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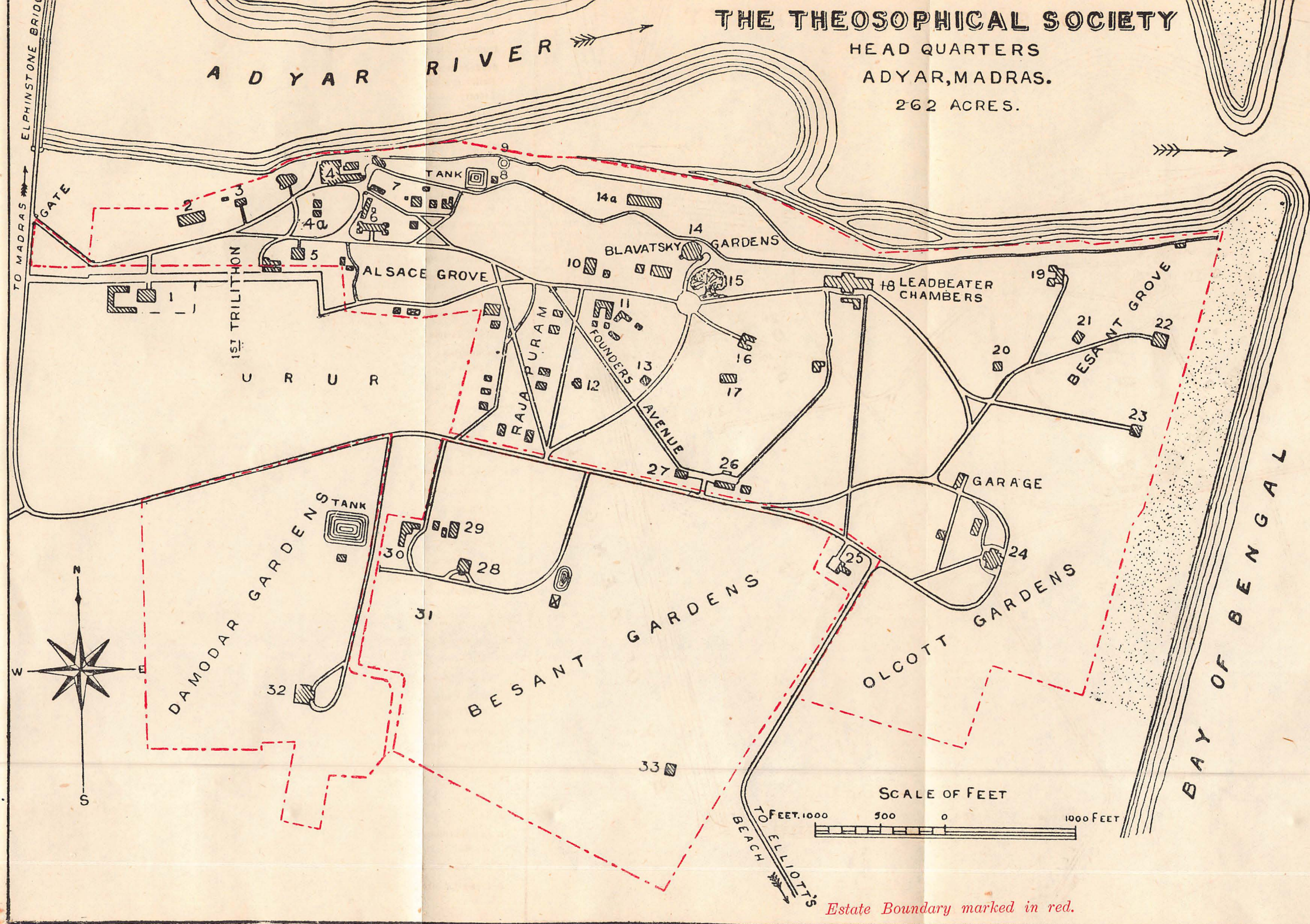
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# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

HEAD QUARTERS

ADYAR, MADRAS.

262 ACRES.



1. Vasanta Press
2. Site for new Building
3. Arundale House
4. Headquarters Building & Adyar Library
- 4a. Record Office and Rain Tree
5. Adyar Library Annexe and Dispensary
6. Theosophical Publishing House
7. Vasanta Puram Houses
8. Buddhist Shrine
9. Olcott Memorial
10. Bhojanasala
11. Indian Quadrangle
12. Hindu Temple
13. Zoroastrian Temple
14. Blavatsky Gardens
- 14a. Vani Vihar (Library Extension)
15. Banyan Tree
16. Wood Bungalow
17. Christian Church
18. Leadbeater Chambers
19. Sevashrama
20. Site of Jewish Synagogue
21. Site of Muslim Mosque
22. Parsi Quarters
23. Bell Bungalow
24. Olcott Gardens
25. Masonic Temple
26. Power House Workshops
27. Power House Dynamos and Battery
28. Besant Gardens
29. Laundry
30. Dairy
31. Experimental Farm
32. Damodar Gardens
33. Cremation Ground

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## THE FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, 24-27 DECEMBER, 1932

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THIS year the Convention was held for only four days—December 24th to 27th. It was followed by a Star Convention, for which the Theosophical Society had offered the use of its buildings and grounds. The official part of the Convention consisted as usual of a series of Public Lectures, of the Presidential Report and Convention Meeting for Members, and of four extra addresses. The subject for the Public Lecture series was "A World in Distress: The Remedies as Seen by the Theosophist" and the speakers were—Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa on the 24th, Mr. L. W. Rogers, Ex-President of the American Section of the Theosophical Society on the 25th, Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar, M.L.C. on the 26th, and Dr. G. S. Arundale on the 27th. The extra addresses were "The Secret Doctrine—First Stanza" by Mr. Ernest Wood, and a Lantern Lecture "(1) Letters of the Masters, (2) The Occult Life of Dr. Besant," by Mr. Jinarajadasa, on the 24th; Answers to Questions, by the Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater on the 25th; and "The Bhagavad-Gitā," by Sir C. Sankaran Nair on the 27th. The addresses of Mr. Ernest Wood and Mr. Jinarajadasa were for Members only, but the other two, like the series of four lectures, were open to the public.

The Vice-Presidential Address was delivered in the afternoon of the 24th, and the Closing Address on Tuesday the 27th. The Indian Section Convention was held as usual on two afternoons. At various hours during the day there were miscellaneous unofficial activities. Two excellent entertainments were given—on one evening the programme was of an Indian character, for entertaining particularly Western Delegates, and on the other evening it was of a Western character, especially intended to interest the Indian Delegates. A charming and novel feature was introduced at the closing of the Convention, when the Vice-President requested the Delegates from different countries to come forward and be introduced, as the names of their countries were called out. Nine appeared from the United States of America, 17 from Great Britain, 13 from The Netherlands East Indies, 13 from Burma, 3 from The Netherlands, 2 from Iceland, 2 from Ceylon, 2 from Switzerland and one each from Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Italy and Denmark. India, of course, had the largest representation, numbering about 700 Delegates, who remained seated.

#### THE VICE-PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

BRETHREN :

I have the great privilege of reading to you a hearty welcome to this 57th Annual Convention, sent down by our revered President. It reads :

Dear friends and brothers, sons and daughters :

I welcome you here to-day with all my heart. Each one of you is dear to me as though my own son or daughter, and there is nothing could make me so happy as to have you gathered round me in the Masters' home. To Their home indeed I welcome you.

May His Blessing rest on the heads of each one of His children.

May you all rest in His Presence.

May His Love remain with you.

I now declare this Convention open for the service of the Masters and the helping of Their children.

As on the similar occasion of last year, it was my privilege to address you at the opening of the Convention, so it is this year, and for the same reason as before, a reason which moves us all deeply in our sympathies and devotion to one who has given the best years of her womanhood to Theosophy and the cause of humanity, our revered President, who is to-day, due to her advanced age, even less able to appear before us than she was a year ago. For many years we have leaned upon her and sought her generous aid, but soon we shall need to realize that we must begin more fully to stand on our own feet and to fend for ourselves, according to the unchanging principles of Theosophy, especially if we are to seek that direct realization of life for which Theosophy stands. Just now our members are experiencing a relaxed period wherein they may pause and ponder and plan for the changes that must inevitably occur, and search their own depths for new capacities to fulfil their duties of the new day.

For there *is* a new day ahead and even now it is dawning as all may see—not for our own little group alone, but for the whole wide world—a day that promises more light and life and love for all people alike, else the present parlous state of world affairs would seem to have no constructive human purpose. Many years ago our President published, among her many prophetic utterances, a work in which she with deep conviction spoke of radical changes about to take place in the general public life. She painted a hopeful picture of a new and beautiful age soon to appear, and yet in doing so she did not forget the painful process the world would have to pass through ere it should emerge into that new day in which she believed with such assurance and fervour. Those of you who recall some of the details foreshadowed by her then will have



little difficulty in recognizing them in the disastrous conditions existing in the world to-day, with its unpardonable spread of poverty, its open criminality, its dearth of true leadership and the absence of any real, controlling spiritual principle in life. In this one may see the fulfilment of the preliminary stage of her prophetic vision.

Even The Theosophical Society, with its privileged insight, comes in for its share of the general world distress. The Sections are reporting a falling off in membership, attributing this, as they did last year, to the prevailing economic condition, even many long-faithful members being now unable to pay their dues. (Yet the Sectional remittances are greater than last year's, strangely enough.) The wide sale of our books is no longer what it once was, nor the subscriptions to *The Theosophist*. The waning years of some of our oldest and best workers are bringing a lessening of enthusiasm, especially as there are many who have not been able to keep pace with the spirit of the generations which have followed them and are now getting in the saddle. And all this is showing in the work.

Such conditions among others link our movement with the unsettled world status which our President foresaw, imposing upon us the double duty of trying the best we can to offer a world-wide Theosophical solution to the universal problem and at the same time to recapture that flame of enthusiasm and energy which sprang up so warmly in our ranks during the first stages of the Society's history.

And how is this to be done? Before attempting to answer this let us consider a few figures. I have had prepared some statistics of the Society's growth—which for several years past has become a decline—in a fuller form than usual, so that we may if possible put our finger upon the causes of our present difficulties, and impartially try to discover whether the fault lies with ourselves and if so where. These statistics cover the Society's membership figures for the past ten years. The

first table shows us the number of members at the beginning and end of each year, the net loss or gain for the year, and the percentage of that loss or gain in relation to the total membership at the beginning of the year.

## MEMBERSHIP FROM 1923 TO 1932

*(Figures approximate, to nearest hundred)*

Year	Number of members		Net gain or loss	Percentage of gain or loss (approximate to one decimal point).
	Beginning of year	End of year		
1923	39,800	41,000	+ 1,200	+ 3.0%
1924	41,000	41,500	+ 500	+ 1.2%
1925	41,500	41,600	+ 100	+ 0.3%
1926	41,600	43,300	+ 1,700	+ 4.1%
1927	43,300	44,200	+ 900	+ 2.1%
1928	44,200	45,100	+ 900	+ 2.0%
1929	45,100	43,600	- 1,500	- 3.3%
1930	43,600	39,300	- 4,300	- 9.9%
1931	39,300	36,100	- 3,200	- 8.1%
1932	36,100	33,300	- 2,700	- 7.5%

The outstanding features shown by this table are that there was a steady increase of members from 1923 to 1928, from 39,800 to 45,100, and then an equally steady though far more than triply rapid decline in 1929 to 1932 from 45,100 to the present low figure of 33,300.

In the six years of growth in this ten year period we find 1925 and 1926 outstanding, for the net increase of members in 1925 showed a sudden drop to only 100 or a percentage of only 0.3% on the then existing membership, while in 1926 the net gain of members was 1,700 or 4.1%. These two items occur in the period of six years.

We had begun our visible descent in 1929 with 1,500 net loss, but in 1930 it jumped to 4,300 net loss, after which our decline has been 3,200 and 2,700 for the following two years.

In percentages, we find a net decline of 3·3% in 1929, 9·9% in 1930, 8·1% in 1931 and 7·5% in 1932.

Still, the figures in this first table do not show us where the decline really began. They point out effects more than causes. For the causes we must study the number of members actually gained and lost in each year, which are shown in the second table, along with their percentages to the total membership of their respective years.

#### INCOMING AND OUTGOING MEMBERS FROM 1923 TO 1932

*(Figures approximate, to nearest hundred)*

Year	Incoming Members		Outgoing Members	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
1923	5,000	12·6%	3,700	9·3%
1924	5,900	14·4%	5,400	13·2%
1925	6,500	15·7%	6,300	15·2%
1926	6,200	14·9%	4,600	11·1%
1927	6,500	15·0%	5,600	12·9%
1928	5,900	13·3%	5,100	11·5%
1929	4,100	9·1%	5,600	12·4%
1930	2,700	6·2%	7,000	16·0%
1931	2,100	5·3%	5,300	13·5%
1932	2,900	8·0%	5,400	15·0%
Totals	47,800		54,000	

We may consider separately the number of new members and those of lost members. First as to loss of members. Here the figures have surprised us, for they show an approximation to the same number all the way from 1923 to 1932. The figures are, 3,700, 5,400, 6,300, 4,600, 5,600, 5,100, 5,600, 7,000, 5,300 and 5,400. The two abnormally high years for loss of members were 1925 and 1930. 1926 was abnormally low, due no doubt to the large number who left in 1925. In terms of percentages the two outstanding figures were 15·2% in 1925

and 16·0% in 1930. From 1926 to 1929 the average loss was 12%, while in 1931 it was 13·5% and in 1932, 15%. These figures show the serious situation of a steadily increasing percentage of loss, and as it goes so far back I cannot ascribe it, in any but a very minor degree, to the economic depression of the past two years.

Although the percentages showing loss of members are serious, I find those concerning the acquisition of new members even more so. Here the high peak occurs in the years 1925-26-27, with percentages respectively 15·7%, 14·9% and 15·0%. Then comes a sudden drop to 13·3% in 1928, and then a collapse in the remaining four years to 9·1%, 6·2%, 5·3% and 8·0%. So it becomes clear that decline in new membership is even more a cause of our declining net membership. The increase of percentage in losses in each of the last four years is not as great as the decrease in the percentage of gains.

It is these figures and many facts connected with our work that drive me to ask if there is not something about our Society, as its surface is presented to the world in our Lodges and our Magazines and on our Platforms, which is *out of tune* with the spirit of our times. One thing I may say, and that is one is made to see, from what is said by prominent members in and from many lands, that there exists in the general body of the membership all over the world a certain subtle conflict as between the democratic spirit with which the Society started out and the gradual emergence of a somewhat hierarchical feeling which has come to pervade the ranks; and it is claimed that this is an important factor militating against that unity and vitality which ought to characterize such a body as ours. As it is, the broad Theosophical Movement, with its twenty or more different kinds of Theosophical Societies, can but impress the inquirer as following unfortunately in the footsteps of religious Protestantism with its numberless dissensions and sects. If this be a correct estimate,

we must frankly face the situation and think *through* to a wise solution. But the consideration of what that solution may be must be left to another time and place.

Meanwhile, let us return to our question and see if we may not make one or two preliminary suggestions. Basing my first suggestion on the belief that the fault is with us and not with the public, let me say to those who have grown weary and lost their enthusiasm that they can, if they but will, find ample stimulus for their flagging interest in realizing that a world emergency is upon us and that this affords a magnificent opportunity for the servants of the Masters to help Their Society to take its rightful place as the giver of the true Theosophical ideals for the constructive guidance of the future. The reports show no lack of interest on the part of the public. Quite the contrary. One prominent speaker who has travelled and lectured for Theosophy in many lands recently told me that never have audiences been larger nor more sympathetic than at this particular time of distress, due no doubt to an eager search for a wider scheme of life that will intelligently deal with the conditions with which we are now confronted. If such be the reason, then now is the time to do our best work. We Theosophists believe we have in our keeping the ultimate solution of the world's perennial problems. How much of that solution can be absorbed by humanity in this age is a question that can only be settled by time and effort. But the solution itself is unalterable, for it rests on the truth that Life is essentially One and not many, and that Brotherhood is the Law of our everlasting being. Since, therefore, Theosophy is the great exponent of Brotherhood appearing in every age, it follows that Theosophy is now the great need of the hour. We all of us have some kind of life work to do. Whatever that may be, it needs Theosophy; the people we contact everywhere need Theosophy. Everything to-day needs the Theosophical touch, the whole world

is suffering for the want of just that unifying vitalizing touch. As our great President has said in substance, if every Theosophist did his every deed as a living exemplar of Theosophy, that would be his best form of work. It would seem therefore that now is the time of all times for us to arouse ourselves thoroughly and do something with our Theosophy that will result in a more general spread of its beneficent truths than has ever taken place before. For the people need it now as never before, and we must not fail them, nor the Masters of the Wisdom, who expect every Theosophist to do his duty.

There is still another way of work for the sincere and devoted and that is to come to some realization of the logical force and meaning of certain facts with which some of us of The Theosophical Society are unalterably connected. I mean this. Many years ago Mrs. Annie Besant (that was before she received her doctorate degree) both by pen and by speech, on various occasions, made a certain statement which we cannot to-day consistently forget. Once she said in effect: "The Supreme Teacher will again ere very long be incarnated upon earth, again made manifest as Teacher, again walking and living amongst us as last He walked in Palestine. Such a coming the Occult world is looking for. But what is of import to all of us: Shall we recognize Him when He comes? Looking over the world at the moment, there seems little likelihood that when He comes He will be welcomed. A few will recognize Him as they ever have done." She and very many others believe that this forecast has come true, in the person of KRISHNAMURTI, whom we have the inestimable privilege of entertaining as guest at Adyar at this time; and to him they have given the welcome born of their inner realization of his great mission.

If it indeed be true that this forecast has reached its fulfilment, what greater Theosophical opportunity could we have than to observe and study, under our

Second Object, the life and works of this teacher, as we have been in the habit of doing as to other teachers who lived in days gone by. The very rare opportunity of searching the mind of such a living teacher and trying to revive the flagging spiritual forces of our associates as well as of others by its vital power might fan the waning interest of many into renewed enthusiasm. Some have found the keenest interest in paralleling points in his teachings with those of H. P. B. And again in finding striking points of contact with Sankaracharya and with certain esoteric aspects of Thibetan Buddhism, and also with the letters of the Masters. Again they see in the later teachings what may be called a definite yoga beginning to unfold itself, a yoga more nearly suited to the modern temperament and particularly that found in the West. Even though it may not be fully developed as yet, nevertheless it is most intriguing and inspiring to those who take the trouble to study it carefully, especially the details of the daily practice involved in the meaning which has been given to the word "awareness".

All this could add itself quite naturally to Theosophy as a compendium of such living truths as have come down to us from the best minds of the ages of the past. For, as I have elsewhere said, and not without due reverence, teachers will come and teachers will go, but Theosophy will go on forever, augmenting its treasurehouse of truths by the precious gifts that have each time been left behind by them. The most important purpose should be to try to find out what the teacher is endeavouring to achieve, what principle he is trying to infuse into the race, and to associate oneself with that in the effort to revivify our Theosophical forms and the life about us by means of it. For it is my conviction that the teacher is here to revitalize all true and useful forms of life that can withstand it and to shatter those that cannot; and that those which can prove

their value will go forward and fulfil their mission, helping, as always, to bring forth the blessings of life in a variety of ways.

Other suggestions come to my mind, but I shall spare you an unduly long report, and after presenting you with a table showing the number of Lodges and Members in each part of the Society at the present time, I will close with a brief survey of the Headquarters events and some other of our Theosophical activities in the world, kindly prepared for me by our faithful Recording Secretary. The detailed reports of the various General Secretaries will be printed in our General Report. I would advise all members to read them, as there is much to be gained by knowing what our brothers are doing in different lands.

No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	No. of Members			
			Admis- sions	Retire- ments	Net gain or loss	Present total
1	T.S. in U.S. of America ...	182	897	1,318	-421	5,236
2	" England ...	143	195	553	-358	3,858
3	" India ...	276	219	657	-438	4,290
4	" Australia ...	30	70	92	-22	1,477
5	" Sweden ...	35	33	89	-56	639
6	" New Zealand ...	19	55	103	-48	923
7	" Netherlands ...	47	108	231	-123	2,293
8	" France ...	77	202	399	-197	2,978
9	" Italy ...	21	32	73	-41	460
10	" Germany ...	40	*205	247	-42	500
11	" Cuba ...	17	33	10	+23	173
12	" Hungary ...	15	10	59	-49	350
13	" Finland ...	23	15	44	-29	619
14	Russian T.S. outside Russia	11	11	57	-46	175
15	T.S. in Czechoslovakia ...	7	—	—	—	86†
16	" South Africa ...	10	—	—	—	209†
17	" Scotland ...	29	20	28	-8	532
18	" Switzerland ...	13	14	46	-32	214
19	" Belgium ...	12	28	55	-27	378
20	" Netherlands-Indies ...	26	225	569	-344	1,746
21	" Burma ...	10	5	31	-26	272
22	" Austria ...	9	40	86	-46	494
23	" Norway ...	9	2	19	-17	192

\* In two years.

† No statistics. Last year's figure.



No.	National Societies	No. of Lodges	No. of Members			
			Admissions	Retirements	Net gain or loss	Present total
25	T.S. in Denmark ...	12	21	30	-9	421
26	" Ireland ...	8	4	19	-15	96
27	" Mexico ...	15	25	45	-20	244
28	" Canada ...	16	37	77	-40	357
29	" Argentina ...	19	—	—	—	415
30	" Chile ...	14	—	34	-34	147
31	" Brazil ...	17	82	66	+16	395
32	" Bulgaria ...	8	5	1	+4	115
33	" Iceland ...	6	2	41	-39	193
34	" Spain ...	23	62	70	-8	439
35	" Portugal ...	7	23	34	-11	167
36	" Wales ...	20	16	26	-10	325
37	" Poland ...	10	13	51	-38	215
38	" Uruguay ...	7	—	—	—	92†
39	" Porto Rico ...	9	2	104	-102	75
40	" Roumania ...	8	25	43	-18	178
41	" Jugoslavia ...	12	17	10	+7	190
42	" Ceylon ...	7	4	—	+4	125
43	" Greece ...	8	16	42	-26	117
44	" Central America ...	16	67	74	-7	181
45	" Central South Africa ...	9	10	10	—	183
47	" Peru ...	7	—	—	—	87†
	Canadian Theosophical Federation ...	10	—	—	—	177†
	Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Egypt ...	2	—	—	—	39†
	Federation of the Lodges of the T.S. in Paraguay ...	6	—	—	—	72†
	Unsectionalized Lodges ...	8	14	—	+14	110
	Fellows-at-Large ...	—	1	3	-2	18
	Grand Total ...	1,345	2,865	5,546	-2,681	33,267

## HEADQUARTERS' EVENTS

Once more our President, Dr. Besant, has spent the whole year at Headquarters; on only two or three occasions has she gone beyond her own immediate set of rooms. Although her physician, Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, does not ascribe to her any

† No statistics. Last year's figure.

specific malady, it must be regretted she has continued very gradually to grow weaker, and throughout the year has been quite unable to attend to any of her executive duties in connection with the business of the Society. The same small group of loving friends continues to surround her and administer to her needs. Miss A. J. Willson, her old friend of London days, has been so constantly on hand in the outer room of the Presidential suite, that sometimes we wonder if she ever sleeps. Bishop Leadbeater was absent for several months on a visit to Australia, accompanied by Miss M. K. Neff, while Mr. Frei, who has also been helping him for a number of years, took the opportunity of a much needed change in Europe. These friends, having returned in the Autumn, are all once more engaged in the untiring literary activities which still accompany Bishop Leadbeater, notwithstanding his advanced age, wherever he may be. Bishop and Mrs. Arundale have also come back to Adyar for another Winter to add among other things to the happiness of Dr. Besant's declining years. Mr. Wood was absent for four months, having gone to preside over the Roumanian Convention, and incidentally to do some Theosophical work in Bulgaria, Turkey, Jugoslavia, Greece, Cyprus and Egypt. Mr. Jinarajadasa has continued throughout the year, with the exception of a few flying visits to preside at Federation gatherings, to engage himself in matters of wide-spread interest concerning the Society, in the management of the Adyar Estate and in the editing of *The Theosophist*, and always his office, adjacent to the rooms of the President, presents a scene of lively literary activity, amidst which the names of Miss Kemp, Mrs. Whyte, Miss Ockenden, Mrs. West, Miss Glen Walker and Miss Prest must find a special place. Mrs. Devi Hiranandāni and Mr. Hriday Narain Agrawala were also helping there during a part of the year. Baroness J. van Isselmuden—and for a month during her absence,

Mrs. Whyte—assisted by Mrs. D. R. Dinshaw, has also ably seconded Mr. Jinarajadasa in the important work of editing *The Theosophist*.

While all this activity has been proceeding on the upper floor of the Headquarters building, on the ground floor Mr. A. Schwarz and Mr. Ernest Wood have carried on their financial and secretarial duties, the regularity of which has, however, been marred by the absence, for the last two or three weeks, of our Treasurer who, next to Col. Olcott has sometimes been thought of as the father of the Adyar compound, for, just a quarter of a century ago, by invitation of our President on her first assumption of office, he retired at an early age from the post of Manager of Volkart Brothers in Colombo—a high position in the Eastern Commercial world—and came to live at Adyar, where he has been a never failing source of help and strength to her, and a loving guardian of every little part of the Adyar Estate. Though he cannot leave his room to be with us at this Convention meeting we are glad to know that his condition is not serious, and that after a proper rest the strain to the heart which he has suffered must surely right itself, and he may be expected to return to his proper place early in the New Year, as good as ever—we cannot dare to say better than ever, at least physically, now that he has attained the maturity of three score years and ten.

On the ground floor of Headquarters, besides the offices of the Treasurer and the Recording Secretary, and the principal rooms of the Library, there is as most of our members know, and as many of you now see, the Hall of the Society, ingeniously constructed and beautifully decorated. For most of the days of the year the only activities that it presents are the passing hither and thither, from one part to another, of the various residents and workers and visitors, for it forms, by happy chance rather than by design, “The Middle Path” between all the offices upstairs and down, and the outside world, if we may

venture to speak of the gardens and the residential quarters of Adyar as the outside world. It is long now since our President's voice was heard in this historic place, but the rest of us have tried to do our best. Here, during the year, Bishop Leadbeater has continued to hold Question and Answer meetings on Friday evenings. During his absence in Australia, Mr. Warrington occupied his evenings with talks on "What the Outside World is Doing." On Tuesdays Mr. Jinarajadasa has been speaking on religious origins, recent investigations into Occult Chemistry and other subjects, and on Thursdays Mr. Wood has expounded *The Bhagavad Gita*, intermingled with miscellaneous questions on Theosophy, while on favourable occasions, chiefly on Sunday evenings, we have had lectures by distinguished Theosophists, often from abroad, as for example Mr. L. W. Rogers, Dr. Bell, Mr. Pond, Mrs. Maddox and others. This year also in this Hall the usual celebrations of Adyar Day, White Lotus Day and Anniversary Day have taken place, supplemented in August by the Olcott Centenary.

On the ground floor we have also the activity of the Library, a most essential part of the Society's work, a like series of rooms connected by large round arches more decorative than ever in its new arrangement, and the splendour of steel shelving which has been fitted out at the manuscript section during the present year. In the department, towards the close of the year, it is a great pleasure to welcome back to his old position of Honorary Secretary Mr. Kunhan Raja, M.A., Ph.D., who has long

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It is a small step from the Headquarters buildings across the garden to the Theosophical Publishing House, which though not managed by the Theosophical Society, is conducted by the President of the Society, which comes to something rather near the same thing. During our President's week Mr. Jinarajadasa has assumed the editorial control of this organization, while Mr. M. Subramania Iyer has been in the practical work of management. I find that several new books, some of them of a very substantial character, have been issued by the Publishing House during the year—about five reprints and half a dozen booklets, not to mention Adyar Pamphlets, which have come out regularly.

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needs the assistance of a membership like ours to increase its circulation. At the present time it has only 1,400 subscribers, and it occasions a loss of Rs 2,000 every year. Some twenty years ago the circulation was over three thousand. We cannot expect to rise up again to three thousand in these difficult times, when people are retrenching in the matter of luxuries—and good literature is, alas! regarded as a luxury—but we might perhaps in our individual ways sufficiently advertise the magazine to obtain another six hundred subscribers, which would put the magazine on a paying basis. Failing that, it will be necessary to increase the price, and there is all the danger that in increasing the price we may once more reduce the circulation.

And now perhaps we should let fall a brief glance on the miscellaneous departments which so large an Estate as ours includes, covering as it does nearly 270 acres, containing about 200 permanent residents, opening its arms to another 200 non-resident workers every day, and very largely self-contained—with varied kinds of residences, power house, electric lighting system, water supply, gardens both productive and ornamental, dairy, laundry, dispensary and many other things. You will find much information about many of these departments in the Treasurer's Report. You yourselves see the gardens, still presided over by Mr. K. R. Jussawalla, with the assistance of Mr. C. V. Shah. You live in the buildings and enjoy the electric light and water on tap which owe so much for their good condition and efficiency to the head of the Engineering and Electrical Department, Mr. K. Zuurman. You enjoy perhaps the facility of the Leadbeater Chambers or the Blavatsky Gardens or the Indian Quarters under the care of Mme. P. C. D'Amato, Miss S. Ware and Mr. C. Subbaramayya. Sometimes you take a share in riding in the Headquarters car. We can take no credit to ourselves for this, but I must mention it, because cars wear out and it is about time that we



sold our old one (if we can) and bought a new one with the assistance of any friends who wish to help the Headquarters in this respect. Mr. Shah continues to manage the Dairy and the Laundry, and Mr. P. S. Krishnaswamier manages the Stores, conducted chiefly for the convenience of the employees, though these again, like the Theosophical Publishing House, are not direct activities of the Society, but are some of the benevolent activities of our President. Dr. P. C. Patel has been most valuable with his services at the Dispensary, and here again I might make an appeal for special help. One has only to open a dispensary, with a good doctor, to discover how many more ailing people there are in the world than we had ever dreamed of, and how high is the cost of modern medicines. Nor must we forget that Dr. G. Srinivasamurti has all the time acted not only as the President's physician, but to many others in the Estate as well. During the year Miss Jessie Whittam, our Headquarters Housekeeper for many years, has left us for other planes, following a long illness. For the latter part of the year Miss A. Herington has been performing this indispensable service. She, however, will be retiring to Europe early next year, so we must look round us for some other lady member who has the means to live at Adyar and the heart to undertake this inconspicuous but indispensable work. Mr. Ranga Reddy and Rao Sahib G. Soobbiah Chetty, revered brothers, who have helped our President in various ways also from the beginning, have continued their residence, much loved by the younger residents and the visitors, who delight to hear from them about Col. Olcott and Madame Blavatsky in the old days. Mr. Sitarama Shastri still manages the Vasanta Press, another of Dr. Besant's activities, with unflagging energy, assisted by Mr. Subbarayudu, his right hand.

It is usual on this occasion for the President to mention also a number of activities in which our members are engaged

independently, for the benefit of the little world bordering upon our Headquarters Estate and for the workers within the Estate. Foremost among these comes The Olcott Panchama Free Schools, of which there are two—one near our Headquarters and the other about seven miles distant. The popularity of the schools is greater than ever and the attention given to the children continues to attract notice and admiration. In the H. P. B. School the children who are not able to bathe at home have their bath at the school, but this benefit cannot be given at the Olcott school, for want of proper bathing conveniences. In both schools the children have received medical attention, for which Dr. Patel gave his services, and also in both schools the children who need it are given midday lunch, in total more than 170 being fed every day. Games, scouting and handcraft are features of special interest. One effect of the school training may be seen in the cheerful service of many of the volunteers at our Convention, for quite a large proportion are students of the Olcott school. It is much to be regretted that on account of the paucity of donations and the inability of the Government to keep up the amount of grant previously received, it will almost certainly be necessary to close the H. P. B. School within a few months.

Another educational activity is the adult Night School carried on by Mrs. Hilda Wood in a village on the borders of our Estate. The school is intended primarily for the employees of the Estate, of whom there are about 75 from that village. The strength of the school has increased from 40 to 56 during the year and we are glad to note that it has received mention in the Government Training College as an example of what a Night School should be. It has received Rs. 5 a month from the Stead Legacy dispensed by the T.S., but for the rest depends upon donations. More or less connected with this Night School there is the Village Improvement Society, with Mrs. Hilda Wood as the President and Mr. P. S.

Krishnaswamier as Secretary, which seems to have done an extraordinary amount of work. Within 6 months it provided nearly 100 lectures in different villages, on temperance, travel, maternity, child welfare, scouting, animal sacrifice, etc., and the audiences have averaged more than 150 people. It has done much successful work in persuading people to give up the practice of animal sacrifice, which still takes place once a year in a good many villages.

Another cognate activity, catering for the children of the villages round about, is the Baby Welcome conducted by Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram. It has continued the good work which it has been doing for several years—bathing and attending to about 100 little children every day and maintaining a nurse to assist in maternity cases. The T. S. Employees Co-operative Credit Society and the Adyar Stores also continue their good work. The Panchayat, which was organized by Mr. Jinarajadasa at the beginning of last year has had only one meeting, and seems to have conducted no business in particular, a sign that all is running smoothly between the departmental heads and their employees.

Among the Theosophical activities of an unofficial character taken up by members in the world at large, we must mention the International Theosophical Centre at Geneva, which has held a number of receptions and public lectures. A group of very earnest Theosophists, headed by Dr. Anna Kamensky, have formed themselves into this Centre, the purpose of which is to place Theosophy by the side of other idealistic movements that are working for international ideals in that great centre of world peace. These Brethren are doing an excellent and praiseworthy work. From the Theosophical Order of Service we have received only scattered reports, but it is mentioned here and there in our Sectional reports. The Chief Brother for India, however, sends us an excellent report of vigorous activity in many directions—

social service, relief to the blind, deaf, dumb and lame, world peace, vegetarianism, animal welfare, healing, arts and crafts, sanitation and international correspondence being some of the things. The Theosophical World University sends no report, but we know that it is continuing its good work. The Golden Chain reports that it has been particularly active in Wales, where its Promise has been introduced into some schools. The Magazine *World Theosophy* has continued, as well got up and as well edited as the previous year, and once more we desire to wish Mr. and Mrs. Hotchener the greatest possible success in this work. We hope that they have been able to raise the circulation above the 2,700 copies mentioned last year.

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#### THE CLOSING ADDRESS

Mr. A. P. Warrington, in closing the Convention, stressed the point that we could well be mindful of the high privilege we are having in being in incarnation at this time, suggesting that the best way to show our appreciation of the privilege is to throw ourselves into the work. The world is in a state of distress everywhere, because it was built on the wrong principle—that of selfish conflict. It is we who have been entrusted with the teaching that will remedy this planetary disease. That remedy is Brotherhood, with the reasons why it is a cosmic principle. What will we do with it? Never has the world been so ready for Theosophy, so receptive to its ideal. We read what a prominent American publicist says on its receptivity at this time, to the effect that the conservatives are certain now that they do not know as much as they thought they did. At last they are eager to learn theories and philosophies which hitherto they have regarded as outlandish

or even dangerous, or both. It is this which gives the one whose thinking lies outside the grooves that limit, such an opportunity to present his programmes of reform. Now is his chance to throw to the sinking world the life-preserver of his hope.

Mr. Warrington spoke of this condition of life as being a mystical occurrence which has made the world ready for our message as never before, and we must do everything we can to give it forth. It is our greatest opportunity. He continued :

“ And now, friends, in bringing this Convention to a close, I wish to revert to what I said in my Vice-Presidential Address about Krishnaji. Dr. Besant has from time to time been saying something of the same kind. For Convention after Convention she has spoken of the fulfilment of the greatest prophecy of her life. The whole of her reputation, her mighty standing in the world centres around that prophecy. It has been jeered at by some, praised by others, and believed from the heart by the few who followed her and will follow her throughout the ages. Lest you should forget the power and meaning of that prophecy, in two separate Annual Reports she reminded you of its meaning and the beginnings of its fulfilment. And I do it also, following in her footsteps, on this occasion, and from the centre of my being, as an expression of myself, because I believe so deeply, so fully, in the wisdom of my great chief whom I trust utterly. Having taken the position that she did; having had the support of her brothers and sisters throughout the whole of the world in this great Society of ours; and having, as she did, looked upon the platform of the Theosophical Society as the one place in the world where such a thing could be done, it seems to me that I am justified in saying as I close this Convention that I hope Theosophists throughout the wide world will open their hearts, their Lodges and Sections as hospitably as they can to the great guest that we are now

entertaining in our household here at Adyar, whenever he comes to them.

“Such guests come to us once in thousands of years and when they come to any particular people those people are greatly honoured, and in this case we are the honoured ones—not due to ourselves, but due to the greatness of our President, and the brother who stands with her and was with her throughout the young man’s preparation. Friends, when we think this over and consider what the meaning of it all is, do not let us be silly and think we are doing something untheosophical, because something is said against some doctrine that we have. We have no doctrine but Universal Brotherhood. We are only students here to learn, and on this occasion we still have something to learn. It was said by our President in one of her declarations, that when He came He would not say the thing that we expected Him to say. If we now expect Him to say something and He is not saying it, it does not lie in our mouths to say He is not the one. Who are we to obstruct the current of life that has been set in motion? It would be far wiser to ponder deeply over what he says, as an addition to Theosophy, not as exclusive thereof. If he had not to say the unexpected there would have been no need for his coming.

“So I hope the hospitality of the Theosophical Society is big enough and broad enough to be extended to him as guest wherever he may go, as has been done at Adyar, and no matter what he says and what he does, he is our honoured guest, and I hope that we shall do all we can as members, responsible in a way for his mission, to make that mission a magnificent success on earth. The time may come, who knows? when he may need protection. Who is going to protect him? Two thousand years ago how many were there willing to protect? The old doctors sat beautifully garbed, and pointing to bits of writing said that what

he said did not agree with these. Is there anything written in heaven or on earth that could justify us for acting in an unbrotherly way towards such a guest?

“I just want, friends, that we shall be reminded of these things before we go home, and I really could not stand before you here without fully unbosoming myself, because there are some making the test of doctrine, as in the past, when this magnificent opportunity has come to show the big thing we can do for the world if we but will.

“I thank you for your patience in listening to me. I hope we shall meet at another Convention, and if I am here it will be a great delight to me to see these faces again. And as we part I hope that the Blessings of the Masters will rest upon all of us, and when a problem arises and there is conflict between head and heart, we shall let our hearts make the decision. The Convention is now closed.”

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THE TREASURER'S REPORT





## TREASURER'S REPORT

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Our statement of accounts for the financial year ending 31st October, 1932, compares favourably with our budget, as shewn by the following figures :

<i>Budget</i>		<i>Actual figures</i>
Surplus from 1930-31	Rs. 27,249	Rs. 27,249
Estimated Income	,, 58,451	Actual Income ,, 68,358
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	Rs. 85,700	Rs. 95,607
Estimated Expenditure	,, 85,700	Actual Expenditure ,, 83,796
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<i>Balance</i>	<i>Nil</i>	<i>Surplus</i> Rs. 11,811
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While our income has exceeded anticipations, our expenditure has been below budget provision and we are thus in the fortunate position to open the new year's Income and Disbursement Account with a credit balance of Rs. 11,811-2-1 (£ 886).

### INCOME

Looking over the various items of Income we find that :

*Rent and Interest Account* takes the foremost place with Rs. 31,626-7-9 (£2,372) which is Rs. 5,870-10-3 (£440) more than last year. This increase is due to there being a larger number of visitors at Headquarters than in the preceding year.

*Garden Account*: The income from gardens this year amounts to only Rs. 9,280-5-3 (£696) as against Rs. 17,143-11-6 (£1,286) last year. It must be mentioned that last year was next but one to the highest on record and that since then there has been a reduction in the demand for fruits, leading to increased competition and a drop

in the price obtained. When it is remembered that our lands are very sandy and require much more watering than the gardens of many of our competitors it will be seen that we cannot expect much profit from this department. Of the income Rs. 8,979-2-3 was from the sale of fruits and Rs. 301-3-0 from the sale of firewood (casuarinas). The total outlay in the productive gardens was Rs. 10,182-1-3 (£764), so that we must unfortunately record a loss this year.

The following details may be of interest :

Cocoanuts	...	...	...	Rs. 2,988	9	9
Bananas and Papais	...	...	...	„ 198	14	3
Sapotas	...	...	...	„ 3,451	13	0
Pineapples	...	...	...	„ 150	9	6
Lemons	...	...	...	„ 94	15	3
Firewood	...	...	...	„ 301	3	0
Oranges	...	...	...	„ 678	7	9
Plants	...	...	...	„ 15	8	0
Mangoes	...	...	...	„ 748	8	9
Sundries	...	...	...	„ 651	12	0
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				Rs. 9,280	5	3

There is, of course, no material income from the ornamental gardens, which are however much appreciated by visitors to Madras, where our Estate is regarded as one of the show places, through which dozens of motor cars pass in the early evening, when the heat of the day has gone by. The outlay on ornamental gardens this year was Rs. 7,640-1-6 (£573). It is the intention of the Executive to economise to some extent in this department during the coming year.

*Fees and Dues:* Under this heading we have received Rs. 15,940-1-6 (£1,196), nine hundred and forty rupees more than the budget amount. Of this amount Rs. 1,980 (£149) is on account of dues of 1930-31, and Rs. 13,960 (£1,047) is on account of dues for the current year.

There are still about 16 Sections whose dues for 1932 have not yet arrived. They are: Scotland, Ceylon, South Africa, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, Hungary, Greece, Cuba, Brazil, Central America, Peru and Chile. Among these there are several countries which have written to us that their

dues are being kept in reserve for us, because they are not allowed to send money out of their country at present.

*Donations and Legacies* have been as follows :

Rs.	3,951	15	6	Legacy by Mrs. Bessie Leo,
„	2,932	6	0	“ Adyar Day ” collections from U.S. America,
„	1,772	4	7	Part of the Daintry Legacy,
„	1,058	2	0	“ Adyar Day ” collections, various Sections,
„	510	0	0	Donation from Mr. Jai Narain, of Akola,
„	1,286	3	11	Sundry Donations,
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Rs.	11,511	0	0	(£863)

Once more the U. S. Adyar Day Committee heads the list of “ Adyar Day ” collections with Rs. 6,932-6-0 (£520) which has been distributed as follows :

Rs.	2,932-6-0	to Adyar Headquarters, as shown above,
„	3,000-0-0	„ Adyar Library as per Library Abstract,
„	1,000-0-0	„ Olcott Panchama Free Schools,
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Rs.	6,932-6-0	

The help of our American friends has again been of the greatest value, especially to the Adyar Library and the Olcott Panchama Free Schools. We do not know how the last mentioned could be carried on without it year by year. Indeed, even as it is, it is probable that the Managing Board will have to close one of the two schools, for want of funds.

#### DISBURSEMENTS

The expenditure this year has amounted to Rs. 83,795-13-1 (£6,285), which is considerably within the estimates of the budget. The heaviest expenditure has been in the department of Construction and Repairs. A new and very handsome cement porch has been built in the place of the temporary one at the entrance to the Hall, which for years has been very inconvenient, as it was not wide enough to permit two motor cars to pass each other. The expenditure of Rs. 3,500 (£262) upon this has been well worth while, both for convenience and for the beauty of the main building. The Blavatsky

Gardens bungalow, which for some time had been sadly in need of repairs, has been entirely renovated at a cost of Rs. 4,026-8-6 (£302). Towards this we had in hand a special legacy of Rs. 2,739-8-0 (£205) for the purpose, which was left to us by Mrs. Isabella Stead. Another important item was the extension of the compound wall between our grounds and the adjacent properties, at a cost of Rs. 3,049-8-0 (£229). This will enable us to keep the parts of the estate which it guards in much better condition. The river bank has always been a problem with us. This year at the portion near the former Ruin and Sevashrama, where there is a comparatively low lying part of our grounds we have completed a first class revetment, which will prevent the encroachments of the river in the stormy season which have been so troublesome in the past. This has cost us Rs. 4,248-11-0 (£319), but this is a permanent work. The moving of two of the Trilithons was also a large undertaking. The first Trilithon, which used to span the avenue near the main entrance, though a very imposing piece of stone work, was a little narrow for the passage of motor cars, especially as it was placed at a curve. On this account, for several years motor cars had to pass outside the archway, and the avenue thereby became rather unsightly in that part. This Trilithon has been moved—a feat very creditable to our Engineering Department—to a position where the avenue divides, on the left to Headquarters and on the right to the residential portion of the estate, and is now facing the main drive, where it presents a very grand appearance, not only by day but also by night, when the electric lights throw their illumination upon it. The removal cost us Rs. 980-3-0 (£74). The second Trilithon, spanning the road near the Guest House, was widened, by the provision of a new cross piece, the cost being Rs. 508-4-0 (£38). There were various minor repairs and improvements throughout the estate, in particular the living quarters for the chauffeur and other employees behind the garage. Repairs to roads have cost us Rs. 1,695-10-10 (£127).

*Lighting and Water:* Under this head the largest items are the street lighting—costing Rs. 2,038-12-0 (£118), which includes Rs. 987 for current, the remainder being the cost of new standards, etc.—which is maintained on all the main roads of the estate up to 10 p.m., and the rewiring of Damodar Gardens (Rs. 578-6-0; £43), which was a large undertaking.

*Gulistan* : Our cottage at Ootacamund has this year been much improved by the provision of electric light from the town supply. The largest item of expenditure under this head is the cost of electric installation, which amounted to Rs. 469-8-0 (£36).

## RESERVES

Our investments in Indian Government Paper and in Consols, which were carried forward last year at their former valuation, although they had depreciated to some extent in value, have once more appreciated, so that our valuation, still carried forward, is at the moment below the market value. The 6% Bonds of 1932, amounting to Rs. 45,000 were redeemed this year. On the other hand, we have added to these investments Rs. 45,900 of 5½% of 1938/40, bought at par, and Rs. 1,000 of 3½% Bonds of 1865, at Rs. 510. So it has not been necessary for us to write off any of this amount, as we had thought probable last year. As regards the *Pensions Fund* mentioned last year, we have been able to make an addition of Rs. 800, the total now being Rs. 6,000 (£450).

## ADYAR LIBRARY

Our Library Account closes with a deficit as follows :

Income	...	Rs. 13,599 15 2	(£1,020)
Expenditure	...	„ 14,504 12 7	(£1,088)
			<hr/>
<i>Deficit</i>		Rs. 904 13 5	(£ 68)

This reduces our Endowment from Rs. 104,989-13-5 to Rs. 104,085 (£7,806). The perfection of the Library organization is bound to suffer to some extent for want of a suitable building. The present main building has long been outgrown, and many thousands of the books have to be kept in other buildings at a distance. Although our existing building is uncommonly beautiful, the Library will never do itself real justice, considering its position as having one of the finest collections (if not the finest) of Sanskrit manuscripts in India until we have a new building specially designed and large enough for all our manuscripts and books. One item of expenditure which perhaps requires mention this year is the sum of Rs. 445-8-0 (£33),

being the balance due to the printer for the publication of the volume of *Minor Upanishads*. Another important item was the provision of steel racks in the central portion of the main library building, to carry our valuable collection of original manuscripts. This has proved to be a great improvement upon the old wooden shelving. The cost, Rs. 2,690 (£202), was borne by the Library Building Fund.

#### OUTLOOK FOR 1932-33

We are very fortunate to be able to carry forward a credit balance in the Headquarters, though not in the Library, considering the difficulties of the present time. It is not possible, however, to balance our budget for the coming year without once more appealing for donations, as follows :

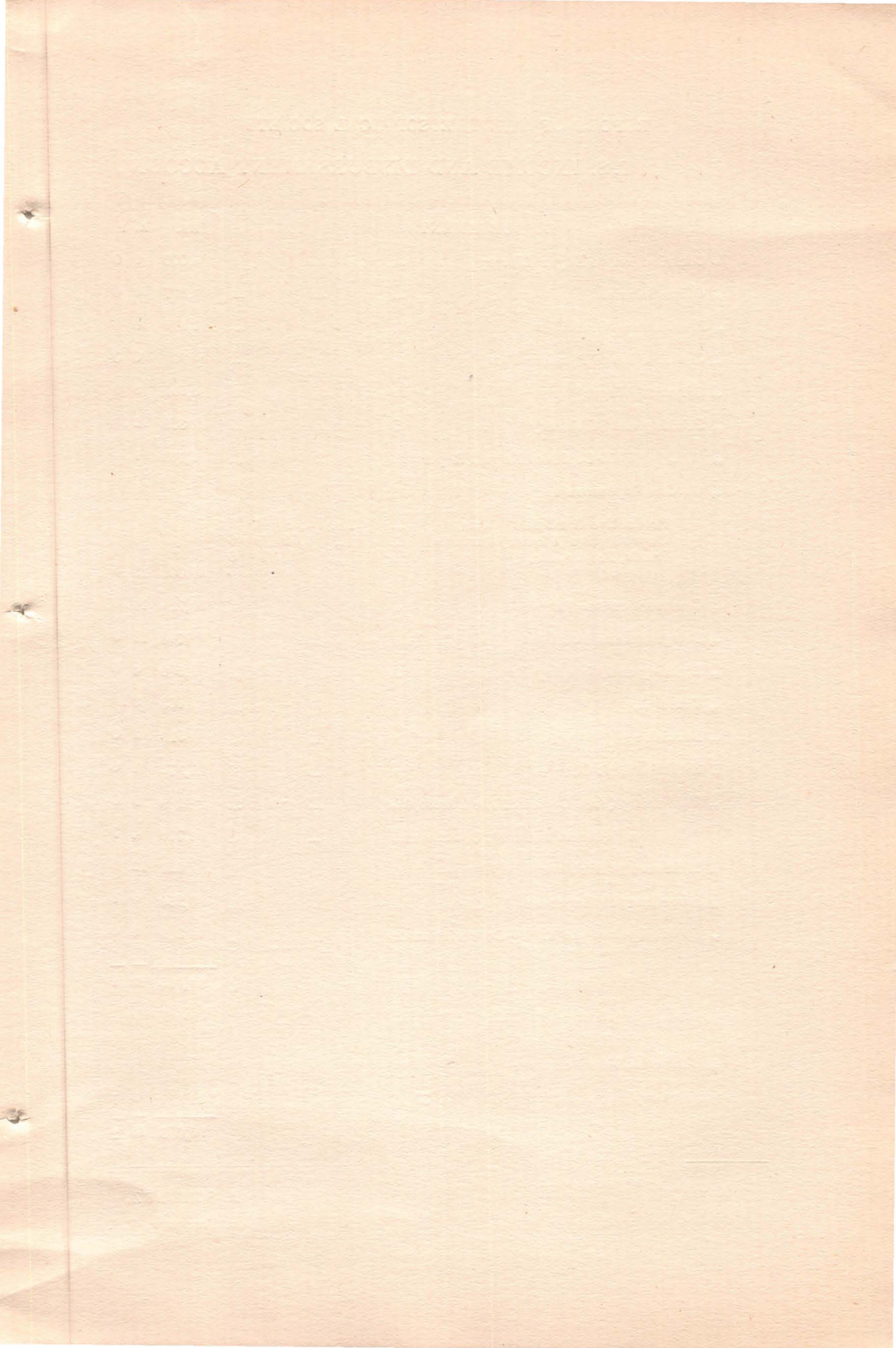
T.S. Headquarters	Rs.	14,589	(£1,095)
Adyar Library	„	2,450	(£ 183)

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Total Rs.		17,039	(£1,278)

May we, therefore, hope that in the coming year our friends and well-wishers in every part of the world will do their best to send us the necessary support to help to make our Headquarters a useful centre, worthy of the position of the Theosophical Society in the world.

ADYAR, MADRAS  
31st October, 1932

A. SCHWARZ,  
Hon. Treasurer, T. S.





## T. S. INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

DISBURSEMENTS				Rs.	A.	P.
To Contribution to Adyar Library	...	...	...	5,000	0	0
„ Office Salaries	...	...	...	2,017	0	0
„ Pensions and Gratuities	...	...	...	1,564	8	0
„ Contribution to Pensions Fund	...	...	...	800	0	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	4,507	8	9
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	328	11	10
„ „ 1,350 Copies of Annual Report	...	..	..	2,101	1	0
„ Garden Expenses :						
Productive Gardens	...	...	Rs. 10,182 1 3			
Unproductive (Flower) Gardens	...	...	„ 7,640 1 6			
Roads, Fences, etc.	...	...	„ 178 10 6			
				18,000	13	3
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	30,723	10	3
„ Telegrams and Postages	...	...	...	743	12	0
„ Lighting and Watering Expenses	...	...	...	9,500	4	6
„ Taxes	...	...	...	463	13	10
„ Furnishing	...	...	...	519	2	0
„ Establishment Charges	...	...	...	1,372	1	0
„ Publishing (Free Copies of <i>The Theosophist</i> )	...	...	...	109	9	0
„ “Gulistan” (Olcott Cottage), Ootacamund	...	...	...	1,776	4	7
„ Museum and Archives	...	...	...	627	12	0
„ Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	3,250	5	1
„ Golden Book of the T. S.—Depreciation	...	...	...	389	8	0
				83,795	13	1
„ Balance to New Account :						
Surplus carried forward to 1932-33	...	...	...	11,811	2	1
				95,606	15	2

ADYAR  
31st October, 1932

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Hon. Treasurer, T.S.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1932

INCOME				Rs.	A.	P.
By Rent and Interest ...	...	...	...	31,626	7	9
„ Garden Produce ...	...	...	...	9,280	5	3
„ Donations and Legacies ...	...	...	...	11,511	0	0
„ Fees and Dues :						
				Rs.	A.	P.
U. S. America ...	...	...	...	4,090	5	0
Canada ...	...	...	...	484	7	7
England ...	...	...	...	1,996	9	1
Wales ...	...	...	...	155	2	9
Ireland ...	...	...	...	81	8	9
India ...	...	...	...	1,434	1	0
Burma ...	...	...	...	30	0	0
Ceylon (1931) ...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Australia (1931) ...	...	...	...	773	0	6
„ (1932) ...	...	...	...	487	14	8
New Zealand ...	...	...	...	372	7	8
Central South Africa ...	...	...	...	104	6	0
Netherlands-India ...	...	...	...	650	2	9
The Netherlands ...	...	...	...	1,588	2	7
France ...	...	...	...	746	5	6
Germany ...	...	...	...	26	0	0
Sweden (1931) ...	...	...	...	359	5	3
Norway (1931) ...	...	...	...	37	3	2
Denmark ...	...	...	...	127	4	2
Iceland ...	...	...	...	114	7	0
Austria (Balance 1931) ...	...	...	...	19	8	0
„ (1932) ...	...	...	...	65	15	8
Switzerland ...	...	...	...	86	10	0
Roumania (1931) ...	...	...	...	21	3	0
„ (1932) ...	...	...	...	22	8	0
Belgium ...	...	...	...	104	14	4
Spain ...	...	...	...	144	2	0
Portugal ...	...	...	...	45	14	4
Russia (outside Russia) ...	...	...	...	26	2	9
Bulgaria ...	...	...	...	26	2	2
Poland (1931) ...	...	...	...	92	2	5
„ (1932) ...	...	...	...	95	15	0
Egypt (1931) ...	...	...	...	33	11	8
Mexico (1931 and 1932) ...	...	...	...	406	13	5
Finland (1931) ...	...	...	...	95	12	1
Czechoslovakia (1931) ...	...	...	...	19	14	0
Central America (1931) ...	...	...	...	116	10	8
Argentina (1931) ...	...	...	...	131	13	4
„ (1932) ...	...	...	...	91	7	0
Porto Rico ...	...	...	...	55	12	0
Greece (1931) ...	...	...	...	24	4	8
Unattached to National Societies ...	...	...	...	633	15	7
				15,940	1	6
„ Balance (Surplus) from 1930-31 ...	...	...	...	68,357	14	6
				27,249	0	8
				95,606	15	2

Audited and found correct.

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

Registered Accountant.

## BALANCE-SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES			Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<b>To General Fund (Capital)</b>	...	...				6,67,488	14	8
<b>„ Adyar Library Fund :</b>								
Value of Books and MSS.	...	...	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	...	...	1,04,085	0	0			
						1,79,085	0	0
<b>„ Adyar Library Building Fund :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1931	...	...	55,018	8	5			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	2,085	0	0			
			57,103	8	5			
<i>Less :</i>								
Cost of steel racks for MSS. in main Library, repairs to Vani Vihar, etc.	...	...	3,081	1	6	54,022	6	11
<b>„ Subba Row Medal Fund :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1931	...	...	1,713	7	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	68	9	0	1,782	0	0
<b>„ Theatre and Lecture Hall Fund :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1931	...	...	12,491	7	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	499	10	0	12,991	1	0
<b>„ World University Fund :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1931	...	...	1,229	6	7			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	49	3	0			
Contributions in 1931-32	...	...	50	0	0	1,328	9	7
<b>„ Electrical Department Reserve Account :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1931	...	...	7,000	0	0	7,280	0	0
4 per cent Interest	...	...	280	0	0	6,000	0	0
<b>„ Pensions and Gratuities Fund</b>	...	...						
<b>„ Gardens Reserve Fund :</b>								
Balance on 1st November, 1931	...	...	5,000	0	0			
4 per cent Interest	...	...	200	0	0	5,200	0	0
<b>„ Sundry Creditors</b>	...	...				12,923	14	6
<b>„ Income and Disbursement Account</b>	...	...				11,811	2	1
						9,59,913	0	9

ADYAR

A. SCHWARZ,

31st October, 1932

Hon. Treasurer.

SOCIETY, ADYAR, PER 31ST OCTOBER, 1932

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
<b>By Adyar Library Books and MSS.</b>	...	...	...	75,000	0	0
<b>„ Government Pronotes :</b>						
Rs. 45,900 5½% Bonds 1938/40 @ par	...	...	...	45,900	0	0
„ 10,000 4% „ 1934/37 @ 94	...	..	..	9,400	0	0
„ 45,200 5% „ 1929/47 @ 95 and par	...	...	...	43,700	0	0
„ 20,000 6½% „ 1935 @ 100	...	...	...	20,000	0	0
„ 1,000 3½% „ 1865 @ 51	...	...	...	510	0	0
<b>„ Consols :</b>						
£ 17,758-19-2, various stock, valued	...	£ 15,000 @ 1/6 d.	...	2,00,000	0	0
„ 5 Shares in Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., @ 25	...	..	..	125	0	0
„ Immovable Property at Adyar	...	...	...	4,03,810	0	0
„ Ananda College, Colombo	...	...	...	34,000	0	0
„ “Gulistan” (Olcott Cottage), Ootacamund	...	...	...	15,000	0	0
„ Movable Property, Adyar	...	...	...	15,000	0	0
„ Electrical Installation, Adyar	...	...	...	30,000	0	0
„ Electrical and Engineering Department, Stock Account	...	...	...	15,873	0	5
„ Shares in Triplicane Urban Co-operative Society	...	...	...	349	8	11
„ Midland Bank, London	..	£ 467-18-10 @ 1/6 d.	...	6,239	3	6
„ Chartered Bank, Madras, Fixed Deposit	...	...	...	15,000	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras, Current Account	...	...	...	21,061	7	0
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	73	1	0
„ Sundry Debtors	...	...	...	8,871	11	11
				<b>9,59,913</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>

Audited and found correct.

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Registered Accountant.

## ABSTRACT OF THE ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>To Expenditure in 1931-32 :</i>						
Salaries and Pensions ... ..	7,918	5	0			
Purchase of Books and Manuscripts ... ..	3,134	9	10			
Copying Charges ... ..	783	6	0			
Fire Insurance ... ..	329	9	0			
Bookbinding ... ..	556	14	0			
Printing and Stationery ... ..	441	8	9			
Postages ... ..	72	0	0			
Furnishing ... ..	51	10	6			
Contingencies ... ..	531	5	6			
Nellore Sanskrit School ... ..	240	0	0			
Balance for Printing Upanishads ... ..	445	8	0			
				14,504	12	7
<i>„ Balance to New Account :</i>						
Value of Books and MSS. ... ..	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund ... ..	1,04,085	0	0			
				1,79,085	0	0
				1,93,589	12	7

ADYAR

31st October, 1932

A. SCHWARZ,

Hon. Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST OCTOBER, 1932

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
<i>By Balance on 1st November, 1931 :</i>						
Value of Books and Manuscripts ... ..	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund ... ..	1,04,989	13	5			
				1,79,989	13	5
<i>„ Receipts in 1931-32 :</i>						
4 per cent Interest on Rs. 1,02,947 ... ..	4,199	8	0			
Contribution by T.S. ... ..	5,000	0	0			
U.S. America " Adyar Day " Gift ... ..	3,000	0	0			
Sundry Donations ... ..	102	2	10			
Rent for Library Assistants' Quarters ... ..	420	0	0			
„ „ Vani Vihar ... ..	650	0	0			
Sale of Library Publications ... ..	210	8	4			
Copying Charges ... ..	10	8	0			
Miscellaneous ... ..	7	4	0			
				13,599	15	2
				1,93,589	12	7

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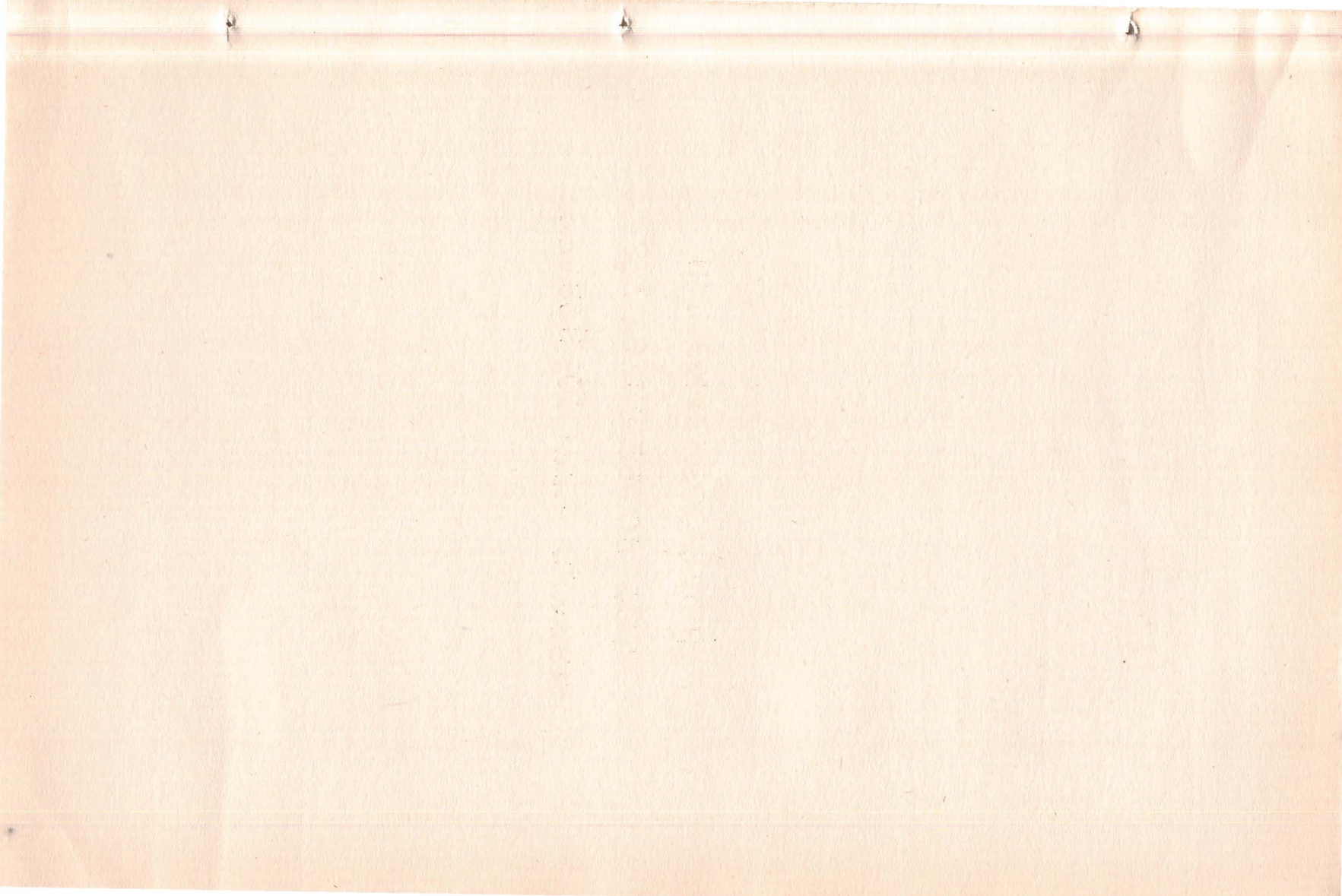
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REPORTS OF THE GENERAL  
SECRETARIES OF THE  
NATIONAL SOCIETIES





## T. S. IN AMERICA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Steadfastness and certainty have characterized the membership of the American Section throughout a year of continued economic difficulty. The spirit of the Section is one of optimism, harmony and solidarity.

Membership statistics for the year show 666 new members, 227 additions by re-instatement and 4 by transfer from other Sections, while 81 have been lost by death, 176 by resignation and 1 by transfer. 1,060 were transferred to the inactive list at the end of the fiscal year, leaving the membership at its close at 5,236. This large transfer to inactive membership is undoubtedly due to pressure of economic conditions, and many so transferred may be expected to return to active membership as employment gains and conditions generally improve.

During the year 5 new Lodges have been chartered and 32 have been dissolved or combined with other Lodges, leaving the total at the end of the year at 182.

Our Theosophical Press as usual published the Proceedings of the previous Summer School (1931) and besides this, *The Consecrated Life*, by Clara Codd, and *Angelic Co-operation*, by Geoffrey Hodson, and during the year sold or otherwise distributed approximately 15,000 books and 17,000 pamphlets.

The financial position of the Section continues sound, the classified membership plan being a particularly useful development, as is proven by the fact that while income from general membership dues is considerably less than last year, little change took place in the revenue from these classified memberships.

Four lecturers were in the field most of the year: Mrs. Josephine Ransom from South Africa, Mr. Geoffrey Hodson from England, Mr. L. W. Rogers and Mr. Fritz Kunz. Miss Clara Codd was also in

the lecture field for a short time before leaving for Australia. All worked courageously and with enthusiasm in a year of difficulty. In addition, several field workers travelled and did organizing work among our Lodges.

The National Library has been completely catalogued and organized and is being put to constantly increasing use in both its reference and loan divisions.

Besides work in the lecture field and among our Lodges, the activities of the year have included quarterly letters of inspiration and encouragement by the National President (General Secretary) to every member, and bi-monthly bulletins to every Lodge.

Publicity pamphlets, of which large numbers have been distributed, have been re-printed in more attractive form, the Correspondence Courses are in process of re-editing, and a series of Study Notes has been mailed at regular intervals to approximately 2,000 interested inquirers.

The Headquarters centre, now named "Olcott", at Wheaton, Illinois, has been the scene of a gathering of a hundred or more members on the fourth Sunday of each month for an afternoon lecture and a social evening, thereby constantly bringing some portion of the membership into closer touch with the spirit of Headquarters.

Since the close of the fiscal year the activities of Wheaton Institute, Summer School and Convention have taken up nine weeks of the summer at Olcott. The Institute, at which the attendance was 63 during its later period, was devoted to inspiration and study. The Summer School, attended by 91 members, took the usual form of pre-Convention teaching and discussion. 110 besides the staff attended Convention, which on this occasion was also held at Olcott, the natural home of our national theosophical gatherings.

During the latter half of the summer Dr. and Mrs. Arundale were the beloved and inspiring leaders and friends to whom we owe most grateful and wholehearted acknowledgment. Their presence brought us a keener realisation of the tremendous work in which it is our privilege to share and a vivid joy and sense of power to achieve greatly in Their Name, which is already having dynamic effect among the Lodges and members of the Section.

It is a happy circumstance that out of the year's activities there has developed an intensified devotion and loyalty to the work on the

part of the whole of the Headquarters staff and many active workers throughout the Section.

During the year considerable attention has been given to further development of federations of Lodges and some progress along this line is expected in the coming year.

The Convention this year was known as the "Olcott Centenary Convention", celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Co-Founder, just as last year the Convention programme especially provided exercises in commemoration of the birth of H. P. B.

Since Convention (August 13—16, 1932) St. Louis Lodge has celebrated the 50th anniversary of the founding of a Theosophical Lodge in that city, the first chartered Lodge in America. It is now expected that from year to year other Lodges attaining to 50 years of usefulness will similarly commemorate the founding of Theosophical organization in their midst.

A considerable area has just been added to the Headquarters estate, which now comprises approximately twenty acres, to be developed and beautified as years go by that the whole setting may be in keeping with the harmony and purpose of the work of the centre. We look forward to the time when Olcott will be not only the executive headquarters and a spiritual centre, but also a cultural and Theosophical educational centre, for we feel sure that to fulfil its spiritual destiny a Headquarters or a Lodge as well as an individual must be out-turned in helpfulness—the individual to those around him, the Lodge to the community and to neighboring Lodges, the Headquarters to the Section and to sister Sections throughout the world. Hence we stress constantly the need for this outward turning in thoughtful helpfulness to all. Knowing the purpose of our centre and with this spirit of helpfulness prevailing throughout the Section, with steadfastness to our principles and with loyalty to our leaders in our hearts, we of the American Section send to you, our dearly beloved President, our cordial greetings.

22-10-32

SIDNEY A. COOK,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN ENGLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Although the disturbed conditions in the world generally, and a big industrial nation like England in particular, have helped to make our work difficult, I think we can look back on the year that has just passed as one of steady growth and consolidation. There is all through the Section a stirring of new life and interest, which I hope will bear good fruit in the years that lie ahead.

Once again this year we were favoured with a visit from Dr. and Mrs. Arundale; the former did a good deal of lecturing in London and also presided over the Northern Federation Convention held at Harrogate in May.

*Membership.*—At 31st October, 1932, the total number of members was 3,858, of whom 673 were unattached. The number of Lodges is 143 and we have in addition 39 Centres. 195 new members were admitted during the year, and those who lapsed, resigned, were transferred and died total 553.

*Library.*—The Headquarters Library continues to make slow but steady progress, a gratifying feature being the increased use made of its resources by Provincial Lodges, and the number of outside subscribers is slowly increasing. 300 new books have been added during the year.

*Publicity.*—In addition to our One Day Campaigns which are still proving successful, and the continued popularity of Students' Week-ends, we have made this year a special propaganda effort in twelve selected towns, the principal feature of which was a lecture by Professor Marcault, preceded by a lecturer who paved the way by endeavouring to interest the Lodge members, and followed by another lecturer whose chief task was to consolidate the new interest aroused. Some variation of this method will be in operation again next year and we trust will meet with wide success.

The outlook for the New Year can hardly be said to be rosy, but it is full of hope. The troubles and difficulties of the last few years, which uprooted the lives of many of our members, have become so much a settled condition, that people everywhere have at last adjusted their individual lives accordingly and

are therefore able to resume their old interests and in many cases their old work for our Society.

M. JACKSON,  
*General Secretary.*

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T. S. IN INDIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have pleasure to present the following report of the work of the Indian Section, for the year ending September, 1932 :

At the time of writing, reports of two Secretaries are not with me, but all Secretaries whose reports have reached me are satisfied with the progress made, and most look forward to a future of greater usefulness and success. I was not expecting much progress, depressed as our members and other sympathisers would be, I thought, with the prevailing conditions in this country ; but the Section has risen superior to them and borne its share of work that is going forward. The present " mental and moral atmosphere " has not affected us much, and we continue to be seekers of Truth, whatever our special path. On the whole the reports speak of active work, and predict bright prospects, though the Bengal Secretary and the Joint General Secretary for the North speak of an " unsatisfactory condition " of the Lodges, and " laxity and lassitude ". One particularly interesting feature of the times is noted by the Joint General Secretary for the West : " Our members are getting more alive to the First Object of our Society, and most of them are convinced that what is important is not what one believes but what one does in his daily life, in the spirit of love and service."

*Constitution.*—The time has come to carve out the eastern part of our Section into the Eastern Division, with its own Joint General Secretary. It will be the duty of the Division to elect him, if and when this Division is constituted. A Deed of Transfer of the Lodge property to the Section, through its General Secretary, has been properly drawn by the Section's legal adviser and has already been supplied to two Lodges that asked for it.

*Membership.*—All Federations show a decrease of membership, except two. Our total membership has declined from 4,728 to 4,290.

Memberships revived are 26, as against 6 of the last year, and there have been 193 new admissions as against 144 of the last year; so the total loss is 657—59 by resignation, 54 by death and 544 through inactivity. The Federation Secretaries variously attribute this loss to political conditions, economic depression or frustration of Theosophical expectations or “belying by Krishnaji of Theosophical expectations.” Wherever the truth may be, consideration of the figures would show that loss by resignation is the smallest during the last three years, and inactivity also has been considerably reduced. I see signs of revival in this change from the last year, and it is safe to conclude that inactivity might have been even less if times had been financially better.

*Lodges.*—Last year the number of the Lodges of the Section was 291. This year it is 276. No new Lodges were formed. 34 were dissolved last year but this year only 20. A large number of our Lodges are active and carrying on their usual activities, and some at least have pushed them farther and widened their scope—like the Mannargudi Lodge and the Poona Cantonment Lodge.

*Federations and Propaganda.*—All Federations held their annual meetings, which were, they report, both inspiring and harmonious, and gave “a good impetus to the movement,” as the Andhra Secretary puts it. Some Federations had more than one such gathering of their groups.

The collections of the Dues has been quite satisfactory, considering the financial stress in the country, though realizable arrears are outstanding. Quite a number of our members have taken their useful share in political and social uplift work—outstanding work being done by the Mannargudi Lodge, under Rao Sahib S. V. Kanagasabai Pillay, and the Poona Cantonment Lodge, which is in charge of social and other work done by the Borttee Hall Centre. The Propaganda, too, has been up to the level of our usual standard. Most Federations, however, complain that their work somewhat languished owing to their being unable to employ the services of Lodge Organisers, who have to be paid subsistence allowances including their travelling expenses. The Tamil Federation Lodge Organiser, however, travelled all over the Federation and did two men’s work, visiting, on occasions, even the sister Federations. The Karnataka Federation Organiser, too, visited the Andhra and Tamil area—in true brotherly fashion. The Federation

Secretaries speak highly of the work of these organisers, which is also appreciated by the public.

*The Youth Federation.*—I have had, up to the time of writing, no report from this Federation. I rely, for my remarks, on such information as the office had throughout the year, and on the reports of the adult Federation Secretaries. I have put the membership at 154 up to September 30th, and with the addition of those whose Dues and arrears were collected and remitted to the Headquarters after that date, the figure may be raised approximately to 225, of which 93 were admitted during the year under report. I have no information of any resignations, but about 144 were transferred to the inactive list, owing to non-payment of the Dues for more than two years. Of these 154, 146 belong to Lodges, and 8 are unattached members. There are only 12 recognized Lodges. There are Lodges whose membership is only 3 and some even less. These are not included in the 12, but some of these twelve have only four members.

Some of the Federation Secretaries make laudable mention of the Youth Lodges because of their activities—particularly the Bombay, Gujerath and Kathiawad Federations. The Madras Lodge too is an active body. The Joint General Secretary for the West suggests, and the Karnataka Secretary agrees, as also the Gujerath and Kathiawad Secretary, that these Lodges should be brought directly under the Indian Section. A general review of such activity of the Federation as has come under my notice reveals that its activity depends not upon Youth initiative, but that of the adult members. During these many years of its existence, it has not thrown up a youth organizer for the Federation. The Youth members are, of course, excellent workers, when organized and disciplined by adult members, and their fine self-sacrifice, enthusiasm and even talents would be employed to best purpose and result, at least at the present, if directed by our adult Federations through their organization. Facilities for continuous growth into a distinct youth personality, inspired by youth ideals and strengthened by a sense of achievement, will and should be available. The adult Federations will, of course, assist, but neither “dominate” or “interfere”, as is usually apprehended.

*The Book Shop.*—Though business everywhere has been slack owing to the prevailing depression, the Book Shop has maintained



its position and shows a net profit of Rs. 940-3-2, as against Rs. 559-3-7 last year. The figure of the turnover during the year is Rs. 30,467-2-1, as against Rs. 30,223-14-11 of the last year.

*Finance.*—I am glad to say that this year there is an excess of about Rs. 450 of income over expenditure, though the scheme of sanitary and other improvements has been carried out. Our realisations have not fallen below our anticipations except in the case of the proceeds from the late Nafar Das Ray legacy, which have not come in at all. On the other hand, there was an outlay of about Rs. 767 on legal charges for the action taken for the recovery of our regular income and other dues. The case has gone against us, but an appeal has been preferred from the judgment of the lower Court. The Balance Sheet shows excess over the budgetted grants in some items and saving in others. The excess is on the items of repairs and on *Theosophy in India*.

*Headquarters.*—The original plan of sanitary improvements has now been fully carried out, though a little more needs to be done, which has arisen out of the work carried out. Our water supply system also needs attention. Improvement of Shanti Kunja gardens has been taken up, and ought to receive further attention during the current year. The general condition of the Headquarters property and its electric installation should also be seen to, as the Convention of 1933 will be in Benares. There is ample provision made for all these in the Budget grants asked for in the new Budget.

I would put on record here my great and sincere thanks to Babu Hirendra Nath Datta Sahab, our honorary legal adviser, for his ever ready, helpful and courteous assistance literally throughout the year.

All the reports agree that the old strain and struggle have disappeared and members are finding their Theosophic feet. They are all agreed that generally speaking, our members are being able to recognize the vitality of Krishnaji's work, and they are turning towards the light he is shedding. In this I see the healthiest proof of the vitality of the T. S., for only a living organism can recognize and adjust itself to the demands of growth and progress.

2-12-32

D. K. TELANG,

*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN AUSTRALIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The past twelve months has been the occasion for renewed Theosophical vigour, and the Section has entered into a period of more far-reaching effectiveness. We are still faced with hard times economically, many of our members being unemployed. This has caused a still further decrease in membership fees, but the Theosophical Broadcasting Station has helped in the most remarkable manner, so that the work of the year has not been curtailed on that account.

*Statistics.*—The total number of Lodges is now 30, one having been dissolved. Seventy members were admitted, while 92 resigned, died or dropped out, so that the total number of members in now 1,477.

*Convention.*—The Thirty-seventh Annual Convention was held in Sydney, for it was hoped that Bishop Leadbeater would be able to open the proceedings. He was unfortunately prevented from doing so by his health, but all the delegates had the opportunity of meeting him at the garden party held at The Manor during the course of Convention. The Sydney Harbour Bridge had been officially opened a week before Easter, so it was appropriate that the Convention lectures should be upon "Theosophy, the Bridge-builder." Accordingly the following lectures were delivered: *Theosophy, the Bridge to the Higher Life*, by Bishop Leadbeater, *Theosophy, the Bridge between God and Man*, by Miss Clara Codd, and *Theosophy, the Bridge between Religion and Science*, by Miss Mary K. Neff. Though Bishop Leadbeater did not attend any of the formal gatherings in the city, his lecture on Easter Sunday night was broadcasted by 2GB, and a week later he addressed the members of the Society in New Zealand by radio.

*Publications.*—The *Australian Theosophist* has been published regularly every alternate month, it being sent free of cost to all members of the Section. No other literature has been published, but 2GB arranged for the recording of Bishop Leadbeater's voice while he was in Sydney. Two 10" Columbia records were made, one being *To Those Who Mourn*, and the other *The Great White Lodge*. These will enable members throughout the world at all times to

hear Bishop Leadbeater delivering addresses on two of his specialities.

*Visiting Lecturers.*—We have been fortunate in having Miss Clara Codd and Mr. L. W. Rogers visiting the Commonwealth. Mr. Rogers remained for seven weeks only, but he was responsible for a number of new members joining the Society, and left behind him in each capital city a large class of keen inquirers. Miss Codd's chief work is in propaganda from 2GB. She has made a name for herself in the Australian radio world, and is now organizing Theosophical radio clubs which should gradually bring more members into the Society. We record our appreciative thanks to both Miss Codd and Mr. Rogers.

*Theosophical Broadcasting Station.*—The Theosophical Broadcasting Station has established itself in the commercial world as a splendid paying proposition, and during the year it has given the Section an income of £ 600. All debentures except that held by the Section, have been repaid during the year, leaving a profit sufficient to make extensive additions to plant, and to pay a ten per cent. dividend.

*Radio Propaganda.*—Radio propaganda requires a new technique that is at present in its infancy, but already a number of members are qualifying for this specialized work, and 2GB is the most effective instrument for publicity that has ever been in the hands of Theosophists. It is computed that thousands of people are listening in to the Station at any minute of the day—an estimate based on advertising results. Thus every day the Theosophical message is going into thousands of homes, preparing the minds of listeners for the gradual absorption of Theosophical teaching. Twice each day there is a special Theosophical address and on Sundays two Theosophical addresses are broadcast in the evening. With the formation of radio clubs it is hoped that many people who have listened in to these addresses will band themselves together for Theosophical study.

*Advance Australia News Service.*—The Order of Service has continued its excellent work with the Advance Australia News Service. At the present time there are 150 country newspapers in all States of the Commonwealth receiving the weekly budget. Many editors write their appreciation of this service, and it is gratifying to receive newspapers every day which have columns of this copy

reproduced. It is hoped shortly to put this on a new footing, by which its actual cost may be borne by the newspapers.

On behalf of the Australian Section I transmit to you and your great colleague Bishop Leadbeater the loyal and affectionate greetings of our members.

12-10-32

HAROLD MORTON,  
*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN SWEDEN

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have pleasure in submitting the following report of the work of the Section during the year ending October 31, 1932. In spite of the financial difficulties, the work of the last year has been marked by growing intensity, even if the number of members has decreased somewhat. There has been a general striving on the part of the members to apply Theosophical ideas to every-day life and this has had a stimulating influence also on the work of Lodges and study groups. Among activities started during the year may be mentioned an attempt to realize the idea of a one-day-campaign on the subject of "Thought as a Creative Power". It is too early yet to say anything of the result of this campaign, but the Lodges have responded readily. The increasing interest shown by the members is to a great extent due to the visits of Mr. Bolt, first in April, when he made a lecturing tour through Sweden, and then in June when he led a Summer School along the same lines as the previous year. The Summer School was attended by about a hundred members from all parts of the country and also by some visitors from Norway and Finland.

*Membership.*—One new Lodge has been formed during the year, and the two Lodges in Stockholm have been united into one—thus the total number of Lodges is the same as before, *viz.*, 35. On October 31st the total number of members was 639, of whom 190 were unattached. 33 new members have been admitted, 26 have resigned, 52 dropped out and 11 died.

*Convention.*—The Annual Convention was held at our Headquarters on June 18th and 19th and 72 members took part, 17 of whom were delegates. We had the pleasure of seeing a good many of our members from the provinces. The general tone of the Convention was marked by a strong desire to make our Section an efficient channel for the spreading of the eternal truths.

On behalf of our National Society I take this opportunity to convey to you, our beloved President, the assurance of the devotion and love of all our members.

ELMA BERG,  
*General Secretary.*

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#### T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The following is a brief report of the activities of the New Zealand Section for the year ending 30th September, 1932.

*Membership.*—During the year we have had 32 new members, 22 rejoined, 1 transferred from another Section, 31 resigned, 6 died, 62 lapsed and 4 transferred to other Sections. This leaves a total membership of 923, being 48 less than last year. Lodge members number 796, and Sectional members 127. We have still 19 Lodges, the same number as in previous years.

*Annual Convention.*—The 36th Annual Convention was held in Auckland on the 28th December, 1931. It was attended by 25 delegates and a large number of visiting members. Bishop Thomson, President of the H.P.B. Lodge, was elected to the Chair, and the opening address was given by Mr. C. E. Yates, President of the Christchurch Lodge. Much enthusiasm was shown during a busy week of meetings and lectures.

*Publications.*—The Sectional magazine *Theosophy in New Zealand* continues to act as a valuable link between the Lodges and the members, and also as a means of propaganda. At present it is published quarterly, and will be so until better times return, when it is hoped that the monthly issue will

again be resumed. It is sent free to members, non-members paying an annual subscription of three shillings.

Every new member receives a copy of each of the following pamphlets to launch him fairly on his Theosophical career: *What is the Theosophical Society?*, *The Hidden Side of Lodge Meetings* and *A Message from an Elder Brother*. The Section also issued for propaganda purposes an artistically produced leaflet entitled *The Ideal Government* by Annie Besant. Copies were sent to every Member of Parliament in New Zealand, and to many prominent people in different parts of the country.

*Library.*—The Section Library contains 1,287 volumes, and is managed in conjunction with the Library of the H.P.B. Lodge. The number of regular subscribers is 38, and from this number 4 have recently joined the Society. Thirteen new books have been put into circulation, and recently a fine set of books on Buddhism was presented to the Library by a member.

*Vasanta Garden School.*—This is one of the most vital and important activities of the New Zealand Section at the present time. The school has now attained a high state of efficiency, and the united efforts of the two teachers to put into practice the new ideals in co-education are being spoken of with appreciation in educational circles. The present roll-call is 34, the lowest for some years, but that is quite accounted for by the prevailing economic conditions.

*Overseas Visitors.*—The outstanding event of the year was the visit of Mr. L. W. Rogers from America. The Lodges in the four chief centres enjoyed a rare treat in a splendid series of public lectures. Several new members have joined in each town, and the enquirers' classes have more than doubled in attendance as a result of his visit. Mr. Rogers is a very able and convincing speaker, always deliberate, and sometimes very humorous.

*Lodge Activities.*—Greater variety and more initiative is shown in the methods employed by the Lodges to interest the public in our ideas. Dramatic performances, musical programmes after brief lectures, the Krotona Ritual and Lantern Lectures, have all been found attractive and appealing. The H.P.B. Lodge has a very fine stage, and a very active dramatic group has provided a play every two months throughout the year.

In conclusion, I may say that although the past year has been marked by a severe phase of the financial depression, the work of

the Society has been well maintained. A gratifying growth of real solidarity and increased life is manifested in most of the Lodges. We therefore face the future heartened and encouraged to make still greater efforts to spread the light of the Ancient Wisdom throughout New Zealand.

30-9-32

W. CRAWFORD,  
*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Membership.*—Again the T. S. in the Netherlands has been strongly affected by the general social distress. At this date our membership numbers 2,293. There have been enlisted 108 new members, but 192 resigned, 20 died and 19 have been transferred to other sections, chiefly to the Dutch East Indies. Consequently there has been a decrease of 184 members.

*Lodges.*—In Amsterdam two local Lodges have been united, and one Lodge, in Leiden, has been dissolved, so that this Section now consists of 47 Lodges. There are also 28 Centres, two of them newly established, mainly consisting of young people who will try to find their own ways within our Society's life and organisation. I have great expectation and hope that this new venture—coinciding with a marked revival of the youth-movement at Huizen, though quite independent thereof—might do its bit for the revival of Theosophical activity in the Netherlands in general and among the members of the T. S. especially.

*Federations.*—There are several Federations of Lodges: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Gooi, and recently two new Federations of Lodges in the eastern part of the country and another one for the south. These federations occasionally organize conferences, exchange speakers, divide the propaganda work for other places in the vicinity, etc.

*Visitors.*—We have had the great privilege to see Dr. G. S. Arundale and Mrs. Rukmini Arundale in our midst in May and June of this year. Dr. Arundale gave us—besides some important talks at the Centre Huizen, their residence—two lectures in Amsterdam and one in Utrecht.

*Conventions.*—October 18th we had a most successful Blavatsky-Convention to commemorate our Great Founders Centennial. Dr. G. S. Arundale gave us on that occasion a very splendid lecture “H. P. B. as Occultist”; Mrs. W. A. L. Ros-Vrijman spoke on “H. P. B. as Teacher” and Dr. D. Albers on “H. P. B. as Authoress”. There was also an interesting Blavatsky-number of *De Theosophische Beweging*, our monthly paper, and several of the most important newspapers of the country published some appreciative articles on this occasion.

The great yearly Convention was held on 9th and 10th July, as usual, in our own buildings at Amsterdam. It was opened with quite a new phenomenon for this country, namely a Theosophical play, beautifully arranged by one of our artist members, and most excellently performed. The more ponderous aspect of the meetings was a discussion: “A new Orientation in the T. S.?” The views on this subject naturally proved very divergent, which made the fraternally and harmoniously proceeding discussions exceedingly interesting.

There was also a half-yearly Convention, this time held in Rotterdam on January 10th, and another, more local, Convention in Leeuwarden on March 19th and 20th. For some years there has been a Camp during the week of Whitsuntide, held on the beautiful grounds of the Drafna Estate, belonging to the Theosophical Lyceum, Naarden, Huizen. This gathering proves a continually increasing success.

*Conclusion.*—Apart from numbers, there is certainly to be noticed some distinct recovering from our last bad time, and in several cases Lodges and members succeed in arousing new interest, which is proof of renewed confidence, and this—however insignificant by itself—again stimulates self-reliance, so we confidently expect to find ourselves once more on the upward arc, if not as to the increase of numbers (these matter little) yet certainly as far as enthusiasm and confidence are concerned.

With many good wishes for the lasting welfare of the Society receive, dearly beloved President, our faithful and loving greetings.

1 October, 1932

J. KRUISHEER,

*General Secretary.*



## T. S. IN FRANCE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I beg to submit the report of our activities during the twelve months ending 31st October, 1932.

Two new Lodges have been chartered, but four have become dormant, which leaves the number of our active Lodges at 77. The number of new members admitted has been 202. But during the same period 399 members have died, resigned, dropped or transferred. This leaves the total of our active members at 2,978.

The Theosophical work at Headquarters has been going on satisfactorily for the period under review. The Sunday public lectures and the Theosophical courses given on Tuesdays and Thursdays have been well attended. Two additional courses, one on "The Occult Side of Philosophy" and the other on "The Science of Life" were inaugurated with considerable success, and will be continued this season. This good result is due to the ability of our lecturers, Mme. Laurent Mayer, Mlle. Reynaud, MM. Tozza, Benzimbra, Bohrer. The General Secretary of the Belgian Section, Mr. G. Polak, helped us as in previous years with lectures, given, one in Strasbourg, one in Paris. Two of our good members, Mr. and Mrs. Demarquette, who for some time went to reside in Australia, came back to France and undertook a lecture trip in Morocco. They gave an imposing number of meetings and revived the enthusiasm of the local members for Theosophy. Another lecture trip in North Africa was undertaken by Mlle. Serge Brisny, who toured Algeria and Tunisia. Her journey there is becoming a yearly feature and the help she gives is greatly appreciated by the Lodges. The South of France has been visited by our brother Nissim Levy. Among other itinerant lecturers we may mention M. E. Tozza, Dr. Thorin, Mr. Laflèche, who took the opportunity on their holidays to visit the provincial Lodges. Generally speaking the work in the largest provincial centres has been satisfactory.

Our Annual Convention took place on the 2nd and 3rd of April. The White Lotus Day was an occasion to celebrate the joint centenary of the two Founders of the T. S. This function is with us a kind of family gathering, always full of uplifting influence.

The period of the summer vacations has been taken advantage of for painting afresh and modernizing the halls at Headquarters. The

large Adyar Hall has been fitted with new seats, and with an improved system of ventilation, the air being collected outside, filtered, warmed or cooled as the season requires, and then ozonized previous to being forced into the Hall. The Library has been reorganized and a new card-index catalogue has taken the place of the old-fashioned set of printed catalogues. For these improvements are to be thanked Mr. Bondonneau and Mr. de Feularde. Be it said by the way that for some years the Library has carried on in the basement of the building a workshop for binding the books lent to visitors, this being a specially useful work, on account of the fact that books are issued in France mostly in wrappers or paper covers. The binding is done by volunteers, chiefly ladies, who are taught the fine art of book-binding by a devoted expert, Mme. Piedefert. We hope all these improvements will be appreciated by the public during the coming season.

Very little activity has marked our publishing department, owing to the low level of sales for theosophical books at present. A very handsome annual *L'Agenda Adyar*, fully illustrated with plates representing the sites and buildings on the Adyar Headquarters and accompanied with suitable letterpress, has been issued at a very nominal price for propaganda among the public. If it has not been a financial success—which it was not meant to be—the welcome given to it in all quarters has been very encouraging.

In the name of our National Society we send our respectful greetings to our President, and wish her to remain long at the head of our Movement. We also send our greetings to our Vice-President, Mr. A. P. Warrington, and to Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, who so ably discharged the additional duties thrown on his shoulders.

31 Oct., 1932

CHARLES BLECH,  
*General Secretary.*

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T. S. IN ITALY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have great pleasure in submitting the report of the activities of our National Theosophical Society during the current year.

With the very valuable co-operation of the Vice-General Secretary, Mr. Roberto Hack, the work proceeds in a fairly satisfactory manner, in spite of the difficulties of the present period.

Since the publication of the new Italian Penal Code, in which Art. 274 mentions Associations of an international character, I have taken all the necessary steps for obtaining from the directing authorities the permission to continue our work; and after many interviews, explanations and inquiries concerning all the directing officials of the Italian Section, we have had the pleasure of obtaining a written authorization, and can now hope for greater facilities in continuing the work.

The meetings of the 21 Lodges have been regular, and the results good. The general work and artistic study, beyond that already proceeding in the Gioacchino Cavallini Lodge, show increased activity, likewise in the Verità Lodge of Trieste and the Giordano Bruno Lodge of Genoa. We are in hopes that the mission of art, as a means to spiritual progress, will become more and more understood in other centres as well.

The publication of the review *Il Loto* continues uninterruptedly. It finds an increasing number of readers outside the Theosophical Society, besides attracting new workers in the scientific and philosophic fields. The review *Gnosi* also continues its theosophical work.

The Theosophical Bookshop, "Nirvana", in Florence, continues the sale of Theosophical and kindred works in a satisfactory manner, especially through the agency of the *Bibliographical Bulletin*, much diffused throughout Italy (it is now taken by 3,500 readers); through this means many have been attracted to the study of Theosophy.

The Theosophical Publishing House "Prometeo", of Florence, has, on account of the double removal from Turin to Trieste and then to Florence, unfortunately suffered financially through loss of sales and through extra expenses, so that the balance is decidedly on the adverse side; nevertheless it has been possible, during the year, to reprint a handsome edition of *The Voice of the Silence*. We hope that once the present crisis is past, our editorial work will proceed with all its former vigour.

The work of the Order of Service has also made progress, through individual members and by means of organizations already existing, which are gaining ground throughout the country, under the direction of Mr. Grant Greenham.

The membership last year was 501. New members number 32. Members retired number 27 by resignation and 46 by dropping out. The total of members is thus now 460.

In the name of the entire Italian Section, including the Vice-General Secretary, we send heartiest greetings and good wishes to our beloved President, that she may long continue to be a medium for the transmission of strength and light for the work of humanity.

31 October, 1932

LUISA GAMBERINI CAVALLINI,

*General Secretary.*

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T. S. IN GERMANY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The most important event which I have to report is that the falling off of members, caused by various circumstances—including the general world-conditions as well as the result of Krishnamurti's influence—has now ceased; a continued increase in the number of members is taking place. In the last two years eighteen new Lodges have been formed, while ten Lodges have been dissolved. Our Section has proved itself to be vital and alive as, notwithstanding the general economic crisis, we have been able to close our balance-sheet for the past year with a credit balance. At our annual meeting, last September, distinct expression was given to a renewed life and activity, also in spiritual respects. This was specially noticeable in connection with the address given by the General Secretary on *Theosophy as Life and Teaching*, stress being laid on the Theosophical life-principle, Universal Brotherhood and the awakening of the Divine Life in ourselves and others. The discussions held for purposes of organization also showed this hopeful confidence and activity.

Our magazine *Theosophische Studien* gives publicity to the activities of our Section. Its circulation steadily increases. Many of the under-graduates at Bonn read our magazine in the University Library. The extensive lecturing by the General Secretary in Germany as well as in other countries helps to spread the Theosophical ideals.

There is no other country with so many Theosophical Organizations as Germany. We try, not without success, to act towards and, wherever possible, to work with the other Theosophical groups as

brothers. The best result has been obtained with Dr. Volrath's Theosophical Society in Leipzig, the least with the organization named "International Brotherhood" which has its headquarters also in Leipzig.

J. M. VERWEYEN,  
*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN CUBA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

During the year just closed there has been a continuance of serious difficulties for the development of our work, due especially to the most acute economical conditions prevailing in this country. Nevertheless in all places there is always a nucleus of faithful and steady workers who keep alight the fire of Theosophic idealism and constitute a well founded hope that when those handicaps disappear a bright development will take place.

The statement of Lodges and members at the close of our yearly period ending September 30th, 1932 is as follows :

No new Lodges were formed during the year, and 3 were dissolved, so we have now 17. The number of members admitted was 33, while 10 resigned, dropped out or died, leaving a total number of 173 active members. We have published no books this year.

I wish to convey to you, our beloved President and to all members of the Convention my feelings of love and faithfulness ; also from our Lodges. And our hearty wishes for the complete recovery of your health.

30-9-32

DR. JOSÉ R. VILLAVARDE,  
*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN HUNGARY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honour to send you the following Report of the Hungarian Section T. S., covering the year November 1, 1931—October 15, 1932.

The great financial troubles in the country have added considerably to our difficulties in the Section, and resulted in a further decrease in membership. Although the resignations are the same in number as in the previous year, yet we have a loss of 59 members. The economic depression of the country keenly affects the individual, and people seem only to be concerned with the problem of providing the daily needs of themselves and their families; so the new members have considerably diminished, being only 10, while the number of lapsed members is growing steadily, amounting to 33 this year. There were also 22 resignations and 4 deaths, so that the total membership is now 350. The Lodges have decreased by 1, leaving us with 15.

*Meetings.*—Members' meetings were held every Thursday, from October to May. Discussion meetings, introduced this year, proved to be a very useful feature of the work. A subject of vital interest was put forward by the chairman, and anyone could speak on the subject for five minutes; thus light was thrown from different angles on the various problems of the members. The Question and Answer meetings, as in previous years, were satisfactory in helping members to think out problems for themselves. We introduced a Speakers' Class this year, under the leadership of Mr. Ernő Martinovich, who himself is a brilliant speaker, in order to train young members to become good lecturers in their turn. Propaganda lectures have been held every Sunday at Headquarters, from November to September. Visitors this year were: Mr. John Cordes, and Dr. Rudolf Biach, from Vienna, who gave several lectures to members, and also public lectures, which were greatly appreciated.

*Publishing Activity.*—This had to be reduced considerably for lack of funds. The translation of C. W. Leadbeater's book *The Masters and the Path*, printed on our own machine, is a great asset to our Hungarian Theosophical literature. Our Sectional magazine, *Theosophical News and Notes*, was again published monthly during the year, and was sent free to all members in good standing, in order that the members living in the country, and not being able to attend the meetings should be in touch with the life and work of the Section.

*Finance.*—The financial conditions of the Section have never before been as bad as to-day. Everybody in this country is subject to the great poverty of the whole nation. Most of the members can no

longer pay even the low membership fees, and people are reluctant to join the Society for the same reason. Our expenditures, on the other hand, have increased considerably, owing to the cost of our new Headquarters, building repairs, increasing Government taxes, and the high interest of the loan on Headquarters building. The Treasurer's Balance-Sheet for the coming year shows a deficit of £500. We would like to draw your attention to this very critical financial position of the Hungarian Section, in the hope that our urgent appeal for help will meet with response, and we shall not be compelled to give up our Headquarters, but recently acquired, chiefly with the generous help of our beloved President.

I would convey to you, our beloved President, the love and gratitude of the Hungarian Section, and our brotherly greetings to all members of the General Council.

ELISABETH DE RATHONYI,

*General Secretary.*

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#### T. S. IN FINLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The present hard economic and political depression with all its troubles and conflicts has had a very unfortunate effect on the theosophical work in our country, because the members of our Section are greatly depressed by their private troubles and the public has now very little interest in such work as the Theosophists are doing. Consequently, there are very few people who support Theosophical work. Our Section as owner of a real estate burdened by very great debt is now near bankruptcy; the estate requires all money we can get and more still, so that we have no means for Theosophical work.

The membership total last year was 648, of whom 44 members have died, or left the Society. New members have joined to the number of 15, the total membership being now reduced to 619, among whom there are 132 unattached members.

Work has been continued along the same lines as before. In the Lodges—of which the greatest and most active ones are in Helsinki,

Tampere and Turku—members have gathered once a week to read and discuss theosophical subjects. They have also arranged public discourses and meetings with a programme of reports, rehearsals, music and discourses, which have been most effective sides of the Theosophical work. In other meetings of the Lodges discourses on many subjects in philosophy, science and religion from the theosophical point of view have been delivered and discussed. The Headquarters of our Society has also continued its public lectures every fortnight, and has also arranged theosophical entertainments on the memorial days of the Society. At our summer home, "Merilä", a week of study for members was arranged in July.

The Annual Convention of the T. S. in Finland and our Anniversary Celebration were held in Helsinki in March. The Convention was especially dedicated to the memory of the 25 year's existence of our Section. In addition to lectures, there was a melodrama arranged on the basis of Krishnamurti's poem *The Search*, with triomusic (Cesar Franck-Air) and rehearsal by Theosophical reciting-choir.

During the year the General Secretary has been lecturing in Helsinki, Tampere, Turku, Pori, Jyväskylä, Kikkeli, Viipuri and Kotka. Other members of Lodges have also been lecturing and one foreign visitor, Mr. A. B. Arlick, from India, delivered two public lectures in Helsinki.

Because we have not had money to publish new Theosophical books, we have made printed propaganda only by means of our monthly *Teosofi*, which has been published regularly. In March we had a special 25 year's celebration number, with original essays by Finnish members. I am sorry that the number of subscribers of *Teosofi* has now decreased to 682, though it is very cheap in proportion to its contents and size, thus causing loss to our Section.

Though the situation of our Section now seems weak and depressed, we are still trusting, however, in our noble effort, and we hope the blessing of the High Ones will help our work as we look boldly towards the future. Though we cannot see any results of our Theosophical work, we still believe that we are working for the brotherhood of humanity and serving the cause of our Masters.



To our noble and beloved President I will herewith express the heartiest greetings of the members of the Finnish Section, who are grateful for all the good things she has so abundantly given us all through her work and example.

A. RANKKA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## THE RUSSIAN T. S. OUTSIDE RUSSIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The "R. T. S. outside Russia" sends to our beloved President the expression of its trust and its loyalty.

*Statistics.*—We have now 11 Lodges and 3 Centres: 9 Lodges in Europe, 2 in Asia. Of our Centres, 2 are in Poland and 1 in America. One Lodge has been dissolved, at Sofia, Bulgaria.

During this year 11 members have been admitted; 3 resigned; 4 died; 50 dropped. The total number of members, attached and unattached is 175. But only 82 members have paid their dues.

*Convention.*—The Seventh Convention, which was to be held in Paris, in May, had to be postponed until next year, because of troubled conditions in France and difficulties with Russian passports.

*Propaganda.*—In 1931-32, the General Secretary lectured in Geneva, Paris, Brussels and London, for the Russians, in Russian.

*Publishing.*—Our little magazine *Viestnik* is being issued rather irregularly, for there are very few paying subscribers. The Sectional Bulletin, typewritten, has been issued 3 times this year, giving all needful information and answering questions. Owing to the generous help of dear friends and the self-sacrificing labour of our member in Reval, Mr. P. Raggis, we have been able to publish Mrs. H. Pissareff's book: *The Sense of Life*.

*Lodge Work.*—All Russian Lodges have met and worked regularly, although on some new lines. Some have organized a series of public meetings and concerts (Alkonost, Kitej, Berlin, Tientsin). Some have worked with beginners and inquirers (Belgrade, Brussels, London). Geneva being our Headquarters, had much to do with the work of organizing and correspondence. We had also in Geneva a public lecture and many meetings with friends and enquirers,

*Subsidiary Activities.*—The Order of Service is very active in Paris, Geneva and Tientsin. Art groups exist in several Lodges. There are also healing groups and peace groups. The Slavonic Brotherhood meets yearly and organizes in different centres a Slavonic meeting with a concert. Groups of the movement for the Theosophical World University are also working in several Russian centres,

*International Work.*—The General Secretary and the Vice-President, Miss C. Helmboldt, have worked in Paris, Brussels, London. Dr. A. Kamensky has made a tour in Switzerland also, on behalf of the Swiss Section, and lectured in French and German in Lausanne, Berne, Basel, Zurich, Locarno. She has given a public lecture in Paris for the French Section. In Brussels she was asked to preside over the Belgian Convention, and lectured for the Belgian Section.

*Peace Work.*—Dr. A. Kamensky is the representative of the World Peace Union and has organized in Geneva the "Peace-Week", working with diverse pacifist international associations, who have their Headquarters in Geneva.

*Summing Up.*—During the 10 years of its existence, the "R. T. S. outside Russia" has created a wide movement amidst Russian exiles and has given to many of them a new strength and a new understanding of life. At the same time the Russian T. S. members are heartily collaborating with local Sections, wherever they are.

We send our hearty good wishes and our loving thoughts to all brethren assembled at the Annual Convention in India.

A. KAMENSKY,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN SCOTLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have much pleasure in submitting my Annual Report of the Scottish Section.

On 30th April, 1931, we had 558 active members. Between that date and 30th April, 1932, 21 members joined, as against 15 last year, one transferred to England, 8 died, 19 resigned (as

against 24 last year), and 19 were suspended (as against 35 last year), making a total active membership of 532 at 30th April, 1932. The number of Lodges is still 29.

During the Session work on propaganda lines has been quiet. It has been felt generally that times were difficult, and all that could reasonably be expected was that the Lodges should hold their own. This has been done, and not only has the usual work been carried out, but one or two Lodges have readjusted themselves, and it seems as if they have entered upon a new period of prosperity and activity. The services of "home" lecturers have been much in demand, and these have responded nobly in every case. We have, however, welcomed two lecturers from across the border—Mr. F. E. Pearce and Mr. Percy Lund.

The Eastern, Western and Northern Districts have sent in reports of public lectures, symposia, discussions and study groups held by the different Lodges throughout the year. Inverness, the smallest of the Northern Lodges, has doubled its membership, and so no longer answers to that description, and a note of quiet optimism seems to mark most of the reports sent in. It is felt that the lowest point of these difficult years has been reached, and that an era of onward movement has begun. This is indicated by new members joining, and by a feeling of life and activity flowing slowly but surely.

Our 22nd Annual Convention was held this year on June 11th and 12th, at the Scottish Headquarters, Edinburgh. Mrs. Margaret Jackson, General Secretary, English Section, presided and was accorded a warm and loving welcome. It was an assembly chiefly composed of those who know the value of Theosophy. The whole note of the Convention was cultural rather than academic—there was a happy sense of spaciousness—a consciousness of the dignity of the Inner Government and the importance of The Plan in individual and international Life. The urgency of individual fitness, individual assent to and for co-operative effort was emphasized.

Before closing my report I wish specially to record my warm thanks to Mr. Christopher Gale for so ably undertaking at my request the duties of General Secretary during the time that my health has prevented me from taking an active part in the affairs of the Scottish Section,

We send our most affectionate loyalty to you, our dear President, and our cordial greetings to all our brothers at Convention.

JOHN P. ALLAN,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN SWITZERLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

During the year we had 14 new registrations, so our small Section now counts 214 members.

The work has been very active, each Lodge trying to keep up and to be a bringer of Light into the present world difficulties. Lecturers have been sent to different parts of the country, the German speaking part of Switzerland being desirous of having a new vitality infused into it.

Our great difficulty, especially in Geneva, is not the want of capable lecturers—the International centre provides us generously with the lecturers who come to it—but to gather audiences to hear them. Crowds of lectures on spiritual subjects are offered to the public, under different denominations. During the winter Geneva has two or three lectures every evening, and some of them are quite first rate.

Notwithstanding the difficulties, we go on with good will. The Presidents of branches and most of the members show a beautiful spirit of consecration. Much useful work is done by them and the Wisdom is largely presented to the public, either in lectures or by the life of the Theosophists.

Books on Occultism are much in favour, but I regret to say that our specific Theosophical literature finds very few readers at present.

Our loving thoughts go to our dear President and to her co-workers in Adyar.

25-9-32

LOUISA ROLLIER,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN BELGIUM

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I beg to send you herewith a short report on our activities during the past year.

The number of our members is 378 as against 405 for the previous year. We delivered 28 new diplomas, but lost 55 members by death, transfer to other Sections, or removal from the lists. We have 12 Branches, as before, *i.e.*, seven in Brussels, three in Antwerp, one in Liège and one in Ghent. Rather a large proportion of our members—66—are unattached.

Our activities have been similar to those of last year, with the exception of the *Bulletin Théosophique Belge*, which we could not publish this year owing to lack of sufficient funds. Public lectures have been given every Saturday. Dr. Kamensky presided over our Annual Convention, and made us a very inspiring speech. Non-Theosophists also delivered lectures; let us mention particularly Professor Lavachery.

A new feature this year were public lectures given under the auspices of a Branch. Mr. De Pauw, from Vrede Tak (Peace Branch), Ghent, delivered a very eloquent speech in Flemish, which was much appreciated. Each lecture is preceded by a musical selection. Lotus Day and Adyar Day were commemorated with the usual ceremonial and solemnity.

The Theosophical Society in Belgium works hand in hand with the Order of Service, and several lectures were given under its auspices in our Headquarters.

Our Library and book-selling department are doing good work.

Our financial situation has improved, in so far as Fcs. 52,000 of our debts have been paid off this year. The decrease in our resources due to the lessening of the rents paid by our leaseholders, and to the decrease in the number of our members, renders our financial situation less promising, and even rather difficult, for the near future. Still, we hope for the best.

GASTON POLAK,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN THE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honor and pleasure of presenting to you the following report of the activities of the Netherland East Indian Section during the last two years.

*Statistics.*—The number of active Lodges is now 26. The members admitted since last report number 225, but 569 resigned, dropped out or died, so the number of active members is now 1,746. Of these 846 are European, 715 Indonesian and 185 Chinese. The number of members has still decreased owing to the general world depression, and because several more members resigned as a result of the teachings of Krishnaji.

*Magazines Published.*—(1) The sectional magazine *Het Theosophisch Maandblad* has changed ownership. It is published by the "Boekhandel Minerva", our own Theosophical publishing trust, under the name of *De Pionier* and edited by some well known Theosophists. The magazine deals with present day problems and Theosophical subjects. It has many subscribers outside Theosophical circles.

(2) *Pewarta Theosofie*, a magazine in the Malay language, also dealing with Theosophical and other problems and spreading Theosophy in non-Theosophical circles. (3) *Koemandang Theosofie*, a magazine in the Javanese language. (4) *Theosofie in Nederlandsch Indie*, printed both in Dutch and Malay, this being the official Sectional magazine.

*Theosophical Events.*—Big events of great importance have not taken place. Although many people left the Society, there is a feeling that the Theosophical sky is clearer than a year ago. Still, Lodge meetings are very badly attended; only a few new members drop in. The older members especially grow convinced that we have to be open-minded for everything that is going on the world, but also that the Theosophist has to offer his own special solution to all the difficulties that are raging around us. To many Theosophists, Theosophy is dearer to their hearts than a year ago, not the less to younger members and to the young Theosophists. This in itself is an important event.

*National Convention.*—The National Convention of 1932 was held in Djokjakarta, the capital of one of the native states. The

Convention proved a great success. There were 48 delegates of Theosophical Lodges present and about a hundred members of the Society. Education was this time the topic of interest, and as education plays a big part in the activities of our Section—we have 15 schools and about 2,000 pupils—we trust that the newly awakened interest which was prevalent at this congress will promote a greater co-operation between the members with regard to this part of the work—the more so where the Government wants the subsidised schools to follow specific lines of education. So we have to reconsider our school curricula and to reconstruct them on a stricter Theosophical basis. The economic problems were also taken up seriously during this convention. In some Lodges the members are deeply interested in psychic problems and are studying psychology and para-psychology.

In Batavia has been founded a University for older people, where University Extension Courses are given. The Batavia Lodge has made this possible, and has in fact taken the initiative in connection with it.

*Special Activities.*—Recently a new movement has been started to spread the Theosophical tenets among the common people, in fact among the illiterate. It is named The Pemitran Tjahja, meaning the Friends of the Light. Every member of the T. S. may go out in the country and form a group. Members of the Pemitran Tjahja need not be members of the T. S. The dues are only very small. There are already formed 8 groups. It is hoped that through this movement the simpler people may get hold of the elementary Theosophical ideas.

17-10-32

P. FOURNIER,

*Acting General Secretary.*

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#### T. S. IN BURMA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Introductory.*—I have great pleasure to place before you the report of the Theosophical Society in Burma, for the year ending 30th September, 1932, and to state that efforts to spread the message of Theosophy have been continued in spite of the still unsettled state of the country due to acute trade depression, political agitation and economic distress.

*Strength.*—We had only 5 admissions during the year. We have eliminated from our list many who were on the suspense list. There were two transfers to other Sections. At the close of the year we have 162 active members, not including 110 honorary Bhikku members, or in all 272 members.

*Lodges.*—The number of chartered Lodges remained the same, viz., ten, but the only active Lodges were Rangoon, Mandalay, Maymyo and the Youth Lodge. Rangoon Lodge was the most active, as usual. The Library and Reading room were further improved by the addition of more books, to the value of Rs. 300, and this attracted more readers. Sunday classes were regularly held. Mr. N. A. Naganathan continued the class for the study of "Philosophy of Vedanta" and later on took up *Towards Discipleship*. Youth members had a special class to study Theosophy. Wednesday classes were revived for some time and Mr. K. R. Chari took up the study of *The Masters and the Path*. Devotional concerts were continued again during the year. Lectures were delivered at the Lodge from time to time. Rev. Dorabjee Prajna delivered two lectures. Rev. Dayanand Priyadarsi (Darell J. J. Peiris) also gave some discourses on "Life Problems" at the Lodge.

Mandalay Lodge held the usual weekly classes. Mr. T. R. Govindaraj and Mr. B. N. Roy Chowdhury carried on the work of Maymyo Lodge. The Library and Reading room at Mandalay was much used by the public, and our thanks are due to Mr. Dorabjee for all the work in keeping the Mandalay Lodge active.

A number of our members from different places report good work in their centres—U Po Mya from Thayetmyo, U San Mya from Taungdwingyi, U Hla Maung from Pyinmana, and U Kyaw Hla from Mandalay, on various activities. Several Rangoon members are interested in the "Humanitarian League", and their report shows a great encouragement. Mrs. Wales did a good deal of propaganda work in Burmese in and around Thingangyun.

The celebration of the centenary of our late President-Founder, Col. Olcott, was held at Mandalay and Rangoon. The President's birthday was also celebrated in all Lodges.

*Propaganda.*—Very useful work was done in this direction. The Section subscribed for a number of copies of *The Theosophist* to be placed in important reading rooms in Burma, and there are



reports to show that the magazine is well read. Over 500 copies of *At the Feet of the Master* in Burmese, *Theosophy and the Sangha*, *The Noble-Eightfold Path* (in Burmese), *Arahats* (in Burmese), and *Theosophy and the Theosophical Society* were distributed in the province, and resulted in enquiries.

*Sectional Magazine.* *The Message of Theosophy*, the sectional organ, was not renewed during the year, owing to lack of funds, but it is now revived just at the close of the year. Keeping a link with uncountrry members is possible in the absence of wholetime workers only through a monthly.

*Finance.*—There is nothing satisfactory to report under finance, as the collection of annual dues from members has become very difficult.

*Section Land.*—The land owned by the Section at Thingangyun remains in the same position. Prices have fallen down, and it is very difficult to find a proper purchaser at the present time.

*B. E. T. Schools.*—The increase of 100 boys in the Boys' High School, and 70 girls in the Girls' School is an encouragement to the members. The financial position has not much improved, but the public take more interest in helping the schools. The deficit in the Boys' School is met entirely by public subscriptions, while that of the Girls' School is met by Rangoon members. A few of our Trust members are taking a keen interest in the running of the schools. There is further room for expansion, but with the present financial stringency things must move on rather cautiously.

*Annual Convention.*—The 20th Annual Convention was held at Rangoon in December, 1931, and presided over by Mr. J. C. Bilimoria.

*Conclusion.*—The working of the Society has been satisfactory, considering the present situation in the country, but it would have been more vigorous and better if only our members took more interest in the Society. There has been a lack of interest in some of our old steady members, but I hope that they will begin to evince more interest in this task, as I see signs of many members coming back to the Society.

I take this opportunity on behalf of our members to send our loving greetings to our beloved President for everything we owe to her. We also send our loving greetings to Bishop Leadbeater, Mr. Jinarajadasa, Mr. Arundale and Mr. Krishnamurti,

May the Peace and Blessings of the Holy Ones inspire us to live and spread the Message of Theosophy, and thus help to remove the ignorance and misery of suffering humanity.

4th December, 1932

N. A. NAGANATHAN,

*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN AUSTRIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honour to inform you of the life and activities of the Austrian Section of the Theosophical Society.

*Statistics.*—This year one new Lodge was added to our list. There are at present 9, one of which is still slumbering. We have admitted 40 members, but 4 emigrated, 1 died, 16 resigned and 65 were dropped, so there are now 494 active members. The reason for the growing number of resigning and dropped members is chiefly the very bad economic crisis of our country. It was not possible for us to hire lecture halls outside of our Headquarters, where, in consequence, we had to give also our public lectures.

*Finances.*—In spite of all difficulties from outside, the balance of our household could be kept up, thanks to our excellent Treasurer Mr. M. Schefranek and the splendid co-operation of all the officers in our T. S. Board. Our much honoured leaders, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Dr. George and Mrs. Rukmini Arundale, whose visit was only a very short one, helped us also by a gift for procuring 50 chairs for our lecture-room. Last, not least, it was the enthusiastic generosity of some of our members which enabled the Treasurer to draw up a favourable balance.

*Library.*—Our library numbers 2,938 volumes, but we regret that the purchase of even one of the many new Theosophical books in English is impossible for us at present.

*Lodge-Activities.*—Every Monday we held lectures for members, given by a large number of different lecturers, on social, religious and scientific questions of our times. Twice a month public lectures were given. Every Friday there is also a general introduction to the Theosophical teachings. Every Tuesday in Vienna Lodge

"Gnosis" the General Secretary gave lectures about the principles of Astrology.

The Lodges "Lotos" and "Pythagoras" worked similarly in their own quarters. The Lodge "Blavatsky" did the outer work in Graz, while the Lodge "Gnosis," Graz, worked more on the inner side.

Excellent propaganda and international co-operation work was done by our Secretary, Mr. Karl Riedel, in publishing the *Theosophischen Nachrichten der Österr. T. G.*, in which the most interesting articles of *The Theosophist* and *World Theosophy*, in the form of extracts, as well as news and notes on the Theosophical movement, were published. The magazine edited by him is typewritten and sent to the different readers in Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Jugoslavia and other countries. The *Theosophischen Nachrichten* are sustained by the voluntary donations of its readers.

*Kindred Movements.*—Mrs. Mary Auner succeeded after 6 years in introducing a course of musical education of school-children in Vienna. Now the introduction of children to classical music is to be carried on officially under the supervision of two representatives of the "Musikpädagogischen Verband", one of whom is Mrs. Mary Auner. Mrs. Helene Schleifer assisted by her collaborators, Mrs. Melas, Miss Schnitzer and others, continued her work of helping girls by her "Girls' Club", meeting once a week in one of the workers' districts of Vienna. The World University Association arranged several lectures, held by its present chairman, as well as a summer school on Sunday afternoons in our "Theosophen-Heim Eden" near Vienna, where different lecturers addressed the visitors.

Thanks to the spiritual help of our beloved John Cordes, and our dear sister, Miss Elly Kastinger, the spirit of our National Society is always cheerful and full of gratitude towards the glorious Hierarchy of the Great White Lodge and its great representatives in the outer world.

The Austrian Section sends its most loyal and heartfelt greetings to our very revered and beloved President.

FRITZ SCHLEIFER,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN NORWAY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The past year has included two events of great importance to our small Section. First, we have, together with the Co-Masons, bought a large property in the best part of Oslo, for the purpose of providing suitable localities for Headquarters for both organizations. In a few years we shall probably be able to arrange good rooms for the Headquarters of the Secretary in Norway.

Second, we have this year at last realized an old desire—a Theosophical summer school. The school was held from 2nd to 10th July, with Mr. Edwin C. Bolt as leader, and it became a real success. Mr. Bolt succeeded in creating an atmosphere, in which most of us really felt the one Life in all things—days which none of us will ever forget.

The public lectures arranged by the Section and the Oslo Lodges in co-operation have been carried on, and have met with approval.

Upon the whole the conditions this year are more cleared, and even if the interest is not burning, it is at least increased, and if the economic depression—as we hope—within a reasonable near future is reduced, I believe that the Theosophic life in Norway will gain much strength.

The Norwegian Section sends its reverent and heartfelt greetings to its beloved President and to all her co-workers at Headquarters.

October, 1932

JULIUS MICHELSEN,

*General Secretary.*

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 T. S. IN DENMARK

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have hereby the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report of the Danish National Society for October, 1931—October, 1932.

Our total membership is now 421, as 21 members were admitted and 30 resigned, dropped out or died. We lost 3 Lodges and formed 2, so we have 12.

No pamphlets or books were published during the year, and the sale of our literature has decreased considerably, partly on

account of the financial crisis, but our magazine *Theosophia* has been able to stand the crisis and has continued as usual with nine issues a year.

The work in the Lodges has been good and successful. Most of them report good attendance, and a fraternal spirit in the Lodge work. About 40 public lectures have been delivered, mostly in Copenhagen. Keen interest was shown, and the attendance was rather good, but did not result in applications for membership.

The Annual Convention was held in Copenhagen. The attendance was bad—about 10 delegates were present, all but one representing Copenhagen branches. On the whole, it must be said that the members show a deplorable lack of interest in all the work that belongs to the formal side of the Society's organization. Still, most of the Presidents of the Lodges are full of hopes as to the success of the Theosophical work in our country in the near future. They think that the lowest point of the decline has been passed.

In the months of April and May, Mr. Edwin Bolt, Edinburgh, visited us and was the excellent leader of successful "summer schools" both in Jutland and Copenhagen. Now for three years we have been assisted and inspired by this indefatigable and trusty theosophical worker. More than half our members had this year an opportunity of listening to Mr. Bolt's lectures and talks, and we want to express our appreciation and gratefulness.

Accept, revered President, our loyal and affectionate greetings from all the members of the Danish National Society.

H. O. SVERRILD,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN IRELAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The Report I am writing as regards conditions in Ireland is somewhat difficult, when one tries to put into words just how things stand there. Physical, astral and mental bodies of the Society are not as they should be—because a Society represents a body and we would like to see that body bright, active and shining in the surrounding gloom of depression and financial chaos—all around to-day in Ireland and all over the world.

There have been 19 resignations, and 4 new members have joined; but we know and believe numbers do not mean so much, after all; what is more important is the strength, stability and loyalty of the one or two who remain as lighthouses at their posts, holding the fort of Theosophy in a country difficult just now, on account of a transient condition of political and economic affairs.

We have in the North Lodges—Belfast and Derry—splendid workers. Dublin Lodges will, I believe, improve once outside things become more settled—Cork continues to keep the light burning.

We hope that all members over the world will remember Ireland, and send all the members their strong helpful thought, for in that way alone can members be resolved to their former healthy activity, and become a united body that can be of use to the Masters.

MARGARET G. ROBINSON,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN MEXICO

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

At the close of this year 1932, the Sociedad Teosófica en México stands as follows:

*Statistics.*—According to the latest figures, the number of fellows in good standing in our Section amounts to 244. During the year 25 new Members have been admitted; 42 were removed for non-payment of the annual dues since 1931 and 3 died. Six are considered as unable to pay, though being very earnest members.

Our Active Lodges amount to 15. Three Lodges are dormant and 2 moribund. One was dissolved and the Charter returned. A new Lodge, under the name of "Rama Urano" was formed at Tampico (April, 1932) which, like a Phoenix, sprouted out of the ashes of the "Hypatia" Lodge. Four very active and well-attended study centres may be specially mentioned, those at Orizaba, Veracruz, Campeche and Progreso, Yuc.—two of them to be soon raised to Lodges as they count with five and three active fellows of the T.S.

*Propaganda.*—According to reports received, members' meetings and study classes were unceasingly held all the year round, by almost all our Lodges, especially the eastern ones. At the City of Mexico daily study and Lodge meetings are held, except on Saturdays. Every Sunday at noon, a study and open discussion on Krishnaji's teachings have been conducted by one of our former General Secretaries, Dr. Agustin Servin de la Mora. Similar public classes are being held at Monterrey.

We published 5,000 copies of *The Flesh-eating Vice*, a pamphlet adapted from several pages of Mr. Pavri's *Theosophy Explained*, and reprinted 7,500 leaflets on Mr. Krishnamurti's teachings. Owing to the six months absence of the General Secretary from the City of Mexico, and to the fact that almost all moneys were invested as payment of our T.S. Home, which we are acquiring, only one issue of our Sectional Magazine, *El México Teosófico*, appeared this year.

Dr. Arturo Mendez, President of the "Psique" Lodge, at San Luis Potosí, issued a little book on *Simpácticoterapia*, the new surgical treatment discovered by Dr. Gómez Lluca (Argentine), relating the treatment to the existence of the chakrams, and thus opening to medical science a new understanding about them.

Senora Consuelo R. de Aldag is making a fruitful tour through Yucatan and Campeche, delivering many public lectures and striving to re-enforce the cohesion among our fellows there. It seems that the trial to which Krishnaji's words put our members at Yucatan is now passing away from their minds and hearts, after four years.

A two-week visit was paid to our Fellows at Monterrey, early in September, by Ing. Manuel E. Velasco, one of our oldest and most learned members. He worked among F.T.S only, and, according to letters received, threw plenty of light upon their thoughts and their attitude to each other.

*Funds.*—Up to time of writing we have disbursed \$14,905'00 on account of the contract for the acquisition of our Headquarters. Our entries, however, have this year been shorter than those of 1931, owing to lack of payment of several annual dues. No salaries have been paid since the inauguration of our Section in 1920, and the General Secretary has usually single-handed had to carry on the correspondence as well as all office routine, editing the

Magazine and dedicating all his spare time to the work for our beloved Society.

*The 13th Convention.*—Our Annual Convention was held at the City of Mexico, November 14—17, 1931, when the General Secretary was re-elected. Unity and cordiality were then the two outstanding features, the evening lectures being accompanied by music and eurythmic dances.

*Distinguished Visitor.*—At the beginning of the Spring we were happy to see in our midst Dr. J. J. van der Leeuw, who came from the United States of America to pay a visit to the famous Atlantean ruins at Yucatan. Thence he came by airplane to Mexico City and visited us twice. A very interesting Question and Answer meeting took place at Headquarters on Sunday the 10th of April. Next day he continued his air trip down to Central America and Brazil.

I am again privileged to send to Dr. Annie Besant with this report the love and respect of every member of our Section. We reaffirm our full appreciation of her long and continued services to humanity; we consider her as one of the greatest moral and spiritual forces in our time, and feel strengthened through her.

ADOLFO DE LA PENA GIL,

*General Secretary.*

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T. S. IN CANADA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Last year's centenary of Madame Blavatsky's birth has been followed this year by the centenary of Colonel Olcott, not so widely celebrated, but noted with much enthusiasm in many Lodges and marking the breadth of sentiment, as well as the learning, which H. P. B. contributed to the Movement. As President, Col. Olcott was a valuable organizer; it marks the weakness of the Society in this respect that Mr. George Arundale should issue a pamphlet at the present time calling for the help of the Masters to nominate a President, rather than appeal to the members to do their own choosing. And the old cry of disloyalty to the Masters is raised by some who do not perceive that



it would be the worst kind of disloyalty to the Masters to disobey their wishes by failing to preserve the Society they founded free of dogma or creed, even in regard to their own existence.

This reminds us that you have still been spared to us since a year ago, when such grave reports concerning your health were sent across the world. It has been a year of great activity and of considerable progress, and we may well wish that you may continue to be spared to us and save us the perplexity that now appears to confront Mr. Arundale and others.

Early in this month of November, Mr. Krishnamurti paid Toronto a visit, after having been in Western Canada some weeks previously. He gave three addresses in the Theosophical Hall under the auspices of an independent Committee, and to capacity audiences who came by invitation. This was the alternative of going to great expense and taking the only available large hall, in which he might not have been audible. Mr. Krishnamurti made a most favourable impression for honesty, good faith, frankness, and unpretentious simplicity. He strongly objected to all forms of organization, holding that membership in anything created a bias. He could not believe that our T. S. in Canada was free of bias, and we could only account for this by his previous experiences elsewhere. These must have created a bias against us. However, we were the best of friends and we believe Mr. Krishnamurti enjoyed his visit. His utterances were entirely in harmony with what we have maintained in Canada throughout the history of the Society and for which, in recent years, we have been condemned as disloyal, some two hundred of our members withdrawing and forming the Canadian Federation because we advocated what Mr. Krishnamurti now proclaims. And our Society is still big enough for those who accept and for those who oppose such views.

There are many Movements carrying on work of a more or less valuable character. We have seen the work of Rev. H. J. Hahn of Buffalo, who was wont to broadcast his sermons on religion and economics, prohibited because the wireless corporation would not permit him to say what he thought. He preached the ethics of Jesus Christ as applied to our social and business life.

The most active Movement is that known as the Oxford Group, started twenty years ago and headed by Frank Buchman, who

professes to follow the spiritual guidance heralded in the New Testament, requiring utter honesty, truth and frankness of speech, the observance of the Golden Rule, and restitution for and confession of all injuries. This Movement spreads by personal influence, refuses advertisement, rejects emotionalism and hysteria, and succeeds by quiet persuasion. It is directed to the well-to-do in the same way as the Salvation Army works among the poorer people. These Movements are mentioned because to some extent they are doing the work The Theosophical Society began to do. The Oxford Movement is a kind of Karma-Bhakti effort and undoubtedly has had deep influence among all kinds of people. We might well take a leaf out of Frank Buchman's book and promote the "changed lives" which he aims at.

Probably the social and economic conditions have created a greater interest in other-world thought. We are in the third winter of hard times, and a public man said the other day that if the people had to go foodless for a fourth winter there will be a revolution. Our politicians are quite blind and planless. They can think of nothing but feeding the hungry, and they do this very inadequately. Last winter the Toronto Lodge women started a luncheon and dinner course for girls out of employment and were able to do much good. They helped with clothing also, and some of our members in the Dickens Fellowship in Hamilton carried on clothing work for children and helped a large number of families, with the assistance of the Fellowship generally. It is easier to work through other agencies than directly through the Society in many communities.

The character of the depression has been such that all classes have suffered except the very wealthy. This has affected our membership, which has once more been diminished, the membership dropping from 397 to 357, which corresponds closely with the general drop in the whole Society. Most of the lapse is due to the inability of the members to pay the small fee of five cents a week which is the test of our membership. Some of these have continued to subscribe for *The Canadian Theosophist* which is supplied free to members. But this publication could not have continued without the help of some generous friends who donated funds to keep it going during the year. Further help is needed if it is to continue.

We find an increasing interest in Astrology, perhaps due to the desire to know the worst of the situation. The Scott Centenary drew forth a series of articles by one of our members, Mr. Cecil Williams, on *The Occult in Scott*. This is an exhaustive reference to all the allusions and statements regarding such matters in the works of the poet and novelist. Perhaps of greater interest to students are the paraphrases in matrical form of some of the chapters of *The Bhagavad-Gita* by Mr. James Morgan Pryse, which promise to place the more important chapters before readers in a lucid and intelligible way. Mr. Williams' *Appeal to Youth* stirred strong interest in many readers, and the Hamilton Lodge responded with a note in the April issue emphasizing this call to youth. If the young do not hear the message of the Society it must soon die out. It has been said that we preach a gospel for the sad and the sick, the old and the weary, the hopeless and the dying, and that there is nothing to attract the young in our homilies on Karma and Reincarnation. This should not be the case. The young are more concerned with Reincarnation and the continuing life of the Universe in which they share than any others can be. It is knowledge which preserves us young, and carries us through death to the life everlasting, and from fatuous living to unfaltering and felicitous fellowship with all men.

Two things have occupied our correspondence columns during the year. One was a reopening of the problems in connection with the Point Loma developments of the matters in which the Diaries of the late Mr. Judge were concerned, as evidence of his having appointed Mrs. Tingley as his successor in the United States Theosophical work. It first came up when Dr. Lischner impugned the good faith of Dr. G. de Purucker in assuming the Leadership of the Point Loma Society. Then Mr. August Neresheimer asserted that he had the original and only diary kept by Mr. Judge, and that there was nothing in it corresponding to the assertions made in the circular issued in April, 1896, on which Mrs. Tingley's authority was established. Mr. Fussell of Point Loma then asserted that loose leaf sheets were preserved at Point Loma on which the alleged statements had been written by Mr. Judge. Whether these statements are to be accepted or not, they are all beside the real point, that no successor to Madame Blavatsky existed or was possible. No light has been thrown upon this controversy by any

of the survivors who supported or issued the original statements, and a number of these have changed their minds on the matter.

Many interesting books have been issued during the year, and have attracted attention in Canada. Among these Dr. de Purucker's *Fundamentals of Esoteric Philosophy* has stirred up much controversy and the criticism has been decidedly prejudiced. It is a difficult book to estimate, as its style is involved, and as it consists of the reports of lectures. Divested of certain eccentricities of speech which arouse antipathy, the book is calculated to stir interest in the teachings of the Secret Doctrine, on account of its elaborations of recondite points and interpretations of difficult passages which are capable of various meanings. The tendency of the Point Loma propaganda is to place the book on a higher level than the Blavatsky writings, and this does not invite confidence. At the same time no harm can come to any student from reading interpretations of the Secret Doctrine, if he take care to remember that no book obtains authority except from the reader's own judgment. He must seek his own interpretation and stand or fall by that.

The new and complete edition of Madame Blavatsky's writings is now in process of publication and both Adyar and Point Loma and other students have been co-operating with the Messrs. Riding to make it a success. The first volume has not reached Canada yet, but has been published at 15/-, and a volume is to be issued quarterly until about fourteen are completed. A book that has attracted much attention is *The Soul of Nyria*, a fully annotated version of Mrs. Campbell Praed's book *Nyria*. This is a revelation by an "instrument" of recollections of life in ancient Rome and is certainly a remarkable volume. The evidence is profuse of the facts stated with historical and other records. The occultist mentioned in the investigations was none other than our late Vice-President, Mr. A. P. Sinnett.

In connection with the Oxford Group Movement, one of the first books published was Harold Begbie's *Life-Changers*, but a more recent book is A. J. Russell's *For Sinners Only*. Two other books bearing on the same life-changing cult are by Lloyd C. Douglas and are of great power and remarkable literary quality, both as regards humour and character. The first is *Magnificent Obsession* and the second *Forgive Us Our Trespases*. No one can

read these books without finding some clue to the real yoga. One must not forget the very fine list of books issued by the Adyar Publishing House this year. The Oriental Series is a real boon.

We have four deaths to report this year, which we deeply deplore. Mary Folger Lang, who wrote the little pamphlet, *Elementary Theosophy*, wife of Albion E. Lang, died on December 6, a year ago; William Mulliss, a prominent newspaper man of Hamilton, and earnest Theosophist, died on January 14; John Wurtele Lovell, of Canadian birth, and the only survivor of the original founders of the Theosophical Society in 1875, died in New York on April 18; he had published many Theosophical books in cheap form in the last decade of the 19th century; and Rev. Robert Norwood, D.D., D.C.L., D. Litt., rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, New York, and a member of the London, Ontario Lodge, who died on September 28. The latter is a great loss to us, as he had very wide influence and made his ministry a channel of Theosophical teaching.

20th November, 1932.

ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE,

*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN ARGENTINA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honour to send herewith my Annual Report on the activities of the Argentine Section of the T. S. I feel that it has been a great honour and privilege to co-operate even in a small degree with the great work of our revered President Dr. Besant and her General Council, and on laying down my charge I am glad to have the opportunity of expressing my personal gratitude for their kindness and support during the four years in which I have held my office. At the same time I wish to present to Dr. Besant the best and most cordial wishes of our Section for her health and strength, and our most loyal adhesion to her work.

*Internal Conditions.*—Our Section has passed during last year through the severest trial of its existence, from which it has emerged stronger and nobler for its sacrifices; and now shows itself fully conscious of its duties and inspired by great enthusiasm to realize the ideals of Adyar in the present world needs.

*Extraordinary Convention.*—In connection with the resolution taken by the General Council of Adyar with reference to the petition of the dissenting Lodges, I called an Extraordinary Convention to discuss the matter. The Dharma Lodge, however, resolved not to attend the Convention, urging that it was unnecessary in view of the near approach of the change of Sectional officers. Under these circumstances the members in Mendoza decided not to accept the nomination for re-election made by some Lodges, thinking that it would be easier to overcome the difficulties. Elections were held and Dr. Honorio Folquer of Tucuman was chosen as General Secretary. In the Annual Convention held at Rosario on the 9th and 10th July the dissenting Lodges officially announced their purpose to re-enter the Section as soon as possible. The number of Lodges and Members.—The number of Lodges and Members showed a small increase over last year. We have now one Lodge in members more. The figures are: 15 Lodges and 215 members.

*Review.*—For reasons of economy, the official organ of the South American Theosophical Federation has been suspended until the next Congress, which will be held at Santiago de Chile. At present we have only the Official Bulletin of the Section, which replaces the "South American Theosophist" and "Teosofia en el Plata".

Publishing activities this year were small, consisting only of some leaflets. The most important work in this connection was done by the Biblioteca Teosofica of Buenos Aires, who published *El Sendero de la Felicidad* by Juan Luis Ribero.

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CARLOS A. STOPPEL,  
*General Secretary.*

## T. S. IN CHILE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

As mentioned in previous reports, our Section has been going through a period of renovation. After attending the annual general meeting, in Valparaiso, last September, and noting the enthusiasm

in our Society, I think, I can say without exaggeration that this process is about finished and that soon a new period of activity for our great ideals will commence.

This does not mean that, possibly, in next year's report may not record a new lessening of Lodges and members, but many names appear in our books of persons of little energy and who may belong to the elevated number of the renovating spirit has forced out of our ranks. In a number will be small and, without doubt, 1933 will be the beginning of a new era.

During the period now in question—July, 1931 to July, 1932 the movement of Lodges and members has been as follows: the Lodges remain 14, the membership has fallen from 181 to 147. Amongst these Lodges there are three which are very weak and it is to be feared that this year they may have to be closed.

*Activities during the Year.*—The principal Lodges hold their meetings, both private and public, regularly, and their bookshops are in good order. Many members also have had other spiritualistic societies and render good service there, to spread the ideals of brotherhood and service.

*Special Activities.*—The buying of a valuable property in Santiago. The donation of a site for the Public Library in Puerto Montt. The buying of a House to serve as the central point of the movement—a long maintained aspiration. The low price of property during last year and the good condition under which the Society's funds had been invested allowed its realization, with the result that now we possess a two storey building, of 700 mts. surface, situated in a central quarter of the town. The Society will transform the lower storey with the purpose to have a lecture hall and reception rooms.

The donation of part of the Society's property in Puerto Montt to establish a Public Library in that town was legalized and therefore this purpose is already accomplished.

*South American Theosophical Federation.*—This organization merits the special attention of the Society. The 3rd Congress, which was to take place in Santiago, during March, 1932, was postponed at our petition, owing to the economic crisis; but we are ready to make all efforts to realize it in the best form in April, 1933. We wish to state in advance that our Argentine,

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Bolivian, Brazilian, Paraguayan, Peruvian and Uruguayan friends will have our warmest greetings.

To finish this report I must state that our Society, on two occasions, has devoted its public meetings to render homage to our beloved President, Dr. Besant, and that we formulate our most fervent wishes that her health may improve and that the Masters allow her to stay still many years amongst us, as she is the most complete exponent of the genius of the Will placed disinterestedly at the service of the Ideal.

ARMANDO HAMEL,  
*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN BRAZIL

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The principal feature of our work this year has been an effort to intensify all instructions as to our duties to the Masters, in order to awake the Lodges which had fallen into lethargy. We had thus the pleasure of seeing revived the two Lodges of Recife and Maceiò, though we are sorry that other Lodges did not send in time their reports. Greater enthusiasm is seen everywhere in our ranks, and a new group of future leaders is being formed, consisting of young members full of will and self-sacrifice.

The oral classes at our Headquarters continued with good results, as well as the weekly distribution of short articles to the newspapers of the whole country. Much propaganda has also been made by short talks through the various Radio Societies; this work had to be stopped during the three months of the civil war, but it is now being done once more.

*Statistics.*—The number of Lodges is now 17, and of members is 395, showing an increase of 16. There were 82 new admissions.

*Headquarters.*—We moved our Headquarters to the 4th floor of the great building at rua 13 de Maio, 33 and 35, which is situated in the very centre of the city. We have now good hope of receiving intact within four years the sums of our "Fund for Construction of Headquarters", which were deposited in an establishment that, becoming practically insolvent, succeeded however in obtaining of its creditors an agreement satisfactory to the interest of all parties,



*Library.*—Our library is being reorganized in order to make its work easier and more efficient. We wish to have an increasing number of the more modern books on the various aspects of Theosophy and are working towards this end. A valuable gift of many books was made to the library by our brother Dr. Lourenço de Mattos Borges, Vice-President of the T. S. in Brazil.

*Theosophical Publications.*—Our official organ *O Teosofista* continues, and is already in its 22nd year. It is actually the only herald of Theosophy in South America, as all other Theosophical magazines have been temporarily discontinued. We also published four little pamphlets for free distribution.

*Voyages of Instruction and Propaganda.*—During this year, the Albor Lodge, of Santos, inaugurated its new headquarters, and this gave us a special opportunity for our second tour of instruction and propaganda, made by our brother Aleixo Alves de Souza, whose lectures in Santos, São Carlos and São Paulo, were very successful. Our brothers Dr. Lourenço de Mattos Borges and Miss Piper Menezes de Lacerda visited also Bello Horizonte, Minas Geraes, in February of this year, both of them delivering there various lectures, which were much appreciated.

*Conclusion.*—The situation of the T. S. in Brazil can be stated as clearly full of the best expectations. The crisis having been overcome, one can see a rapid progression, which is specially apparent in the constant admission of new members and in the real enthusiasm with which principally the youth is setting to work on behalf of spiritual evolution.

On behalf of all members of our Section and of myself, I kiss your hands with the greatest reverence and gratitude.

30 September, 1932

CAIO LUSTOSA LEMOS,

*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN BULGARIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honor of presenting you the following report of the Bulgarian Section to the end of September, 1932.

The number of Lodges is 8, and of members 115, of whom 84 are attached to Lodges and 31 unattached.

The activity of the Society during the past year consisted mainly in the weekly work of the Lodges, according to the plan of the governing body and the special needs of the separate Lodges. Besides this, the General Secretary and his assistant, Brother B. Mavrov, arranged a series of talks and lectures for the members and their friends.

A happy event in the life of the Society was the visit of the Recording Secretary of the Theosophical Society, Brother Ernest Wood and his wife, Mrs. Wood. This visit was a real celebration for the members of our Society, when not only they but many of the outside people had the rare chance to hear the lectures of Brother Wood. Invited by the Bulgarian Section of Peace, Brother Wood also gave a public lecture on the World's Peace. He also spoke over the radio on Theosophy—a lecture which could be heard all over our country. Besides the public lectures, Brother Wood held meetings for the members only, with questions and answers.

Mrs. Wood also had a share in this, with her lectures on India held for the members of the Society. She also gave a public lecture on "Women in India" for the Bulgarian Women's Federation.

Our Annual Convention was held on the 2nd and 3rd of October, when a new governing body was chosen.

On behalf of all members of the Bulgarian Section and on my behalf, I beg you to accept most affectionate and loyal greetings.

NICOLAS TRIFONOV,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN ICELAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

It is my duty and privilege to submit to you once more a brief report of Theosophical activities in Iceland for the year October, 1931 to October, 1932.

*Statistics.*—The number of active members is 193, on suspended list 58, the total being 251. We admitted only 2 new members, while 23 resigned, 17 dropped out and 1 died. There have been 6 active Lodges during the year, against 5 last year. The Lodge

"Aurora" has revived, after a year's rest. The Lodge President has lectured every month for the remaining five members, who are determined not to give up, in spite of bad times. The other Lodges have sent in reports of a good year's work, kept up by a few workers.

The members do not attend meetings as well as before, so the Lodge Presidents have been trying some new methods. In "Septima" some of the fortnightly meetings have been open to the public. Those meetings have always been crowded. Another experiment, tried by the Reykjavik Lodge, is to have social gatherings now and then, with music, recitals, lantern slides and community singing, instead of the usual lecture meetings. This Lodge also steadily keeps up its study group.

*Propaganda.*—A series of six public lectures was delivered by members in Headquarters Hall. Three lectures were also delivered by the General Secretary both in Akureyri, the chief town of North Iceland, and in the capital, Reykjavik. In both places these lectures aroused much interest and were commented upon in the chief daily papers. A radio talk was also much appreciated—the general public being very eager to hear about Theosophy.

*Publications.*—No books have been issued this year, but our periodical *Gangleri* is doing good work, and is in many places our only means of reaching the public.

Though there seems to be a decrease in the vitality of our Icelandic Section, there are two factors which indicate a better future: the selfless, devoted work of a few members and the great interest shown by the general public.

I conclude with the most affectionate and loyal greetings to you, revered President, from the Icelandic Section.

KRISTIN MATTHIASSON,

*General Secretary.*

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#### T. S. IN SPAIN

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honour to submit to you the report of the Spanish National Society for the year ending October 31st, 1932.

In making the report of the Section for the present year, I must refer to the political events in Spain, because this year, the same as

last one, is full of historical facts which have more or less influenced the life of the Section. As expected, the T. S. in Spain has had a forward impulse, being a result of the remarkable progress of the Nation under the Republican Government, delivered from the Monarchy and the Church. The new Constitution passed by the Parliament is of an advanced liberal type, but considered and free from impracticable exaggerations. According to it, Spain renounces war as a political instrument; statutes of autonomy are permitted to the various regions; separates Church and State; abolishes religious instruction in all the State schools; dissolves the Order of the Jesuits in Spain, and forbids the Religious Orders from engaging in trade, industry and teaching, and does not allow them to own more property than is necessary to their religious ends; grants to women equal political rights with men, and establishes divorce.

Besides, Parliament has passed the Agrarian Law, which suppresses many injustices in the ownership of the land, and will give a great impulse to national economy; has granted autonomy to the Catalan region, thus tightening the bonds of friendship between Catalonia and the remaining regions; has passed the reform of the Ministry of War, suppressing 50 per cent of Generals and Army Officers, without causing economic hardships to the suppressed individuals, making the Army more efficient; and finally, after a ridiculous Monarchist rising, put down in a few hours by the Government and the people, in which the General who was its leader was sentenced to death and then reprieved, Parliament, before the trial of others complicated in the rising, reforms the Penal Code, making it more humane and suppressing the death penalty, thus giving an idea of the magnanimity and methods of the Republic.

Spain, as the only example in the world, has changed a centuries-old régime, has made a revolution, and is doing the far-reaching revolutionary work of completely regenerating a State and a people without the Government having proclaimed a dictatorship one single day and without having killed any one. And, as if this were not enough, under these circumstances, and listening to no other reasons than those dictated by human dignity, it suppresses the death penalty, as a blot on humanity.

The Government, for its part, has dignified the State in every respect, and in all its doings has used great austerity, elevated outlook and extraordinary wisdom. It is greatly fostering public

works, especially irrigation and road-building, and is giving a colossal impulse to education. Since the Republic was established, about 10,000 new schools, institutes and other centres of learning have been created, and in five years will be created 20,000 more schools still wanting. The cultural effort realized by Spain has no equal in the history of the peoples.

Many members of the T. S. take an active part in politics, and some Theosophists are members of Parliament, and occupy, or have occupied, high posts in the Civil Service.

*Statistics.*—The total number of active Lodges is now 23, as against 21 last year. Members joined during the year to the number of 111, while 70 dropped out, through death, resignation and non-payment of dues. So we have now 439 members, as against 398 last year. Net gain, 41.

*Headquarters.*—We still share the same premises with the "Theosophical Atheneum", which includes many members who do not belong to the Society, but study Theosophy. We hope that most of them will join our Society. This year there has been great activity in the way of lectures, concerts, etc., well attended generally.

*Barcelona Theosophical Club.*—In order to gather together the members of the various Lodges, and at the same time to attract sympathisers, the Barcelona members have founded this Club, which is most attractively arranged in a central position. Several talks and concerts have been given with good results. The President of the Club is Miss Nicolau.

*Lodges.*—Availing ourselves of favourable circumstances, we have this year visited all the active Lodges of the Section, as well as groups of students and inactive Lodges in various cities. We are generally well satisfied with these excursions, because in most Lodges there is a revival of enthusiasm for Theosophy and the work of the T. S. Members seem to realize that the *individual* effort, in the search for Truth, preached by Krishnamurti, is not incompatible with the *collective* work of the T. S. for Universal Brotherhood.

It is impossible to give an account of the activities of each Lodge. They have been very active in a great variety of propaganda and public service.

*Propaganda.*—Besides the propaganda work of the Lodges, already mentioned, the Departments have distributed some 12,000

leaflets and some 3,200 pamphlets. The General Secretary in the course of his journeys visiting the Lodges has given 16 public lectures, in all cities where it was possible to organize them.

*Bishop Wedgwood.*—Last March we had the great pleasure of receiving the visit of Bishop Wedgwood, in company with Miss Newberry. Although he did not come with the intention of working, in Barcelona and in Madrid he gave two short talks of five minutes to a small group of members. It was a great joy for us to see that he was much better in health, and we hope he will soon be quite well again, for the good of his work.

*Deaths.*—The Section has suffered this year two heavy losses with the death of Dr. Roso de Luna and Dr. Brioude. The former was a great writer, orator of world-wide fame, and the latter a learned physician and former General Secretary of the Section.

*Conclusion.*—The period of such extraordinary interest which we are having in Spain continues into the coming year. It is a period of great opportunities for Spain, and in particular for Spanish Theosophists. This year is as full of promise as the former. It is to be hoped that, in spite of the economic depression of the country, resulting from the world crisis and the recent change of régime, the Spanish Section will keep on growing and increasing its activity and its efficiency of service. Spain is no doubt receiving a great occult help, thanks to which it is rising in a marvellous manner. Let us hope that the Spaniards, and especially the Theosophists, whose responsibility is perhaps greater, will take advantage of this great help and will be worthy of receiving it in the future.

With the best wishes of the entire Section for your speedy return to health, and with the thoughts of love and gratitude of all the members, I remain always at your service and the Society's.

L. G. LORENZANA,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN PORTUGAL

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

*Financial.*—The general situation of the Theosophical Society of Portugal is most critical, owing to many of the members leaving the Society and others having reduced their subscriptions through

unemployment. The former Council acquired a house for the Society, but perhaps we shall be obliged to leave it, for we have a deficit of 150 escudos a month, although the expenses of printed matter, light, etc., are borne by members of the Council. Besides this, to furnish the house, the former Council had to borrow. As the Society, instead of increasing, has been falling considerably, perhaps we shall have to sell the furniture to pay the creditors. In any case, next month, the Council will make a special appeal to all the members. On account of these difficulties, we had no money to pay our dues to your Treasurer, but three devoted members offered to our Section the sum that was necessary to do our duty. Lately, the situation has improved a little. One of the creditors of the Society gave the sum which was owing to him, and we paid another creditor, thus reducing the debt. A member also offered to give some pieces of furniture he had lent.

*Council.*—The Directing Council has also passed through serious vicissitudes. The elected General Secretary gave up his place, which was taken up by the Vice-Secretary till the Convention of 15th April. The ex-Treasurer also renounced his charge, being substituted by Mr. Daniel Lopes. Two of the members of the Directing Council withdrew also from the Society, having to be substituted.

At last, on the 15th April, to put the situation of the Council in order, there was convoked a General Convention which, after great difficulties, elected a new Council composed of only five members and three substitutes, for which the Art. 24 of our Statutes had to be altered.

*Activities.*—To make the Society more attractive, the Council organized a course of study of Hermetical Sciences (astrology, graphology, etc.). The course of Esperanto continued. We held some interesting lectures and question and answer meetings on Fridays. We put the Records of the Society in order and made a catalogue of the Library, so that the members may make use of it by next October. The inventory of the goods of the Society was also made.

The different activities of the Order of Service (League for Protection of Animals, League for Protection of Children, League for the Poor, Golden Chain) continued their work, and the World Peace-Union organized a good Peace Week as in the years before.

The Adyar and White Lotus Days were celebrated with music, recitations and speeches. The anniversary of H. S. Olcott was celebrated with the publication of a leaflet.

As to publications, Mr. Salvador Marques da Silva issued a novel about karma and reincarnation, entitled *The Blind*, and the Branch Maitreya published a translation of the great sermon of Buddha.

*Statistics.*—The total number of members is now 167 (73 attached and 94 unattached). During the year we admitted 23, but 26 resigned, 6 dropped out and 2 died. No new branch was founded this year, but one was closed, so there are now 7.

We hope to be in a better situation for next year and send you our best wishes and cordial greetings.

JEANNE SYLIRE LEFEVRE,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN WALES

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honour to present to you a few extracts from our Annual Report for 1931-32, as follows :

*Our Tenth Annual Convention* was held on June 20th, 1931, at the Friends Meeting House, London, in conjunction with the Eleventh Congress of the Federation of Theosophical Societies in Europe, and the Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society in England. Meetings of the T. S. in Scotland, and the T. S. in Ireland were also held during the Congress, and greetings were exchanged.

We were glad to welcome many visitors from the Continent and other parts of the world, and a number of interesting meetings were held. An outstanding feature was the Blavatsky lecture, which was given by the President of the Congress, Dr. George S. Arundale, on the subject of *Theosophy Triumphant*.

The Tenth Anniversary of the foundation of The Theosophical Society in Wales took place on June 28th, 1932. Having reached our first decade successfully, and established Lodges in twenty towns throughout Wales, we feel we have at any rate made a start ! But the future is still before us, and much remains to be done before



we can be justified in claiming "to have spread Theosophy throughout Wales." May we re-dedicate our lives to this work as a birthday offering to the Great Ones who stand behind our Society.

*Membership Report.*—The membership is now 325. There were 18 new admissions to our Section, while 26 left us by death, resignation or suspension.

*H. P. B. Centenary—August 11th, 1931.*—The Centenary of the birth of our great Founder, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, was jointly celebrated by the Point Loma and Adyar Societies on this day at our Headquarters at 10, Park Place, Cardiff. We offer our homage and loving thanks to this great soul, who, with her co-worker, Col. H. S. Olcott (whose Centenary will be celebrated on August 2nd, 1932), brought the knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom once again to the world of men.

*H. P. B. Centenary Fund.*—This fund, which it is hoped will eventually enable us to complete the purchase of our Headquarters (10, Park Place, Cardiff) and, in addition, supply us with an increasing income for use in our work of spreading Theosophy throughout Wales, has been successfully started, and it is hoped that £ 50 per annum will be collected, which will bring us an additional £ 50 from an unknown donor, thus enabling us to reduce our mortgage by £ 100 a year.

*Tours of the General Secretary.*—In order to be present at the Convention of the Society and the annual meetings of the General Council held at Adyar, the General Secretary left for India in November, 1931. He was thus able to convey in person the greetings of the Welsh National Society to Dr. Besant. He was invited to preside at the Annual Convention of the National Society in Ceylon en route, and after the Congress made a tour round India, visiting, among other places, Calcutta, Benares, Agra, Delhi and Bombay in order personally to contact the present social and political situation. On his return from India, the General Secretary visited the Lodges and Centres in Wales, giving a public lecture at each place, also speaking to Members and taking part in social gatherings. On the whole, splendid meetings were arranged, and in some cases the largest audiences for a Theosophical meeting so far experienced had gathered. In practically every case a number of keen and critical questions were put, showing a widespread and live interest in our conception of life's problems.

From Port Talbot, where the Mayor took the Chair in the Town Hall for a crowded audience and expressed his appreciation of the service which Theosophy renders in holding aloft the ideals of Brotherhood, to Corwen, a tiny village in the North, where over 40 people had gathered for their first public lecture—a distinct re-awakening of interest in Theosophy was shown. From the names and addresses collected, and the study classes formed or re-started, it is evident that the time is ripe for renewed effort.

*To Dr. Annie Besant—our great President.*—Tranquil and at peace, watching the ever-flowing Adyar river, after a life-time of effort and struggle, her influence for good is ever one of the greatest benefits which it is our privilege to receive. We record our grateful thanks for her life of noble striving and wonderful example, an inspiration to us all “to live the life of a Theosophist.” We send our most loving thoughts for her rest and tranquillity during this period of physical inactivity.

1-7-32

PETER FREEMAN,

*General Secretary.*


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 T. S. IN POLAND

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report of the Polish Society.

The number of members is now 215. During the year 13 admissions were made, 23 resigned, 24 dropped out, 2 were suspended, 1 died and 1 was transferred. The number of active Lodges is now 10.

The characteristic of the last year of work was the continuation of the reconstruction scheme begun last year. The studies in the Lodges were a little deepened, a second group for study of *The Secret Doctrine* was formed. We have also tried in a group of two scientists and several students to read the Occult Chemistry, comparing it with scientific theories of to-day.

The meditation work consisted of two groups: the healing group, and another one which has been trying for several years to help

political and social idealistic movements in Poland. We had also a meditation work for peace, during one week in November, one month in spring and every day at the Summer School in our country farm. The President's peace-prayer was the subject of those meditations.

We have introduced a new line of work which was very useful ; it consisted in reading and translating *à livre ouvert* most prominent and interesting articles from various Theosophical magazines, giving the possibility of contact with new ideas and the larger field of our work to the great number of members not knowing foreign languages. The second part of those meetings was given over to reports and extracts from Polish newspapers concerning the most vital problems of national life, and to discussions aiming at understanding those problems in the light of Theosophy.

General monthly meetings were always alive and interesting ; several of them were devoted to reading Dr. Besant's autobiography, which was a source of deep inspiration and enthusiasm for us all.

The Annual Convention, although not very numerous, was full of harmony and joy, as it has shown that the "renaissance" movement has also touched some Lodges outside Warsaw.

The Summer School held, as usual, in our country farm, was a great success. The small number of members, under the leadership of one of the younger workers, was the heart of a large number of non-theosophists ; they succeeded very soon in awakening amongst them a vivid interest in Theosophy, by lectures and discussions upon the vital problems of to-day, showing, in the light of Theosophy, their deep meaning and causes.

We had no large public lectures this year, only a course of lectures in our Headquarters with 10 to 20 people, but we have published Dr. Besant's *Thought Power*, and after a long period of inactivity we have started a new Polish Theosophical quarterly magazine, which has proved very valuable, but is struggling with serious financial difficulties.

The financial situation of our Section was nearly critical this year and only the generous help of Dr. G. S. Arundale enabled us to maintain our Headquarters.

The greatest joy of this year was the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Arundale ; they brought us an incredible amount of strength and inspiration, beauty and enthusiasm,

All of us were all year long deeply anxious to have news of your health—our beloved Mother and Chief. We feel your physical presence among us to be the greatest blessing and help the T. S. can receive. We have often felt your thought with us in our work and it gave us always strength and inspiration. May we always be true and faithful to its guidance and to your example. Our deepest and most intense devotion is at your feet.

EVELYN KARAS,  
*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN URUGUAY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I desire to inform you by means of this letter that I have not sent the formal report of our Section, due to the fact that we have not had our Annual Convention, because we have not at present the necessary number of Lodges. There are only 5 active Lodges and two more which have been planned for some time and are in formation but not actually chartered yet. It is curious in our case that though we have not enough members in Lodges, we have a large number of unattached members. I am busy trying to arrange so that the Lodges which are in the process of formation may become chartered, thereby making up the required number of Lodges by December, so that we may hold our Convention and during that time elect a new General Secretary. I must now occupy myself with the Congress of the South American Federation of which I am Secretary; it is going to be held during Easter Week of 1933 in Santiago. I have also to work in my own Lodge "Loto Blanco" of which I am the President. All this work is too much for me, and I hope that we shall be able to elect another brother as General Secretary.

18-10-1932

J. A. DE LA GAMMA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN PORTO RICO

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The year just ended has been to our Section exactly what it has been to the world economically. The crisis is still as acute as ever, if not even more intense. We have at present fewer active members than before, and most of those that have passed into the inactive ranks state that their remaining away from the Lodges is due solely to the unemployment problem. Though we have repeatedly informed them that in such cases dues will be remitted, they rather prefer to stay away than avail themselves of this proviso of our constitution. Happily the remainder of the active members are just as enthusiastic as they ever were, and I believe they are getting a clearer understanding.

In such a situation it is to be expected that no new Lodge has been organized and several of those that were reduced to a couple of members have discontinued their activities as such and the members have affiliated to some of the remaining Lodges.

Only 9 Lodges continue active. Two new members were added during the year. One of them left immediately for Caracas, Venezuela, where he is working to establish a Lodge, having already organized a group. Last year 107 members paid their dues and this year, according to the lists of members that are being sent me by the Lodges, we will hardly reach 75.

On the 3rd of July we held our Annual Convention in our Temple, our Section Headquarters, in San Juan; 10 Lodges were represented. The Convention was very harmonious, in fact members declared it one of the most fraternal ever held in Porto Rico. No special question or problem was considered. The enthusiasm of the members and their clearer understanding of the world situation, the broader tolerance shown, augur well for the future, and even if the number of our members is small, they have decided to stand firmly by the Society and to render as much help as possible individually.

As a proof of the enthusiasm and vigour of the remaining few members, in a few days we shall pay one thousand dollars of the five thousand mortgage we have on our Temple. This represents an enormous amount of small sacrifices on the part of our members,

right in the midst of this financial crisis, all our members being very poor.

Just a few days ago another cyclone devastated the northern side of the Island, so the future is far from bright financially. But we shall remain at our post and continue to spread Theosophy. In these days of suffering it has a special message to give to those who suffer.

A. J. PLARD,  
*General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN ROUMANIA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The number of Lodges has been reduced from ten to eight. Of the 171 members, 25 new ones have been inscribed this year—15 in the provinces and 10 in Bucarest. We lost 18 members by death, resignation and dropping out.

From October, 1931, until May, 1932, has appeared every month a bulletin, with information, original and translated articles.

The Lodges are in widely separate parts of the country. To the east, the Lodge "Vasanta," in Chisineu, irradiates an intense activity: fifty-seven meetings have been held, of which fourteen were public conferences. Besides the five circles of studies, the 17 members have distinguished themselves by social work, principally among children. The healing group has continued to work every week.

To the west, in the Lodge "Unirea" in Timisoara, besides the weekly meetings, the President and the Vice-President have held some public conferences. There a circle for young people, two groups for study have worked regularly. These 40 members have shown themselves very active in the Order of Service, working in the section of peace, the social section and the healing group. On the first of May, they had the happiness of receiving the visit of John Cordes of Vienna.

At an hour's distance from Timisoara, also on the frontier of the west, is the town of Arad, where functions the Lodge "Staruinta", at whose weekly meetings each member in turn has developed some subject. The town having been inundated, the members had the opportunity of showing their love for their fellow-creatures by

helping the unhappy people both materially and morally. The 15 members have worked intensely in the social direction and against alcoholism. Besides the visit of Mr. Cordes of Vienna, this Lodge had the pleasure of seeing Mr. Reelfs from Geneva, who gave a public lecture.

In the central part of the country, there are three Lodges, among which "Egalitatea" of Cluj seems to be the most active. They communicate that they have inscribed 9 new members. Besides their weekly meetings, they have held 4 public conferences.

In Bucarest, the Headquarters have been moved into a beautiful apartment in the centre of the town. Every Saturday there are open meetings, with the members of the two Lodges and visitors. Besides the usual meetings of the two Lodges, "Ananda" has a group for studying the Theosophical doctrines and "Activitatea" a group for the study of Ethics. In the Order of Service, the members manifested their activity by organizing a large Christmas tree; on this occasion they dressed more than 40 poor children. The artists of the T.S. organized a musical afternoon, with recitations and speeches, in an institution where some hundreds of the blind are housed and cared for. Some members have worked for Peace, others against alcoholism and others for animal welfare.

In the month of May, we had the honour that our National Convention was presided over by Professor Ernest Wood, who spent three weeks in Roumania. During the Convention, a modification of the Statutes was made. It was agreed that the word "Lodge" should be changed into "Circle".

Beyond one public conference, the Professor and Mrs. Hilda Wood spoke only to a more intimate circle. The manner of Professor Wood's explanation of Theosophical doctrine woke a lively interest among our members. After his departure we began immediately to translate his book "Natural Theosophy", which will be used for study this winter.

On the 1st of October, 1932, we began our activities by a conference on Col. Olcott and Dr. Annie Besant. This meeting gives us hope that the sacrifice of Mr. Wood in coming to visit us, will soon yield its fruit.

NATHALIE OPRESCU,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN JUGOSLAVIJA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

Out of the blissfully strong atmosphere harmoniously created on December 11th, 1931 and November 11th, 1932, when we celebrated the anniversary of the "Great Silence" Day, I beg to submit you my Report of Yugoslav Theosophical Society, and to convey most reverently our devoted thoughts of veneration to you who first fearlessly brought us this permeating rhythm of "dynaspheric force."

The Artistic Group of our Section, especially Maria Group, organized a nice exhibition of paintings and National crafts, particularly showing the very ancient symbolical motives in embroidery, as a background to the Second Congress of Yugoslav T.S., which was opened on December 6th, and at which, after the greetings, Mrs. Trude Engel delivered a lecture on *Theosophy of the Present*. At the Convention in the afternoon we welcomed 54 members, 14 of them being delegates and 10 guests.

Our ninth year has been really active. It has offered much opportunity of discovering new aspects of Brotherhood, by living it and working in our new Headquarters rooms. This stage of Brotherhood we are going through now, after having passed seven years since we received our Charter from Adyar, is bringing us to a new realization of bigness of truth, gained by effort of friendliness.

This year Mr. Anatol de Meibohm returned from Athens with his wife and gave us a very good and fascinating talk about Mount Athos. The Rev. Alfred E. Lattinger of Graz was in our midst during the Christmas week-end, and also Mr. Johann Reelfs from Geneva, Mrs. Mary Auner-Dickenson and brothers Dr. Paul and Otto Pisk, who assisted at a public concert.

Professor Ernest Wood, our Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Hilda Wood stayed with us six days, living with our sister, the librarian, Mrs. Jelka Svoboda. They left us a uniquely fine atmosphere of peace, meeting many friends and interested ones, giving wonderful talks and delivering seven public and three private lectures, which we are still enjoying, having duplicated them.

Soon afterwards, we were happy to welcome the coming of our old and beloved friend, Bishop John Cordes of Vienna, who came



for the third time to share with us during five days the most precious knowledge about unseen worlds, which makes us continue eagerly the study of the visions of Dr. Geoffrey Hodson, to whom we owe the understanding, the feeling and a little of real experience of the spiritual link with angelic beings. Bishop John gave addresses and talks three and more times a day, lecturing to the public, to members, to workers and to youth, and also performed various ceremonies. He remembered us at Pentecost, and sent us from Vienna-Centre once more our helpful sister, Mrs. Trude Engel, who untiringly gave public lectures and private meetings—altogether 56 times in nine weeks. Having been with us on the Day of Good Will, she offered us in her lectures the "Education for Peace" through the "Symbol of the Cross" for uplifting of the present character of the world.

A very small group of workers having called themselves "Adyar Centre," meditating purposely on present problems, and desiring to be linked with Masters, decided to join the Lodge "Besant," so on September 28th Lodge "Adyar-Besant" was formed.

The number of our Lodges remained the same as last year—*i.e.*, 12. All of them have done their utmost to put into practice their ideals. There have entered during the year 17 members; 2 passed away, 5 resigned and 3 dropped. The net gain is 7, and the total number of members is now 190. I am very thankful to all of them because their sacrificing services enabled us to stay during this year of great trials in our new Headquarters rooms, which were consecrated by our dear brother, the Rev. Milan Reiching on December 5th, 1932.

Among our activities must be mentioned the celebration of various anniversaries, serving to attract to our Society prominent artists, professors, lawyers, journalists and even labourers. October 1st was magnificently celebrated, during three days and in two towns. On "White Lotus Day" the members meet on the top of Kalnik, a very famous hill near to Krizevci.

On April 30th, 1932, fourteen of our members formed a Theosophical World University Branch—The Theosophical Research Group to facilitate the incoming life and to study the substantial elements of the new civilisation. Two other Leagues were established earlier—the League for Positive Thinkers and the Survival League. Echoing the widely prevalent principles of friendship, sympathy, co-operation

and mutual help on which Theosophy lays such immense stress, a T. S. Summer School is being attempted, for the first time, lasting three weeks.

Our Sectional Organ *Theosofija*, issued in one double number for this year, has been dedicated to the President-Founder, Colonel Henry Steel Olcott.

We wish to record our thankfulness to the T. S. Sections in Austria, France and England, who most kindly received our friends, the Chief Brother, Mrs. Milena de Sisic and the Chief Knight, Mrs. Paulica de Ulmanky.

Ever beloved Mother of us all, on behalf of our National Society, I send you the fragrance of the atmosphere of Jugoslavija, that it may greet lovingly all assembled at the Convention.

JELISAVA VAVRA,  
*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN CEYLON

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

This year has been difficult owing chiefly to economic depression. Though there is no decline in membership, there is a lack of real progress. We have been greatly helped during the year by visitors to Ceylon, who do much to revive the enthusiasm of our members.

*Membership.*—We began the year with a membership of 121, none resigned or were transferred, and 4 new members have joined this year. We regret to state that about 90% of the members are in arrears with their dues.

*Lodge Activities.*—The Youth Lodge is the most active, but even it has not made much progress this year, probably on account of financial difficulties.

*Propaganda Meetings* were held once a month, organized by the members of the Executive Committee. They were well

attended, and we have been successful in imparting the ideals of tolerance and brotherhood. Most of our members are very actively promoting various ideals and activities affecting the life of our people.

*Birthdays.*—Mrs. Besant's birthday and the birthday of our Section was celebrated on a grander scale than in previous years. We commenced with an invocation to Mrs. Besant, and a few minutes meditation. A full and representative gathering came together for the Public Meeting held at Headquarters.

*Finance.*—The financial position of the T. S. in Ceylon is very unsatisfactory, owing to the very irregular payment of membership fees, but we have been able to carry on the work of the Society with generous donations from Capt. Cyril Pope, who has a great interest in our Section and has never failed to come to our aid and give encouragement. We have had to discontinue our magazine till funds are forthcoming.

*T. S. Lending Library.*—Satisfactory progress has been made in all the activities of the Library.

*Annual Convention.*—The Sixth Annual Convention will be held on the 3rd and 4th December. This is one of the opportunities our members take to meet together and create an interest among the public. A special feature this year is that several Religious Leaders and members of the State Council of Ceylon are expected to speak at the Convention Picnic, which is to be held in one of the beauty spots of Ceylon.

Mr. N. K. Choksy, F.T.S., will be giving a Public Lecture on Theosophy on the 1st Day of the Convention, at Headquarters.

In conclusion I should like to place on record my appreciation of the excellent work done by some of the Officers and Members; and the spirit of brotherhood, which leaves nothing to be desired. Our work here goes on quietly and steadily. Though small in numbers we have created an excellent impression in Ceylon.

With hearty greetings and loving wishes from all in Ceylon.

S. A. WICKRAMASINGHE,

*General Secretary.*

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## T. S. IN GREECE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

This year the Theosophical movement in our country has undergone no sensible change. The active Lodges have had their regular meetings, but there is not among the members the interest that prevailed some years ago, and we are trying to revive an interest more real and effectful.

Lodge "Maitreya" of Athens has been dissolved. The total number of our members has again diminished in comparison to that of last year. The active members for 1932 number 117, as 41 resigned and dropped out, and 1 died, while only 16 new members were admitted. There are 8 active Lodges. Our council has decided to make a special effort not to let the two Lodges which are away from the Centre, and which meet great difficulties, namely the Lodge "Pythagores" of Salonica and "Aristotelis" of Patras, become dissolved.

We have continued to publish our quarterly magazine *Theosophikon Theltion*, but our Theosophical Publishing House has not issued any new books this year, as the sale of those already published has diminished.

I am happy in conveying to you the love of all our members and remain

10-12-32

PARIS HADJIPETRO,

*Joint General Secretary.*

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T. S. IN CENTRAL AMERICA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the pleasure to send you the following Report of the Central American and Colombian Section of the T. S. during the year 1931-1932.

The growth of our National Society during 1931-1932 shows rapid progress in certain quarters, and just the opposite in others—Colombia, for instance, is doing splendid work and going ahead with such a force that we hope very soon to form there a new National Society. Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua have been less

successful, probably due to many local conditions that hamper idealistic thought and damp the enthusiasm for the time being. They have, all the same, splendid workers, and our trust is placed in them for the coming year. We are confident that the Master's work will go ahead in spite of circumstances, and that thought will keep all our workers in a state of optimism, which will counterbalance the dead weight of bad karma that seems to hang over the whole world.

The number of Lodges has increased from 14 to 16, and that of members has decreased from 189 to 181, there having been 74 losses, and 67 admissions.

Our Continent is going through a condition of political and economic restlessness. Therefore our most urgent task is to spread the spirit of true brotherhood and peace. The internal troubles of each country are out of our control, and belong to the collective karma, but we can aid the Master's work in these countries by constantly living and thinking our ideals. We must think strongly on peace. We must try to promote a closer relationship of our different National Societies, so that the brotherhood lived by us in the Society may create a continental consciousness, and for the Society that realization of unity could be spread over the Latin-American continent. Bolivar conceived a united America. He was the founder of our Republics. We must co-operate in that way and make real what was a dream of the Libertador. Let us think daily on a united America; let us build a continental consciousness based on the ideal of Universal Brotherhood.

30th October, 1932

JOSE B. ACUÑA,  
*Ag. General Secretary.*

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### T. S. IN CENTRAL SOUTH AFRICA

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

We have not made any numerical progress, for the accessions to our ranks have been balanced by deaths, resignations and lapses from membership.

A number of inter-Lodge Conferences, and the first of a number of week-end Retreats have helped to bring our members together.

Early morning group meditations, Healing Groups and Devotional Meetings have strengthened the work, and I think it may be said that the spiritual significance and inner purpose of the Society are dominant thoughts in the minds of many.

Miss Turner has been appointed Chief Brother of the Theosophical Order of Service in South Africa, and apart from the excellent activities she has encouraged, her office makes a happy link between the two Sections.

Johannesburg's Lodge Room is open every day, under the care of Miss Bennett, and there she deals with a constant stream of enquiries. She has also effected very fine book sales.

A number of members have been active in connection with the Douglas Credit Scheme, the forming of a Bellamy Club, Native Welfare and Astrology classes. There are study classes regularly held on *The Gita*, *The Secret Doctrine* and *The Voice of the Silence*. We have managed to get a good number of letters published in the press on Animal Welfare, Capital Punishment and Anti-Vivisection. A most successive Speaker's Class is held weekly in Pretoria, which has given confidence and even eloquence to a number of members. Recently, Mr. Van Ginkel gave a speech to the Rotary Club, the success of which he claims was due to our speaker's class.

An extensive advertizing in newspapers by Mr. Van Ginkel has brought a shoal of enquiries, to all of whom pamphlets and letters have been sent.

Public lectures are delivered weekly in Johannesburg and Pretoria, but our attendances this year have not been good, which has caused us furiously to introspect, and wonder if we are giving the message in the right way—as is, indeed, our earnest desire.

The General Secretary has been greatly blessed in the kindness and affection given to him, which has made it a joy to do what he has been able. He rejoices to know with what earnestness and devotion many members look to Adyar, and to our beloved President.

It may be recorded that Mrs. Josephine Ransom is a member of the Section, and we have lent her to the American Section for twelve months.

24th October, 1932

SIDNEY RANSOM,

*General Secretary.*



UNSECTIONALIZED  
LODGES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES





## SHANGHAI LODGE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

There is not much of special interest to report for the year ending June 30, 1932. We are still in our centrally situated premises. Our weekly meetings were fairly well attended throughout the year, and some very interesting talks and discussions took place.

The library and the book-sales department have been very ably managed by our librarian, Mr. R. J. Eiswaldt, who is devoting much of his time and energy to this branch of our activities. Under his guidance and attention the demand for T. S. books from the library has steadily increased among both members and friends.

During the year, 7 members have lapsed and left Shanghai, and 5 have joined and affiliated, so we register a net loss of two members.

P. O. Box 1705,  
Shanghai.  
29-9-32

N. BUIJS,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

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## HONG KONG LODGE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

During the past year the chief event in our Lodge was the loss of our President-Founder, Mr. M. Manuk, who passed away on April 7th, after a painful illness, contracted in helping an Indian to whom he was called.

His loss is very much felt, for not only was he founder and teacher, but also the chief financial supporter of the Lodge. It is difficult now to meet the expenses of the Lodge, for rents are heavy in Hong Kong, and were it not for the kind donations of a friend

who does not wish her name mentioned, we should find it hard to carry on.

At a special meeting, a new President was elected, Mr. B. Paul, who, having had experience in that position at Home, is very capably filling the gap. He is ably supported by Mr. W. C. Felshow as Vice-President. The latter is also doing good work as Librarian, in itself no mean task, as our Library is a good one.

Over sixty meetings have been held since the last report, three being committee, eleven members, and the remainder question and answer meetings or public lectures.

This year we registered 8 new members. Of the old ones 4 resigned, 2 left the Colony, and 3 lapsed, so our total of paying members is now 22.

P. O. Box 632,  
Hong Kong.

M. MAY,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

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#### SINGAPORE LODGE

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The Singapore Lodge, Theosophical Society, has been marking time for another year, with its usual programme of holding weekly public meetings for lectures or for answering questions, and study classes for members every Sunday. A series of lectures on Theosophy was started in the beginning of the year by two of our members, and was continued for the most part of the year. A good number of friends and outsiders attended these lectures. The study classes are now engaged with *A Study in Consciousness*.

The year began with 12 members, who are still on the roll, and there have been no new admissions for the current year. The present trade depression has caused heavy financial strain on some of our members, whose dues could only be met by extra contributions from the rest of the members.

The Library has been substantially increased by a good number of books, which were bought second-hand at a surprisingly low cost; it is at present an attractive feature of the Lodge.

For the present the people here appear to be grappling with their economic problems, owing to the unprecedented slump that is distressing the Colony and it is expected that our Society will

continue to make steady progress once the country finds its equilibrium.

I take this opportunity of appealing to all members of the Theosophical Society who may be passing through Singapore to give us a look up when in port. The Secretary (address: No 181, Tank Road, Singapore) is always glad to meet fellow-Theosophists on board if intimation of their arrival is sent ahead.

With best wishes and cordial greetings to our President and the members assembled for the Convention.

30-11-32

T. PAKIRY,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

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SELANGOR LODGE, KUALA LUMPUR

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

I have the honour to send you the following short report of the working of the Selangor Lodge, T.S., during the year 1931-1932.

During the year under review three members left the Lodge, two having left the country on retirement and the third having gone on transfer out of the district. There were 7 members on the register during the first half of the year.

Weekly study meetings and discussions were held in the house of the Vice-President, who kindly made arrangements for us to have a room for Lodge activities. The attendance at the weekly meeting has been poor; owing to the financial depression and other causes the members could not take much interest. Recently the activities of the Lodge have been revived, and study meetings are being held at a central place in the town. It is our hope that in the next few months we shall make satisfactory progress in every direction, although it may not be possible to increase the membership.

Our former President, Mr. S. R. Drayton, having retired from the Service and gone on retirement to England, the members wish to record his loss to the Lodge.

c/o The Mercantile Co-op. Society, Ltd.,  
Kuala Lumpur, Selangor.

2-11-32

S. ARUMUGAM,  
*Vice-President.*

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## MIROKU LODGE, TOKYO, JAPAN

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

During the year 1932-3 meetings have been held regularly twice a month, except in the holiday season, and there have been many interesting discussions arising out of the book being studied. The Lodge is small but those who attend are very earnest and regular.

A visit from Dr. Amy Cochran, of America, on her way to Adyar, was a great pleasure and stimulation, and it is hoped that more Theosophists visiting Japan will get in touch with the local members, who will be only too delighted to guide and assist them during their stay.

It is to be regretted that two members have been obliged through absence from Japan, to temporarily resign or transfer but we are glad to welcome two new members. There are now 8 active members.

Will T. S. members, passing through Japan, let the Hon. President, Captain Buhei Kon (Ro 6—No. 10, Nishikata machi, Hongo-ku, Tokyo), know so that they may be given fraternal greetings, and a welcome.

E. M. CASEY,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

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 THE ADYAR LIBRARY

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

During the year there was no change in the staff. Pandit V. Nārāyanaswāmi Sastri was confirmed as Pandit Copyist. Dr. C. Kunhan Raja continues to reside at Vāṇī Vihār and has been most helpful with advice concerning the work of the Library.

In the central room in the Eastern Section of the Library the wooden racks were replaced by steel shelves, specially designed for keeping palm-leaf manuscripts. This has resulted in a great saving of floor area, allowing for an increase in the accommodation for manuscripts. There is a decided improvement in the general appearance of the whole Library.

The Minor Upaniṣads (outside the well-known 98) have been printed. Only the indexing remains and the book will soon be

published. The ten major Upaniṣads, with the commentary of the Upaniṣad-Brahmayogin, will now be taken up for completion. The work was begun last year.

There is added to the stock of the Library a large number of printed books and manuscripts. Many transcripts of rare works too have been taken.

The Government of His Majesty the King of Siam presented to the Library a set of the Siamese Tripiṭaka, which was gratefully accepted.

The Library continues its contribution to the Nellore Pāṭhasālā.

From the statement of accounts, it will be seen that the financial position of the Library is far from satisfactory. It is necessary to make some arrangement by which there will be a more satisfactory stable income for the Library.

As in former years, many Governments, Institutions, Libraries and private individuals have presented to the Library valuable books and other publications, and the Library records its cordial thanks to all of them.

Details regarding the Library are given below.

C. JINARĀJADĀSA,

*Hon. Director.*

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#### REPORT OF THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT

*Stock.*—The stock of the Adyar Library has increased by 402 books and 260 pamphlets in the Western Section and 74 books, 31 pamphlets and 211 MSS. in the Eastern Section, forming a total of 32,797 books, 6,544 pamphlets and of 17,795 palm-leaf and paper MSS. Some were acquired by purchase; the others were donated by friends of the Library.

*Cataloguing.*—The usual card-cataloguing of new accessions of books has been done for the year 1932 and also the old cards are being given their new shelf-numbers, after alterations already made in the registers. Brother W. Hanumanta Row has done the analytical cataloguing of the bound volumes of magazines: *Service, Theosophical Messenger* and *American Theosophist*, Vols. 1-15 and *The Quest*, Vols. 6 and 14.

*Some Improvements.*—The MSS. Section has been made more commodious on account of the steel-shelving system adopted and the Main Room has now a much better view from the hall.

*Lending Library.*—A stock of 3,000 volumes consisting of a variety of standard novels and books on Art, History, Politics and Theosophy, mainly duplicates, has been set apart as the Lending Library. Dr. P. C. Patel has given it his best attention, has classified, arranged, shelf-registered and numbered all the books and secured also donations of books from the Sirius Club and from Messrs. K. R. Jussawalla and C. N. Subrahmanya Aiyer to the extent of about 500 in number, and had them all duly labelled. Miss Maynard, Miss I. Prest and Mrs. I. Harper Moll continued to assist in this section, to arrange, sort out and tie up in bundles the magazines and many stray journals in miscellaneous languages.

*Curio Show Case, Museum of Records and Vāṇī Vihār.*—Mrs. Harper Moll has been kind enough to offer her services as a labour of love in tidying up the curio articles collected by the Theosophical leaders in the course of their many world-tours. She is also arranging the Theosophical publications in non-English and foreign languages at Vāṇī Vihār. Miss Mary K. Neff, amidst her very busy routine, has found time to type out lists of all the autographed collections of books belonging to H. P. B., H. S. O., and C. W. L., according to their alphabetical order of titles and authors. Miss A. Herington supervises the cleaning of the Library and helps with her suggestions every now and then.

*The Reading Room.*—This contains the Reference Library and is open for the public from 7.30 a.m. to 5 p.m., along with the Main Room, on all days except Wednesdays and other public holidays. It has been so arranged with a view to the convenience of people who happen to visit Adyar from the city at their week-ends. It has various standard monthlies and journals devoted to History, Oriental Research, Art and Archæology, as well as to Science, Religion and Theosophy, besides the Sectional Organs of various National Theosophical Societies available for the reading public. Dr. Annie Besant, our beloved President, presents her copy of the *National Geographic Magazine*. The Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater presents his copy of *The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* of Great Britain and Ireland. Dr. C. Kunhan Raja presents his copy of the

daily *Hindu* and Dr. Collins his copy of the illustrated *Hindu Weekly*. Mr. A. Schwarz sends his copy of *The Madras Mail* daily. The *New India* office and the *Theosophist* office are kind enough to send such of their publications, exchanges and books received for review as are suitable to the Reading Room.

*Additions to the Western Section.*—402 books and 260 pamphlets were added during the year. The sixth volume of the Encyclopædia of Social Sciences and the fourteen volumes of "Little Journeys to the Homes of the Great" edited by E. Hubbard are some of the noteworthy additions in this section. The latter contain, with illustrations, the lives of Good and Great Men, Famous Women, American Statesmen, Eminent Painters, English Authors, Eminent Artists, Eminent Orators, Great Philosophers, Great Reformers, Great Teachers, Great Business Men, Great Scientists, Great Lovers and Great Musicians, and is a gift of Miss H. Frampton of South Africa. The Times Encyclopædia and Gazeteer, an illustrated reference work of valuable and up-to-date information, showing the most important events in history from 7000 B.C. to the present date, edited by Francis J. Reynolds, has been subscribed for. Other books of Theosophic interest such as "Letters from the Masters of Wisdom" and works of Madame Blavatsky, Colonel Olcott, T. Subba Rao, Dr. Annie Besant, Bishop C. W. Leadbeater, C. Jinarājadāsa, Dr. Arundale, Dr. Bhagavan Das and Professor Wood and many another Theosophical writer are well represented, as also the teachings and utterances of Mr. J. Krishnamurti, whose contributions are always unique, and have a directness of appeal liked by Modern India. Such works are a permanent asset to any library and they are a solace to the many enquiring minds that frequent the Library with their life-problems. In short, the Reading Room is an inspiration to those who use it.

*Additions to the Eastern Section.*—74 books, 31 pamphlets and 211 MSS. were added to the Eastern Section. A classified list of new MSS. acquired during the year is given at the end of the report. Among the noteworthy additions may be mentioned the Supplementary Catalogue of Tamil books in the British Museum. Another welcome addition was a book of Songs of Tyāgarāja. The works of Muthuswami Dikṣitar are also represented in the Library, both being the famous contemporaries and composers of South Indian music in the last century and both being devotees,



the one composing in Telugu and the other in Saṁskrit. Another book ‘Rāgas and Rāginis,’ to represent North Indian art and music, has been subscribed for at a cost of Rs. 160, but the publication is not yet out. An index to the contents of the Bhāgavata Purāṇam is a useful addition to the books of the category including Index to Mahābhārata, Vedic Index, Vedic and Upaniṣadic Concordance and other vernacular lexicons and encyclopædias that form a very indispensable apparatus of reference and research to those who come here as students of the East. The three volumes of Mohenjo Daro and Indus Civilization, by Sir John Marshall, have been procured for the Library, besides many important Saṁskrit and Oriental Series.

*Book-binding.*—300 books and 350 pamphlets were bound in legal buckram, full binding and quarter binding respectively. The neat library-binding done at the Vasanta Press is a joy to the readers and the librarians alike.

*Use of the Library.*—Good use is made of the Reference Library by the editorial staff of the Theosophist, the Theosophical Publishing House and of New India, as well as by other resident workers of the Adyar Headquarters, besides visitors from the city. The Universities of Annamalainagar, Andhradesa, Calcutta, Madras, Mysore, Lucknow and Punjab, the Bhandarkar Institute, Poona and the Śāntiniketan of Bengal have all made use of the literary wealth of the Adyar Library, by ordering transcripts of MSS. or by getting loans of MSS. Exceptional cases of lending books to persons of scholarship and standing have had to be admitted on a system of depositing the value of books borrowed, the amount being repayable on return of the book-loans. Otherwise, the use of the Library has been restricted to those who make use of it on the premises. Several queries about books have to be answered every month by way of correspondence, and this is an unostentatious form of Library service. The following are the statistics of the use of the Library.

The Consultants at the Reading Room	...	1,242
Books lent from the Main Room	560	} ... 1,348
Books from the Reading Room	24	
Books lent from the Lending		
Library	754	
The Visitors to the Library	...	1,584

*Exchange.*—The Annual Report of last year was printed and sent to the important libraries of the world, according to the exchange list of the Library.

*List of Donors.*—Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa, 83 books and 179 pamphlets. The Theosophical Publishing House, 63 books and 28 pamphlets. The University of Missouri, U.S.A. 11 books and one pamphlet. The Oriental Institute, Baroda, 11 books. The Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, 21 pamphlets. An anonymous donor presents 7 Vols. of "Studio," an art journal. The University of Illinois, 2 books and 7 pamphlets. Miss Koshed, 2 books and 7 pamphlets. Mr. Lucas, 6 books. The Government Sanskrit Library, Benares, 6 books. The Government Press, Madras, 5 books. Dr. Annie Besant, 3 books and 4 pamphlets. Miss A. J. Willson, 3 books. Mr. S. V. Kanakasabhai, 4 books. Tanjore Serfoji Maharaja Sarasvati Mahal Library, 3 books. Anonymous, 3 pamphlets. Les Editions "Adyar," Paris, 2 books. Mr. Burway, 2 books. Upsala University, 2 books. Madras University, 2 books. Madura Tamil Sangam, 2 books. Mr. Ernest Wood, Messrs. W. E. Bastian & Co., Dr. C. Kunhan Raja, Dr. James H. Cousins, Mr. A. Schwarz, one book or pamphlet each.

CLASSIFIED LIST OF NEW TRANSCRIPTS, PALM-LEAF  
AND PAPER MSS. ADDED IN 1932

(T)=Transcripts. (P)=Palm-leaf MSS.

*Alaṅkāra*: Alaṅkārarāghava (T) by Yajñesvara Dikṣita, Udāharāṇacandrikā by Vaidyanātha (Incomplete), Kāvya-pradīpa by Govinda, Kāvya-pradīpikā, Kāvya-prakāśavyākhyā (P), Kāvya-vilāsa by Cirañjīva-bhaṭṭācārya, Kāvya-prakāśatikā (incomplete) by Jayarāma, Rasacandrikā by Venkaṭāryakavi (T), Rasamīmāṃsā by Gaṅgārāma.

*Āgama*: Dipāroṇavicāra (T).

*Āraṇyakam*: Taittirīyāraṇyakavyākhyā (Kārikārūpā) by Puruṣottamatīrtha.

*Upaniṣadbhāṣyam*: Nyāyakaḷpalatikā (T) (Bṛhadāraṇyako-paniṣadbhāṣyavārttikavyākhyā) by Ānandapūrṇa.

*Kāvya*: Abhinavavāśavadattā (T) by Narasimhakavi, Anunayamālā (T), Aṣṭapṛāsapuṣpāñjali (T) by Sundaradāsa,

Ācāryaguṇaratnāvali (T), Ācāryasekhara by Śrinivāsaśūri (T), Uṣāharaṇakāvyaṃ and vyākhyā (P), Karuṇārasatarangiṇi (T), Kavikanthābharaṇam by Kṛṣṇakavi, Kāmakaḷātantram (T) Kāvyaḷalpalatāvṛtti by Amaraśandra, Kāvyaḷilāsam (P), Khaḍḡadhārā (T), Gītagovindavyākhyā by Seṣakamatakāra, Dehalīśavandanamālā (T) by Śrinivāsa-Sūri, Dūtakṛṣṇam (P), Navaratnaparikṣā (T) by Agastya, Nirvedatarāvali (T) by Kauśikaraṅgaṇāthasūri, Nṛgamokṣa (P) by Nārāyaṇakavi, Padyapatrikā (Incomplete) (T), Prahlādaviḷayam (T) Prakṛtakāvya with vyākhyā (P), Bhūpālamaṇḍanam (T) by Nāradaśaharṣi, Maṇogaṛhaṇam (T) (Incomplete) by Kṛṣṇakavi, Māḡhakāvyaṃ with Haśantīvyākhyā by Gopāla, Raḡhuvīraśuprabhātam (T) by Kṛṣṇakavi, Ratnaparikṣā (T) by Nārāyaṇa, Rāmaśaritaśkāvyam by Abhinanda, Rāmaśetukāvyaṃ with commentary, Subhadrā-haraṇakāvyaṃ (P) by Pravaśasenakavi with commentary by Rāmaśāśa, Śvaḷnaprakāśikā (T) by Daśātṛeya, Śvaḷnapādhyāya (T) by Bṛhaśpati.

*Kṛṣiśāśtram* : Kṛṣiśūkti by Kāśyapaśuni (T).

*Gadyakāvyaṃ* : Kādaśbari (P).

*Gītā* : Bhagaḷad-Gītā.

*Gṛhyaṃ* : Āśvalāyaṇaḡṛhyaśbhāṣyaṃ by Deḷaśvāmin, Kauśitaki-ḡṛhyaśbhāṣyaṃ and ḡṛhyaprayogaṃ, Karkaśrāddhaśūtraśprayogaśbhāṣyaṃ, Kātyāyaṇaḡṛhyakārikā by Reṇukācāryaḡ, Khādiraḡṛhyāśśūtraṃ, Khādiraḡṛhyavyākhyā by Rudraśkandah, Vāmaṇakārikā on Khādiraḡṛhyaṃ (P).

*Campū* : Rājaśūyacaśpū (P).

*Caritraṃ* : Śaṅkaraścāryaḡurupaśraṃpaśrāśūcika (T), Daśakumāra-kathāśśāraḡ by Appayaśmantri.

*Jainam* : Goṃaṡhaśāra (Jivaśkaṇḍam) 3 Vols. (T), Taśtvārthaśśūtraśvyākhyāṇam (T) by Bhāśkaraśanandi, Trilokaśśāraḡ 2 Vols. (T).

*Jyotiśām* : Kālaślakṣaṇaśāṅgraḡah (T) (Incomplete), Śvaśaracaśmaśkāraḡ by Jivaśnandah, Hośrāśaukhyam.

*Tantram* : Kārtaviśryaśaparyā by Nārāyaṇaśbhaṡṡaḡ, Viśṇu-yāmaślataṇtram.

*Dharmaśśāśtram* : Karmaśpraḡadipaśbhāṣyaṃ by Rāmaśkṛṣṇaśbhaṡṡaḡ, Yājuśopaśkarmaśnirṇaya (T), Vaiśkhānaśadharmaśāṅgraḡa (T) by Śrinivāśaśbhaṡṡārya, Vrataśratnaśpraḡadipika (T) by Veḷantaśśūri, Śarojaśundaraṃ (Incomplete), Śtrīraśkṣāśvidhi (T) by Śātaśtapa and other Maħarṣiś.

*Nāṭakam* : Adbhutadarpaṇam, Kuvalayānandabhāṇa (T) by Rāmacandrakavi.

*Nāṭikā* : Ratnāvalī (P).

*Nighanṭu* : Ajayapālakosa (T), Hārāvalīnighanṭu (T), Nāmalingānusāsanam (T) (2 kāṇḍas Savyākhyā) by Rājama-kuṭamaṇi.

*Nibandhasmṛti* : Parataitvaprāmāṇasaṅgraha by Saumyajā-mātrmuni (T).

*Niti* : Puruhūtanitisāstram (T) by Puruhūta.

*Nyāya* : Kiraṇāvalī (Dravyaparakāsa) by Vardhamāna, Dravyaparakāsavākhyā by Rucidatta, Lilāvati by Padmanābha.

*Pāncarātram* : Sarvasamhitā (T) 3 Vols.

*Prayoga* : Bodhāyanapūrvāparaprayogādarsa (T) by Kanaka-sabhāpati.

*Brāhmaṇam* : Aṣṭabrāhmaṇam (P) with vyākhyā, Tāṇḍyamahā-brāhmaṇam, Taittirīyabrāhmaṇabhāṣyam (P) by Bhāṭṭabhā-skara, Sāmavidhānabrāhmaṇam (Rudraskandabhāṣyakāṇḍānu-kramaṇi) (P).

*Mantram* : Vyūhalakṣmī-mantroddhāra (T) by Sanatkumāra, Śarabhārcāpārijāta by Rāmakṛṣṇadeva, Soundaryalaharī-vyākhyā (Incomplete) (Ānandalaharimātram).

*Māhātmyam* : Pativratāmāhātmyam (T) by Vyāsabr̥haspati, Vaikunṭha Vaibhavam (T) (Incomplete) by Sanatkumāra, Śiva-mahimārṇava (T).

*Mīmāṃsā* : Amṛtabindu (P) by Candra, Karpūravarttikā (T) and (P), Kāśikāṭikā by Sucarita, Phalasānkryakhaṇḍanam by Anantadeva, Bhāṭṭadīpikā Sankarṣakāṇḍa (Incomplete), Mīmāṃ-sārthaparakāsa, Śāstradīpikā-vyākhyā by Kamalākarabhaṭṭa.

*Mūlasmṛti* : Manusmṛti.

*Yoga* : Aṣṭāṅgayoganirūpaṇam by Sanatkumāra (T).

*Viśiṣṭādvaitam* : Bhagavadviṣayam (T) by Kṛṣṇapāda, Saṅ-gatisāra (T) by Raghunāthasūri.

*Veda* : Atharvaṇaveda-pada-pāṭha, Atharvasamhitā, Anuvā-kānukramaṇikā Ūhagānam, Ṛgvedasūktaniruktam (T) (Incomplete), Kaṇvabhāṣyam, Pramitākṣarā (Sāmasākhīyamantravyākhyā) by Vāsudeva, Veyagānam, Sarvānukramadīpikā by Gaṇeśa.

*Vedalakṣaṇam* : Chalākṣarasūtram, Prātisākhya-vyākhyāh-bāṣyam of Uvvaṭa, Prātisākhya-sūtrabhāṣyam by Anantabhaṭṭa, Hetupaṭalam by Hayagrīva, Vedalakṣaṇam by Nārāyaṇa.

*Vaidyam* : Vṛkṣāyurveda (T).

*Vyākaraṇam* : Amoghavṛtti (T) by Śākaṭāyana, Uṇādisūtra-vṛtti (T) by Durgasimha, Kātantramantraprakāsa, Kāśikāvya-khyā, Nipātavyayopasargavṛtti (T) by Tilaka, Vākyapadiyam (Incomplete), Vākyapadiyavyākhyā (Prakīrṇaprakāsa) (T) by Helārāja, Vākyapadiyam by Bhartṛhari (T), Vākyapadiyavyākhyā by Vṛṣabhadeva (T), Śākaṭāyanavyākaraṇam (T) (Jainam), Sarasvatikanthābharaṇam (T) of Bhojadeva, Sarasvatikanthābharaṇavyākhyā 2 Vols. (T) (Incomplete) by Daṇḍanāthānārāyaṇabhaṭṭa.

*S'ilpam* : Prāsādalakṣaṇam (T) by Vāsudevasūri, Vāstusāstram of Viśvakarmā.

*S'routam* : Agniṣṭomapaddhati, Adhvarakāṇḍa, Āsvalāyana-srautasūtrabhāṣyam (Incomplete) by Devatrātā, Āsvalāyanasūtraprayogapradīpikā, Kauṣītakisrautasūtrabhāṣyam (P), Kāmyeṣṭiprayoga by Āṇḍapillai, Kātyāyanasūtrapaddhati by Yājñikadeva, Kāṇḍānukramaṇikā, Kraturatnamālā (Śāṅkhāyanasrautasūtravyākhyā by Viṣṇu, Drāhyāyaṇasrautasūtra and Prayoga (P) Dvādasāhnapaddhati (Incomplete), Padaprayojanā (Kātyāyanasūtrabhāṣyam) Prāyascittapradīpikā by Varadayajvā, Pūraṇabhāṣyam by Yājñikadeva, Bhāradvājasrautasūtram (T) Bhāvīprāyascittam, Maitrāvaruṇaprayogamālā by Nārāyaṇa, Lāṭyāyanabhāṣyam by Rāmākṣṇa (Incomplete), S'routam by Viṣṇugūḍha, Śāṅkhāyanasūtrapaddhati, S'routapaddhati by Gargācārya, S'routaprayascittam, S'routaprayascittacandrikā by Viśvanāthabhaṭṭa, S'routasūtraprayogam (P), Śulbasūtram (Savyākhyā), Samskāranirṇaya by Candracūḍabhaṭṭa, Śaḍāsyatattvadīpa by Vāsudeva, Sarvatomukha, Hoṭṭpariśiṣṭa, Houtrāloka by Dāmodarabhaṭṭa, Houtrāpariśiṣṭabhāṣyam.

*Sāmaveda* : Devatādhyāya (P), Mantrabhāṣyam, Mahānāmṇī, Sāmavādabhāṣyam (P), Mahāvratam, Vamsabrāhmaṇam Stobhapa-dam, Samhitopaniṣat (P).

*Sāmudrikāsāstram* : Sāmudrikāsāra (T).

*Stotram* : Ambikātrisatī by Gangādharamakhī (T), Aṣṭadīk-pālastuti (T) by Śrīranganāthasūri, Aṣṭamahīṣīprārthanā (T) by Rāmānujācārya, Ācāryavimsatī (T) by Aṇṇayārya, Ācāryadvā-trimsat (T) by Srīnivāsasūri, Ācāryapancāsat (T) by Venkatādh-vari, Ācāryavimsatī (T) by Doddayācāryavārya, Indirāsatakam (T) by Kṛṣṇakavi, Kamalātrisatī (T) by Gangādharamakhī,

Kṛṣṇakarnāmṛtavayākhyā (P), Gurutilakastuti (T) by Raghunāthadhvari, Tattvārthasārāvalī (T), Daśāvataraprārthanā (T) by Śrīranganāthasūri, Navagrahasvarūpadhyānam (T) by Kēsavapaṇḍita, Navaratnamālā (T) by Nṛsimhakavi, Pañcaslokī (T) by Śrīranganāthasūri, Paramapurusaṅgaprārthanā (T) Prastāvikaslokā by Kṛṣṇakavi, Yadunāthasuprabhātā (T), Lakṣmīmangalam (T) by Śrī-Parāṅkusayati, Lakṣmīnṛsimhaprabhātāvimsati (T) Śaṭhakopayati, Lakṣmīnṛsimhādicaturmūrtisuprabhātā (T) by Śrīnivāsayati, Venkaṭesaprārthanādimahimā (T), Śaṭhakopagadyam (T) by Rāghavasudhī, Śankarācāryavijayakhaḍgadhārā (T) by Śankaradīkṣita, Śāradātrisati (T) by Gangādharamakhī, Śrīprapatti (T) by Śrīparāṅkusayati, Śrīvarāhastuti (T), Hanumatprasādistotram (T) by Śrīranganāthasūri.

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## THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS

(FROM 16TH DECEMBER, 1931 TO 15TH DECEMBER, 1932)

*To the Revered President and the Board of Managers,*

I have the honour to submit the following brief report of the Olcott Panchama Free Schools, for the year ending 15th December, 1932.

The work during the year under report has been one of concentrated attempt not only to make the schools places of happiness and joyous activity, but also to make the instructions imparted really purposeful and beneficial to the children. The number of pupils on the rolls in both of our schools has been almost of the same figure as that of last year. There has been a great demand for admission into our schools, but we had to send away more than 50 children to other institutions, on account of our limited conditions. The daily attendance of the pupils has been fairly satisfactory. The irregular students are persuaded to attend more regularly by frequent visits of the teachers to their homes and talks with the parents and guardians. The teachers are trying their best to carry on the work in a spirit

of service, lovingly rendered. All attention possible is given to the physical well-being of the pupils, and the general cleanliness of the schools.

The general health of the pupils and the teachers has been satisfactory. Arrangements are made in the H. P. B. M. F. School to provide a daily bath for almost all the children in the school itself. But the same kind of arrangement could not be made at the Olcott Free School, for lack of proper water facilities. But such of those pupils as do not have their daily bath either at their homes or at the Adyar Baby Welcome are as far as possible compelled to bathe in the school. We continue to have the services of Dr. P. C. Patel, M.B., B.S., who very kindly again conducted the medical inspection of our children this year, besides visiting our schools and rendering the necessary medical aid for all the needy cases. As per his report, "during the course of the year a regular treatment of the eyes, teeth and skin was done by the teachers of the schools with requisite drugs supplied by the T. S. Dispensary." All cases of ailments as, *e.g.*, of ears, cough, fever, stomach-ache, sores and wounds, are noted by the different teachers and treated according to the instructions given, special attention being given by the doctor to certain boys and girls who need it. This has had a very beneficent effect on the schools, the general health of the children being comparatively very much better during the period under review. I would like to offer here our grateful thanks to Dr. P. C. Patel for the valuable services which he is so kindly rendering to our schools. Midday lunch is daily given to from 70 to 80 pupils in the Olcott Free School, and rice and chutney to from 90 to 100 children at the H. P. B. M. School, at a cost of Rs. 1-2 and Rs. 1-8 respectively per diem, and this distribution continues to remain a necessity. The children are taught to gain control over their bodies through drill, exercises, games, various physical practices like pyramids, *kummi*, *kolattam*, etc. The inspecting officers have remarked that "the drill and games are very good."

Instruction in the three R's and other allied subjects has gone on steadily as before. The Inspector of Schools has stated that "the progress on the whole is fair and satisfactory" and "the schools are continuing their very useful existence."

During this year, greater stress has been laid on the training of the hand. Handicraft is made compulsory for the pupils of the higher classes; spinning, weaving of cloth, tape, mats, nets, and hammocks, leaf work, clay work etc., are regularly taught, besides several other crafts which the children are encouraged to carry on as hobbies. In one of the Inspection books will be found the remarks that "the introduction of about a dozen handicrafts and the good work seen merit commendation." In this and all other phases of practical school life as well, Scouting has helped us a lot. We have in our two schools about 120 Scouts and Cubs, a really useful and cheery lot.

Attempts are made to help the children in their character development through their daily common and individual prayers, weekly *bhajanas* and talks, *pujas* on festival occasions, through the stories of the lives of great men, through drama and music, through Scouting and opportunities for actual service.

During the T. S. Convention of 1931 at Adyar, our boys and teachers put up a very well-disciplined and cheerful service as volunteers, much to the appreciation of all, which only showed that our children also, though belonging to the depressed communities, would acquit themselves creditably if only given proper training and opportunities.

This year our schools celebrated their Founder's Day in a very special way. Usually every year they used to have combined sports on the 17th of February. But this time the two schools had their annual sports separately on their respective grounds at Adyar and Kodambakam, on the 13th and 15th of that month. The children enjoyed themselves thoroughly and evinced keen sportsman spirit throughout. After the sports, prizes were given away by Baroness J. van Isselmuden and Mrs. Hilda Wood. Later the children were treated to refreshments.

On February 17th and 18th the schools had a special exhibition of Handicraft at the Olcott Free School, Adyar, where the children not only showed the products they had made but also demonstrated different cottage industries, about 30 in all. The Exhibition was visited by more than 1,200 people, amongst whom were parents, distinguished visitors interested in the work of the elementary schools, a large number of women teachers, and large contingents of school children, Scouts, and Cubs,



with their teachers and Scouters. The whole place was brimming with activity, enthusiasm and happy co-operation—more than ninety children being busy at their different occupations. Not only had they tastefully and well arranged their different places, but also they kept themselves active throughout, so that every visitor was well impressed: they enjoyed themselves and went away much happier.

Later our boys were invited to repeat this exhibition at the Provincial Boy Scout Headquarters of the Madras Presidency at their Annual Scout Rally, which was presided over by H. E. the Governor and Chief Scout of Madras, where more than 600 Scouts and Cubs had rallied, besides a large number of visitors. His Excellency and all the visitors were very much interested in the work of our children.

On August 2nd, our schools celebrated the Centenary of Col. Olcott and the children were the happy recipients of an aluminium tumbler each in his living memory. On the 1st of October, our Amma's Birthday, the children had their joyous processions, bhajanas and meetings, and as usual they were fed on the occasion by our generous friend M.R.Ry. C. N. Subramania Iyer, who, unfortunately for us, has been away from our midst for a long time.

One more point, the Labour Department of the Madras Government declined to sanction any grants for our schools for the current year. This has made the position of the schools very hard. So the Board has once again approached the Labour Department with the request that they take over and manage the H. P. B. M. School. So far no reply has been received. In case of the Labour Department not taking it over, nor any other responsible body coming forth to take over its management, the Board may think of closing down that institution, although it would be a great pity that such a school, considered as a pioneer and model institution doing excellent work for the children of the depressed communities, should end its existence in that manner.

I would like to point out here some of the urgent requirements of the Olcott Free School. Some of the old portions of the school buildings need immediate reconstruction. Arrangements have to be made for proper water supply. It would be very helpful to the future welfare of its pupils, specially of the depressed

communities whose interests it is expected to serve, if the Olcott School could be made a complete Higher Elementary School by the addition of two more classes. Perhaps it would be good also if a compound wall could be put up to safeguard the property.

In concluding my report, I offer here my grateful thanks to the Adyar Baby Welcome, which has always been of great help to us in our care of the physical well-being of our children, to Srimathi Perammal, who is actively helping me, and to Mr. A. Schwarz for the ever generous and ready help he has given me throughout. Further, on behalf of the pupils and teachers of our schools as also of myself, I offer here our sincere and loving homage to our great President, the ever beloved Mother of us all.

## NUMBER OF PUPILS ON ROLLS ON 15TH DECEMBER, 1932

CLASS	OLCOTT FREE SCHOOL		H.P.B. MEMORIAL FREE SCHOOL		TOTAL	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
I Standard	72	48	68	28	140	76
II "	30	13	29	19	59	32
III "	49	10	27	4	76	14
IV "	56	8	27	1	83	9
V "	32	5	11	2	43	7
VI "	20	..	...	...	20	...
Total	259	84	162	54	421	138
Grand Total	343		216		559	

M. KRISHNAN,  
*Superintendent.*

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENT ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DISBURSEMENTS					Rs.	A.	P.
To Teachers' Salaries	...	...	...	...	6,299	5	0
„ Superintendent's Salary	...	...	...	...	900	0	0
„ Servants' Wages	...	...	...	...	295	0	0
„ Books and Supplies	...	...	...	...	395	14	3
„ Rents and Taxes	..	...	...	...	50	9	8
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	120	0	0
„ Motor Cycle	...	...	...	...	586	9	0
„ Discount, Collection and Exchange	...	...	...	...	148	9	3
„ Teachers' Provident Fund	...	...	...	...	123	5	6
„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	257	1	0
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	3	0	0
„ Expenses of Pupils at Colleges	...	...	..	..	29	1	7
„ Audit Fee	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
„ Grants-in-Aid. Refund of Excess grant per 1930-31 Account. H. P. B. School	...	...	...	...	13	0	0
„ Transfer to Reserve Account	..	...	...	...	9,271 237	7 4	3 0
					9,508	11	3

ADYAR

31st March, 1932

A. SCHWARZ,

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.



## BALANCE-SHEET OF THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		Rs.	A.	P.
To Panchama Education Fund		36,145	11	4
„ Food Fund :	Rs. A. P.			
Balance on 1st April, 1931	91 9 6			
Donations received in 1931-32	615 0 0			
	<u>706 9 6</u>			
Less : Food Expenses	678 9 0			
		28	0	6
„ Reserve Account :				
Balance as per last year's Balance-Sheet	3,335 8 11			
Transfer from Income and Disbursement Account	237 4 0			
	<u>3,572</u>	12	11	
		<u>39,746</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>

ADYAR

31st March, 1932

A. SCHWARZ,

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

## FREE SCHOOLS, ADYAR, PER 31ST MARCH, 1932

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				Rs.	A.	P.
By Immovable Property	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
„ Movable	„	...	...	500	0	0
„ 3½ % Govt. Promotes	Rs. 30,200 @ Rs. 60	...	...	18,120	0	0
„ 5 % „	„ „ 10,000 @ Rs. 100½	...	...	10,062	8	0
„ 5 % Bombay Municipal Debentures	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
„ 6½ % do. Development Loan	...	...	...	2,500	0	0
„ Imperial Bank of India, Madras	...	...	...	2,841	4	4
„ Cash in hand	...	...	...	976	8	5
„ Sundry Debtors and Creditors' Account	...	...	...	2,546	4	0
				39,746	8	9

Audited and found correct.

(Sd.) G. NARASIMHAM, F.R.S.A., F.A.A.,

Associated Accountant (London),

Government Certified Auditor.

## THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE, ADYAR

*To the President, Theosophical Society.*

The Theosophical Publishing House has issued several new books including the 3rd Vol. of the *Twelve Principal Upanishads*, containing Chandogya and Kausitaki-Brahmana Upanishads. Text in Sanskrit with English Translation and Notes by Raja Rajendra Lal Mitra and Prof. E. B. Cowell, with a preface by Prof. M. N. Dvivedi. This completes the Twelve Principal Upanishads which are issued in 3 Vols. and forms the 6th of the T. P. H. Oriental Series. The seventh in the same Series is *Saptapadarthi*, or a Manual of Seven Categories, Shivaditya's Treatise on Nyaya-Vaisesika Systems of Indian Philosophy, containing Translation and Notes by Prof. D. Gurumurti, M.A., of the Theosophical College, Madanapalle, with a Foreword by Prof. Radhakrishnan, M.A., Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University. The eighth in the Series is *Viveka Chudamani*, or Crest-Jewel of Wisdom, of Sri Shankaracharya, Text and Translation by Mohini Mohan Chatterjee, F.T.S.

The Olcott Centenary Number, August 1932, issue of *The Theosophist* was a special number in honour of the birthday of the President-Founder. It is published in book form for libraries and as a historical record.

Sri Bhagavan Das was able to completely revise and enlarge his book *The Science of Social Organization or the Laws of Manu in the Light of Atma-Vidya (Theosophy)*. The First Volume was published during this year. *The Essential Unity of All Religions* was another contribution by Sri Bhagavan Das.

Other books of this year are *Old Diary Leaves*, Vol. V, by Col. H. S. Olcott, dealing with the period of the history of the Theosophical Society between the years 1893 and 1895; *The Mysteries of Eleusis*, by Prof. G. Meautis of the University of Neuchatel, an original work bringing together all the ancient material in the way of research and Archæological discourses on the subject of the Mysteries of Eleusis; *The "Brothers" of Madame Blavatsky*, by Miss Mary K. Neff; *My Guest—H. P. Blavatsky*, by Francesca Arundale; *Francis Bacon and the Cipher Story*, by F. L. Woodward; *Goethe's Faust*, by C. Jinarajadasa; and *A Short Biography of Dr. Annie Besant*, by C. Jinarajadasa.

There have also been a number of reprints ; among these special mention should be made of *The Masters, The Birth and Evolution of the Soul, Higher Education in India, Principles of Education* and *Beauties of Islam*, all by Dr. Besant.

A few booklets for propaganda have also been published, and the following are among them :

*Community Singing, Hindu Reform on National Lines, The Address of the President to the 56th Annual Convention of the Theosophical Society, From an Elder Brother to the Youth of India and the Golden Stairs, Vegetarian Dishes—Some Simple Recipes and India's Struggle to Achieve Dominion Status.*

The Adyar Pamphlets have been continued with the regular number of twelve published in the year.

10-12-32

M. SUBRAMANIA IYER,

*Manager.*

#### BOOKS PUBLISHED BY OR IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL SOCIETIES

(Sectional Magazines and a few books are mentioned in the Reports of the General Secretaries. Apart from those we have received notification of only the following).

*SPAIN* : *Raja y Hatta Yogas*, by E. Wood ; *El Hijo del Silencio*, by Han Ryner ; *Nutrición Humana y Cocina Vegetariana Científica*, by Dr. E. Alfonso ; *Revelación*, by P. J. Cohucelo, *El Amigo Inmortal, Mensaje de Krishnamurti 1927-30, La Búsqueda, El Canto de la Vida, El Problema Social*, all by J. Krishnamurti.

*MEXICO* : *Infinitud*, by J. Krishnamurti ; *El Vicio de Comer Carnes*, ed. by the T. S. in Mexico ; *Estudio del Tratamiento Llamado Simpatocoterapia*, ed. by Dr. A. Mendez.

*HUNGARY* : *A Mesterek és az Osveny*, by C. W. Leadbeater, *Élet és Halál* ; *Reinkarnáció*, both by Ernó Martinovich.

*POLAND* : *Thought-Power*, by A. Besant.



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MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

No. 2 of 1905.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,

Station, Madras,

*Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.*

*Dated 3rd April 1905.*

## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905

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*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy  
and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
an Act for the Registration of Literary,  
Scientific and Charitable Societies,*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

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### MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION.

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.
2. The objects for which the Society is established are :—
  - I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.
  - II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.
  - III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.
    - (a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.
    - (b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.
    - (c) The sale, improvement, management, and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.
    - (d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council, which is the governing body of the Society, are as follow :—

## GENERAL COUNCIL.

*Ex-officio.*

*President-Founder* :—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

*Vice-President* :—A. P. Sinnett, London, Eng., Author.

*Recording-Secretary* :—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

*Treasurer* :—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U. P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle Street, London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N. S. W.

Arvid Knös, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N. Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de La Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

José M. Massô, acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

*Additional.*

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalwala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tumucherla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New

York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any member thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them, but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . . . day of March, 1905.

Witnesses to the signatures :

		{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
(Sd.) Wm. GLENNY KEAGEY	...	{ „ W. A. ENGLISH
		{ „ S. SUBRAMANIAM
„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON	...	{ „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
„ PYARE LAL	...	{ „ UPENDRANATH BASU
„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE	...	{ „ ANNIE BESANT
		{ „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE  
ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,"  
ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council, which shall be the Governing Body of the Theosophical Society, shall consist of its President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary and the General Secretary of each of its component National Societies, *ex officio*, and of not less than five other members of the Society ; and not less than seven members of the General Council shall be resident in India, and of these seven there shall be not less than three who shall and three who shall not be natives of India or Ceylon. The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

2. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office, while the other members shall be elected for a term of three years, by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting ; the names of proposed members shall be sent to all members three months before the Annual Meeting. Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given ; the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members,

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society, shall preside at all meetings of the Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Nine months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or whenever the office becomes vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call for nominations for the office of President from the members of the General Council. Nominations of any member or members in good standing, who have consented to accept nomination for the office, may be sent in to the Recording Secretary, so as to reach him within three months of the date of the call for nominations. At the expiry of this period the Recording Secretary shall communicate the nominations to the General Secretaries, and to the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. Each General Secretary shall take the votes of the



individual members of his National Society who were on the rolls at the time of forwarding his last annual report to the President of the Society, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-Large attached to Headquarters. At the expiry of six months from the issue of the nominations by the Recording Secretary, the votes shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

11. The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his election confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall take effect from their dates, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority vote of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at its next succeeding meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. At least three of the members shall and three shall not be Indians. Vacancies caused by death or resignation may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the audit of accounts or the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the Chairman

whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the Chairman or Vice-Chairman, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting, and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the Imperial Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T. S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by the President or by the Treasurer of the Society.

21. (a) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

(b) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise: save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such

outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(c) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (b).

22. All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence or of illness of the President the Executive Committee may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

#### HEADQUARTERS

26. The Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion of the Headquarters' premises for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

## ORGANIZATION

28. Every person, regardless of sex, age, race, creed, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but no person under the age of majority shall be admitted without the consent of parent or guardian. Every application for membership must be made on an authorized form and signed by the applicant.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary; and a Diploma of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and unattached Fellows residing within the territory of a National Society must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

31. When a Lodge or an individual Fellow in good standing is, for any serious and weighty reason, desirous of leaving the National Society to which it, or he, belongs, but is not desirous of leaving the Theosophical Society, such Lodge or individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature

and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

36. (a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Any National Society or any Lodge, whether belonging to a National Society or not, may by a two-thirds majority of the members constituting the same withdraw from the Theosophical Society.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power of making its own Rules, provided they do not conflict with the Rules of the Theosophical Society, and the rules shall become valid unless their confirmation be refused by the President.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies, hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The... Section of the T.S.," before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

#### FINANCE

41. The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: For Charter, £1; for each Diploma of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large not belonging to any Lodge shall pay the usual 5s. Entrance Fee, and an Annual Subscription of £1, to the General Treasury.

43. Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received from its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of October of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st October.

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36*a*, or the dissolution or winding up of any National Society, or the withdrawal from the Theosophical Society of any National Society or any Lodge, where it shall have withdrawn from the Theosophical Society under Rule 36*b*), its constituent Charter granted by the President, shall, *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapse and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas, Seal, Records and other papers, pertaining to the Society, belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest in the Society (except when the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and shall be delivered up to the President or his nominee in its behalf and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the Name, Motto, or Seal of the Society.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to transfer or revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge as the case may be, whose Charter should have become so forfeited or lapsed, to such other Lodges not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, or to such other Fellows not being less than seven in number as have not withdrawn, respectively, or to such other nominee or nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of the Society.

In cases where the law of the country where the National Society or the Lodge, whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid is situated, prohibits such vesting in the Society, in that case the property of the Lodge shall vest in its National Society and the property of the National Society shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees to be appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, which the Society may become entitled to under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

#### MEETINGS

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in the June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in the March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

#### REVISION

49. The General Council, after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

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#### GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1933

##### *Ex-Officio*

**President:** ANNIE BESANT, D.L., Adyar, Madras.

**Vice-President:** MR. A. P. WARRINGTON, Adyar, Madras.

**Recording Secretary:** MR. ERNEST WOOD, Adyar, Madras.

**Treasurer:** MR. A. SCHWARZ, Adyar, Madras.

**Cables:** "OLCOTT, Madras."

**General Secretaries**

- MR. SIDNEY A. COOK, T.S. in U.S. of America; Wheaton, Illinois, U.S.A. Cables: "Theosoph, Wheaton."
- MRS. M. JACKSON, T.S. in England; 45-46, Lancaster Gate, London, W. 2. Cables: "Theosoph, London."
- MR. D. K. TELANG, T.S. in India; Benares City, U.P. Cables: "Theosophy, Benares."
- REV. H. MORTON, T.S. in Australia; Iluka Road, Mosman, N.S.W. Cables: "Theosoph, Sydney."
- FRU ELMA BERG, T.S. in Sweden; Ostermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm, Sweden.
- REV. WILLIAM CRAWFORD, T.S. in New Zealand; 371 Queen Street, Auckland, New Zealand.
- HEER J. KRUISHEER, T.S. in the Netherlands; 156 Tolstraat, Amsterdam, Holland.
- MONSIEUR CHARLES BLECH, T.S. in France; 4 Square Rapp, Paris VII, France.
- DONNA LUISA GAMBERINI, T.S. in Italy; 109 via Masaccio, Florence 22, Italy.
- HERR DR. JOHANNES M. VERWEYEN, T.S. in Germany; Behringstr. 2, Bonn, Germany.
- DR. J. R. VILLAVARDE, T.S. in Cuba; Apartado 365, Havana, Cuba.
- MISS FLORA SELEVER, T.S. in Hungary; Berkenye-utca 3, Budapest III, Hungary.
- HERR A. RANKKA, T.S. in Finland; Kansakoulukatu 8, Helsinki, Finland.
- DR. ANNA KAMENSKY, Russian T.S. outside Russia; 2 Rue Cherbuliez, Geneva, Switzerland.
- HERR JOSEF SKUTA, T.S. in Czechoslovakia; Kuncicky 290, Mor. Ostrava, Czechoslovakia.
- MISS M. L. MURCHIE, T.S. in South Africa; 146 Loop Street, Maritzburg, Natal, South Africa. Cables: "Theosoph, Maritzburg."



- MR. JOHN P. ALLAN, T.S. in Scotland; 28 Great King Street, Edinburgh, Scotland. Cables: "Theosophy Edinburgh."
- MADAME LOUISA ROLLIER, T.S. in Switzerland; 15 Rue St. Jean, Geneva, Switzerland.
- MONSIEUR GASTON POLAK, T.S. in Belgium; 51 Rue du Commerce, Brussels, Belgium.
- MYNHEER A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN, T.S. in Netherlands East Indies; Olcott-Park No. 18, Bandoeng, Java.
- MR. N. A. NAGANATHAN, T.S. in Burma; 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon, Burma.
- HERR FRITZ SCHLEIFER, T.S. in Austria; Theresianumgasse 12, Vienna IV, Austria.
- HERR JULIUS MICHELSEN, T.S. in Norway; Bakkeget. 23II, inng. Munkedamsven, Oslo, Norway
- HERR H. O. SVERRILD, T.S. in Denmark; Gl. Kongevej 103, Copenhagen V, Denmark.
- MRS. E. ROBINSON, T.S. in Ireland; 14 South Frederick Street, Dublin, Ireland.
- SEÑOR ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL, T.S. in Mexico; 28A Calle Iturbide, Mexico, D. F.
- MR. ALBERT E. S. SMYTHE, T.S. in Canada; 33 Forest Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
- DR. HONORIO FOLQUER, T.S. in Argentina; Maipu 771, Tucuman, Argentina.
- SEÑOR ARMANDO HAMEL, T.S. in Chile; Casilla 3603, Santiago, Chile.
- DR. CAIO LUSTOSA LEMOS, T.S. in Brazil; Rua 13 de Maio, 33/35 4th Floor, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- MONSIEUR IVAN GROSEV, T.S. in Bulgaria; Drin, 3, Sofia, Bulgaria.
- FRU KRISTIN MATTHIASON, T.S. in Iceland; Ingolfsstr. 22, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- DON L. GARCIA LORENZANA, T.S. in Spain; Avenida de la Libertad, Conquero, Huelva, Spain.
- MADAME J. S. LEFEVRE, T.S. in Portugal; Rua Passos Manuel, No. 20, Lisbon, Portugal.
- MR. PETER FREEMAN, T.S. in Wales; 3 Rectory Road, Penarth, Wales. Cables: "Cardiff 471."
- MLLE. EVELYN KARAS, T.S. in Poland; Ut. 23, m. 11, Warsaw, Poland.

- SEÑORA JULIA ACEVEDO DE LA GAMMA, T.S. in Uruguay ; Casilla Correo 595, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- SEÑOR A. J. PLARD, T.S. in Porto Rico ; P. O. Box 3, San Juan, Porto Rico.
- MADAME HELENE ROMNICIANO, T.S. in Roumania ; Str. Mauriciu Blank, 4 B, Bucharest I, Roumania.
- GOSPOJICA JELISAVA VAVRA, T.S. in Jugoslavija ; Mesnicka Ulica 7 III 1, Zagreb, Jugoslavija.
- DR. S. A. WICKRAMASINGHE, T.S. in Ceylon ; "Srinivasa," Pamankanda, Wellawatte, Colombo, Ceylon.
- MONSIEUR CIMON PRINARIS, T.S. in Greece ; Homer Street No. 20 Athens, Greece.
- SEÑOR JOSE B. ACUNA (Ag.), T.S. in Central America ; Apartado 568, San Josè, Costa Rica, Central America. Cables : "Teosofia, San José, Costa Rica."
- CAPTAIN SIDNEY RANSOM, T.S. in Central South Africa ; P. O. Box 47, Pretoria, South Africa.
- DR. ALEJANDRO BENAVENTE A., T.S. in Peru ; Apartado 386, Arequipa, Peru.

***Additional Members***

- MR. HIRENDRA NATH DATTA, 139 Cornwallis Street, Calcutta [1930 for 3 years].
- THE RT. REV. C. W. LEADBEATER, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras [1930 for 3 years].
- MR. J. D. L. ARATHOON, c/o Bank of Indore Ltd., Indore [1930 for 3 years].
- KHAN BAHADUR N. D. KHANDALAVALA, Dubash House, Hughes Road, Bombay [for 1932, 1933 and 1934].
- MR. D. K. TELANG, Theosophical Society, Benares City [for 1932, 1933 and 1934].
- THE RT. REV. G. S. ARUNDALE, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras [for 1932, 1933 and 1934].
- MR. HUKUM CHAND KUMAR, Sevakunj, Rambaugh Road, Karachi [for 1932, 1933 and 1934].
- MR. C. JINARAJADASA, Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras [for 1933, 1934 and 1935].
- MR. A. RANGASWAMY AIYER, Santhai Pettai Street, Madura [for 1933, 1934 and 1935].

## PRESIDENTIAL AGENTS

**Egypt:** MR. J. H. PEREZ, P.O. Box 240, Cairo, Egypt.

**Paraguay:** SEÑOR WILLIAM PAATS, Casillo de Correo 693, Asuncion, Paraguay.

**China:** MR. JOHN RUSSELL, P.O. Box 632, Hong Kong.

## HEADQUARTERS

**Executive Committee:** THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE-PRESIDENT, THE RECORDING SECRETARY, THE TREASURER, MR. C. JINARAJA-DASA, DR. G. SRINIVASAMURTI, MRS. BHAGIRATHI SRI RAM, RT. REV. C. W. LEADBEATER, MR. H. FREI and DR. C. KUNHAN RAJA.

**Adyar Library:** DR. C. KUNHAN RAJA.

**Garden Department:** MR. K. R. JUSSAWALLA.

**Engineering Department:** MR. K. ZUURMAN.

**Bhojanashala:** MR. C. SUBBARAMAYYA.

**Housekeeping:** MRS. KRISHNABAI SHAH, MADAME P. C. D'AMATO and MISS S. WARE.

**Theosophical Publishing House:** MR. M. SUBRAMANIA IYER.

**Vasanta Press:** MR. A. K. SITARAMA SHASTRI.

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## MINUTES

*Of a Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room,  
Headquarters, Adyar, on December 23rd, 1932, at 4 p.m.*

### PRESENT:

- Mr. A. P. Warrington, *Vice-President, in the Chair.*  
,, Ernest Wood, *Recording Secretary.*  
Mrs. M. Jackson, *General Secretary, T.S. in England and Proxy  
for the General Secretary, T.S. in Hungary.*  
Mr. N. A. Naganathan, *General Secretary, T.S. in Burma.*  
Dr. S. A. Wickramasinghe, *General Secretary, T.S. in Ceylon.*  
Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, *Additional Member.*  
,, Hirendra Nath Datta, *Additional Member.*  
Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, *Additional Member and Proxy for the  
General Secretary, T. S. in Australia.*  
Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, *Additional Member and Proxy for the  
General Secretaries of the T.S. in U.S. of America and Jugoslavia.*  
Mr. L. Mangilaar Meertens, *Representative, T. S. in Netherlands  
East Indies.*  
Miss N. E. Ockenden, *Representative, T.S. in New Zealand.*

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meetings of December 23rd, 25th, 27th, 30th, 1931, and January 1st, 4th and 8th, 1932, having been previously circulated to the members of the General Council, were taken as read, adopted and signed.

2. *Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet.*—The Treasurer's Report and Balance Sheet were explained by the Recording Secretary, acting for the absent Treasurer, and were passed.

3. *Argentine Lodges.*—The Secretary reported that the dissenting Lodges of the Argentine Section had now rejoined the Argentine Section.

4. *Geneva International Centre.*—Bishop Arundale was requested to suggest to the Centre that the best process for the Centre to become attached directly to Adyar Headquarters would be for it first to join the Swiss Section and afterwards to arrange for a transfer to Adyar.

5. *Pension for the Nieces of H.P.B.*—Resolved that the General Council appoint Mrs. M. Jackson and Mr. C. Jinarajadasa to consult and report what practical way can be found to create an annuity fund for the two nieces of H.P.B., and invite thereto contributions from other Theosophical Organizations who revere the name of H.P.B. The Council proposed to make a regular contribution and suggested that a sum to be contributed yearly be allocated to each Organization.

6. *Objects of the English Section.*—The General Secretary for the T.S. in England stated that for the sake of freedom from taxation the English Section desired to announce its Objects as the same as the Objects of the Theosophical Society, with certain limiting clauses added. The Recording Secretary read the legal opinion on the subject, to the effect that the English Section could not thus curtail the Society's Objects. The English General Secretary remarked that further information from England was expected on the subject, which would probably remove the desire to attach a limiting clause to the Objects. It was decided to wait further information before making any definite pronouncement on the subject.

7. *What is Theosophy?*—Mr. Freeman returned the statement on Theosophy, which had not been referred for the consideration of the European Congress, stating that as the Congress did not meet this year it could not be considered. It was decided to refer the matter back to Mr. Freeman to be put before the next European Congress.

8. *Additional Members.*—It was reported that Mr. Jinarajadasa and Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyer had received respectively 33 and 30 votes, only one negative vote being recorded against Mr. Rangaswami Iyer. They were therefore declared elected Additional Members of the General Council, for a period of three years (1933, 1934 and 1935).

At 5 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned to December 28th, 1932, at 4 p.m.

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## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on December 28th, 1932, at 4 p.m.*

## PRESENT :

- Mr. A. P. Warrington, *Vice-President and Proxy for Mr. A. Schwarz, in the Chair.*  
 „ Ernest Wood, *Recording Secretary.*  
 „ D. K. Telang, *General Secretary, Indian Section, T. S., and Additional Member.*  
 „ N. A. Naganathan, *General Secretary, T.S. in Burma.*  
 Fru Kristin Matthiasson, *General Secretary, T.S. in Iceland.*  
 Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, *Additional Member.*  
 „ Hirendra Nath Datta, *Additional Member.*  
 Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, *Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary, T. S. in Australia.*  
 Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, *Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in U.S. of America and Jugoslavija.*  
 Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyar, *Additional Member.*  
 Miss N. E. Ockenden, *Representative, T S. in New Zealand.*  
 Mr. L. Mangilaar Meertens, *Representative, T.S. in Netherlands East Indies.*

9. *Propositions circulated July 21st, 1932.*—Votes on the Propositions circulated during the year were received, with the following results :

Proposition No.	I (i)	For, 44	Against, 1
„	(ii) a	„ 45	„ 0
„	(ii) b	„ 45	„ 0
„	II	„ 43	„ 2
„	III	„ 40	„ 5
„	IV	„ 46	„ 0
„	V	„ 44	„ 2
„	VI	„ 44	„ 0
„	VII	„ 46	„ 0
„	VIII	„ 7	„ 35

Proposition No.	IX	For, 37	Against, 7
"	X (i)	" 44	" 0
"	(ii)	" 45	" 0
"	XI	" 4	" 34

(Votes have not been received from Dr. Besant and the General Secretaries for The Netherlands, Italy, Czechoslovakia, South Africa, Norway, Ireland, Mexico, Chile, Central America and Peru.)

Propositions Nos. I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, X, having obtained the necessary majority were, therefore, declared passed, and the respective rules are accordingly changed as follows :

*Rule No. 21(a) (Proposition I).*—The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property.

21(b).—The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise : save that the President, if specially authorised by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

21(c).—The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(b).

*Rule No. 49 (Proposition II).*—The General Council, after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

*Rule No. 43 (Proposition IV).*—Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received from its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of October of the

current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st October.

*Rule No. 14 (Proposition V).*—The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. At least three of the members shall and three shall not be Indians. Vacancies caused by death or resignation may be filled by co-optation.

*Rule No. 15 (Proposition VI).*—The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the audit of accounts or the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the Chairman whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

*Rule No. 47 (Proposition VII).*—At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

*Rule No. 22 (Proposition X (i)).*—All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence or of illness of the President the Executive Committee may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

*Rule No. 24 (Proposition X (ii)).*—The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

10. *Budgets for 1933.*—The T. S Headquarters and Adyar Library Budgets for the year ending 31st October, 1933, which



had been provisionally passed by the Executive Committee, T.S., were unanimously passed, after examination and discussion of various items.

## T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1933

INCOME	Rs.	A. P.		EXPENDITURE	Rs.	A. P.	
Rent and Interest ...	26,000	0	0	Adyar Library Account	5,000	0	0
Fees and Dues ...	15,000	0	0	Office Salaries ...	2,200	0	0
Garden Produce ...	8,000	0	0	Servants' Wages ...	6,000	0	0
Surplus from 1932 ...	11,811	0	0	Gardens ...	17,000	0	0
Deficit to be made good by				Printing and Stationery ...	3,000	0	0
donations ...	14,589	0	0	Telegrams and Postages ...	1,000	0	0
				Lighting and Water ...	7,000	0	0
				Taxes ...	500	0	0
				Construction and Repairs ...	22,000	0	0
				Establishment ...	2,000	0	0
				Olcott Cottage (Ooty) ...	1,000	0	0
				Furnishing ...	1,000	0	0
				Pensions and Gratuities ...	1,500	0	0
				Miscellaneous ...	4,000	0	0
				Publishing ...	1,000	0	0
				Museum and Archives ...	700	0	0
				Dispensary ...	500	0	0
	75,400	0	0		75,400	0	0

## ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FOR 1933

INCOME	Rs.	A. P.		EXPENDITURE	Rs.	A. P.	
T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	0	0	Salaries and Pensions ...	8,000	0	0
"Adyar Day" Contribution	2,000	0	0	Books and Journals ...	2,600	0	0
Interest ...	4,150	0	0	MSS., and Copying charges.	1,500	0	0
Sales ...	200	0	0	Fire Insurance ..	330	0	0
Rent ...	1,020	0	0	Bookbinding and Stationery	1,750	0	0
Miscellaneous ...	100	0	0	Contingencies ...	500	0	0
Deficit to be made good by				Nellore Sanskrit School ...	240	0	0
donations ...	2,450	0	0				
	14,920	0	0		14,920	0	0

11. *Leadbeater Chambers.*—After discussion with regard to the repair of Leadbeater Chambers, a Sub-Committee of Engineers was

appointed to visit the building and give their advice, with the Recording Secretary as Convener; the following were appointed to the Sub-Committee, with power to co-opt: Mr. L. Mangilaar Meertens, Rao Sahib S. V. Kanagasabai Pillai, Mr. A. S. Rajagopal Aiyengar, Mr. R. Madhavachari, Mr. K. Srinivasa Aiyengar and Mr. S. Seshadri Iyer.

12. *Appointment of Auditor.*—It was unanimously resolved—That Mr. G. Narasimham, F. A. A., F. R. S. A., Registered Accountant, be re-appointed Auditor for the year 1933, at the usual remuneration.

At 5.15 p.m., the Meeting was adjourned to December 29th, 1932, at 4 p.m.

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 MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on December 29th, 1932, at 4 p.m.*

## PRESENT:

- Mr. A. P. Warrington, *Vice-President and Proxy for Mr. A. Schwarz, in the Chair.*  
 „ Ernest Wood, *Recording Secretary.*  
 „ D. K. Telang, *General Secretary, Indian Section, and Additional Member.*  
 „ N. A. Naganathan, *General Secretary, T.S. in Burma.*  
 Fru Kristin Matthiasson, *General Secretary, T. S. in Iceland.*  
 Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, *Additional Member.*  
 „ Hirendra Nath Datta, *Additional Member.*  
 Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, *Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T. S. in Australia.*  
 Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, *Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T.S. in U.S. of America and Jugoslavia.*  
 Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyar, *Additional Member.*  
 „ L. Mangilaar Meertens, *Representative, T. S. in Netherlands East Indies.*

13. *Appointment of Executive Committee for 1933.*—It was moved by Mr. D. K. Telang and seconded by Mr. Ernest Wood that the six elected members of the Executive Committee for 1933 should be Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, Dr. G. Srinivasamurti, Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram, Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, Mr. H. Frei and Dr. C. Kunhan Raja. This was carried unanimously.

14. *Nomination of Additional Members.*—The members present unanimously approved that the Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater and Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta be re-nominated and Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliar and Dr. C. Kunhan Raja be nominated as Additional Members of the General Council for a period of three years under Rule 2.

15. *Olcott Centenary Number of "The Theosophist".*—It was resolved—That a donation of Rs. 500 be given towards the cost of the illustrations in the Olcott Centenary number of *The Theosophist*.

16. *Chicago World Century of Progress Exhibition.*—Read letter from the General Secretary of the T. S. in U. S. of America requesting the General Council to nominate a representative of the Society to take part in the meetings organized by the Fellowship of Faiths, to be held during the World Exhibition in Chicago in 1933, and recommending Bishop G. S. Arundale. It was proposed by Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta and seconded by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa that "The Council appoints Dr. G. S. Arundale to be the official representative to represent Theosophy and the Theosophical Principles on the occasion of the World Century of Progress Exhibition, and in case Dr. Arundale is not available the Council authorises the Executive of the American Section to nominate a substitute or substitutes." Carried unanimously.

17. *New Propositions.* It was resolved—That a Committee consisting of the Recording Secretary, Mr. Hirendra Nath Datta, Mr. D. K. Telang and Fru Kristin Matthiasson be appointed to put the propositions on rules into order, with instructions to submit their report to the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council.

At 5.30 p.m., the Meeting was adjourned to December 30th, 1932, at 4 p.m.

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## MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council, T.S., held in the Board Room, Headquarters, Adyar, on December 30th, 1932, at 4 p.m.*

## PRESENT :

- Mr. A. P. Warrington, *Vice-President and Proxy for Mr. A. Schwarz, in the Chair.*  
 „ Ernest Wood, *Recording Secretary.*  
 „ D. K. Telang, *General Secretary, Indian Section, T. S., and Additional Member.*  
 Fru Kristin Matthiasson, *General Secretary, T. S. in Iceland.*  
 Mr. C. Jinarajadasa, *Additional Member.*  
 „ Hirendra Nath Datta, *Additional Member.*  
 Rt. Rev. C. W. Leadbeater, *Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretary of the T.S. in Australia.*  
 Rt. Rev. G. S. Arundale, *Additional Member and Proxy for the General Secretaries of the T. S. in U. S. of America and Jugoslavija.*  
 Mr. A. Rangaswami Aiyar, *Additional Member.*  
 Miss N. E. Ockenden, *Representative, T.S. in New Zealand.*  
 Mr. L. Mangilaar Meertens, *Representative, T.S. in Netherlands East Indies.*

18. *Name of the Society.*—Read correspondence received from the General Secretary, T.S. in Australia regarding the encroachments upon the name of our Society by other bodies. It was decided that nothing should be done in the matter from Headquarters, but National Societies or Sections were at liberty to take whatever steps they deemed fit.

19. *Letter from Señor Salvador Sendra.*—Read a letter from Señor Salvador Sendra suggesting a change in the Name, Objects and Officers of the Society. It was decided that the General Council was not in favor of such changes.

20. *Leadbeater Chambers.*—It was reported by Mr. L. Mangilaar Meertens that the Engineers Sub-Committee had visited Leadbeater Chambers and had come to the conclusion that the walls were in sufficiently good condition, but all verandah pillars and ceilings

and all the room ceilings, except the top floor needed repair. It was advised to remove the underpart of all ceilings and build under them with iron girders and brick in cement, the girders to be supported by pillars built against the existing walls inside the rooms, the verandah pillars to have the outside chipped away and rebuilt round with concrete or with brick and cement. There was no reason, if these repairs are done, to demolish the building.

21. *Letter from the General Secretary, T. S. in Spain.*—Read letter from the General Secretary, T. S. in Spain, regarding a demonstration from Theosophists all over the world to the Council of the League of Nations or to the League of Nations itself, on behalf of World Peace. It was decided that the sentiment of this Council, informally expressed, heartily endorses every effort made to promote World Peace and Universal Brotherhood, and that for any necessary action it refers the matter to the European Federation, for them to take the necessary initiative.

22. *New Propositions.*—The Committee appointed to arrange the Propositions on Rules submitted its report with 13 Propositions which had so far come in, and these were approved for circulation without further discussion.

23. *Vote of Thanks.*—*It was resolved*—That this Council expresses its high appreciation of the splendid work done by Mr. C. Jinarajadasa and all assistants, officers and helpers who had laboured during the Convention with full hearts in the service of our President and in the spirit which she had taught them.

The Meeting was closed at 4.45 p.m.