official lectures on "The Psychology of the New Education" at the Annual Conference of the National Union

of Women Teachers, a number of members afterwards expressing, through the Secretary of the Union, their wish to remain in touch with our work.

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In the two terms (Spring and Summer) during which the Theosophical University Rooms have been open to students the regular courses have comprised sixty-seven lectures. Three special gatherings for students were also organised during vacations ; a week in January, a fortnight in May and a week following the T. S. Convention in June. At the last two we were honoured in having as lecturers Mr. Jinarājādāsa, who gave three lectures on Ancient Samskrit literature, Dr. Annie Besant who gave one on " Sub-human and Human in Psycho-analysis," and Dr. G. S. Arundale who gave two on " The Real in Education ". Mr. E. L. Gardner also lectured on " Human Intuition and Angelic Co-operation ". A numerous audience was gathered on these special occasions, as shown by appended statistics.

The regular courses have been variously attended, the first term more numerous than the second, the " Fortnight " and Convention " Week " whose programmes had been published before the opening of the second term, having drawn some of the students from the ordinary lectures.

It has seemed to us that in order to prepare the scientific mind for the science of the new age it was necessary to complete that of the old, *i.e.*, to close the cycle of evolutionism by the inclusion in it of spiritual man. Present-day psychology has found the true nature of man to be spiritual. The law of spiritual evolution can therefore be formulated in scientific terms, *i.e.*, the facts of that evolution can be found in the field of phenomena known to and verifiable by science, the plane of physical brain consciousness. When the unity of evolution is complete for the scientist, the science of the One Life can be accepted and taught.

With the help of a few colleagues we have outlined this psychology of man's evolution. It will appear in text book form. In course of time this " team work " will, I hope, give increasingly good results, for it will be difficult to dispute the value of a body of accurately described

phenomena which are corroborated on several distinct lines of investigation. The Blavatsky Lecture of 1927 gives a brief outline of this psychology.

In a series of talks given to a group of lecturers and teachers in November and December we examined and discussed the all-important subject of method, defining with as much precision as possible the changes in outlook and method which the science of the One Life will bring about in the main branches of learning. These talks also may provide material for a book.

It has seemed to me that the same degree of scientific accuracy was not available in the realm of natural science as in the sciences of man. The research work undertaken with the help of psychic investigation by the scientific group already formed in London could not, in my opinion, be given out publicly in the name of the T. W. U. Until psychics are sufficiently trained to become reliable "instruments" of research, whose faculty can be checked by the ordinary scientist, or until the scientist is himself a trained clairvoyant able to check his own results and to formulate verifiable hypotheses and laws, the publication of such investigations would inevitably produce reactions in scientific circles and raise unnecessary obstacles in the way of the future Theosophical University. Here again the circle of fifth-race science has to be closed before the science of the new age can be taught. We hope our scientific colleagues will do this for non-human as it is being done for human evolution.

Therefore, whilst not discouraging psychic research nor excluding theoretical speculation on natural science by scientists versed in Theosophy, we have confined ourselves to the sciences of man, in which far-reaching results can be more immediately obtained, and I am happy to note the enthusiastic co-operation of a group of colleagues. In such a short time comparatively little could be done; much remains for the future. We gratefully acknowledge the encouragement received from Theosophical leaders, especially the General Secretary of the T.S. in England; and we would also mention here the marked interest of the general public. The response of outside audiences, in Universities and among the cultured public, has been even warmer than that of Theosophical circles. The science of man's spiritual evolution evidently meets and satisfies the tendencies of the mind science and the first

exigencies of the new intuition. I believe that in a short time, through the work of this University, furthered by the T.W.U. A., a solid foundation may be laid in the consciousness of the intellectual elite, on which it will be possible to build the science of the One Life.

III

The most important part of our work perhaps is the training of students ; for this is the higher culture, the essential task of the University. A Theosophical University should train in them the faculty of intuition, and it is doubtful whether this can be done, even in an elementary way, unless it is applied to life as a whole and not only to knowledge. This is only possible, we believe, in an Ashrama or College, where students spend the greater part of the day.

The selection and training of students specially gifted in intuitive powers is a necessity for this work, so that as in the course of time the Theosophical educational system is evolved there should be a staff of trained teachers who can put that system into practice in the various grades of affiliated schools as well as in the University itself.

The time at our disposal has of course been too short for any record of results to be possible, nor perhaps has our work yet attracted those who will be the real students of the Theosophical World University.

STATISTICS

SPRING TERM, 1927

JANUARY—MARCH

Lectures Given :

Psychology	...	"	...	...	9
Psychology of the New Education	...		...	...	10
Psychology (II)	...		...	...	10
French Literature	...		...	...	10
Music	...	...	...	...	3
English Literature (Browning)	...		...	...	6
Total					48

Students :

Attending Lectures	...	...	...	61
Receiving Notes	...	...	...	48
			Total	109

SUMMER TERM, 1927

APRIL—JUNE

Lectures Given :

Psychology	...	...	...	6
History of Science . . .	...	...	...	3
Psychology of Mysticism	...	...	...	4
Development of Chemistry and Physics	...	...	...	6
			Total	19

Students :

Attending Lectures	...	...	...	16
Receiving Notes	...	...	...	8
			Total	24

STUDENTS' FORTNIGHT

MAY 6—20, 1927

Lectures given	...	...	...	17
Approximate total attendance	...	...	...	450

STUDENTS' WEEK

JUNE 8—11, 1927

Lectures given	...	...	...	11
Approximate total attendance	...	...	...	1,517

EMILE MARCAULT

THEOSOPHICAL WORLD-UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION

(INDIA)

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Indian Section of the Theosophical World-University Association was formed in January, 1927, for the dissemination of the University idea. I made a summer vacation tour from Madras to Kashmir and back and gave public lectures in a number of cities. Nearly three hundred members have joined the Association, and correspondents have been appointed in the major cultural areas. Communication is maintained by circulars and pamphlets pending the establishment of a magazine and the future work of organizing the University.

JAMES H. COUSINS,

Organizing Secretary.

THEOSOPHICAL EDUCATIONAL TRUST

To the President, Theosophical Society.

General.—The number of institutions under the Trust are 11 as against 12 last year, due to the removal of the Narmada English School at Shuklatirth from the list of affiliated institutions and the closing up of the Montessori School and Craft Shed at Adyar and the addition of the Theosophical School at Allahabad to the list of affiliated institutions under the management of a committee approved by the Trust with Mr. Sankara Saran as its energetic Secretary. There is an application from a well established girls school at Mangalore for recognition and affiliation which has been favourably considered by the Executive Committee of the Trust, in accordance with the resolution of the Trust at its Annual Meeting last year, and it has to be finally considered and sanctioned at the meeting of this year. The reports of the various institutions may be summarised as follows :

Constituent Institutions.—*National Theosophical School and College, Adyar.* The School has grown in number to 279 and the girls section now consists of 74 girls. The Principal reports that the institution is receiving a considerable amount of notice from the public and the number of applications for admission is increasing every year.

Theosophical Collegiate School, Benares.—Though no report has been received, the school has further established its reputation in Northern India and enhanced the reputation of the Trust.

The Theosophical National Girls' School and College, Benares.—The Institution which is now under the able Principalship of Mrs. Padmabai B. Sanjiva Rao, reports satisfactory progress.

The National Girls' School, Madras.—The number of students in the school is 270. Miss E. B. Noble, the Principal of the School, has been away on sick leave and Miss Palmer has been the acting

Principal. Miss Noble takes charge from January, 1928. As the school is situated in a rich part of Madras, some effort should be made to collect money from the parents of the girls receiving instruction, to meet the deficit of the institution which amounts to Rs. 5,000 per year and which is at present met by the Trust. The estimated assets of the institution are Rs. 37,348-1-4.

The Theosophical College, Madanapalle.—The fourth year of the B.A. Class was opened during the year and the College department has 160 students on the rolls. The number of students in the school has not changed appreciably since last year. A girls' hostel with about a dozen students has been started during the year. The institution which is well known for its village activities and other aspects of social service, has further extended its work by digging trenches for drainage and watering the streets in the neighbouring village. The Executive Committee, on a report from the Principal, has decided to convert the school into an entirely residential one, in view of the fact that the District Board is desirous of starting a High School under its management.

Affiliated Institutions.—*The Theosophical School, Allahabad*, reports rapid developments during the year. It now owns 13 acres of land with a big building and a small bungalow contained therein.

The Sanathana Dharma High School, Bhavnagar, reports very satisfactory progress. The total number of students is 831.

The Maruna Gounder National Girls' School, Coimbatore.—The Principal reports that the school cannot be carried on under the present circumstances of income and advises the school to be handed over to the Municipality—the ownership of the land and buildings remaining with the Trust. The Executive Committee is investigating the possibility of the future of the school.

The National Sindhi School, Hyderabad, reports satisfactory progress in every way. The number of pupils in the institution is 105 including 11 girls.

The Shri Saraswati Pathasala, Kumbakonam, reports satisfactory progress. The finances of the school are very precarious. The Executive Committee has decided to take over the management from the Committee appointed three years ago and hand it over to a Committee of the local Lodge of the T. S., which has promised to carry on the management of

the institution. The rough estimated value of land and buildings, etc., is put down as Rs. 25,500.

Finances.—The donations this year were only Rs. 5,904-1-10 as against Rs. 10,409-1-0 of last year and Rs. 29,169-15-2 the year before last.

During the year the Secretary started a scheme called the Fifty Rupee per year Fund with the idea of getting a Thousand such subscribers from the various parts of India, bringing in an income of Rs. 50,000 a year. It would be ample for the educational work of the Trust. But in view of the special appeal made by Dr. G. S. Arundale, for the Public Purposes Fund on behalf of the President of the Trust, the scheme was held in abeyance and not pushed forward. If the Trust approves of the scheme, it may be developed during the year 1928, with the help of the members of the Trust in the various parts of India. It may confidently be hoped that the scheme may succeed.

Finally I have to record here the passing away of Sir T. Sadasivier, an honored member of the Trust, in the month of November this year.

YADUNANDAN PRASAD, M.A. (CANTAB.),

B.SC. (LONDON & ALL.),

Hon. Secretary, Theosophical Educational Trust.

“ KRISHNĀSHRAM ”

ALLAHABAD

To the President, Theosophical Society.

“ Krishnāshram ” and the Theosophical School which is housed there, arose quite unexpectedly. The ambition of Allahabad Theosophists a few years ago was no more than to have a small hall of their own on a plot of land which, though beautifully situated, is only a few hundred yards square. But, during the Jubilee Convention Krishnaji showed us the vision of a strong centre with much land and numerous activities. We determined to do our best to materialise it.

In February, 1926, our venerable President visited Allahabad and, knowing of Krishnaji's wish, purchased a bungalow, with fourteen acres of land, which was till recently the residence of a High Court Judge, and is situated on the banks of the Ganges, a few minutes' walk from the Allahabad University and the Prayag Railway Station. The property was formerly known as “ River View ” ; it has been re-named “ Krishnāshram ” and has become the chief centre for all Theosophical and Star activities in Allahabad.

In November, 1926, a school for little children was started in these premises, with eight children and two teachers—Mrs. L. M. Pearce and an Indian lady. After one year's work we have nearly sixty children and six teachers, one of whom, Miss Lisl Herbatschek, has come out to us from Dr. Montessori's own model school in Vienna. The public and the press have been generous to us in their appreciation of the work done and the school has received Government recognition and a grant-in-aid. There is a clamour for a Hostel, and, funds permitting, we shall have one soon, for we have with us Mrs. N. G. Paranjpe and her daughter Miss Anasuya Paranjpe, who have had experience of such work in Cawnpore and Madras.

In April, 1927, over twenty acres of land adjoining the ashram was for sale. One of our members acquired this plot, in the hope that some day it might be needed for the further development of this growing centre, and our President has permitted the land to be named “ Vasanta Vatika ” in her honour. It is probable that other extensive plots in the neighbourhood will be added to the estate as time goes on.

11.3. Whatever success has been achieved is due to the inspiration received from Krishnaji and the constant encouragement and financial support of Dr. Besant. We only pray that we may prove worthy of the trust reposed in us, and that this undertaking may really become a centre of force for the achievement of the motto of the school, “ Live Nobly ”.

THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

(From 16th December, 1926 to 15th December, 1927)

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, 1927.

This year it falls to my lot to report on the work of the only two schools now left with us.

Though the garage in the H.P.B. Memorial Free School was converted to a class room last year, yet it was a problem to make adequate provision to accommodate all the classes. On the first of October last we opened a new thatched shed with pucca flooring, thus making room for one more class. As stated in the last year's Report, much of the congestion in the Olcott Free School was relieved by the addition of the three thatched sheds. But later we found that the main building itself, being very old, is in a dangerous condition, liable to collapse at any time. Hence Mr. A. Schwarz suggested that we might pull that down and erect a new one in its place. The cost of the new structure is estimated to about Rs. 2,300 and the Government has sanctioned the grant of half that amount, provided we can meet the other half.

During the past year under report, the schools continued to be carried on efficiently as in previous years. In one of the Inspection Books, we find the remarks "General condition continues to be efficient" and "this is one of the best schools in this range, if not in this district".

The daily attendance of the pupils has been fairly satisfactory though the number of pupils on the roll in the H.P.B. Memorial Free School has fallen down this year due to a larger number, than usual, of the elderly children being taken away by their parents to help them in earning their livelihood.

“Personal hygiene is receiving particular attention. Necessity for this is being explained both by precepts and examples.” The Adyar Baby Welcome Institution is of a very welcome help to the Olcott Free School in this respect. Bathing is made compulsory in our schools. The health of the teachers also has been fairly good throughout the year. One of our very able lady-teachers had to leave us in November, because of the close proximity of her motherhood.

Instruction in the three R's and other allied subjects has gone on steadily as in previous years. We had a two days' Conference of our teachers in September and revised the scheme of studies trying to suit it to our children. The few artistic and manual subjects like different kinds of drawing, leaf work, clay-modelling, and sewing are receiving due attention. The arts and crafts competition which we had in connection with our President's last birthday was a novel experiment in our institutions. It was a pleasure to observe the keenness and enthusiasm the children evinced then. All the children took part in this and enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Now the children are showing greater interest towards those subjects. Spinning and weaving classes are doing good work under the supervision of our untiring worker, Sri Peramma, “who is free both with her purse and service”. In this connection our thanks are due to our good friend Mr. C. N. Subrahmanya Iyer for enabling us to carry on these classes by his monetary help. Here I may mention that in the Youth Week Arts and Crafts Exhibition held in January last, both of our schools were recipients of a silver medal and a certificate of merit each from the hands of the Hon. Mr. A. Ranganatham, the Olcott Free School for leaf work, spinning and weaving, the H.P.B. Memorial Free School for the different kinds of drawing and clay-modelling.

Seventeen of the pupils, who have passed out of our schools are helped to prosecute their higher education.

The daily distribution of midday food remains a necessity for the children.

The gardens could not be properly maintained because of the lack of water facilities, the wells getting dried up and water being scarce.

In my last Report a mention was made of a donation of about 900 yards of cloth for our Anna's birthday. They were converted into kurtas and the children were given two each, one on the 8th of

November, 1926, and the other on the 24th of January this year. Once again we have received 400 yards of cloth. We have yet to find the money to meet the tailoring expenses.

17th of February, our beloved Colonel's Day, was a day of importance to our schools. The teachers and the children had sports on the occasion, when useful prizes were given. After the sports and games, catables were distributed to the children.

On the 3rd of May, the schools celebrated the great Shivaji Maharaja's tercentenary birthday. After the function was over, sweets and fruits, which were kindly sent to us by the Birthday Committee, were distributed to the children.

During September, a three days' trip to the Seven Pagodas was arranged for the teachers, to foster a spirit of unity, happiness and service amongst them. I wish we could arrange more such camps. The children very sadly lack this enjoyment of the open-air camp-life, which is the main essence of Scouting. So far they had only one or two afternoon hikes. It will be of very great help in their character building and removing a lot of their "depressedness," if we could find means to take them out and give them the benefits of open-air camp activities. I believe that the original idea with which Scouting was started by the Chief Scout was to help mainly the children of the slums.

Amma's Birthday was a source of great happiness and joy to the children. They were very active with their processions, bhajanas, meetings, variety entertainments, sports, arts and crafts competitions and camping, these activities covering over two or three days. On the night of 1st of October, the children of the Olcott Free School entertained about 500 villagers of the neighbouring parts with a drama and other variety items. On that day a new shed was opened by Miss M. W. Barrie at the H. P. B. Memorial Free School. One small fact I am tempted to mention here. In response to a letter of Dr. G. S. Arundale in the *Theosophy in India*, giving suggestions as to how to celebrate our President's Birthday, the children and teachers of our schools could not restrain the expression of their deep love and gratitude for the Mother. They collected from amongst themselves a small amount of money and subscribed to the President's Public Purposes Fund, the amount though very small, but a token of their humble love.

Both the teachers and children had the great privilege of giving reception to their beloved Amma and Krishnaji on their return to Adyar on the 31st of October. One may be sure the happiness they felt that day when they had those two persons once more in their midst after a long interval will remain with them for many a day to come.

Every attempt is made to make the children feel free and joyous and the school a place of happiness for them. Every step is taken to make the teachers render their duty in a spirit of love and service and work for the dispersion of the "depressedness" and for the happiness and cheerfulness of the children.

During the period under Report, I have missed very much the valuable help and advice of our good friend M. R. Ry. C. N. Subrahmanya Iyer who was away from Adyar in the interest of his health since January last. I hope now that he has returned, he will soon take his part once again in the work of our schools. In conclusion I offer my grateful thanks to Sister Peramma, who is actively helping me and to Mr. A. Schwarz for the loving help he has been giving me throughout.

NUMBER OF PUPILS ON THE ROLL ON 1ST DECEMBER, 1927

CLASS	OLCOTT FREE SCHOOL		H.P.B. MEMORIAL FREE SCHOOL		TOTAL	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Kindergarten	36	5	18	10	54	15
I Standard	35	21	42	16	77	37
II "	28	7	24	5	52	12
III "	31	2	23	3	54	5
IV "	29	1	12	8	41	9
V "	21	1	9	1	30	2
Total	180	37	128	43	308	80
Grand Total	217		171		388	

M. KRISHNAN,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

To the President and the Board of Managers.

Our balance-sheet for the financial year ending 31st March, 1927, shows a small deficit of Rs. 236-0-3, as follows :

Expenditure	...	...	...	Rs. 7,421	8	5
Income	...	...	...	„ 7,185	8	2
Deficit	...	...	...	„ 236	0	3
add Deficit from 1925-6	...	...	...	„ 1,026	15	9
Balance to the debit of 1927-8	...	...	...	„ 1,263	0	0

As three of our schools were taken over by the Corporation of Madras on January 1st, 1926, the year under review had to deal with the remaining two schools only, the “Olcott Free School,” Adyar, and the “H.P.B. Memorial School” in Kodambakam, and gives an indication of our financial requirements in the future. According to the particulars shewn on “Income and Disbursement Account” the cost of running these two schools amounts approximately to Rs. 7,500 per annum, against which we may count on a regular income of :

Rs. 2,000	from Grants-in-Aid,
„ 1,250	„ Interest on our Endowment Fund,
„ 3,250,	

leaving a balance of Rs. 3,750 to Rs. 4,000 to be covered by donations.

It is satisfactory to note that *Grants-in-Aid* have risen from Rs. 1,649 in 1925-6 to Rs. 2,150 in 1926-7, a sign of efficient working and of appreciation by the Government Educational Department.

The following comparative figures concerning our income may interest :

	1925-6	1926-7
Donations ...	Rs. 7,510 14 3	Rs. 3,767 8 6
Grants-in-Aid ...	„ 1,649 0 0	„ 2,150 0 0
Interest ...	„ 1,332 14 3	„ 1,267 15 8
	„ 10,492 12 6	„ 7,185 8 2

The falling off in donations is to be regretted and still more the fact that contributions from India amount to less than one-third of the amount received, over two-thirds coming from European and American sources.

In addition to our ordinary expenditure a sum of Rs. 1,250 to Rs. 1,500 will have to be spent during the current year for reconstructing the building of the Olcott Free School at Adyar, which, after having served for thirty years, is in a state of collapse. If funds permit, it is also desirable to build another schoolroom at the H. P. B. Memorial School, the existing accommodation having become insufficient.

Our financial requirements for 1927-8 are roughly as follows :

Deficit from 1926-7 ...	...	Rs. 1,263
„ of 1927-8 ...	...	„ 4,000
New Building at O. F. S. ...	...	„ 1,500
Total ...	„	6,763

Help is urgently needed and we close this Report with an earnest appeal for continued support of these deserving institutions.

ADYAR, MADRAS
30th November, 1927

A. SCHWARZ,
Secretary-Treasurer, O.P.F.S.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DISBURSEMENTS					Rs.	A.	P.
To Teachers' Salaries	...	...	...	...	4,458	2	3
„ Superintendent's Salary	...	...	...	...	900	0	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	...	252	8	0
„ Books and Supplies	...	...	...	...	470	14	6
„ Rent and Taxes	...	...	...	...	65	13	1
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	200	0	0
„ Motor Cycle Account	...	...	...	...	743	1	9
„ Discount, Collection and Exchange	...	...	...	...	10	2	4
„ Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	...	71	10	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	...	199	4	6
„ Auditor's Fee	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
					7,421	8	5
„ Deficit carried forward from 1925-6	...	...	...	...	1,026	15	9
					8,448	8	2

ADYAR

A. SCHWARZ,

31st March, 1927

Secretary-Treasurer

31st MARCH, 1927

Audited and found correct.
G. NARASIMHAM,
Auditor.

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BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.
To Panchama Educational Fund	Rs.	A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1926	27,050	3 4			
Less: Value of Damodar and Tiruval-luvar School Properties handed over to Madras Municipality	1,334	8 0	25,715	11	4
„ Food Fund :	Rs.	A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1926	439	1 4			
Donations received	327	0 1			
	766	1 5			
Less: Food Expenses	673	12 6	92	4	11
„ Adoption Fund :	Rs.	A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1926	1,408	10 5			
Less: School and College Fees of Pupils	216	0 0	1,192	10	5
			27,000	10	8

ADYAR

31st March, 1927

A. SCHWARZ,

Secretary-Treasurer

FREE SCHOOLS PER 31st MARCH, 1927

PROPERTY AND ASSETS						Rs.	A.	P.
By Immovable Property	...	...	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
„ Movable do.	...	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
„ 3½ % Govt. Pronotes Rs. 30,200 @ Rs. 60	...	...	...	...	...	18,120	0	0
„ 5 % Bombay Municipal Debentures	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
„ 6½ % Bombay Development Loan	...	...	...	...	...	2,563	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras	...	...	...	...	...	60	1	9
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	...	...	42	12	11
„ Sundry Debtors and Creditors Account	...	...	...	...	...	2,251	12	0
„ Income and Disbursement Account (Deficit)	...	...	...	...	...	1,263	0	0
						27,000	10	8

Audited and found correct :

G. NARASIMHAM,

Auditor.

THE ROUND TABLE IN AUSTRALIA

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Once more I have the pleasure of reporting a substantial gain in membership, the increase for the year amounting to 107, giving us a total of 50 Knights and 262 Squires, Companions and Pages ; and whilst the greatest increase has been in Sydney and its suburbs, due mainly to your own presence there, it is pleasing to note that almost every centre shows some increase in membership ; and in addition our Order has been established in 5 new Centres, viz.—in Gosnells, W. A. and in Kuring-gai, Mosman, Marrickville and Willoughby, N.S.W.

In Adelaide, very real and consistent work has been done for the T. S. Lodge, whilst assistance has been given to the Dramatic Group, help given with a Concert in aid of one in need, and much work done for the “ All Nation Chum Movement,” a kind of Junior League of Nations, besides the holding of many happy gatherings. In the suburb of Redfern, the necessity of character building on the part of members has been stressed.

Brisbane reports a year of steady work. The Dramatic Group produced two Plays, the net proceeds of £16-5-0 being handed over to the Children’s Playground Association ; one of the Plays being afterwards broadcasted for the general benefit of listeners-in. The Group of Servers continues to prepare the Lecture room for the Sunday evening meetings, arranging the flowers, taking up collections, assisting the Order of the Star, etc., whilst the Knights have taken charge of the Lotus Circle, and the Round Table, as a whole, gave great assistance at the L. C. C. Fete, besides making a donation of £1 per month, and individual members helped with the work of the T. S. Lodge, in various ways, and assisted outside organisations to a great extent.

Launceston reports a very successful year, much time being given to preparation for a Fair in aid of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, for which the sum of £20 was raised.

In Melbourne, work for the Order of the Star and the T. S. Lodge has gone on steadily, and again, in honour of the birthday of our revered Protector, Dr. Annie Besant, a gift of

£16, together with a large number of garments, the work of members' own hands, was made to the Free Kindergarten. During the year three very successful Parties were held, in order to give Knights and Companions an opportunity of introducing their outside friends and, at the same time, of getting more intimately acquainted with each other. The last, being a Fancy Dress affair, at which a Short Play written by a member, was most successfully produced, was generally acclaimed as the best gathering ever held.

In Perth, much work continues to be done for the T. S. Lodge, and kindred movements, many of the members holding office and generally working therein, whilst they are now hard at work in preparation for a Play to be given shortly, in aid of the "Active Service Fund". A Special meeting was held in commemoration of Dr. Besant's birthday and a gift of money made in her honour to the Children at the Parkerville Home. Perhaps the outstanding feature of the year's work was the formation of a new Centre at Gosnells, giving great promise for the future.

In Sydney, again great progress has been made, and the energies of the members of the Blavatsky Lodge Table are now being turned in various directions. A group scheme of specialised work and study has been organised, including Dramatic, Scientific, Social Service, Art-Expression and Kindergarten Groups, from which much is expected in the future.

During the year the sum of £10 was given to the Far West Seaside Health Mission, thus enabling a number of children to be given a fortnight's holiday at the Sea; whilst great attention is now being given to the helping of the "Active Service Fund".

New Tables have been formed at Mosman and at Marrickville, but no details are yet to hand.

The Kuring-gai and Willoughby Tables report an increase in Membership, and being now firmly established, give every promise of successful work and activity in the future.

With hearty greetings to you, our valued Senior Knight, to our beloved Protector, and to all our fellow-members throughout the World, in the hope that our Order may continue to grow in strength and usefulness and thus become of increasing service.

KNIGHT "GARETH,
Chief Knight for Australia.

THE ORDER OF THE BROTHERS OF SERVICE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Order this year, as in past years, has continued its usual services to various departments of the Theosophical Movement. The chief contribution is to the work of education, the principal workers in the Theosophical College and Schools in India being members of the Order. As the Order pays subsistence allowances to the workers in education, it is obvious that, if the donations fall in amount, the Order is seriously handicapped. The quiet unobtrusive work done by the Brothers of the highest grade is best known to the Brother Server herself, who always gives her warmest praise to the work of the Order.

C. JINARĀJADĀSA,

Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP IN ARTS AND CRAFTS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

A very promising sign during the year has been the springing up of numbers of small Groups and Centres, each with their own independent and often original activity, and a record of initiative and enthusiasm. The number of enquiries for lists of plays, books, or music to help in the work of allied activities has also increased, while many members have done valuable work in connection with other organisations, inspiring them to carry out programmes of idealistic type.

Books and music added to the Library during the year include both the work of artist members and material for helping beginners to acquire the technique they need for freedom in expression. The most important *Art as Will and Idea* by the President of the fellowship, Mr. C. Jinarājadasa, has been widely studied by members, increasing their understanding of the place and importance of their work. Several countries and Centres have had the privilege of a visit and a lecture from him.

In order to avoid overlapping, it has been decided to incorporate the Fellowship in the re-organised Theosophical Order of Service, as the nucleus of its art section, and to facilitate the arrangements, the activities of the past year are briefly indicated in the countries represented. The activities of the fellowship can be gauged by the work done in the various countries.

Australia.—Several members have taken part in the Mid-day concerts, in broadcasting, and in arranging music for Theosophical meetings.

Austria.—The Vienna Art Lodge continues very active, including most of the arts in its work, while Frau Auner's musical work for the schools, now including other musicians, is still extending its field of influence.

Belgium.—Original musical and dramatic productions. A Greek play has been translated into English, and music performed in England as well as in Belgium.

Bulgaria.—Meetings and exhibitions in collaboration with the leading artists of the country.

Czechoslovakia.—Illustrated on art and concerts.

England.—In London, entertainments were arranged at Mortimer Hall for two Christmas parties, and a programme again organised for January 11th at Kingsway Hall, including participation by the audience in several ways. Music before lectures and community singing was arranged for Convention, Mr. Butler conducting, and a meeting was held at which Mr. Jinarājadāsa was to speak, but being unfortunately prevented by illness, Professor Marcault very kindly took his place, with the Secretary in the Chair. Much interest was aroused. Blavatsky and St. John's Wood Lodges have combined or community singing, and the Bayswater Arts Lodge continues its regular lectures on art, often with demonstrations, and organises dramatic entertainments at Mortimer Hall, preceded in the new session by community singing.

In the Provinces there are sixteen Centres, most of which have been visited by Miss Warner, and they include three mystery drama groups, four Lodges organising regular community-singing, four with special music before lectures, three exhibitions, one producing opera, one with speech-training and two with handicrafts classes, a crafts depot, and several members giving single lectures or courses with illustrations, on the different arts. In Manchester two members have founded a Club with several arts activities, including Mr. Wroblewski's Creative Thought Class.

Egypt.—Mr. H. Carr's work is of great interest, and has recently included the illustrations for *The Light of Asia* and *At the Feet of the Master*.

Finland.—A book for the use of Theosophists for combined singing has been published, art lantern lectures delivered, and exhibits sent to the "Youth" exhibition in London.

France.—At Convention a meeting was held, when Mr. Jinarājadāsa and Miss Warner spoke, with Professor Marcault kindly translating. About 20 members joined, and certain changes in platform arrangement at once introduced.

Germany.—Several members, working individually, attended the meetings at Ommen.

Holland.—An Exhibition was organised during the Theosophical Order of the Service Camp at Ommen, August, 1927, several informal meetings of members were held, for discussion with the Secretary, and Mr. Jinarajadāsa presided over a meeting of National Secretaries and also delivered a lecture on “Liberation through Art” which is published in *Service*.

Hungary.—20 musicians hold regular practices of music for Theosophical work and special music was arranged for five festival days.

Iceland.—Great inspiration felt, and impetus to the work given by the President's tour.

India.—Community singing at Adyar, and at the Convention at Benares. Recitals of poetry, song, and pianoforte. Handicrafts training.

Italy.—Several Groups working for music, and the revival of pure and religious arts.

Java.—Great activity in drama, dance, and music, but no definite report received.

Norway.—Exhibits sent to the “Youth” exhibition in London. Lectures and painting. One of many countries visited by Mrs. Adair with her Indian paintings for exhibition.

Poland.—Harmony Lodge continues its production of original mystery plays, and members arrange all decorations.

Roumania.—Group talks on art.

Scotland.—Glasgow Dramatic performances have been given.

Spain.—Musical appreciation classes, concerts, and handicraft work.

Switzerland.—Peasant art study, and music for the poor, blind, and sick.

United States.—Musical, dramatic, and speaking classes and activities.

Wales.—Colwyn Bay arranged a handicrafts stall which made a good profit for Animals' Welfare Week, and also arranges singing and reciting. Wrexham has a valuable class for working girls for handicrafts, giving training which has enabled at least one to take up the work as a profession, and arranging profitable exhibitions which stimulate creative work. Other Centres are occupied in dramatic and art work.

SYBIL MARGUERITE WARNER,

International Secretary.

T. S. MUSLIM ASSOCIATION

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The work of the Association has not been specially pushed during the year. Mr. Abdul Karim, Forest Officer in the Presidency of Madras, utilised his leave to make a long tour in the north visiting various Theosophical Lodges, and addressing public meetings to explain the broader attitude that Theosophists have towards the problem of Islam. He was welcomed everywhere, and his work has undoubtedly strengthened the objects of the Association. Similar work has been consistently done by Bro. H. C. Kumar. His report is appended, giving the history of the inception of the Association and also the record of his work.

Genesis.—At the Convention of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar in December, 1922, a proposal was made that the Theosophical Society should persuade its Lodges in India to study the great faith of Islam in the same sympathetic way in which they had been studying Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity, and to lay the results before the public. A small Committee was appointed to formulate a scheme.

The Committee submitted its suggestions in due course, and these were circulated to the Lodges through the Sectional Organ, *Theosophy in India*. At the Convention of 1923, the Vice-President, Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, M.A. (Cantab.), who had evinced a keen interest in the movement from its very inception, took down the names of people who offered to join it as members and promote its object, and a T.S. Muslim "League" was formally started with Nawab A. Hydari of Hyderabad-Deccan, as President, and the General Secretary of the Indian Section as *ex-officio* Secretary.

Beginnings.—During my stay at Adyar in 1923—24, as a scholar of the Brahmavidya Ashrama—the nucleus of the T.S. World University—I devoted myself to the study of Islam with a view to qualify as

a worker of the T.S. Muslim Association, and on my way back to Sindh gave lectures on Islam at Chhanapatanam, Hubli and Poona, and the first Islamic Study Circle was started at the last named place. On return to Sindh, similar lectures were given and study Circles established at Karachi and Hyderabad. Later, I made a tour of Rajputana and several places in the Punjab, and gave Islamic lectures in Jodhpur, Ajmer, Lahore, Ludhiana and other towns. The lecture at Lahore took place at the great Islamia College under the chairmanship of (now) Sir Abdul Qadir, and was reported verbatim in *The Muslim Outlook*.

At the Convention of the T.S. held in Bombay in December, 1924, it was resolved to change the name "League" to "Association".

Progress.—In 1925, I made an extensive tour in the Punjab and the western districts of the United Provinces, lecturing on various aspects of Islam and arousing considerable interest. These lectures were reported in both *The Tribune* and *The Muslim Outlook* of Lahore, and brought from the Anjuman-i-Himayat-i-Islam of Lahore an invitation for a lecture at their anniversary gathering, but as the dates of the anniversary clashed with my other important work, I had to forego the pleasure of accepting it.

Then came the Jubilee Convention of the Theosophical Society in Adyar, and as a recognition of the place of Islam among the Brotherhood of religions, a plot of land was set apart for a mosque in the Theosophical estate, after the model of the famous Pearl Mosque at Agra, and the foundation-stone was duly laid according to Islamic rites. *This work now awaits completion at the hands of the well-wishers of Islam.*

The Convention of 1926 at Benares took another important step forward which intimately concerns the T.S. Muslim Association. It was resolved at this Convention that :

Whereas the two great faiths of India, Hinduism and Islam, are united in teaching the two great essentials of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, and whereas, whatever differences there may be in modes of worship, the two religions are really supplementary to each other, and whereas the future of India lies in a cordial and fraternal co-operation of Hindus and Mussalmans,

This Convention of the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society makes a special appeal to its members to take an active part in the

restoration of harmonious and brotherly relations between the two communities by insisting on the absolute identity of the true interest of the two faiths and the two peoples.

In order to translate it into practice, I at once undertook a tour of the U. P., visiting Ghazipur, Mirzapur, Allahabad, Cawnpur, Agra, Gwalior, Jhansi, Aligarh, Khurja, Moradabad, etc., giving lectures to the public and the student community on the broad teaching of Islam and the life of the Prophet. The lectures at the great Muhammadan University at Aligarh were most cordially received. Mr. Abdul Karim later undertook a more extensive tour with the same object, covering almost the whole of India, and putting the truths of Islam in an absolutely new light for the edification of both Hindus and Muslims.

In September, 1927, the General Secretary of the Indian Section, T.S., as Secretary of the T.S. Muslim Association, sent round a circular urging all T.S. Lodges to observe the birth-anniversary of the Prophet, Mohamad, in a befitting manner. This was done with good results at most Lodges.

Immediate Work.—The work before the Association, therefore resolves itself into three main divisions :

1. To study Islamic religion and culture in the Spirit of a student of Comparative Religion, and place the results before the public.
2. To carry into effect the Resolution of the 1926 Convention, so far as possible.
3. To collect funds for the completion of the Adyar Mosque.

Membership.—Every one, Theosophist or not, having sympathy with the above work, and willing to promote it in one or more ways indicated above, is earnestly requested to become a member. There are no fees for membership, but any voluntary contribution will be gratefully received and utilised for the purpose for which it is given.

For the Association :

C. JINARĀJADĀSA

ABDUL KARIM

H. C. KUMAR

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ASSOCIATION OF HEBREW THEOSOPHISTS

To the President, Theosophical Society.

It is gratifying to report that there has been much improvement in the work of the Association in the year under review, and that the Jews are taking more and more interest in the Theosophical and Star movements with a distinct increase of Jewish membership in the Society.

The Star Congress of 1927 at Ommen had an exceptionally large attendance of forty Jewish members who came from various parts of Europe : Italy, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Roumania, Egypt, Holland, Belgium, France, and England, thus giving an opportunity to the President of the Association, who was present there, to deliver at one of the meetings an inspiring address on the genius of the Jew in the art of Synthesis. These meetings are likely to result in the formation of Sections in those countries which have not already got them.

America.—Mr. Henry C. Samuels and his loyal colleagues are carrying on our ideals in many possible ways, such as, publishing a magazine and pamphlets, holding study classes, delivering public lectures, and speaking before various Jewish organizations in some of the large cities of the U.S.A. Mr. Samuels has further undertaken the task of writing a Jewish catechism to acquaint non-Theosophist Jews with the Theosophical thoughts embodied in their sacred scriptures.

England.—Mr. S. I. Heiman, our National Representative in England, writes that the work is favourably progressing there, and that the number of Active and Associate members has risen during the year from nine to thirty. Study groups have been organised in London and Manchester, and public lectures were delivered with great success. In addition to the distribution of literature, a Section Library has been opened.

India.—Progress is very slow on account of its small membership. Large number of Theosophist Jews in Karachi and elsewhere have not yet chosen to join us and help us in our movement.

Synagogue.—The funds of the Adyar Synagogue are still very low, making it impossible for us to start the building. In spite of our constant appeals, the collections made during the year did not exceed Rs. 800 which, added to the Rs. 1,800 previously announced, makes a total of Rs. 2,600.

Criticism has been all throughout showering upon us from orthodox Jewish quarters in the West as well as in the East. This had the beneficial effect of giving wide publicity to our existence, and affording a good opportunity to some of our enthusiastic members to explain in the press our position as being not that of a new cult in Judaism, but rather that of an International group of students of occultism who are striving to bring to light the jewels of wisdom hidden in the pages of the Jewish lore.

During the year a message was given to Hebrew Theosophists by our revered President, Dr. Annie Besant, and an article was contributed to our magazine by our beloved Vice-President. Both have been, and will ever remain, a source of inspiration and strength to our movement. We always receive with deep gratitude and reverence all words of advice coming from our Leaders to guide us along the path of service and helpfulness, making our movement a worthy channel of transmitting the Divine Truth enshrined in the Theosophical teachings to the members of our race and to the world at large

S. S. COHEN,
Adyar Representative.

ABSTRACT OF THE REPORT OF THE T.S. EMPLOYEES CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR 1926-27

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Membership.—The Society had at the close of the year 130 members with 764 shares and a paid up share capital of Rs. 3,022-9-1, the increase during the year being 26, 167 and Rs. 671-15-7 respectively. As the maximum number of shares, viz., 800, sanctioned for the Society having been very nearly reached, the number was raised to 1,000 shares with Rs. 5,000 share capital and the same was approved by the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

The total transactions of the year amounted to Rs. 10,098-14-0 against Rs. 8,560-8-3 in 1925-26 and Rs. 2,848-7-10 in 1923-24, which is very satisfactory. Almost all the loans given are repaid regularly. The number of Recurring Deposits increased from 5 to 13 and the amount outstanding at the close of the year was Rs. 309-3-6 against Rs. 78 of previous year. These figures show that the Society is very much liked by the members.

During the year the Co-operative stores was opened by the kindness and help of Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa, Vice-President, T.S., but owing to our limited income, most of us were not able to take advantage of it as the sales were restricted only to cash purchasers. Seeing our helplessness in the affair, 9 of our influential members came forward to help us and took out a loan of Rs. 700 from the Credit Society and deposited the amount in the "Stores" on our behalf as a trade deposit, so that within its security we might get our supplies. As this amount is found insufficient, arrangements are now being made by them to raise the deposit amount to Rs. 1,500 for which we wish to express our gratitude to them for their timely help.

In conclusion we pray to God that we may, by our service, prove ourselves worthy of the help and fostering care bestowed on us by the President and Vice-President of the T.S.

C. SUBBARAMAYYA,

President.

REPORT OF THE ADYAR CO-OPERATIVE STORES LTD.

No. G. 718 for 1926—27

To the President, Theosophical Society.

Birth of the Stores.—The T.S. Employees' Co-operative Credit Society had been working for 6 years. While it satisfied the needs of Co-operative Credit, the greater want of the employees in the matter of finding the necessities of life still remained to be met. When it assumed proportions, the question of the "Stores" was taken up for serious consideration by Mr. C. Jinarājadasa, Vice-President of the T.S., at the request of the T.S. Employees' Co-operative Credit Society as per Resolution passed at its General-Body meeting held on 8-8-1925. The matter was pushed through and the "Stores" was started on the 2nd July, 1926.

2. After some correspondence with the Co-operative Department and personal explanation, the "Stores" was sanctioned and the formal resolution, incorporating the Society, was passed at a General-Body meeting held on 24-11-1926 and the opening was celebrated in the presence of the Dy. Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mr. C. Jinarājadasa and others.

3. The Society started with 38 members and has now 128 with a paid-up capital of Rs. 1,670. •

4. The stock of provisions bought during the year amounted to Rs. 21,627 and the sales to Rs. 20,830. The stock on hand on the 30th June, 1927, was worth Rs. 1,917.

5. The expenditure on establishment, contingencies, etc., amounted to Rs. 607 a very moderate figure, having regard to the extent of transactions.

Financial Position.—The assets on the last day of the year amounted to Rs. 2,939 and the liabilities to Rs. 3,848. The apparent loss was

thus Rs. 909 for the year; apparent because Rs. 814 were spent on buildings and equipment the initial non-productive outlay. The real loss reduces itself therefore to a small sum of Rs. 95 and such a result must be considered quite satisfactory having regard to the well-known difficulties experienced almost invariably in the initial working of "Stores".

The Future.—The object for which the "Stores" were mainly started has not however been attained. In the first month several employees came forward to purchase provisions but subsequently dropped off one by one. The reason is not far to seek. They wanted credit and could not by habit and tradition, avoid going for it. The result was they sought their old suppliers, so much so, that the transactions of the "Stores" were practically limited to certain resident families and institutions. It was not until last month, that is—after the close of the year, that they came back to the stores for purchases by a new course adopted for helping them with temporary credit. Nine influential members came forward with a deposit of Rs. 700 so that those, whom they can trust, can get their supplies under "Trade Deposit" System.

It is a matter for satisfaction that the working first of the "Credit Society" and now of the "Stores" amidst difficulties has given birth to the dawning of the fundamental ideas of co-operation in our members, specially in the cultivation of mutual trust and understanding in the, till now not very united classes of our employees. It is this spirit of mutual help that has made possible the coming forward of nine of them to take the cause of their poorer brethren in furtherance of the co-operative ideal.

C. SUBBARAMAYYA,

Secretary.

THEOSOPHICAL MEDICAL LEAGUE

To the President, Theosophical Society.

The Theosophical Medical League was constituted at Ommen on August 8th, 1927, with the purpose of gathering all the physicians, medical students and persons in general interested in hygiene, physiology and therapeutics, who believe in the facts resulting from Theosophical teachings.

This League has in view study in the first place and secondly propaganda. It does not mean to imitate the Health Leagues and other similar associations, but has a precise object in view : to prepare the ground for the creation of a new medical science. Like all human things, Medicine will be touched and transformed by the new spiritual current which flows from the Theosophical movement, and now is the right time to start converting these changes into realities.

The League has already fifteen National Secretaries in the following countries ; Italy, England, France, Spain, Belgium, Finland, Holland, Poland, Esthonia, United States, Brazil, Egypt, South Africa, India, Russia.

The International Secretary is in Rome (Italy), via Tagliamento, 7.

The means of inscription and organisation are contained in the Constitutional Articles as follows :

Art. 1. In the 52nd year of the Theosophical Society the Theosophical Medical League has been constituted.

Art. 2. Membership of the League is open to all who sympathise with the Theosophical Objects and who have a legal qualification to practise medicine, surgery, obstetrics or any branches of these, and to certificated nurses and masseurs.

Art. 3. Associate Membership of the League is open to medical students and nurses and to anybody who is in sympathy with the objects of the League.

Art. 4. The objects of the League shall be :

(a) Research into the causes of diseases, in the light of Theosophy ;

(b) to spread a knowledge of the laws of therapeutics and hygiene which are brought to light by a study of Theosophical teachings.

Art. 5. Applicants for membership shall make a formal statement as to their degrees, qualifications, the nature of their work, and whether engaged in practice or research.

Art. 6. There shall be an International Secretary, and National Secretaries of the League. The National Secretary shall be responsible for the admission of members residing within their jurisdiction, and for seeing that their qualifications entitle them to membership. The National Secretary must be a member and not an associate.

Art. 7. The Council of the T. M. L. will be composed of the National Secretaries and will meet once a year at Ommen during the Star Camp. The National Secretaries who are not able to come can be represented by a delegate or can send their suggestions by writing.

Art. 8. A Congress of the League shall take place periodically, at a time and place to be arranged.

Art. 9. The official organ of the League shall be a magazine edited by the International Secretary.

Art. 10. The subscription shall be at the rate of two English shillings per annum, which shall not include the magazine.

Art. 11. Modifications of the present Constitution shall only become valid if placed on the Agenda at Congress, which shall have been circulated to all members, and passed by a majority of those present at a Congress.

The first meeting of the League, held in Ommen during the Star Congress, was presided by Mr. C. Jinārājādāsa, Vice-President of the Theosophical Society, and among those present were Prof. E. Marcault, Director of the London Centre of the W. U., as well as all the physicians, medical students and persons interested in medicine who were present at the Camp.

DR. ETTORE RIETI,
International Secretary,
Via Tagliamento 7,
Rome, Italy.

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 and Charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is "The Theosophical Society".
 2. The objects for which the Society is established are :
 - (i) To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste, or colour.
 - (ii) To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.
 - (iii) To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.
- (a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.
- (b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by gift or otherwise, of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the 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 Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.
Upendranath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.	Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, 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 Umberto I., Rome.
W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42 Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.	Dr. Rudolf Steiner, Gen. Sect., German Section, 95 Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.
Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan 7, Stockholm, Sweden.	José M. Massó, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, 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

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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 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.

GENERAL COUNCIL AND OFFICERS
FOR 1927—28

GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1927—28

Ex-Officio

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DR. ANNIE BESANT, D.L.

Vice-President

C. JINARĀJADĀSA

Recording Secretary

J. R. ARIA

Treasurer

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- N. K. CHOKSY ESQ., T.S. in Ceylon ; Boyd Place, Colpetty, Colombo, Ceylon.

Additional

NAWAB A. HYDARI, Hyderabad, Deccan [1927 for 3 years].	RAO SAHIB G. SOOBIAN CHETTY, Adyar, Madras [1925 for 3 years].
HIRENDRA NATH DATTA ESQ., 139 Cornwallis Street, Calcutta [1927 for 3 years].	Rt. Rev. C. W. LEADBEATER, The Manor, Mosman, Sydney [1927 for 3 years].
P. K. TELANG ESQ., Benares, [1925 for 3 years].	J. D. L. ARATHOON ESQ., c/o Bank of Indore Ltd., Indore [1927 for 3 years].
KHAN BAHADUR N. D. KHAN- DALAVALA, Dubash House, Hughes Road, Bombay [1925 for 3 years].	

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MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room,
Headquarters, Adyar, on December 23rd, 1927, at 10 a.m.*

PRESENT :

Dr. Annie Besant	... President, T.S.
Mr. C. Jinarājadasa	... Vice-President, T.S.
„ J. R. Aria	... Recording Secretary, T.S.
„ A. Schwarz	... Treasurer, T.S.
Mrs. B. Padmabai Sanjiva Rao	... Joint General Secretary, North, T.S. in India.
Heer J. Kruisheer	... General Secretary, T.S. in Dutch East Indies.
U. Saw Hla Pru	... „ „ „ Burma.
Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale	... Representative, T.S. in Australia.
Mr. Ricardo Ros	... „ „ T.S. in Cuba.
„ A. G. Feliz	... „ „ Mexico and Chile.
„ Hirendra Nath Datta	... Member, General Council, T.S.
„ P. K. Telang	... „ „ „
Rao Sahib G. Subbiah Chetty	... „ „ „

Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater in anticipation of his being formally elected as an Additional Member was also present.

1. The Minutes of the Meetings of December 24th and 29th, 1926, having been previously circulated among the members of the General Council, were taken as read, and duly signed.

2. The Councillors' votes on the re-election of the retiring members, Nawab A. Hydari and Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta were

unanimously in favour, so they were re-elected as Additional Members of the General Council for three years.

The majority of votes on the election of Mr. J. D. L. Arathoon in place of Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, and of Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater as Additional Members were in favour, hence they were elected as Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years.

3. The votes sent in by the Councillors on the proposal of the President to substitute "Fellowship of Faiths" for the "World Religion," in the statement entitled "The Basic Truths of Religion," printed on page 327 of the Minutes of the T. S. General Council, in the *Annual Report*, 1925, were all in favour, hence it was unanimously

Resolved.—That the words "Fellowship of Faiths" be substituted for the "World Religion" in the statement entitled "The Basic Truths of Religion" printed on page 327 of the T. S. *Annual Report* of 1925, and the same be reprinted as follows :

THE BASIC TRUTHS OF RELIGION

Theosophy, the Divine Wisdom, is the root of all the great religions, living and dead ; all are branches of that ever-living Tree of Life, with its root in Heaven, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations of the world. Each special religion brings out and emphasises some special aspect of the Truth, necessary for the evolution of humanity during the age it opens, and shapes the civilisation of that age, enriching the religious, moral and cultural heritage of the human race.

The Fellowship of Faiths, of which all special religions are integral parts—whether or not they recognise their places in the World Order—declares :

1. There is one transcendent Self-Existent Life, eternal, all-pervading, all-sustaining, whence all worlds derive their several lives, whereby and wherein all things which exist live and move and have their being.

2. For our world this Life is immanent, and is manifested as the Logos, the Word, worshipped under different Names, in different religions, but ever recognised as the One Creator, Preserver and Regenerator.

3. Under Him, our world is ruled and guided by a Hierarchy of His Elder Children, variously called Rishis, Sages, Saints, among whom are the World-Teachers, who for each age re-proclaim

the essential truths of religion and morality in a form suited to the age; this Hierarchy is aided in its work by the hosts of Beings—again variously named, Devas, Angels, Shining Ones—discharging functions recognised in all religions.

4. Human beings form one order of the creatures evolving on this earth, and each human being evolves by successive life-periods, gathering experiences and building them into character, reaping always as he sows, until he has learned the lessons taught in the three worlds—the earth, the intermediate state and the heavens—in which a complete life-period is passed, and has reached human perfection, when he enters the company of just men made perfect, that rules and guides the evolving lives in all stages of their growth.

These are the Basic Truths of the Fellowship of Faiths, of which all religions are specialised branches; to proclaim and teach these the Theosophical Society was founded and exists.

The Fellowship of Faiths will thus help in preparing the way for the Coming of the World-Teacher, who shall give to the Basic Truths the form suited to the age He will open—the Age of Brotherhood.

The Theosophical Society admits to its fellowship all who desire to enter it, whether or not they hold any of these basic truths, or belong to any religion or to none, since all belong to the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, of which it is a nucleus.

4. Votes on the proposal of the General Secretary, T. S. in England suggesting alterations and additions to Rule 44 of the Rules and Regulations of the T. S. were not all in favour. The General Secretary, T. S. in India, voted against and Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta suggested an amendment. After some discussion it was referred to a sub-committee consisting of the Vice-President, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta, Rai Iqbal Narain Gurtu, Mr. P. K. Telang and the Recording Secretary to go into details and report about it.

5. The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet, which showed a deficit of Rs. 4,872-6-7 (£ 375) was, after some discussion, passed by the General Council. The deficit, however, had been fortunately met by the credit balance of last year.

The T. S. and Adyar Library Budgets for 1928, which were provisionally passed by the Executive Committee, T. S., were unanimously passed after examining various items.

T.S. BUDGET FROM 1st NOVEMBER, 1927 TO 31st OCTOBER, 1928

INCOME	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.	A.	P.
Rent and Interest ...	20,000	0	0	Adyar Library ...	2,500	0	0
Fees and Dues ...	19,000	0	0	Office Salaries ...	2,000	0	0
Garden Produce ...	12,500	0	0	Servants' Wages ...	6,500	0	0
Electrical Department ...	3,000	0	0	Gardens ...	17,000	0	0
Deficit to be made up by donations ...	19,410	0	0	Printing and Stationery ...	4,000	0	0
				Telegrams and Postages ...	1,000	0	0
				Lighting and Water ...	7,000	0	0
				Taxes ...	460	0	0
				Construction and Repairs ...	22,000	0	0
				Establishment Charges ...	2,000	0	0
				<i>The Adyar Bulletin</i> ...	450	0	0
				Gulistan ...	500	0	0
				Brahmavidyashrama ...	3,000	0	0
				Furnishing ...	1,000	0	0
				Vice-President's Office ...	1,000	0	0
				Museum ...	500	0	0
				Miscellaneous ...	3,000	0	0
	73,910	0	0		73,910	0	0

ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FROM 1st NOVEMBER, 1927 TO 31st OCTOBER, 1928

INCOME	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.	A.	P.
T.S. Contribution ...	2,500	0	0	Salaries ...	6,800	0	0
Interest ...	4,240	0	0	Books and Journals ...	2,000	0	0
Sales ...	500	0	0	MSS. ...	500	0	0
Copying Charges ...				Copying MSS. ...	500	0	0
Deficit to be made up by donations ...	5,410	0	0	Fire Insurance ...	350	0	0
				Bookbinding, etc. ...	1,300	0	0
				Publishing ...	1,200	0	0
	12,650	0	0		12,650	0	0

6. *Resolved.*—That the President, the Vice-President, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer, *ex-officio*, and Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, Mr. D. K. Telang and Baroness J. van Isselmuden be appointed members of the Executive Committee for the year 1928.

Carried unanimously.

7. *Resolved.*—That Mr. G. Narasimham, F.R.S.A., F.A.A., Certified Auditor, be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1928 on the usual remuneration.

Carried unanimously.

8. The President proposed that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. K. R. Jussawalla, the Garden Superintendent, for increasing the garden produce and making it productive, hence it was

Resolved.—That the General Council records with pleasure the good work done by Mr. K. R. Jussawalla, Superintendent of Gardens, in improving the garden and expresses its thanks to him for making it more productive year after year.

Carried unanimously.

The General Council, having suffered a great loss in the death of Sir T. Sadasiva Iyer, who had remained loyal and faithful to the end, and had rendered valuable services to the Society, the President proposed, and the General Council unanimously passed, that the following resolution of condolence be sent to his family :

That the General Council, T.S., places on record its profound appreciation of the very useful and valuable services which Sir T. Sadasiva Iyer had rendered to the Society for many years, and sends to his family its sympathy for the loss sustained by them, a loss which the whole Society shares with them.

Carried unanimously.

The President informed the Council that Mrs. Douglas Hamilton, a member of the T. S. in England, had left a legacy of £25,000 free of legacy duty to her for the Theosophical Society, and she asked the Members of the General Council present to send their suggestions as to its distribution to the Recording Secretary for discussion in the adjourned Meeting.

The Meeting adjourned to January 6th, 1928.

MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S.,
held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on
January 6th, 1928, at 8 a.m.*

PRESENT :

Dr. Annie Besant	...	<i>President, T.S.</i>
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa	...	<i>Vice-President, T.S.</i>
„ J. R. Aria	...	<i>Recording Secretary, T.S.</i>
Mr. A. Schwarz	...	<i>Treasurer, T.S.</i>
Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in India, and Representative, T.S. in Australia.</i>
Mr. Ricardo Ros	...	„ „ <i>Cuba.</i>
Rao Sahib G. Subbiah Chetty	...	<i>Member, General Council, T.S.</i>
Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater	...	„ „

1. The votes of the Councillors on the nomination of Dr. Annie Besant, as the President of the T.S., for a further term of seven years were all in favour. All the General Secretaries, except Italy, Czechoslovakia, Brazil and Roumania whose votes were not received, voted in favour, making 37. Of the Additional Members, the Vice-President, Mr. J. R. Aria, Mr. A. Schwarz, Mr. P. K. Telang, Khan Bahadur N. D. Khandalavala, Rao Sahib G. Subbiah Chetty, Nawab A. Hydari, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta and Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater voted in favour, making in all 46. Hence it was

Resolved.—That according to Rule 10 of the Rules and Regulations of the T.S., the General Council, at its meeting, held six months before the expiry of the term of office of the President, in the Board Room at Adyar Headquarters, nominates Dr. Annie Besant for re-election as the President of the Theosophical Society, and authorises the Recording Secretary, T.S. to communicate the nomination of the General Council to all the General Secretaries of the National Societies, who should proceed to take the votes of the individual members of their respective National Societies.

Carried unanimously.

2. The following addition to Rule 36 and amendments to Mr. Edward L. Gardner's proposed alterations to Rule 44 of the Rules

and Regulations of the T.S. suggested by Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta, as reported by the sub-committee appointed by the General Council, T.S., was read and finally accepted by the members present.

“ 36. (a) 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.

“(b) Any National Society or any Lodge, whether belonging to a National Society or not, may by a two-thirds majority of the members constituting the same withdraw from the Theosophical Society.

“ 44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36a or the withdrawal from the Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge under Rule 36b, its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapse 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 have power to transfer or revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter should have become so forfeited or lapsed, to such other Lodges not being less than seven in number, or to such other Fellows not being less than seven in number, respectively, or to such 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 the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or 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 to be 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." Hence it was

Resolved.—That the Recording Secretary should send the addition to Rule 36 and Amendments to Rule 44 of the Rules and Regulations of the T.S. to all the members of the General Council, T.S., and get their votes thereon.

Carried unanimously.

•3. Various suggestions were received regarding the distribution of £ 25,000 Legacy of MRS. DOUGLAS HAMILTON. After full discussion the following resolution was passed.

That the total sum be divided as follows :

(a) One-fifth for repairs and additions to buildings, Provident Fund for employees of the T.S., installation of a telephone system, and other purposes of T.S. Headquarters, Adyar.

(b) Two-fifths be held in reserve to form "Douglas Hamilton Fund," to be used at the discretion of the President, T. S., to develop work affecting the progress of the Theosophical movement throughout the world.

(c) Two-fifths to be allocated at the discretion of the President, T. S., for the development of such National Societies as should need assistance direct from Adyar Headquarters.

Carried unanimously.

The President stated that the legacy had not yet been received from the Executors and that nothing beyond the first intimation of the legacy had been heard from the Executors of Mrs. Douglas Hamilton, and that she did not know when the amount would be handed over by them.

4. The General Secretary, T. S. in America, sent a proposal that instead of inviting each National Society to pay a subscription of 1% of its total annual dues towards the World Congress Fund, the entertaining National Society should defray all the expenses of the World Congress by charging a moderate registration fee to delegates attending the World Congress.

The Treasurer, T. S., reported that he had received only Rs. 546 from some of the National Societies towards the World Congress Fund, and pointed out that 1% on Rs. 20,000 Annual Dues would bring

about only Rs. 2,000 per year for the World Congress Fund, which at the end of seven years would amount to Rs. 14,000.

This sum was barely adequate to defray the cost of travel to the Congress of the Executive officers and left nothing for expenses of organising the Congress itself.

After some discussion the General Council

Resolved.—That the proposal of the General Secretary, T. S. in America, be circulated among the members of the General Council with a memorandum from the Treasurer, T. S., for votes.

Carried unanimously.

The Meeting terminated at 11 a.m.
