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The American Section

## Statistical Year Book and Directory

### REPORT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

*July 10, 1917*

Mr. A. P. Warrington, National President,  
American Section Theosophical Society,  
Krotona, Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Warrington:

I am pleased to hand you herewith the report rendered by our Auditor, Mr. Harry J. Rose, showing the condition of the finances of the American Section for the fiscal year, July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917.

You will observe that at June 30, 1917, the balance of cash in our treasury amounted to \$7,269.14. The Auditor, referring to the receipt of Fees and Dues, calls attention to the "remarkable increase from \$8,660.31 for the year 1916 to that of \$12,711.92 in 1917." The figures \$1,541.72 placed to the credit of "Income and Expenditure" indicates the net gain for the year ending June 30, 1917, which is more than twice as much as the previous year.

I wish to point out that this gain was made without including the Section dues that appertain to the year 1917-1918, upon which we are now entering. In order that a just accounting of the year's business could be rendered, all dues for the year 1917-1918 were placed in separate reserve funds so that all moneys would show in the business of the year to which they belonged. Hence, the balance of \$7,269.14 indicates a splendid financial condition of the American Section at June 30, 1917.

The above figures appear to reflect the general condition throughout the American Section. To Miss Isabel B. Holbrook, who occupied the office of National Secretary during the first half of the year, credit should be given for the improved system of records and for estab-

lishing a closer personal relationship between the lodges and headquarters, during her administration. Since January 1st the National Secretary has endeavored to increase the efficiency of our system, and to handle with accuracy and promptness the voluminous details connected with this office.

Your attention is called to the number of new members affiliated with the Society during the past year, there being 1,927, or an average of 160 new members per month. In addition to this there were 88 members reinstated into active standing, many of whom had been out of touch with the Society for years. Death has called from our ranks but 66 members. Resignations have numbered 94, which is a very small percent. At the close of the year 511 members were placed on the inactive list, which is a low figure based on the size of our present membership. Many of these will become active shortly, according to their advices.

Thirty new lodges were organized during the past twelve months. This is an exceptional record in view of the fact that the largest number formed any previous year was seventeen new lodges. Of the thirty, twelve were organized by national lecturers, and eighteen through the efforts of individual members. Of the eighteen, fourteen are known to have resulted from the work of a study class, held a few weeks or months, usually in private homes. These figures are most significant, and the possibilities for activity along this line are limitless if our membership awakes to its present opportunities.

Many inquiries have been received from those wishing to obtain additional information as to the aim and purpose of the Theosophical Society, and in many instances our reply to the



inquiry was quickly followed by an application for membership. It appears that this group of incoming members are the harvest of seed sown in the years gone by.

The lodge secretaries and treasurers who transact business with the office of the National Secretary, are to be commended for their splendid spirit of co-operation and the care observed in forwarding remittances and communications. The accuracy of lodge correspondents enables us to handle all business with dispatch, and prevents long delays caused by inter-correspondence.

The response which comes from our 342 Members-at-Large is a source of much pleasure. It indicates that although these members are working independently and isolated, (in many instances), yet they are shouldering their responsibilities with a good will, thus putting

forth the effort that causes their light to shine as a beacon in the dark places.

The present financial resources, with no debts outstanding, and a fine credit balance in the bank, will enable the Board of Trustees and the Convention of 1917 to proceed without handicap to draw up its budget wisely and thus insure the best possible use of the Section's finances.

In conclusion, my opinion based on the indications in this office, is that the Section is enjoying an inflowing tide. From a financial point of view, as well as an increase in membership, the Section has just passed the best year in its history, and every indication points to a still better year ahead.

Fraternally yours,  
CRAIG P. GARMAN,  
National Secretary.

*Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 6, 1917.*

To the Members of the American Section of the Theosophical Society:

Following instructions from your National Secretary, I have made an audit of the books of your Society for the year ending June 30, 1917. I present the following exhibits in this connection:

Exhibit No. 1—Balance Sheet, 30th June, 1917.

Exhibit No. 2—Statement of Income and Expenditures, 30th June, 1917.

The disbursements are properly vouched and the receipts fully accounted for.

From the standpoint of an accountant, the systematic way your books have been kept and the painstaking attention to detail, together with the careful following out of the instructions in the resolutions passed at your last Convention, leave no room for comment upon the part of your Auditor. The figures in the statement speak clearly for themselves and obviate any written criticism. Every credit should be given your National Secretary and his bookkeeper in this respect.

You are to be congratulated upon the large increase in Fees and Dues for 1917 which shows the remarkable increase from \$8,660.31 for the year 1916 to that of \$12,711.92 in 1917. This leaves the handsome balance of \$1,541.72 to the credit of Income and Expenditure for the year, even after paying \$1000.00 to the Annie Besant Fund and reserving funds for any possible future contingencies. Due allowance for shrinkage in Assets has also been made.

I have met with and must thank your staff for its invariable courtesy.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) HARRY J. ROSE  
Certified Accountant

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the American Section of the Theosophical Society and find all entries therein properly vouched and accounted for. The attached are true statements of the financial condition on June 30, 1917.

(Signed) HARRY J. ROSE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August, 1917.

EVALYN N. SPARKS

Notary Public in and for the County of Los Angeles,  
State of California.



## EXHIBIT NO. 1

BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1917  
AMERICAN SECTION THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## Assets

## INVENTORY

Furniture and Fixtures .....	\$2,016.37		
Stationery and Supplies .....	265.37		
Library .....	250.00		
White Paper .....	126.00		
Lantern Slides .....	65.00		
Engravings .....	19.00		
Booklets .....	11.50		
Stamps .....	15.00	\$2,868.24	
Balance in Bank .....	5,204.14		
Balance Cash on hand .....	65.00		
Emergency Reserve Fund .....	2,000.00	7,269.14	\$10,137.38

## Liabilities

Investment Account .....	\$5,257.03		
Reserve Funds—			
Fees and Dues, 1917-18 .....	\$3,297.51		
Discretionary Fund .....	25.33		
Folsom Fund .....	15.79	3,338.63	
Balance at credit of Income and Expenditure Account....	1,541.72	\$10,137.38	

## EXHIBIT NO. 2

## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1917.

## AMERICAN SECTION THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## Income

Fees and Dues, 1917.....	\$12,711.92		
Fees and Dues, 1916.....	36.68	\$12,748.60	
Donations, Section .....	54.44		
Donations, Propaganda .....	1,478.55		
"Messenger" Subscriptions .....	87.60		
Sundry Interest and Exchange .....	148.66		
Miscellaneous Rents .....	25.00	\$14,539.85	

## Expenditures

National President's Expenses .....	\$ 338.07		
Convention Expenses .....	466.39		
Adyar Percentage .....	848.00		
Salaries .....	2,269.80		
Stationery and Supplies .....	542.36		
Rent and Light .....	365.50		
Postage .....	417.35		
Incidentals .....	109.42		
Telephone and Telegraph .....	116.64		
Freight and Express .....	18.80		
Insurance .....	47.50		
Taxes .....	93.81		
Booklets .....	59.61		
Donation—Annie Besant .....	1,000.00		



## STATISTICAL YEAR BOOK

## Expenditures—Continued

## MESSENGER—

Printing .....	\$ 1,192.35	
Paper .....	1,024.96	
Salaries .....	296.42	
Postage .....	258.92	
Freight and Incidentals .....	19.53	
Rent .....	37.50	
Stationery and Supplies .....	21.50	2,851.18

FIELD WORK .....	1,202.71	
TRAVELING EXPENSES .....	84.20	

## PROPAGANDA EXPENSES—

Salaries .....	963.35	
Literature .....	399.82	
Postage .....	378.32	
Stationery .....	273.91	
Rent .....	97.00	
Incidentals .....	43.64	
Advertising .....	10.75	2,166.79

<i>Balance, being gain for year .....</i>	\$ 1,541.72	\$14,539.85
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

July 12, 1917

To the Members of the American Section of the Theosophical Society:

The Income and Expenditure account for the Section during the fiscal year 1916-1917 (Exhibit No. 2) as rendered by the Auditor, constitutes, and is hereby made the official financial statement of the Treasurer of the American Section, T. S.

(Signed) EUGENE W. MUNSON,  
National Treasurer.

## PROPAGANDA DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mr. A. P. Warrington, National President  
American Section Theosophical Society.

Dear Mr. Warrington:

The work of the Propaganda Department for the past year has been continued along the lines laid down by Mr. L. W. Rogers when the Department was first organized, namely:

1. The lecture platform.
2. The Press.
3. The circulation of literature.

## THE LECTURE PLATFORM

We have maintained the free Ready-to-deliver lecture service throughout the year, issuing two prepared lectures each month (except the months of July and August). The number of lodges and individuals enrolled was 72 and the number of lectures distributed was 1321, which are now the property of the lodges. With each lecture we furnished three different press reports which were accepted by a number of newspapers and thus a message of Theosophy was constantly before hun-

dreds of thousands (perhaps millions) of people. Statistics are not available as our agents have not made regular reports in this connection. We have improved these prepared lectures by making a brief outline of each one and printing it in addition to the press reports. The material used was taken principally from the works of Mrs. Besant and Mr. Leadbeater.

The National Lecturers have, as in the past, made their own engagements, the Department maintaining only a general supervision in order to see that no conflict of itineraries occurred. The sum of \$1202.71 was spent for Field Work out of the General Fund of the Section. This was used in establishing new centres and helping weak lodges by paying hall rent, advertising, hotel and traveling expenses in their behalf.

In February the Trustees authorized, on the recommendation of the Manager, the "follow-up" work of Mr. Eugene W. Munson, who spends some two or three consecutive weeks wherever possible in new or weak lodges. The purpose of this is, of course, to consolidate



the work previously done by the National Lecturers or by others in those places. This activity was financed from the Field Work fund and has proved to be very helpful. Mr. Munson has certainly demonstrated his usefulness to the Section. Statistics giving the number of new lodges organized during the year will be found in the National Secretary's report.

The monthly reports of the National Lecturers reveal the fact that much consecrated work is being done by lodges and individuals throughout the country and the very large increase in membership is undoubtedly due to the splendid co-operation and harmony that has been manifest this year. May this co-operation and harmony increased!

### THE PRESS

Apart from the work done through the newspapers by furnishing lecture reports, we have not been able to organize the long promised press association which will stand ready to supply newspaper and magazine articles, except in a very limited way. The Assistant Manager is now working on this, but he reports that the detail work of his office prevents him from giving this important branch of propaganda adequate attention. Now that we have secured a more permanent helper in the office at Krotona we hope to concentrate our thought on this activity. But while no systematic scheme has been inaugurated at Headquarters, much good work has been done through the newspapers by individuals in many parts of the country, as evidenced by reports we have received from time to time.

### THE CIRCULATION OF LITERATURE

This divides itself naturally into two parts (a) the general distribution of free *leaflets* and (b) the circulation of free *pamphlets* to a live, carefully selected mailing list.

We have put out about 45,000 four-page leaflets through various lodges and individuals and from headquarters, free of charge. The extent of this part of the work is determined by the amount of the voluntary contributions which members and friends make. Since Messrs. Ray and Max Wardall have undertaken, at the request of the Trustees, to guide the destiny of the Propaganda Department they determined to develop this avenue of propaganda and by the time this reaches you we shall have 10,000 each of twelve new four-page leaflets in stock. (See notice in this point in September MESSENGER). We have the ambition to put out an even million leaflets during the Fall and Winter.

In regard to the mailing list of non-members. Our plan is to send a sixteen-page pamphlet, giving an outline of Theosophy to every name that comes in from whatever source. With this we enclose an advertise-

ment of books sold by the Theosophical Publishing House at Krotona, and a return post-card which reads:

Dear Friend:

Your name has been given to us by someone who thought you might desire to receive theosophical literature.

We shall be pleased to send some once a month, for a time, if you really wish to receive it. But we have no desire to send it unless it is agreeable to you. The purpose is to give the public a correct understanding of Theosophy.

If you would like to receive the literature, please return this card with your correct address. The pamphlets are free and you incur no expense whatever in having them sent.

CHARLES HAMPTON,  
Assistant Propaganda Manager.

Please send the literature:

Name .....

Street .....

City ..... State.....

Thus only those who are interested enough to return the post-card are put on the permanent mailing list. They then receive once a month, a sixteen-page pamphlet for a series of ten months, the aim of which is to present a series of popular expositions of the main theosophical teachings. Our mailing list this year has averaged 1200 per month. We never attempt to proselytise nor do we urge membership in the T. S., but we do encourage people to write about their intellectual difficulties, and endeavor to answer them satisfactorily with a personal letter or refer them to books where the answers may be found.

We have to again thank most heartily Miss Litta Kunz for her efficient help with the mailing list, for without her volunteer work we would be compelled to cut down much of what we are doing in this direction. Miss Kunz has a peculiar distinction, rarely found in volunteer work—she is accurate and dependable.

Every member is entitled to send us the names and addresses of interested non-members at any time and we will see that they get an opportunity to learn more about Theosophy. *But please do not send the same name twice.* It only causes waste at this end and annoyance to the party concerned.

We do not give the mailing list pamphlets to any but those on the mailing list. Our idea is to have the four-page leaflets available for more or less indiscriminate distribution and thus to *create* interest, and then to intensify that interest by sending a course of free 16-page pamphlets, chosen with a discrimination that guides the interest to the goal of Service; and thus the Light is made to shine forth in dark places.

Part of the increased membership is probably due to the systematic work done with this mailing list.



## FINANCIAL

The voluntary contributions have been recorded in the MESSENGER each month and total \$1317.24 for the year. The amount brought forward from June 30, 1916, was \$161.39, and the sum carried forward to the new year is \$372.11. In a country of one hundred million population there is unlimited work to do but the amount that can be done is determined by the means at hand. No money is taken from the Propaganda Donations to pay for salaries or rent or Field Work—these items are paid out of the General

Fund of the Section. Therefore, in sending contributions one may have the satisfaction of knowing that every cent of it goes to light the torch of Truth and to keep it burning brightly.

In conclusion we would like to thank all those who have helped to make these activities possible and to say to them that their money and the thought that prompts it are alike an offering to the Holy Masters whose stewards we one and all aspire to become.

Faithfully yours,

CHARLES HAMPTON.  
Assistant Propaganda Manager

## Financial Statement

## Receipts

Balance brought forward, July 1, 1916.....	\$ 161.50
Donations .....	317.16
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	\$1478.55

## Expenditure

Literature .....	\$ 399.82
Postage .....	378.32
Stationery .....	273.91
Advertising .....	10.75
Incidentals .....	43.64
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	\$1106.44
Balance .....	372.11
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	\$1478.55

## THEOSOPHICAL BOOK CONCERN

*Krotona, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 6, 1917.*

President of the Board of Trustees,  
American Section Theosophical Society,  
Krotona, Hollywood, Cal.

Dear Sir:—

I take pleasure in handing to you the Auditor's report for the year from July 1, 1916 to June 30, 1917 of the Theosophical Book Concern.

As the remarks and recommendations embraced in the Auditor's report thoroughly cover the business situation and the outlook for the future, it seems unnecessary for the Manager to add anything but an earnest recommendation for the careful persual of same.

Sincerely yours,

THEOSOPHICAL BOOK CONCERN  
By E. R. BROENNIMAN

## AUDITOR'S REPORT

*Krotona, July 31, 1917.*

From July 1, 1916, to March 31, 1917, the books and accounts of the Theosophical Book Concern have been audited by Mr. T. W. Thomasson, who then had to leave Los Angeles. I have taken over the audit since April 1, 1917, and present herewith financial statements; compiled upon closing the books on June 30, 1917:



TRADING ACCOUNT

Period from July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917	
Inventory at July 1, 1916.....	\$ 8496.19
Purchases during the period .....	11238.76
Express and Postage .....	949.51
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	\$20684.46
<i>Deduct:</i> Inventory at June 30, 1917.....	8082.07
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Cost of books sold during period .....	12602.39
These books were sold for .....	16630.68
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Realizing a gross profit of .....	4028.29
The profit on Magazine subscriptions was.....	181.98
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Total gross profit for the period.....	\$4210.27
The cost of selling was:	
Office Expenses .....	59.53
Rent and Light.....	264.00
Salaries .....	2170.02
Advertising .....	70.25
Proportion of Insurance .....	50.17
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Net Profit on trading .....	\$1596.30

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Period from July 1, 1916, to June 30, 1917	
Net Profit from Trading Account .....	\$ 1596.30
Interest and Exchange earned .....	4.14
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	\$1600.44
<i>Deduct:</i>	
Provision for bad debts .....	\$ 34.79
Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures .....	151.41
Auditor's fees .....	35.00
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Net Profit, transferred to Capital .....	\$1379.24

BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1917

Assets:

Cash in Bank .....	\$ 535.67
Petty Cash .....	25.00
Stamps on Hand .....	25.00
Inventories:	
Books, etc., at Krotona.....	\$8082.07
Books, etc., at Chicago.....	2223.80
Book Plates at Krotona.....	387.02
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	\$10692.89
Accounts Receivable .....	\$1074.57
Less Reserve for Bad Debts.....	35.00
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	\$ 1039.57
Accounts Payable .....	\$ 176.00
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Furniture and Fixtures .....	\$1496.64
Less Depreciation Reserve .....	673.30
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	\$ 823.34
Insurance Unexpired .....	\$ 127.23
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	\$13444.70

Liabilities:

Capital Account .....	\$12065.46
Balance from Profit and Loss Account.....	1379.24
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	\$13444.70



## REMARKS

1. Compared with the preceding year, the total sales have increased from \$13477.66 to \$16630.68, or with almost 25%. This shows that the Book Concern is ever more effectively answering its purpose of distributing theosophical literature, and that even the difficulties of war conditions etc., have not interfered with its steady growth. Even the fact that many of the most popular titles went out of print early in the period, has not prevented the success of the Book Concern's operations for the past 12 months.

2. The purchase price of the books has been largely increased, because publishers have generally reduced their discounts. Notwithstanding this, the Book Concern has in most cases sold the books at the same prices as before.

3. The profit has therefore been considerably reduced. But it was the express wish of the Trustees of the American Section of the T. S. that the Book Concern should not aim at high commercial results, but should try to supply the demand for theosophical literature at the lowest possible price.

4. The year's net profits have been largely utilised to reduce the liabilities, by settling up all Accounts Payable before June 30, even to the extent of opening a credit at the T. P. H. at Adyar, which brings the Accounts Payable in as an "Asset."

5. The stock of books at the Chicago Branch has apparently been somewhat increased. This stock is, as customary in previous reports, taken in at prices charged Chicago. In whatever year this was first done, that year's profit was inflated with unrealised profits on the Chicago books. To reduce the inventory now to cost price, would unduly affect the figures showing the results of the operations of the period covered by the present report. There is a discrepancy of almost \$200.00 in the value of the Chicago stock, as derived from the inventory sent in from the Chicago Branch. This difference has been left for later settlement, while the inventory value in the Balance Sheet has been taken from data available at Krotana.

6. The inventory of books etc., at Krotana has been figured at actual cost for all well salable books, and at less wherever this seemed advisable. The Book Plates are taken at their value shown on the accounts, though estimated to be worth more than that.

Furniture and Fixtures have been depreciated again with about 10% of their cost, the Depreciation Reserve representing four years' depreciation.

The insurance now carried covers a total of \$9000—upon books and other stock, and furniture etc.

The amount of Cash in Bank agrees with the Bank's own statement.

## FROM T. B. C. to T. P. H.

Last year, Mr. Thomasson, in his auditor's report, very clearly put some "Premises" which at the present moment deserve even more careful consideration than they did a year ago. In those, he outlined the ideals for which the Book Concern is in existence, being in short: no commercialism, but the most effective and greatest possible distribution of theosophical literature.

In the past, through all the difficulties of founding and developing the T. B. C., the American Section of the T. S. has faithfully stood by these ideals: willingly it has given its moral and financial help many a time to help the growth of its child, the T. B. C.

Now that the child has grown up to strength and independence, this question arises: Shall the American Section now expect this youth to earn a living for its parent—or will it allow this product of its own travails to join an international organization, in which better than before, it can work for the ideals for which it has been created?

For, the opportunity has come to broaden and strengthen the already successful work of the T. B. C., by letting it merge into the greater body: the Theosophical Publishing House.

There is no question but that the T. P. H. as now organized by Mrs. Besant into an impersonal world-wide trust, can still better attain the idealistic results for which the T. B. C. has been started.

If the T. B. C. be changed into the American Branch of the T. P. H., it can import its books at much lower figures; it can offer larger discounts to the lodges, whom it will thereby encourage to act more and more as its retailers, while it itself can specialize as a publishing house, and win its way amongst the regularly listed and well-known publishers in this country—all of which will greatly help the propaganda of Theosophy.

Whether and how this can be done is a question which will have to be decided at the coming Convention.

As auditor, I only want to report, that, provisionally, the change has been made on the books on July 1st, which, being right after the closing of the accounts, was the most suitable time for this transaction. It stands, subject to the decision of Convention—and can, if necessary, very easily be cancelled.

But if the same ideals are still recognised—there is no question as to what the American Section will do.

Could it—now that the T. P. H. has been willing to co-operate on a larger scale than ever—do anything but joyfully join its forces and work as one with it?

As a matter of fact, has it not unanimously declared its willingness to do so at the Convention of 1916?

C. J. VAN VLIET  
Auditor



## REPORTS FROM LODGES

[No reports have been received from lodges not herein represented. None of the reports appear as they were originally written. Most of them have been greatly condensed on account of space limitations.—Editor]

### ANACONDA LODGE

Anaconda Lodge has just closed the most successful season in its history. The public Sunday evening meetings were well attended and interest in meetings is increasing. We have purchased a new piano, and the best musical talent in the city, vocalists and instrumentalists, volunteered their services. Our most successful activity along the line of propaganda work is a weekly class for non-members. Several of our members are prominent in Red Cross and British Relief Fund work. Anaconda Lodge is a good working organization and we manage to make our influence felt in this community.

DUNCAN M. MUNRO  
*Corresponding Secretary*

### ANNIE BESANT LODGE

In addition to the regular public lectures on Sunday evening, Annie Besant Lodge, San Diego, has, during the past year, put before the public more than 20 successful lectures, among which were the following:

A series of lectures by Dr. Brownson; a lecture on *India*, illustrated with colored slides, by Deva Ran Sokul, of Mirzapur, India; three lectures in January by Mr. Rogers and one by Elsa Barker; an illustrated lecture on *Parsifal* by Mrs. Vida Reed-Stone, one of our members; a series of lectures by Mr. Charles Lazenby, B. A., of London, England; three illustrated lectures by Prof. Scott Lewis, of Krotona, and a course of six lectures by Mr. Rogers the last week in May.

Mr. Rogers' May visit was the biggest event of the year. His lectures were given in the Masonic Temple to audiences ranging from 350 to 400. An enrollment of 84 for the study class, 4 new lodge members and one member-at-large were the immediate results of Mr. Rogers' work. In addition to the six evening lectures, Mr. Rogers also gave a *Star in The East* lecture on Friday afternoon at the Masonic Temple to an audience of over 400. Remarkable interest was manifested. 24 new members joined the Star that afternoon and evening, and 6 more members were added before the end of June.

A well-known photographic artist gave a lecture under our auspices which, though he was not a Theosophist, brought the lodge to the attention of the public.

We advertise in three papers and make a liberal use of newspaper cuts. We also this year purchased a stereopticon. Illustrated lectures are popular.

A working membership in the American League for the Prevention of Legalized Crime, taken out by one of our members, establishes a link between our lodge and that league and enables us to keep in touch and work with it. There is also a Star committee appointed to do prison work and an auxiliary to the San Diego Chapter of the American National Red Cross has been organized by the Order of the Star in the East.

Public study classes are held Sunday morning and Tuesday evening; an enquirers' class on Saturday afternoon and a devotional class on Thursday evening. The Lotus Group is also held on Sunday morning.

The loaning department of our library contains over 700 books and has an average monthly circulation of 195 volumes.

18 new members have been admitted to the lodge since last July, two of them, however, have since resigned. We have at present 53 members.

LAURA ATHEY  
*Secretary*

### ATLANTA LODGE

The first three months after Mr. Rogers left us were spent in unifying the membership, which was recruited from a very heterogeneous body of people.

During the next three months we applied ourselves very diligently to the study of the manuals and to talks on Theosophy, theosophical history, and on the present and past leaders of our Society.

At our annual meeting, held June 18th, we adopted as our motto, "Sacrifice and Service," and in keeping with this motto we have determined to furnish our lodge rooms, in the heart of the city, on October 1, 1917. For this purpose the members present at the annual meeting subscribed a fund of \$200, payable in five monthly installments. In this way no great hardship will be imposed on any one, and yet we shall have the needed funds on hand to pay our way from the start.

We are planning to carry Theosophy's message into our Federal Prison, and many other useful activities. Suffice it to say that the personnel of the lodge is fine, and will surely make Theosophy felt in this community.

A. B. GROSSMAN  
*President*

### AUSTIN LODGE

The meetings throughout the year were held as follows: Public meetings Sunday nights at 8 p. m. Closed meetings Wednesday nights at



8 p. m. The Wednesday night meeting was later changed to Sunday night at 7:30 p. m., followed immediately by the public meeting, each lasting an hour. The textbook for the closed meetings was *STUDY IN CONSCIOUSNESS*, with *BHAGAVAD-GITA* as devotional work. The public meetings consisted of lectures or readings by the members in rotation, one or more being responsible for one meeting. This plan worked well. The subjects covered were the fundamentals of Theosophy, such as the three objects of the Society, Reincarnation, karma, Brotherhood, the Path, the Great Teachers, and social reforms. A beginners' class was organized to meet Wednesday nights, with Mr. Luck as leader. Books studied were *THE OUTLINE, LIFE AFTER DEATH*, and *THE ASTRAL PLANE*. The largest attendance at any one of the above meetings was about 25. The average attendance was about 12 to 15.

We were favored by two National Lecturers during the year, viz., Mr. Max Wardall and Miss I. B. Holbrook. Better audiences than ever before attended the meetings.

On June 30th the membership consisted of 23 resident and 17 non-resident members.

During the year expenses to the amount of \$164.92 were met by the resident membership, almost exclusively through the local dues of 25c a month, and the remainder in voluntary contributions.

The Lodge now owns about 40 chairs, two bookcases, and a moderately sized library.

The two lodges work in harmony, using the same lodge rooms, and co-operating in getting and entertaining lecturers, advertising, keeping open the library, and furnishing the lodge rooms.

The activities have been continued during the summer, two open meetings being held, one Sunday morning, the other Sunday night.

L. O. SHUDDEMAGEN

*Secretary*

## BERKELEY LODGE

Berkeley Lodge can report a year of useful work in several lines. The weekly lodge meeting, for members only, has been held regularly. The second Vol. of *Inner Life*, which has been the basis of the study work, has been completed and Vol. I of *THE HIDDEN SIDE OF THINGS* has become our text book. During the year we had a visit from the National President, the first since the lodge was chartered. A public lecture has been held every Sunday night and the attendance at these lectures has been very satisfactory. In this work we have received the help of lecturers from the San Francisco and Oakland Lodges as well as from our own members. Two classes meet in the lodge room every week. An advanced class has been conducted by Mrs. W. J. Walters, of San Francisco, and beginners' class by Mrs. W. J. Woods. From both of these classes we have received applications for membership. An-

other class for beginners has been held at the home of Mrs. Minnie Weirick.

The propaganda work has received much attention from the lodge and we have had the advantage of having had three of our national lecturers during the year, Miss Holbrook, Mr. Max Wardall and Mr. Rogers. Each gave two or more lectures in different parts of the city. One feature of our propaganda work deserves special mention. A Theosophical Club has been organized at the University of California by Mr. Baker, one of our members, who is a student there. Through his efforts each of the national lecturers has had an opportunity of lecturing in California Hall to good sized, and unusually intellectual as well as conservative audiences. Other local lecturers have also had this privilege. When there is no lecture a class for discussion and the answering of questions is held. A lecture or class is held every Friday during the college year. These are advertised in the University Calendar and on the Bulletin Boards. As far as we know this is the only work of the kind carried on in the United States and we recommend it to others as it has proved so successful here. Mary will attend a University lecture who will not go elsewhere because it is so eminently respectable to go to a lecture on the "Campus."

A Lotus Circle has again been organized under the direction of Mrs. Neve and Mr. Baker and a Round Table for boys is conducted by Mrs. Woods.

The library has shown the increase in the interest of the public. More books have been drawn from the library every month than during the previous years. Many new books have been added and it is our special aim to add a few each month, thus keeping it up to date as well as keeping the interest alive and making it an efficient means of spreading Theosophic truths. Through our Book Concern we have placed on sale the leading books on Theosophy. The sales have been most gratifying, showing in another way the interest taken in our Philosophy by the public.

FLORENCE L. HURD

*Secretary*

## BESANT LODGE

Besant Lodge, Boston, held weekly meetings until July, except on occasion of a visit from a national lecturer or something of much importance to the general work.

A large part of the special study this winter was devoted to India, with the object of understanding the condition of affairs there, and more particularly of Mrs. Besant's work at the present time, and with the hope of helping her and her work by our interest and thought.

The lodge has increased, not only in numbers, but in interest and effectiveness. Its scattered membership keeps lights burning in several points that have no lodge.

EUDORA MOREY

*Secretary*



**BROTHERHOOD LODGE**

The fiscal year just ended was one of very special activity and benefit to our lodge. We started with preparations for the Convention, held here in August, 1916. Membership has grown from 42 to 62.

A rummage sale, cap and apron party and several entertainments were held with good results, netting approximately \$400.00.

Our regular lodge activities are:

Sundays, 9:30 a. m.—Lotus Circle, Sunday School for children.

Sundays, 10:30 a. m.—Class in Esoteric Christianity.

Sundays, 8:15 p. m.—Public lectures.

Wednesday, 8:15 p. m.—Advanced class.

Friday, 8:15 p. m.—Beginners' class.

Saturday, 3:00 p. m.—Beginners' class.

Sunday, 3:00 p. m.—German inquirer's class.

M. B. HUDSON  
*President*

**BOSTON LODGE**

Boston Lodge closed its year's activities on May 30th with a membership of 112. This shows an increase of 16 members during the past year.

After the close of last season's activities, a study class was continued throughout the summer months in charge of Mr. Carl Knauff who gave very helpful and interesting talks along the lines of Mrs. Besant's *STUDY IN CONSCIOUSNESS* followed by questions and discussions. The average attendance was fifteen, sometimes twenty-five. The regular season was opened by a social which was largely attended and an interesting program of music, readings, aesthetic and folk dancing was enjoyed by all present.

Different members took charge of the regular Wednesday evening lodge meetings, and a very interesting program of various subjects of theosophic interest was arranged at the close of which questions and discussions followed. The average attendance was twenty-seven. Different members have reported the meetings, each one doing this for a month, and then copies have been made, and sent to all who could not attend. A half hour closed meeting is held preceding these meetings. Lectures have been given by our members at the Bahai centre and some of our members who have come from the Bahai movement into our lodge have lectured for us, thus bringing this faith into a more perfect understanding with our work.

During the past season Dr. Frederick Finch Strong has given twenty-eight lectures along purely theosophic lines, applying the principles to science especially regarding chemistry and electricity. He has also written a number of articles along these lines for medical and scientific periodicals, one series appearing in an electrical magazine which has the largest circulation of any magazine in the world devoted to electricity. He is also preparing a new edi-

tion of his text book on Electrotherapeutics in which he is endeavoring to present some physical facts in the light of Occult Science. This is an important work, and is doing much to spread the teachings of Theosophy among the members of the medical profession.

Mrs. Luella K. Hastings, who for the past spring and summer was one of the teachers in the special work done at the Metaphysical Club in Boston, delivered twenty-five lectures during the year in and about Boston, especially to "New Thought" Centres. So great was the demand for these lectures in Lynn, where lectures had been given every Sunday afternoon for two months, that a theosophic centre is being considered.

Study classes have been held by our members in Dorchester, Cambridge, Newtonville and Everett and in our lodge rooms in Boston. Our lodge has collected magazines to be used to raise funds for assisting the blind.

In December Miss Eva Blytt gave two interesting and inspiring talks, questions and discussions following.

Our lodge has united as usual in maintaining the lodge rooms with other Boston lodges and uniting in the Sunday evening meetings, in the continuance of the Council of Co-operative theosophic Propaganda. This council has also held Saturday afternoon teas at the rooms and a Friday evening study class for beginners conducted by Mrs. Luella K. Hastings. The three lectures given by Mr. L. W. Rogers were largely attended and brought many new members to us. An interesting convention in May, opening with a reception, and continuing for three days with lectures should also be included as well as the beautiful White Lotus Day service.

It is our experience that it is a gain in every way to keep the lodge rooms open a few hours every day—make it the members' reading room. Our books are free to members and associate members. Others deposit \$1.00 returnable on demand, and pay 5 cents a week for use of a book.

We have a beautiful service for our members' meeting which we will gladly outline for any one interested.

GRACE EVELYN BROWN  
*Secretary*

**BUFFALO LODGE**

Buffalo Lodge has within the last year, attained its highest mark in membership, and with the concerted action of our members, we are destined to become a strong factor in the competition for the honors of first place among the Lodges of the American Section. Our members are taking advantage of the great spiritual impulse of which T. S. Lodges are reservoirs. Our activities have increased to such an extent that the Lodge room is in continual demand for different branches of work. This year it was arranged to have the room kept open,



in charge of a member, every afternoon, making the lending library more available for visitors.

The advanced study class, under the leadership of Mrs. E. R. Dalley, and the beginners' class conducted by Miss Erma Williams, have produced a number of applicants for membership in the T. S.

The Propaganda Department, since its inception less than a year ago, has become an instrument of power. Its active members have contributed both time and money in the distribution of theosophical pamphlets, nearly 13,000 having been mailed out to selected lists.

A movement to take up Red Cross work is now being organized by Mr. Greatbatch.

The activities of our President, Dr. Barnard, are no longer confined to Buffalo for since his appointment as Divisional Lecturer, many eastern Lodges have had a visit from him and his efforts in the field have been very much appreciated.

Among the lecturers who have visited Buffalo this year are Mr. Rogers, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Smythe, Mr. Bragdon, Mrs. Bartlett and Mr. Wardall.

JAMES E. TAYLOR  
*Secretary*

#### CALGARY LODGE

During the past year Calgary Lodge has held beginner's classes every Sunday evening, three or four evenings in succession being devoted to each of the main principles of Theosophy. Public lectures were given every Wednesday evening during 8 months of the year in the lecture hall of our Public Library; these lectures have been well attended, and at least half an hour each evening was devoted to questions and discussion, much interest was aroused. We had a visit from Mr. Warrington in October and Mr. Frisbie in May. On each of these occasions 21 out of a possible 23 members were in attendance. The average attendance of members at our closed meetings during the year has been 50 per cent of our total membership. The work studied has been *The Inner Life*.

Good use has been made of the Lecture Bureau and ready-to-deliver lectures, after being used in Calgary, are not thrown away or allowed to get mouldy. We have secured the names of a number of people out through the country who are interested in Theosophy and mail these lectures to them so that they travel from one to another about two weeks apart.

Our library has been well patronized and we find that by making it absolutely free to non-members as well as lodge members that we reach a greater number of people than we would were we to charge a fee. Although this deprives us of one source of revenue, still we get voluntary donations from time to time which might not come if we were charging a

fee. We are even sending some of our books to outsiders who are interested enough to pay the postage and so far have not lost any.

Although eleven of our members have removed from Calgary during the past year, principally through the war, none have been lost to the T. S. We have added nine new members.

E. H. LLOYD KNECHTEL  
*Secretary*

#### CENTRAL LODGE

After eight years of faithful endeavor, Central Lodge, of New York City, now deems itself strong and purposeful enough to become an incorporated society; it has accordingly applied to the Legislature for its Charter, and hopes to be found a fitting instrument through which Spiritual Forces may flow out into the world.

The Lodge has co-operated financially, and in every way possible, in the propaganda work of the season; which is so ably and brilliantly furthered each year by our National Lecturers; and also advertises a public lecture and a study-class in Theosophy every week.

The Lodge has been much depleted, in the loss of several members, by death, and by removals. Our Vice-President, Dr. Carl Ramus, and Mr. Newton Merrill, have been called abroad in the service of the Nation. We have, however, added a goodly number to our membership, and trust that in the coming year every member will respond with renewed determination to the call to service in the great work of teaching and helping humanity.

LISETTE S. NAEGLE  
*President*

#### CINCINNATI LODGE

While the past year has not been a very eventful one in our lodge, it has been a very successful one. When the lodge was organized three winters ago there were forty names on the roll, but for various reasons a number became inactive. Although we now number but fourteen, four of whom came in during the past year, there has been a very pleasant atmosphere developed in our meetings. The great variety of subjects dealt with in the *PRIMER OF THEOSOPHY* induced us to use it as the basis for study, each member taking a topic at a meeting and developing it from books in our library.

We were not visited by any of the National Lecturers this season, but Mrs. A. Ross Read, Divisional Representative, gave two public talks and one to the lodge.

One meeting in each month, the first, was given over to the public lectures from headquarters. They were read by willing members and were fairly successful, the average attendance being about twenty-five.

STELLA C. HUGHES  
*President*



## COLORADO LODGE

The activities of Colorado Lodge the past year have been crowned with unusual success and good results; Mr. A. P. Warrington, our beloved National President, opened our Fall activities by a lecture to members only, inspiring all to greater service. After Mr. Warrington we were favored by a visit from Miss Marjorie Tuttle, who, in addition to her lectures, organized The Servants Of The Star with sixteen children. Then we had the pleasure of two visits from Mr. Max Wardall, who delivered each time a series of splendid lectures to appreciative audiences, resulting in twenty-three new members joining Colorado Lodge, increasing our membership to seventy. Our season of special public lectures was closed by Mr. Irving S. Cooper, who aroused a new interest in Theosophy among many intellectual people. Mr. A. G. Frisbie also came and gave his "Spiritual Message," inspiring us to greater self-sacrifice and service in the Master's Cause.

We have meetings and classes every day in the week—often both afternoon and evening activities.

Colorado Lodge is looking forward to a permanent Home and we have an energetic Building Committee who are devising ways and means to that end. This fall we expect to enlarge our quarters, and a busy Needle Guild are preparing for a Bazaar to raise money to refurbish the rooms.

We have a good lending library, well stocked with theosophical books and magazines.

*Lotus Leaves*—the official organ of Colorado Lodge is now being issued monthly with Mrs. Elizabeth Kuskulis, as Editor, in this new line of our activities, she has proved herself to be splendidly capable.

Colorado Lodge, headed by our devoted president, is a harmonious body of Servers, and we are hopeful that the year to come will find us always doing our part in the Master's work.

LOIS A. CHAPMAN  
*Secretary*

## COLORADO SPRINGS LODGE

The Colorado Springs Lodge has just closed the most successful year in its history. Successful perhaps from the kind of interest rather than from any phenomenal growth in numbers. The meetings are held at the home of the president although we have seriously considered having lodge rooms in the business district, but nothing to date has been found available. Besides two private classes held in the afternoon by the President and Secretary, we have held open meetings once a month that have been very well attended and have used at these meetings Mrs. Besant's "Popular Lectures," in addition to the matter sent from Krotona. The large amount of literature sold at these meetings has been most encouraging, pamphlets

from the Karma and Reincarnation League and a number of Mr. Wardall's books being of interest. Miss Eva Blytt and Mr. Frisbie addressed the Lodge and Mr. Cooper and Mr. Wardall gave public lectures which were well attended.

LOUISE C. ARNOLD  
*President*

## CRESCENT BAY LODGE

The Crescent Bay Lodge of Santa Monica has permanent headquarters in the Masonic Temple, Ocean Park, Cal., holding its regular meetings at 8 p. m., Sundays, for public lectures, Thursdays for free classes and Tuesdays for the lodge (25 members).

Lodge was organized February 8th, 1916, with 22 members enrolled. Being a seaside resort the membership keeps changing—just a few regular members, who reside here permanently.

The first installment of our library (15 copies) was the gift of Mrs. Grace Shaw Duff. We now have 77 books and more promised. Our library is open all day from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. every day.

Mr. Eugene Munson, of Krotona, was the first instructor of the class organized by Mr. Rogers. He was followed by Mrs. Virginia Baverstock, who maintained the interest and now Mrs. Hanchett is in charge.

The lodge has done some charity work and given a few socials. Being near Krotona we have had the best of lectures and teachers with many helps and kindnesses by the members at Krotona.

CHAS. M. SHISSLER  
*Librarian*

## CROOKSTON LODGE

Crookston Lodge commenced its activities for the year 1916-1917 with a course of lectures by Mr. L. W. Rogers, which were very well attended considering the season of the year in this climate. While there was nothing phenomenal in our Lodge growth, it has steadily increased, until we have at present an enrollment of 27 members.

The Congregational Minister, who has done so much in the way of broadening the views of the community, and who is very much in sympathy with the work of our members, was rewarded by having seven join his church, and we have found that much of the former opposition from orthodox sources, so-called, has disappeared here. We changed our weekly meetings from Wednesday to Tuesday evening so as to permit those of our members who so wished to attend the meetings of that Church as well.

We have followed, as closely as we could, Mr. Leadbeater's suggestions in the HIDDEN SIDE OF THINGS, page 274, in regard to making our meetings interesting to every one. We studied MAN'S LIFE IN THIS AND OTHER



WORLDS during the first part of the year each member choosing a book for reference, and each could read, speak, or give a short paper bearing on any point of special interest.

We held 42 meetings during the year, 29 for members and 13 open meetings, at which different members have read one of the lectures sent out by the Propaganda Department. With a resident membership of only 15 we had an average attendance of seven.

The members have been active along various lines. Some of the ladies met one afternoon of each week and made clothing for the poor, fitting out in this way four or five large families with warm clothing; one member has inserted T. S. literature in the mail sent out from the store where she is employed; another has copied articles for the press, which were printed under the head of "Theosophical Thoughts," and also has given the HERALD OF THE STAR to the Public Library each month; another has placed a holder in the leading hotel, which she keeps supplied with pamphlets; while another has been most generous in giving books and T. S. literature to strangers who seemed interested. In addition to these activities a reading class for outsiders has been held.

MAY A. LYCAN  
*Secretary*

#### DALLAS LODGE

Our Lodge work for the past fiscal year, 1916-1917, has been going steadily forward.

We have had two national lecturers, Mr. L. W. Rogers and Mr. Max Wardall, whose work added greatly to the life of the Lodge. We also have done good work with the newspapers.

Several volumes have been added to our library, and the circulation of the books is good.

We began the year with a membership of 35, and now have 46. Our enthusiasm and loyalty is strong, and to be able to serve in this work is our great desire.

ILA FAIN  
*Secretary*

#### DHARMA LODGE

Dharma Lodge of Austin, Texas, has held weekly meetings each Sunday, at 9:55 a. m., for T. S. members only; a class for non-members and beginners at 3:30 p. m. on Wednesday of each week; and a class for meditation and devotional work on Monday of each week at 3:00 p. m.

The lodge has kept its rooms open to visitors and inquirers four afternoons of each week.

The above constitute the regular activities of the lodge.

As to methods, each leader has been left to his or her own ideas and devices.

Our Treasurer has very faithfully carried on all the business transactions for us.

PAULINE TRUEBLOOD  
*President*

#### DULUTH LODGE

The books studied during the year in our various classes were SCIENCE OF THE EMOTIONS, MAN AND HIS BODIES, THEOSOPHY, etc.

We have had lecture courses by Mr. L. W. Rogers and Mrs. Bartlett.

The Propaganda Committee has been keeping boxes for literature in the hotels, sending out pamphlets *To Those Who Mourn* and others, doing newspaper work and assisting the Red Cross—knitting principally.

The net gain in membership is eight members.

The lodge has taken action to secure larger quarters and negotiations to this end, doubling the space we have, are practically finished. Our new room will be large enough to hold lectures, eliminating the problem of hiring halls.

The lodge is working well and harmoniously as usual.

MARY J. AUSTIN  
*President*

#### EDMONTON LODGE

The Edmonton Lodge has a membership list of 32 but only 21 reside in the town. The average attendance at lodge meetings is about 10.

We hold three meetings a week—Sunday, public meeting; Monday, members meeting; Thursday, public beginners class.

Our lodge room is always open and in addition to the meeting nights some one is always there on Friday evenings to lend out books, answer questions, etc.

We are an earnest, harmonious, little group and hope for greater things in the future.

ANNIE H. TURNER  
*Secretary*

#### EVERETT LODGE

During the season Everett Lodge has held 35 members' meetings, 37 public lectures, 29 of these lectures have been given by members of our own lodge and 8 have been given by out of town lecturers, including Mr. Rogers, Ray Wardall, Jessica Wardall and Miss Sherlock.

The Everett Lodge has furnished 87 lectures outside of Everett as follows: Tacoma 2, Seattle 26, Shawnigan 6, Coupeville 3, Spokane 8, Walla Walla 4, Portland, Ore., 7, Baker City 3.

We have added 2 new members.

We have had an average attendance at members' meetings of approximately two-thirds of membership.

E. W. SHEPARD  
*Secretary*

#### FARGO LODGE

The report of the newly chartered lodge at Fargo must necessarily be brief. We have read the lectures from Krotona which were delivered by one of our members. We began our study with the PRIMER and have recently



taken up the study of ANCIENT WISDOM. We are keenly interested in this wonderful book.

With a membership thus far of only eight we meet unconventionally in our secretary's home.

The Crookston Lodge has benefited us considerably in the way of helpful advice from their late secretary, Brother McDonald, and in the personal visit of Brother Dr. Robinson.

We hope to have one of the national lecturers in the near future.

WILLIAM YOUNG  
*President*

#### FORT WORTH LODGE

Our lodge dates back to February, 1913, and was the result of two lectures by Dr. Lindberg, of Kansas City, given in December previous. In March following, Mr. Rogers gave a course of six lectures and had a fairly good attendance. Study classes were formed and the study pursued. However, the lodge was under a handicap, as several of its resident members became non-resident, and interest appeared to wane. Under such circumstances, it was hard for the few faithful members to continue, and regular meetings ceased. These were the conditions at the time Mr. Rogers made his second visit in December, 1916, at which time he gave two lectures and formed a study class. We started with a few and in a short time had 15 attending.

Mr. Max Wardall's visit in February of this year put us upon our feet again, and the lodge was reorganized and revived. We now have a membership of 25. Our attendance is good, indicating a healthy interest, and we look forward to a steady, sturdy growth.

We have found it advisable to continue a public study class, which anyone may attend, in addition to the regular lodge meetings for members only. We have gained several members in this manner.

This Fall will probably see us start the Sunday public lectures, which many other lodges have found so successful.

W. F. PRUESSNER  
*President*

#### FRESNO LODGE

Fresno Lodge began work September 13, 1916, with a membership of 11 which has now been increased to 70. About the middle of November we met in a private office until the membership had reached 17, when we rented a hall which is centrally located, seats 175 people, is attractively furnished and maintained by monthly contributions of members, in excess of their regular dues. Our public lectures are given Sunday mornings and evenings. Public study classes, Friday and Tuesday evenings and our Lodge Library which contains 80 books, is open every week day from 2 to 4 p. m. and evenings from 7 to 9.

We have succeeded in placing on the shelves

of the Public Library during the year 125 books, 50 of which our members purchased, and 75 being purchased by the Public Library Board. We feel that the placing of these books in the public library has been a strong factor in building up our membership. When we place new books in the Library we see to it that the fact is well advertised in the daily papers, as this stimulates public interest. I think as many as 75 books have been in the hands of the public at one time. It was through the urgent demands made on the Library Board by the public, that the last 75 books were purchased.

At our public meetings we sometimes hand each person an "Alcoyne" postcard and in addition a Souvenir booklet which contains reading matter intended to help enlighten those who know nothing whatever about our Society. It contains such information as, the objects of the Society; its founders; present official head; names of officials of the American Section; activities of the Fresno Lodge and of the Order of the Star in the East; list of books in the Public Library with books for beginners indicated in black type and a few "gems" from "Theosophical writings. At the back of this booklet are two perforated blank sheets which may be easily removed and used for question slips. Besides this, information may also be had at public meetings from all members who wear a blue ribbon badge with the word "Theosophy" printed in gilt letters thereon.

On March 16, 1917, our Lodge organized the Sacrifice and Service League, its objects and possibilities having been very ably set forth by Mr. Ray Wardall in a letter to Theodore Roosevelt, dated June 7, 1917.

A. G. FRISBIE  
*President*

#### GENESEE LODGE

The membership of Genesee Lodge numbers 64, of which nine members have been added during the past year. The regular Lodge activities consist of an open meeting every Tuesday night and a beginners' class every Wednesday night, and during the winter a course of public lectures on Sunday evenings.

With the idea of engaging in the current activities of the community which appear to be in line with the Sixth Race development, the members have very generally undertaken Red Cross work, and such as are qualified have embraced every opportunity to lecture before other organizations, presenting the Theosophical viewpoint. A number of the members have interested themselves in an active way in the Community Chorus movement, which originated in Rochester and is rapidly spreading throughout the country. We have also undertaken to infuse Theosophical ideas into aesthetics through and by means of decorative lighting and eurythmic dancing. We maintain a free library and disseminate a good deal of Theosophical literature through our Book Concern.



We have also established at two railroad stations, racks for the dissemination of Theosophical tracts and pamphlets, and thousands have been distributed in this way, the demand being very great.

These comprise our major activities, but we hope to extend them and add others during the coming year.

CLAUDE BRAGDON  
*President*

### GOLDEN GATE BRANCH

Golden Gate Branch has continued its usual activities throughout the past year. Prof. F. Mason conducts a class in Astrology every Wednesday evening and one of our members conducts a class in Theosophy every Friday afternoon. In December, 1916, Mr. W. J. Colville, a member of the London Branch of the T. S. and an honorary member of Golden Gate Lodge, began a series of lectures which he was not permitted to finish as he passed from the physical plane on the 15th of January, 1917. During the months of February and March, Dr. J. H. M. Le Apsley gave a series of very interesting lectures and classes on the SECRET DOCTRINE.

Golden Gate Branch looks forward to the coming year with the hope that it will be one of usefulness and sends best wishes to all the Associate Lodges in the T. S.

ELIZABETH JANET EATON  
*Secretary*

### HAMILTON LODGE

Hamilton Lodge was formed September, 1916, with a membership of 23, 19 of these being new members and four old members from other lodges. By virtue of our local efforts and with the assistance of Mr. Roy Mitchell of Toronto and Mr. Wardall, we have now a membership of 34.

It has been our practice to have Sunday morning lectures, a Tuesday evening Study Class and our regular business meeting every first and third Monday in the month. These are held in our lodge room which we have recently rented because of increased audiences. We have not exacted any lodge dues from members as up to the present we have been able to support all activities by voluntary contributions. We also have a circulating library free to the public, which is being added to gradually by gift and purchase.

H. S. SMALL  
*President*

### HARMONY LODGE

Harmony Lodge, Albany, N. Y., gained 12 new members during the year 1916-17, the total membership being 42 in June, 1917.

Lodge meetings were held Sunday and Tuesday evenings of each week. The Sunday evening meetings are opened to the public and have

been well attended, with Eley Mary Latimer in charge. The Tuesday evening meetings are conducted as a members' closed study class and have been under the leadership of Ada Wright Stone, president. ESOTERIC CHRISTIANITY has been used as a text book.

The first Thursday of each month has been devoted to social purposes. These meetings have been well attended by the members and their friends, who have been interested in Theosophy.

Public lectures were delivered the past year by three of the national lecturers and several local lecturers. All have been well attended, showing an increase over preceding years.

Two study classes under the leadership of Emogene Simons have been organized during the year. Mrs. Luella Helme, of Poultney, Vt., one of our members, has been successful in organizing a lodge at Rutland, Vt.; Fred B. Simons, another member, gave a course of six lectures at Schenectady, N. Y., out of which grew a study class conducted by Emogene Simons. In May a charter was obtained and Schenectady, a sister city, has formed a valuable nucleus.

Twenty-five volumes have been added to the library during the past year, and a subscription to the ADYAR THEOSOPHIST taken. ESOTERIC CHRISTIANITY and the HERALD OF THE STAR are contributed for the reading table. Two lectures have been received from the Propaganda Department each month, which have been used for the Sunday evening lectures.

A Red Cross auxiliary has been organized under the management of Margaret Overton.

DORA G. HUDLER  
*Secretary*

### HARMONY LODGE

Harmony Lodge of Toledo has worked this year especially with the children and has accomplished splendid things. There are twenty attending the ethical class which meets on Sunday from eleven to twelve, the ages ranging from five to fifteen. In connection with this class we have thirty-two children enrolled, who meet Saturday afternoons, training in the rhythm of their bodies.

A class for adults in *Psychology of Parenthood and Childlife* will be in progress during the ensuing year.

ANNA P. BIRD  
*President*

### HARTFORD LODGE

The Hartford Lodge has closed its third year of active work.

Before the lodge was formed a group of 3 or 4 people had for some time been reading along theosophical lines in a quiet way when the newspapers published certain untrue and misleading statements, regarding Theosophy, which were made by members of a meeting held at the Hartford Theological Seminary. Our little



group took up cudgels for Theosophy in a widely advertised meeting in a large and prominent hall. This attracted enough new people to form a lodge with 12 charter members! Our present membership is 16.

We have a good sized library which has been increased each year from our profits on the sale of books and fees collected for overdue library books.

The second year we almost disintegrated as a lodge on account of illness of members, attack from foes inside and out and many other difficulties, but the courage and steadfastness of a few pulled us through.

The third year opened a new era. By voluntary pledges we have been able to pay the rent of a well furnished room in the home of the New Thought Society. We have had speakers from out of town, attractive programs—*and flowers*. After the meeting the flowers are either distributed among the audience or sent to some one who is ill. Also we have excellent music; the best music teacher in the town is glad to have her pupils sing for us for the experience it gives them.

We gave a small fair and food sale from which we realized \$35.00. One of the members sold Christmas goods for a firm and gave the proceeds to the lodge. A Musicales brought \$10.00. In addition we have given Red Cross Teas and done much individual Red Cross work.

We meet once a week as a lodge and hold one closed meeting a month. The programs for these meetings are attractive and well printed and distributed as widely as possible. We found the ready-to-deliver lectures from Krotona a great help. We have distributed much free literature. We are indebted to Springfield Lodge for much assistance. Mr. Wm. Simpson has been most kind in conducting our meetings whenever we called for him.

For the coming year one member has undertaken to keep a shop window filled with theosophical books. Another to supply hotels and department stores, schools, railroad stations and other suitable places with literature. We make a practice of publishing in papers notices of our meetings, election of officers, topics and any trifling item of interest.

We are hoping for and expecting a prosperous year ahead.

CHRISTINE F. GLEN  
*Secretary*

#### HELENA LODGE

After our usual summer vacation in July and August, our meetings were resumed in September. In October Mr. Warrington paid Helena a visit and gave two lectures, the first one to members only, the second to the public, his subject being *The Great Religions of the World and Their Founders*. This was given at the Unitarian Church, which was crowded to its utmost capacity. Mr. Cosgrove, the Unitarian

Minister, kindly introduced the speaker and one of our members reported the lecture verbatim, so that we were able to have the lecture printed and distributed as a New Year's greeting to all T. S. Lodges in America.

In November and December we studied ANCIENT WISDOM and MAN AND HIS BODIES and adopted a new custom of answering roll-call by a quotation either original or otherwise. In February Mrs. Dolly Dean Burgess, in memory of her husband, gave approximately \$35 as a nucleus fund for the purpose of buying books for the Lodge Library. In March we prepared for Mr. Rogers' three lectures by placing 50 window cards in the city and distributing leaflets. His two public lectures were given to crowded houses and as a result of his visit a class of 27 was formed.

In May our Lodge raised its dues to 50c a month, for with the increasing expenses of the Lodge this was a means of collecting a more even tax among members. Mr. Frisbie of Fresno Lodge visited us and formed the Sacrifice and Service League. In June a new set of by-laws was drawn and new quarters found for a permanent home as formerly we had been meeting in a private office. The first gift for the new home was a silk flag, presented by one of our members.

FLORENCE M. LEMERT  
*Secretary*

#### HOUSTON LODGE

Houston membership has now passed the one hundred mark. Fifty-six new members were added during the past year in the space of eight months of active work, making an average of seven per month. This unusual growth was the result of a careful analysis of the field, a brave attempt to do the needful thing, and an unwavering faith that results must follow every effort, whether seen or not.

The Sunday morning lectures, given in a down-town theatre, have greatly increased in attendance and helped materially in building up the lodge membership. 22,500 four-page programs and leaflets have been locally printed and distributed at these lectures and in office buildings, and mailed to many people. Subjects of the lectures were announced on large poster placed in front of the theatre, also in the papers. Two series of national lectures were given by Mr. Max Wardall and Miss Holbrook. A large hall was rented and much extra advertising done, with gratifying results as to new members and inspiration to lodge workers.

Further test of the budget plan has given proof of its efficiency both in raising funds and in stimulating activity in all departments. In order to arrange a budget it is necessary to estimate expenses a year ahead and to consider carefully all of the things needful to be done.

The aim has been to educate the members up to the privilege of giving, leaving the amount to



their own conscience. The officers have endeavored to start the subscription with a fairly generous amount, most of them paying \$50.00 per year. It is astonishing how rapidly the others have fallen into line! The most liberal subscriber, so far, has written a check for \$150.00 for the first six months, another is giving \$11.00 per month, many are giving \$5.00 per month, while quite a number have pledged for \$25.00 and \$12.00 per year. If their minds had been stultified with the suggestion of 50¢ "dues," they might never have risen to such heights!

The Section Dues was the first item considered in our budget this year. By another year we hope to be able to draw upon our bank account promptly on June 30th for the full amount, writing one big check to the National Secretary covering every member, resident and non-resident. This will do away with the extra work and trouble at headquarters over delinquent members and semi-annual payments.

For three years Houston Lodge has held regular weekly closed meetings for members only; to this fact it attributes much of its success, for it has realized a flow of spiritual power from the higher planes through the channel thus formed. These meetings are all opened with fifteen minutes devotional reading and meditation from *AT THE FEET OF THE MASTER*.

The first closed meeting in every month takes the form of a "Business Council," which is truly devotional along the "path of right activity." Monthly reports from all officers, chairmen and class leaders, are read and filed with the secretary, keeping the entire membership in touch with the activities of the lodge, and leaving the other three closed meetings free for class study.

A bank account has been opened in the name of the Theosophical Society, and all bills are paid by the treasurer with checks. The balance to the credit of the Society is now close to two hundred dollars, and the desire is to keep it there as a safeguard against the worry of the day when the Section Dues and the rent "comes round."

The efficient methods of the librarian and propaganda agent have resulted in circulation of ninety books per month. Many hundreds of letters have been written, and books have been circulated by post. The card system is used for the books, and a card index for the books and the lodge membership is contemplated. The library is kept open daily; and all strangers attending public meetings are cordially urged to get a book, as no fee or deposit is required, many gladly avail themselves of the opportunity. The report of the Book Concern shows that nearly \$175.00 worth of books have been purchased during the past year. A booth at the fair is planned again for the Fall.

The work, for the coming year will deal largely with the war and will center around the large army camp, base hospital and Red

Cross auxiliary stationed here. The money has already been subscribed to pay for the publication of 100,000 leaflets to be distributed to the soldiers, and a fund has been started for books for the camp library. \$12.00 is collected and sent monthly to help feed the Armenian orphans. Many members have been helping with the women's registration, social service, and the prohibition campaign now under way in the city. The aim will be to present lectures and public meetings that will appeal to the soldiers, and to visit and console bereaved families.

LAURA S. WOOD  
*President*

#### HERMES LODGE

While the membership of the Hermes Lodge, Philadelphia, Pa., is as yet very small the work accomplished so far has been very successful. The lodge held public meetings from November to May on Sunday evenings at which lectures were delivered or readings given, followed by questions and answers. The subjects dealt with at such meetings were of general nature interpreted theosophically or of some branch of elementary Theosophy suitable to gatherings of those knowing little or nothing of theosophic teachings. There were also the regular lodge meetings, held on Monday evenings, to which non-members were invited.

In addition some of the members have undertaken individual work, Mr. Charles Gefrörer devoting part of his time to interesting Socialists in Theosophy and one of his converts has become a member of Hermes Lodge. I have personally conducted a study class among colored people and have been privileged to organize the class into the second lodge of its kind in the United States—Osiris Lodge.

HENRY L. KOESTER  
*President*

#### INDIANAPOLIS LOTUS LODGE

A series of meetings for the study and discussion of theosophical teachings culminated in the desire for a lodge in Indianapolis, and the organization was formed and charter applied for, December 29, 1916. Regular weekly meetings have since been held as follows: Inquirers' meeting, and part of the time devoted to text-book study; an open meeting at which we have lectures when speakers are available, otherwise reading and discussion; and the close lodge session. The organization of a Sunday School is contemplated for the near future.

BELLE JACOBS  
*President*

#### IRON CITY LODGE

There are 32 active members in Iron City Lodge, six of whom reside at a distance. A class in "*At the Feet of the Master*" has been held each week, as well as the regular lodge meeting and a Sunday night public meeting.



We have had two National Lecturers visit us this year. Mr. L. W. Rogers lectured three nights; and later Mr. Irving Cooper held classes for two weeks. In this we joined with the Pittsburg lodge.

CARRIE LANSING CADWALLADER  
*Secretary*

#### KANSAS CITY LODGE

In reviewing the past year's work of the Kansas City Lodge we have much to be thankful for. The harmony and co-operation of the members has brought about results that only harmony and co-operation can bring about. The year closed with the addition of 47 new members and 19 reinstatements, making 66.

The activities of the lodge consisted of three evening and two afternoon classes, with a public lecture Sunday evenings which is always well attended. Besides these the Wednesday evening closed members' meetings have been quite gratifying through the increasing interest shown.

The library and reading room has been open every day from 10 to 5 o'clock except Sunday. Many books are loaned and visitors are quite numerous.

We secured additional space in our building and are now remodeling our quarters so that when we resume activities September 1st we will have an auditorium 40x50 ft., with large double door entrances. A secluded reading room 19x24; an office 16x19 where the public is received and books are loaned. Then apart, quiet and undisturbed, there is a class room 16x19 and a Shrine room 17x20. Besides there is yet a printing department where lodge printing and pamphlets are prepared by both professional and amateur printers. These improvements give us six rooms designed to suit our needs. The only thing that should stay the hand of the builder is the call for service in other realms, not the fear to do—forward in the service of the Masters!

JAMES H. SWAIN  
*President*

#### KROTONA LODGE

The meetings of Krotona Lodge—usually attended by from 40 to 50 or more members—are a gathering place for Theosophists from all over the American Section, and, in fact, from all over the world.

Nominally, some study book is in hand: at the present time C. J.'s THEOSOPHY AND MODERN THOUGHT. But frequently, instead of the regular study, we have had the privilege of listening to an address by notable visitors from foreign Sections, by someone just coming from Mr. Leadbeater, or by our own "ambassadors," returning from Adyar.

Reports of such talks, and of the discussions of our ordinary study meetings, are weekly sent out as "Minutes," to keep our absent members in touch with the work. These min-

utes can now be subscribed for by any F. T. S., without the necessity of becoming a member of Krotona Lodge. We hope that in this way they will become to many, what they are already to quite a few: a means to grow and to keep up an ever closer link with Krotona.

C. J. VAN VLIET

#### LONG BEACH LODGE

Long Beach Lodge has an attendance of from 20 to 70 at its Friday night public lectures and an attendance of from 12 to 17 at its closed Lodge meetings. Its Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock and many books are given out. Literature has been donated to the Public Library for distribution and a two years' subscription to the HERALD OF THE STAR has been given to the magazine department.

ALICE ANNETTE FAWCETT  
*Secretary*

#### LOS ANGELES LODGE

Los Angeles Lodge reports a busy year with an increase of thirty-eight new members.

Owing to the untiring labors of a number of our members, daily afternoon classes, and lectures three times a week have been maintained during nine months of the year. These activities, in connection with the noon-day talks held during the Fall and Winter, have made the rooms an active centre. In the class and lecture work, we had the generous assistance of Mrs. May Rogers, who conducted a regular Saturday evening class for beginners for three months; Mrs. Van Vliet and Mrs. McFarland who held a weekly devotional class; and Miss Isabel Holbrook, who gave two interesting series of lectures, one in the evening on Bible Symbolism, and the other Saturday afternoons on A STUDY IN CONSCIOUSNESS.

Two of our National Lecturers, Max Wardall and L. W. Rogers, gave a series of lectures which were well attended and productive of much permanent good.

In connection with our Sunday evening lectures, the Press Committee has obtained two free reading notices weekly. These articles, averaging 800 words per week, have appeared regularly on the church pages of the two leading newspapers on Saturday and Monday, and we feel have been excellent propaganda, inasmuch as Theosophy has thus been brought to the notice of many who otherwise might never hear of its fundamental truths.

The Lodge has had two very successful "get-together" meetings; one a social evening with an informal program and light refreshments; the other on Thanksgiving eve when the ladies of the lodge provided an elaborate vegetarian dinner at which about one hundred and fifty members and invited guests were present. Toasts and songs followed, and later in the evening sixteen new members were initiated by Mr. Max Wardall. These meetings have



been productive of much good, renewing old, and making new acquaintances, and thus promoting the spirit of good will and fellowship.

Our Library has passed a successful year, having issued two hundred and forty-four new cards, loaned an average of two hundred and ten books per month, and sold over \$700.00 worth of theosophical literature. This is one of the indications of the increasing interest the general public is evincing in Theosophy.

THE VEGETARIAN COOK BOOK, compiled and published by the lodge, has proved a financial as well as a culinary success, over eight hundred copies having been sold in various parts of the United States during the year.

The outside activities carried on by our members include more than fifty lectures delivered in various towns of Southern California, as well as weekly classes maintained in Long Beach, Redondo, Sawetlle, South Pasadena and Burbank during the greater part of the year.

J. HENRY ORME

*President*

#### LOUISVILLE LODGE

Louisville Lodge has a membership of 48, eight of whom are non-residents and 24 out of the 42 local members are active workers. During the year three new members have been added and one demitted. With the exception of four, all members are paid up and in good standing at Headquarters.

Members' meetings are held every Tuesday night, opened with meditation and followed by study, the first Tuesday in each month being reserved for Lodge business. Public lectures are given Sunday evenings and public classes held Thursday evenings and Friday afternoons, with the exception of the fourth Thursday and third Sunday, which are set apart for meetings of the Order of the Star in the East.

Receipts for the past year such as dues, silver collections and special donations have amounted to \$481.89, while the disbursements such as rent, advertising, National Lecturers, etc., amounted to \$466.54, leaving a balance June 5, 1917, of \$15.35.

EDNA F. SHIPP

*Secretary*

#### LINDEN LODGE

Linden Lodge having been organized so late in the year has made it impossible for us to do very much. We have done little propaganda work as yet. It is our aim to have the meetings serve as a training school for the members. We are to have a program committee that will map out a course of study, each member giving a talk or paper sometime during the year. At each monthly meeting we will have a review of the MESSENGER by one of the members, in that way keeping in touch with the entire American Section.

This is not so much a statement of work done as of hopes to be realized.

One of our first acts after becoming an or-

ganized part of a Society that stands for Brotherhood was to vote from the lodge Treasury the sum of \$5 to be sent to our French brothers, feeling this a most fitting way to begin our life as a T. S. Lodge.

The Linden Lodge has accepted the invitation of the Washington Lodge to join with them and the Baltimore and Norfolk Lodges in forming a Federation of T. S. Lodges.

CAROLINE W. CHANDLER

*President*

#### MARYLAND LODGE

Early in the fall of 1915 a group of Baltimore women interested in Theosophy met in the apartments of Mrs. Hunter for study and meditation, with Mrs. Doll as leader. Later, as Mrs. Doll was about to leave the city, Mrs. Dorothy Manning became leader.

Through the influence of Mrs. Harry Morrison we obtained, free of charge, a room in the Fidelity Building, where public lectures were given every Monday afternoon on Theosophy, the Washington lodges sending us some very fine speakers. These were well attended. Our classes were held Thursday afternoons at the home of one of the members.

We found great difficulty in getting a hall gratis for our open lectures, but the desire to spread abroad the light of Theosophy was strong within us, and we determined to spend the larger part of our finances in renting a hall and advertising the public lectures in the daily papers. Our first series were given in St. James Hall by Mr. L. W. Rogers, the first week of November, and were splendidly attended. Following these we added eight new names to our membership. Our next lecturer was Miss Eva Blytt, who was most helpful. After her visit we rented a room in Beethoven Hall for public lectures. Various Washington members have lectured for us, i. e., Doctor Baker, Doctor Wright, Doctor Robbins, Mrs. Lindenberger and Mr. Davis. Miss Holbrook also lectured for us most ably, and our National President.

To Miss Edith Gray of Washington, recommended to us by Miss Eva Blytt, we are indebted for 14 weeks of earnest class work on ESOTERIC CHRISTIANITY. She came over to us every Monday afternoon, without money and without price, keeping our interest keenly alert. She was also a messenger from the Washington lodges, asking us to federate with them and the Linden, Md., lodge, which we have done.

Among the many good provisions in our by-laws, we provided that no officer should serve more than three successive terms.

MAUDE S. WEEKES

*Secretary*

#### MINNEAPOLIS LODGE

The work of our Lodge is divided into various departments, the work of each department being in charge of a committee of three



or more members, who are especially adapted for that kind of work. Standing committees are as follows: Program, Propaganda, Lodge Room, Music and Entertainment, Refreshment, Visiting, and Philanthropic. We have found this departmental plan of doing our work very effective, because the various committees are responsible to the Lodge for the work in their respective departments; and as they are asked for reports and recommendations, from time to time, each committee is stimulated to do good work. Also we have found that this plan obviates confusion in our activities, because, by keeping a typewritten list of all committees on our Bulletin Board in the room, each member who wants to work knows to whom to report.

Secretary's report July 11, 1917, shows the number of members at present to be 104.

The regular meetings for the past year were: closed meetings every Wednesday evening for members; meetings for the public every Sunday evening; public study class every Saturday evening. Members' meetings were well attended, and were characterized by harmony and co-operation.

The Sunday evening meetings have done much to spread the truths of Theosophy in the city. We consider these meetings one of the strong factors of our work. Announcement of our Lodge's address and the time of the Sunday meeting is on the Church Bulletin Board in eight of the largest hotels in the city. No other advertising for these meetings was done, except to mail monthly announcement cards to those whose names were on our mailing list.

We began in September with a study class of about 30, and closed the last of May with 24. The leader planned the course of study so as to give the class quite a comprehensive understanding of the fundamentals of Theosophy, the subjects of which were always announced on the monthly announcement cards and at Sunday evening and special meetings. Consequently, this class has been a constant feeder for the lodge.

Our year's work has been punctuated frequently by special public lectures. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Wardall both visited Minneapolis this year, and their lectures were attended by large and enthusiastic audiences. Mrs. Harriet T. Bartlett gave a course of lectures which were well attended and appreciated. The Lodge also was able to obtain much other talent in the way of lecturers.

Five entertainments were given for the purpose of raising funds for various contributions. One-half of the proceeds from these entertainments were sent as a gift to Mrs. Besant; other contributions were to the American Red Cross, Belgium Relief fund, and French Section of the T. S. In all these entertainments, and courses of lectures given by national lecturers, we have had the hearty co-operation of the Yggdrasil Lodge.

In addition to the effective work done by the regular and special committees, some of our members are doing excellent work individually in outside activities. For instance: One member has been doing splendid theosophical work through newspapers and magazines; another keeps herself thoroughly informed on political and educational conditions in our community, and participates in the movements making for higher reform; another is a very active social worker; another takes upon himself the responsibility of keeping the little magazine, *REINCARNATION*, upon the various magazine stands in the city; and others are doing good work in the churches and various other lines. Our local speakers have availed themselves of opportunities to speak before New Thought and other organizations on theosophical subjects.

We have a large library of lending and reference books, also a sales library in which we keep more than \$100 worth of new books on hand for sale. Our library is self-supporting, owing to the good management of our Librarian, who has been in charge for many years. A complete file of all current theosophical magazines is supplied by the library, and many of these are bound in substantial volumes for the reference department. We have a complete file of many magazines from the beginning of their publications. We keep our rooms open each afternoon, except Sunday, from 2 to 5 o'clock, throughout the year.

Our Lodge Room is a very busy center, as it is used for theosophical activities every afternoon and evening, excepting possibly one or two evenings in each month. Our Lodge, and all its undertakings, is supported by voluntary contributions, which thus far has been very satisfactory.

C. E. LOWDER  
*President*

#### MONTCLAIR LODGE

The Montclair Lodge was organized last Fall by a few members of the Society who were in or near Montclair, assisted by others who had long been students of theosophical teachings. The lodge has so far been unable to take active steps in propaganda.

Most of the work done by the members in disseminating theosophical information and ideas has been done unofficially, although the community has been kept informed of the fact that there was a lodge holding meetings.

During the winter a regular course of study was carried through dealing with theosophical teachings as shown in the traditions and religions of the Grecian and other early races.

E. S. SUFFERN  
*President*

#### MONTREAL LODGE

We have, during the fiscal year, added ten new members and one transferred from an American Lodge. Our French class was not a success, but the weekly beginners class was



fairly well attended. The library has been well sought after, and we have had several very industrious students. We had a series of lectures in May and June by Mr. Edie and Mr. Van Tilburg which were much appreciated. These lectures were held outside our lodge room, some of them in the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

We have developed a lecture committee, and look forward to some interesting debates in the near future, and besides this have also a visiting committee of ladies who are doing good work. We have had several gifts to the lodge, unimportant in themselves, but which prove that the work of the T. S. is in the hearts of some of its members.

ALICE B. SMITH  
*Secretary*

### MONTGOMERY LODGE

Montgomery Lodge was organized in November 1916, after a course of lectures delivered by Mr. Rogers. We began with 16 Charter members but our membership has since increased to 26. The meetings were held at first in the Chamber of Commerce, but later we were able to rent and furnish a Lodge Room of our own which we have enjoyed very much. We have a small theosophical library, about 50 or 60 books in all. Some of these were contributed by members of the lodge, part of them however, being a gift from Mrs. Grace Shaw Duff of Nordhoff, Calif.

Our meetings are held on Sunday afternoons. We have not attempted open meetings yet, with the exception of one social gathering with a prearranged program, held at the home of one of our members.

On the last Sunday of each month we meet an hour earlier to transact any business that may come before the lodge. Our local dues are 25 cents a month.

We have completed the study of *MAN AND HIS BODIES*, and *POPULAR LECTURES*, by Mrs. Besant and are now reading in class *THE ANCIENT WISDOM*.

On March 19th we enjoyed a lecture by Mr. Wardall after which we secured 8 new members.

BERTHA PERRY  
*Secretary*

### NEW ROCHELLE LODGE

The work of the lodge has been carried on by our president with much zeal through the past year. We have had the inestimable benefit of the instruction of Mrs. Lambart-Taylor during this time. The Spring class met an hour earlier to sew for the Red Cross, with the result that about ninety-six garments have been made.

Mr. Irving S. Cooper spoke to the lodge on the *Coming of the World Teacher*. Dr. John Notman Wilkie lectured twice, also spoke before the Home Economic Section of the New Rochelle Woman's Club last December on

*Vegetarians From the Theosophic Standpoint* which was received with enthusiasm. Mrs. Lambart-Taylor on request of our secretary lectured before the Literature Section of the Woman's Club on the Shakespeare's *Tempest*, which was so well received that they have requested another next April, which has been promised by our president. She has already given before the Dramatic Section of the Woman's Club *The Death of Eve* and two other works of William Moody bringing out the salient points of theosophical teachings.

The lodge has extended its work very much this year. We date our inspiration from the time our founder, Mrs. Grace Shaw Duff spoke to us at Highland Park, since then we have done much outside work, such as Propaganda, War Gardens, Belgium Relief, Red Cross Work, Canteen Service and the taking of Military Census.

NETTIE BERRY  
*Secretary*

### NORFOLK LODGE

The past year has been a most harmonious one for Norfolk Lodge. We have 19 members, six new ones having joined since January. Our lodge room has been improved and the lodge name placed on the door in large letters.

In order to attract visitors the hotel directories and newspapers are used, and these two means are found most valuable. The future prospects for our lodge look bright.

MRS. LELLIE EDWARDS  
*Secretary*

### OAK PARK LODGE

The increased membership of the Oak Park Lodge during the past year being 44 per cent speaks for itself in the work that is being done.

We hold one regular meeting each week, the first session for members only, the second session being open to the public. We study *THE INNER LIFE*, Vol. 1; *ANCIENT WISDOM*; *AN OUTLINE OF THEOSOPHY* and other general work along lines of Christian philosophy.

Our book committee appointed by Mr. Gerard to co-operate with him in leaflet propaganda, before he went into military duty, now is working to increase the book supply of our local public library and receives voluntary offerings from our membership.

Mr. Wardall and Doctor Beckwith both gave public lectures here which were well attended.

RALPH C. MARCH  
*President*

### OKLAHOMA CITY LODGE

The Oklahoma City Lodge has had a year of interesting and profitable work. Thirty-six new members have enrolled with a net gain of twenty-seven.

The public study class and lodge meetings



were held on Tuesday and Thursday throughout the year. Public propaganda lectures were delivered on one Tuesday and one Thursday evening of each month.

Three series of lectures were given, two by Mr. Wardall in September and February, and one by Mr. Rogers in December. A very fine energizing spirit was imparted to our work through these lectures, and a profound impression was made on the public.

The lending library has been used freely. A number of books were added, most of them gifts from members.

An innovation in the way of securing funds was tried with splendid success. Each member was to make a Christmas offering of money made by some means other than his regular income. Members did many odd tasks and made various sacrifices which resulted in raising \$35.42. This was applied to propaganda and for lodge room furniture.

Realizing that beautiful surroundings tend toward beautiful thought, the members have not spared themselves in their efforts to contribute to the harmonious atmosphere so necessary to the lodge room. Three linked pictures of our great leaders, a heavy green table runner embroidered with the T. S. emblem, a beautiful colored print of Alcyone, and a group of Egyptian scenes, all were presented to the lodge by individual members. We hope to add to these gifts through our penny picture fund, to which we contribute a penny a week.

The meditation group will devote a small fund to placing AT THE FEET OF THE MASTER in prison and other libraries.

The year's work closed with a members' reception. We hope for greater capacity and wider opportunities for work the coming year.

FREDERICK HENKLE  
*Secretary*

#### OMAHA LODGE

We have had public meetings every Sunday evening, either lectures by local or out of town lecturers. Dr. K. D. Shastri gave a series of 6 lectures to crowded houses in April. These were followed by Mr. Max Wardall—3 lectures and a class talk. He initiated 4 staunch workers and left an inspiration and uplift that should remain with all who heard him. Mr. Cooper stopped off en route West, giving two lectures to crowded houses. Mrs. Harriet T. Bartlett also visited the lodge for 3 weeks and lectured to the lodge and various clubs. She was a great inspiration to our work.

Our closed meetings are held every week. The class work has been good—studying MAN AND HIS BODIES and now Vol. 1 of INNER LIFE. Meetings always opened with devotional reading followed by meditation and music.

The lodge held 3 public socials. Some of our members are working with the American League for the Prevention of Legalized Crime and various other altruistic and religious movements.

The Propaganda Committee has been busy, always having leaflets and books ready as well as public lectures.

K. P. EKLUND  
*Secretary*

#### PACIFIC GROVE LODGE

The Pacific Grove Lodge started its second year of work last October, with the help and guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Walters. Since the inception of the lodge the membership is exactly doubled—10 resident and 8 non-resident members. During the winter Mrs. Evans gave lectures in the lodge Wednesday evenings with an average attendance of 30; an occasional lecture at the Civic Club, five lectures in Carmel by the Sea, also one lecture in Monterey on Reincarnation. In Monterey, evening classes are being held every Wednesday in connection with the Reincarnation and Karma Legion under the leadership of Mr. Staward.

The Order of the Star in the East meets the first Saturday afternoon each month at 3 p. m. The Star Centre has just finished three babies' layettes to be lent out for three months at a time to those needing help.

We own a fine library; and a Book Concern is ably conducted by Miss Wagner, the secretary, and several books have already been added to the library through its membership.

BLANCHE T. P. DENMAN  
*President*

#### PASADENA LODGE

Pasadena Lodge closes the year on June 30th with a membership of thirty.

A Lotus Circle formed at the beginning of the year by Miss Lulu Myers has given theosophical teachings to the children of families who are interested. This class meets on Sunday morning at the Lodge Rooms.

Mrs. McFarland, of Krotana, holds a class on Tuesday afternoons, in which At the Feet of The Master is studied. This class is formed by a faithful group and is open to the public.

A closed meeting for members is held every Wednesday night and a public lecture every Thursday at 8 p. m.

Mr. L. W. Rogers gave two courses of lectures, one in January and another in May of this year; these lectures were a great success. They were held in a very popular hall and the capacity audiences were people of a most intellectual class.

A lecture by Mr. Max Wardall, following the January lectures by Mr. Rogers, created great enthusiasm and seven new members were added to the Lodge.

Light refreshments have been served after the public lectures for the past few months and it has been found that it gave those really interested a chance to remain and discuss Theosophy, and become better acquainted with our principles. This also gives a little social side to our work which is often sadly lacking.



The Library is open three afternoons in the week, and we have also had Theosophical books and pamphlets for sale. This has helped our Lodge in a financial way as well as helping to spread the light by their circulation.

WM. ELLIOTT MURPHY

#### PITTSBURGH LODGE

System seems to be the key-note in the successful management of the Pittsburgh Lodge. Every department has its special committee and no detail is left unattended to.

The social activities of the lodge are many: afternoon teas, at which some person of prominence lectures; musicales, etc., form an important part of the lodge activities. The annual picnic is also well attended by Theosophists and those interested. Such functions we regard as propaganda and every visitor a possible F. T. S.

The Sunday evening open meetings are made attractive as well as instructive. Lectures or papers read by various members of the lodge are followed by musical numbers.

Mr. Cooper, Mr. Max Wardall and Mr. Rogers have lectured and have been of considerable benefit to us. A noteworthy increase of membership usually follows their visits.

Many young people in the past two years have become enthusiastic workers and this lodge as a whole is one great committee to think and work for Theosophy at all advisable times and places and to make it a living issue with each individual.

DR. ANNA B. RAMSEY  
*President*

#### POMONA LODGE

Pomona Lodge is now one year and four months old, having been organized March 14, 1916, with thirteen members. Of the original thirteen, six have dropped out and one moved away. During the past year ten new members have been added, making a total of sixteen members, all in good standing. The attendance at the study class, which meets every Wednesday evening at seven, ranges from seven to twelve, but has a few times reached eighteen.

Pomona Lodge has organized a study class in Ontario which meets on Monday evenings with from five to fifteen present.

BLANCHE TILTON  
*Secretary*

#### REGINA BROTHERHOOD LODGE

Regina Brotherhood Lodge, organized November 27th, 1916, reports:

Five meetings held each week, four of which are open to the public. The Sunday lectures are participated in by three members in turn. We have two study classes, one elementary Theosophy, the other for advanced students. To the regular lodge meeting each member con-

tributes in turn something in the way of a poem, a verse or a short reading, the mediation followed by reading from the president on some interesting continued subject.

An open Star meeting convenes Sunday afternoons for an hour. Articles are read followed by ten minute meditation. After closing fifteen minutes is occupied in discussion. A children's Star meeting is planned for the near future.

Through our efforts the Methodist minister has been induced to deliver a sermon on *The Coming of a World Teacher*. Some Star books were sent him and we hope to eventually interest him in Theosophy. Propaganda work is being done in surrounding towns.

During the warm months we shall close some of our activities but will continue the regular lodge meeting, the Thursday class and the Sunday evening lectures.

LOUISE MIRCAULT  
*President*

#### RICHFIELD SPRINGS LODGE

Richfield Springs Lodge holds its regular weekly meeting on Monday night. This meeting is opened by five minutes' meditation and then the questions on ANCIENT WISDOM which have been prepared the week before are discussed.

Two new members have been admitted into the Lodge and in spite of several removals of members from Richfield Springs the vitality increases and the good work continues. We take several magazines which are sent among the members and we have established a reference library.

LEWIS H. ROBINSON  
*President*

#### RUTLAND LODGE

Rutland Lodge, of Vermont, holds open meetings and lectures every two weeks on Friday evenings at Hotel Berwick parlors. Closed meetings, for members only, are held every Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clara Walker, 17 North Main Street. Meditations are chosen from THE VOICE OF THE SILENCE and lessons have been taken from the Theosophical Manuals, ANCIENT WISDOM and MEN, WHENCE, HOW, WHITHER. A closing ritual is used and members pledge themselves to observe some virtue during the week for the service of the world.

MARION A. GIBSON  
*Secretary*

#### ST. PAUL LODGE

At the close of the last fiscal year the lodge had a total membership of 104. The present membership is 118.

The lodge held 38 regular meetings with a total attendance of 745 members and 242 visitors as compared with 40 meetings and an attendance of 826 members and 194 visitors for last year. All of the meetings held this year



were open to the public while last year the first meeting in each month was a closed meeting. This would appear to be the explanation for the increase in the number of visitors.

The Monday night study class in charge of Mrs. Helen H. Fuller was organized early in the Fall and continued to meet regularly until the 1st of June.

Miss Farrington organized her afternoon study class shortly after Mr. Rogers' lectures early in September and it still meets at her residence. This class has had an average attendance of about 15 and 8 of its members have joined the lodge.

A meditation class for members, conducted by Miss Hern, meets at the lodge rooms on Sunday morning. Miss Farrington also conducts a meditation class for members immediately before her afternoon study class. This class has 10 members.

All of these classes have proved to be valuable assets to the lodge as nearly all of the new members received during the year have passed into the lodge throughout the study classes.

The lodge has held two social evenings which have been successful and useful in increasing the spirit of brotherhood.

The season opened with three lectures by Mr. L. W. Rogers in the Universalist Church, September 11th, 12th and 13th. The church was crowded and it was necessary to bring in chairs for the last two nights.

On November 17th and 18th Miss Eva Blytt, General Secretary for Norway, delivered two lectures in our rooms.

We have been fortunate in having public lectures by Mr. Rogers, Miss Blytt, Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Bartlett, Dr. Shastri and finally by a course by Mr. Wardall which drew large audiences and a number of new members were received into the lodge.

During the year \$59.00 has been collected and remitted to the Propaganda Department at Krotona to aid in the work of spreading Theosophy and we start the new fiscal year with pledges from 28 members, amounting to \$101.00, almost twice the amount pledged last year.

Early in June Miss Farrington was instrumental in organizing a unit of the Red Cross which meets in our rooms once a week, from ten to four.

Last year the expenses of the lodge were met by pledges from 56 members, amounting to \$42.15 a month. At the present time the lodge has pledges from 92 members, amounting to \$54.15 a month.

Two special collections were taken during the year. One on April 12th, 1917, to secure funds for starting a unit of the Red Cross in the lodge, and the other on June 14th to lighten the burdens carried by our beloved President, Mrs. Besant, in her effort to continue the publication of *THE THEOSOPHIST* through the present trying period of financial stress.

W. S. TAYLOR  
*Secretary*

## SAGINAW LODGE

Saginaw Lodge meets every Friday evening. We have been studying *ELEMENTARY THEOSOPHY* during the past year in order to give visitors an opportunity to know what we are doing and to join in the work. Classes of various kinds have also been held at private houses and several new members have been added. Propaganda literature has been mailed by various members and our Lodge has been generally active.

L. E. BRADT  
*President*

## SAN FRANCISCO LODGE

San Francisco Lodge has to report a year of steady work although with no marked increase in its membership. One valued member, Mrs. Amelia Allen, was removed by death.

Ten new members were elected during the year, but this gain has been largely offset by the inactivity of others who, while still on the roll have, (it is hoped only temporarily) suspended their membership duties.

The interest in the various weekly classes has been well maintained but the attendance at the Sunday evening public lectures shows a falling off as compared with last year. The public lectures will be discontinued during the month of August, but we are planning for an active Fall and Winter campaign.

WM. R. MASON  
*President*

## SANTA BARBARA LODGE

This lodge was organized on June 6, 1916, with eleven members.

For six weeks, the lodge held weekly closed meetings. After this period, the closed meetings were monthly.

A weekly study class, which is open to the public, has been held since our organization. Up to April, 1917, this class was most ably conducted by Mrs. Georgina Walton of Nordhoff who came up each week especially for that purpose.

During the Fall of 1916, a room in Recreation Center was engaged for weekly meetings and for special lectures and the library was housed in the home of two of the members. Since January, however, the lodge has rented permanent headquarters down town which have been artistically furnished. This room provides a more convenient and satisfactory location for the splendid theosophical library of forty volumes which is the gift of Mrs. Walton and Mrs. Gray of Nordhoff. The room is open for the use of the library every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

During the first three months, three new members were admitted. After Mr. Max Wardall's series of lectures in November, 1916, the membership was again increased by 16.

The lodge has been fortunate in having the help of national and other lecturers so that Theosophy has been kept most attractively before the Santa Barbara public.

E. E. BARNES  
*President*



## SEATTLE LODGE

We have closed a splendid year in this remarkable age of the world's history. Many new lines of activity have opened up with profit to the movement. Reports on the various activities are as follows:

1. *Library:* Miss Jeannette Burgitt and Miss L. E. Holt have been directly responsible for the steady increase in book sales and those loaned to inquirers. Although the system has not obviated the loss of some books, it has given wider publicity to our work and brought credit to the lodge.

2. *Public Meetings:* Our Inquirers' Class on Tuesday night has varied in attendance from 30 to 100, and has been a fruitful source of new members. The Sunday morning meetings have had an attendance of 60 to 70. They have been attended by a splendid proportion of men. The Sunday morning meeting should be commended to the consideration of other lodges. The Sunday evening meetings have averaged about the same as the Tuesday night and Sunday morning meetings. A feature in connection with these meetings has been the appointment of committees, each having charge of one of the meetings, and a fund averaging \$8.00 a month with which to send out notices, advertising, etc., has been allowed them; and these committees have also acted as hosts.

3. *MEMBERS' MEETINGS:* A heroic effort has been made to bring about an active co-operation of all attending. The average attendance now approximates 65 to 70.

4. *STUDY CLASSES AND MEDITATION GROUPS:* Many classes are maintained during the week by various members, ranging in attendance from 5 to 20. All of them are producing definite results for the work.

5. *Membership:* Our membership is now over the 200 mark.

6. *Treasurer's Report:* Our Treasurer, Mrs. Moore, has a really burdensome task with such a large membership, and reports the volume of money handled as approximately \$2000.00, leaving a substantial balance in the treasury.

7. *Children's Social Hour:* One of the new departures of the year has been the establishment of a social hour on Saturday afternoons. This requires the attendance of about eight of our members. The children are given definite instruction through story and stereopticon, singing and dancing, and are served with light refreshments. Mrs. Cahill, in charge, reports an enrollment of 52 children.

8. *Members' Reading Groups:* Another departure that is working with increasing success is a course of reading given to new members, commencing with the Book to Members, followed by an outline, Mrs. Besant's Autobiography, Popular Lectures, Sinnett's Occult World, At the Feet of the Master, etc. The idea is that leaders be assigned to take and

direct new members into a course of reading, with the hope that they may ultimately become students. It avoids the tendency to take the Secret Doctrine instead of Theosophy Simplified, as a starter.

9. *General:* (a) The "Star in the East" has under Miss Sherlock's direction had a very successful and busy year—not large in numbers, but splendid has been the spirit.

(b) Every one remarks at the beauty of our quarters. The flowers outside the windows and under the Master's picture are due to the careful attention of Agnes Duckering and Adelaide Lang.

(c) The New Members' class, conducted by Mr. Duckering during the hour prior to the members' meeting, has been very helpful—each member presents his problem of life to be solved theosophically.

(d) The Sacrifice and Service League has been formed, and over one hundred are filled with the spirit of its high purpose.

(e) The "Co-Masonic" Lodge reports doubling its membership during the past year.

(f) The "Rosy Cross" with a membership of from 70 to 80 has discontinued its meetings. All connected with the order feel a touch of regret, yet realize something bigger and better is in store.

(g) Miss Cooper in propaganda work has found that more are interested in relief work than in spreading Theosophy by pamphlets. She is not discouraged, however.

Our members have given a whole-hearted response to every line of action; \$350.00 the lodge subscribed to Liberty Bonds, over \$100.00 to Belgian relief, and \$110.00 to the Red Cross. Over one hundred members have joined the Red Cross, and many will train for First Aid. We have some of our boys enlisted. So, our members are conscious of their responsibility to humanity.

RAY M. WARDALL  
President

## SIOUX CITY LODGE

Sioux City Lodge holds its public meetings the first and third Sunday night of each month and its private study class every Monday evening. The Lending Library is open every day, except Sunday, from 4 to 5 p. m. We have an attractive folder giving the above information and on the back is printed the Four Great Truths, tersely defined.

An interesting feature is our question box. It is the Secretary's duty to see that seven questions are typewritten and handed to each member at the meeting, to be answered by discussion among the members and citation of authorities, at the next meeting. The members who are not present receive the questions by mail, but do not get the answers nor the benefit of the discussion unless they attend the next meeting.

B. FRANK WALTERS JR., M. D.  
President



**SOUTH PASADENA LODGE**

South Pasadena Lodge has a little better than held her own during the year. Through the kindness of Mrs. Duff in giving us financial support and a little energy on our part, we have established headquarters and a small lending library at 1116 Mission Street. Mr. Rogers and Mr. Wardall gave impetus to the lodge by lectures here and in Pasadena the first of the year. Although we are not making much growth in the way of members we are holding the centre to ray out His force and we feel sure that there is work being done on the invisible planes.

CORA CLOUGH SHEFFIELD  
*Secretary*

**SPOKANE LODGE**

Spokane Lodge has a membership of 67, 18 new members having been admitted. Besides the usual weekly meeting for members, a Sunday evening meeting and two-study classes were maintained through the year, with a fair attendance. Just at this time the first meeting of each month is devoted to a little service League at which the money contributed to the Krotona Mortgage Raising Fund is consecrated for that purpose.

ADAH M. ROSENZWEIG  
*President*

**STOCKTON LODGE**

Stockton Lodge was organized by Mr. L. W. Rogers February 4, 1917, with an initial membership of seven which has quickly increased to eighteen. During February and a part of March, Mr. Eugene Munson delivered five public lectures and conducted a class, since which time the Lodge has met every Wednesday evening and has conducted a class open to the public, on Monday evenings. This class has been suspended during the summer, but in September we expect to continue it and also hold a weekly public lecture.

G. W. PURDY  
*President*

**TOLEDO LODGE**

The Toledo Theosophical Society has maintained regular classes throughout the year and several others upon special occasions; a devotional class which studied *AT THE FEET OF THE MASTER*; a beginners' class which used first *MAN AND HIS BODIES*, then *THEOSOPHY* by Annie Besant; an evening class in *A STUDY IN CONSCIOUSNESS* and another in *ESOTERIC CHRISTIANITY AND THE CHANGING WORLD*.

Early in the year, we brought to the city the great Eastern poet Tagore. It was a great undertaking and a great success. In preparation for this event we had a class once a week for the study of the life and works of this great mystic writer.

Just before the close of our work for the

year we gave a card party at the largest hotel in the city for the benefit of the Red Cross. It was a brilliant success and we turned over \$300 to the local centre.

Individually our members are doing prison correspondence, teaching at workhouse, social settlement work, assisting at Juvenile Court and Red Cross work. Incidentally we spread the light of Theosophy wherever we go.

CLARA W. RAKESTRAW  
*President*

**UNITY LODGE**

Unity Lodge, of Tacoma, meets once a week. Monday meeting is devoted to a class studying *THE OCEAN OF THEOSOPHY*, Thursday afternoon to a class studying *THE BHAGAVAD GITA*.

KATHERINE LOCHWOOD  
*Secretary*

**UPASIKA LODGE**

The principal feature of Upasika Lodge activities during the past year has consisted in a series of lectures to the public on *Theosophy AND THE ANCIENT WISDOM* by the president, Mr. Michael J. Whitty, which were well attended, and a systematic study of Mrs. Besant's admirable work, *A STUDY IN CONSCIOUSNESS* by the lodge. The meetings are held weekly on Thursday, 8 p. m. at headquarters, 2 Arden St., New York City.

CECILIA L. THOMAS  
*Secretary*

**VANCOUVER LODGE**

Vancouver Lodge has had another successful year as regards its work, 22 new members having been added, 6 of them the result of Mr. Rogers' visit in May. Five of our members are on active duty at the front. The Propaganda Department has been better organized and is distributing free literature, magazines and books being regularly sent to the different homes for returned soldiers, as well as to military hospitals, and this work will be kept up as long as there is need for it. The Lodge feels that the time has now come to branch out into different lines of work so that Red Cross Societies, Daughters of the Empire, prison work and prison reform are engaging the attention of the members. There is an association called the National Criminal Reform Association, with headquarters in Montreal, whose object is to work for the improvement of prison life and conditions. One of the members has taken up this work and the result will probably be the formation of a branch of this association in Vancouver. A petition is being signed in the lodge room to be presented to the Dominion Government for the abolition of capital punishment. An Educational Reform Committee, recently formed, promises to do effective work in spreading Theosophic ideals among educators, and arousing the public interest, in adapting the present system to the demand of



the new age. The press committee has secured a promise from the editors of two of the city papers to print an occasional contributed article that will be of general interest, the articles to be written by the lodge members on subjects such as educational reform, ideals of brotherhood, ideal government, etc.

We hope that next year's report will tell of practical work having been done along the lines indicated.

WM. J. COOPER  
*Secretary*

### WASHINGTON LODGE

Owing to the fact that the public lectures, classes, etc., had been held during the summer months, the month of September was the only vacation month of the T. S. in Washington, D. C. As Mr. Irving Cooper was in Washington during the summer months, giving a lecture each Sunday night, these lectures were largely attended. Mr. Rogers, who is always enthusiastically received in Washington, D. C., was with us in November.

A public meeting was held each Sunday evening during the season and a beginners' class, a second-year class and a members' class was held each week, jointly by the two Lodges, until after the two Lodges united, then the members' class was changed to a regular Lodge meeting held each Tuesday evening. The first meeting in the month is devoted to a discussion on current topics of articles taken from newspapers and magazines bearing on theosophical and metaphysical subjects; the other evenings are devoted to a study book, the last evening in the month being reserved for the regular business meeting.

It was believed that if the two Lodges were united the interests of Theosophy would be furthered in the District of Columbia and during the season of 1916-1917 this was brought about. Various committees were appointed to look after such activities as Propaganda and Red Cross, public lectures, etc. The average attendance each meeting night has been 25, the Sunday evening lectures being well attended. White Lotus Day was duly observed, about fifty members were present.

CAROLINE M. GILLET  
*Secretary*

### WINNIPEG LODGE

We have been quietly making progress in the city and surrounding localities, and a more inquiring mind is observable among the population.

From among the members are evolving accurate and careful speakers, who can talk from thirty to forty minutes on such subjects as *Reincarnation*, *Evolution of the Soul*, *The Power of Thought*, and on literary and other interesting topics from a theosophical standpoint.

We have 35 members on the roll. Four new

members joined during the past year, and 8 withdrew.

The public meeting, held Sunday at 3:00 p. m., is being better attended lately, and many interesting questions are being asked.

On Tuesdays, at 8:45 p. m., for members only, Mr. Long, the President, conducts a study in advanced Theosophy, the book at present in use being Mr. Leadbeater's *ASTRAL PLANE*.

On Thursday evenings a beginners' class is conducted in elementary Theosophy, the duties having been shared by several members throughout the year.

The lodge room is also open on Thursdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p. m. At all the meetings books are issued from the Library.

A Reorganization Committee has been appointed, and a number of members have given financial guarantees to make an effort to bring Theosophy more before the public in the early Autumn.

A. D. CAMPBELL  
*Secretary*

### YGGDRASIL LODGE

The past year has been as successful as any year previous. We added five new members to Yggdrasil Lodge, three of them members from Norway, making a total of 45. At the regular Lodge meeting on Thursday nights we spent some time studying *Man: Whence, How and Whither*, and discussing any questions which had arisen. Twenty-nine public lectures have been given during the year, with an attendance of 33, and most of them in the Scandinavian languages. We are very grateful for the help we have received from the National lecturers and also to Miss Eva Blytt, who gave us some interesting lectures.

GUNERIUS TROSETH  
*Secretary*

### LOUISIANA FEDERATION OF THEOSOPHICAL LODGES

The New Orleans Lodge was established in 1898. In 1911 the Truthseekers Lodge was organized with ten charter members. While the New Orleans Lodge held meetings at a down-town hotel the Truthseekers struggled along until the Fall of 1915 when we finally decided the hour had come for us to rally for independence.

Voluntary contributions from our members enabled us to obtain a pleasant room in a prominent office building. Our room was furnished by gifts from our members and most luckily the gifts were all harmonious. One member agreed to establish the same system in use in public libraries and become librarian. Others volunteered to keep the room open daily from 3 to 5:30 p. m., giving propaganda, answering inquiries and taking care of those who come to rest. For the sum of \$1.00 anyone could join the library and if he did not care to continue a student, his money was returned.



A careful selection of books for beginners and also for deeper students is kept for sale.

A beginner's class is held weekly, a mid-weekly night lecture, a closed lodge meeting and an advanced student's class weekly and a Lotus class every Saturday.

That same year the New Orleans Lodge shared the lodge room and expenses with us, and in the summer of 1916 the Louisiana Federation was formed of the two New Orleans lodges with Mrs. Isabel H. S. Devereux, President, and Miss Leslie-Leigh Du Cros, Secretary.

Our members number, Truthseekers, 63; New Orleans, 18; Lotus group, 5 to 6. Books in library, 300. Readers, 24. Attendance at weekly lectures, 20 to 30.

We have had crowded houses when Mr. Cooper, Rogers, Wardall and Mrs. H. T. Bartlett lectured for us, and our hope is that in 1917-18 we may achieve a far greater work.

LESLIE-LEIGH DU CROS  
*Secretary*

#### NORTHWEST DIVISION

During this year the world conflict has seemed to arouse our fellows to greater effort in the Master's service. All lodges report healthy growth—a greater and deeper interest in theosophic truths. The channels are being kept open by serving in a multitude of ways.

One of the messages, eagerly grasped, has been that given by our Brother A. G. Frisbie, of Fresno. Leagues have been organized in our various centers visited by him. Members are contributing old magazines, newspapers and old jewelry, and doing bits of work for their lodges; contributions from all helpful services going into the league funds. We confidently expect this work to play a large part in next year's activities.

The following new ideas may be of help to lodges everywhere:

(a) Butte reports effective work with Parent Teachers' Association.

(b) Wallace reports an "Annie Besant College Club" among young matrons; having charge of Belgian relief fund—raising \$5000.00 in three weeks; adoption of four French orphans; all T. S. magazines in public library.

(c) Spokane: Establishment of "Theosophical Service Guild," wherefrom \$100.00 has been realized in eleven months from sales of food and needlework; also a "Book Club" for new members. One may join by contributing a book. The T. S. member in charge attends to the circulation. Sixty-eight books were out the first month; this in addition to T. S. library. Spokane also contributed 18 books to State Penitentiary.

(d) Seattle reports the establishment of a "Children's Social Hour" on Saturday afternoons—music, talks, classes and refreshments have brought the roll to 52 in four months' time; "Reading Groups" for new members, the leader to encourage and direct a definite course of reading; "special committees" for various meetings, to look after details, advertising and acting as reception committee; "Red Cross First Aid Group"; and a "Bellamy Club," to devise ways and means to help get results in world readjustment.

A splendid lodge has been established at Baker, Oregon; and Leavenworth, Washington, and Pocatello, Idaho, are ripe for lodges.

An increasing number of our members are realizing that this is the greatest of all days in our aeonic pilgrimage; that every F. T. S. should be in the front ranks, leading men to victory against our formidable foes—ignorance and selfishness. This is being done with steadily rising fervor and selfless devotion. Eyes front, hearts calm, hands busy, we wait the day when the Sun of Righteousness shall arise and the Light of Truth shine into the hearts of all men.

RAY M. WARDALL  
*Representative*





## REPORTS FROM BUREAUS

### BRAILLE BUREAU

The Theosophical Braille Bureau, now at Krotona, has assumed the task of looking after the Blind, an activity formerly in the hands of the Council for Providing Braille Theosophical Literature for the Blind, established 7 years ago in Boston as a League of the International Order of Service, T. S.

Being chiefly instrumental in forming the original league, and having for four successive years done the main part of the work, I felt prepared, when requested, to relieve the former manager of her responsibility.

The transfer was formally authorized by the National President, September, 1916, but owing to great difficulties of transportation, the work was actually carried on in Boston until towards New Year, when library books, plates, outfit, etc., had begun to arrive.

Since New Year, the demand for books from our free Braille Circulating library has steadily increased, and the number of subscribers has grown from about 25 to more than 50.

Books are retained by readers for one or two months, and on return others are sent according to taste and desire of reader.

Besides the loan of books, a correspondence is maintained, specially with new subscribers, unacquainted with theosophical ideas.

At the last theosophical Convention, a plan was adopted by a number of members interested in the welfare of the Blind, headed by Mr. Arleigh B. Williamson of Pittsburgh, to have 1000 copies of Mr. Leadbeater's *Outline of Theosophy*, in Braille, distributed in libraries throughout the country. I consented to make the plates, and to do the printing gradually, as the demand would occur.

Between three and four hundred dollars were subscribed to carry out this plan, of which \$181.15 have been placed in my hands.

This work is still in its preparatory stages on account of unexpected difficulties, chiefly due to the war.

The stereotyper which was shipped from Boston in September, only arrived in April, and we are still waiting for the printing machine, ordered new from Chicago, after we had been forced to cancel the original order.

As soon as we are ready, the plan will be carried on with speed and vigor, and most of the funds, subscribed last year will still be available, as only a comparatively small amount has been used in carrying on the regular work.

In addition to the two lines of activity, outlined above, it is my intention, at an early date, to start the circulation of a monthly paper among the Blind, devoted to articles on Theosophy as well as bearing on the Star work, perhaps with special emphasis on the practical side.

For this work I hope in due time to get the means and the co-operation from brother Theosophists.

OLE W. DAHL

### CHICAGO LECTURE BUREAU

A statement of account has been rendered Krotona from the Chicago Lecture Bureau which shows a marked increase in the number of lectures circulated in 1917 over the previous year. These lectures are loaned to the members of the society and may be retained thirty days at a cost of ten cents the copy; the proceeds of which makes the Bureau self sustaining. Any new lectures are always welcome. A gift of five was made the Bureau in the past year.

JULIA A. MYERS

### CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Correspondence Bureau for new members has reached 119 new members, mostly isolated ones, living in 26 states besides Canada. This since June 1916.

About 65 have followed classes, asked questions and have given me the opportunity to help them along many theosophical lines. Some new members seem eager to apply Theosophy in the Educational, Social and Religious movements of the day. To meet this need new classes from *THE CHANGING WORLD*, *THEOSOPHY AND HUMAN LIFE* and *FOUR GREAT RELIGIONS* had to be added to the usual studies.

It is often obvious that a mere word from an older member is sufficient to help a new member recover what he has known of the Divine Wisdom in a former life, and this privilege is very precious to me.

E. HONOLD

### THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE BUREAU

The immediate work of the Library Catalogue Bureau is the making of a subject index to the *HERALD OF THE STAR*, and the indexing in the same way of all current theosophical literature, periodicals, pamphlets and other publications, drawing in, as fast as time permits, all back numbers also.

An attempt will be made during the summer to issue in a distributable form the subject index to the latest publications, and copies will be sent on request to applicants while the supply lasts. So that if not hampered by lack of workers and funds, a subject index in one alphabet should be in the hands of all Theosophical Lodges and workers within a month following the date of publication which is no more than is done for a large number of the popular and technical magazines of the day, about ninety magazines being indexed each month in the *Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature*, seventy-five in the *Reader's Guide Supplement*, etc.

The Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C., writes under date of January 19, 1917: "The Library of Congress has no bibliography of Theosophy, excepting such as is afforded by the printed cards. It would seem that there



ought to be a demand for bibliographical lists of books and articles on Theosophy." A printed index is especially indispensable to the stranger, the busy classes, the new student, and to break the way for the larger inclusion of files of our literature in public libraries, an admission that will be enhanced by demand when we have the tools to seek and ask for what we require and to what we can refer others, outside our own private and lodge libraries. In a talk with one of the largest publishers of bibliographical works in the United States it was stated that there should be a united effort among the societies for this work, the pledging of support, etc.

Special bibliographies on special subjects for the use of lodges, lecturers, groups of workers, etc., would be welcomed as well as any suggestions, statements of needs, co-operation and help. In fact it is hoped that the Theosophists will come to look upon the Bureau as their own particular utility for any work within its scope.

JULIA E. JOHNSON  
*Librarian*

## THE LOTUS BUREAU

The work of corresponding with those interested in forming children's classes has been continued this year, resulting in our being able to publish in the Lotus page of *THE MESSENGER* many valuable methods of work thus making material available to help and encourage those who are leading classes. Correspondents have been supplied to children who have written letters to the Bureau and this has resulted in forming some pleasant friendships for the children. We find that our stated purpose of the Bureau is slightly misleading as it has given the impression that we send out lessor courses in Theosophy for children. There have, therefore, been calls for something of the kind for children who are isolated from Lotus classes and to them literature has been sent when possible, with lists of books and magazines. These calls show a need, however, for simple lesson courses, and we hope that in the following year we may be able to publish in *MESSENGER* some such series of lessons.

The best work of the Bureau has been in stimulating those who have a certain genius with children to share their discoveries with other teachers and thus to put their work on record rather than to have it tossed away and lost.

Miss Annie McQueen has been a valuable helper in this field as she has made it a part of her work, while travelling, to start Lotus classes in the different cities where she has stayed any length of time.

There have been about eleven classes active in different cities this year with the prospect that about ten more may be ready to begin Lotus Circles in the fall.

MARJORIE TUTTLE

## MUSIC CORRESPONDENCE BUREAU

The greatest interest among the readers of the monthly letters sent out by the Music Bureau has been evidenced in two special lines of study. First: that along the line of Pythagorean thought as given in the articles based on Claude Bragdon's works, and, second; in the newer Art Side of Music as presented in the articles on Color Music.

The science aspect of music study in its relation to the various sciences as suggested by Mr. Reed has received serious attention. The subject of child training through the development of the imagination by means of music has aroused much interesting discussion. The question of therapeutics in connection with music has been discussed. (We hope to know much more about this fascinating branch of our subject later on as experiments are now being made with music as a cure for the wounded among the soldiers of the Allied armies). Members of the Bureau residing in nearly every state, in Canada, Scotland, Norway and India are a unit in their interest.

JESSIE WAITE WRIGHT

## BUREAU OF LODGE EFFICIENCY

This Bureau has accumulated data for a Lodge Manual including instructions on how to organize a lodge; a model set of by-laws; a funeral service; a form for opening and closing lodge meetings, etc., which when completed will be published.

C. F. HOLLAND

## BUREAU OF SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION

This Bureau has only been recently organized and has not yet had time to do more than accumulate official reports and data from various organizations working along the lines of human betterment. Readings from these reports are given weekly before the Krotona Lodge and later a digest will be made of the essential facts for the use of members.

The Bureau has sent out a great many letters of inquiry and has invited lecturers to speak under its auspices.

ROBERT K. WALTON  
*Director*

## STEREOPTICON BUREAU

The following is a report for the year ending July 1st, 1917:

Sets of slides and lectures were used in all cities in the section 21 times. Last year these sets were used 18 times. Our sets of slides are as follows:

Reincarnation  
The Constitution and powers of Man  
Great World Teachers  
Nature Spirits

The treasury contains \$55.08.

The work goes on as usual. The Bureau needs, however, to be in the hands of one who



could devote more time to its work—the arranging of new lectures, etc.

J. C. MYERS

#### BUREAU FOR TEACHERS

The year has been a very active one in this department. Many inquiries as how to form and conduct classes, what methods, what books are best to use, etc., have been answered.

Enrolled the past year are some teachers and doctors from whom I am expecting results in different ways of propaganda. Both teachers and doctors have an unusual opportunity for propaganda if they but take it. One physician writes that she is located in a little country town, with no hope of forming a class, in the midst of orthodoxy, yet she invited some friends to tea one evening and read a chapter from C. Jinarajadasa's new book, and they were so interested that she went to the home of one another evening and read more, as that party had a friend visiting her from a distance, who was leaving that night, and wanted to hear more of the reading.

I have been able to place some Golden Chain orders. I have these cards for sale at five cents each and postage. Size 12x18 in.

B. S. HILLYER

#### THE MYSTIC DRAMA LEAGUE

The season of the Mystic Drama League opened in September with the presentation of a group of four short plays under the efficient

leadership of our assistant director, Mr. William J. Fordyce. One of these entitled *A Gypsy Idyl* aroused especial interest and attention as being the work of Mr. Fordyce who has made this little play the means of presenting Theosophic truths in a most attractive as well as effective manner.

In December, our players presented the *Return of Peter Grimm*, the members of the cast responding splendidly to the demands made upon them, the result being a quite impressive production. This play was repeated by request in February.

The season closed with the presentation of John Galsworthy's *Joy*, given in May. This achieved a marked success, abundantly proving the versatility of the members so that we feel more than ever assured that the League has before it a great work, especially in the promulgation of the principles of Theosophy. It has acquired no mean reputation in Chicago for its excellence in dramatic interpretation, and with the right co-operation among the members, need place no limitations on its activities as a power for good. It is hoped that next year will see re-established the work of the Drama Building Class, an important auxiliary to the work of the dramatic department and one which has done notable work in the past.

VIOLA MARSHALL WATSON

Director





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National Headquarters, Krotona, Hollywood, Los Angeles, California

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## LODGE DIRECTORY

In this Directory the lodges and centres of the American Section are arranged in alphabetical order, first under states and secondly under cities and towns. The names of lodges are underscored and followed by the date, or year, of the charter grant. Asterisks precede the names of places (centres) where no lodge exists, but the name of a resident member is given.

### ALABAMA

\*ANNISTON. Alvin Lebrun Nourse, Gen. Del.  
**BIRMINGHAM**

Birmingham, 1914. Pres., Mrs. Kate C. Grace, 3446 Highland Ave., Tel. Main 6985; Sec'y, Mrs. Sarah C. Mayes, 1125 12th Ave. N., Tel. Main 422. Meets 2119½ First Ave. Closed Meetings Sunday 11 a. m.

\*FAIRHOPE. Mrs. Elva D. Troyer, R. F. D. No. 1.  
**MONTGOMERY**

Montgomery, 1916. Pres., Joel W. Woodruff, 8½ S. Perry St.; Sec'y, Miss Bertha Perry, 720 Madison Ave.

### ARIZONA

\*BISBEE. Cochise Co. Rev. John G. Pritchard, Box 998.

#### PHOENIX

Phoenix, 1916. Pres., John Johnson, Box 725, Mesa, Ariz.; Sec'y, Henry M. Davenport, 1301 W. Taylor St.

\*TUCSON. Andrew J. Bell, R. F. D. No. 2.

### CALIFORNIA

#### BAKERSFIELD

Bakersfield, 1917. Pres., J. B. Batz, 2011 17th St.

#### BERKELEY

Berkeley, 1908. Pres., John B. Stearns, 2309 Hilgard Ave.; Tel. Berkeley 4171; Sec'y, Miss Florence L. Hurd, 937 Spruce St. Meets Rm. 15, Wright Bldg., cor. Shattuck and Center Sts. Closed Meeting, Thursday 8 p. m.; Public Class, Monday 2:30 p. m.; Public Lecture, Sunday 8 p. m.; Library open Monday and Friday, 2:30 to 4 p. m.; Beginners' Class, Monday 8 p. m.

\*FILLMORE. Mrs. Elizabeth E. Rivard.

### FRESNO

Fresno, 1914. Sec'y, Mrs. Vera Frisbie, 1225 Poplar Ave. Meets 15 Republican Bldg.

### LONG BEACH

Long Beach, 1913. Sec'y., Dr. Alice A. Fawcett, R. D. 2, Box 279. Meets Rm. 9, City Nat'l Bank Bldg.

### LOS ANGELES

Hollywood, 1912. Pres., Dr. Elizabeth Hull Lane, 6633 Selma Ave.; Sec'y, Miss Pauline Heilmuller, 2309 22nd St., Los Angeles, Calif. Meets Toberman Blk., 6412 Hollywood Blvd. Lodge Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.; first half hour, social and musical. Study Class 8 p. m. Inquirers' Class, Sunday 7 p. m.

Krotona, 1913. Sec'y, C. J. van Vliet, Krotona, Hollywood, Tel. Home 57552. Meets in The Temple.

Los Angeles, 1894. Pres., J. Henry Orme, 2039 Vista del Mar Ave.; Sec'y, Arthur G. Cohn, 635 W. 4th St. Meets Blanchard Bldg., 233 S. Broadway, Tel. Home 10082.

### OAKLAND

Oakland, 1898. Pres., Mrs. Amelia K. Weitman, 2616 E. 16th St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Emma F. Shortledge, 1284 Ashmount Ave. Meets Maple Hall, cor. 14th & Webster Sts., Tel. Oakland 8120. Members only, Tuesday 7:45 p. m.; Beginners' Class, Monday 7:45 p. m.; Class, Tuesday 10 a. m.; Theosophical Talks, 2 p. m.; Bible Class, Sunday 6:30 p. m.; Public Lecture, 7:45 p. m.

\*OCEANSIDE. Mrs. Fannie F. Young.

### OCEAN PARK

Crescent Bay, 1916. Sec'y, Mrs. Grace B. Shisler, 2931 Ocean Front. Meets 2nd Floor Masonic Temple, Marine St., Trolleyway.



**PACIFIC GROVE**

Pacific Grove, 1915. Sec'y, Miss Emma C. Wagner, 313 2nd St. Meets 156 8th St.

**PASADENA**

Pasadena, 1896. Pres., Wm. E. Murphy, 306 Braley Bldg.; Sec'y, Mrs. Fern V. McCurdy, 531 S. Marengo Ave., Tel. F. O. 1672. Meets Wednesday 8 p. m., 8-9-10 Kinney-Kendall Bldg., cor. Raymond & Colorado Sts. Public Lecture, Thursday 6 p. m.

**POMONA**

Pomona, 1916. Sec'y, Miss Blanche Tilton, 631 E. Pasadena St. Meets Wednesday evening at Public Library.

**RIVERSIDE**

Riverside, 1914. Pres., Mrs. Harriet Hazlett; Sec'y, Mrs. Bertie E. Pownall, 566 6th St. Meets 566 6th St.

**SACRAMENTO**

Sacramento, 1910. Pres., Charles G. Benson, 826 17th St.; Sec'y, Miss Martha Drew, 1615½ 18th St., Tel. Main 1802-L. Meets 1614 G St. Public Meetings, Sunday 8:15 p. m.; Class, Thursday 8:15 p. m.

**SAN DIEGO**

Annie Besant, 1897. Pres., William Griffiths, 1139 6th St., Tel. Main 4390; Sec'y, Miss Laura Athey, 847 11th St. Meets P. M. Johnson Bldg., 7th St. & Broadway. Lodge Meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m. Public Lectures, Sundays 8 p. m. Library and Reading-room open week days 2 to 4 p. m.

Blavatsky, 1916. Pres., Miss Bernice T. Banning; Sec'y, Mrs. Florence S. Gray, 231 W. Spruce St. Library and Reading-rooms open daily from 2 to 4, 1133 6th St., Tel. Hillcrest 1550-W. Lodge Meetings Thursday evenings at 7:30.

**SAN FRANCISCO**

Golden Gate, 1895. Pres., Mrs. Marie L. Blake, 1875 Sacramento St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Eaton, 988 Hayes. Tel. Market 7452. Headquarters in American School of Music, 988 Hayes. Meetings Sunday 8 p. m., Saturday 3 p. m.

San Francisco, 1901. Pres., William R. Mason, Rm. 304, 414 Mason St.; Sec'y, J. E. Allison, 253 21st Ave. Meets Rm. 304 Native Sons' Bldg., 414 Mason St. Members only, Friday 8 p. m.; Classes, Monday 8 p. m., Wednesday 2:30 p. m. & Saturday 2:30 p. m.; Public Lecture, Sunday 8 p. m. Library open week days 1:30 to 4 p. m.

**SAN JOSE**

San Jose, 1911. Pres., Dr. Michael Kapp, Rm. 25 Porter Bldg.; Sec'y, Mrs. Ollie I. Davis, 350 N. 9th St. Meets Thursday eve. at Room 38, Porter Bldg., Tel. San Jose 5099-R.

\*SAN PEDRO. Mrs. Lillie E. Martin, 462 10th St.

\*SAN RAFAEL. Alfred H. de Lisle, 153 Picnic Ave.

**SANTA ANA**

Santa Ana, 1917. Pres., Chas. E. Rilliet; Sec'y, A. E. Henning, 618 W. 4th St.

**SANTA BARBARA**

Santa Barbara, 1916. Pres., Mr. E. E. Barnes, 1515 Laguna St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Alice E. Cook, 435 E. Anapanu St.

**SANTA CRUZ**

Santa Cruz, 1907. Sec'y, Mrs. Nellie H. Uhden, 145 3rd St., Tel. 479. Meets 87 Garfield St.

**SANTA ROSA**

Santa Rosa, 1909. Pres., Mrs. Adelaide M. Cox, 433 Humboldt St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Lucy M. Zoberbier, 433 Humboldt St. Meets 433 Humboldt St. Public Lecture, Sunday evening, 433 Humboldt St.; Study Class (members only) Wednesday evening at Mrs. Rusden's residence, 413 10th St.

**SOUTH PASADENA**

South Pasadena, 1913. Pres., David Bragonier, 1720 Oxley St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Cora C. Sheffield, 1019 Montrose Ave. Meets 1116 W. Mission St.

**STOCKTON**

Stockton, 1917. Sec'y, Paul Oard, 640 W. Mag-

nolia St.

**TRACY**

Tracy, 1917. Pres., M. A. Buck, Box 477; Sec'y, Mrs. Annie Wedge.

**CANADA**

\*BIRNIE, MANITOBA. William Thompson.

\*BRANTFORD. Misses Anna B. and Jean K. Harold, 84 Brant Ave.

**CALGARY, ALBERTA**

Calgary, 1913. Pres., Miss Annie L. Stephenson, 1110 12th St. W.; Sec'y, E. H. Lloyd Knechtel, 510 Rosedale Crescent. Meets Rm. 12, Mackie Blk. Sun. 11 a. m. Beginners' Class Sun. 7:30 p. m. Public Lectures, Oct. to May, Wed. 8 p. m. in Publ. Libr. Star meets Lodge Room, Sun. and Tues. eggs.

**CREELMAN, SASKATCHEWAN**

Creelman, 1917. Pres., Edw. G. McLean.

**EDMONTON, ALBERTA**

Edmonton, 1911. Sec'y, Miss Annie H. Turner, 10157-100a St. Meets Rm. 6, Bellamy Bldg., 10157-100a St.

\*ENDERBY, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Mr. and Mrs. George R. Lawes.

**HAMILTON, ONTARIO**

Hamilton, 1916. Pres., H. S. Small, 43 Emerald St., North; Sec'y, Miss N. Gates, 329 King St., East. Public Lecture, Sunday 11 a. m., Royal Templars' Hall, Main and Walnut Sts.; Public Class, Tuesday and Thursday 8:15 p. m.; Lodge Meeting (members only 1st and 3d Mondays, 8:15 p. m., Rm. 4, Royal Templars' Hall.

**KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Kelowna, 1915. Sec'y, Mrs. Phyllis M. Gore, Box 382.

\*LONDON, ONTARIO. Mrs. E. H. McKone, Cor. Wortley Rd. & Base Line. phone 2392.

**MONTREAL, QUEBEC**

Montreal, 1905. Sec'y, Mrs. A. B. Smith, P. O. Box 351, Station B. Meets Rm. 12, Tooke Bldg., Peel St.

\*OTTAWA, ONTARIO. Harold M. Davy, Rm. 7, Royal Bank Bldg.

\*QUEBEC, P. Q. Arthur C. Fellows, 277 Grande Allee.

**REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN**

Regina, 1911. Pres., Mr. Harry C. How; Sec'y, Mrs. Clara Forler, 1827 Rose St. Meets Rm. 9, The Standard Apts., Rose St.

Regina-Brotherhood, 1917. Sec'y, William Thomson, 1832 Rose St.

**TORONTO, ONTARIO**

Toronto, 1891. Sec'y, H. R. Tallman, 62 St. Ann's Road. Meets Canadian Foresters' Hall, 22 College St., Monday 8 p. m.; Ancient Wisdom Class, Tuesday 8:30 p. m.; Key to Theosophy Class, Wednesday 8 p. m.; Business and Closed Meetings, 1st and 3d Wednesday 8:30 p. m.; Speakers' Training Class, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays; Sunday 10:30 a. m., Secret Doctrine Class; 3 p. m., Lotus Class for Children; 7:15 p. m., Public Lecture. Suburban Classes: Thursday, N. E. Toronto, 196 Langley Ave.; Saturday, Beach, 62 Balsam Ave.

**VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Orpheus, 1912. Pres., William C. Clark, 1236 Melville St.; Sec'y, A. L. Crampton Chalk, 808 Sylvia Ct., Beach Ave. Meets 6 Court House Blk., 812 Robson St., Monday, 8:15 p. m., "Secret Doctrine" Class, Friday 8:15 p. m.

Vancouver, 1898. Pres., Mrs. Emma Teeple, Kerrisdale, B. C.; Sec'y, W. J. Cooper, Suite 6, 516 Broadway. Meets Rm. 24, Leigh Spencer Bldg., 553 Granville St., Thursdays 8 p. m.; Two Public Classes, Tuesday 8 p. m.; Public Lecture, Sunday 7:30 p. m. Library open week days, 2 to 5 p. m.

**VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Victoria, 1901. Pres., Mrs. M. King, 1168 Caledon Ave.; Sec'y, Miss G. Bird, 217 Belmont Bldg. Meets 217 Belmont Bldg., Wednesday eve.

**WINNIPEG, MANITOBA**

Winnipeg, 1911. Sec'y, Alexander D. Campbell, 46 Cobourg Ave., Elmwood, Wpg., Man. Meets 104 Cadomin Bldg., cor. Main St. & Graham Ave.



**ALAMOSA COLORADO**

Alamosa, 1916. Pres., Mrs. Charlotte E. Worth; Sec'y, Mrs. Ruth G. Fish, Alamosa, Colo.

**BOULDER**

Boulder, 1917. Sec'y, Ernest J. Rock, 750 Spruce St.

**COLORADO SPRINGS**

Colorado Springs, 1914. Pres., Mrs. Louise C. Arnold, 116 East Dale St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Mary S. Hawkins, 1306 Wood Ave.

**DENVER**

Colorado, 1906. Pres., George Riblet, 3861 Raleigh St., Tel. Gallup 855; Sec'y, Mrs. Lois A. Chapman, 3861 Raleigh St., Tel. Gallup 855. Meets Woman's Club Bldg., 1437 Glenarm St.; Public Meeting, Sunday 8 p. m.

Denver, 1897. Sec'y, Mrs. Ida Blakemore, 1723 Park Ave.

**CONNECTICUT**

\***ANSONIA.** Dr. Galusha H. Willbur, Opera House Bldg., Tel. 885.

\***FARMINGTON.** Mrs. Ami S. Janes.

**HARTFORD**

Hartford, 1914. Pres., Mrs. Luella T. Pierce, 17 Haynes St.; Sec'y, Miss Christine F. Glen, 286 Vine St. Meets Rm. 118 Goodwin Bldg., Tel. Charter 898-12.

**NEW HAVEN**

New Haven, 1913. Pres., Mrs. L. A. Park, 548 Orange St.; Sec'y, Melville S. Wadham, 152 Brewery St. Meets Orange-Elm Bldg., 241 Orange St. Members only, Wednesday evening; Public Lecture, Sunday 7:30 p. m. Library open Monday and Thursday, 3 to 5 p. m.

\***TORRINGTON.** Miss Louise Eitel, 56 Taylor St.

\***STAMFORD.** Mrs. Eva A. Caffrey, 136 Forest St.; Mrs. Annie B. Southwick, 162 Glenbrook Rd.

\***WEST HARTFORD.** Mrs. Louise L. Blackmore, 49 South Quaker Lane.

**DELAWARE**

\***MILFORD.** Mrs. Elinor B. Rosa.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**WASHINGTON**

Washington, 1897. Pres., Milard F. Hudson. "The New Berne," Tel. North 2991; Sec'y, Mrs. Helen L. Lindenberg, "The Berkshire," N. W., Apt. 23, Tel. Columbia 814. Meets 1216 H. St., N. W.

**WASHINGTON FEDERATION OF THEOSOPHICAL LODGES.** Headquarters, 1216 H. St., NW. Chairman of Executive Committee, Dr. William L. Robins, "The Rochambeau," Tel. Main 3514.

**TAMPA**

**FLORIDA**

Tampa, 1909. Pres., Mr. George P. Sullivan; Sec'y, Mr. Edward S. Pierce, 410½ Franklin St., Tampa Florida. Meetings 1st, 3d & 5th Wednesday at 410½ Franklin St.

**ATLANTA**

**GEORGIA**

Atlanta, 1916. Pres. Albert B. Grossman, 514 Candler Bldg.; Sec'y, Mrs. Helen Stanley, 397 W. Peachtree St. Meets 118 W. Peachtree St.

**HAWAIIAN ISLANDS**

**HONOLULU**

Honolulu, 1902. Sec'y, Mrs. Elizabeth Sanford, Boston Bldg.

**IDAHO**

\***LEWISTON.** Mrs. Lillie G. Kester, Lewiston Hotel Idaho.

\***PARMA.** Mr. and Mrs. Gettfried Lohrli, Route 3.

\***POCATELLO.** William E. Smith, 629 N. Garfield Ave.

**WALLACE**

Wallace, 1913. Sec'y, Mrs. Dalste W. Allen, 320 High Bank St.

**CHICAGO**

**ILLINOIS**

Akbar, 1912. Sec'y, Mrs. Clara J. Kochersperger, 7212 Coles Ave. Meets Rm. 706 Fine Arts Bldg., 410 S. Michigan Ave. Tel. South Chicago 1175 or S. Chicago 15421.

Chicago North Shore, 1911. Sec'y, Mrs. Ferne M. Robinson, Hollywood, Ill. Meets Rooms of North Shore School of Music, 4666 Evanston Ave., Monday evening.

Herakles, 1914. Sec'y, Miss Lilian Vent, 1122 E. 44th St. Meets 1124 E. 44th St.

Pioneer, 1917. New Lodge. Sec'y, Henry W. Hammond, 3366 Calumet Ave., Chicago.

Sampo, 1910. Sec'y Uno E. Nurmio, 411 Fairview Ave., Winnetka, Ill. Meets at homes of members.

Woodlawn, 1916. Sec'y, Mrs. Ellen R. Dickey, 3254 Flournoy St. Meets 6104 Dorchester Ave., Friday eve. Tel. Blackstone 2801.

**CHICAGO THEOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION** (Representing the following Chicago Lodges). Headquarters, Besant Hall, 116 S. Michigan Ave., Tel. Central 5049. Pres., Miss Julia K. Sommer, 3911 N. Rokeby St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Helen Benke, 3105 Calumet Ave.

Annie Besant, 1909. Pres., Mrs. Julia W. Goodell, 1723 Richmond St.; Sec'y, Clarence L. Gowell, 116 S. Michigan Ave. Rm. 1507 Lodge Meeting, Tuesday evening.

Chicago, 1885. Pres., Miss Julia K. Sommer, 3911 N. Robey St., Lakeview Sta.; Sec'y, Miss Louise M. Gladden, 1020 Dempster St., Evanston, Ill. Chicago Brotherhood, 1917. Pres., Dr. Edwin B. Beckwith, 25 E. Washington St.; Sec'y, Miss Katherine Seidell, 3317 Wilson Ave.; meets 116 S. Michigan Ave.

Kenwood, 1909. Pres., Mrs. Fannie U. West, 4721 Greenwood Ave.; Sec'y, Mrs. Josephine N. Rolf, 4459 Oakwald Ave.

Leadbeater, 1911. Pres., Mrs. E. H. Breese, 2111 Humboldt Ave., S., Minneapolis, Minn.; Sec'y, Carl H. Rahn, 2250 Clybourn Ave. Tel. Harrison 1196.

**EVANSTON**

Evanston, 1912. Sec'y, Mrs. Edith B. Allen, 1723 Central St., Tel. Evanston 2272. Meets 1723 Central St.

**FREEPORT**

Freeport, 1898. Sec'y, Mrs. Clara K. Jungkunz, 129 Carroll St.

**HARVEY**

Harvey, 1917. Sec'y, Edgar S. Mills, 15705 Turlington Ave.

**LA GRANGE**

La Grange, 1911. Sec'y, Emma F. Murray, 141 North Madison Ave. Meets 141 North Madison Ave.

\***MOMENCE.** Mrs. Laura J. Baker.

\***MT. CARMEL.** Bernard S. Landes, 608 Market St.

\***MT. VERNON.** Edward E. Edmondson, M. D., 113 S. 10th St., Tel. 30.

**OAK PARK**

Oak Park, 1914. Sec'y, Harry B. Davis, 218 Pleasant St. Meets 135 N. Harvey Ave.

**PEORIA**

Peoria, 1915. Pres., Dr. Adolph J. Foerter, 110 N. Monroe St.; Sec'y, Miss Minnie Clark, 514 Western Ave.

**INDIANA**

**FORT WAYNE**

Fort Wayne, 1915. Pres., Ralph Smith, R. D. No. 7; Sec'y, Miss Marguerite J. Mayr, 305 E. Jefferson St. Meets Art Studio Bldg.

**INDIANAPOLIS**

Indianapolis Lotus, 1916. Pres., Belle Jacobs, 606 Lombard Bldg. Tel. Office, Main 4641; Sec'y, Mrs. C. D. Murray, 1421 Prospect St. Meets in Chamber of Commerce Bldg. Inquirers' meeting Wed. 8 p. m. Lecture or reading and discussion Fri. 8 p. m. Lodge at close of Fri. night meeting.

\***MUNCIE.** Mrs. Isabella M. Klein, 614 N. Mulberry St., Tel. 3058.



## IOWA

## COUNCIL BLUFFS

Council Bluffs, 1909. Sec'y, Mrs. Effie M. Smith, 126 S. 7th St. Meets 126 S. 7th St.

## DAVENPORT

Tri-City, 1913. Sec'y, Miss Erna M. Barthel, 4417 7th Ave., Rock Island, Ill.

## DES MOINES

Des Moines, 1914. Pres., George S. Powlison, 1037 W. 18th St.; Sec'y, Miss Pauline Young, 2043 S. E. 6th St., Ewing Apts.

## SIOUX CITY

Sioux City, 1916. Pres., Dr. B. Frank Walters, Box 332; Sec'y, Chas. L. Lockie, 206 American Bldg.

## TOPEKA

## KANSAS

Topeka, 1897. Sec'y, Mrs. Hattie Olmstead, 1732 Fillmore St. Beginners' Class, Tuesday 2:30, in Mrs. Olmstead's residence, 1732 Fillmore St. Lodge Meetings at 1606 Buchanan St., Friday evening at 8:30.

\*WICHITA. Miss Sybilla S. Muntz, 217 Sulu Ave.

## LOUISVILLE KENTUCKY

Louisville, 1908. Pres., George E. Cross, 6505 4th St.; Sec'y, George J. Depner, 4206 Southern Parkway. Meets 954 S. 3d St. Tuesday 8:15 p. m.; Class (public) Friday 2:30 p. m.; Public Lecture, Sunday 8 p. m.

\*PADUCAH. William G. McFadden, 605 Broadway.

## LOUISIANA

## NEW ORLEANS

Louisiana Federation Theosophical Lodges. New Orleans and Truthseekers' Lodges. Pres., Mrs. Isabel H. S. Devereux, 2504 Esplanade Ave.; Sec'y, Miss Leslie Leigh du Cross, 525 Audubon Bldg.

New Orleans, 1898. Sec'y Mrs. Gertrude Mitchell, 4822 Chestnut St. Meets 525 Audubon Bldg. Open meeting and lecture, Sundays 8 p. m.

Truthseekers, 1912. Sec'y, Mrs. Frank Bethune, 525 Audubon Bldg., Tel. Uptown 385. Meets 525 Audubon Bldg., Canal St. Public Lecture, Wednesdays 8 p. m. Closed Meeting for Federation, Thursday 2 p. m.; Classes, Thursday 3 p. m., Friday 3 p. m. Library open daily, 3 to 5:30 p. m.

## SHREVEPORT

Shreveport, 1915. Sec'y, F. J. Pekema, P. O. Box 105.

## MAINE

\*ORONO. Mrs. Molly Morgan Woods.

## PORTLAND

Portland, 1909. Pres., Miss Katherine A. Murray, 203 Trelawny Bldg.; Sec'y, Mrs. M. Baker Berryman, 8 Exeter St.

## BALTIMORE MARYLAND

Baltimore, 1909. Pres., Mrs. Seraph Y. Ford, 4524 Reistertown Rd.; Sec'y, Mrs. Gracia F. Tongue, 4524 Reistertown Rd. Meets every Thursday 8 p. m., 1534 Linden Ave.

## LINDEN

Linden, 1917. Pres., Mrs. Caroline W. Chandler; Sec'y, Mrs. Gertrude M. Hodgeson, Linden, Montgomery Co., Md.

Maryland, 1916. Pres., Miss Frances D. Lurman, "Farmlands," Catonsville, Md.; Sec'y, Miss Maud S. Weekes, 2108 Allendale Road, Walbrook, Baltimore, Md.

## BOSTON

## MASSACHUSETTS

Alpha, 1897. Sec'y, Miss Marguerite Boice, 687 Boylston St., Rm. 216. Meets 295 Huntington Ave., Tel. Back Bay 2921-W.

Besant, 1908. Pres., Miss Helen G. Crawford, 21 Hemenway St.; Sec'y, Miss Eudora Morey, 121 St. Stephens St., Suite 21. Meets 121 St. Stephens St.

Boston, 1904. Sec'y, Miss Vercy H. Hill, 384 Washington St., Brookline, Mass. Meets Rm. 212, 295 Huntington Ave., Tel. Dorchester 2692-W. Lodge Meetings, Wednesday 8 p. m.

Huntington, 1904. Pres., Mrs. May C. Hull, 25 Kirkstall Rd., Newtonville, Mass.; Sec'y, Miss Florence B. Ross, 370 Austin St., W. Newton, Mass. Meets 295 Huntington Ave.

\*FRAMINGHAM. Wm. L. Young, 12 Freeman St.

## HOLYOKE

Holyoke, 1899. Pres., Raymond C. Dickinson, 46 Brown Ave., Holyoke, Mass.; Sec'y, Mrs. Jennie N. Ferris, 1236 Dwight St. Meets Phoenix Bldg., cor. Dwight & Maple Sts.

## MELROSE HIGHLANDS

Melrose Highlands, 1905. Sec'y, Mrs. Jessie A. Jones, Spring St.

## SPRINGFIELD

Springfield, 1907. Pres., Mrs. Emma L. Bragg, 145 Ohio Ave., W. Springfield; Sec'y, Miss Elizabeth B. Bunker, 95 Mulberry St. Meets Rm. 207 Kinsman Bldg., 168 Bridge St., Tel. River 3431-M.

## BIG RAPIDS MICHIGAN

Big Rapids, 1914. Pres., Mrs. Etta A. Smith, 123 N. Warren Ave.; Sec'y, Mrs. Cora F. Karshner, 519 N. State St.

## DETROIT

Brotherhood, 1916. Pres., Mrs. Etta Reed, 387 Hubbard Ave., Tel. West 273; Sec'y, Miss Mamie Lapp, 751 McDougall Ave. Meets Rm. 83, Schmidt Bldg., 213 Woodward Ave.

Detroit, 1905. Sec'y, Mrs. A. E. Meddaugh, 357 Warren Ave., W.

Unity, 1905. Pres., Miss Ninah Parshall; Sec'y, Mrs. Lillie F. Dick, 248 Belvidere Ave., Tel. Hickory 2234-M. Meets Rm. 83 Schmidt Bldg., 213 Woodward Ave.

## GRAND RAPIDS

Grand Rapids, 1903. Sec'y, Mrs. Emily Sones, 312 Ashton Bldg. Meets 934 Michigan Trust Co. Bldg.

\*Hart. Miss Gertrude Reading.

## JACKSON

Jackson, 1897. Sec'y, Mrs. Garnet B. Thacher, 414 Webb St.

## MUSKEGON

Unity, 1910. Acting Sec'y, John B. Benson, 17 E. Irwin St.

## PORT HURON

Port Huron, 1910. Sec'y, Mrs. Sophina A. Peck, 1507 Military St. Meets Public Library. Tel. 1016.

## SAGINAW

Saginaw, 1898. Pres., Lincoln E. Bradt, Rms. 2 & 3, Cass Bldg.; Sec'y, K. R. Lindfors, Rm. 205 Schirmer Bldg. Meets Rm. 4 Cass Bldg., Tel. 1420-J. Lodge Meeting, Friday 7:30 p. m.; Public Meeting, 2nd & 4th Sunday 8 p. m.

## CROOKSTON MINNESOTA

Crookston, 1910. Pres., Mrs. Edith Robertson; Sec'y, Mrs. May A. Lyan, 397 Houston Ave. Meets Fortier Bldg., Tuesday 7:30 p. m.

## DULUTH

Duluth, 1906. Pres., Louis Zalk, 300 E. Michigan St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Ruth M. Shepherd, 112 Manhattan Bldg. Meets Rm. 203 Temple Bldg., Tel. Melrose 4869, Thursday 8 p. m.; Classes, Sunday 11 a. m., Monday 8 p. m. (during winter) and Monday 3 p. m.

## MINNEAPOLIS

Minneapolis, 1897. Pres., Charles E. Lowder, 1619 Clinton Ave.; Sec'y, Miss Suzanne Kranz, 1619 Clinton Ave. Meets 917 Marquette Ave. Wednesday 8 p. m.; Beginners' Class, Saturday 8 p. m.; Public Lecture, Sunday 8 p. m. Library open daily, 2 to 5 p. m.

St. Anthony, 1906. Pres., F. A. Camp, 1519 10th Ave., N.; Sec'y, Mrs. T. G. Lee, 509 River Road, S. E. Lodge Meeting, Monday 8 p. m. Library open 3 to 5 p. m. Tues., Thurs. & Sat., Rm. 206, 730 Washington Ave., S. E.

Star of the North, 1913. Sec'y, Ethlyn W. Whittier, 315 Kasota Bldg.



Yggdrasil, 1897. Pres., Mrs. Helen Egilsrud, 3009 Park Ave.; Sec'y, Miss Irene Estensen, 2114 21st Ave. S. Meets 917 Marquette Ave.

\***RED WING.** Mrs. David R. Jones, Forsae Bldg., 824 3rd St.

**ST. PAUL**

St. Paul, 1891. Pres., Miss Aline M. Long, 589 Summit Ave., Tel. 4903 Dale; Sec'y, S. R. Wyvill, 429 Ashland Ave., Tel. 1209 Dale. Regular Meetings of the Lodge, Thursday 8 p. m., Studio Bldg., 71 W. 4th St., Tel. Midway 318. Library open 2 to 5, except Sunday.

**MISSISSIPPI**

\***VICKSBURG.** Miss Henriette A. Tucker, 1114 2d N St.

**MISSOURI**

\***HANNIBAL.** Dr. Howard L. Cornell, 108-a S. Main St., Tel. 697.

**KANSAS CITY**

Kansas City, 1897. Pres., James H. Swain, 314 Spruce St., Tel. Bell East 3113-M; Sec'y, Miss Clara Linder, 3126 Washington St., Tel. Bell South 945-W. Meets Hall of Theosophy, 920 Grand Ave. Lodge meetings (members only), Wednesdays 8:15 p. m., Thursdays 8:15 p. m.; Public Lecture, 8:15 p. m.

\***ST. JOSEPH.** Mrs. Emma F. Riggs, 502 Corby-Forsae Bldg.

**ST. LOUIS**

Brotherhood, 1911. Sec'y, Mrs. Emma Niedner, 4066 Flora Blvd., Tel. Grand 948. Meets Olcott Hall, Nicholas Bldg., 1504 S. Grand Ave., Tel. Sidney 3028.

**MONTANA**

\***ACTON.** Miss Kirstine Hansen.

**ANACONDA**

Anaconda, 1902. Pres., Edwin B. Catlin; Sec'y Duncan M. Munro, 317 W. Commercial St. Meets Standard Bldg., Wednesday evening; Public Lecture, Sunday evening.

**BUTTE**

Butte, 1906. Pres., Mrs. Cora S. Kirby, 310 S. Jackson St.; Sec'y, Daniel Mortimer, "The Kenwood." Meets 102 Lewisohn Bldg., Wednesdays 8 p. m.; Public Meetings, Sundays 8 p. m.

\***CORVALLIS.** Mrs. M. Belle Kempter, Box 214.

\***DILLON.** Mrs. Nellie McFadden; Mrs. Belle Curtis.

**GREAT FALLS**

Great Falls, 1902. Sec'y, Mrs. H. S. Benson, 520 1st Ave.

\***GREY CLIFF.** Mrs. Mary E. Martin.

**HELENA**

Helena, 1908. Pres., Frank W. Mettler, 14½ S. Main St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Florence M. Lemert, P. O. Box 1183. Meets Rms. 1-2, Pittsburg Bldg. Lodge Meeting, Thursday evening.

**FREMONT**

**NEBRASKA**

Fremont, 1907. Sec'y, Mrs. Mae C. Butt, 609 N. H St. Meets cor. 6th & Broad Sts., Tel. B-1349.

**LINCOLN**

Lincoln, 1899. Pres., James E. Ferris, Box 537, Tel. L-7522 or B-3852; Sec'y, Miss Loraine Follett, 808 First Nat'l Bank Bldg., Tel. B-1161. Meets 28 Burlington Bldg., 13th & O Sts. Members' Meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m.; Beginners' Class, Friday 8 p. m.; Public Lecture, Sunday 8 p. m.

**OMAHA**

Omaha, 1910. Pres., Oren E. Lincoln, 5373 N. 29th St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Kate P. Eklund, 4319 Parker St. Meets Thursday eve. 701 Bee Bldg., 17th and Farnum Sts., Tel. Colfax 2715 or Walnut 1771.

\***SCOTTSBLUFF.** Dr. Andrew Crawford.

\***SYRACUSE.** L. Geddis, D. C.

**RENO**

**NEVADA**

Reno, 1909. Sec'y, John H. Wigg, Box 156. Pres., Mr. A. P. Ruch. Meets 134 Elm St., Thursday evenings 8 p. m.

\***TONOPAH.** Mrs. Katherine Smith, Box 853.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

\***CONCORD.** Miss Louise Robbins, 60 N. State St.

**NEW JERSEY**

\***MANASQUAN.** Mrs. Matilda S. Rounds.

**MONTCLAIR**

Montclair, 1916. Pres., Ernest S. Suffern; Sec'y, Miss Marion Grant, Mountain House, Montclair, N. J.

**NEWARK**

H. P. B., 1916. Sec'y, Mrs. Lucette H. Colvin, 235 6th Ave.

Newark, 1908. Sec'y, Mrs. Anna M. Tompkins, 246 Clifton Ave. Meets Rm. 211, Arcade Bldg.

**PATERSON**

Paterson, 1910. Pres., John G. Shaw, 308 Colt Bldg., Tel. Paterson 52; Sec'y, Miss Edith Orr, 375 Crosby Ave. Meets 375 Crosby Ave. Members only, Tuesday evening; Public Class, Friday evening.

\***PRINCETON.** Dr. H. Bruce Wallace, 26 Prospect Ave.

**RED BANK**

Red Bank, 1916. Sec'y, Mrs. Lucy B. Coleman, 15 Rector Place, Red Bank.

**ALBANY**

**NEW YORK**

Harmony, 1913. Pres., Mrs. Emogene S. Simons, 5 Madison Pl., Tel. W. 1722-R; Sec'y, Arthur V. Dube, 309 1st St., Tel. W. 616-W. Meets Rm. 4, 91 N. Pearl St.

**BROOKLYN**

Brooklyn, 1904. Sec'y, Miss J. Van Nostrand, The Theosophical House, 95 Lafayette Ave., Tel. Prospect 4476. Meets 95 Lafayette Ave.

Origen, 1916. Pres., Rev. Harold O. Boon, 600 W. 122d St., New York, N. Y.; Sec'y, Irving E. Chase, 405 Sackett St. Meets at residence of Miss Hawksley, 133 Lafayette Ave., Tuesday and Saturday evenings. Public invited.

**BUFFALO**

Buffalo, 1897. Sec'y, James E. Taylor, 522 Brisbane Bldg. Meets Rm. 7, Henkle Bldg., cor Main & Utica Sts., Tel. Crescent 336-M.

West Side Buffalo, 1915. Pres., Mrs. Catherine Blakely, 1237 Niagara St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Alice Leland, 113 Bird Ave. Meets 1237 Niagara St., 2nd floor.

\***CORTLAND.** Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Henry, 25 Oswego St.

**MOUNT VERNON**

Mt. Vernon, 1913. Sec'y, Miss F. Margaret Gould, 138 Summit Ave.

**NEW ROCHELLE**

New Rochelle, 1913. Pres., Mrs. Annie M. Joslyn, Argyle Ave., Highland Park (New Rochelle); Sec'y, Mrs. Nettie Berry, 359 Huguenot St. Meets Beacon Hall.

**NEW YORK**

Central, 1908. Pres., Mrs. Lisette S. Naegele, 21 Fort Greene Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sec'y, Miss Harriet M. Roberts, P. O. Box 28, Station J; Treas., H. C. Copeland, 242 W. 101st St.; Sec'y, Miss Hattie Von Bulow, 318 W. 51st St. Meets 2228 Broadway, Thursday eve. 8:30 p. m., Tel. Schupler 10436.

New York, 1897. Pres., Mrs. Sarah B. Penfield, 532 W. 111th St., Tel. Morningside 4930; Sec'y, Mrs. Lenelle Eggleston, 405 W. 118th St. Meets 2228 Broadway, Tel. Schuyler 10436. Lodge Meeting, Tuesday 8:15 p. m. (closed first Tuesday in month); Public Lecture, Sunday 8:15 p. m. Library and Book Concern open Tuesday and Sunday evenings, and every afternoon except Monday and Thursday.

Upasika, 1912. Pres., Michael J. Whitty, 2 Arden St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Cecelia L. Thomas, 153 Vermilyea Ave. Meets 2 Arden St., Thursday 8 p. m.

Vipunen, 1916. Sec'y, Miss Lylyi Laitinen, 716 43d St., Brooklyn, N. Y.



\***NORTHPORT, LONG ISLAND.** Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Shumaker, Box 227.

\***OGDENSBURGH.** Harry Pollack, 300 Ford St.

\***PELHAM.** Mrs. Florence M. Burnett, 246 Loring Ave., Tel. 2122.

#### **RICHFIELD SPRINGS**

**Richfield Springs, 1914.** Pres., Rev. L. H. Robinson, 425 Bellinger St., Herkimer, N. Y.; Sec'y, Mrs. Annette F. Bloomfield, Box 357. Lodge Meeting, Monday 7:15 p. m.

#### **ROCHESTER**

**Genesee, 1909.** Pres., Claude F. Bragdon, 3 Castle Park; Sec'y, Miss Eunice Strickland, 20 Hubbel Park. Meets 101 Cornwall Bldg., 156 Main St., E. Classes, Monday 8:15 p. m., Tuesday 8:15 p. m.; Public Lectures (Nov. 1 to May 30), Sunday 8:15 p. m.

**Rochester, 1907.** Pres., Mrs. Grace E. Rockwood, 58 Bly St.; Sec'y, George V. Gerling, 133 Saxton St. Meets Sundays 4:15 p. m. at Young Studios, 60 East Ave.

**White Lotus, 1913.** Pres., Miss Fannie Goddard, 87 Avenue D; Sec'y, Mrs. Emerette S. Gilman, 740 Dewey Ave.

#### **SYRACUSE**

**Syracuse, 1897.** Pres., Henry E. Devoe, 134 W Ostrander Ave.; Sec'y, Miss Fannie C. Spalding, 3414 Midland Ave., Onondaga Valley, N. Y., Tel. Warren 3527. Meets 1436 E. Genesee St., Tel. Warren 1343-T.

\***WATKINS.** Mrs. Mary R. Mead.

\***WHITE PLAINS.** Mrs. Mabel B. Goode, 78 Hale Ave.

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

\***ASHEVILLE.** Mrs. Adelaide Burch, 207 Haywood St., Tel. 2458.

#### **FARGO NORTH DAKOTA**

**Fargo, 1916.** Pres., William Young; Sec'y, Mrs. Florence M. Chase, 340 9th Ave. South. Lodge meets Sunday, 7 p. m., 340 9th Ave., South.

#### **AKRON OHIO**

**Akron, 1908.** Pres., A. Ross Read, Postmaster's Office; Sec'y, Mrs. A. Ross Read. Meets 229 Walsh Blk. Lodge Meeting, Wednesday evening; Public Lecture, Friday evening.

#### **CINCINNATI**

**Cincinnati, 1915.** Sec'y Mrs. Harriet L. Peel, 2412 Salutaris Ave. Meets 211 Odd Fellows' Temple.

#### **CLEVELAND**

**Cleveland, 1897.** Sec'y, Mrs. Clare L. Pomeroy, 1973 E. 81st St. Meets Hall of Theosophy, cor. Euclid & E. 66th Sts.

#### **COLUMBUS**

**Columbus, 1914.** Sec'y, Mrs. Effie Seippel, 18th & Cleveland Ave., Linden, Ohio. Meets 12 S. 3d St.

#### **DAYTON**

**Dayton, 1915.** Pres., Martin Stoll, 142 S. Monmouth St., Tel. Bell East 2202; Sec'y, Mrs. Laura Holloway, 11 N. Perry St., Tel. Main 866. Meets Young Women's League, 24 4th St., Tel. Bell Main 5468. Lodge Meeting, Thursday 8 p. m.; Public Meeting, second Thursday 8 p. m.

#### **LIMA**

**Lima, 1898.** Pres., Mrs. Frank Van Horn, 856 W. High St.; Sec'y, Rozella Lauferty, No. 2, "The Kensington," High St.

#### **TOLEDO**

**Harmony, 1910.** Pres., Mrs. Anna P. Bird, 2583 Cherry St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Margaret E. Gurney, 2454 Lawrence Ave. Meets 219 Michigan St., Tel. Home 6170.

**Toledo, 1892.** Pres., Mrs. Clara N. Rakestraw, 230 Floyd St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Graziella C. Curtis, 2268 Hollywood Ave., Tel. A-7104. Meets 210 Colton Bldg., Tel. Home B-98x6.

\***WARREN.** Mrs. Mildred C. Smith, 219 E. Market St.

\***YOUNGSTOWN.** Mrs. Maysie Burch, 620 Dickson St.

#### **CHICKASHA OKLAHOMA**

**Chickasha, 1916.** Pres., Dr. O. S. Minnette; Sec'y, Mrs. O. S. Minnette, 828 Minn. Ave.

#### **ENID**

**Enid, 1917.** Sec'l, Dr. Gertrude Harwood, Field Bldg.

#### **OKLAHOMA CITY**

**Oklahoma City, 1914.** Pres., Frederick Henkel, 1615 N. Klein St., Tel. Maple 525; Sec'y, Miss Vera A. Wignall, 300 E. Park Pl., Tel. Walnut 915. Meets Terminal Arcade.

#### **BAKER**

#### **OREGON**

**Baker, 1917.** Pres., A. L. Williams, 1525 3d St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Edith Nichols, 2648 Main St. Meets Thursday eve. at 1525 3d St.

\***OREGON CITY.** Mrs. Paulette M. Bunn, 607 Center St.

#### **PORTLAND**

**Portland, 1911.** Pres., Mrs. Mildred Kyle, 543 E. 37th St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Paulette M. Bunn, 607 Center St., Oregon City; Librarian, Miss May Kyle. Meets 301 Central Bldg., N. E. cor. 10th & Alder Sts. Members only, Wednesday 8 p. m.; Class, Thursday 8 p. m.; Public Meeting, Sunday 8 p. m.

\***TALENT.** Ralph E. Packard.

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

\***CORRY.** Mrs. Helen S. Johnson, R. F. D. No. 5.

\***HARRISBURG.** Charles A. Seifert, 1809 Rudy St.

#### **PHILADELPHIA**

**Hermes, 1916.** Sec'y, Miss Caryl Annear, 3342 Lancaster Ave. Meets "The Merion," 52nd St. & Chester Ave., W.

**Osiris, 1917.** Pres., George W. Kemp; Sec'y, Rufus H. Quinn, 7118 Grays Ave.

**Philadelphia, 1897.** Pres., Henry R. Walton, 1617 N. Broad St.; Sec'y, Jesse G. Wiley, 2509 S. 20th St. Meets 1617 N. Broad St.; Classes, Tuesday 8 p. m., Wednesday 3 p. m.; Public Lecture, Wednesday 8 p. m.; Members only, Thursday 8 p. m.

#### **PITTSBURGH**

**Iron City, 1909.** Pres., Mrs. Mary V. Jones; Sec'y, Mrs. Carrie L. Cadwallader, 1036 Stanford Rd., Thornburg, Pittsburg, Pa., Tel. 508 Crafton.

**Pittsburgh, 1907.** Pres., Dr. Anna B. Ramsey, 414 6th Ave.; Sec'y, Mrs. Estelle Huselton, 22 Stockton Ave., West. Meets 6200 Penn. Ave., East End. Public Lecture, Sunday 8 p. m.; Classes, Monday 3:30 p. m. (tea) and 8 p. m., Tuesday 8:30 p. m., Wednesday 7:45 p. m. (McKees Rocks), Thursday 2:30 p. m. and 8:15 p. m., Friday evening.

#### **READING**

**Reading, 1910.** Pres., Mr. Frank E. Bates; Sec'y, Howard C. Peirce, 639 Weiser St. Meets 728 N. 2d St., Tel. Consolidated 554-B.

\***SCRANTON.** George Inglis, 2005 Sanderson Ave.

\***SHARON.** Mrs. Zina K. Fletcher, 16 Euclid Ave.

\***YORK.** George Kindig, 336 W. Philadelphia St.

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

\***PROVIDENCE.** Mrs. Myra C. Storer, 14 George St

#### **SOUTH DAKOTA**

\***ABERDEEN.** Spencer W. Narregang, 410 8th Ave., SE.

#### **MEMPHIS TENNESSEE**

**Memphis, 1916.** Pres., Mrs. Minnie Boekbinder, 46 N. Montgomery St.; Sec'y, G. J. Braun, 897 N. Y St. Study Class, Thursday 8:15 p. m.; Closed Meeting, Sunday 11 a. m. at 46 N. Montgomery St.

**Pythagoras, 1917.** Sec'y, Dr. Manuel S. Simon, 507 Exchange Bldg.

#### **NASHVILLE**

**Nashville, 1915.** Pres., Daniel A. Lindsey, 921 Stahlman Bldg.; Sec'y, Mrs. Thomas B. Estill, 716 16th Ave., S.



# AUSTIN TEXAS

Austin, 1908. Pres., Thos. D. Dawkins, 702 W. 9th St., Tel. 629; Sec'y, L. O. Shuddemagen, Capitol Sta. Meets McDonald Bldg., 200 West 7th St.

Dharma, 1912. Pres., Miss Pauline Trueblood, 2623 University Ave., Tel. 2434; Sec'y, Mrs. Ellen A. Graves, 1411 W. 5th St., Tel. 561. Meets McDonald Bldg., Cor. 7th & Colorado Sts. Lodge Meeting, Sunday 10 a. m.

\*BROWNSVILLE. Maria Aload, 1213 Elizabeth St.

## DALLAS

Dallas, 1914. Pres., Miss Mary Fouraker, 404 Scollard Bldg., Tel. S. W. Cliff 280; Sec'y, Miss Ila Fain, 406 W. 9th St., Tel. S. W. Cliff 1136. Meets 606 Southwestern Life Bldg. Members' Meeting, Tuesday evening; Public Class, Friday evening; Public Lectures, Sunday 3:45 p. m. Library open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12 to 4 p. m.

## EL PASO

Chatterji, 1916. Sec'y, Sr. Eugenio Rodriguez, 1109 S. El Paso St. Meets 809 5th St.

El Paso, 1914. Sec'y, Mrs. Alpha Johnstone, 511 N. Main St., Cleburne, Tex. Meets 1001 E. Nevada St.

## FORT WORTH

Fort Worth, 1913. Pres., W. F. Pruessner, care Commercial Office M. K. & T. Ry. of Texas; Sec'y, Mrs. J. S. Guertler, 1012 Hemphill St.

## HOUSTON

Houston, 1912. Pres., Mrs. Laura S. Wood, 2616 Caroline St., Tel. Hadley 3243; Sec'y, John A. Embry, 4610 Park Drive. Tel. Preston 8657. Meets 403 Foster Bldg. Closed meeting Wed. 7:30; open meetings Tue., Thur., and Fri., 8 p. m. Bible Class Tue. 3 p. m. Library open daily 2-5 p. m. Publ. Lect. Sun. 11 a. m. Zoe Theatre, 717 Main St.

\*ROCKPORT. Mrs. Gertrude B. Grewe, P. O. Box 76.

\*SAN ANGELO. Robert G. Sprague, 439 W. 2nd St.

## SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio, 1910. Pres., Mrs. D'Alta Brown, 1120 Grayson St., Tel. Crockett 6935; Sec'y, Mrs. Ruth I. Stevens, 625 Los Angeles St., Tel. Travis 2092. Meets 503 Swearingen-McCraw Bldg., cor. Alamo and Houston St. Sunday 11 a. m., Public Lecture; Wednesday 7:15 p. m., Members' Meeting.

## UTAH

### SALT LAKE CITY

Salt Lake City, 1909. Pres., Earl W. Nilsson, 1807 S. 11th E.; Sec'y, Frank B. Terriberry, 3 E. Gregson Ave., Calder's Station, Tel. Hyland 1543-W.

## VERMONT

\*DERBY LINE. Mrs. Sarah K. Lang.

\*POULTNEY. Mrs. Luella M. Helme.

### RUTLAND

Rutland, 1917. Pres., Mrs. Luella M. Helme; Sec'y, Mrs. Marion A. Gibson, 10 Nichols St.

# NORFOLK VIRGINIA

Norfolk, 1904. Pres., James D. Bibb, Jr., 731 Duke St., Tel. Norfolk 4910-J; Sec'y, Mrs. Lellie H. Edwards, 407 Chestnut St., Berkeley. Meets 408 Dickson Bldg. Sunday 4 p. m.

## WASHINGTON

### EVERETT

Everett, 1913. Sec'y, Mrs. W. G. Shepard, 2715 Grand Ave.

\*MONROE. Edward W. Cox and Mrs. Leelia M Cox.

\*PUYALLOP. Mrs. Ethel A. Godat, 401 7th St., SE.

### SEATTLE

Seattle, 1896. Pres., W. E. Duckering, 412 E. 44th St., Tel. North 1543; Sec'y, Miss Contentment Stockdale, 115 18th Ave., Tel. East 5314; Treas., Mrs. Jennie E. Moore, 646 84th St., Tel. Ballard 2232. Meets 5000 Arcade Bldg., 2nd Ave.

### SPOKANE

Spokane, 1903. Pres., Mrs. Adah Rosenzweig, E. 377 8th Ave.; Sec'y, Mrs. Henrietta Parent, 2009 Pacific Ave. Meets 421-422 Hutton Bldg.

### TACOMA

Tacoma, 1899. Pres., Mrs. Winnifred B. Hare, 1017 S. 11th St., Tacoma; Sec'y, Gustav A. Weber, 1529 S. E. St., Tel. Main 3061. Meets 719 S. E. St. Members' Meeting, Thursday 7:15 p. m.; Class, Thursday 8 p. m.; Public Lecture, Sunday evening.

Unity, 1914. Sec'y, Mrs. Katherine Lockwood, 510 N. M St.

## WEST VIRGINIA

\*FARMINGTON. Peter N. Bioernen, Box 266.

### WHEELING

Wheeling, 1914. Sec'y, Mrs. Minnie Seybold, 1104 Main St.

## WISCONSIN

\*AMHERST. Mrs. Annie C. Fleming.

### MADISON

Madison, 1916. Sec'y, Miss Cathrine V. Welch, 1611 Madison St.

### MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee, 1910. Pres., H. M. Stillman, 700 Cramer St.; Sec'y, Mrs. R. F. Nuzum, 694 Maryland Ave., Tel. Lake 1697. Meets Wednesday 8 p. m. at 144 Oneida St. Public Lecture Sunday eve.

### SUPERIOR

Superior, 1900. Pres., Mrs. C. E. Booth; Sec'y, Judge William E. Haily, Rm. 219 Truax Bldg.

Superior North Star, 1911. Pres., Artemus Adsit, 1205 18th St.; Sec'y, Mrs. Mary F. Somerville, 1910 Hughtt Ave. Lodge Meeting Wednesday evening at 1924 John Ave.

## WYOMING

\*GREEN RIVER. Stanislaw Dankowski.

### SHERIDAN

Sheridan, 1896. Sec'y, Perry Hulse, Box 453.

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