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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

ONE year ago THE HERALD OF THE STAR began its work as the international organ of the Order of the Star in the East. I thank all those who have helped to make it a success.

It is my desire to make THE HERALD OF THE STAR a means of unifying the purpose and understanding of the members of the Order. Every member should possess a copy of it, and if poor members cannot subscribe, richer members might help by subscribing for them.

I am glad to hear of the success of our work everywhere. In countries like America, England and New Zealand specially, the membership is large. In India the membership, in spite of the devoted work of its National Representative and his Organising Secretaries, is not so large as we might expect. I suppose this is due to the attacks made there on our Protector, Mrs. Annie Besant.

Where the Service Corps exists, National Representatives should appoint to be members of it only those who have worked faithfully for it during the year after they have offered themselves. In appointing them, each National Representative should use his best judgment and intuition. Each country should have for the Corps the same badge as that now in use in England; Lady Emily Lutyens will gladly send specimens of it to National Representatives. The names of all members appointed to the Service Corps should be sent by each National Representative to Professor E. A. Wodehouse, the General Secretary of the Order, at Benares.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

There have already been attacks on the Order of the Star in the East. Let us not be disturbed by them. Let us stand together, keeping in mind our duty of preparing the way for the Lord by always practising Devotion, Steadfastness and Gentleness.

I send you hearty greetings and good wishes for another year's successful work.

J. KRISHNAMURTI

*Head*

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## NOTICE

I FIND that many members of the Order desire to wear a ribbon along with the Star, and it has been decided that when that is done the ribbon shall be blue. At present each country has chosen its own shade of colour, and various kinds are therefore worn. I think it would be desirable that there should be uniformity in this respect, so a large quantity of ribbon of

exactly the required shade has been ordered. This has been cut up into pieces nine inches in length, and I have myself magnetised it, so that it is now ready for the use of such members as desire it. The stock is in the hands of Lady Emily Lutyens, 29 Bloomsbury Square, London, who is ready to supply it to members in England, or to the National Representatives in other countries.

J. KRISHNAMURTI

*Head*

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The ribbon to which reference has been made by the Head can be obtained by National Representatives at the rate of 3s. (3·75 francs) for the piece of 11 yards (10 metres), post free. Each Representative will make his or her own arrangements for re-selling the ribbon to individual members.

EMILY LUTYENS

## WORLD-TEACHERS

By ANNIE BESANT

THE records of the past tell us of great Teachers who appeared in the world from time to time to bless the nations with Their presence. That such Teachers appeared in the world is a dry historical fact: Vyasa, Thoth or Hermes, Zarathushtra, Orpheus, the Lord Buddha, Shri Krishna, the Christ—these great names shine out in the history of the past, as planets shine out in the sky which arches above us. As Venus, as Jupiter, hang blazing above our heads, so blaze these Holy Ones in the long story of the past. Kings have ruled in splendour and have passed away. Who cares to-day for the glory of Xerxes or of Alexander? Whose heart leaps up at the naming of Charlemagne or of Charles V? But the pure radiance of the great Teachers ever shines

undimmed, and hundreds of millions of human beings bow in deepest reverence before the Lord Buddha, Shri Krishna and the Christ. Theirs is the immortality of supreme love, of passionate devotion. Millions to-day would die rather than deny their Lord.

While such testimony comes from the past and from the present in the outer world, the occult records tell us more of these great Teachers. The first point that shines out from these records is that at any given time there is only one World-Teacher, one Supreme Teacher. He is the Lord of all the religions of the world, and sends down upon each His vivifying blessing. Under whatever name He is worshipped, He is one and the same, He whose essence is Wisdom, whose life is Sacrifice, whose nature is Love. He is ever the Beloved Son, in whom the Father, the Logos, is well pleased; and the glory of God ever shines forth from Him, the Light of the World, the Anointed One. When His age-long work is over, He reaches the final Illumination

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of the WISDOM, preaches His Law, and passes away from earth, leaving His successor to ascend the chair of the World-Teacher.

The next point is that this Supreme Teacher comes forth from time to time to found a great religion. The times chosen are marked by the emergence of a Root Race and of its branches, as each in turn arises to begin its great work in the world. The method of His appearing is the taking possession of a body chosen by Himself and prepared for His use, and in this body He performs His appointed work in our lower world. When that work is over, He leaves the body of which He has been the temporary Tenant, and resumes His own glorious body, in which He functions until once again He wills to descend among mortal men.

To the Root-stock of our Aryan Race He came as Vyasa, His home at Shamballa among the Lords of the Flame, and we know not whether at the time of that great founding of our Race He deigned to assume

a lower body. It seems as though, in those golden days of our Race's childhood, He and His mighty Brother, Vaivasvata Manu, dwelt in the fair White Island washed by the Gobi Sea, and as though He needed not to wear another body among the noble children of the Manu, the happy fathers of our Race.

But after the arising of each sub-race, its emigration and full establishment in its appointed home, He goes forth and assumes the selected body, and in that preaches His message and carries on His work of teaching. To Egypt He went, and was known as Tehuti, Thoth, the Greek Hermes, giving the Religion of the Hidden Light to the Arabian sub-race and to Egypt. To Persia He went, choosing the body of His well-beloved disciple, who is now the Master K. H., and, under the name of Zarathushtra, He proclaimed the Religion of the Fire and struck the keynote of Purity. To Greece He went, and was known as Orpheus, whose magic harmony won all hearts, and

who builded the Religion of Beauty. And then He came to India, and took the body of the Prince Siddhartha, and rose to the ineffable heights of Buddhahood, becoming the Lord of the divine Law, the Buddha of Wisdom. He lived for five-and-forty years of perfect life, and then laid down His body and went unto His own place. But still, it is said, His Shadow falls in blessing on the world He loves.

He named the Lord Maitreya as His successor in the office of the World-Teacher, ere He passed away from earth, and He accepted from two blessed ones "the vow that can never be broken," from them who shall be hereafter Bodhisattvas and Buddhas in their turn.

The Lord Maitreya, in due course, appeared as that wondrous Babe, Shri Krishna, who stands as the very Heart of Devotion to two hundred and fifty millions of Hindus to-day; fairest and sweetest of child-lives He led, kindling love in the hearts of those who watched that gracious youth, and

passed away in early manhood, returning to His Himalayan home. And then He came again, using the body of His dear disciple Jesus, the Hebrew, and for three years shone in perfectest tenderness as the Christ, slain in His prime of manhood, but leaving a sweetness of self-sacrifice which has since made fragrant the earth He trod.

And now, again, we are hoping, watching for His coming, Lord of Love, Teacher of Angels and of men. O Children of the Star, lift up your eyes to greet the coming Lord; rejoice and be exceeding glad, for He cometh, He cometh; heaven is ringing with triumph; let the earth thrill with answering joy!

ANNIE BESANT

## THE STAR

Not, as of old, upon that Eastern night  
When wise men saw and watched the wondrous star,  
And in their wisdom journeyed from afar  
To follow on its path and guidance bright,  
And seek the import of that holy light,  
Will wise men now their fellow-men debar  
From the great shining truth that naught can mar  
And the new wisdom dawning on our sight.

The Star has risen in the East again,  
The Christ is coming to fulfil His word;  
His workers range the earth, and, undeterred,  
Re-light His path; with happy voice and pen  
Herald the coming of the King of men,  
Till all the world shall whisper: "We have heard!"

MILTON A. SKINNER

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STAR IN THE EAST, AT ADYAR  
DECEMBER 28, 1912

ADDRESS BY MR. ARUNDALE

WE are meeting to-day on what is the first Anniversary of a most memorable and historic occasion. I suppose that there is not one amongst us here who has not heard of the signal event which took place in Benares on the 28th of December last year, and it is therefore most appropriate that to-day, and on the 28th of all succeeding Decembers for centuries to come, men should assemble and remember, in the midst of future glories, the small beginnings amongst a few people in Benares. It is under the blessing of that day that we meet here at Adyar, to realise that in one sense the World-Teacher is already among us, as He was that day; to bring that great truth

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home to ourselves and to try to gain, if perchance we may, some reflection, however faint and feeble, of the glory of that great occasion last year.

Now it seems to me that the Theosophical Society has given to the world, and to us in particular, two great and ever-abiding truths: one, the existence of the Masters and of the Path to Them; and the other, that in the near future one of these great Teachers, one of the mightiest of Them, will come to His children upon earth, and will show to them in His own person that the Masters are living realities, and that the Path is there; for we shall see that Path trodden in all its perfection.

Now these two great truths are not based merely on sentiment. They are not merely matters of belief. They are matters of knowledge to those who have given the truths to us; and that knowledge, which enables them to say "I know," finds an echo in the hearts of every one of us here present in the words: "I believe; I almost

know"; and with many of us, I have no doubt that that which we now believe (because we are not yet old enough to know) will soon become knowledge, perhaps even before the Lord Himself shall be among us.

In *The Changing World* or in *The Immediate Future*, or in any of the other books which deal with the coming of this greatest of Teachers, we shall find intellectual arguments advanced which ought to satisfy all who are able to use their minds freely and without prejudice.

Therefore it is because this knowledge—based on all kinds of intellectual considerations with which it is not necessary for me to trouble you here to-night—is in our possession, that we have to try so to live that, when the Great Teacher comes among us, we may give to Him a life which, during all these intervening years, has been led in the spirit in which He would have us lead it.

So we must try to understand what is the work we have to do. Try to understand that

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the central truth of the Order of the Star (namely, that a great Teacher will soon appear amongst us) has yet another meaning inside it which is the very heart of it, which will endure even after the Teacher Himself has passed away, which ought to make the greatest difference in the lives of us all. At the root of the truth is the fact that this great Teacher, the Christ, the Lord Maitreya, is in reality living in the heart of each one of us now, and has been living in the heart of each one of us for time unfathomable—in the heart of every one, no matter whether he be a member of the Order of the Star in the East or not. The advantage which you and I have over others is that we know He is there, and the work of preparation consists in the endeavour on our part to prepare that aspect of the great Teacher which lives in our own hearts to meet the great Teacher who shall come.

Think what it is that you can make different in your lives from what they were before you joined the Order. Try daily to think that

He is within you ; that He should be directing your actions wherever you may be, whatever you may be doing ; and that what is necessary for you to do is to make yourself as beautiful an image of Him as you can, so that He may be able, when He looks upon you with physical eyes, to recognise that image of Himself, because you have striven to mould it into His own likeness.

That is the task that is before us ; it is not a question of occupation or profession, of place or of opinion, of caste, of race, or of religion : it is a question of attitude, and of recognition of the great One who is in you.

There is plenty of work before each one of us. Some of us have the duty of teaching ; some of us as doctors may have the duty of healing ; some of us as lawyers may have what ought to be the privilege of asserting justice and defending the oppressed. Some of us may have humbler occupations, perhaps in an office ; some of us may have the duty of trading. Wher-

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ever we may be, whatever our work may be, if we could recognise that the Lord Maitreya is in us and that it should be He who is teaching when we are teaching, is healing when we are healing, is in us defending justice, is in us doing all the work that we have to do—it would make a vast difference to our lives, if the living presence of the Lord were thus felt in each one of us.

The Order of the Star is therefore to make us realise that we are with Him and that He is with us even now; and can there be any thought more inspiring than that in the world to-day there are eleven thousand members of this Order, each one of whom is learning to recognise his own divinity and to guide his life by the light that divinity sheds?

That is the privilege we have as members of the Order—to know that the great Teacher is within us, and that we are to live as He would have us live. We may know one in whom the Christ-spirit is more clearly

seen than in ourselves; and many of us see that spirit manifested very clearly in the beloved Head of our Order. Those of you who have had, as some of us have had, the privilege of living with him, know that there is very much more behind that physical form, beautiful though it is, than the world is yet able to realise. The time will soon come when he will stand out, and, in his own beauty and in the saintliness of his own character, he will justify himself to the world which for the moment is unable to understand him, for divinity is always finally compelling.

Therefore think that this Order of ours has thus a two-fold value for you. It tells you of your own inner greatness, ever-present; it tells you that there are great Teachers, living outside of the ordinary every-day world, who are beckoning to you, and who are telling you to learn of your own divinity. Then try to realise also that we have a certain advantage over all other people in our own generation, in so far as in our hearts we have

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recognised the Lord; we have seen His Star shining in the East, and we have recognised His messengers who are heralding His approach.

Because we have gained this advantage, let us try to pass it on; let us try to be to others as our leaders here are to us, and as our Head, now no doubt amongst us with his blessing, is to each member of the Order. While you are thinking and are acting in that way, realise also, when you look upon the portrait of our beloved Head, that you are looking upon one who is very near and dear to the great Lord Himself; and that, though it be but a photograph, out of it will shine the blessing of the Lord if you look at it in the right spirit, the endeavour to gain a little touch from the greater world about you, that you may be able to spread that touch, and with it all the happiness that it means, to those who at present (but let us hope not for long) are more ignorant, less understanding, than are we ourselves.

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ADDRESS BY MR. LEADBEATER

Dear Brothers of the Star, this is a great occasion. Not all of you were present in that hall at Benares on this day last year. I wish that you all could have been there, and that you all could have seen not only the wonderful and beautiful scene that was visible on the physical plane, but the higher manifestation which lay behind and above what was happening down here. But still to-day we may hope to catch at least some reflection of the glory that was about us there; we may hope to carry away with us something of the Spirit that we all felt descending upon us on that occasion.

I hope that we shall all not be satisfied with receiving, but make it our special endeavour to give. Only those who give out can ever fully obtain the benefit of that which is given to them. Each one, as our lecturer has very truly said, has the Christ-spirit within him. Most of you would call it by another name, but we are not

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dealing with names, but with realities; and, whatever you call it, the divine spark is within every human being, and because it is there it can be awakened, it can respond to the great divine Spirit without. But it can only respond fully if it is itself shining forth. If the great One above is Himself as a sun shining down upon us, then each of our hearts can receive from Him a little of His warmth, His light, His beauty; but if each heart in turn becomes a sun for others, then that light, that warmth, that beauty, can pour through it all the while, and therefore the man through whose heart it pours receives for himself infinitely more of all that glory than could ever come to him if it stayed there and went no further.

You do this not in order to receive more, but in order that what you get you may give; but nevertheless it is true that in that very action you acquire far more than a man could obtain who did not give, and *that* I should like to be one of the ideas

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that you carry away from the meeting of the Order of the Star. For if the Star of the Lord shines in your heart, it is not for yourself alone; it is in order that others may see its light and be drawn by its splendour and its beauty to receive into their hearts in turn the glory of the Lord which shines about us.

When He comes, it is your Order that should be the first to receive Him; it is you, who have tried to prepare the way for Him, who should be the first to recognise and to welcome Him; and each one of you should be a centre through which He can work.

I think perhaps we do not always realise that the great Ones of the earth must work through means, even as we ourselves have to work through means. Their glory is so far above us, Their power is so stupendous, so infinitely beyond anything we can realise, that perhaps we think of that power as though it could work miracles, as though everything were possible to it. Yes, within

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limits everything is possible ; but only, remember, at the cost of a tremendous output of force. Means must be used, and if you will make yourselves channels for that power, you may have the wonderful privilege of taking part in His work ; because, by making yourselves such channels, you enable Him to do more with the same expenditure of power than even He could otherwise do ; because each of you, being such a channel, adds his force to that of the great One. Individually our force must be but little, but in the aggregate it may be a great deal ; and assuredly each little drop, each tiny amount of force that we put forth will be intensified, magnified a hundred-fold by that which pours into it and through it from above ; and so there is no one of us who cannot bear his part in the work that is to come.

I know that we can bear it in other ways as well. I know that we can help to circulate literature ; I know that we can act in various ways as propagandists for the

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Order; but the greatest thing of all that every one of you can do for the Order and for its noble Head and for the great One who stands behind—the greatest thing of all that you can do is to live the Christ-life yourself, so that you may be even now a channel through which can pour the power that is preparing the world, through which presently can flow the far greater power of the Bodhisattva when He shall come.

ADDRESS BY MRS. BESANT

I have been dreaming since I sat here, and I think I will tell you my dream. I dreamed of a day, perhaps some six years hence, when I, all those years older, should be sitting again on this platform; when the speaker should be, not my brother Arundale, but he whom we love under the name of Alcyone; and I dreamed that perhaps he might be lecturing and many of us again be listening, and that perhaps Adyar might be the place where,

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attending at a Convention, he might be chosen to deliver our Convention lectures.

And then I dreamed that some years might roll away while he was winning the love and the hearts of Indians scattered all over this mighty land; that for several years, perchance, he might go up and down it teaching, helping, blessing, and preparing the way for the mighty One yet to come, and that then in later years the Christ Himself should come and take up the work that His disciple had begun.

And so the dream grew very beautiful, and the light seemed to shine more and more brightly, and I wondered whether when that beloved disciple had prepared the way, even to this place also the Lord Himself might come. And as I dreamed, all the earth grew fair, and I saw our India once again as the mother of spiritual life and the source of spiritual energy, and I dreamed that, while her children should feel blessed because on her soil the greatest of Teachers was working, the other

countries too and the lands all the world over might again for His sake turn their eyes to India and see it as the Holy Land, the land wherein the Bodhisattva was living and teaching. And so the old dream should come true and the old glory should revive, for, whatever India in the future may be in splendour of intellect, in greatness of material prosperity, the greatest of all shall she be if from her goes out the flood of a new influx of spiritual life, and if the mighty Life that has shone before upon our globe shall again be teaching among us, and India, the mother of the ancient faiths, shall bear a new child to the religions of the world, and bring the West under the magic of her spiritual fascination, and turn the feet of all peoples into the way of peace.

## HOW THE WORK PROGRESSES

By THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE ORDER

IN response to a request made some months ago in THE HERALD, the General Secretary's Office has received a number of reports from the various National Sections covering the history of the Order, in each case, from its inauguration up to October 1, 1912. These are intended to be the first of a series of Annual Reports which will be regularly compiled all over the world at the end of each year, for the Archives of the Order.

For the purposes of the Quarterly Report which it is usual to prepare for each issue of THE HERALD, we present the following very brief abstract of such of the reports as have reached us. But it must be remembered that space permits us only to give bare bones, and forces us to omit very much of what makes the reports themselves attractive and interesting. Such as it is, therefore, what follows may stand as a brief sketch of the general position of the Order, all the world over, up to that date.

### EUROPE

#### ENGLAND

*Membership* 1,413. Lady Emily Lutyens' report traces the history of the Order in England from its earliest beginnings in May, 1911, and mentions the names of the chief officers appointed and the publications issued by the English Section since that

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time. One pamphlet, Dr. Horton's, was sent out to 8,500 Nonconformist Ministers, and Lady Emily gives a few interesting replies received. Another attempt to influence the clergy was through a meeting convened at her house, which was addressed by the Rev. C. W. Scott-Moncrieff. A pamphlet written by opponents, stating that the Teacher whom the Order expects is Antichrist, not the Christ, has been found helpful, since the picture it gives of Antichrist is far more attractive than that which it offers of the Christ—the former, according to this pamphlet, coming to teach and save, while the latter comes to judge and destroy.

Groups have been formed in various places, and Lady Emily appends the advice about work in general which was printed in the last number of THE HERALD. She gives also a list of subjects, dealing with the Christ-Life, which are to be taken up at the weekly meetings at the London Headquarters, and adds a few of the questions which, in the course of her lecturing tours, she finds most frequently asked. Some of these have considerable novelty and interest. Lady Emily concludes with a mention of the Service Corps recently formed in the English Section of the Order, and with a reference to the remarkable appeal, recently sent out from certain Church quarters, for a speedy advent of the Christ, which shows how strikingly the thought of such a Coming is spreading to-day. Of the 1,413 members of the Order in England about 200 are non-Theosophists.

### SCOTLAND

*Membership* 168. The history of the Scottish Section dates from June 4, 1911. Mr. Christie, the Organising Secretary, in his Annual Report commences with details of the balance-sheet of the Order. Among the new publications are a collection of hymns suitable

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to the aims and ideals of the Order (made by one of the Glasgow members) and a pamphlet by Mr. Scott-Moncrieff, which Mr. Christie thinks will be one of the most useful yet issued for purposes of propaganda. The Open Letter, referred to in the last two Quarterly Reports, has been drafted and much care has been taken to make it as tactful and considerate as possible, so as to avoid any tendency to force the ideas of the Order injudiciously upon minds as yet not fully prepared to receive them. A propaganda tour has been arranged for 1913, and it is hoped that new branches will be started and that the centres already existing will be more definitely organised.

### FRANCE

*Membership* 900. Like many of the Sections, France commenced work with a visit of the Protector of the Order. This was in 1911, and Mademoiselle Bayer, the National Representative, tells us of the progress of the Order since then. Much of this has already been given in the Quarterly Report published in the last number of THE HERALD, so that it is not necessary to go into details. The chief enemies to the work of the Order in France are clericalism and materialism; in addition to which Mademoiselle Bayer mentions "the tendency of the French people to jest about and scoff at things which are new and striking, which they do in a clever and witty way". The National Representative has been on tour, visiting the various provincial groups. She reports that the difficulties are greater for these, since the numbers are smaller and what people do and say and think is always more noticed and commented upon in small places. For the benefit of these provincial groups, Mademoiselle Bayer makes an appeal to the National Representatives of all countries to send her copies of the literature which they have published, since the Service Corps in France

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contains members capable of translating from all languages. (I presume 'European languages' is meant here.) The French Section hopes to publish translations of the lectures given in England by Mrs. Besant, and in January to start a French edition of THE HERALD OF THE STAR. Mademoiselle Bayer concludes with an expression of hope and confidence for the New Year.

### DENMARK

*Membership* 120. Miss Diedrichsen sends an interesting report, giving the early history of the Order in Denmark, an account of some of the meetings and their ceremonial, notices of lectures delivered, and a page or two about the new joint Scandinavian Magazine (which, by the way, has been received at the General Secretary's Office and is an excellent production, having amongst other attractions a most artistic cover). She explains the form in which the message of the Order should be most acceptable to Denmark, analysing very interestingly the character of the Danish people and laying stress on the unwillingness of the typical Dane to believe anything which cannot be proved to the brain-consciousness. For all that, she says, Theosophical ideas are spreading; as witness the necessity for a second edition of *At the Feet of the Master*. She speaks of the new spirit stirring among the Danish clergy during the last ten years, but regrets its limitation within the bounds of a rather rigid doctrinal orthodoxy. Theosophy is consequently not very popular in Church circles, and the only recent public pronouncement on it has been hostile. The most cultured classes at present hold aloof; and Miss Diedrichsen is of opinion that the wisest plan for the Order of the Star is to proceed tactfully and cautiously, trusting that the message "may gradually reach those who wait and wake". Mr. Herman Thaning has been doing useful work as a travelling lecturer.

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### NORWAY

*Membership* 62. The report sent by Frau Helen Egilsrud contains a list of officers, a notice of Mrs. Agnes Sparre's successful lectures, and of the attempt to form an Icelandic branch of the Order, Miss Adalbjorg Sigurdedotter having been appointed Secretary for that far-away island. In Norway itself the chief work has taken the form of Theosophical study in the Lodges. Frau Egilsrud also mentions the Scandinavian Organ of the Order referred to above. The price is about half-a-crown yearly.

### SWEDEN

*Membership* 110. Mrs. Kuylenstierna sends a brief history of the Order from October 1911 and tells of the ritual observed at its meetings. She quotes a vision "seen during trance" by a member in 1902 which strikingly anticipates the message of the Order; also a sermon delivered in the year 1910 by a much respected Professor of the University of Upsala, in which the learned preacher definitely declared his conviction that the time for the second coming of the Christ was near at hand. Mrs. Kuylenstierna notes as a sign of the times the new spirit of self-sacrifice and social service among the best of the Swedish student population, and concludes by quoting an article about Mrs. Besant and the Head of the Order from the *Stockholm Daily News* of 28th March, 1912. The article is a reprint and is not wholly accurate, but it is friendly and respectful—which is much in these days. Members of the Order in Sweden, it seems, wear the silver star round their necks.

### SWITZERLAND

*Membership* 120. Madame M. L. Brandt writes that Geneva is at present the main centre of the Order's activity in Switzerland, but that she hopes that new centres

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will soon be formed. The great obstacle in Switzerland is the strong Protestant mentality and the equally strong sceptical and critical tendency. Madame Brandt goes on to speak of the formation of groups and of the arrangements for meetings, reports, and general work. Switzerland also, we are told, is feeling the new life; and last October one of the leading ministers in Geneva spoke of the coming of the Christ.

### HUNGARY

*Membership* 100. The National Representative, Mrs. Cooper-Oakley, reports that the work of the Order in that country is extremely difficult owing to the extraordinary strength of the Roman Catholic Church, and particularly of the Jesuits. The general mass of the people is ignorant and priest-ridden. There is, however, a certain Protestant element, fairly strong in Transylvania, from which many of our serious members come. The difficulty of the Hungarian language tends to make the work of propaganda harder. Various meetings have been held, public and private. The majority of the members live in the capital, Budapest. Less than half are members of the Theosophical Society. A few are Jews. The Organising Secretary, Mr. Nerei, has, as usual, been doing able and helpful work for the Order in the course of his journeys over the country as the representative of an Insurance Company. His "efficient and very business-like methods," writes Mrs. Oakley, "combined with his earnest and always ready co-operation, have greatly aided the work of the Order in Hungary".

### NETHERLANDS

*Membership* 530. The Order was started in August, 1911, but the actual work commenced in January, 1912. Secretaries have been appointed for each town where the Order is represented, and the Order has, since June last, its Headquarters at Amsteldijk 76,

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Amsterdam. Groups have been formed in thirty towns for propaganda work, meditation, and for the practical carrying out of various virtues in daily life. The last Miss Dykgraaf calls 'groups for action'—and they seem to be a promising innovation, which might be copied elsewhere. The National Representative then speaks of certain publications of the Order, the Official Organ and lectures. Two prominent lecturers, both members, are clergymen; and their lectures are being published in pamphlet form. The Press in general is favourable to the Order, and has contained some interesting discussions as to its aims and possibilities. There is, incidentally, a gentleman at Amsterdam who states that the Order need look no further—the Christ has already come and lives in that city! Miss Dykgraaf has good hopes of the Order in the Netherlands, on the whole, in spite of the fact that the numbers are at present small.

### ITALY

*Membership* 159. The work of digging up the soil, writes Donna Margherita Ruspoli, still continues and "the season of flowering is not yet". The small membership up to date means, she says, that there is no body of non-Theosophists in Italy sufficiently in sympathy with the Order to join forces with it. Still Italy is fortunate in some ways. She has, for example, a few workers who are in direct touch with the leaders of the movement, and the energy and enterprise of these has already been shown, particularly in connection with various publications. There are six definitely organised centres of work, with local officers appointed: Genoa, Turin, Palermo, Florence, Trieste and Bologna. Much translation work is on hand at present. Mrs. Besant's *The Immediate Future* has already been published, and is to be followed by *Education as Service*, *The Changing*

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*World*, and *The Last Thirty Lives of Alcyone*, with a complete set of genealogical charts. Copies of *Education as Service* will be sent broadcast to schools, colleges, teachers, etc. The greatest difficulty in the Italian Section is short-handedness. More workers are badly needed. Still, Italy supplies some admirable workers whose sphere of activity is not confined to their own country—such as Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and Don Fabrizio Ruspoli at Adyar. Donna Margherita Ruspoli goes on to mention the circular letters which she has been sending out occasionally to the members of the Order in Italy, and speaks of the necessity of some kind of Bulletin, if not Italian, at least international for the continental countries of Europe, to be published in English. She concludes by a touching reference to the visit of the Head, the Protector and other revered visitors to Italy in the summer of 1912.

### SPAIN

*Membership* 316. Don Manuel Treviño, National Representative, sends a careful and detailed report of work in that country. He mentions certain members who have been particularly helpful in propaganda, and shows how the membership is distributed through the principal cities. Barcelona has at present the largest number of members, Madrid coming next and Valencia third. There are two Organising Secretaries, one for the North, the other for the Centre and South, as well as Local Secretaries. The Roman Catholic influence is all against the popularising of the Order in Spain, and only quiet and individual work is possible at present. But the expectation of the Lord's coming has, for all that, begun to be felt in isolated quarters. Don Manuel quotes the case of a young poet of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, also of a peasant, both of whom have been proclaiming that coming. The growth of the Order in Spain, he thinks, will be

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slow and 'intensive' rather than rapid and extensive. Two projects are in hand: (1) the starting of a Bulletin for the Order as soon as the necessary funds are collected; (2) the legalising of the status of the Order in view of possible future legislation.

### GERMANY

*Membership* 540. Dr. Hübbe Schleiden, Mr. J. H. Cordes and Madame de Manziarly have been the chief workers here up to date. The opposition of Dr. Steiner and his party to the Order has made work exceedingly difficult, and there is no sign at present of these difficulties abating. Mr. Cordes hopes, however, that with the starting of the Austrian Section of the Theosophical Society the work of the Order in Germany may eventually be rendered easier.

### ASIA

#### INDIA

*Membership* about 1,800. Professor P.K. Telang, National Representative, reviews the early history of the Order from its first incarnation as the *Order of the Rising Sun*, and shows the gradual growth of membership, necessitating the formation of two separate centres, one at Benares and the other at Adyar. The story of the wonderful meeting at Benares on December 28, 1911, is retold at some length, and the general character of the Order, as an organisation, is described. The Order in India has had to meet with some opposition of late; but this, the National Representative thinks, has taught its lessons. Propaganda work has been carried on, wherever possible, by the distribution of literature and by lectures. The Adyar centre has been the more active in these respects, work at Benares being at present concerned more with the preparation of

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workers than with outside activities. At the same time Professor C. S. Trilokekar of the Central Hindu College and Mr. M. D. Panday, the well-known Theosophical worker, have done good work outside Benares. One great necessity, Professor Telang writes, is to present the views of the Order to the people in familiar garb, and to show how its doctrine is supported by the Scriptures of the land. Various publications and translations have been issued, and our Head's new book *Education as Service* is being dealt with by skilled exponents of the many Indian tongues. On October 1, 1912, a birthday address was given to our revered Protector at Benares on behalf of the Order; while another equally pleasant ceremony was the presentation of a similar address to the well-beloved Principal of the Central Hindu College, Mr. G. S. Arundale, on his birthday exactly two months later, in grateful recognition of all that he has been doing for the work in the Benares Centre. Mr. Arundale's departure for England in 1913 to help our dear Head in his Oxford life will leave a gap at Benares which cannot be filled. Mention must be made of the excellent work, in connection with the business side of the Order, done by the Assistant Organising Secretary at the Benares Centre, Mr. B. Shiva Rao.

### BURMA

*Membership* 52. Although the membership is small, Brother Moug Thain Moug, the National Representative, sends an encouraging report. The way for the Order in Burma was paved by a well-known High-Priest, Ledi Sayadaw, who has published a book on the *Coming of the Lord Maitreya* which has had a wide circulation among the Burmans. Opposition, as might be expected, comes from Christian missionaries, who make much of such divergences as those between Dr. Steiner's teaching and that of Mrs. Besant. A meeting of

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the Order was held in connection with the Annual Convention of the Burma Section of the Theosophical Society.

### DUTCH EAST INDIES

*Membership* 397. A very full and interesting report is sent by the indefatigable National Representative for this Section, Mr. D. van Hinloopen Labberton. Mr. Labberton gives a vivid picture of the general 'setting' of the work in Insulinidia—ethnological, social and religious. One regrets to hear that colour prejudice is growing amongst the Dutch population, and it is interesting to learn of a recent alliance, apparently for political purposes, between two erstwhile bitter foes—the Roman Catholic and Calvinistic elements. The liberal Protestant ministry is on the whole, says Mr. Labberton, in sympathy with the ideal of the Order, while a certain body of Muhammadan mystics shares (though with a considerable admixture of Islamic colouring) in the expectation of a coming Teacher. Mr. Labberton goes on to speak of an old book which gives the history of Java, in prophetic fashion, up to about A. D. 3,000, and definitely foretells the coming of a great Being—Vishnu in human form, it styles Him. This prophecy is well known to the Javanese, and has often been used for political ends, various insurgents both in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries claiming to be the promised Avatara. With more information about the different elements making up the population of the islands, and their respective characteristics, the National Representative concludes an admirable report, which cannot but prove highly interesting to its readers.

### AMERICA

#### UNITED STATES

*Membership* 1,938. "Everywhere," writes Miss Marjorie Tuttle, the National Representative, "the Order has

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been eagerly welcomed with almost no criticism from any source. In fact, the chief difficulty during the first year was rather along the line of finding a greater response and interest than its little handful of officers were able to satisfy. Letters of respectful and kindly enquiry poured in from all sorts of unexpected sources." Members of other more or less similar bodies, occult societies, etc., have been drawn in, and there are large numbers on the rolls who do not belong to the Theosophical Society. Miss Tuttle goes on to give details as to officers, lectures, propaganda, Press-work, higher grades of the Order and meetings. All kinds of occasions have been utilised for meetings, but, in the National Representative's opinion, "the most generally satisfactory type of meeting consists of an informal programme—music, reading from devotional and intellectual books, talk, presentation of certificates, business, etc." She concludes by a reference to the great devotion and capacity shown by the many persons who have come forward to work for the Order. "Many different people," she writes, "have spoken of the fact that there is a certain inspiration and power which seems to come to them every time they engage in Star work, an inspiration and force which they have felt in no other field of activity." Altogether a cheering and encouraging report. May the United States Section continue to flourish in this fashion!

### AUSTRALASIA

#### AUSTRALIA

*Membership* 865. The Australian Section dates from October, 1911, when the National Officers were appointed. Since then the work has progressed rapidly, chiefly by means of local groups and regular meetings. One form of propaganda has been the

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distribution of pamphlets, for which purpose the Australian Convention of the Theosophical Society generously gave no less than £50. About 50,000 pamphlets have been printed up to date, and of these some 10,000 have been distributed among the clergy of the Commonwealth. The most interesting feature of the National Representative's report is that devoted to some of the replies received in consequence of this act of distribution. Space does not permit us to reproduce these here, but it is a point of interest that the tone of reply seems to differ in the different divisions of the country. Victoria, for example, is apathetic, while New South Wales and Queensland are friendly and encouraging. But on the whole, Mr. McConkey thinks, the Churches are, for obvious reasons, not the most promising fields for labour. The public in general, as voiced by the Press, has as yet taken no notice of the Order, either favourable or the reverse. Within the ranks of the Order, however—concludes the National Representative—all is optimism and glad looking forward. Everybody is working hard, and it is "but a question of time before their efforts make themselves felt in the community, and awaken it to a general expectation of the coming of the Lord".

### NEW ZEALAND

*Membership* 800. Here again all is optimism. The work is progressing apace, and Mr. D. W. M. Burn, the National Representative, writes characteristically of its history from its first inception in 1911. The report contains a mass of detail as to methods of working, propaganda, office arrangements, etc., which, being of local interest, it is unnecessary to reproduce. There are now twenty-four working centres in the Dominion, a splendid number, for which the Traveling Organiser, Miss Christie, must be considered largely responsible. Mr. Burn draws attention to the

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development of the musical side of the work in many places, and to the growing demand for devotional meetings for members only in addition to the ordinary general meetings. A Headquarters of the Order has been started in the shape of Hilarion House at the seaside suburb of St. Clair, fifteen miles from Dunedin, where a group of the chief workers now reside. The members of the household form a special branch, entitled the Krishnamurti Branch. Mr. Burn's Report concludes with some general remarks, full of hope and high spirits, about the future of the Order.

### AFRICA

#### SOUTH AFRICA

*Membership* 72. Mr. Herbert Robins, the National Representative, sends a brief report of activities. "There is no doubt," he writes, after mentioning certain lectures that he has given, "that this, being a very young country with a fluctuating population, is not one in which the greatest results can be expected, and outside the towns the distances between the smaller centres are great. There are some very earnest members, but the general population is on the whole indifferent and a few strenuously opposed." We can only hope with Mr. Robins that "the good seed being sown will fructify in the near future, and bear good crops".

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