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Dr. Besant's Fiftieth Year of Public Service

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THE Jubilee Demonstration last night was really a colossal success. I had been feeling very nervous as to whether we should succeed in filling the Queen's Hall once again and so late in the season, but by 8 o'clock it was practically full. The platform was beautifully decorated by our own members. We had a formidable list of speakers, no less than 16. David Graham Pole took the chair, and read out letters of regret for absence and appreciation from Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, Lord Haldane, Sir Robert Baden Powell, Lord Willingdon and Mrs. Despard. Most of these letters are reproduced in the booklet which I enclose. He then paid his own tribute to Mrs. Besant, and said that in calling upon the long list of speakers he should limit them strictly to five minutes each.

The first speaker was Miss Margaret Bondfield, first woman Cabinet Minister, who spoke of Dr. Besant's early work with the match girls. Earl de la Warr then spoke for Youth in a very humorous speech. He spoke of Mrs. Besant's youthfulness and energy, and misquoted for that purpose the following line:

"And panting youth toils far behind."

George Lansbury spoke next, as always, from the depths of his heart—the speech of a true idealist paying tribute to another great idealist. Harry Snell spoke next for the Ethical Societies, and also spoke of Mrs. Besant as his teacher and inspirer, and how she had stood for principles which it was almost dangerous to speak of in those early days, and which were now adopted by all respectable people. Dr. Marion Phillips spoke for the Women's Trade Unions and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence for the Suffrage movement. John Scurr spoke for the Independent Labor Party, and Ben Turner for the Parliamentary Labor Party. Ben Tillett in a delightful speech spoke of Mrs. Besant's work amongst the dockers, and how she was one of the very first to realize their grievances and to do something to remedy them. He reminded us of how often she would go to the docks very early in the morning, and through the mist and fog she would speak to 5,000 men although only able to see five. Dr. Haden Guest spoke for the Fabian Society, and paid a personal tribute to Dr. Besant for the inspiration which he had always derived from her. Mr. Arundale though supposed

to represent the Theosophical Society and allied societies, said he refused to obey the dictates of the chair and claimed the right of free speech. He spoke of Mrs. Besant's work in India, especially what she had done for Indian youth. Mr. Sastri concluded the list of speakers, and spoke in very moving terms of Mrs. Besant's work in India, and of his own experience of her as the colleague who never lost hope, and who was the most loyal of friends and leaders. At the conclusion of his speech he garlanded her in Indian fashion with a garland of roses, and Mrs. G. Arundale added another on behalf of Indian youth.

Boquets of flowers were presented also from the Order of the Star in the East, the Federation of Young Theosophists, St. Christopher School, Letchworth, Animals Welfare Society, the Theosophical Society, and the Theosophical Society in Sweden. When Mrs. Besant rose to reply she was almost too overcome at first to speak, and

looked very white though very beautiful. She immediately lifted the whole meeting from the personal to the impersonal, and spoke of the God in man Who was the true and only Worker. She said it was a delight to listen to the speakers, mentioning fellow workers of past days, until it seemed to her as if the hall were crowded with invisible presences giving a word of cheer to an old comrade whom they had left behind.

The whole audience rose on their feet and cheered and applauded as Mrs. Besant left the platform, and so ended a very wonderful meeting, which I think will live long in the hearts of all who were present. When I went round to her after the meeting, she said: "It would have been very much easier for me if it had been a hostile crowd," and I think she found it very difficult to speak.

I forgot to say that over 200 cables and telegrams were received from all parts of the world—84 from India alone.

Annual Report, 1924

LODGES AND MEMBERS

The condition of the Section is excellent, the membership active, and the spirit of accomplishment was never at higher tide with the majority of the members; but the old apathy of the minority, which neglects to pay dues, remains as in former times. For many years we have never failed to place over a thousand names on the inactive list at the close of the fiscal year. A special effort was made during the past year, through the Lodge Secretaries, to arouse the delinquents to a sense of their opportunities, but little came of it.

During the year 15 old Lodges, most of which had been Lodges only in name for several years, were dissolved and the charters called in. During the same period 32 new Lodges were organized in both new and old territory, giving us a total of 250 on June 30, 1924. As the Lodge membership statistics are published quarterly it is not necessary to repeat them now, but it may be well to call attention to the fact that we are now reckoning membership by a different method than formerly. We used to give the totals of our active and delinquent members as our entire membership. We now count only those whose dues are

paid in advance for the current fiscal year. By the old method of counting our membership, instead of about 7000 members we would report about 8500.

SECTION DUES

The increase of the annual dues to \$3.00, after one year's notice, went into full effect July 1, 1924. The remittances from a large majority of the lodges have already been made for the current year, and there has been but one complaint that \$3.00 a year is too much. That seems to indicate that almost everybody realizes that the cost of membership in the Theosophical Society is comparatively low. Considering what is received in return from the Society even in a purely material way, the expense is much lower than in other organizations that are popular with Theosophists, such as Co-Masonry for example. The \$3.00 per year is used to pay for the monthly magazine, the salaries of clerks, bookkeepers and stenographers, the upkeep of Headquarters, the expense of Conventions, the per capita tax to International Headquarters, the placing of books in public libraries and the general expenses of administration. It would be interesting to know if there is really any other organ-

ization in America with like numbers doing a general propaganda business on a national scale at so low a cost. Three dollars a year is twenty-five cents a month, somewhat less than one cent per day. Nevertheless there are certain rare circumstances in which even that can be a hardship. An example is where there are several theosophical children in one family. A few cases have come to notice where children have expressed a desire to join the Society but the parents were not able to pay both national and local Lodge dues for them. As time passes more and more children will be attracted to the Society, for there is evidence that we are entering upon an era in which increasing numbers of the theosophically inclined are coming into incarnation. Consequently the proportion of minors in our membership will increase. I therefore recommend that the clause relating to dues be amended to read \$1.50 per year for minors under 18 years of age.

PUBLICITY

One of our oldest and best established enterprises is that of distributing free theosophical literature to the public. During the fiscal year \$1572.36 was contributed for this purpose and 33,401 pamphlets and 116,376 leaflets were given away. Distribution was made partly at meetings of the local Lodges and partly by mailing direct from Headquarters to addresses of interested persons which had been sent in by Lodge officers and others. The additional correspondence involved mailing of 4799 cards in addition to the many letters. While it is impossible to trace the results it is certain that many people become interested through the publicity department and that occasionally a new member is thus secured. In one case it led to the organization of a new Lodge.

The demand for the publicity pamphlets often exceeds the possible supply and we must study the best methods of placing what is available. Indiscriminate distribution is of very little value. Apparently only a very small percentage of the people are at the point in evolution where it is at all possible for them to become interested in Theosophy. These we must seek out as best we can and supply what they require.

CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

While much can be accomplished by the

publication of our books, by placing them in libraries and by selling them through Lodges and dealers, there is another avenue open to us that should be better utilized. Our membership furnishes the greatest number of points of contact with the public and nothing should be overlooked that can improve that agency for disseminating theosophical knowledge. Every member should be able to talk Theosophy intelligently to the non-members he meets and should have not only a general understanding of the philosophy but also the technical information that will enable him to answer questions accurately. Only when one is familiar with the subject of Theosophy in all its important details will every part of his conversation about it be consistent with all other parts and thus impress his hearers with its soundness. Exact knowledge gives confidence and confidence is the first step in successful explanations.

If we can induce the general membership to become proficient in theosophical knowledge, the American Section will be enormously strengthened. There is eager inquiry among the American people about things occult and it is being met with various kinds of pseudo-theosophy in the public prints and otherwise. This places a responsibility upon every member to equip himself to present Theosophy accurately and logically to all who evince the slightest interest in such subjects.

It was for such reason that our Theosophical Correspondence School was established. It offers both an elementary and an intermediate course to members and non-members alike, at about one-fifth the price charged by commercial correspondence schools for similar service. It was perhaps because there was really a need for it that it has been conspicuously successful in its first year. Aside from its usefulness in a general way it has served as a basis of study for Lodge classes, has enabled isolated members to systematically study Theosophy under the guidance of able teachers, and has been particularly useful to new Lodges where the whole subject was unusual and strange, with no old member to act as instructor. It is to be hoped that in the coming year all of our Lodges will make at least some use of the correspondence school course.

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Headquarters Location

IT seems probable that finding a suitable location for Headquarters will be no easy task. A combination of country quiet with the necessary transportation and post office facilities, near a city, is a fairly rare one. The very desirable features of woods and stream make it still more difficult. No doubt, however, there are scores of such places "within five hundred miles of the present location," and some of the readers of THE MESSENGER may know where one of them is to be found. Any information will be thankfully received at Headquarters.

The Story of a Portrait

THE American Section is the happy owner of a fine portrait of Dr. Annie Besant, painted by an artist whose services are in demand by world-famous people. Although the negotiations have been going on for more than two years the story has not been told because there was not absolute certainty that we would succeed and there was really no story to tell unless we did.

The most important thing about it all was that Dr. Besant passed the "three score years and ten" commonly allotted to mortals long ago and is now nearing the four-score stage in this incarnation and

yet no really fine portrait of her had ever been painted. To Mr. Chester Green, of Boston, belongs the honor of the first suggestion. The value of the idea was clear enough but Dr. Besant was in India and likely to stay there for a long time and where was there a painter to do the work? Mr. Green suggested E. Hodgson Smart, whose "Madonna of the Blue Veil" in the National Gallery at Washington, as well as his portraits of President Harding and other celebrities, had attracted much attention. On one of my lecture trips to Cleveland I visited Mr. Smart's studio and saw his portrait of Marshal Foch. Having very recently seen the French General I was much impressed with Mr. Smart's success in putting on canvas a living likeness, for it was nothing less.

Meantime I had a letter from Dr. Besant agreeing to give the time necessary for the sittings and I took the matter up by correspondence with Mr. Smart. He was eager to paint Dr. Besant but he balked at going to India to do it. Other commissions were standing in the way and besides the conditions for painting in India were not, he felt, as good as in Europe. He must go abroad to do certain work in the summer of 1924 and if Dr. Besant was then in Europe he would be willing to go anywhere that she might find it most convenient. Fortunately she did go to London for a stay of several weeks and there the portrait was painted.

Recent information from London is to the effect that Dr. Besant and her friends are pleased with the portrait and that upon seeing it Mr. Krishnamurti expressed the opinion it should be at Adyar. Possibly at some time in the distant future it may be. Now it is coming to America where the idea originated and where all the members of the American Section may see it. We hope to have Dr. Besant herself at the next Convention but if anything should arise to prevent that the portrait at least will be on exhibition.

Meantime the painter must be paid and many members will want to contribute something for that purpose. It was suggested at the Convention that donations for this particular thing should be limited so that everybody could participate, but further consideration showed that to be unnecessary. The donations are running

from \$1.00 to \$50.00 and are being made by both Lodges and individuals. Checks may be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer at 826 Oakdale Ave., Chicago, payable to the American Theosophical Society and should be marked "Besant Portrait Fund."

It is a satisfying thought that we American Theosophists have the privilege of doing something that will gratify thousands of other Theosophists the world around. Art, like music, has no language limitations. In all nations alike this portrait will enable future generations of Theosophists to look upon the face of the Society's second President, who served humanity for more than a half century, and who produced the major part of the theosophical literature of her time.

The School Fails

THE school established by the Australian Section T.S. about seven years ago and known as the Morvin Garden School has not only failed, and been closed, but has left the Australian Section with a "deficit of at least six thousand pounds," or nearly thirty thousand dollars! That's a pretty stiff price to pay for a little experiment in theosophical education. The loss, under the Australian form of organization, will fall personally upon members of the Section, after the fashion of stock assessments in this country. As the Section membership there is very small the disaster will be keenly felt. One naturally wonders why such an experiment—and all theosophical schools are necessarily that—was permitted to continue after its impracticability had been fully demonstrated. Why go on a single term after it was clear that the receipts were not meeting expenses and thus not only come to certain disaster but cripple

ple the Section financially for years to come? It is difficult to understand.

Field Workers

MISS ELAINE SCRIBNER and Dr. Nina E. Pickett, who have been doing excellent field work on the Pacific coast, have been transferred to the central states and will be engaged almost exclusively in "follow-up work" among new Lodges. Mail for them should be sent to Headquarters.

Making It Plain

COMPLAINTS come occasionally to Headquarters that Lodges are sometimes annoyed by a lecturer insisting upon making an engagement and by sometimes pressing the matter to the point of saying "I am coming anyway" when the offer is declined. One hardly knows whether to be more annoyed with such astonishing persistency or with the weakness of a Lodge that will permit itself to be pushed into an engagement that it really does not want. It has been said repeatedly in these columns that if for *any* reason a Lodge does not desire to make an engagement with *any* lecturer it should simply decline; and it is under no obligation to even state its reasons.

Auditors' Report

SO far as business affairs are concerned the end of our fiscal year, June 30, does not fit well with midsummer Conventions. When I urged the auditors to have the report ready for the Convention the reply was that it was "very unusual to make such an audit in forty days." It is not yet ready.

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PUBLIC LIBRARY WORK

Mrs. Laura S. Hunt has financed the placing of books in public libraries throughout the country and has thus rendered a service of inestimable value to both the Theosophical Society and to the public. Through her generosity more than 120 libraries have received considerable lists of theosophical books. These have all been placed only after careful investigation by Mr. J. H. Talbot who makes certain in

advance, by visiting the librarian, and also by ascertaining the views of the library board, that the books will be welcome and will be properly catalogued and displayed. When the right conditions do not exist no books are placed as it would obviously be useless. By this careful method many public libraries where theosophical books have been unknown are now supplied. An investigation made years after the placing by a group of students of about twenty theosophical books in a California library,

disclosed the fact that they were all well worn and the most popular of them had been rebound on account of constant usage.

In this good work of placing theosophical books in public libraries the donor has paid for the books and the Society has paid for the expenses of placing them. It is one of our best methods of propaganda through an otherwise unused channel and the work should be continued until every public library in the nation that wants theosophical books has been supplied.

LODGE PROCEDURE

There is great need for more uniformity in our Lodge procedure and we should have a small book that presents a variety of forms for opening and closing Lodges, for the initiation of new members and for theosophical funeral services. In the Theosophical Society we have various types of mind, varying from the calmly intellectual to the warmly emotional, and there should be a wide variety of procedure from which all may choose. The necessity for such a book has long been recognized, but nobody has been found to do the necessary work. During the past year I have handed the job, at various times, to five very competent members but each has done only a little of the work, if anything, and handed it back. The matter is mentioned in the hope that some volunteer will come forward and finish it. The book is especially needed immediately for all our new Lodges.

A PROPAGANDA MAGAZINE

Now that our new territory work is well organized, our book publishing business soundly established and our Theosophical Correspondence School is in its second year, we may begin to think about the next Section enterprise. Our constant thought should be of new and effective ways to spread theosophical knowledge. Our Theosophical Press enterprise is putting out our literature through libraries, Lodges and dealers, but one important avenue for the propaganda of Theosophy remains. As soon as we can get to it through carefully devised plans that will insure success the American Section should found a theosophical monthly illustrated magazine to be sold on the news stands. It should contain no official matter whatever and should have no visible relation to Section affairs. It

should be designed exclusively for the public and its mission should be to spread widely in the United States a knowledge of such theosophical fundamentals as the evolutionary plan, reincarnation and karma, life after bodily death and the existence of the supermen. It should not be a magazine for students. That need is already well taken care of by *The Theosophist*. Our magazine should be designed to catch the attention of those who know nothing of Theosophy and who would be repelled by anything more than its elementary presentation. But you will observe that it is only suggested that it is time to begin to think of it. The establishment of such a magazine is a matter too important to be hastily undertaken. We must first of all know where a professional editor, with some years of experience, can be found among our members, and where a practical magazine manager can be secured. We must also have the financial side of the problem fully worked out. With our permanent Headquarters building on our hands we have quite enough to do for a while and the magazine enterprise is brought to attention only that we may be thinking about it and offering suggestions; for when several thousand people begin to think about a thing, useful ideas are sure to be developed.

LOTUS AND ROUND TABLE WORK

The Lotus Groups might perhaps be called our Sunday School classes. They are to the Theosophical Society what Sunday Schools are to the churches. The Round Table, however, is in a little different relationship. It is one of those activities originated and fostered by Theosophists, but designed for all young people everywhere. Schools, churches and various other institutions are adopting it. Just as we will naturally give it the theosophical complexion the churches will give it the orthodox Christian trend, but it helps the young people in any case. Whatever the age of the children, whether they belong in the Lotus or Round Table divisions, they should be organized in all our Lodges as rapidly as possible and the opportunity for other children to come into the groups should be made easy. Mrs. Vida Stone has made two very successful tours for that activity and I ask for her future work the

heartiest co-operation of all our Lodges. She will occasionally give theosophical lectures where the Lodges desire to make such engagements.

THE KROTONA ESTATE

By instructions of the annual convention of 1923 your Board of Directors laid before President Besant the matter of the Section's claim to part ownership of the Krotona estate on the ground that over \$150,000 invested in it was raised by a general appeal throughout the Section and that one of the stated purposes was to provide a headquarters building for the Section. Her decision has (already been published, so there remains nothing to report except that the sum which came to the Section under her decision was \$48,887.21.

THEOSOPHICAL BOOK SHOPS

A development that is both interesting and instructive is the successful attempt to establish theosophical book shops. Several experiments have been tried by various members in different parts of the country. In Wallace, Idaho, a small reading room was fitted up and books were offered for sale, but no results of much importance followed. A member at Colorado Springs made a somewhat more ambitious attempt and with a small stock in a room on a fairly well traveled street, succeeded in attracting considerable attention and in selling a few hundred books. These experiments served a purpose in their way, but the venture in this line that has been a striking success is the Philosophers' Book Shop at 26 West 43rd St., New York. There an entire shop is devoted to theosophical and occult literature with an attractive show window. Books to the amount of over \$10,000 have been sold and the buyers were almost exclusively non-theosophists. Several of the patrons of the place have become members of the Society. If a similar theosophical book shop existed in every large city of the United States the annual sale of theosophical books would have to be reckoned by the hundred thousand dollars.

SERVICES RENDERED

Thanks are due to a number of people. First to our visiting lecturers from abroad, Mr. and Mrs. Jinarajadasa and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood, for excellent service rendered. Our own lecturers and field

workers have done their usual fine work and they will report personally. A number of members from various parts of the country have visited Headquarters from time to time and have volunteered their services, in some instances for several weeks at a time. Dr. Edwin B. Beckwith has been the Headquarters physician, giving professional services to almost the entire Headquarters Staff during the year, but has declined to accept fees or other compensation.

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS

In the last annual report attention was called to the overcrowded condition of our very inadequate Headquarters building and the suggestion was made that we should, as soon as possible, erect a permanent Headquarters building in some central city. The plan then suggested was that the lower part of the building should be devoted to Section and Press affairs and apartments for our Headquarters Staff, while the upper floors could be made to yield revenue that would ultimately discharge the cost of the building. Since then investigation of building costs and other business conditions has shown that such a plan presents too many disadvantages. It would take too much time to go fully into details but, briefly, the chief difficulties are the existing costs of a class A building in a large city; the additional burden to the Administration of managing the building, the major part of which would be leased to non-members; and, perhaps the most important of all, the unsuitability of a city environment for our work and our workers. Nothing is so convincing as experience, and the past year, a large part of which I have spent in the Section offices, has left no doubt in my mind that it would be a fatal mistake to establish our permanent Headquarters in a city where a sea of discordant vibrations surrounds us. Some of our workers have suffered much in health and a majority of the others are more or less affected by nervous strain. In view of the actual experience of the past I recommend that we endeavor to locate Headquarters in a country environment as near as possible to a large central city.

One of the things to be considered in selecting a location for permanent Head-

quarters is the expansion of the Society in the coming year. We should think beyond our own times. The managers of a commercial business would look not less than 20 years ahead. In the last 20 years the membership of the American Section has multiplied by four. There are those who think it will grow more rapidly in the future than in the past, but if only the same ratio is maintained our membership 20 years hence will be not less than 35,000.

The plan above suggested would easily provide for any growth we could possibly expect. It would enable us to secure a tract of several acres and erect the necessary buildings at a total cost of little more than the price of a large lot in the central part of any large city. In such an outside-the-city location we could still have practically all the advantages of the city, with its printing material and labor supplies, and be near enough to it that the large Section library we intend to build up would be available to traveling Theosophists and visiting students, while we would also have the quietude of the country. The location should be selected with careful attention to the natural beauty of the spot, with a running stream and a grove, if possible.

THE THEOSOPHICAL PRESS

Among all our Section enterprises none exceed the Theosophical Press either in importance or magnitude. Its success can be most truly measured by the amount of theosophical literature it succeeds in putting into circulation. The growth of the business during the fiscal year recently closed has brought the output up to an average of 678 books and 274 pamphlets per week. Measured in dollars the total sales for the fiscal year have risen from \$26,446 last year to \$36,117 this year, an increase over the previous year of \$9,670.

The effort to interest dealers has been only partially successful. We have had one traveling representative out most of the time but among the dealers he meets with the constant response, "There is no demand for theosophical books." Our greatest problem is to create that demand. The dealer buys only what the public wants. The demand will greatly increase as the literature becomes known and we are cautiously but persistently advertising in various ways. Our catalog, of which about 600 a month are distributed, is the most ef-

fective. All members should have it and help to circulate it. Magazines are second in advertising value and differ enormously in bringing business, varying from no immediate returns at all to excellent returns. The New Territory and Advertising Fund enables us to use such advertising mediums to a limited extent, and careful records are kept of the results for future guidance.

One way in which our members can help increase the business of the Theosophical Press is to familiarize book dealers with the literature and to talk about it to non-members who are slightly interested. Thanks are due to members who have thus assisted during the year and to many others who have been careful to order even their non-theosophical books through the Theosophical Press. The cost to them is exactly the same as if they ordered from publishers or dealers. The total sales of that sort for the fiscal year were \$2,917 and the net profit to the Section was \$733.96.

While the growth of the Theosophical Press has been rapid it has nevertheless been sound and its future success seems assured.

NEW TERRITORY WORK

Two years ago the annual report included a recommendation to establish a New Territory Fund for the purpose of systematically organizing theosophical Lodges in territory where none existed. In the first year we obtained sufficient revenue to organize several Lodges. Last year the financial response was much better and we have been able to keep two or three workers continually in the field and to give some financial assistance to others whose work was largely among new Lodges. Mr. Alwyn J. Baker, assisted by Mrs. Baker, and in two instances by others, has given the year exclusively to work in new territory, with the result that 29 new Lodges have been organized by him. I found time to organize two others, thus bringing the number of new territory Lodges that were made possible by the fund to a total of 31, with a total membership of over 500.

If a larger number of our members can be induced to subscribe to the fund we can bring two more qualified organizers into the work, and they are sorely needed. It is not enough to organize Lodges; there should be sustained follow-up work until

the new Lodges are firmly established. It is largely for this activity that we need more workers. Not only in cities where no Lodge exists, but also in several very large cities which are already organized there is ample scope for new territory work. New York City, for example, with its huge population, has a total membership of but 224, while the great city of Philadelphia, with two millions of people, has only 33 members of the Society. All along the Atlantic coast our membership is insignificant for the population, and we are planning to im-

mediately concentrate our field forces in that part of the country for an autumn of vigorous work. Old Lodges will be strengthened and new Lodges will be organized. In the eastern states there are many cities with a sufficient population for organization where no Lodge exists. The middle and southern states also present to us some splendid opportunities. It is earnestly hoped that the subscriptions for the work for the coming year will be generous.

L. W. ROGERS,
National President

The Convention

BY GAIL WILSON

A REGISTERED attendance of 689; the International Vice-President presiding; several lectures by Mr. and Mrs. Jinarajadasa and Mrs. Wood to "members only"; great enthusiasm; absolute harmony; generous financial support of all theosophical work; those are some of the outstanding features of the thirty-eighth annual Convention at Chicago that began with a reception to the visitors on August 9 and closed with a banquet on August 13—a banquet at which 523 were seated. The registration last year was a little larger, but in no other sense was this year's Convention outdone.

Following the plan of the two preceding Conventions the business was disposed of in one day, thus leaving the remaining days for Forum sessions in which the work of the Society could be considered, and the evenings for lectures.

After a brief address of welcome by Dr. Edwin B. Beckwith, an address by Mr. Jinarajadasa, greetings from Senor Morales, special delegate from the Mexican Section, and from other visitors; and after the reading of telegrams and letters from the Mexican and Canadian Sections and from Lodges that included both New York and San Francisco, the annual report of the National President was heard. The Convention then passed to the consideration of resolutions. The following, introduced by Captain Russell Lloyd Jones, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that this Convention send to Dr. Besant and Bishop Leadbeater the following cables:

The thirty-eighth annual Convention of the American Section by unanimous vote sends greetings of love and reverence for your long years of devotion to theosophical work, and

Resolved, that we send to Mr. Krishnamurti and Mr. Nityananda the following cable:

The thirty-eighth Annual Convention of the American Section by unanimous vote sends loving remembrance and heartiest good wishes.

Mrs. A. Ross Read presented the following resolution:

Whereas, H. N. Stokes, a member of the Washington Lodge, T.S., and editor and publisher of a semi-monthly paper known as *The Critic*, has continuously for several years slandered and insulted the venerable President of the T.S.; and

Whereas, his constant misrepresentation of her official acts and policies has done and is doing much harm to the theosophical movement in the United States, therefore

Be it resolved, that the American Section of the T.S., in Convention assembled, hereby requests the President of the Theosophical Society to cancel the membership diploma of the said H. N. Stokes.

Without a dissenting voice the resolution was unanimously adopted.

An invitation from the Mexican Section to attend a Pan-American Theosophical

Convention to be held in the city of Mexico some time during 1925 was received and favorably considered. A committee with J. Harry Carnes as the chairman was appointed to follow the matter up.

Acting on the recommendation in the annual report a resolution was adopted making the Section dues for minors under 18 years of age \$1.50 per annum.

Something unique in an American Convention came up. Four years of serving as chief executive of the American Section without any financial compensation from that Section was a fact that weighed heavily upon the minds of the Directors who had worked closely with L. W. Rogers during the past few years and who knew how much sacrifice had been made in the material things of life. A resolution was introduced, therefore, calling attention in its preamble to the \$2,000 annual salary refused by Mr. Rogers four years ago, and to the \$8,000 thus saved to the Section; and then asking that the Convention authorize an appropriation of \$2,000 from the treasury for Mr. Rogers. This resolution was signed by National Vice-President C. F. Holland and former Directors Gail Wilson and Charles Weschcke. Before the adoption of the resolution was put to vote, by motion of Thomas D. Dawkins the amount was raised to \$3,000. No word of protest came from Mr. Rogers, but after the resolution was unanimously adopted, he thanked the Convention "for its generous gift" and said that he would accept the check for \$3,000 from the Secretary-Treasurer, and that it was then his to do with exactly as he wished. He would therefore donate \$3,000 to the New Headquarters building fund. Protests came from everywhere in the audience which insisted that the money should be retained by the National President. Mr. Holland was appealed to as a lawyer, but admitted he was quite helpless in the matter. Mr. Rogers remained immovable, so the matter stood. He will receive \$3,000 in partial recognition of the monetary sacrifice he has made, and he will give \$3,000 to the New Headquarters building fund. A later resolution, signed by a number of prominent members of the Section, gave the Convention its opportunity to express the loving appreciation of the members for the devoted and untiring service he has rendered.

One of the thrilling moments of the Convention came when the National President disclosed the fact that for more than two years negotiations have been going on with an eminent portrait painter to paint Dr. Besant; that she had consented to sit for the portrait when she next went to England; that Mr. E. Hodgson Smart had been given the commission; that the portrait had been finished; that Dr. Besant was reported to be greatly pleased with it and that it would arrive from London in October—the property of the American Section. It was necessary, Mr. Rogers said, to raise \$500 immediately as a preliminary payment on the portrait. Amid great enthusiasm \$645 was subscribed in a few minutes.

A collective gift of \$250 to Mrs. Maude Lambart Taylor, who has been too ill to go out again as a National Lecturer, was made by the members present and forwarded to her by the Secretary-Treasurer with a letter of appreciation.

Early in the afternoon a huge map of the United States was placed on the platform. Cities in which there were theosophical Lodges at the time of the Convention of 1923 were represented in red. In green were the 32 cities that had been organized in new territory since then, while in black appeared the large number of cities yet to be organized. It was an object lesson that evidently went home to the Convention, for when Mr. Rogers called for subscriptions to the New Territory fund for the coming year the response was quick and generous. He expressed the hope that the fund would enable the administration to add two workers for follow up work among the Lodges being organized. The subscriptions ranged from \$150 to \$5 each and it was said that when the members who did not attend the Convention have been heard from there will be no doubt about greatly extended field work during the coming year.

Selecting a site for the new permanent Headquarters was referred to the Board of Directors for action with merely the provision that it should be within 500 miles of the present location.

Much interest was shown in the subject of vocational training in prisons and a committee consisting of Messrs. Van Etten, of Columbus, Catlin of Anaconda and

Chaplain Southerland of Leavenworth was appointed.

Various organizations not directly connected with the Theosophical Society held sessions during the Convention—the Round Table and Lotus organizations, the Educational Fraternity, the Young People, etc. Both the Round Table and the Krotona Service gave the Convention an opportunity to see them in action.

The By-Laws were amended by various

minor changes to bring the whole into consistency and the usual resolutions of thanks to committees, etc., were adopted.

The Convention picture was a great success. Mr. Jinarajadasa pronounced it one of the clearest he had ever seen. The atmospheric conditions must have been exactly right and it is almost as if each individual in the picture posed for a separate photograph. The banquet Wednesday night concluded one of the happiest theosophical Conventions ever held in America.

News From the Children's Movements

TWO reports have been received from leaders of Golden Chain Groups. One of these leaders developed a plan in connection with a Lodge which had just moved into new quarters. Instead of starting the children's work with an organized group, she announced a Story Hour, and invited interesting people to take charge for the first few weeks. Announcements were sent to the social column of the newspapers each week, and have proved quite successful. Children and their parents have responded and new groups brought into contact with the Lodge rooms each week. The success of the children's groups proves that they are a form of Lodge propaganda which should not be neglected. One of the newspaper notices used by the leader of this Story Hour follows:

"Beginning Saturday, July 5, a Story Hour for children and young people will be conducted in the Marion Building, 5617 Hollywood Blvd., every Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 5, a holiday program will be given, many talented young people of Hollywood having consented to take part. Among those taking part in the program will be Miss Dorothy White, Misses Wendy and Daphne Hugon, and others. Robert White will give a demonstration in sleight of hand, and Stanley Rogers will speak on 'Three Ages in Chivalry.' Children of all ages are invited." Mrs. Joy Herbert, leader.

This group has planned an afternoon for the study of astronomy, illustrated by stories, myths, pictures, and blackboard charts, and on the last Saturday of the month will have a party afternoon with instructive games. Later on in the year, this group will be ready for the organized work of the Golden Chain and Round Table.

Mrs. Lutie C. Watson has sent the following report of her work with the Omaha Golden Chain Group:

"My little Group was quite a joy to me and I think the children enjoyed it very much. I used an altar table which we covered with a beautiful white linen cloth. The picture of the Christ was placed in the center with lighted candles on either side, and a large vase of flowers at the back. The children always marched in and stood in a circle around the table until they reached the Golden Chain, then quietly took seats and we had a short

meditation, then a song, and after the roll call came the lesson. We always closed with a song and the children marched out. I sought to make it the children's Group, and tried to get original suggestions from them. For our last meeting we had a picnic in the park and invited the mothers and younger children, even the babies in long dresses. We had a lovely time.

My eldest son Raja gave the circle a stereopticon lesson one day and showed a picture-story on karma and thought power. He used the usual pictures on thought forms and wove a story about each one to bring out the symbology."

ORDER OF THE ROUND TABLE:

The San Jose Round Tables, California, have been very active in serving the cause of Theosophy in their city. They held a rummage sale in a down-town store, put articles in the papers, distributed handbills, collected goods, mended articles, arranged the store and took full charge of the sale. The Leading Knight, Mr. Ray Harden, reports that something over \$100.00 was turned in to the T.S. Lodge treasury by this energetic young group, and that not only were the financial results so worth while, but the sale proved a blessing to many poor families who were enabled to purchase things at very low prices; and a progressive, co-operative spirit was displayed all through which helped toward success and furnished excellent training for the young members of the Table.

The George Herbert Whyte Tables of Los Angeles have conducted some unique meetings out-of-doors. They have sent the following report:

"Following the example of King Arthur's knights of old, the Round Table of the Los Angeles Lodge has varied its regular program of Sunday morning meetings by seeking occasional adventure in the beauties of the out-of-doors.

"While no dragons, nor even rattlesnakes, have thus far been encountered, the spirit of communion with nature and the joy in making the acquaintance of some of the younger brothers—the plants and animals—has been so inspiring as to make every one vote these meetings among the most successful ones of the year.

"On Saturday, March 22, the Round Table Group, which comprises two sections, journeyed

by automobile to the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kent, at Valyermo, California, some 110 miles from Los Angeles, on the edge of the Mojave desert. Mr. and Mrs. Kent, who have been members of the Theosophical Society for many years, welcomed the Knights warmly. On Sunday a Round Table meeting was held in a new house on the ranch, which was thus dedicated for the service of Theosophy.

The hosts of the occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Kent, expressed much pleasure that the first guests of the house should have held such a service as that of the Round Table ceremonial, and invited them to meet at Valyermo again. At this meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Kent were made Knights of the Order.

Later in the spring a trip was made to Balboa beach, where a meeting was held in the bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Baverstock, members of the Los Angeles Lodge. An outdoor picnic to Laguna Beach occurred on July 6, and it is planned to continue the Round Table work in this form during the summer, while the regular Sunday morning meetings are temporarily suspended."

VIDA STONE, *Chief Knight*

Something New

The Theosophical Press now has ready 75,000 printed forms for the use of Lodges in keeping their mailing lists up to date. It reads:

TO THE AUDIENCE:

Write below any question on Theosophy that you may desire to ask. The slips will be collected and the questions answered after the lecture.

Books and pamphlets may be purchased at the literature tables as you come in or pass out.

If you use one of these slips for leaving your name and address the Committee will mail you notice of future free lectures in this city.

Below that is the place for name and address. The rest is space for the question. These printed slips will be mailed to anybody for *only five cents per hundred*—merely the cost of postage and packing.

Dr. T. P. C. Barnard

Dr. T. P. C. Barnard of North Tonawanda, N. Y., who was one of our district lecturers and who had been President of the Buffalo Lodge for about twenty years before illness compelled him to retire, passed on to the wider life August 22. The doctor was one of the oldest among our American members (1895) and was a genial soul who had hosts of friends. For more than two years he had been unable to do any of the theosophical work which was his chief interest in life.

Deaths

*Rest in the Eternal grant them, Oh Lord,
And may light perpetual shine upon them.*

Mrs. Edith Grant Baker....Annie Besant Lodge,
Boston

Mrs. Smithie D. Cherry.....Houston Lodge

Mr. Z. P. Smith.....Madison Lodge

Mr. Franklin Kimball....Annie Besant Lodge,
Boston

Mrs. Loula S. Ellzey.....Fort Worth Lodge

Dr. T. P. C. Barnard.....Buffalo Lodge

Mr. Jinarajadasa's Tour

The following dates are definitely fixed, except in the first four lines, which are tentative.

St. Louis	September 13-14
Kansas City	" 15
Omaha	" 16-17
Kansas City	" 18
Oklahoma City	" 19-20
Dallas	" 21-22
Houston	" 23-24
New Orleans	" 26-27
Atlanta	" 29-30
Birmingham	October 1-2
Nashville	" 3
Louisville	" 4
Detroit	" 6
Grand Rapids	" 7
Lansing	" 8
Toledo	" 9
Cleveland	" 10-11
Pittsburgh	" 12-13
Buffalo	" 14-15
Toronto	" 16-17
Rochester	" 19-20
Albany	" 21
Boston	" 22-23
New York	" 24-25
and Nov. 2	
Philadelphia	" 27-28
Baltimore	" 29
Washington	" 30-31
Brooklyn	November 3-4
Paterson	" 5

Question Column

Answers to the following questions are invited. If they are promptly mailed to THE MESSENGER they can appear in the next issue.

1. "What is the mental process in an animal? Does it reason or only think, and how far does it think?"

2. "A table of the colors in which emotions express themselves is given in some books. How are these colors determined?"

3. "Which is more accurate, a clairvoyant or an astrological prediction?"

4. "It is stated that the negroes are members of the third root race. Please allow me to state my objections to the statement and then, if you have the time to reply, please explain what seems to be a contradiction. Speech such as the negro now uses was not developed until the fourth root race (*Secret Doctrine*, II: p. 208). The division into races according to color was a part of the development of the fourth root race (*S.D.*, II, p. 237). Even if the first, second, third and fourth here referred to root races rather than subdivisions of the fourth root race, this would not put the negroes in the third but rather in the fourth root race. Also the two front eyes, according to Madame Blavatsky, were not fully developed as physical organs until the beginning of the fourth root race (*S.D.*, II, p. 813). It seems to me that these theosophical teachings make the theory that the negro belongs to the third root race untenable. I shall be pleased to hear from you regarding the point."

Wanted, an Apprentice

Are there among our members' families any youths of sixteen years, or thereabouts, who would like to come to Headquarters to learn the printing and binding arts? If so, I would be pleased to hear from them or their parents. The usual compensation for apprentices in the commercial world would be given. We have one young man who left off work as a teacher of mathematics to operate our linotype machine and do other printers' work, but we need another who will begin at the foundation and acquire a general printer's education.

L. W. ROGERS

Secretaries, Attention

Lodges should send in at once information necessary to correct names and addresses of Lodge officers on the Headquarters record. If this does not reach us promptly it will be too late for the Adyar report.

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Students intending to enroll for either Course I in Elementary Theosophy, or Course II in Intermediate Theosophy will require the following books. They may be obtained from the Theosophical Press, 826 Oakdale Ave., Chicago.

Course I—Elementary: Paper . Cloth

<i>At the Feet of the Master</i> , by J. Krishnamurti	\$.25	\$.60
<i>Popular Lectures on Theosophy</i> , by Annie Besant50	.75
<i>A Textbook of Theosophy</i> , by C.W. Leadbeater50	1.00
<i>Elementary Theosophy</i> (Second and enlarged edition) by L. W. Rogers		1.75
<i>Universal Brotherhood</i> , by L. W. Rogers10	
<i>Theosophy and the Mission of the Theosophical Society</i>10	
Course II—Intermediate:		
PART I		
<i>Ancient Wisdom</i> , by Annie Besant	1.75	
<i>First Principles of Theosophy</i> , by C. Jinarajadasa (boards)	3.00	
PART II		
<i>A Study in Consciousness</i> , by Annie Besant	2.00	
<i>Three Paths to Union with God</i> , by Annie Besant.....	1.25	

Items of Interest About Books

The Brotherhood of the Rosy Cross, by Arthur Edward Waite, is a stupendous work, comprising almost seven hundred pages, in which the author traces the origin and history of the Rosicrucian Fraternity from its beginning in the early seventeenth century up to the present day. It replaces the author's earlier work *The Real History of the Rosicrucians*, published in 1887, and extends it in several important directions. In this, his latest work, Mr. Waite has had the advantage of access to several important MSS. and other rare sources of information which have furnished certain clues to the first beginnings and subsequent

ramifications of this mysterious occult society. He has also succeeded in throwing fresh light on the internal side of the movement, especially in regard to the spiritual symbolism of the hidden mystery of the Rosy Cross. It is said that no such comprehensive and exhaustive work on the Brothers of the Rosy Cross has ever before been given to the public. Orders may be placed through the Theosophical Press for this book. Price \$7.50.

Mr. George S. Arundale has gathered together inspiring thoughts wherever he could find them, and at the request of friends has published a volume entitled *Thoughts of the Great*. He says: "For many, many years I have been privileged to live in the company of great people, and I have thus acquired a taste for greatness, because I have had practical experience of that which greatness really means." It is one of those books which gives pleasure and satisfaction no matter where you open it. Advance orders may be placed with the Theosophical Press for delivery when the books arrive from India.

Star members please note that the Theosophical Press has an ample stock of *The Coming World Teacher*, by Prof. P. Pavri, which book is so highly recommended for Star work by Mr. Ernest Wood, National Representative for America.

New Territory Work

Members of Lodges, Section members in new territory, and Lodges near new territory, can greatly assist organizers and field workers with information and services.

Advance work and information:

1. Start study classes in new territory—then report.
2. Send in names and information about study groups that are or have been conducted in new territory.
3. Send in names of people in any part of the country who have become interested in Theosophy.

Assistance during organization:

1. Names of members in or near new territory who can entertain organizers and field workers.
2. Names of members who will assist with music, automobile, or any kind of personal service during preliminary work and in conducting lectures.

Assistance to new Lodges:

1. Names of members or Lodges who will help furnish old or new books to start Lodge libraries and equip public libraries (when a new Lodge is started books are in demand for the public library).
 2. Teachers and lecturers who will assist in getting new Lodges firmly established.
- It is hoped that every Lodge will take this up as a matter of new business at the earliest opportunity and that every detached member will feel he is a committee of one to report. Send name, address, and telephone number where possible to Headquarters.

The total membership of the American Section, T.S., in 1902, was 1703.

What Lodges Are Doing

SACRAMENTO LODGE

The Sacramento Lodge of the Theosophical Society invites you to visit their new and attractive headquarters, which are airy, light, commodious and attractively situated in Room 407, the Plaza Bldg., on 10th St. near J. The reading room for theosophical and other philosophical and occult literature will be open daily from 12 to 5, and all are cordially invited to borrow books from the free loaning library.

OAKLAND LODGE

Oakland Lodge has had two treats of late. First came Mr. and Mrs. Jinarajadasa to the Bay region, inspiring all the Lodges and the community at large by their presence. Mr. Jinarajadasa gave two lectures in Oakland, at Aahmes Temple, where he talked to crowded houses. The public received his message enthusiastically, and we of the Lodge feel that our consciousness has been raised a bit, so that we are encouraged to take our next step in the work, whatever it may be.

Then Mr. Rogers stopped on his way to Convention, lecturing in the various cities around the Bay. In Oakland he gave two splendid lectures at Ebell Hall. His friends of old seeing his name in the advertising matter came out to hear him. He always enthuses our people, and a big class was formed at the close of the lectures.

At present we are carrying four classes, one of them taking the place, during the summer, of the Sunday evening lectures, and led by Mr. Olaf Folden, who has lately returned to Oakland to work with us once more.

SANTA ANA LODGE

As to the most effective way to reach non-Theosophists with our literature, I will say that what has seemed to me most effective has been to slip leaflets into public library books, taking care, of course, only to put them into such books as reach serious-minded people, the ones most likely to read such literature, and avoiding fiction.—Adelbert Porter.

ST. LOUIS LODGE

Our first Open Forum for questions and general discussion of occult subjects was held July 2, and was pronounced by everybody present to be an overwhelming success.

The main subject discussed was reincarnation. The audience entered into the spirit of the occasion in the most whole-hearted way and questions came thick and fast right from the start, each one being answered fully and discussed at length before the next question was taken up.

Of the many interesting questions asked and answered, the following are typical: Is reincarnation mentioned in the Bible? Do people ever come back to earth right away? What governs the length of the interval between incarnations? How do you know that reincarnation is a fact?

Next Wednesday the topic for discussion will be karma, the great law of cause and effect—the law which is summed up in the Christian Scriptures in the admonition, "As ye sow, so shall ye surely reap."

Youth at Convention

Our young people met at Chicago during the late Convention and organized the American Federation of Young Theosophists, with the following officers: President, Dorothy Maxson, 501 Grand River St., East Lansing, Mich.; Vice-President, Earl Hiller, 2907 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley, Calif.; Secretary, Freeman L. Hurd, 135 N. Harvey Ave., Oak Park, Ill.; Treasurer, Louis P. LeMarquand, 509 Jackson St., Milwaukee, Wis.; Publicity Agent, Bernice Allen, 2308 Central St., Evanston, Ill.

We adopted the objects of the World Federation of Young Theosophists, and shall apply for membership in that body as its American Section. The name of our official magazine shall be *The Young Theosophist*. Editor, Harry Van der Veen, 22 Linden St., Schenectady, N.Y.; Business Manager, Pieter K. Roest, 1511 East 60th St., Chicago.

A circular will be sent out in the immediate future, setting forth the ideals and ambitions of the American Federation of Young Theosophists, and the plan for its magazine. Read this if you want to keep in touch with this new attempt to bring the ideals of Theosophy to the youth of the world.—Freeman L. Hurd, Secretary.

Book Reviews

"Music and Listeners," by Sybil Marquerite Warner, with Foreword by C. Jinarajadasa; published by Service Magazine and Publications, London. Boards, 44 pp; price 75c through the Theosophical Press.

In the Foreword to *Music and Listeners*, Mr. Jinarajadasa says: "In the main, we consider music as an isolated expression of our esthetic nature. Some of us know that music can adequately express joy or sorrow. Others have found in music a comfort that is a re-creation, since it sublimates and resolves pain and discord. But a further fact concerning music still awaits realization by us. It is that music synthesises."

It is for recalling to our minds this synthesising power of music that the author of this little volume deserves our gratitude. Further along in the Foreword we find this tribute: "I associate myself heartily with the attempt of Miss Warner to make people understand the significance of music, not as an esthetic balm, but as a re-creation of ourselves in a truer and finer model."

One exceedingly helpful chapter is on "Music: Its Influence and Use." Here the author treats of "Healing by Music," "Music in Education," and "Possibilities of Control." She places before her readers the tremendous possibilities for music in these realms, in which, so far, only the simplest experimentation has been going on.

Another chapter is on "The Need for Artistic Expression"; another "Personality in Music"; and still another on "Scriabin: Musician and Theosophist."

There are three technical articles included: "The Art of the Accompanist," "How to Study a Song," and "Phrasing in Music." These concise statements of the author's experience are well worth while.

For so small a book, "Music and Listeners" carries many inspiring suggestions. It is written from the occultist's point of view, of course, but so few technical theosophical terms are used that any musician will understand it readily.

G. W.

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News Items

We still have a few Convention pictures, which will be mailed on receipt of cost price, \$1.00.

We would like to find the owner of a fountain pen left on the registration desk at Convention. Send your name and address to the Secretary-Treasurer, 826 Oakdale Ave.

The files in the Section office are in need of copies of the February 1924 and June 1924 MESSENGER. Will those members who have extra copies please mail them to the Secretary-Treasurer at 826 Oakdale Ave., Chicago?

Many old friends of Mr. Ray M. Wardall will be interested in learning that he was recently united in marriage with Miss Eloise K. Orr of Seattle. Mrs. Wardall is on the faculty of the Cornish School of Music in that city.

Mr. Aba Kliguer represented the Himavatt Lodge of Buenos Aires at the Convention. He is remaining for some time in the United States, and through THE MESSENGER wishes to give his compliments and expressions of hearty good will to the American membership.

A letter from a member in Brooklyn brings the unpleasant information of the sudden and serious illness of Mr. H. C. Stowe, but adds the consoling information that he was making a splendid recovery. That probably accounted for the fact that we missed the genial presence of Mr. and Mrs. Stowe at the Convention.

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