

GENERAL REPORT
OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD
ANNIVERSARY AND CONVENTION
OF THE
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,

HELD AT ADYAR, INDIA,
DECEMBER 27TH TO 30TH, 1908.

The Convention met at 10 A.M. in the Hall of the Headquarters, 650 delegates being present. The President said :

Brethren : I bid you welcome to the 33rd Anniversary of the Theosophical Society. You are gathered together on the sacred ground which has been sanctified by the Feet of the blessed Masters, appearing here from time to time from 1883 onwards ; where H. P. Blavatsky and H. S. Olcott—the disciples of one of those Masters, the true Founders and Guardians of the Society—lived and labored ; where H. S. Olcott passed from his body, committing his charge into the hands that now hold it, at his Master's order. May your work, hallowed by such memories, be carried on under the blessings of the Masters of the Wisdom, and be guided by Them to subserve the highest interests of the Society.

I declare this Convention of the T.S. open.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

We stand in the midst of one of those recurring earthquakes in the history of the T.S., in which the whole building is shaken to its foundations, many a fair cornice is shattered, many a pinnacle is broken, and many a stone is flung out of its setting, to lie thereafter useless on the ground. During each previous catastrophe, as shock succeeded shock, the hearts of many failed them, dismal prophecies were heard that the work of the T.S. was over, that the whole build-

ing would soon be in ruins, that the end of all was at hand. But when the shaking was over, it was found, on each occasion, that the building remained firm-rooted, its foundations set secure on "our Rock of Ages," that the injuries were only superficial and could be rapidly repaired, and shaken-out stones replaced by better ones. Moreover, each such season of shaking was found to be followed by a period of active and rapid construction, a multiplication of builders, and an improvement of plan. Happy will they be, on this occasion as on the previous ones, who are strong enough to remain firm amid the shocks, to find—as they will find presently—that the Temple remains unharmed in all its noble proportions, the Temple of the Wisdom, unshaken and unshakable.

Before we consider the present and the future, let us turn our eyes to the year which has closed.

Contrary to that which we might have expected, the year, despite the turmoil which has marked it, is one of exceptional progress in numbers and prosperity in finance.

OUR FOURTEENTH SECTION.

I mentioned last year that there was a chance of a Federation of Russian Lodges. Our Russian brethren have done better than that, have organised a National Society, and have succeeded in gaining for it the recognition of the Government. The Russian Theosophical Society is now a legally recognised body, and the danger so quietly faced for many years, that of being members of an illegal association in a country where most illegal associations are political and where their members are liable to arrest at any moment, is happily of the past. This success is due to the rare ability, tact and discrimination of our loyal and devoted member, Anna Kamensky, who is now the General Secretary of the T.S. in Russia. You will all join with me in sending to her and the Russian Society our fraternal greetings and hearty good wishes.

GROWTH OF THE SOCIETY.

REVISED LIST OF CHARTERS ISSUED TO THE CLOSE OF 1906.

1	1878
2	1879
11	1880
19	1881
42	1882
88	1883
99	1884
117	1885
128	1886
166	1887
169	1888
199	1889
234	1890
271	1891
298	1892
314	1893
382	1894
401	1895
425	1896
487	1897
526	1898
558	1899
595	1900
647	1901
704	1902
750	1903
800	1904
860	1905
900	1906
958	1907
1032	1908

The following list shows our numerical condition, but it is not wholly up to date, as the Sections close their registers at different times :

No.	Name of the Society.	No. of Active Branches.	No. of Active Members.	No. of New Members admitted during the year.
1	American T.S. ...	86	2,479	435
2	British do ...	48	1,910	252
3	Indian do ...	266	4,631	474
4	Scandinavian do ...	29	759	77
5	Australasian do ...	15	747	156
6	New Zealand do ...	16	501	128
7	Netherlands do ...	20	1,125	199
8	French do ...	23	761	92
9	Italian do ...	16	317	60
10	German do ...	37	1,150	386
11	Cuban do ...	26	335	100
12	Hungarian do ...	7	58	13
13	Finnish do ...	12	419	234
14	Russian do ...	8	85	85
	Non-Sectionalised Countries ...	22	340	109
Grand Total...		631	15,617	2,750

The number of new branches formed during the year is 74, and 14 revived, making a total of 88 as against the number of 58 last year ; 24 have dropped out, as against 14 last year ; so the net gain is 64.

NEW BRANCHES IN EACH NATIONAL SOCIETY.

America has added fourteen new branches while five have been dissolved, leaving eighty-six branches active. Great Britain adds four new branches but loses one, and it has now forty-eight on its rolls. Four new centres have been formed, and one has grown into a lodge, while four are dissolved, so that the number of centres now stands at nineteen.

India has added fourteen new branches but loses five. Fourteen dormant ones have been revived, while eight have again become dormant, leaving two hundred and sixty-six branches on its list.

Two centres have been formed, so with the loss of two, there are eleven centres.

Scandinavia gains one new branch, making a total of twenty-nine.

Australasia adds one branch, making a total of fifteen.

New Zealand gains two branches, but loses one, having in all a total of sixteen branches.

The Netherlands adds three new branches, one centre replacing a new branch, and it has now twenty branches active, with one centre.

France has lost 2 branches, one by decease and one by transference. Italy adds two new branches, and has sixteen on its list, with one centre.

Germany gains ten new branches but loses one ; making a total of thirty-seven branches and one centre.

Cuba adds five new branches but loses one, and has in all twenty-six branches.

Finland gains five new branches and numbers twelve in all.

Eight new branches have been formed in Russia.

Five new branches have been formed in non-Sectionalised countries, and there are in all twenty-two in different parts.

From every Section news has come of new life and energy, though America and England have been in a turmoil, and the mis-sives from these disturbed centres have latterly affected India to a slight degree. India heads the roll of new members with 474, America running her close with 435 ; Germany comes third with 336 and then Great Britain with 252, and Finland with 234 ; the Netherlands have added 199, Australasia 156, New Zealand 128, Cuba 100, Scandinavia 77, S. Africa 56, Russia 85. In America 130 members have resigned ; in Great Britain 110 ; in Scandinavia 60 ; in India 23 ; in New Zealand 10 ; Australasia lost 59 members by resignation, death, and dropping from roll, but does not particularise. The death-roll has been heavy, India losing no less than 99 members. America lost 18 by death, and dropped no less than 374 from the rolls ; the annual loss there for non-payment of dues is very heavy, having been 259 in 1907, and 310 in 1906. An error was accidentally made last year in recording the number of American members ; it should have been given as 2,566 instead of as 2,821, and the total should have been similarly reduced to 14,608. We have admitted 2,750 new members. We have, however, lost from all causes—resignations, deaths, non-payment of dues—1,741, leaving a net increase on the year, of 1,009 or a total membership of 15,617. As most of us had expected a decrease, owing to the troubles in America and England, the increase is an agreeable surprise.

UNSECTIONALISED COUNTRIES.

South Africa has been organising itself under the vigorous leadership of Mr. Henry Dijkman, the Presidential Agent, and early in next year we expect a Society to be formed there. Mr. Fricke, the General Secretary of the Netherlands, who has been acting here for a year as Recording Secretary, goes to Africa at the beginning of February, 1909, in order to place his long experience at the services of the

younger workers. I feel sure that with his help the South African Society will soon be well organised.

South America has been making steady progress during the year, and Commandante Fernandez, the Presidential Agent, reports a considerable increase of interest in Theosophy. The work there is difficult, in consequence of the opposition of the Roman Catholic Church, but, despite this, Theosophy is penetrating into the thought of the educated.

FINANCE.

The appointment of Mr. Schwarz as Hon. Treasurer has proved an even greater success than I expected, high as my expectations were. The whole of our accounts are now in order, and the Society, for the first time in its existence, knows exactly of what it stands possessed. The Jog's Propaganda Fund has been used to some extent this year in small grants for propagandist purposes, and I have, after consulting the Executive Committee, set aside Rs. 3,000 for Mr. Fricke's expenses in going to and residing for a time in South Africa. It does not seem to me to be desirable that this money should lie uselessly at interest, and I propose to use it for propagandist work, wherever possible making an arrangement—as in the publication of books—which shall return the money into our hands, to be similarly used again in the future. The surplus of Rs. 8,690 of income over expenditure, due to exceptional causes, should not be set aside to increase our investments. The Headquarters of a Society like ours should not have invested savings, like a commercial business; it should only draw from the Society at large the money necessary for the effective carrying on of the central work, and for aiding young nurslings, not yet able to run alone. I therefore propose to lay before the General Council a proposal to slightly reduce the payment to Headquarters from the Sections, as a tentative measure, for 1909, and we can decide next year if the reduction can be made permanent, and embodied in the rules. As much money as possible should be left in the hands of the Sections for the carrying on of their work.

The Library, on the other hand, is a fit object for endowment and should have a Permanent Fund for its support, while the Headquarters should not. Wealth is a danger to a spiritual Society, and money which comes to it should be held in trust for well-considered use, and not stored up as support for the future.

THE GOVERNING BODY.

During this year I have endeavored to make the General Council a more real Governing Body than it has hitherto been, by circulating among its members for decision all important questions as they arose. There seems to be no other way of enabling a body,

the members of which are scattered all over the world, to exercise effective power. This method has the disadvantage that no discussion is possible among the members, and it reduces the annual meeting of the Council to a mere recording of matters already decided, and to a regulation of the Headquarters' finances. On the other hand, if this be not done, the Society is practically ruled by a small number of members meeting at Headquarters, of whom only one, the President, is elected by the Society. This plan seems to possess far graver disadvantages, and to practically deprive the Society of the self-government it theoretically possesses. The two new 'additional members' elected by the Council this year are : Mr. J. B. Jayatilaka, representing the Buddhists, hitherto unrepresented, and Mr. V. C. Seshacharri, re-elected, as representing the Hindūs.

The Executive Committee has proved most useful and helpful ; the Headquarters' accounts are presented to it once a quarter, and it has established a quarterly audit of accounts by a trained accountant. It prepared the Budget for submission to the Council, and for the first time we have a Budget founded on facts. One of its members, Mr. T. Rāmachandra Row, retires this year on account of increasing deafness, which now shuts him out completely from discussions, and he has been replaced by Mr. V. C. Seshacharri.

THE HEADQUARTERS.

We began the year with an estate of twenty-seven acres ; we close it with one of one hundred and thirty-one. The large estate of eighty-three acres, adjoining the Headquarters, was purchased from the Prince of Arcot for Rs. 40,000. A little over Rs. 1,000 has been spent on furniture, nearly Rs. 3,000 on an oil-engine, for pumping water, and another Rs. 2,000 on roads, trees, repairs, etc. Many additions are being made to the buildings, to render them suitable for students ; ultimately, 9 women and 8 men living in the European way, will be accommodated in the bungalow, and 30, living in the eastern way, in the Indian quadrangle. The rent and establishment charges paid by these will go into the Headquarters' account, and will be a source of income, not of loss, to the Society. The original cost, and all buildings that may be added, form a free gift to the Society, in memory of H.P.B., whose name has been given to the Gardens. The title-deeds were handed over on Foundation Day, November 17th, 1908.

The land between Blavatsky Gardens and the sea, amounting to twenty-one acres, has also been bought, but in this case by a transfer from the funds of the T.S., of Government paper, into land. The bungalow is let for Rs. 145 per mensem., to Mr. Schwarz, Dr. Schröder and Miss Köfel, and thus secures for the investment a much higher rate of interest than before, and some additional profit will be derived from cultivation of the ground. This estate has been named Olcott Gardens, in memory of our President-Founder.

The administration of the land and buildings is in the capable hands of Mr. G. Soobiah Chetty, an old friend of H.P.B.'s, who has resigned a lucrative post and taken pension, in order to devote himself to the work, free of cost to the Society. The *Theosophist* office is admirably managed by Mr. B. Ranga Reddy, who has similarly given himself freely to service. A large press building is being erected for our printing, and the work is already being carried on, in any available places, by Mr. A. K. Siṭārāma Shāṣṭri, who is showing much ability in organising and superintending the staff, and is never weary of labor.

A very old member of the Society, Mr. C. Sambiah Chetty, our Consulting Engineer, has had his hands very full this year; a Library extension, additions to the river bungalow, three cottages and a row of rooms, a nearly completed press building, have all passed under his vigilant eye; he has the energy of a young man and the experience of an old one, and is of the greatest service.

In the editing of the *Theosophist*, and in many other ways, Mr. B. P. Wadia is of invaluable help, and he has consecrated his young life, as the others their maturity, to the service of the Masters. The household is presided over with unfailing gentleness and quiet ability by the Countess Olga Schack. Frau Lübke has taken up the T.S. Order of Service, and helps in E. S. work. Mr. T. Rāmachandra Row, with Mr. Siṭārāma Shāṣṭri, carries on the southern division of the E. S. One of our students, Miss Fuller, has enriched the Headquarters with most admirable portraits of the Founders, and is engaged on those of the great Teachers. Others are coming in, but of them it is too early to speak. I have good hopes that, later, their work will speak for them.

OUR LITERATURE.

The usual list of publications will be found below. Dr. Schrāder has issued the first volume of our Library Catalogue, a most admirably printed work, on which we must heartily congratulate him. He will himself describe its contents. The translation of Dr. Steiner's *Gnosis of the Superphysical World* has appeared, and the Subba Row Gold Medal has been awarded to him this year for his valuable contributions to theosophical literature.

Mr. Mead has continued his beautiful "Echoes from the Gnosis," of which six more have appeared. The President's lectures in Australia and in Ceylon have been published, and the last Convention lectures have appeared as *An Introduction to Yoga*. In collaboration with Mr. C. W. Leadbeater, she has published an important volume of research, entitled *Occult Chemistry*. A new quarterly has been established in France, called *Les Annales Theosophiques*, and a monthly, at Headquarters, *The Adyar Bulletin*, sent gratuitously to all non-Sectionalised members. Russia has

established a magazine, and South Africa is issuing its own monthly. Italy is issuing some important translations at the Ars Regia, *The Secret Doctrine* being now in hand ; our best S. D. student, Mrs. Cooper-Oakley, is supervising the translations. The Art Circle of the H.P.B. Lodge has published four *Transactions* during the year, and the Lodge itself issues a monthly record of events.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY.

This year has been one of quiet work, and the Director, aided by his wife, as his indefatigable co-adjutor, has labored unremittingly at his post. He has completed, with the aid of his staff of pandits, the first volume of the long hoped-for Library Catalogue, which is now being sent out to scholars of renown and to public libraries. It is most admirably printed. He is now at work on a critical edition of the Minor Upaniṣhats, and hopes to issue the first volume during 1909. He has secured a book of which the existence was doubted, the *Bāṣhkalamantropaniṣhatuṛṭṭi*, and has printed it at the end of the catalogue. We can at last feel that the Adyar Library has a future.

SUBSIDIARY ACTIVITIES.

The educational movement in India and in Ceylon—Hindū in the one case, Buddhist in the other—is going steadily forward with ever-increasing success. The attempt to persuade the Parsis to make a similar effort for the support of their own religion has failed ; when a religion loses its hold on the hearts of its own people, the day of its passing away is on the horizon ; much, however, has been done to revive Zoroastrianism, and perhaps the love for that religion may presently grow to the point where religion shall form part of the educational system. Musalmāns, Buddhists, Hindūs, Christians, are all active in this direction ; only Zoroastrianism remains behind.*

Girls' education under the care of the Lodges of the T.S. is spreading. The Musæus School for Buddhist Girls is doing well, under the motherly care and strong capacity of Mrs. Higgins ; she has had the honor of founding the first Training School for Buddhist Female Teachers, and three have passed examinations this year.

The C. H. C. Girls' School at Benares is doing splendidly, under the care of Miss Arundale and Miss Palmer, B. Sc. and has a daily attendance of 120.

The Girls' School at Madura, under Mrs. Preston, is making good progress, and that at Delhi, under Miss Gmeiner's most capable management, is in every way satisfactory. We have not received reports from Rangoon, Shivaganga and some other places.

* I am very happy to say that this statement is wrong. So far from having failed, the effort is rapidly approaching success, and ere long the Parsi College will add its name to the list of Colleges on a religious basis in India.

The education of the depressed classes is also going forward, and the Olcott Pañchama Free Schools are a noble monument to their founder. They are regarded as model primary schools in the Presidency, and teachers from other towns are sent to them to learn their methods. Miss Kofel, the invaluable Superintendent, is building her monument in the lives of her pupils.

The T.S. Order of Service, inaugurated this year, to apply theosophical principles in the various departments of human activity, is spreading in a very satisfactory way. India, America, England, France, Holland, Italy, Australia, have all taken it up. Details of the Leagues will be found in the report.

A movement to save College and School students in India from mischievous activities, dangerous alike to themselves and to the State, and to turn their energies into useful and healthy channels, has been inaugurated by myself, in concert with some patriotic and self-sacrificing citizens, Indian and English. The Order is named the Sons of India, with the allied Daughters of India, and promises to become a gigantic organisation of the highest value. There will be more to say about it in next year's Report.

I received yesterday a letter for publication conveying the approval of the idea by H. E. the Viceroy, and his good wishes for the success of the Order. He adds some wise words of advice, which we shall do our best to put into practice.

The Association for Research in Mystic Tradition is now definitely at work, under Mrs. Cooper-Oakley, who has gathered together a very powerful Committee. I commend the rules given in the report under this head to the careful attention of all who desire to take part in this work.

OFFICIAL TOURS.

Mr. Fricke, the Recording Secretary, made a tour in Java and in Ceylon during the spring and summer of 1908. He was received in Java with much enthusiasm, and inspired fresh vigor into the work. In Ceylon, he visited the schools under the care of the Buddhist T.S. and won all hearts by his genial and gentle ways.

Dr. Steiner has shown remarkable activity in the lecturing field ; he has given a long and valuable series of lectures in Holland, and another in Scandinavia, as well as in his own country, and has been welcomed everywhere by large and enthusiastic audiences. His brilliant eloquence and fund of knowledge make him one of the most remarkable figures in the Society.

Although Mr. Brooks is not an officer of the whole Society, I must say here a word of recognition of his quite exceptional labors during the year in India ; exceptional work deserves exceptional mention.

I have myself visited Australia and New Zealand in May, June, July, and August, but such full accounts of the tour have appeared in our journals and in the public press that it seems unnecessary to give any report here. I have lectured also in Benares, Ghazipur, Waltair, Madura, Shivaganga, Dindigul, Rajahmundry, Calcutta, Serampur, Mozaffarpur, Trichinopoly, Lucknow, Agra, Allahabad, Vellore, as well as in Madras and Adyar.

MR. C. W. LEADBEATER.

Since February, 1906, there has been trouble in the Society, with regard to some advice given by this famous theosophical writer and lecturer, to a very small number out of the many boys who have been closely under his influence. Mr. Leadbeater, following the precedent set by H. P. B., desired to resign at once in order to save the Society from a discussion that could only be mischievous, but meanwhile accusations against him had been sent to the President-Founder. The accusations were second-hand and the names of the accusers were concealed, so that no proper investigation could be made. But Mr. Leadbeater, while he repudiated many of the statements made, frankly admitted that he had given the advice in a few extreme cases, asserting that he had given it with good intent, but that as friends he respected regarded the advice as wrong, he would never give it again. His resignation was accepted. The late President-Founder left on record in his last Presidential address that : " I firmly believe Mr. Leadbeater's motives are absolutely honest, and that these teachings are intended by him to aid instead of harm his pupils, " and expressed the hope that he would see their unwisdom and not repeat them. Unfortunately the resignation did not stop the trouble, and both friends and foes continued to debate the matter, until the advice given—not teaching, but *advice*, given as a doctor might give a prescription containing strychnine, without expecting to be charged with giving teachings on poisoning—became regular ' teachings, ' and assumed abnormal proportions. For more than 2½ years the dispute has been raging, becoming more and more excited and bitter, until the British Section appealed to the President and General Council to put an end to a state which was becoming a scandal. I have read the whole of the accusations, and have personally talked with the parents, in England and America, of most of the boys who had been, at one time or another, in Mr. Leadbeater's care ; I found them—leaving out the three who had accused him—enthusiastically grateful for the growth in character and purity shown by their sons under his influence, and it became abundantly evident that the advice had only been given in rare cases, not generally. Having acquainted myself with every available detail, I wrote the letter which you have all received, which contained an invitation to the Society to express its views. To this invitation I have received, so far, the following replies : the French Executive called a special Convention of Lodge delegates to vote

whether Mr. Leadbeater should be invited to return ; Ayes 32 ; Noes 4 ; Blanks 2. The Australian Council was unanimous but for one vote, in favour of invitation. Finland has voted by members, 287 for ; against 1. The British Executive has voted by 9 to 4 in favor, and has resolved on a referendum vote, the most exact and impartial way of ascertaining opinion ; meanwhile some voting has been going on, and 7 Lodges have voted for, 7 against and 1 for investigation : I have also had 81 individual votes for, and 2 against, and I received a telegram the day before yesterday from Messrs. Mead, Burrows, Kingsland and Miss Ward, that there were 500 British Section votes against re-instatement, up to December 24th. Presumably this will all be done over again in the referendum. 118 Indian Lodges have voted so far, 108 for, 6 against, 3 for investigation, 1 that he should be left to apply. The American Section in Convention voted in favor, before my letter went out, by nearly 4 to 1.

The General Council has voted on the following series of resolutions submitted to it by myself. I drew them in this form for two reasons ; first, that I cannot, as I stated last spring, take part in an invitation until February 1910 ; secondly, that a clear declaration of principle, affirming Mr. Leadbeater's right to return, if he wishes to do so, seems to me more likely to prevent the arising of a similar case in the future than special invitation to him as an individual.

Resolved : That this Council puts on record its full agreement with the action of Mr. C. W. Leadbeater in tendering, and of the President-Founder in accepting, his resignation, in the hope that the peace of the Society might thereby be preserved, and undesirable controversy avoided.

That this object having been entirely frustrated, and a controversy, ever increasing in bitterness, having arisen, destroying the unity of the Society in Great Britain and in the United States, and hampering the whole work of the Society in those countries, it has become necessary for this Council to intervene in the matter under dispute.

That it therefore re-affirms the inviolable liberty of thought of every member of the Theosophical Society in all matters philosophical, religious and ethical, and his right to follow his own conscience in all such matters, without thereby imperilling his status within the Society, or in any way implicating in his opinion any member of the Society who does not assert his agreement therewith.

That in pursuance of this affirmation of the individual liberty of each member and of his individual responsibility for his own opinions, it declares that there is no reason why Mr. C. W. Leadbeater should not return, if he wishes, to his place in the Society which he has, in the past, served so well.

13 General Secretaries out of 14 voted for ; the 14th abstained from voting only on the ground that as Mr. Leadbeater had resigned, he could be admitted again, without any voting, into any Section, and Germany would "never oppose the slightest resistance." The 4

official members voted unanimously for ; of the 7 additional members, 4 voted for ; 2 against ; one did not vote. Out of the 24 voting, 21 thus voted for ; 1 did not vote, as thinking it unnecessary, though agreeing ; 2 voted against.

Resolved : That this Council re-affirms the principle laid down by the Judicial Committee and the President-Founder, in the case of Mr. Judge, that no charge against a member, official or non-official, involving the existence or non-existence of Mahātmās, can be considered, and that the Society as a body remains neutral as to the authenticity or non-authenticity of any statements issued as from the Mahātmās. It further declares that every member is equally free to assert or to deny the authenticity of any such statement, and that no member can be bound to accept or to reject, on any authority outside himself, the genuineness of any such statement.

All the General Secretaries, the official members, and 5 out of the 7 additional, voted for ; 1 did not vote ; 1 voted against.

Resolved : That the two preceding resolutions be sent by the Recording Secretary to the General Secretary of the British Section, and to the American co-signatories, in answer to the appeals made by the British Section in Convention assembled and by the others.

Agreed.

Resolved : That this Council agrees with the action taken by the President in issuing *A Letter to the Members of the Theosophical Society*, and recommends that letter to the careful consideration of Members.

13 General Secretaries in favor (2 asking that they might circulate or not, according to conditions of Section), 1 not voting; 4 official members for ; additional, 4 for ; 1 against ; 2 not voting.

The highest authority in the T.S. has thus affirmed by an overwhelming majority the right of Mr. Leadbeater to return to the Society, if he wishes to do so, and the votes already given, inviting that return, show that he will be welcomed with gladness if he be willing to come amongst us once more—a signal that he may well wait for before entering. In all societies, in which the majority rules, the minority yields when the final judgment by the constituted authority has been spoken ; and in this case the minority has had full speech, full discussion, and has failed to carry its case. It is bound now to let the mass of the Society, with all its responsible officers, go forward unimpeded, and to be content with the protest it has made.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

Hitherto it has been the rule that a dissident minority, if irconcilable, should go out. But a new departure is proposed in the following rule, passed by the Council, by which a place is made for such a minority in which it can work freely, apart from those with whom it disagrees :

Resolved : When a Branch or an individual is, for any serious and weighty reason, desirous of leaving the Section to which it, or he, belongs, but is not desirous of leaving the Society, such Branch or individual may become directly attached to Headquarters, severing all connexion with the Section, provided that the President, after due consultation with the General Secretary of the said Section, shall sanction the transfer.

Within the limits of a Section, in a single Executive, a minority may find it difficult to work. We offer to such a minority full freedom to make its own organisation without leaving the Society itself. Many who are opposed to me, and to my policy, love the Theosophical Society, and would fain live and die in it. That they may be able to do so, I suggested this Resolution, and my colleagues have accepted it. Such groups would not feel any constraint in being attached to a distant Headquarters, and might shape their own policy, without the friction inevitable in the smaller area of a Section.

THE FUTURE.

What shall be the immediate future of the Theosophical Society, when the effects of this crisis, now closed by the General Council, are over ? Unless our future belies our past, it will be one of great expansion, of enhanced importance, of vigorous energy. The faint-hearted and the inimical may cry : " The work of the T.S. is over," as they have done before, but the future will once again prove the magnitude of their error, and they will then marvel at the fears that oppressed them. The T.S. will, from 1910 onwards, enter on a period of unexampled power, of world-wide influence, until it stands before the world as the recognised standard-bearer of Religion—liberal, spiritual, and therefore free. This is now sure, for the Society, as a body, has declared for toleration, freedom and Brotherhood. And I, the humble servant of the Masters who founded it ; the appointed successor, by Their own mouths, of H. P. Blavatsky and H. S. Olcott ; President of the Society by the will of the Masters, the nomination of the President-Founder, and the vote of the members : I do not ask those to follow me who are unwilling to do so ; it is for them to cast aside, if they so choose, the opportunity offered but once at the beginning of each cycle, and to find out in due time the greatness of the opportunity rejected. But I call on those of you who are willing to follow me into the new cycle—in which the Elder Brothers are again, by their own gracious declaration, the First Section of Their Theosophical Society—to labor with me in the name of Theosophy, for the peace of nations, and the enlightenment of the world.

Greetings and good wishes were read out, from the Russian Theosophical Society, S. Petersburg ; from the British Section, London ; and from Branches and members at Ajmere, Comilla, Hyderabad, Karachi, Jehanabad, Rangoon, Vizagapatam, Allahabad, Kurnool, Purulia (Upendranath Basu), Chapra, Bombay, and Moradabad.

NEW T. S. PUBLICATIONS.

ENGLISH.

Adyar Popular Lectures,	Annie Besant.
No. I. <i>Public Spirit, Ideal and Practical.</i>	
No. II. <i>Education as the Basis of National Life.</i>	
No. III. <i>Spirit of the Age.</i>	
No. IV. <i>Necessity for Religious Education.</i>	
No. V. <i>East and West.</i>	
No. VI. <i>Guardians of Humanity.</i>	
<i>Annie Besant, an Autobiography</i> (Reprint),	"
<i>Buddhist Popular Lectures of 1907,</i>	"
<i>In Defence of Hindūism,</i>	"
<i>Index to " Study in Consciousness "</i>	"
<i>Occult Chemistry,</i>	"
<i>Pedigree of Man</i> (Reprint),	"
<i>Yoga Lectures of 1907,</i>	"
<i>Nation Building,</i>	"
<i>Echoes from the Gnosis,</i>	G. R. S. Mead.
<i>A Mithriac Ritual,</i>	
<i>The Gnostic Crucifixion,</i>	
<i>The Chaldean Oracles, Part I.</i>	
Do. " II.	
<i>The Hymn of the Robe of Glory,</i>	
<i>The Wedding Song of Wisdom,</i>	
<i>Way of Initiation,</i>	Rudolf Steiner.
<i>Consciousness ; Animal, Human and Superman,</i>	A. R. Orage.
<i>The King Predestinate,</i>	Michael Wood.
<i>The Song of the Flaming Heart,</i>	A. H. Ward.
<i>Mysticism,</i>	Miss Pope.
<i>Astrological Key to Character,</i>	Miss Pagan.
<i>Parsifal,</i>	Mr. Banks.
<i>Tristram and Isolde,</i>	Mr. Reinheimer.
<i>Science of the Emotions</i> (Reprint),	Bhagavān Dās, M.A.
<i>A Neglected Power,</i>	C. W. Leadbeater,
<i>Some Aspects of School Life in India,</i>	G. S. Arundale.
<i>Indian Students and Politics,</i>	"
<i>Caves and Jungles of Hindustan</i> (Reprint),	H. P. Blavatsky.
<i>Stanzas of Dzryan</i> (with Notes),	"
<i>Art and Development,</i>	Paul Hookham.
<i>Child Story of Atlantis,</i>	William Kingsland.
<i>Fragments of Thought and Life,</i>	Mabel Collins.
<i>Fragments,</i>	M. H. J. N. & L. C. B.
<i>Nature's Finer Forces</i> (Reprint),	Rama Prasad, M. A.
<i>Reincarnation,</i>	Ernest Wood.

*Scientific Corroborations of Theosophy,
To Those who Suffer,
Vedantism and Theosophy,*

Dr. A. Marques.
Aimée Blech.
A. Govindachary.

DUTCH.

*H. P. B. and the Masters of the Wisdom, **
*London Lectures, **
*Reality of the Invisible Worlds, **
*Eastern and Western Ideals, **
*Destiny of Nations, **
*Wisdom of The Upanishats, **
*Theosophy and Human Life, **
*Building of the Cosmos, **
*Yoga (Third Edition), **
*Spiritual Life for the Man of the World, **
The Cosmic Background of Christendom,
*Secret of Perfect Health, **
*Secret Doctrine, Vol. III., **
*Isis Unveiled, Vol., I, Part I., **
Bhagavad Gītā (Metric translation),
The Great Pyramid,
Manual of exoteric Theosophy,
*Echoes from the Gnosis 1-6, **
*Upanishats, **
Theosophy and the Social Problem,
Theosophy and Christendom,
*Old Diary Leaves (Vol. I), **

Annie Besant.

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Dr. L. Bühler.

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P. W. v. d' Broek.

G. R. S. Mead.

By several Dutch F. T. S.

S. P. U. de Man.

H. S. Olcott.

FRENCH.

Vers la Fraternité des Religions,
La Légende de Diamant,
Notions générales de Philosophie Orientale
La Fraternité et la Solidarité,
*H. P. Blavatsky and the Masters of the Wisdom, **
*Spiritual Life for the Man of the World, **
*Building of the Kosmos, **
*The Self and its Sheaths, **
*The Relation of Man to God, **
*Old Diary Leaves (2nd Series), **
*Le Mystère chrétien et les Mystères Antiques, **
Secret Doctrine, 2nd Vol. (Reprint),
*Theosophical Ideals **
*Man and his Bodies **
Essai de l' Evolution Humaine,

L. Revel.

Ed. Bailly.

Ed. Izard.

A. Micha.

Annie Besant,

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A. Schwarz.

H. S. Olcott.

Rudolf Steiner.

H. B. Blavatsky.

Annie Besant.

Dr. Pascal.

SWEDISH.

*Esoteric Christianity, **
Theosophical Pamphlets,

Annie Besant,

G. Ljungström.

NORWEGIAN.

Thought Power,
*The Pedigree of Man, **
*How to attain Consciousness in the Higher Planes, **
Health, Beauty and Force,

Nanna Thorne.

Annie Besant.

Rudolf Steiner.

H. Lund.

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- Introduction to Theosophy* (Vols. I., II.) E. Eriksen.
Extracts from The Ancient Wisdom and Esoteric Christianity. * A. Besant.
Theosophy in Relation to Human Life, *
Popular Theosophical Pamphlets (3 parts), C. Raæ.

ITALIAN.

- L' Anima Umana,* * T. A. Anderson.
La Voce del Silenzio, * H. P. Blavatsky.
Vita' e Materia, * Oliver Lodge.
Frammenti di una fede dimenticata, * G. R. S. Mead.
L' Etere dello Spazio, * Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater.
Lo Spirito dell' Spoca, * Annie Besant.
Volonta e Destino, *
Il Problema dell' Anima: Studio di Psicologia Sperimentale, T. Calderone.

GERMAN.

- Theosophy,* (2nd Edition) Rudolf Steiner.
The Lord's Prayer, "
Blood is a Particular Fluid, "
Philosophy and Theosophy, "
Haeckel, on the World's Riddles and Theosophy, "
Our Atlantic Forefathers, "
The Culture of our time in the Mirror of Theosophy, "
A Way towards the Philosophical Understanding of Theosophy, Dr. Unger.

HUNGARIAN.

- Teosofia,* Nagy Dezso.
A Teosofia alap Vanaiei, * C. W. Leadbeater.
Laotze, * Ivan Stojits.

FINNISH.

- Man and his Bodies,* * Annie Besant.
Esoteric Christianity, *
The Fall of the Angels, Pekka "Ervast.
Five Lectures, "
The Life Work of H. S. Olcott, "
Zanoni, * Bulwer "Lyttton.

SPANISH.

- The Occult World,* * A. P. Sinnett.

RUSSIAN.

- Problems of Theosophy,* * Annie Besant.
Theosophy and the New Psychology, *
The Voice of the Silence, * H. P. Blavatsky.
Tolstoi and Theosophy, Rudolf Steiner.
Theosophy and its Main Teachings, Alba.

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INDIAN VERNACULARS

GUJARATI.

Jainism.
Life after Death.

URDU.

In Memory of H. P. B.

TAMIL.

Secret Doctrine, Elementary.

CANARESE.

Secret Doctrine, Elementary,
Sanātana Dharma Elementary Text Book,
Karma,

R. Raghunatha Row.
J. Sreenivasa Row.

TELUGU.

Hinduism and Theosophy.
Brahma Vidya.
Dharma.

C. Ramiah.
J. Sreenivasa Row.

MAGAZINES.

	English,	(Monthly.)
<i>The Theosophist,</i>	"	"
<i>Adyar Bulletin,</i>	"	"
<i>The Theosophical Review,</i>	"	"
<i>The Vāhan,</i>	"	"
<i>Theosophy in India,</i>	"	"
<i>Central Hindu College Magazine,</i>	"	"
<i>Journal of the Mahā-bodhi Society,</i>	"	"
<i>Theosophy in Australasia,</i>	"	"
<i>Theosophy in New Zealand,</i>	"	"
<i>Modern Astrology,</i>	"	"
<i>The Theosophical Messenger,</i>	"	"
<i>S. African Bulletin,</i>	"	"
<i>The Lotus Journal,</i>	"	"
<i>The Light of Reason,</i>	"	"
<i>American Theosophist,</i>	"	"
<i>The Siddhanta Deepika,</i>	"	"
<i>Prabuddha Bharata,</i>	"	"
<i>Metaphysical Magazine,</i>	"	"
<i>La Revue Théosophique,</i>	(French),	"
<i>Le Bulletin Théosophique,</i>	"	"
<i>Théosophie,</i>	"	"
<i>The Path,</i>	(Bulgaria),	"
<i>Teosofisk Tidskrift,</i>	(Swedish),	"
<i>Sophia Revista Teosofica,</i>	(Spanish),	"
<i>La Verdad,</i>	"	"
<i>Virya,</i>	"	"
<i>Sophia,</i>	"	"
<i>Bhakti Gyan,</i>	"	"
<i>Revista Teosofica,</i>	"	"
<i>Theosophia,</i>	(Dutch),	(Monthly.)
<i>De Gulden Keten,</i>	"	"
<i>Theosophisch Maandblad,</i>	"	"
<i>De Theosofische Beweging,</i>	"	"

<i>Ullra,</i>	(Italian),	(Monthly.)
<i>Il Bollellino,</i>	"	"
<i>Metaphysische Rundschau,</i>	(German),	"
<i>New Lotus Blüten,</i>	"	"
<i>Lucifer-Gnosis,</i>	"	"
<i>Mitteilungen,</i>	"	"
<i>Tietäjä,</i>	(Finnish),	"
<i>Azelet,</i>	(Hungarian),	"
<i>The Theosophical Review,</i>	(Russian),	"
<i>The Message of Theosophy,</i>	English,	Quarterly.
<i>Les Annales Théosophiques,</i>	French,	"

POLYGLOT.

<i>The Punjab Theosophist,</i>	Vernacular	(Monthly.)
<i>The Cherag,</i>	(Gujarati),	"
<i>Jñijasu,</i>	"	"
<i>Sudharsana,</i>	"	"
<i>The Sandaresa,</i>	(Sinhalese),	(Bi-Weekly.)

ADYAR LIBRARY REPORT.

*To the President, T S. :—*The Adyar Library Report for the past year is shorter than the previous ones because of the greater uniformity of the work done.

My appeal, in the Report of 1906, having remained without any response, I started, with your kind help and suggestions, in June 1907, on the search for the MSS. wanted, and succeeded in nearly doubling our collection, besides acquiring several thousands of various readings. The months following my return, in April last, were naturally filled up with cataloguing the new acquisitions and preparing the printed catalogue of all our Upaniṣad MSS., which is now ready for despatch and can be bought for Rs. 7-8. (sh. 10.) in the *Theosophist* Office. The income derived from this sale will form the base of an Adyar Library Travelling Fund which is to serve the double purpose of acquiring MSS. and gathering information.

In this connection I would once more call attention to the fact well known to many, but seldom realized in its full meaning, that MSS. are becoming rarer in India every year because of the decay of Samskr̥t learning inevitably connected with the progress of Western influence. Texts which must have existed but a few years ago, are now no longer available. A most regrettable instance is *S'ātyāyana-Brāhmaṇa*. Two copies of it are mentioned in Oppert's Catalogue, but all researches made by others and myself, were in vain. It seems to be lost forever. A more gratifying instance is *Bāṣkalamantropāṇiṣad*, the rumours on which were called *mṛga-tṛṣṇā* by Cowell, but which has now been re-discovered by me and published in the appendix to our Upaniṣad Catalogue. At any rate, the collecting of MSS. and information on MSS. must be considered one of the main duties of our Library and should be duly supported by all who wish our institution to be the foremost of its kind in India,

Besides cataloguing and comparing, the Paṇḍits have been engaged in copying, from the Grantha MSS. of the Mysore Library, the Bhāṣyas of Appayadikṣita on the 108 Upaniṣads. The complete copy of this huge work now in our possession covers 5032 pages in plain Devanāgarī writing and is bound in ten volumes.

All the main preparations for our Upaniṣad edition being here-with finished, we are now in a position to take up the work itself, the first volume of which is to comprise the following fifteen Saṃnyāsa Upaniṣads : Avadhūta I., Āruṇeya, Ās'rama (Bhikṣuka), Kaṇṭhas'ruti (Kaṭharudra), Jābāla (Yājñavalkya), Turiyātītāvadhūta, Nārada-parivṛājaka, Parabrahma, Paramahansa, Paramahamsaparivṛājaka, Brahma, Maitreya I., S'āṭyāyaniya, Saṃnyāsa I. (Kuṇḍika), Saṃnyāsa II.

The *provisional* Subject Catalogue of all our Saṃskṛt MSS. has also been made ready and is to be published this year. It has already been used by a good many visitors. The detailed Subject Catalogue of the Western Section is now in the hands of Mrs. Schrader who has very nearly finished the volume on Empirical Psychology, and that on Religion and Eastern Philosophy.

The increase in the valuation of our Library during the last *two years* is approximatively as follows :

	Rs.
1. Printed books presented and purchased, 670 vols.	1,200
2. MSS. purchased (or presented), 116000 Granthas valued @ Rs. 5 per 1000 Granthas	580
3. MSS. Copied for the Library, 43510 Granthas @ Rs. 9 per 1000 Granthas, including comparing charges	390
Total ...	2,170

STATEMENT SHOWING WORK DONE BY THE ESTABLISHMENT
DURING THE YEAR.

No. of New MSS. registered	...	...	...
" " Books " Oriental Section	...	...	...
" " " " Western Section	...	...	287
" Magazines (loose Nos.) admitted	...	...	981
" Slips prepared for beginning and end of MSS.	...	...	1293
" Descriptive slips registered	...	...	6083
" Granthas copied	...	...	25232
" Granthas compared	...	...	27160
" Descriptive slips checked...	...	...	1660
" Cards prepared for the cards Catalogue of MSS.	...	...	838
" Cards prepared for the printed Books of the Eastern and Western Sections	...	...	718
" Tags and Labels prepared	...	...	718
" Visitors to the Library	...	...	2447

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President, T.S. :—The accounts of our Society for the past year are presented this time in a new shape which it is hoped will render them clear and intelligible to all members. Several of our accounts have been closed, the *Damodar Fund* (Rs. 10,349-6-0) and *Founder's Fund* (Rs. 21,733-11-0) being merged in the *Adyar Library Fund*, as shown in the abstract of the latter account, and the *Permanent Fund* (Rs. 25,000), *C.A. White Estate* (Rs. 61,281-8-0), *White Lotus Day Fund* (Rs. 591-6-1), *Rice Account* (Rs. 522-3-5) and *Convention Expenses Account* (old deficit of Rs. 6,548-12-7) being transferred to and included in the newly opened *General Fund*.

We have now the following <i>specific funds</i> :				Rs.	A.	P.
Adyar Library Fund	...	...	...	1,60,105	14	3
Subba Row Medal	„	...	...	1,622	0	0
Jog's Propaganda	„	...	...	12,546	2	1
Old Worker's	„	...	...	540	11	6
Colonel Olcott's Statue Fund	...	...	...	245	13	6
President's Travelling	„	...	...	287	7	3
Total				1,75,348	0	7

besides our *General Fund* (Capital) of Rs. 2,09,242-1-9. The latter is in greater part invested in Movable and Immovable Properties (Rs. 1,85,630) which, with the exception of

Rs.	A.	P.	
3,630	0	0	for House No. 32, East Mada Street, Mylapore, and
35,000	0	0	„ Ananda College, Colombo,

3,8630 0 0 have not in previous balance sheets figured among
 ----- our assets.

We have therefore been obliged to enter our *Movable Property*, *Headquarter's* grounds and buildings and *Gulistan*, at valuations arrived at by the Executive Committee, which can only be considered tentative, being intended to give our members an approximate idea of the value of our properties.

Olcott Gardens are entered at the cost price which is very low indeed for this beautiful property, considering the increasing value of land in this part of Madras, and *Blavatsky Gardens* which are a gift to the Society are put down at the price paid by the generous donors for this large and fine house with 80 acres of land.

The valuation of Rs. 7,000 for furniture, horses, carriages, stores etc., is also approximate only, but is, if anything, below the actual value.

As regards the *Adyar Library Books and MSS.* it is naturally impossible to arrive at a correct valuation. At the time of the incorporation of the Society they were valued at Rs. 45,000, but our collection has since been considerably increased and Dr. Schrader, Director of the Adyar Library, estimated them two years ago at Rs. 55,000. In order to be on the safe side we have entered them at the lower figure, Rs. 45,000, in our books and balance sheet.

Our investments in Government Pro-notes which in previous balance sheets stood at their face value (Rs. 100) have now been carried forward at the market value which is about Rs. 80 for 3 per cent paper and Rs. 95 for $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent paper. Our General Fund has thereby been reduced by about Rs. 10,500, as it has, on the other hand, been largely increased by the appraised value of Movable and Immovable Property left out in former accounts.

Headquarters Current Expenses Account shows an excess of Rs. 8,690-1-1 of income over expenditure, which has been added to, and is included in, our General Fund. This favorable result must be considered exceptional, being due to several causes :

- (1) Our income for fees and dues from Sections, amounting to Rs. 14,243-15-0, includes Rs. 2,368-5-9 for dues concerning the year 1907, which should have figured in last year's balance sheet, at least at an approximate valuation, if the correct figures were not available at the time of closing the accounts.
- (2) The amount of Rs. 5,773-9-0 for rent and interest includes Rs. 1580-8-9 for rent and interest concerning the year 1907 which should also have gone to the credit of last year's accounts.
- (3) Rs. 3700-0-0 of our garden income are derived from the sale of Casuarina trees. Young trees are now being planted in place of the old ones cut down, but they cannot yield a similar income for a number of years.

Deducting these three items amounting to Rs. 7,648-14-6, our surplus income is reduced to Rs. 1041-2-7 which it is well to bear in mind, in order not to be misled by the apparently splendid result of our balance sheet. All accounts have now been carefully adjusted and future balance sheets should not again show large differences like the above and like the item of Rs. 2,157-10-8 debited to the Adyar Library Account for expenses referring to 1907, due to the mixing up of income and expenditure of different years.

Briefly put, the financial position of the Theosophical Society is as follows :—

We own :			Rs.	A.	P.
<i>Immovable Property</i>	...	...	178,630	0	0
<i>Books and MSS. in Adyar Library</i>	...	...	45,000	0	0
<i>Movable Property</i>	...	...	7,000	0	0
<i>Mortgage on Mahinda College...</i>	...	...	3,000	0	0
<i>Investment in Government Paper set aside for the specific Funds of Adyar Library, Propaganda, etc.</i>			1,30,848	0	7
<i>Other investments, cash and credit balances</i>	...	...	20,612	1	9
			3,84,590	2	4

The last amount of Rs. 20,612-1-9 represents our disposable funds, the other items being either fixtures or investments which must be kept apart for specific purposes.

A. SCHWARZ,
Treasurer, T.S., Adyar.

HEADQUARTERS CURRENT

DISBURSEMENTS.				Rs.	A.	P.
To the President's establishment expenses	...	...	...	290	0	0
„ Office salaries	...	...	...	1,375	12	9
„ Servants' wages	...	...	...	1,405	14	7
„ Stable expenses	...	...	...	2,145	15	8
„ Garden „	...	...	...	2,044	6	10
„ Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	10,486	15	7
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	862	3	6
„ Telegrams and Postages	...	...	...	366	13	0
„ Auditor's Travelling expenses	...	...	...	73	6	0
„ Taxes	...	...	...	35	12	8
„ Charity	...	...	...	79	14	9
„ White Lotus Day expenses	...	...	...	100	0	0
„ Dharmasala	...	...	...	176	0	0
„ Entertaining guests	...	...	...	20	4	6
„ Furnishing	...	...	...	531	4	0
„ Lighting	...	...	...	540	12	10
„ Discount, Collection, and Exchange	...	...	...	138	14	5
„ Miscellaneous expenses	...	...	...	668	0	9
„ Gulistan expenses	...	...	...	603	4	0
„ Contribution to Adyar Library	...	...	...	1,200	0	0
				23,465	11	10
„ Balance transferred to the credit of General Fund (Capital) Account	...	...	...	8,690	1	1
				32,155	12	11

(ADYAR,) }
 30th November 1908. }

A. SCHWARZ.
 Treasurer.

EXPENSES ACCOUNT.

INCOME.				Rs.	A.	P.
By Contribution from the President for her establishment expenses	...	...	...	600	0	0
„ Establishment charges recovered from residents	...			96	0	0
„ Rent and Interest	...	...	...	5,773	9	0
„ Garden Produce	...	...	...	4,015	0	0
„ Donation towards Garden expenses	...	...	...	670	0	0
„ „ „ Construction and Repairs	...			6,356	10	2
„ „ for White Lotus Day	...			100	0	0
„ Sundry Donations	...	...	...	295	10	9
„ Fees and Dues from—						
			Rs. A. P.			
Indian Section	...	...	8,794 0 0			
British „	...	...	1,656 6 5			
American „	...	...	1,964 5 4			
Netherlands Section (estimated)	...	...	1,200 0 0			
Australasian Section	...	...	596 9 11			
New Zealand „	...	...	225 5 0			
French „	...	...	856 14 0			
Italian „	...	...	254 10 11			
German „	...	...	652 2 9			
Cuban „	...	...	439 5 8			
Scandinavian „	...	...	526 10 0			
Finnish „	...	...	298 1 0			
Hungarian „	...	...	93 2 0			
South Africa	...	...	690 15 6			
South America	...	...	778 9 6			
Mauritius	...	...	82 8 0			
Unattached Members	...	...	189 5 0	14,248	15	0
				32,155	12	11

Audited and found correct.

P. R. LAKSHMANRAM, F. N. F. A. (LONDON),

Public Accountant and Auditor

ADYAR, }
30th November 1908. }

A. SCHWARZ,
Hon. Treasurer

Audited and found correct,
P. R. LAKSHMANRAM, F.N.F.A., (LONDON),
Public Accountant and Auditor.

AUDITOR'S

ADYAR, 26th December 1908.

FUND ACCOUNT.

	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
By Balance on 1st December 1907 ...	85,147	6 1		
" Transfer of Damodar Fund... ..	10,349	6 0		
" " , Founders " ...	21,733	11 0		
" Balance of Fuente Legacy ...	80	5 8		
" Value of Books and MSS.	45,000	0 0	1,62,310	12 9
" 3½ p.c. Interest on invested Capital ...			4,030	5 9
" Contribution from T.S.			1,200	0 0
" Donations			500	0 0
			1,68,041	2 6

NOTE.

have been already audited by a professional auditor, so this relieves amounts belonging to the Society from Banker's receipts and Bank and the lucid report of the Honorary Treasurer who has done every-business-like way. He has attended to all the discrepancies pointed going through various items in connection with extensive repairs, ed by details ; this I believe might be remedied with a view to avoid

PESTONJEE DINSHAWJEE KHAN.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN AMERICA.

*To the President, T.S. :—*We have the pleasure of transmitting to you our report of the work of the American Theosophical Society.

Our year has been in the highest degree satisfactory. Predictions that large numbers would resign, that we should lose a large fraction of our membership and that the growth of the body as to the admission of new members would be gravely hampered are not verified by the actual facts. Even the loss in total membership of 130 is in no way a matter for discouragement. Rather we feel that the diminution in number is small in comparison with the serious possibilities of the situation ; and the devotion and enthusiasm of the members to the cause, resulting in the large increase in the number of new members over the numbers for the two years preceding, is worthy of enthusiastic comment.

The present condition of branches is in the main very good. There are two or three of these branches which have become very weak in numbers but the enthusiasm of the few remaining members has induced the Executive Committee to refrain from recalling their charters in order that new opportunities for growth may be afforded. The majority of active branches have been doing work of the highest value, active study and enthusiastic local propaganda work proceeding in a way that must be regarded as entirely satisfactory under the circumstances. The usual detailed report of branches will be published with the report of Convention proceedings.

The field work of the year has been actively prosecuted by Mr. Jinarajadasa, Mr. L. W. Rogers, Mr. Cooper, Mr. Prime, Mr. Catlin and others, with vigor and good judgment, and with results that, again recalling the untoward circumstances of the period, are most gratifying. During the coming year Mr. Rogers plans a most vigorous campaign in the field in and about Chicago, a local field which is more promising than any other in the United States, on account of the work which has already been done, the considerable number of Theosophists in the district, the tendency toward liberality of thought on the part of the population, the great facility with which people can be reached, and the ease with which they can be gathered into groups for the purpose of listening to lectures and the formation of study classes. Mr. Jinarajadasa will visit during the early part of the fiscal year the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Lincoln, Fremont, Kansas City, Louisville and intermediate towns. Similar extensive plans will be made by other field workers, and it is believed that conditions for the spread of Theosophy will be favorable, all members aiding in every possible way the leavening of the country's thought with the sterling doctrines of reincarnation and karma, and the necessity for high and weighty thinking as well as rational compassion, as precedent to correct action in the affairs of life.

The local propaganda work in its strictest sense ought to engage the attention of members more and more as time goes by, since

Theosophy teaches, as its cardinal principle, that each man is indeed his brother's keeper, and that each member of the Society is responsible for his own share in the dissemination of the truth among those with whom he is related by the ties of karma. Col. Olcott laid great stress upon the extreme advantage inherent in the personal method of spreading Theosophy, which enables the teacher to inculcate our doctrines in the most satisfactory manner, since the learner may raise inquiries which it is necessary for him to have satisfied before he feels able to proceed with his study of the philosophy, and may find himself at rest at each particular stage of his progress, enjoying the satisfaction of a solid footing in knowledge and conviction at every step. Public lectures are most valuable, so far as concerns the increment in the membership of the Society, in stimulating a general interest in theosophic thought, causing people to turn their attention strongly to the philosophy and inducing them to make inquiry of those who can instruct them. But in the end the duty of the members remains the same, to teach individuals singly or in small classes. The centres which we now have, therefore, in America, are of the highest value as affording points from which extensions of work may be made, and each member ought to take upon himself the responsibility which duly belongs to him in the way of introducing the subject to the favorable consideration of his friends and neighbors.

It is proposed that those members of the Society who reside at points somewhat remote from the headquarters of branches be considered, where they are willing to assume the slight responsibility, as Secretaries for centres for the distribution of theosophic literature and the dissemination of our ideas. These centres, made up of members numbering less than seven, will be able to do a great deal of good in the way of spreading a knowledge of Theosophy, will be able to meet in a somewhat official way those with whom they come in contact, and will feel the enthusiasm which comes from a general recognition of their effort. The publication in the *Messenger* of a list of these centres scattered through the United States, often at a distance of a hundred miles from a branch, will enable many inquirers to find at hand sources of information, correspondents and persons with whom they may converse. It is to be remembered with great regret that the Southern States of our country have but few branches, that the enormous State of Texas has not a single branch, and that many of the other States, particularly in the South-west, are entirely destitute of representation by organised lodges. In these States are many enthusiastic persons who would gladly undertake to act as Secretaries of centres and who would willingly take up propaganda work with a little encouragement on the part of the Section at large.

Much effort has been expended by the Editor of the *Messenger*, Mrs. Felix, upon the development of our Sectional organ. It has been the purpose of the Executive Committee to make the *Messenger* not only a bulletin of the activities of the Section, containing

announcements and reports of progress, but a real monthly magazine, bringing, without charge other than the payment of dues, to the table of every member of the Society, new inspiration and new and original thought upon theosophic subjects, together with actual contributions to the knowledge of the higher spiritual realms as far as possible. It is the hope of the Executive Committee that the same policy with reference to the management of the *Messenger* will result in a great augmentation of its size, its interest and its material. It should be the medium of communication between the parts of the Society as a whole and the members of the Section, and between the parts of the Section itself. It should supply a large amount of information which for the lack of funds to use in increasing its efficiency we have not been able to introduce as yet. With the introduction of new activities in the Section's work through the agency of the Order of Service, we should include in the *Messenger* not only all those topics which now are considered in its columns, but also reviews of other theosophic journals, abstracts of articles appearing in late periodicals, etc. . It is hoped that the way will be found very soon for the extension of the Society's activities in this direction by the contribution of money directly for the purpose of enlarging the *Messenger*.

WELLER VAN HOOK,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T. S. IN GREAT BRITAIN.

*To the President T. S. :—*I send this report of the year's activity of the Section with assurances of unabated confidence in your leadership. On behalf of the Section I congratulate you on the magnificent results attending your visit to the Antipodes, and add that we are looking forward with joyful anticipation to what we must still persist in calling your home-coming, in the spring. Please convey to the Convention, and especially to our Brothers of the Indian Section, our most fraternal greetings.

During the past year 252 new members have joined the Section, 110 have resigned, 70 have lapsed, 16 have died, and 4 have been transferred to other Sections. The net gain is, therefore, 52, bringing the total membership to about 1,910.

Four new branches have been formed, namely ; " Annie Besant," Birmingham ; Portsmouth ; Hale ; and " Arjuna," in Barcelona. The South Manchester Lodge has dissolved. There are thus 47 branches, 38 of which are in the United Kingdom. New centres have been started at Dennistoun, Glasgow, Letchworth, Norwich and Golbourne. Southsea Centre has grown into a Lodge, so that with the lapsing of those at Scarborough, Coventry, Ripon, and Urmiston, there are 19 centres on the list.

Again we have to chronicle a decrease in the financial receipts of the Section, this time of a serious character. The income from donations has seriously diminished. There is a general feeling that the Section has been overtaxing its resources, and that the money spent in maintaining Headquarters in a fashionable area of London could better be devoted to furthering the Society's work in other ways. At the last Convention a Financial Committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hogg, Miss Ward, Mr. Laycock, Mr. Banks, Miss Dupuis. As a result of its deliberations, the Executive Committee are endeavoring to arrange for the sub-letting of the Headquarters at Albemarle Street preparatory to moving to less expensive premises.

The Committee appointed by the Convention of 1907 to revise the Sectional rules held four meetings, and laid their recommendations before the Section. A special Convention, requisitioned by several branches and approved by the Executive Committee, was held in April, and effected various changes in the Rules, the chief alteration consisting in the election of officers on the Executive Committee by a ballot of all the British members of the Section.

During the year ending in July last, the Library has had the substantial number of 106 books presented to it, and 46 have been purchased. The total number of books (not volumes), at the end of the April stock-taking, was 3,574. The lending library has been fairly well used. The important work of re-arranging the library was undertaken by Miss Lilian Lloyd, and is being continued by the present Librarian, Miss Melvill.

The literature published during the past year has included the *Transactions of the Third Annual Congress of the Federation of European Sections*, in which this Section can, of course, claim only a share. The volume has, however, been edited by one of its members and forms a most valuable addition to the permanent literature of the Society. Mrs. Besant's *London Lectures of 1907* include the nine lectures given at Queen's Hall and Essex Hall last summer, and make a substantial volume, which has been greatly appreciated by its large circle of readers. She has also issued as a *Transaction of the H.P.B. Lodge* a pamphlet in defence of Mme. Blavatsky, entitled, *H.P. Blavatsky and the Masters of the Wisdom*. The Yoga lectures delivered during her stay in London were given in amplified form at the Society's Annual Convention at Benares, and now form a volume of special value and interest. Mr. Mead has added largely to his useful series of small volumes on Gnosticism under the general title of *Echoes from The Gnosis*. The new volumes are : *The Hymn of Jesus* ; *The Mysteries of Mithra* ; *A Mithriac Ritual* ; *The Gnostic Crucifixion* ; *The Chaldean Oracles* ; (2 vols) *The Hymn of the Robe of Glory* ; *The Wedding Song of Wisdom*. The whole set will form a valuable popular introduction to gnostic teachings. Mr. Orage is responsible for a small work of a psychological nature on *Consciousness : Animal, Human, and*

Superman. Mrs. Kenningale Cook (Mabel Collins) has added another of her characteristically interesting volumes to our literature, entitled *Fragments of Thought and Life*. Mr. Rothwell has issued an admirable English translation of Mlle. Blech's *A Ceux qui souffrent*. From the pen of "Michael Wood" have come *The King Predestinate*, and other mystical studies in human nature. Mrs. Charles has published an interesting commentary on Faust, Mr. A. H. Ward a book of verse entitled *The Song of the Flaming Heart*, Miss Pope a brochure on *Mysticism*, and Miss Pagan a suggestive *Astrological Key to Character*. *Parsifal*, and *Tristan and Isolde* have been interpreted theosophically by Mr. Banks and Mr. Reinheimer, respectively, in two excellent pamphlets. The Harrogate Publication Committee have been active with reprints of Mr. Leadbeater's valuable propaganda pamphlets, and the Manchester City Lodge has issued some pamphlets for similar purposes by Mr. Ernest Wood.

The Social Committee has continued its useful work in an energetic manner during the past year. The Monday afternoon meetings have proved as successful as usual, lectures having been given by the following : Mr. Tarapore, Mme. Naiqui-Peters, Miss Ward, Miss Lloyd, Mr. Tovey, Mrs. Despard, Mr. Bhai Parmamand, Mrs. Betts, Mr. Wedgwood Mr. Chatterji, Mr. Jast, Mr. Barker, Mr. Mead, Miss Woods, Dr. Coomaraswamy, Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Kingsland.

Three At Homes have been given, to which many new members have been invited, and the Debating Society and groups for study have all been carried on regularly. The study groups have included a new feature—Egyptology—under the guidance of Mrs. Betts and Miss Gosse; while Mrs. Betts, Mrs. Currie and Miss Voisin have conducted three groups for the study of theosophical teachings.

The Correspondence Class under the guidance of Miss Lilian Lloyd has been engaged on Mrs. Besant's *Study in Consciousness* since 1906, and the monthly papers sent in have shown that there has been much careful consideration given to the work.

The Activities Committee has suffered severely by the loss of its devoted Secretary, Mr. Tovey, who has been unable to continue his work for it, owing to lack of time. The work has since been undertaken by Mr. H. Twelvetrees.

The Bureau of Theosophical Activities, started by Mrs. Besant when last in England, has, under Mr. Wedgwood's Secretaryship, done useful work. The organisation is a voluntary and unofficial one, and includes propaganda, press, hospitality and correspondence departments under separate Secretaries.

The Harrogate Lodge Propaganda Committee, aided by funds from the Bureau of Theosophical Activities and by donations, arranged for a series of propaganda lectures on a large scale in some Midland towns. The lectures were delivered by Miss Hilda Hodgson Smith, Miss Ward, Mr. Wedgwood, Mr. Ernest Wood, and Mr.

Hodgson Smith, the last named usually acting as Chairman. As a result, study groups were formed, and it is hoped that these may serve as nuclei for future lodges.

Mr. Mead has given several courses of afternoon lectures at Headquarters which have been well attended. His subjects were :—
 “Two Rituals from the Mysteries ;” “The Gnostic Crucifixion ;”
 “The Mystery of the Cross ;” “The Chaldean Oracles ;” “The Hymn of the Robe of Glory ;” “The Wedding Song of Wisdom.” The lectures have been followed with great interest.

Mr. Kingsland, an old member of the Society, has given two courses of lectures at Albemarle Street on “Scientific Idealism,” and “The Higher Aspects of Evolution.”

The various Federations continued their regular work and brought together many members from the Branches within their areas. The Northern Federation has carried out its plan of changing the place of its winter meetings, assembling at Manchester in November, with Mr. Percy Lund presiding ; at Sheffield, in February, when Mr. Sinnett took the chair ; at Harrogate in May, with Mr. Marsden in the chair, and again at Harrogate in August under the Presidency of Miss Ward. In each case the President for the occasion delivered both public lectures and addresses to members. Mr. Hodgson Smith has carried on the onerous duty of Secretary of the Federation. The Annual Meeting of the South-Western Federation was held in February at Bath, when Miss Ward presided and lectured on “Some Tendencies of Modern Thought.” Mr. Sidney Old retired from the Secretaryship of the Federation after a year of active work in that position, and Miss K. Douglas Fox was elected in his place. A pleasant feature of this gathering was the presence of several of the active London workers. The London Federation has held two meetings during the year and obtained good attendances of members. In February Mr. Mead addressed the meeting ; while in April, on the evening of the Special Convention, Father Hugh Benson was invited to speak on “Christian Mysticism,” and gave a most interesting address to a crowded meeting, including a large number of country members.

Various new departures have been made in the work of a few of the lodges, and the whole work has for the most part been continued without interruption. Public Lectures at the Headquarters have been given by the Blavatsky Lodge on Sunday evenings, and by the H.P.B. Lodge on Wednesday evenings. These public meetings have proved the means of attracting many visitors from outside the Society, and large audiences have been the rule.

The Blavatsky Lodge has continued its usual Thursday meetings and in addition to the lectures by Theosophists, the names of the Rev. Dr. Cobb, Rector of Ethelburgha's Church, London ; Mr. A. E. Waite, the well-known and learned writer on mediæval mysticism and alchemy ; Mrs. Somervell and Miss Carter Sturge, have

figured on the syllabus. This autumn the Lodge has inaugurated a course of study of the *Stanzas of Dzyan*.

The H.P.B. Lodge, formed during Mrs. Besant's last visit, has put forward a very extensive and varied programme, including three groups under the three Objects of the Society, an Arts group, and a physiology and psychology class. Meetings of the various groups have been regularly held, in addition to weekly public lectures.

From its commencement the Lodge set before itself the task of establishing friendly relations with non-theosophical workers and kindred societies, and many visitors from outside the Society have addressed the Lodge. Amongst these have been Dr. Baraduc of Paris, who exhibited his celebrated "Thought-photos;" the Rev. R. J. Campbell, M.A., who gave a lecture in the Essex Hall on the New Theology; the Rev. Charles Voysey, B.A., who spoke on the Theistic System, and the Ven. Bhikkhu Ananda Metteyya who spoke on Buddhism. Mr Wallis, Secretary of the London Spiritualist Alliance; Mr. Hallan, Secretary of the Psycho-Therapeutic Society; Mr. Thomes Holmes, Secretary of the Howard Association; Mr. Wm. Smedley, Secretary of the Bacon Society; Mr. H. Snell, Secretary of the Union of Ethical Societies; Miss Lind-of-Hageby, the well-known Anti-Vivisectionist; Miss. H. A. Dallas, from the "Annals of Psychic Research;" Mr. Sidney Sprague, and Dr. J. Lionel Taylor have also lectured to the Lodge.

The West London Lodge has made a special feature of the study of Christian Doctrine, and has invited well-known members of different Christian communities to address it, with gratifying results.

The North London Lodge has presented a syllabus of lectures dealing with various important subjects falling under the three Objects of the Society. The course was well attended.

Perhaps the most original undertaking of the year was due to the Edinburgh Lodge, which in February gave a public dramatic performance of Ibsen's *Peer Gynt*. *Peer Gynt* has never yet been put upon the professional stage in Britain, and it is, therefore, specially gratifying to note that the ambitious effort met not only with artistic but also financial success, and that great public interest was aroused in Edinburgh. Miss Pagan's pamphlet, *Has "Peer Gynt" a Key?* proved of much value in presenting a theosophical interpretation of the meaning of the play.

It is impossible to chronicle the various activities of all the country lodges; mention must be made, however, of special efforts of the Manchester (City) and Leeds Lodges. The former has conducted public meetings on Sundays which have attracted an unusually large attendance. Mr. Ernest Wood has addressed large audiences, mainly composed of working men, in the Coal Exchange. The Leeds Lodge has arranged a syllabus of public lectures in the Philosophical Hall, which is proving most successful in disseminating theosophical ideas in that city.

The country Lodges have not during the greater portion of the year been able to benefit by lecture tours to the same extent as in the previous year. Mrs. Sharpe and Miss Ward have each visited some of the Lodges in the northern and south-western Federations. Mr. Wedgwood has a large list of about 70 lectures delivered all over the country, and Mr. Wood has lectured largely in the north and Midlands. Miss Hilda Hodgson Smith also visited the lodges of the South-Western Federation.

Mention must be made of the great loss the Section has sustained by the death of four workers. The Manchester Lodge has suffered by the death of Mr. Larmuth, and Mrs. Corbett. Mr. Larmuth was for many years the President of the Lodge, and was very greatly esteemed by his many friends in the North. He was deeply versed in philosophy, and his death is a great loss to the work. Mrs. Corbett was at one time an active worker in the Section, but of late years had been invalided. She was well-known by her writings on education, by her little book on the *Evolution of Character*, and the *Extracts from the Vāhān*, which she edited. Miss Goring, likewise, was a familiar and well-loved figure in the Section. She had been interested in the scientific corroborations of H.P.B.'s writings, but of late had been compelled to cease work by her ill-health. London is the poorer for her loss. Mr. Powis Houlst, of Dublin, was a writer whose name was known far beyond his special area of work.

The work in the foreign countries associated with this Section has been making good progress during the past year. A fair number of new members have joined in Belgium and the meetings of the various branches have been carried on regularly. In Spain the activity has, as usual, been of a quiet and chiefly literary kind, a large body of theosophical literature now existing in Spanish ; but the usual meetings have also been carried on. The new Branch in Barcelona, the 'Arjuna,' has been formed mainly by members formerly in the Barcelona Branch.

In Russia, the movement has so far progressed that a definite Sectional organisation has now been effected. Whilst we are sorry to lose the Russian members, we are happy to feel that they are the benefitters by the change. A Russian periodical has been started, several books have been published, and there is every prospect of a substantial increase in activity in the future, when the new organisation has had time to adapt itself to the conditions of work, which, of course, differ largely from those of this country.

The year has witnessed a change in the General Secretaryship of the Section. This report would not be complete without a warm tribute to the late Secretary, Miss Kate Spink, for her valuable services during the past three years. She has worked indefatigably to further the cause of Theosophy in this country.

It would be affectation to ignore the fact that the past year has

been one of trouble and unrest, brought to a painful climax at the Convention of July. We look forward, however, with strong conviction, to a future for the Society more glorious than the best that lies behind it.

S. MAUD SHARPE,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN INDIA.

To The President, T.S. :—After it was decided at the Council Meeting of the last Convention of the Indian Section T.S., that there should be two General Secretaries, the Joint General Secretary to be in charge of the work of propaganda and the General Secretary to be in charge of the rest of the works of the Indian Section T.S., Babu Upendranath, who was carrying on the duties of the General Secretary, suffered a severe nervous collapse, and took leave from April till October 1908, when he sent a letter of resignation of the office of General Secretary. During his absence on leave, Miss Edger was in charge of the office for two months, after which I have been in charge of that office along with my work of Joint General Secretary. After the resignation of his office by Babu Upendranath Basu, I—under Section III. of Article ii, of the rules of the Indian Section T.S.—convened a meeting of the members of the Council, for which the requisite quorum was not forthcoming. Hence I have been continuing to do the duties of both the General Secretaries till now.

During the year ending October 31st, 1908, 474 new members have joined, 23 have resigned, 99 have left their physical bodies and 8 have dropped out. The total number of active members, both attached and unattached is 4,631. 14 new branches have been formed this year, to wit : Avarni, Chodavaram, Ettyapuram, Koilkandangudy, Karrikal, Lalgudy, Madanam, Palakurichi, Valakkari, Valivalam, Chintamani, Sukkur, Peshawar and Sasseram.

Two new centres have been formed, at Kristapadi and Bowringpet, 14 T.S. branches have been revived—Aska, Berhampore, Chicacole, Dindigul, Kanigiri, Kavali, Palconda, Parvatipore, Sompel, Srivaikuntam, Vizianagaram, Yellamanchili, Ferozepur, Agra.

Eight branches have been declared dormant—Alattur, Ottapalam, Poonamallee, Yeotmal, Sitamarhi, Mainpuri, Hajipur and Mombasa.

Five branches were dissolved—*viz.*, Guntur (Sadvichara), Hassan, Porbandar, Allahabad (the White Lotus Lodge) and Aurangabad.

Also two centres were dissolved at Pertabgarh and Jamni.

The total number of active branches including centres in the Indian Section T.S. is 275.

The finances of the Section have been better than last year. The main items of our receipt, *viz.*, Annual Dues and Entrance Fees, have shown a slight increase over the last year's, while under the heading of donations we have a decided increase through the legacy left to the Indian Section T.S. by Babu Hari Hai Chatterji. Our expenses have been within the Budget.

Under the heading of new books published during the year, we have none to point out except the Convention lectures of Mrs. Besant: but translations have been published in the different vernaculars : *Jainism and Life after death*, in Guzerati ; *In Memory of H.P.B.*, in Urdu ; *Secret Doctrine, Elementary*, in Tamil, the same in Canarese, and *Hindūism and Theosophy* in Telugu. Many non-English knowing people now come into our Society as members and there is therefore a crying need for many translations.

As usual the different Federations were held this year in the different parts of India, *viz.*, Bengal, Behar, Guzerati, the Central Provinces, the Hindusthan, the Tamil, the Central District, the Canarese. Another one has been formed this year in the Tanjore District which now boasts of no less than 20 branches in it. For the many vernacular speaking members alone, this district Federation has been formed.

As regards the visits of our workers, this year can point to more than 300 places visited by them : in some cases one place has been visited twice or thrice by a worker or workers. One new feature introduced into India by our learned brother P. Narayana Aiyar of the South, is the exposition of theosophical and other truths through magic lantern exhibitions.

In the year under review many reforms have been effected in the Headquarters of the Indian Section through the aid of the Executive Committee that was formed last year.

Finally, I have to suggest to you as President of the T.S. the advisability of having the disturbance of the T.S. caused by the case of Mr. C. W. Leadbeater, put an end to as early as possible. We have had enough of bickerings and quarrels over it and it is no use increasing them by leaving the case open any longer. In the Indian Section, almost all the T.S. branches are in favor of Mr. C. W. Leadbeater being brought back into the T.S. I hope almost all the other Sections are so disposed.

K. NARAYANSWAMI IYER,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN AUSTRALASIA.

*To the President, T.S. :—*The statistics of this Section of our Society speak well for its development compared with previous years. We have admitted 156 new members, as against an average of 83 for the last six years ; and despite the loss of 59 names have advanced from a total of 641 to 747. The increase has been chiefly at the larger cities—Perth having done exceptionally well in proportion. One branch only has been added to our list, the Besant Lodge in Melbourne. We have lost 3 members by death, one of whom was Mr. N. A. Knox of Adelaide, who was for many years the centre of work in that city and whose departure leaves a blank which will not easily be filled.

We held a Convention this year in Sydney on 17th April. This was the first Convention held in Sydney since we left our old quarters in Margaret Street, where so many Conventions have been held, and our temporary quarters in Spring Street were hardly found spacious enough for the members to be brought together. The business dealt with extended itself into a special meeting on the following day to arrange the details for the presidential tour then imminent.

Activities.—The machinery of our Section was taxed to the utmost to carry out a short but most vigorous lecturing tour by our beloved President, who reached Fremantle on 26th May, and left it again for India on 24th August. In these three months a tour was made which embraced Perth, Fremantle, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Hobart and Launceston in our own Section, and the four chief cities of New Zealand. It was a ceaseless round of public lectures and members' meetings, sometimes three of them in a day ; a strenuous time, constituting a sign manual of our President's tireless devotion, and speaking not a little for the loyalty and self-sacrifice of our own members at the visited centres. We all have now the great satisfaction of recalling a united effort which has given the public a magnificent course of lectures (as the Australian press has not been slow to admit), our branches, all round, a great impetus, and perhaps best of all, our individual members an object lesson in devotion to our cause by the tireless exertion of our brave leader, which should leave its mark upon the character of each. It may also be worthy of note that the financial result of the visit was everything we could wish, the sum of £605 having been sent forward to Adyar, which was further added to by £92 voted from our own Section towards the purchase of Blavatsky Gardens, the funds of which also were benefited by £200. In all, the Society's finances benefited in all directions over £900. As an outcome of the President's visit most of our branches have taken up active work in connection with the Order of Service, and in the larger cities Leagues have already been formed dealing with the visiting of prisons and hospitals, religious education in the public

schools, abolition of capital punishment, and the substitution of cremation for the burial of the dead.

Literary Work.—Our monthly paper stands as our principal literary output for the year : it maintains its favor, and, we hope, has grown in efficiency. In connection with Mrs. Besant's visit a great mass of leaflet matter was published. About 6,000 copies of "Theosophy and the Theosophical Society" were issued, the clergy of New South Wales and Victoria being all furnished with a copy. We are now busy with preparations for publication of a volume of six of Mrs. Besant's Australian Lectures, and out of an edition of three thousand we shall provide every town, country and suburban library throughout the Commonwealth with a free copy. The book-depot work of our principal branch is now assuming large proportions.

Branches.—We do not multiply these very fast, one only having been added this year, but we all have our eyes open to the formation of groups or centres wherever possible, and of these we have a promising few. The large reduction of the unattached list is due to the formation of the Besant Lodge.

The Outlook.—With abundant gratitude for the success of the President's tour through our territory we are not the least inclined to rest on our oars, but seek ever fresh avenues of effort so as to live up to the high standard of activity which our leader has put before us. As has ever been the case when special efforts have been made for a campaign before the public, an aftermath of misrepresentation and a resuscitation of old falsehoods have followed the Besant lectures, but it is abundantly evident that there is a considerable proportion of the more thoughtful of the public upon whose minds Theosophy is making more and more impression. Though for a time a widely circulated falsehood may deter the more weak-kneed amongst enquirers, the essential value of Theosophy as an explanation of the rationale of life may be trusted to wield an increasing influence with minds of a better order.

Within a very few weeks of the reading of this report at Adyar the Australian T.S. will have been established in the new Headquarters in Sydney, a building owned by members of the Society. The removal into quarters virtually our own, obviates the liability to periodical removals and our Section may now regard itself as the early possessor of a permanent home at 132 Phillip Street, Sydney, where every convenience is being made ready, including, besides the branch library and lodge rooms, a lecture hall to hold at least three hundred people, all of which conveniences are splendidly situated within six minutes walk of the G. P. O. and the very centre of the city.

The outlook for 1909 shows the necessity of continued attack upon the materialistic spirit and the atmosphere of conventional thought which surrounds us on every side. We are in hopes before the end of that year to record a visit from Mrs. Cooper-Oakley.

The closing of this report and the sending forward of our most cordial greetings to the delegates assembled at Adyar for 1908 awakens regrets that I am unable to be present and present those greetings myself, and recalls to me ever ineffaceable memories of my visits to both Benares and Adyar at the close of last year. May every success attend the deliberations of the Convention of 1908. Whatever difficulties may face us may loyalty to our cause and a putting aside of all personal considerations guide us forward to a high destiny.

W. G. JOHN,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN SCANDINAVIA.

To the President T. S. :—This report comprehends one year from November 1st, 1907.

Branches.—One lodge was formed in Sweden on the 8th of May in the town of Nörrköping. The total of lodges within the Section amounts to 29, of which 23 belong to Sweden, 2 to Norway and 4 to Denmark.

Statistics.—At the beginning of the year (November 1st) there were 742 members in the Section. Since that time 77 new members have joined and 60 withdrawn, the number of members being, at the end of the year, 759, thus leaving an increase of 17 members. Of those withdrawn, 31 have resigned, 15 have been dropped for refusal to pay their dues, 7 have deceased and 7 have been transferred to the Finnish Section.

Annual Convention.—The Section held its Annual Convention in the Swedish university town of Lund, on the 7th and 8th of June. The Convention was largely attended, especially by members from Denmark. Many excellent lectures, public as well as private, were delivered. The zealous General Secretary of the Section, A. Knos, having notified us that he would be prevented on account of other compulsory work from accepting re-election, the undersigned was elected General Secretary.

Activities.—The work within the different lodges has continued during the year as heretofore. Some of them show great vivacity.

In November Mr. H. Thaning visited eight towns in Denmark, giving eleven public lectures. In the same month Mr. G. Lindborg, M.A., held in Stockholm an elementary course of Theosophy, which was attended by 33 outsiders. At the beginning of January, Mr. Lindborg made a tour in the southernmost province of Sweden, Scania, where public lectures were held in eight towns.

One of our most eminent lecturers, the General Secretary of the German Section, Dr. R. Steiner, M.A., honored the Scandinavian Section by paying it a visit between March 28th and April 8th, during which time he went to the towns of Lund, Malmo, Stockholm Upsala, Christiania, Gothenburg and Copenhagen. During this tour nine public and ten private lectures were delivered.

Literary Work.—The sectional organ, *Teosofisk Tidskrift*, has been published during the year, once a month, upon the same plan as before. Other literature which has been issued is noted under new T.S. publications.

The Library.—This consists of 1,074 works (not books or volumes). 350 books, on an average, are lent out every year.

General Outlook.—The conditions of the Section are good and promising ; unity and confidence prevail amongst its members. As to the financial position, the Section does not possess any funds, it is true, but on the other hand it has no debts.

We send our warmest greetings to all our brothers and sisters in India.

A. ZETTERSTEN,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN NEW ZEALAND.

*To the President, T.S. :—*The year 1908 has been a memorable one in the history of our Section, and might truly be said to be the most prosperous since its inception. The increase in membership as well as the growing public interest in Theosophy augurs well for the future in our Island Dominion.

Although we have not escaped entirely unscathed from the turmoils incident to the growth and development of our movement, the general tone of the whole Section is distinctly reassuring and the feeling of unity is stronger amongst us than it has ever been before. This has helped to tide over many of the difficulties which have upset the equilibrium of other Sections, with comparatively no ill-effects. The steadying influence and general strengthening of members is largely due to the unwearied efforts of our two organising lecturers, Miss K. Browning, M.A. and Miss C.W. Christie, who have devoted the whole of their time and talents gratuitously to the Section. They have delivered public lectures in all our branches, and have broken ground in districts where no theosophical activity previously existed. So far we have been singularly fortunate in having volunteers who were able to devote their time to the movement, but we shall sorely miss the services of those two ladies when they leave us early in January 1909 for a two years' stay at Adyar.

Miss Browning and Miss Christie have endeared themselves to a large circle of members whose blessings and good wishes will accompany them to their new field of service.

The number of Branches comprising our Section has now increased to 16, an addition of 2 since last year. The new Branches are situated at Cambridge and Dannevirke. The Kashmir Branch has surrendered its charter and amalgamated with the Christchurch Branch. Our total membership is now 501 as against 400 last year. During the year 128 new members have joined, 10 resigned, 10 lapsed, 4 died and 3 were transferred to other Sections, leaving a net increase of 101, being nearly double that of last year which was a record one.

The Annual Convention was held in Auckland on the 30th December 1907, the Chairman being Mr. S. Stuart, President of the Auckland Branch. The gathering was large and representative. The resolution to register the Section under the Unclassified Societies Act, 1895, caused much discussion, but was finally approved of by most of the delegates present. On the 27th July a special Convention was called for the purpose of settling some technical points. After a good deal of discussion the delegates once more by an overwhelming majority affirmed the desirability of registering the Section. The registration we hope will be finally accomplished before the end of this year.

The great event of the year was undoubtedly your own visit. For many years past, members have looked forward with eager anticipation to your coming. There is no mistaking the result of your visit, and I note on every side an augmented energy and enthusiasm which must lead to general strengthening of the whole Section.

The literary work of our members has been distributed over an extended area. What formerly used to find its way into our magazine, *Theosophy in New Zealand*, now appears in the columns of daily and weekly papers throughout the Dominion. Miss C. W. Christie, the "Chitra" of our Children's Pages, has a book for Beginners and Lotus Classes, in the press, which ought to fill a long-felt want. Miss Unisue's long experience in answering the Children's letters has fitted her admirably for writing a clear and simple outline of Theosophical Teachings suited to the needs of children. I am glad to be able to report that our magazine, after a somewhat precarious life, is now almost on a paying basis. Weekly public lectures and study classes are held regularly in nearly all the branches.

Once more I accord to you on behalf of this Section, all fraternal greetings and good wishes. May our revered Masters bless you and preserve you to guide and direct Their movement for the uplifting of humanity.

C. W. SANDERS,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN THE NETHERLANDS.

*To the President, T.S. :—*The Netherlands T.S. of which I here give the Annual Report, sends its respectful greetings and cordial good wishes to our revered President and the brothers in Convention assembled.

During the last year our Section missed the help of one of its oldest and most devoted workers, Mr. Fricke, who was called to the position of Recording Secretary and left us in November 1907. Ever since the beginning of our Society Mr. Fricke has been our General Secretary, and to his faithful work we owe much of our present prosperity. He filled a place in our midst which no one of the younger members will ever be able to take; his fine qualities and ripe experience of life, as well as his membership in the T.S. of so many years' standing, secured for him the general confidence of our members, among whom he is considered as a real friend, and we sincerely hope that we may soon welcome him again in our Section.

It is with the greatest gratitude that I mention the coming back to us of Mrs. Windust, after her two years' illness. She returned to the work in the end of August 1908, and seems to have emerged from the hard days of forced rest more vigorous and with greater strength than before, and by visiting all the different lodges she has brought a fresh current of life everywhere.

The Presidential Address, issued by Mrs. Besant on accepting the Presidentship of the T.S., inspired our Executive Committee to try to realise some of the ideas expressed therein. A few members of the Section were invited to form a nucleus for study and experiment along different lines, in science, art, religion, philosophy, etc., with the purpose of studying in groups these subdivisions in relation to Theosophy and of communicating the results of their study. Furthermore, the committee would serve to help any of the members who should come to them for advice or information. Some groups have now been formed, and we hope that they may soon be constituted as parts of the "Order of Service." Meanwhile, members henceforth know where to address each other for information on specific subjects.

The work in the branches has been regularly carried on, and consisted chiefly of the usual lectures and classes for study. Many branches abandoned for some time the plan of giving public lectures, and tried to make propaganda by issuing a few tickets to the ordinary lectures. This did not prove a better success, however, and the old way of public propaganda work is being taken up again.

An important event in our Section was the visit we enjoyed of Dr. Rudolf Steiner, the General Secretary of the German T.S., the eminent speaker and untiring worker who, during his stay in Holland, made a lecturing tour throughout the country, and held

two lectures in every town he visited, in which he gave many beautiful teachings and showed a rare eloquence.

We have to announce the birth of three new Lodges, one in Holland, the "Gooische" Lodge, which began with 19 members and soon gained a few more ; and two others in the Dutch Indies, the Solo Lodge and the Bandoeng Lodge. Our Society counts at the present (October 31st), 1,125 members ; from May 1st 1909 till November 1st 1908, 199 new members joined us, 75 resigned, and we lost 12 by death. This gives an increase of 112 since our last report.

In the Annual Convention it was decided that our Society should meet four times a year for the discussion of interesting subjects. The first of these meetings was held in October, and the subject was "Theosophy and the Social Problem." The discussions were held in a very brotherly spirit, although the members differed widely in their opinions as to how to solve the social problem. Our Publishing Society has issued a book on this problem, in which some of our members have expressed their views.

The financial outlook is not so bright as we should wish it to be. The difficulty lies in the fact that the budget does not suffice for the necessary expenses, and that we have to live on voluntary gifts which, for various reasons, were very scarce this year.

The Publishing Society has not been able to publish as many books as it would fain have done, for want of the necessary funds. The sale of books was notably less than last year and this had a depressing influence on the state of affairs (see further, in list of new publications).

Dutch Indies.—Much propaganda was made here, especially among the Javanese. Many of the new members in Dutch India are natives of Java, which proves them to be receptive of theosophical teachings. In April last a Congress was held at Djocja. For the first time Dutch-Indian members gathered from all quarters to devote themselves to Theosophy, and the Congress was a real success in drawing the members together. Mr. Fricke was present, and during his stay in Java he did a great deal of useful work by lecturing in all the branches, and also in many towns where no branches have as yet been formed, and the help given by him in various ways has been much appreciated.

A. J. CNOOP KOOPMANS,
Acting General Secretary,

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN FRANCE.

To the President, T.S. :—Let me begin my Annual Report by congratulating you personally, together with all the members of the French Section, on your first year of presidency. By your authority the whole administrative organisation of the Headquarters and of the Society have been vastly improved, and we feel sure in France that, under your direction, the Theosophical Society will maintain firm and high the standard so dear to the venerated Founders of our Society. We count on your enlightened intelligence and wisdom to put an end to, and find a solution for, all the difficulties which certain vexed questions have created in some of the other Sections ; but we can affirm that these questions have found little, if any, echo in our land.

Statistics.—No new branches have been founded during the year. We have lost two Bulgarian branches, one having returned its charter, the other being now directly attached to Adyar.

There is a total of 25 branches, 2 of which are dormant : the branch of Nantes, and the Union, of Nice ; this latter, we hope, will reawaken into activity during the ensuing year. We have 7 centres full of life and their future seems most hopeful.

During the year, 92 new members joined, 10 have died, 31 were transferred to other Sections (including 25 Bulgarian), 24 resigned and 2 were dropped from our books. The losses are exactly compensated by the 92 new entries.

The branches have a membership of 402.

The number of unattached members is 359.

The total membership now stands at 761, the same as last year.

Magazines.—Besides the *Bulletin Théosophique* and the *Revue Théosophique Française*, a new quarterly magazine has been founded this year, *Les Annales Théosophiques*, which publishes the lectures delivered at the Headquarters of the Society and original articles treating subjects of interest to Theosophists. We would suggest that members of other Sections, possessing a knowledge of the French language, would find it to their interest to subscribe to this review, and thus follow the efforts and progress in the diffusion of theosophical ideas in France.

[The list of new books, reprints, etc., may be found under the head of New T. S. publications.]

Convention.—At the Annual Convention held on the 15th of March 1908, M. Charles Blech was appointed General Secretary of the French Section

Activities.—During the past year the lectures and classes were very well organised and well attended. The innovation instituted at the opening of the year, of inviting the leaders of certain religious and

intellectual movements to present their ideas before the members at the Headquarters, on the Sundays specially reserved for the members, proved to be most successful, and from this contact the bonds of fraternal sympathy already existing between certain conceptions and efforts of these societies and our own, were mutually strengthened. The theosophical activity was satisfactory during the past year, in French-Switzerland, at Marseilles, Bordeaux, and is constantly progressing at Nice and Monaco.

In order to give to the French Section a legal personality and in obedience to the new "Law on Associations", a special extraordinary Convention was called on October 18th, when some of the statutes were modified and the name of "Section Française de la Société Théosophique" was changed, with the approval of the assembly, into "Société Théosophique de France." These changes are simply a matter of form, and our T.S., in France will continue in the future, as in the past, to be the child of the mother Society whose headquarters are at Adyar.

General observations.—There exists throughout France, but more particularly in Paris, a considerable number of different societies, whose objective, more or less distinct, is the research after truth, through spiritualistic phenomena, or outside of all religious dogmas and churches. These societies—spiritualistic, martinist, magnetic, esoteric, modernist—all work for the development of new ideas, but their variety subdivides and minimises their efforts. Several leaders of these societies have shown a tendency to create between themselves and us an *entente*, and a desire for closer union. Our Section will not turn a deaf ear to them, and will always welcome the occasions of joining forces in a Congress or otherwise.

The retirement of Dr. Th. Pascal from active service, due to a long and serious illness, has proved to be a great loss for our French Section, for he was a living and strong force in our midst, and he perpetuated amongst us the tradition of our dear and venerated teachers.

We would ask that the members of the Convention, gathered at Adyar, would send to this good and faithful servant, thoughts of grateful remembrance and fraternal sympathy.

CHARLES BLECH,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN ITALY.

To the President T.S. :—I have the pleasure of submitting my report on the work of the Italian Section during the past year, *i.e.*, from November 1st 1907 to November 1st 1908.

Two new groups have been added to those existing last year : one at Venice (the *Venezia Lodge*, for which a charter was issued on March 13th 1908), and the other at Milan (the *H. P. Blavatsky Lodge*, chartered on April 16th) ; so that the number of lodges at present active is sixteen, and one centre.

In the number of members we note only a very small increase, from 311 registered in the previous report, to 317 to-day. Sixty new members came in during the year ; but fifty-four went out, of whom 3 died, 9 went over to other Sections, 27 resigned and 15 were cancelled.

The present 317 active members are divided as follows : 34 independent, and 283 distributed in the various groups.

The Seventh Annual Convention of the Section was held in Genoa on the 17th and 18th April ; and all the lodges were represented. As usual the General Secretary gave a summary of the general work of the Section, while the representative of each lodge reported on the work accomplished therein. The General Secretary and the Treasurer were re-elected for the current year, as was also, with some slight modifications, the Executive Committee.

In addition to the official business done I have the pleasure to call attention to the institution of a Copying Office, with the object of collecting and typewriting the best lectures given in the various groups, and distributing copies to the President of each lodge and to corresponding lodges in other Sections, as also to such members of our Section as may desire to purchase them. In this way the work of individual lecturers can be utilised for a larger number of persons.

A Bibliographic Office was also founded with a view of compiling as complete a list as possible of the titles of all books and pamphlets treating of Theosophy, Occultism and kindred sciences published up to date. This list, systematically arranged, will be placed at the disposal of students by the Bibliographical Office in question, which will thus have facilities for giving valuable bibliographic information to those wishing to take up special studies.

With the like object of facilitating and co-ordinating study, the *Bollettino della Sezione Italiana* has found room in its pages for a register, under the heading "Theosophical Correspondence," in which such members as have given themselves up to special studies may indicate the subjects with which they are occupied, and place themselves at the disposal of any members interested in the same or

similar subjects, for assistance, advice, bibliographical information, etc.

The two periodicals published in the Section, namely, the *Bollettino della Sezione Italiana* (the official organ published monthly) and the bi-monthly review, *Ultra*, edited by the Roma Lodge, have continued to appear regularly, and the articles and news published therein have certainly contributed not a little to the spreading of theosophical ideas in Italy.

The publishing concern, Ars Regia, whose foundation was mentioned in our last report, has brought out translations of various important theosophical works, which, together with other theosophical writings due to members of our Section, are enumerated in the List of new books.

The various groups have regularly continued their work in meetings for study, and through the initiative of some of them, public lectures have been given on theosophical subjects. In Rome a popular theosophical course has been held specially for University students.

Among the groups existing in Genoa the foundations have been laid for the organisation of various branches of the Order of Service, which are to begin to function with the new year.

The Section has endeavored to keep in constant friendly touch and correspondence with other Sections, and has established, more especially, closer relations with some neighbouring groups of the French Section and formed with them the "Mediterranean League" for the exchange of views, lectures, books, etc.

On frequent occasions, members of the various Italian groups have paid visits to groups in other cities, where they have always met with that cordial and affectionate reception, which is the characteristic of the "Theosophic family." From abroad too we have on several occasions received visits from brethren and friends, among whom I mention with pleasure the names of C. W. Leadbeater, Mrs. Russak, Miss Renda, Mrs. Musaeus Higgins, W. Wedgwood, Johan van Manen and others.

So that, even if the number of our members has remained almost stationary, I think, notwithstanding, that the past year has not been without usefulness for our progress and for the diffusion of theosophical ideas in Italy. The ties which unite the various groups and individual members of the Section have been further consolidated, and there is no doubt that the convictions and ideals professed by our small nucleus have also spread far beyond the narrow circle of the Society. Though many may find it inexpedient, owing to special circumstances and external difficulties, to openly enter our ranks, one feels that a large portion of the Italian public no longer displays that sceptical and jeering attitude which up to a short time ago tended to turn our aspirations simply into ridicule; and even those who have

no sympathy with theosophical ideas begin at least to treat them seriously and to discuss them. The Roman Catholic Clergy too, who have hitherto seemed to ignore the existence of the Theosophical Movement in Italy, have begun to take it into serious consideration ; and if on the one hand we have to deplore that they should have begun to combat our ideas by word and pen, suggesting to the faithful that they threaten the basis of the Christian Religion, on the other hand we congratulate ourselves that the battle has begun on this ground. Only good can come of it, the more so as we know that among the more intelligent and liberal members of the clergy of to-day there are not wanting those who on many points share our ideas.

PROF. O. PENZIG,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN GERMANY.

To the President, T.S.:—With the expression of heartiest respect and with fraternal greetings I have the honour to submit to you the Annual Report of the German Theosophical Society.

The theosophical cause in Germany has made in the course of the present year very satisfactory progress. The working field has been widened through the foundation of nine new lodges, and the work in the existent lodges has been deepened. The new lodges are those of Bern, Eisenach, Wiesbaden, Mannheim, Strassburg, Pforzheim, Zürich, Bielefeld, Malsch. Charlottenburg lodge, having been dormant for some years, has dissolved.

The total number of lodges is now 37, and one centre. 336 members have joined the Section during the year ; 10 have died, 21 resigned, 4 passed over to other Sections and 23 dropped out. The net increase amounts to 278. The effective number of members at the last Convention was 1,150.

The lecture work of Dr. Rudolf Steiner has been continued in the same intensive way, and the subjects concerning Theosophy and Occultism have been deepened more and more. At public lectures, questions of a more and more difficult character can now be treated. In many towns an increasing growth of interest for Theosophy can be observed also, from the side of those that for various reasons cannot enter the Society. The number also of those listeners is increasing steadily.

Of particular importance for the deepening of the work is the fact that Dr. Steiner, besides his single lectures, held a number of lecture-series, which were organised in Bâle, Cologne, Hamburg, Nurnberg, Stuttgart, and Leipzig, and were very well attended,

In Stuttgart more than 300 members were assembled. We have also the pleasure of seeing amidst us members from other Sections.

Further progress is to be seen in the work which is done in Munich for the popularisation of the theosophical cause. The untiring activity of Frl. Stinde and Countess Kalckreuth brought into life a particular institution for the popularisation of Theosophy. In the so-called "Rooms for art and music," artistic productions and an elementary exposition of Theosophy are given to the lower classes of the population ; these gatherings are very well attended. By these means an interest in spiritual life is awakened in the broad masses of the population. Dr. Peipers, Baroness Gumpenberg, and other members are helping to realise this aim in a very beneficent way through lectures, magic-lantern pictures, etc.

In another way also an effort has been made to build a bridge between Theosophy and the spiritual life of the time. During the lecture series such musical performances and recitations are given as organically fit into the frame of theosophical work. Frl. v. Sivers' art in recitation was a beautiful contribution to these performances.

An important progress lies in the intensive way with which in some places special departments of Theosophy are carried on. Thus, Dr. Unger works untiringly in Stuttgart through lectures and otherwise in trying to establish the philosophical basis of Theosophy. Frl. Völker does the same for its mystical side. Frau Wolfram in Leipzig has chosen a special field in the interpretation of legends and myths. In Berlin, classes are held by Frau Wandrey, Mlle. Boeze, Herr Walther and Herr G. Wagner. Only the characteristic sides of our work can be mentioned here by some examples.

Dr. Steiner's efforts tend towards putting Theosophy on the broadest basis possible. The philosophical, scientific and religious elements find full consideration, as well as the occult element standing in the centre ; while it is pointed out that the one-sidedness of lower psychism is to be avoided.

The magazine, *Lucifer-Gnosis*, edited by Dr. Steiner and appearing at irregular intervals, gains in expansion. The Sectional organ, *Mitteilungen*, appears in the same way as before.

The Sixth Annual Convention was held in Berlin on October 25th and 26th. For the Executive Committee the following members were chosen: Dr. Rudolf Steiner (General Secretary), Herr Franz Seiler (Treasurer), Frl. v. Sivers (Sectional Secretary), Günther Wagner, Bernhard Hubo, Mathilde Scholl, Adolf Kolbe, Adolf Arenson, Sophie Stinde, Friedrich Kiem, Michael Bauer, Elise Wolfram, Dr. E. Grossheintz, Dr. Carl Unger, Friedrich Tessmar.

In this year too we may say that the progress made gives us the best hope for the future. We send our warmest greetings to all brothers in India.

DR. RUDOLF STEINER,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN CUBA.

To the President, T.S.:— I have the honor to submit the Annual Report of the Cuban Theosophical Society from the 1st of November 1907 to 31st October 1908.

Five new Branches have been constituted during this year :

"Aryavarta" at Monterey, N. L. Mexico ; "Humildad" at Maffo, Jiguani, Cuba ; "Dharma" at Matanzas, Cuba ; "Hellen P. Blavatsky" at Aguadilla, Puerto Rico ; "Ramacharaka" at Gomez Palacios, Durango, Mexico.

One Mexican Branch has discontinued, the "Vidya," and 71 members have been dropped from the Section roll for the following reasons : not having paid the regular fees (64) ; having passed away (5) ; and having been transferred to other Sections (2). 100 new members have been admitted, therefore this Section is constituted at present of 26 branches, having 334 active members. There is also 1 unattached member.

On the 26th of July last Mr. Jose M. Massó, first General Secretary of this Section and President of the branch "Annie Besant," which he founded and which was the first one of this Island and within the limits of this Section, passed away. Mr. Massó devoted the greater part of his time to spreading our doctrines and was also a faithful servant of our beloved Masters. Most of the success obtained in the development of the Cuban Section was due to his earnest efforts. After his disincarnation the Executive Committee requested all the members of this Section to cast their votes for a new Secretary. At a special Convention held on the 26th day of September 1908, for inspecting the ballots cast, I was unanimously elected General Secretary of the Cuban Section for three years, to be ended on July 1911.

The work of spreading our teachings during the year consisted mainly in several conferences given by the late Mr. J. M. Massó at Santiago de Cuba, which were followed by other conferences given by local members of the aforesaid city. A Spanish version of the *Occult World*, made by a member of the Annie Besant Branch, has been published. The following Reviews are being regularly published within this Section : *Revista Teosófica*, *Virya*, and *Bhakti Gyam*.

I believe that two new branches will be established during this year : one at Manzanillo, Cuba, and another at the city of Mexico.

It is probable that a league of the Order of Service will be established at Sancti Spiritus, Cuba.

To all brothers and sisters meeting for the 33rd Convention of the T.S., I beg to convey the most cordial greetings and sincere good wishes of all the members of this Section.

RAFAEL DE ALBEAR,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T. S. IN HUNGARY.

*To the President, T.S. :—*My report up to the present date is as follows :

The number of lodges is seven—the same as in last year.

The number of new members admitted up to date during the year is six, but probably before the close of the year, more may be added to the number.

Six members have resigned, and two have died, leaving our membership at 58.

A monthly magazine entitled *Azélet* (Life) will appear next month or a little later.

We have printed a few books during the year (see list of new T.S. publications).

With regard to our activities during the past year there is not much to say. We are still engaged, so to say, in laying our foundations, which is no small matter. We seek to gain the knowledge necessary for enlightenment ; for, thanks to God, it is clear to us that without enlightenment all labor is vain—no progress is possible.

Our desire is to press forward and our immediate as well as our future work lies mapped out as follows : we strive to gain insight regarding questions to which, it is said, answers are forthcoming for the earnest seeker.

We have seven lodges, it is true, but this is more for form's sake than otherwise—as our work is a work in common. We hold our regular meetings every Friday evening at 7-15, the Presidents of the different lodges presiding in turn.

Thirty-one meetings were held during the season 27th September 1907-15th May 1908. Regular meetings were also held during the summer months, but no regular work was done. Work was resumed October 2nd 1908 and will continue regularly.

Our Section will naturally be preoccupied during the coming months with the preparations for the Theosophical International Congress, to be held in Budapest at Whitsuntide 1909. According to the arrangements made, the Congress will last four days—namely, May 29th and 30th and June 1st and 2nd. A detailed programme will be circulated in February 1909. We therefore beg all the Sections of the Theosophical Society to let us know in time upon what help we may count, and we sincerely hope that help will be given to us by all. It is unnecessary for us to explain the aim of the Congress, for our older Sections are better able to judge of this than we are. What little lies in our power to do, we offer with all our hearts—and most sincerely. We shall be most happy to welcome any number of our theosophical brethren to the gathering which should bring so

many into personal touch. Permit me to take this opportunity to invite all members in a friendly and brotherly spirit to take part in the Congress. I would further ask those who, much to our regret may be prevented from personally attending the Congress, to send their sympathy and kind thoughts. It should not be forgotten that we all have to work one with the other, and the non-success of the Congress would touch all alike. Let us join hands in the work for the sake of its high ideal, holding high our banner for the joy and gladness of all those who wander in darkness seeking the way.

Allow me, dear President, to greet you, together with all the members present at the General Meeting, most cordially, in the name of the Hungarian Theosophical Society.

GYULA AGOSTON,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN FINLAND.

To the President, T.S.:—As I pointed out in my first annual report, theosophical activity had been going on in Finland long before the formation of the Finnish Section. During this first year as a Section we have thus naturally been reaping the good karma of the past, showing itself in a strong influx of new members. On November first, last year, the total number of our members was 187; on November first, this year, it is 419—a net increase of 232 members. As our Section is young it has only lost two members, who have resigned.

Five new branches have been formed: at Åbo (two), Kotka, Iisalmi, and Vasa. The total number of our branches is now 12. Of these, eleven are actively engaged in theosophical propaganda work, etc.; one—the Sörnös Branch—has been dormant since last spring, as its members take part in the doings of the Kalevala Lodge in Helsingfors. But there is some hope that it will re-commence its work ere long.

The number of our branch members amounts to 316, that of the members at large to 103 (total 419).

Regular theosophical meetings have been and are being held once a week in all branches, except the one mentioned. Public lectures also have been given at several places by several persons. The General Secretary has visited the Branches of Åbo, Viborg, Nokia, the unofficial centres of Lahti and Kouvola, and given courses of lectures there.

The chief propaganda work has of course been done in Helsingfors. Every Sunday—with the exception of the summer months, June

to August, which is our dead season—two public lectures have been given, one in Finnish, the other in Swedish, the last named for the most part by the General Secretary. These lectures were very well attended and eagerly listened to.

On November 17th last year a splendid Inauguration and Commemoration Meeting was held in Helsingfors. More than 500 people were present, and the meeting, with its addresses and musical performances, made a very good impression.

On December 15th, 1907, following a suggestion made by the President in her presidential address, we invited a Doctor of Theology to speak from our platform. He spoke about Theosophy for an hour, with no great knowledge, but the discussion that followed between him and the General Secretary might have become very instructive and interesting, if it had not ceased somewhat abruptly. We learnt that the experiment was made too early.

The first Annual Convention was held on March 15th and 16th this year in Helsingfors. 112 members and delegates were present. High and low, rich and poor, met in brotherly sympathy. It was a very theosophical meeting, and became an inspiring promise for the future.

At the Convention Mr. Pekka Ervast was re-elected General Secretary, and Mrs. Ida of Hallström, and Messrs. H. Hellner, A. Backman, A. Aalltonen, K. Turja, F. A. Johansson members of the Executive Committee. In the place of Mr. F. A. Johansson, who a month ago resigned from his position as Treasurer of the Section, Miss Signe of Hallström has been chosen by the Committee to fill his place till the next Convention.

A fourth incident of great interest was a Theosophical *Soirée* held in Helsingfors on April 6th. A lecture, a dramatic performance, song and music filled up the programme. The sensational part of the programme consisted of a melodrama, the music of which was specially composed by one of our foremost musicians, Mr. Oskar Merikanto, F.T.S., to the beautiful words of Shri Kṛṣṇa in the second discourse, verses 55-72, of the Lord's Song. Spoken as these wonderful words were, with an intense Indian feeling, by Mrs. Tyyne Vuorenjuuri, and closely followed on the piano by the composer himself, the audience was carried away mentally—far away both in time and place, to some white and holy temple of ancient India.

Our monthly organ *Tietäjä*, edited by the General Secretary, has been continued—its circulation is about twelve hundred. Our publishing firm, formerly ably managed by Mr. F. A. Johansson, will henceforth carry on its work under the guidance of Mr. Pekka Ervast, and it is to be hoped that it will continue to prosper under its new auspices.

Looking backward over the year it seems to me that our theosophical work has been a decided success, and I cannot but ask the

Mighty Powers that guide our Movement to bless us in our efforts, so that Their work may not be done in vain.

Permit me to send you our most respectful and loving regards, and to wish every success to the great annual Convention, on behalf of the whole Finnish Section.

PEKKA ERVAST,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN RUSSIA.

To the President, T. S. :—Yesterday, on the 17th November, we had the first meeting of the Russian Theosophical Society, recognised by the government on the 30th September of this year. The President of the Council and the Council are elected, and our activities have opened. Just before the opening of the meeting our charter arrived from Adyar, bringing much joy and enthusiasm to our members. It was unanimously decided to send a greeting to the President : "The R. T. S. sends to the President the expression of its love and loyalty." We are free now to meet, to speak, to lecture, and at the same time we deeply feel our spiritual tie with the mother T.S. and rejoice at being accepted as its Russian child.

Our work here has been going on for years, but privately in groups, working in different towns. Last year we made an attempt to come into closer touch with each other ; we had 3 Conventions (in Moscow, in Petersburg, in Kief) and the result was the creation of an autonomous Russian organisation, attached to Adyar. This autumn, steps have been taken to obtain recognition by the Government, and at last, after a big struggle with the authorities, we have won our legalisation.

The Russian Theosophical Society possesses now	
the branch of H. P. B.,	} in Petersburg.
the branch of Maria Strauch,	
the branch of East,	
Hypatia (the Franco-English branch),	} in Keif
the St. Sophia branch,	
the Rudolf Steiner branch,	
the branch Alba,	
the branch Slovaki.	in Kaluga
	in Varsovie

The total number of branches is 8.

Besides, we have centres in Moscow, Veodikavka, and Rustoff-on-the-Don, where members and visitors meet regularly, but those are not branches yet, and have not joined the T.S. as groups—only as members,

During the past year 42 new members have entered. Some (21) have been members of groups before this year, but not members of the T.S. ; now they have all entered the R.T.S. One member, residing most of the time in Italy, has resigned. One member (of Varsovie) is deceased.

The number of members in branches is :—

H. P. B.	...	...	...	...	10
Maria Strauch	...	...	...	...	11
East	...	...	...	...	8
(Anglo-French) Hypatia	...	...	...	...	7
St. Sophia	...	...	...	...	12
Rudolf Steiner	...	...	...	...	8
Alba	...	...	...	...	7
Slovaki	...	...	...	...	7

There are 21 unattached members.

(Besides there are several members attached to Germany who have not yet joined us, so we cannot count them).

Total membership—85 (as 2 of our members are in different groups and I myself am President of H).

Since the 7th January, 1908, we have had a monthly magazine, *The Messenger of Theosophy* (*Vestnik Theosofii*) which gives to the Russian public translations of English, German and French Theosophical Literature, gives a chronicle of the movement, a review of our periodicals in different countries, bibliographic information, questions and answers, some original articles on Theosophy and a supplement : *Shurès' the Great Initiates*.

This year has been a busy one. Several books have been issued (see list of new publications).

Our groups meet regularly. In 3 towns the book elected for study has been Chatterji's *Esoteric Philosophy of India*. In other groups : *Man and his Bodies* (A.B.) and *Theosophy*, by Dr. Steiner. *Thought Power* (by A.B.) has just been finished. Parallel with study, papers are read on different theosophical subjects with discussions. In Petersburg we have every autumn and every spring a series of lectures to help beginners to grasp the teachings of Theosophy. Till now it has been held privately with a small group ; now we hope to lead it on a larger scale and openly. Our Eastern branch has begun a study of comparative religions ; a plan has been worked out and work distributed, every member choosing the system he will study, and then, by turns, we make a report of the work done and discuss the results. From time to time there is a general meeting of local branches, and almost every month a lecture for visitors.

It is interesting to note how the number of interested persons grows, how many letters we receive asking for information and how many persons come to meetings when we accept visitors, Since

this spring we have had among our visitors one or two representatives of different spiritual movements, and a theosophical lecture has been asked for twice by religious bodies.

Besides our branches, we have a little group interested in the St. John's Association which meets regularly.

The work in other towns is growing too, specially in Kief, where there are many persons interested and the number of members increasing.

In Varsovie the work has been divided between two groups already.

This year we had a public lecture at Petersburg and one in Moscow, both assembling many people. Besides, theosophical lectures have been asked for and delivered in Petersburg in several societies and associations : the Association of Teachers, the Society for Psychical Research, the Society for Protection of Children. A series of lectures and meetings has taken place during our three Congresses. On the 21st November we held our first public meeting in Petersburg.

In December, during the Feminine Congress, a theosophical paper will be read on "The Value of Enthusiasm."

We hope to organise several public lectures in different towns after the New Year.

We hope, too, to increase our publishing activity and to publish a series of theosophical books in Russian, as soon as our means will allow.

We have already begun to prepare the publication of a second collection of papers devoted to the memory of H.P.B. We hope to issue it for Easter.

We look to the future with great hopes. We know that in serving the cause of Theosophy our R. T. S. may become a channel through which help will be given to the whole country, and so we feel happy, although darkness and storm surround us.

ANNA KAMENSKY,
General Secretary.

REPORT OF THE T.S. IN SOUTH AFRICA.

*To the President, T.S. :—*This being the first regular Annual Report on the South African Branches of the Theosophical Society, forwarded to Headquarters since the inauguration of the movement in South Africa, it needs must be somewhat elaborate.

With the inception of the Johannesburg Lodge, T.S. in the year 1899, the foundation stone was laid of what will, under the guidance of our Divine Architects, develop in time into a beautiful structure, bold in outline, refined in detail, and full of spiritual Light ; a veritable lighthouse in mid-ocean.

Since then various tempests have retarded the laying of the foundation of this structure, but amidst the raging storms the builders continued their work ; one stone followed the other until at last the foundation has been laid ; the number of Lodges required to form a Section is complete, and the builders are now anxiously awaiting the arrival of the foreman who is to inspect their work ere they proceed.

After the inauguration of the movement in 1899 the war intervened and theosophical activities were not continued until peace was declared in 1902, from which year the membership increased very rapidly. The growth was apparently not a sound one, however, and the result was a serious illness of the infant that had evidently outgrown its strength. This was in the year 1904 which, on the other hand, has also seen the greatest activities, as far as the formation of new lodges is concerned, for during this year the Krugersdorp, Harmony, Durban, Pretoria and Capetown lodges came into existence.

This period witnessed one of the severest storms that have ever passed over theosophic South Africa. Though great damage was caused, yet the result was a thorough purification of the electrically overlaid atmosphere, as well as a greater harmony among the theosophical workers, who then settled down to quiet but none the less determined labor, thus preparing the material (in the form of the Germiston and Arcadia Lodges) which was to complete the foundation of our building.

At the date of writing, our Society in South Africa counts seven lodges, the Krugersdorp Lodge being entirely defunct. The Harmony Lodge, at one time a powerful little centre, experienced great losses through death and departure of several members, so that for some time its work had to be discontinued, but a renewed effort is now being made by its President, in conjunction with a few members of the Johannesburg Lodge, to revive its activities, and by the time our present Recording Secretary, Mr. Fricke, will have arrived in our midst, we trust that it will be in full activity once more.

The Durban Lodge has likewise suffered many a blow through the departure of several good workers, and since 1904 but little could be done, on account of the many difficulties the remaining small number of workers had to overcome. Perseverence, however, also proved in this case to be the proper means wherewith to vanquish all adversity, and at present the outlook in this centre is more hopeful than it ever was before.

The Johannesburg, Capetown, Pretoria and Germiston lodges are at present in a flourishing condition and members find that their work is increasing almost daily. They are doing their best to comply with the ever-growing demand made upon their leisure time and tutorial faculties, and endeavor, by means of lectures, classes and private conversations, to spread as much of the lofty teachings as lies within their power to disseminate.

Religious prejudice is one of the greatest barriers in this country, constructed as it is, of a solid mass of t̃amasic ingredients, and kept in good order of repair and maintenance by a clergy, whose conceptions of religion tend more towards a political interpretation of their duties than towards true spirituality. A knowledge—limited though it be—of the subtler cosmic forces spurs the members on, however, and patiently but resolutely they pursue their labors which will, as they firmly believe, result in a perfect decomposition of the obstacles now before them.

And with this object in view they have thought it advisable to first prepare themselves and their co-workers for the herculean task by a thorough course of study of the theosophical teachings and an investigation of the laws governing matter in its infinite gradations on the several planes. Public lectures, therefore, are at present an exception, much though their delivery is appreciated, both by members and non-members alike. Where, moreover, the activities seem to be chiefly centred—at least for the present—in a thorough organisation, there also it appears to be understood that no strength will ever be brought to bear upon the public mind unless preceded by a thorough internal preparation. It is anticipated, however, that with the organisation of a South African Theosophical Society (an event which, it is hoped, will take place during Mr. Fricke's visit) the energies, which are now principally limited to internal labors, will then have to become of a dual character—inward as well as outward.

The numerical strength of our movement is at present as follows : 7 branches with a total membership of 130 (including 2 unattached members), specified as follows :—

	Total Membership since foundation.		Present Membership.
Johannesburg Lodge	196	38
Harmony Lodge	7	4
Pretoria Lodge	48	31
Durban Lodge	25	10
Capetown Lodge	31	22
Germiston Lodge	19	19
Arcadia Lodge	10	10
Totals ...	336		134.*

* The difference between this total and the one given above (130) is caused by a few members having joined two lodges in South Africa.

The difference between the totals 336 and 134 is due to resignations, departures and deaths.

Besides the lodge centres, the following towns in South Africa possess one or more members, *viz.*, Port Elizabeth (Cape Colony) 1 ; Kimberley (C. O.) 2 ; Phoenix (Natal) 1 ; Greytown (Natal) 1 ; Inchanga (Natal) 2 ; Pietermaritzburg (Natal) 3 ; Middelburg District (Transvaal) 1 ; Ermelo (Transvaal) 1 ; Northern Transvaal 1 ; Battlefields (Rhodesia) 2.

In all lodge centres one, two or more weekly classes are being held, as also one or more lecture-meetings a month, to which the public is always made welcome. The local newspapers seem to make it their duty to invariably report such public lectures and are, as regards the tone of the reports, most sympathetic in their attitude towards our Society.

Since the establishment of a Presidential Agency for South Africa in February 1908, 56 new members have been registered, 50 diplomas issued, two charters for lodges applied for and one charter issued to the Germiston Lodge. Every effort is being made to thoroughly organise the central administration, and it is my pleasant duty to record with gratitude the excellent and brotherly manner in which all lodges and correspondents have assisted me in this difficult task.

Since February, 1908, a sum of £ 41-10-0 has been forwarded to the General Treasurer on account of Adyar and Application Fees.

The publication of a *South African Bulletin* has been undertaken as the result of some lengthy correspondence, in which the advisability and even the necessity for such an organ was emphasised. The financial basis upon which this publication is founded is far from sound, but this part of the undertaking is no matter for consideration just yet. It is hoped, with the assistance of members, to improve this *Bulletin* and to cause it to become in time a useful means for the spreading of Theosophy over the whole of South Africa. Furthermore, an attempt is being made to open a Theosophical Book Depot for South Africa in Pretoria.

This constitutes the information required to be given in connexion with the progress of our movement in South Africa. There are several other matters of more or less importance which, for fear of claiming too much attention, will at present be omitted. It may be useful, however, to mention one more fact which, on account of its importance for the future progress of Theosophy in South Africa, might deserve mention. It is the fact that two of our members are at present formulating a scheme which, as it is hoped, may in the near future mature into a Theosophical Settlement: the Headquarters, as it were, for the Society as represented in South Africa. Whereas, properties to the value of some £4,000 or £5,000 are involved, and as the members concerned are prepared to devote the whole of this property to the cause of Theosophy in South Africa, it

has at present been deemed advisable not to push the matter, but to wait until you may be able, at some future date, to personally visit this country, on which occasion the said members will undoubtedly claim a good deal of your attention in connexion with this scheme.

It is my pleasant duty to close this first report with the hearty good wishes and cordial greetings from all South African Theosophists to all members, assembled at the 33rd Annual Convention, as well as to those who are spread over the face of the globe. It is the wish of members in this part of the world that you, the President of our Society, the General Council and, in fact, the whole Society, will always look upon them as the willing servants of a cause which they have, more or less, recognised to be too lofty and too great to be profaned by a half-hearted adherence. Should they fail in what they conceive to be their duties, towards the Lofty Guides of Humanity as well as towards Humanity itself, then it is their prayer that they be corrected, enlightened and forgiven. Above all, they wish it to be understood that they can be depended upon, for, imperfect though their understanding of the Masters' Ideal may as yet be, their own conception of their duties towards mankind at once secures their whole-hearted and loyal co-operation to any one—whether Master or Man—whose Cause is that of the Supreme in Humanity.

HENRI DIJKMAN,
Presidential Agent, T. S.

Subsidiary Activities.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER OF BUDDHIST SCHOOLS, BUDDHIST T.S., COLOMBO.

To the President, T.S. :—Our Educational work has well maintained its position during the closing year. Eleven new schools have been added to our list, bringing the total number up to 225. Of these, 206 receive Grants-in-aid, while the applications for the registration of the other 19 are now before the Educational Department.

2. The following figures quoted from the report of the Director of Public Instruction for 1907, fairly indicate the position we occupy in the field of education :—

	Number of registered schools in 1907.	Nominal attendance.	Average attendance.
American Mission	128	10,826	6,989
Baptist Mission	25	2,212	1,241
Buddhist Theosophical Society	183	23,975	18,007
Church of England (C. M. S.) ..	269	19,509	12,405
Do. do. (Diocesan)	79	8,351	5,475
Private	206	25,732	16,574
Roman Catholic	424	48,046	30,461
Wesleyan Mission	337	25,529	16,074
Muhammadan	6	580	516
Gansabhawa	3	220	103
Friends' Foreign Mission	17	796	376
Presbyterian Mission	3	448	369

Of the schools classed as "private" a large number are really Buddhist schools under individual managers. According to the District Classification of schools for 1908, there are over one hundred such schools registered under private management. Hence the total number of Buddhist schools now in operation can be safely reckoned to be over 350—a very satisfactory number considering that in 1880 we had only four schools, and eighteen in 1890.

3. Our schools can be classified as follows :

English Boys' Schools ...	17
„ Girls' Schools ...	1
Sinhalese Boys' Schools...	38
„ Girls' Schools ...	60
„ Mixed Schools...	109

Total ... 225

The total attendance in these schools is just over 30,000, made up of about 20,000 boys and 10,000 girls. Our schools being meant specially for Buddhists, the vast majority of children attending them

are Buddhists. We have, however, on our lists a small number—about 500—non-Buddhist children, who enjoy in regard to religion the fullest liberty of conscience. The average daily attendance in our schools varies in different districts, but on the whole it is satisfactory, and compares favorably with the attendance in schools of other denominations.

4. In 1907, twenty-four of our Sinhalese teachers obtained certificates from the Educational Department, while this year, 182 have taken up the examination. Six of our teachers obtained certificates in sanitation, and one—Mrs. J.H. de Saram, of Dharmaraja College, Kandy,—secured the first place at the recent English Teachers' Certificate Examination (Third Class). In this connection I must refer to a very serious drawback to the progress of our work. Every year a number of teachers obtain certificates from the Educational Department by passing certain examinations which afford a sound—and it may be added a severe—test of the knowledge they possess. But few of them receive a training worth the name, as we have hitherto had no institutions for the proper training of teachers. This serious defect has been partially remedied by the registration of the Musæus School as a Training School for our female teachers. This institution is now in full working order, but the number of students that have yet joined it is very small. We want a few girls from each district in which we have schools to join the training class, and after going through the course and obtaining a certificate, to return to their homes and take up work in our schools. This is the only possible solution for the difficult problem of providing certificated female teachers for our village schools. But well-to-do Sinhalese parents do not encourage their daughters to take up teaching as a profession, while the poorer people cannot afford to send their girls to Colombo to be trained for two or three years. We have, therefore, to find the means of maintaining a few students every year at the training school. Then we have to face the much larger question of establishing a training school for our male teachers. Application has already been made to the Department of Public Instruction to recognise one of our schools in the Colombo District as a training school, and I hope that early next year we shall be in a position to start a training class for male teachers.

5. The Rural Schools Ordinance has now been brought into force in most parts of the island, and we have undertaken to carry on our schools as "Public Vernacular Schools" at which the attendance of children is enforcible by this law. As a result of the operation of this Ordinance, I expect a large increase in the attendance, which will necessitate the immediate enlargement of many of our village schools; and as the authorities are very properly averse to making the attendance of girls at mixed schools compulsory, we are further obliged to separate the girls' departments of such schools and place them under qualified female teachers. Both these requirements have to be attended to in the course of the next year,

6. Our English schools—with the exception of a few—are making satisfactory progress. Mr. J. Tyssul Davis, B.A. (London), whose services were secured for us by our esteemed President, arrived in the Island at the end of 1907, and early this year he assumed duties as Principal of Ananda College. He is working with whole-hearted devotion for the welfare of the institution and under his able management the College will, I have no doubt, continue to prosper.

Scarcity of certificated teachers—a trouble which we share with most other managers—is a serious obstacle to the progress of some of our English Schools at outstations.

7. The main object of our work being the education of our children in accordance with the principles of their faith, we attach the greatest importance to the teaching of Buddhism in our schools. The system of religious examinations which was introduced a couple of years ago, was continued this year too, with fair results. Our religious Inspector visited all the schools during the year and held examinations. The question has now arisen whether the same results could not be secured with greater economy of time and money by devising a system of local examinations conducted through our District Agents and managers, instead of deputing one man to visit all the schools, scattered as they are over all the Sinhalese districts in the Island. Whatever the final decision may be, nothing will, of course, be done that may impair the efficient teaching of this all-important subject.

8. The closing year has been one of considerable financial trouble to the Society. Our educational work is always carried on at a loss, as the Grants-in-aid and the income of the Society from other sources do not equal the expenditure. The greatest possible economy is practised, and the officials of the Society who bear the brunt of the work render their services gratis. Still at the end of every year the Society has to face a deficit of several thousand rupees, and to meet the deficiencies special efforts have to be made, which do not always prove equally successful. This year the Society has had to meet the accumulated deficits of several years, while the commercial depression that prevailed for some length of time made it almost impossible to raise funds. Added to these difficulties there was at times considerable delay in the receipt of Government grants, which, more than once, prevented the punctual payment of salaries to our teachers, naturally causing them much unmerited inconvenience. The Society is now making a great effort to raise funds and it is confidently hoped that in the course of a few months a sufficient amount of money will be available to wipe off the deficit and also to carry out the schemes referred to above. I would take this opportunity to make an earnest appeal to all our friends, both in the Island and abroad, to lend us a helping hand on this occasion. Ours is a work of national importance; the large majority of the people of this island are Buddhists; it is, therefore, essential to the true advancement of this country that

every Buddhist child should receive a proper training at school. It will, I think, be readily conceded that the most effective moral training is that which is based on the religion of the people. The primary aim of our schools is to give that necessary training to Buddhist children. In this respect the Buddhist Schools of Ceylon perform, I submit, a very important and distinct duty, and deserve encouragement at the hands of all who are interested in the welfare of our people and country.

9. An encouraging feature of our work is the loyal and intelligent interest which most of our teachers take in the progress of our educational movement as a whole. Being Sinhalese and Buddhists, they seem to feel and realise that they should not rest contented with merely doing their duty as teachers in their own schools. An outcome of this healthy spirit is that our teachers are forming themselves into district associations with the object of promoting the educational work in their respective districts. The Heneratgoda Association, composed of the teachers of some sixty schools, celebrated its first anniversary in last February with great enthusiasm. Another association has recently been formed at Ambalangoda, and I expect a third will soon come into existence in the Colombo centre. It is also proposed to establish a Provident Association for the benefit of our Teachers. The necessary rules have been framed and the proposal will, I hope, take practical shape in the coming year.

10. At the last Convention, Mrs. Higgins, the lady Principal of the Musæus School, with characteristic generosity, offered an annual Gold Medal for the best Essay on a subject connected with Ceylon History. The subject set for this year was "Kotte, as the Capital of Ceylon." Eighteen essays have been sent in, three being from female teachers. The medal will be presented to the winner at the Convention Meeting on the 19th instant, when the Director of Public Instruction has kindly consented to preside.

11. In conclusion, it gives me very great pleasure to express my sincere appreciation of the excellent work done by most of our teachers, often under trying circumstances, and by our district agents, inspectors, and local managers. I must also acknowledge the efficient help I have received from Mr. C. P. Gunawardena, the assistant general manager, and the office staff. Our best thanks are also due to the many friends who have rendered us assistance, financially and otherwise, during the year, and we sincerely hope that in the coming year, too, the same sympathy and support will be extended to our work even in greater measure than before.

D. B. JAYATILAKA, B.A.,
General Manager of Buddhist Schools.

REPORT OF THE GALLE BUDDHIST THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

*To the President, T.S. :—*The activity of the Society during the year was centred on the acquiring of land in a healthy quarter of the town, and putting up the new buildings for the Mahinda College. Olcott Memorial Hall, which will form the main building for the new College premises, is now nearing completion. Mr. H. Amarasuriya laid the foundation stone of the block of class-rooms to be built by him in memory of his father, the late manager of the College.

Several sympathetic gentlemen of Matara formed themselves into a committee and undertook to build a block of class-rooms, which will be named "The Matara Block." Foundation for this building was laid in October last.

Messrs. D. O. D. S. Gunasekera, H. Amarasuriya, D. W. Subasinha, A. D. Jayasundera, K. C. Juanio, A. S. Balasuriya, H. W. Alahakoon have kindly undertaken to put up a special building for class-rooms, which will be called "The Galle Block."

It is expected that the new buildings will be ready for occupation by the middle of next year.

The average attendance of the College during the year was 270. Eleven boys passed the Cambridge Local Examinations, 2 Senior and 9 Junior. Mr. M. Casim, who left the College after a successful career in 1906, has gone to Cambridge to complete his education. Mr. W. Weerasuriya, an old boy, has passed the Proctor's Examination.

I have to acknowledge with thanks a number of well selected and costly books presented to the College Library by Mr. Schwarz, excellent paintings of the scenes of the ruins of Anuradhapura, presented to the College by Mr. D. W. Subasinha, and Rs. 375 presented by Mrs. Annie Besant for the College expenses.

I have again to record with gratitude the useful and most valuable services rendered by our esteemed brother Mr. F. L. Woodward, to whose exertions the progress of the new College buildings is mainly due.

The different schools under our management are making satisfactory progress, and the Local Managers are all clamoring for additional accommodation. The new building for the Meepawala School, built at an expense of Rs. 2,000 by Mr. Henry Amarasuriya, was opened by the Government Agent in May last. Extension of the Ganegama School is now receiving our attention. The average attendance of the schools has been 1,282 ; 976 boys, and 306 girls. The deficits of the Teachers' salaries have been kindly paid by our Manager.

Mr. H. W. Alahakoon was enrolled as a member of the Society. I regret to record the serious illness of Mr. D. E. A. Jayasinha, Mudaliyar, one of the original members who still holds

the office of a Trustee ; and Mr. L. P. Weerasekera, another Trustee, who rendered material assistance to Dr. J. Bowles Daly in founding the Mahinda College. The loss sustained by the late President, Mr. T. D. S. Amarasuriya, Muhandram, is being appreciably filled by his only son, who was again elected as President and Manager of our Schools. Death has removed from our midst that scholarly Priest, Rev. Koggala Siri Sasagatissa, the incumbent of the Paramananda Vihara, who in many ways helped the Society during the past 28 years.

February 17th, the anniversary of Colonel Olcott's death, was observed as a holiday in the schools under our management. Olcott Memorial Society of Galle, of which Messrs. G. S. de Silva, D. S. Subasinha, F. de Silva, are the President, Secretary, and Treasurer respectively, gave alms to a chapter of Priests at the Upper Temple, fed a number of beggars and gave them clothes, paraded the streets at night carrying transparencies with Colonel's likeness, illuminated the temple, had a Bana ceremony and wound up the day's proceedings with speeches dwelling on the noble work done by our beloved President-Founder for the benefit of Ceylon Buddhists.

We tender to the brothers and sisters assembled in Convention our fraternal greetings.

D. J. SUBASINHA,
Honorary Secretary.

REPORT OF THE MUSAEUS BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BUDDHIST GIRLS.

*To the President, T.S. :—*In submitting my report for the year ending November 1908, I am pleased to be able to tell you that good work has been done by both pupils and teachers of this school during the year under review.

Early in April I left for Europe for the benefit of my health. I returned during the latter part of October.

Miss H. Albarus, B.A., was kind enough to help in the School during my absence and I thank her for her very able services.

Average Attendance for last year was 59.

Cambridge Local Examination.—Three pupils were presented, one for the Senior and two for the Junior. All the three pupils passed. Mangala Jayawickrama obtained distinctions in English and her name was placed 4th in the list of all Ceylon girls in the Junior Division.

Government Grant-in-aid Examination.—Thirty-seven pupils were presented and 31 of them passed. Needlework as usual, was very much praised by the Inspectress.

Pupil Teachers' Examination.—One was presented, and she passed her 3rd year's examination very creditably.

Vernacular Training School for Buddhist Female Teachers.—In my last report I referred to the sanction of Government to open this branch of our work. It is just about a year old and Government examined its pupils in August with the result that two young women have qualified themselves for the Second Class Teachers' Certificate, while another passed the 1st year's course.

The want of qualified teachers for our Buddhist Girls' Schools in the villages, as I said in my last report, is very keenly felt and our General Manager, Mr. D. B. Jayatilaka, B.A., will be able to endorse this fact. This Training School is the only one in existence in Ceylon which could meet the requirements of the Buddhist Village Girls' Schools, and the necessity of maintaining it and continuing its work will be self-evident.

I am faced with a serious difficulty—to get pupils from the villages to pay for their board and training for a course of education for, say, from 2½ to 3 years in the Training School. It costs at least £1 a month for each girl. The parents of these village girls cannot afford to pay that amount and I have not the means to take them as free pupils.

Such being the awkward situation, will some kind friends come to the rescue? £36 for a course of three years is a ridiculously small sum which will bring untold blessings to one single village only.

To begin with, will six kind friends be responsible for the training of six girls from six villages? Then only I would see my way clear of the present difficulty.

The Study of Pali.—I have introduced Pali as a subject in the curriculum of studies. I consider this to be a very important study, for every Buddhist ought to know that language in order to well understand Buddhism. This is the first instance where a Girl's School has taken up this subject as a study, and I hope to present several students for the next Government Examination in it.

Tamil.—Tamil has also been introduced as a class study for the benefit of the Tamil Pupils of the Musæus School.

Religious Instruction.—Buddhism is taught regularly to our Sinhalese Pupils. The Vihare on the grounds is well made use of by them.

Staff.—My thanks are due to each and all of my assistants for their hearty co-operation and sympathetic help in the School as well as in the Boarding Establishment. I must not fail to mention in this connection the name of Miss J. A. Whittam in particular, my English Resident Assistant, who without pay or remuneration is giving her services most generously for the School.

Buildings.—Several improvements were effected during the year. A new wing was added to the East of the Main Building, to form one long corridor together with the School Hall. I was able to do this through the generosity of our ever kind friend Mr. P. D. Khan, who made a handsome donation of Rs. 1,000. My warmest thanks to him.

Annie Besant Scholarship.—You, Dear President, very kindly handed me in November last year a sum of £ 100 in aid of the School. Out of this amount I have created this Scholarship Fund, of the value of Rs. 1,000, for Ceylon History. This Fund has been invested on the security of the Mortgage of Colombo Property at 9 per cent. interest per annum. Thus I am enabled to pay a small stipend to the best Scholar in Ceylon History. The balance, Rs. 500, was placed to the current account of the School.

MARIE MUSAEUS HIGGINS,
Principal.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL HINDU COLLEGE.

To The President, T.S. :—The progress noted last year has continued steadily in this. There was again a small increase in the number of students, small because restricted by lack of room, but not lack of applications for admission. There were 250 in the College, 598 in School and 140 in the Pāthashālā on the 30th September 1908, a total of nearly one thousand, of whom nearly 200 were boarders. A new block of buildings consisting of four school-rooms has been added, with provision for four more on the second storey in the course of another year or so. A piece of land has been purchased with a view to a much needed new Boarding-house ; and another has been rented for enlarging the play-ground. The examination-results were very good. In the Matriculation, one of our students headed the Allahābād university list, and three others came at short distances after him in order of merit ; in the Intermediate, one secured a Government scholarship ; and in the M.A., the C.H.C. candidate was the only one who passed, out of the eight sent up by all the Colleges for the Samskr̥t degree. Discipline was good. Athletics and games were duly attended to. At the Inter-school Tournament our students won 39 prizes and medals, out of 100.

Endeavors are being made by the Vice-Principal and the Head Master to make the religious instruction more efficient and interesting by encouraging enquiry and discussion. The country at large, it seems, is also beginning to realise the value of such instruction. The Government of India appears to be considering steps for introducing it or providing facilities for it in its own schools and Colleges. The Mahārāja of Mysore has recently directed the introduction of it in his

State-schools. Other Chiefs are likely to follow the same course. Generally it is beginning to be regarded as helping to create within the student himself a spirit of voluntary discipline, of good behavior and orderliness, and of taking rational and sober views of human affairs. The Vasant Prize was this year divided between a student of the Kalyana Sundaram High School of Tanjore, in the Presidency of Madras ; and another of the Pingala Krishna Kaminī Institution of Midnapore in Bengal.

By renting a large house in the vicinity we were able to maintain 150 boarders as against 120 last year. 14 of these were sizars, from all parts of India, supported by the Magazine profits. While in the above matters we have nothing to complain of, in one respect this year has been an exceptionally unfortunate one for the College. The Principal of the Pathshālā Department, a simple-hearted man, a real brāhmaṇa by learning and goodness, who had made his work a labor of love, was carried off by a sudden fever, though barely past middle age. And Dr. Arthur Richardson, the honored Principal of the English Department, has had an attack of paralysis which will for long keep him away from all work. The Honorary Head Master, Pt. Igbāl Narayan Gurṭu, was also confined to bed for nearly two months by fever and has not yet been able to resume duty, and many other Professors and teachers suffered from illness more or less severely and had to be absent from their work. Our Honorary Vice-Principal, Mr. G. S. Arundale, has evidently been favored by Providence with special energy for the time being, as he has been carrying on the double burden of Principal and Head Master for many months, with much other miscellaneous work besides.

In another respect has the College suffered also to some extent. The President's long absence from India this year told adversely upon the finances. But, notwithstanding that there was no special appeal made by her, some generous donations came in ; and we were able to add, on the whole, under the various Funds, about Rs. 47,000, to the Permanent Fund, which now stands at just over five lacs. In round figures, the total income from all sources was Rs. 1,53,000 and the expenditure, including that of our boarders' houses, Rs. 1,05,000. Obviously very much more than 5 lacs is needed to make the College self-supporting ; and if more help is not received from the public, it is feared that the Board of Trustees may be compelled to raise the tuition-fees, as the current expenditure on staff-salaries and other accounts is increasing constantly with the number of students. Additional Boarding-House accommodation is also very urgently needed. A suitable Library building is a crying want. Buildings for Technical classes are being deferred from year to year. For all this, support from the public and the Ruling Chiefs of India is indispensable. But we hope it will come in time.

The Girls' School under Miss Arundale and Miss Palmer has flourished greatly and now teaches daily 120 girls, many of whom

come from parda families—a good sign, showing that the appreciation of education is spreading into quarters where the latter is most needed.

Such is a very brief report of the work done in the year in this one small part of the large Theosophical Movement inspired by Those whom we seek to serve to the best of our small ability, for the service of humanity. May Their blessings ever rest upon the Movement and may we all grow ever less and less unworthy of those blessings.

BHAGAVĀN DĀS.

Honorary Secretary, C. H. C.

REPORT OF THE OLCOTT PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS.

*To the President and Board of Managers :—*During the year just closed, the work of the schools has gone on steadily and successfully in accordance with our tried methods. More prominence has been given to religious instruction than formerly, by the use of Mrs. Besant's adaptation of the C. H. C. Catechism, written especially for these schools. We were again asked to send some of our pupils' work to various exhibitions and we carried off several prizes. Our teachers were requested not to take part in a recent "nature drawing" competition, as others would otherwise not go in for it, saying that they had no chance against ours. This fact was publicly announced at the prize-giving.

The training class met once a week all through the year. It was officially inspected by the Department of Public Instruction, both in the beginning and at the end of this year. The Inspector in his first Report expressed himself as follows : " Though the class has been in existence for some years and has often been visited by officers of the Department, this is the first time that it has been formally inspected and reported upon. It is not on the same footing as regular training schools, as the people under training are actually working as teachers in the Olcott Schools, or are under training in ordinary training schools.

The course is designed to improve the existing teachers and to supplement the training in ordinary schools, and in these objects it appears to obtain a large measure of success.

The training given in Kindergarten methods and practice is of a very fair standard ; both the staff and the teachers under training have caught the Kindergarten spirit more than I have noticed in many other schools. The drawing work, both on the black-board and on paper with pencil and brush, was distinctly good, as also was the

clay modelling and leaf work. The needlework of the mistresses under training was of a practical nature and deserved praise.

Both the staff and the teachers under training are keenly interested in their profession and their manner of dealing with the children placed in their charge in the course of the lessons is noticeably superior to that which I have observed elsewhere ; there is little of that brusque, dictatorial method which is common in other schools.

The class is doing very good work and it appears to me that the grant which it receives from the public funds is money well expended.

(Signed) E. W. MIDDLEMAST,
Inspector of European and Training Schools.

The report of the second inspection has not yet come in, but the grant has been received for the coming year.

At the last Teachers' Institute which, so to say, summed up the yearly work of the training class, the presiding officer, Mr. H. S. Duncan, M.A., Government Inspector of Schools, III. Circle, said in his closing speech, that teachers from outside might, during those five days at the Institute, have learnt more than in some training schools during so many months.

The Director-General of Public Instruction for Japan, when he was in India, visiting schools, was directed by the Department to see the work in our "Damodar" school and he was taken there on a surprise visit by two educational officers. He found "the appliances good, the staff excellent and the children pleased with their work." Numerous other persons, among them the Dewan V. P. Madhava Rao of Mysore, many heads of educational institutions and Government Inspectors, not only from various states and provinces of India, but from different parts of the globe, visited the schools and seemed well pleased with what they saw being done.

A few weeks ago about 30 students from the Teachers' College, Saidapet, with their professor, spent a whole afternoon at the "Damodar" School, watching some demonstration lessons, which they pronounced very interesting and instructive. We had to endure considerable inconvenience there all through the year, because the building newly erected for us by the Corporation of Madras, had to undergo various alterations. Now, however, that it is completed, it adapts itself very well to the giving of such lessons.

In the spring we were agreeably surprised by being informed, when we wanted to send in a petition to the Municipality for a building in Krishnampet, that the Corporation had already sanctioned the erection of one there for us. However, though the plan was sent to us for approval in July, the work has not yet been started. We experienced a good deal of discomfort there during and since the heavy rains ; one of the cadjan huts, owing to the dampness of the ground, having become practically useless, though they had both been entirely

made over in the spring at a considerable expense. Permanent buildings everywhere are very badly needed.

We continue to help some of the children to get a higher education. Several of our former pupils have this year joined the staff, doing good work,—the mistresses especially.

The "Olcott Teachers' Association" came into existence last year, for the purpose of mutual mental help and improvement as well as for the strengthening of the bond of union between the teachers of the five schools. During the year, it held regular monthly meetings at which papers were read and discussed. As an outcome of the Association we may consider the appearance of the *Olcott Kindergarten Review*, an Anglo-Vernacular monthly, the only one of its kind in Southern India, edited by the headmaster of the "Damodar" school, who is also the director of the training class. We have to record the death of one of the members of the Association, the headmaster of the "Annie Besant" school, Krishnampet. This is the first time that the schools have lost one of the staff through death.

There were epidemics of cholera, enteric dysentery, measles and sore eyes, in the neighborhood of the schools in Teynampet, Kodambaukam and Krishnampet, which greatly affected the attendance and strength, as many teachers, and pupils were attacked. Cholera took eleven children from us.

The daily allowance of rice cakes was given to the little people needing food most. Several treats were provided for all, by a few kind friends. These feasts are always greatly enjoyed.

This year the teachers started a Provident Fund, putting aside every month a very small sum from their salaries, so as to have something for "a rainy day." An English Theosophist has very liberally contributed towards it.

During the year several Inspectors bought some of the children's work. At the Convention we intend having a sale of some more things which they have made and we hope thereby to realise a nice little sum.

My thanks are due to Mr. Schwarz for having simplified the keeping of the accounts in accordance with the best business methods, and also for his having visited the schools during my absence on the hills.

The subscriptions in general did not come in very plentifully, and if it had not been for the generosity of a friend of the President-Founder we would now have a heavy deficit. May there come forward more such friends in the future who will not only help to tide over the difficulties of the time being, but put the schools on a sure financial basis and thus perpetuate the blessed memory of Colonel H. S. Olcott, their Founder.

NUMBER OF PUPILS ON THE ROLL.

Standards.	Damodar School.		Olcott School.		Tiruvallu- var School.		Annie Besant School.		H. P. B. Memorial School.		Total.	
	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.	B.	G.
Kindergarten	39	10	12	6	7	6	29	32	11	17	98	71
Infant	27	20	33	12	19	6	18	9	10	11	107	58
I.	40	12	20	2	18	5	5	2	9	6	92	27
II.	30	9	19	...	13	1	5	...	5	2	72	12
III.	27	5	22	...	9	5	...	...	17	1	75	11
IV.	42	4	22	2	13	9	...	...	4	...	81	15
Total ...	205	60	128	22	79	32	57	43	56	37	525	194
	265		150		111		100		93		719	

C. KOFEL.

*Superintendent O. P. F. S.*REPORT OF THE TREASURER, OLCOTT PANCHAMA
FREE SCHOOLS.

*To the President and Board of Managers :—*The accounts for the past year show a good result. The income exceeds the expenditure by Rs. 3,926-6-9, enabling us to clear the old deficit of Rs. 2,115-12-3 and to increase our capital account (Education Fund) by Rs. 1,810-10-6. The latter closes with a balance of Rs. 27,236-10-0 part of which is locked up in Movable and Immovable Property, about Rs. 23,000 being available for interest-bearing investments.

For this satisfactory result we are indebted to Miss Kofel's careful and economical management of the schools and to liberal donations amounting to Rs. 9,142-8-4 for which we express our hearty thanks to the generous donors.

As our yearly expenses come to about Rs. 10,500, whereas our regular income from Grants-in-aid and interest brings in only Rs. 3,850, we are dependent on donations to the extent of about Rs. 6,650 per annum, and we therefore take this opportunity to appeal once again to the generosity of well-wishers of our schools. As our committee pointed out two years ago in an urgent appeal, "it is necessary that, if this work of our late President-Founder is to last, a fund of not less

than Rs. 2,00,000 (\$66,667 or £13,333) should be raised, yielding, at 3½ per cent., an income sufficient for the support of the schools."

The schools exist for a most worthy cause and it is earnestly hoped that they will continue to meet with liberal support, not only for the defraying of current expenses, but also for the building up of a Permanent Fund large enough to place this educational movement on a sound and firm basis and to warrant further extension of the work.

A. SCHWARZ,
Secretary-Treasurer.

FREE SCHOOLS PER 30TH NOVEMBER 1908.

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.				Rs.	A. P.
By Immovable Property Account	...	...	...	3,404	8 0
„ Movable do do	...	...	...	500	0 0
„ Cash in hand...	...	...	...	682	11 9
„ Balance with Bank of Madras	...	...	...	1,177	8 11
„ 3½ p. c. Government Pro-notes, Rs. 17,000, valued at '98	...	...	...	16,156	0 0
„ 5 p. c. Debenture of the Bombay Municipality (Tansa Water-Works Loan)	...	...	...	1,000	0 0
„ 4½ p. c. Debentures of the Vasanta Press, 50 at Rs. 100	...	...	...	5,000	0 0
				27,914	12 8
FOOD FUND.					
By Cost of Food distributed	...	...	...	1,170	7 6
„ Balance on hand per 30th November 1908...	...	...	...	678	2 8
				1,848	10 2

Audited and found correct,
P. R. LAKSHMAN RAM.
Auditor.

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS OF THE OLCOTT 1907 TO 30TH

DISBURSEMENTS.					Rs.	A. P.
To Salaries	...	...	...	...	615	0 0
" Teachers' Salaries	...	...	...	...	5,970	10 0
" Servants' Wages	...	...	...	...	510	10 9
" Books and Supplies	...	...	...	...	159	4 8
" School Furnishings	...	...	...	...	18	2 3
" Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	18	1 6
" Postages and Telegrams	...	...	...	...	24	0 6
" Rents and Taxes	...	...	...	...	161	15 9
" Subscription to Periodicals	...	...	...	...	8	9 0
" Construction and Repairs	...	...	...	...	320	0 2
" Stable expenses	...	...	...	...	556	2 2
" Teachers' Training Class	...	...	...	...	576	13 1
" Teachers' and Pupils at Training Schools	...	...	...	...	137	15 0
" Sewing Class Expenses	...	...	...	...	21	4 3
" Garden Account	...	...	...	...	58	13 6
" Discount, Collection and Exchange	...	...	...	...	1	2 0
" Miscellaneous Expenses	...	...	...	...	70	8 6
" Charity	...	...	...	...	8	9 0
" Balance (Surplus per 1906)	...	...	...	...	3,928	6 9
					13,158	10 10
To Deficit brought forward from 1907					2,115	12 3
" Balance transferred to credit of Education Fund	...	...	...	...	1,810	10 6
					3,926	6 9

ADYAR, }
30th November 1908.

A. SCHWARZ,
Honorary Treasurer, O. P. F. S.

PANCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS, FROM 1st DECEMBER,
NOVEMBER 1908

INCOME.					Rs.	A. P.
By Donations	...	...	...	...	9,142	8 4
„ Grants-in-aid	...	...	...	...	3,809	0 0
„ Sale of Pupils' Work	...	...	...	...	4	6 0
„ Interest and Rent	...	...	...	...	702	12 6
					18,168	10 10
By Balance brought down	...	...	...	...	3,926	6 9
Audited and found correct.					8,926	6 9

P. R. LAKSHMAN RAM,
Auditor.

**REPORT OF THE SHRI MEENAKSHI VIDYASALA,
(MADURA.)**

*To the President, T. S. :—*The year under review (1908) has, on the whole, been progressive and satisfactory. The Institution is now entering upon the fourth year of its existence. It was founded to impart good secular education, with a sound knowledge of Hindū Religion and Ethics suited to Hindū girls. The goal of the Institution has been kept steadily in view by all concerned.

The school is popular and well appreciated and is daily becoming more so. It supplies a much felt need, and promises to be a model school for Hindū Girls in South India.

*The Staff :—*The school staff consists of nine teachers including the Principal and the Music Teacher. Three of the teachers are mistresses, two of whom are in charge of the Infants, and one in charge of the 2nd standard.

*Classes :—*During the year the second form has been opened and it is recognised under the Madras Educational Rules. There are seven classes in the school, from the Infant to the second form. On the 31st of December 1907 there were 286 girls on the rolls, now there are 288. The classes are divided as follows :—

Class.			No. on roll.
IIInd form	...	...	7
Ist do.	...	...	7
IVth standard	...	...	26
IIIrd do.	...	...	45
IIInd do.	...	...	56
Ist do.	...	...	42
Infant A.	...	...	52
Do. B.	...	...	53

*Subjects taught :—*The subjects taught in the school are as follows :—English from the 4th standard upwards. Samskr̥t̥ from the 3rd standard upwards. Arithmetic, Composition, Geography, History, Nature study—that is, Elementary Botany, Zoology and Physiology—Hygiene, simple rules of health and nursing, Drawing in all classes, Object Lessons, Recitation in Samskr̥t̥ and Tamil, Needlework. Music is taught systematically from the 3rd class upwards. Many of the girls are able to play the harmonium and sing well. They are all taught to sing in class : Kummi and Kollatum, Kindergarten occupations, Drill and Wand drill are also practised.

*Religious Instruction :—*One of the most important features of the Institution is the attention paid to religious instruction. At each opening and closing of the school, stotras are sung in Samskr̥t̥ or Tamil by the whole school, gathered together in two divisions ; the senior from the 2nd standard upwards, and the junior consisting of the 1st standard and the Infant classes.

The Sanāṭana Dharma catechism in Tamil is taught together with Rāmāyana, and Aryamaṭa Upakhyānam in Tamil. Special religious instruction is given to each class three times a week. The whole working of the school is conducted on a religious basis.

The girls are always happy and pleasant, they love the school. They show a great eagerness to learn. The class competition is keen, but quite harmonious. The general health of the girls is good, they have regular drill, and healthy games are encouraged. There are 21 free scholarships. The school has a library for the use of the girls.

Lotus Circle :—A Lotus Circle was started in connexion with the school four months ago. Meetings are held every Sunday evening and instruction in Religion and Natural History is given by means of stories from *Children of the Motherland*, *C. H. C. Magazine*, and short lectures on religious and scientific subjects. The girls take a lively interest in the meetings and attend regularly.

Conclusion :—The Committee of Management of the school are trying their best to place its financial condition on a sound basis. The school has developed very rapidly since its foundation four years ago. It has a permanent habitation of its own which has cost about Rs. 12,000, and at present there is need for its extension at an early date, as increased accommodation is required. They beg to tender their thanks to the friends and sympathisers of the Institution for their moral and material support in the past, and fervently hope that the same may be extended to them in a fuller measure in the future.

I. H. B. PRESTON,
Principal.

REPORT OF THE I. H. K. P. OF DELHI.

To the President, T. S. :—The Indraprastha Hindū Kannya Pāthshālaya, of Delhi, is continuing its work in the house of the late Lala Balkrishna Dās, who was one of its founders and most earnest workers, and who willed that, after his death, the new part of his house should be used for the Girls' School until the Trustees are in a position to build their own premises.

The rooms available are fully occupied by the 130 children, whose names are on the Register ; to accommodate a larger number a larger house would be required.

The Lady Superintendent conducts the school, assisted by four Hindū lady teachers, one only of whom has had any training ; the difficulty of getting teachers is experienced here as elsewhere.

We have now three divisions :—Infants ; Lower Primary, consisting of II. and III. classes ; Upper Primary, consisting of IV. and V. classes.

The Annual Examination was held on December 10th when Miss Frances assisted by Miss Stratford made a thorough inspection of the work of the School. Miss Frances is very well known in educational centres in the Punjab, but this was her first visit to our school, and though we have not yet received the report, she frequently expressed her astonishment at the amount and quality of the work done, the happy eager faces of the children, and the bright attractive appearance of the rooms and court-yard. She was specially interested in the nature of the religious instruction imparted, and asked that a copy of the *Sanātana Dharma Catechism*, in Hindi, used in the upper classes, should be sent to her. Out of the five girls reading in the fifth class, three passed in all subjects; the remaining two failed in arithmetic only.

We do not intend forming a sixth class under the Government Code, as some of the subjects are not necessary for Hindū girls; but instead, we hope to make a *Purdah* class, where more time will be given to Religious Instruction, Hindi Literature, Needlework and Drawing, and where a little Samskr̥t, something of the Laws of Health, First Aid and probably English will be introduced.

Our Prize Distribution was a very successful gathering, presided over by Lady Gordon-Walker. After the numerous visitors had departed, about a hundred ladies came down from the *Purdah* galleries and held a little enthusiastic meeting amongst themselves. One of them, a brilliant young speaker, mounted a *chauki* and made an impassioned appeal on behalf of the school, for financial aid. There was a hearty and immediate response, a temporary Treasurer was quickly appointed and Rs. 74 in cash were soon in her hands ready to be handed over to the Secretary. But the most important result of the gathering was the formation of a ladies' *sabhā*, which meets regularly every Sunday in the large school-room, and many pleasant hours are spent in singing hymns, chanting the *Rāmāyana* and listening to readings or lecturettes by members. At the beginning of the winter our head teacher collected, chiefly from the mothers of the children, Rs. 80; this was spent in buying suitable cloth which was made into many useful garments for distribution amongst the deserving poor. That the education of women is gradually taking hold of the minds of the people, and interest in the question increasing, is evidenced by the large number of visitors we have had during the year.

The able Honorary Secretary, Lala Sultan Singh, and the Assistant Secretary, our earnest and energetic brother Lala Jugal Kishore, publish every six months a detailed report of our finances and work, to which I refer all those interested who wish for further information.

LEONORA GMEINER,
Superintendent.

THE T.S. ORDER OF SERVICE.

Up to this date the Order of Service has enrolled 34 Leagues on the Register of the Central Council. But this Register is only in the making, there being many more than these all the world over. Of these 34 Leagues on our list, 12 are in India, 4 in Burma (Rangoon), 6 in Australia (Adelaide), 8 in England (London), 1 in Holland (The Hague) and 3 in the United States. Again, of those in India 4 are in Benares, *viz*:—

- 1 League for Education on National Lines ;
- 1 " for Girl's Education ;
- 1 " for the Promotion of Foreign Travel ;
- 1 " (The Aesculapius) for the spreading of a knowledge of Sanitary Laws.

The remaining seven Leagues on Indian soil are :

at Molkalman, Education on National lines ;

„ Rajkot, " " " " ;

„ Muzaffarpur, " " " " ;

„ Muzaffarpur, for the Translation and Publication of Works on the Wisdom in Islām ;

„ Cuddapah (1) for the Encouragement of Female Education on National lines ;

(2) for the imparting of Religious and Moral instruction to boys and girls.

„ " (3) Prevention of Child Parentage.

„ Surat, Temperance and non-flesh eating, of which a special report is appended below.

In Rangoon there are four Leagues in working order, *viz* :

1 for the Education of Boys ;

1 for the " " Girls ;

1 " " " the Masses ; and

1 for Technical Education.

In Adelaide (Australia) Leagues have been started for the following objects :

1 Abolition of Capital Punishment in Australia ;

1 Free Higher Education of qualified pupils at State Schools ;

1 Establishment of Reading Room in the City ;

1 Extension of the Elberfeld System ;

1 Hospital Visiting ;

1 Extension of Co-operative movements.

Of the eight Leagues which have been formed in London, mostly under the auspices of the H.P.B. Lodge :

1 is devoted to Education on Religious lines ;

1 " " " The Child Problem ;

1 " " " Literary and Press Work ;

1 " " " Social Brotherhood ;

1 " " " Sociology, and the Social Problem ;

1 " " " The Study of Eastern and Occult Science ;

1 League (the "Round Table") has for its object to gather together young folks and train them to become, when grown up, helpers of their fellow-men.

1 League works for the Abolition of Vivisection, Vaccination and Inoculation.

This last League does particularly good work and will send our President as representative to a big meeting in July next, in London.

The League in the Hague is devoted to the study and the spreading of Astrology.

Of the three Leagues in America, the one in Seattle has for its object, Prison and Hospital Work.

The one in New York intends to carry an elementary knowledge of Theosophy into the prisons and the slums of that vast city, hoping thereby to lift and cheer despairing men and women and save their children from a life as miserable as their own. The third American League has been formed in Chicago, with Dr. Weeks Burnett as Chairman. Its object is to start a Theosophical University, an idea which in one form or another has long been in the minds and hearts of a good many of our American Brethren.

In France, Leagues for Religious Education and for the spreading of an Elementary Knowledge of Theosophy amongst the working classes are in course of formation.

Considering that the T.S. Order of Service was only formed in February last, one may well be pleased with its initial steps and expect good work from it in the future.

HELEN LÜBKE,
Hon. Secretary.

THE LEAGUE FOR THE PROMOTION OF TEMPERANCE AND MORALITY (SURAT).

This Society, by directly advancing the cause of temperance, indirectly helps the cause of saving many innocent lives of goats and cattle from daily slaughter. Experience teaches that in order to fulfill the latter object, the work of Temperance should go side by side with it, because the use of alcohol causes an instinct of craving for animal food. It is an open secret that the slaughter of these poor and useful animals has been one of the curses, amongst others, of India, and that her wealth depends upon her cattle, the number of which is being daily decreased by their merciless and thoughtless slaughter—an act which has brought serious ruin and disaster upon the agricultural prospects of the country, and accounts for the ruling higher prices of grain and other articles of food, by large areas of land remaining uncultivated for want of a suitable number of cattle in each province. In order to prevent this evil, as far as possible, this Society was started about a year ago, in Surat, on a very humble basis and

with the help of a very philanthropic and pious gentleman who was the District Judge of Surat for some time and who gave Rs. 500 for the promotion of this good cause. The service of a religious preacher is engaged, who goes round the city and brings himself in touch with the religious and social heads of such Hindū communities as have been making use of both alcohol and animal food. These people are always reminded of the old ideals which the people of this sacred land once possessed, and no pains are spared to make an effort to open their eyes and bring them back to these beautiful ideals. It is through the co-operation of these heads that the Society has achieved its success, an account of which has appeared in most of the English and Vernacular papers. This method of working is found very practical (to say nothing of picketing) and is now being copied by other towns, where the latter failed. I am glad to say that H. E. the Governor of Bombay very sincerely sympathises with this movement, as is shown in H. E.'s reply to our memorial, facts which have already appeared in the daily English papers of Bombay. This has added another cause to the success, and to make it more successful I have appealed to Brāhmaṇa gentlemen, who have kindly responded to it, and promised to warn their Jaiminas that an infringement of the vow will result in their prevention from performance of Karmakand ceremonies in their castes.

In conclusion it must be stated that by the effort of the Society nearly *twenty thousand* people forming big castes like those of Khaṭṛi weavers, oil-mongers, rice-beaters, shoemakers, tailors, coolies, have formed resolutions to abstain from the use of intoxicants of all sorts, and have promised to make a vigorous effort to give up animal food. It may be noted here with satisfaction that one caste, *viz.*, that of oil-mongers, consisting of 5000 people, have already given up the use of both alcohol and animal food, thereby causing a daily saving of from *thirty to forty lives* of poor goats from slaughter, and the Society has thus earned both the blessings of these people as well as of the poor animals. There has been a saving of money to these people, poverty reduced to some extent and the family peace and harmony restored.

I am thankful to the Jain community for placing at the disposal of the Society the services of another preacher and a monthly sum of Rs. 20. The Society is gradually growing and now consists of 80 members which have amalgamated with the T.S. Order of Service, as it has been started by the humble efforts of one who is an earnest admirer, servant and student of everything theosophical. Khan Bahadur Bomanji E. Modi who is a retired Deputy Collector, a tried and loyal servant of Government, and whose family is ever renowned for loyalty to the British Empire, is the President of this Society, and my sincere thanks are due to his co-operation and sympathy for the work.

D. J. EDAL BEHRAM,
Organiser,

WORK AMONG THE YOUNG.

LOTUS WORK.

This brief report is penned from London and thereby conveys the impression that here is the chief centre of Lotus Work. In reality this is not the case. In numbers, both of Lotus Circles and of children who attend, and in general organisation, New Zealand is by far the best centre for this form of theosophical activity. Under the inspiration of Miss Christie, ten Lotus Circles have sprung up there and many children attend them. In Australia active Lotus Circles are held at Melbourne and Adelaide. In Holland and Belgium there is activity of this kind and in Java a children's paper, *Die Gulden Keten*, is regularly published.

In England there is but one Lotus Circle, which meets once a week in London ; attempts have been made to persuade some of the Lodges to take up this work but so far without success.

The *Lotus Journal* is published in London and has a circulation of about 500 monthly, and *First Steps in Theosophy*, *A Golden Afternoon* and *Lotus Songs* have also been issued in connexion with this work.

The Golden Chain, a Children's Society for encouraging purity and kindness in thought, word and deed, numbers many hundred "links" in different parts of the world, and is steadily adding to its numbers.

H. WHYTE.

(T.S. ORDER OF SERVICE.)

Under the title of the *Round Table* there has been formed a League of Service which seeks to draw together the younger workers in the Society, or those who hope to be workers in years to come. All it asks from its Companions is some definite piece of altruistic work and certain daily acts of remembrance. Founded in July 1908, it now numbers about sixty members in different parts of the world.

H. WHYTE.

ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN MYSTIC TRADITION.

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FORMATION.

The historical field in which research reveals innumerable traces of "Mystic Tradition," is one which can be adequately tilled only by *combined work* in many lands. In most, if not all, the countries of Europe, splendid libraries exist, and the Mystic Researcher travels wearily from country to country, visiting and ransacking these in turn. He exhausts time, strength and money in his isolated quest, too limited by time and power.

In order to facilitate, in our Society, this work of Research, which has hitherto been chiefly undertaken by Mrs. Cooper-Oakley, and to develop it further, I have formed an "International Committee," with one Member in each country. This Member will gather round him a band of students, and will set to work on any selected subject. The results will be handed in to the local Member, and sent by him to the Hon. Secretary.

It is proposed to issue a *Quarterly Transaction*, (1) containing reports of work done, brief articles on important questions of Research, notes, indications of Libraries where Literature on Mysticism may be found, and reviews of Mystic Works issued by

(1) This Programme, briefly outlined in August, 1907, has been changed and modified, *pro tem*, with respect to any fixed Periodical Publication. This modification is due to the impossibility of getting together, in a short time, and for a fixed date, sufficient interesting material to ensure a Quarterly Issue.

I. C.-O.

other laborers in the same field. Questions bearing on the Mystic Tradition may be sent for answer, information may be asked for as to references, books, etc. ; notes of individual Research may be sent, and any interesting 'finds' reported. Such a Periodical Publication will not, of course, interfere with independent works, such as articles and books on the same subjects, but will serve as a means of communication between workers in all lands on similar lines. All literary matter and subscriptions should be sent to the Hon. Secretary.

Any serious student in any country may apply to be enrolled among the band of workers in his own country, addressing the Member of the Committee resident therein.

ANNIE BESANT,

President of the Theosophical Society.

The students who wish to take up Researches on these lines should remember what H. P. Blavatsky has said with so much emphasis :

"Our search takes us hither and thither, but never *aimlessly* do we bring sects, widely separated, in chronological order, into critical juxtaposition. There is one purpose in our work to be kept constantly in mind—the analysis of religious beliefs, and the definition of their descent from the past to the present." (*Isis Unveiled*, II., 292.)

Later on she wrote :

"The study of the hidden meaning in every Religion and profane Legend, of whatsoever nation, large or small, and pre-eminently in the traditions of the East, has occupied the greater portion of the present writer's life. She is one of those who feel convinced that no mythological story, no traditional event in the Folk-lore of a people, has ever, at any time, been pure fiction, but that every one of such narratives has an actual historical lining to it. (*The Secret Doctrine*, I, 321.)

Hence in the forming of this "International Committee" we are but extending the work begun by H. P. Blavatsky in her first published work, *Isis Unveiled*, in 1878 ; and carried on up to the end of her earthly life in 1891.

"She being dead yet speaketh," and in no way can our gratitude be better shown, than by faithfully carrying on the work of Research, which she judged so important, and the debt we all owe to her is best repaid by working on the lines she first traced in 1878.

But to obtain this end we must have serious students in each country, who will patiently search the old Records, Chronicles and Documents ; the object for our students to keep in view is to find and trace those *hidden* links in Literature, Art, Archaeology, Fables, Legends and Poetry, which unite all 'Mystical Traditions' with their *original source* ; to study the real nature and aim of 'Secret Societies' and to point out the influence that they have exercised

on the various historical religious movements both orthodox and heretical.

Besides this, the history of the Occultists, in each century, must be searched out, and their work studied, in order to understand its aim and value, adopting in these Researches the accurate methods used by scholars in all serious historic studies.

Mrs. Besant has sketched out the broad lines for our Publications, and I must add one most important point. We must remember that our work will meet with severe criticism from the general public, and to disarm our opponents the utmost care will be taken that the Researches are made with the most careful exactness. Our fellow-workers are therefore asked, in every historical fact cited, and in every deduction formulated therefrom, to give the *precise references*, and to indicate in the most *complete way* the sources which have been used.

In order to carry out this ideal in our work, the Editors of our Publications cannot accept any articles in which the methods here indicated have not been scrupulously fulfilled ; in which every quotation has not been accompanied by the exact indication of the sources from which it has been taken, as already stated.

There are two Reviews to guide our students, and models for us to follow, in which Research work is most admirably done : one is *La Revue des Religions*, edited by the late Prof. Jean Reville ; and the other is *La Romania*, and all work done for our Publications should be done in this careful and scholarly way. I must here add again that the opinions of each member and any propositions that they may make will be received at any time with grateful acknowledgment by me, and by our Hon. Secretary.

Every communication must be typed, in order to avoid difficulties in printing ; and the Editors will accept contributions in the two languages, French and English.

Members of the International Committee are begged to send any communication, at the earliest date possible, to the Hon. Secretary ; the great distances for correspondence necessitate this rule.

Subjoined is a category of material that will be useful in such Research work :

1. Monographic Studies ; Researches on ' Secret Societies ' ; ' Religious Sects ' ; or ' Masonic Traditions,' Mysticism and Folklore.
2. Biographical Studies on the lives of the Mystics, and the influence exercised by them on their periods.
3. Reviews of Mystic books, and Religious documents.
4. Questions and answers, discussion and criticism.
5. General communications. Indications concerning Libraries and their contents. Places where Research work will be valuable. Any indications which may be useful to students.

The main idea to be borne in mind, in such Research, is to show how the Ancient Wisdom Religion has been the foundation of all 'Mystic Traditions'; and to seek for the connecting links between the many and diverse outer Organisations in Europe with their one source of Life and Light.

RULES FOR COPYING AND TRANSLATING.

1. It is of the utmost importance that the following details of each book, from which extracts or translations are made, should be clearly stated:

- (a) The title of the book *in full*. (b) The name of the author.
- (c) The date, and place, of publication. (d) The edition (if stated).
- (e) The page.

These should be written clearly and legibly, at the beginning of each extract, or translation, and underlined.

2. In the case of translations these details should be given in the original, *and not translated*; the same rule applies in the case of books, or manuscripts, mentioned in the text.

3. In translating, great care should be taken that the real meaning of the original be retained.

4. Perfect accuracy in copying, especially from foreign books, is absolutely necessary, and abbreviations should be avoided.

5. One side, *only*, of the paper should be written on.

6. The writing should be neat, clear and above all not crowded.

7. It is helpful if the name of the subject be written in the top right-hand corner in red ink, or underlined.

8. A margin should be left, at the side of each page.

The main object of our work, plainly shown by the name of our Committee, is to prove the *continuity* of 'Mystical Tradition' in its various manifestations throughout the Middle Ages. Our chief endeavor to search for *missing links*, and to show by means of historical data, and contemporary documents (when they are available), the common ideas and beliefs connecting 'Mystical Schools' and 'Heresies' of all countries.

(a) The reviewing of the latest scientific facts and theories, compared to ancient Occultism, would perhaps come under the head of 'Occultism' more than under that of 'Mysticism.' Still a hard and fast line cannot be drawn, and in many cases the curiously identical views of 'Science' with 'Occult Lore' can be most usefully compared and shown.

(b) The study of Mysticism, in its modern manifestations, should certainly not be omitted, but *its relation to similar movements* in the past, whether immediate or remote, always proved and insisted upon.

(c) Historical Folk-lore, and local Traditions, of a mystical character also offer a most interesting field of research; and all con-

tributions of this nature will be welcome ; more especially as the members of the various Folk-lore Societies are pursuing their investigations on scholastic and purely material lines. Their methods are admirable, and to this we would wish to add only the Mystical element, which is so often neglected.

(d) As to the means of inter-communication between students, this will, for the time being, be provided by the *Vāhan* and other Sectional publications in the various countries, until sufficient material accumulates to necessitate a separate organ.

Members wishing to join in our researches, should apply to the Member representing the country where they reside ; their names will then be sent to the Hon. Secretary and submitted to the President.

ISABEL COOPER-OAKLEY,
President.

G. A. MALLET,
Honorary Secretary.

THE SONS OF INDIA.

This organisation was founded on October 1st 1908, in the hope of training men and women into noble citizenship, and of building up the coming generation in true piety and patriotism. It consists of a Supreme Council, scattered over India, each of whom has the power of gathering round him a small body of mature advisers, named a Consistory, with whom he can take counsel as to the work of the Order ; each member of the Consistory has the title of Councillor. Each Councillor, in his turn, chooses reliable and active men, who form a consultative body, a chapter, for a smaller area, who plan out and superintend the work within that area, with the title of Knights. Each Knight chooses junior men, to guide a Lodge, with the title of Wardens ; these are the officers of the Lodge, and every member of the Lodge must be introduced thereto by a Warden, and take his pledge in open Lodge. The Lodge may work as one body, or in groups, as it pleases. The largest Lodge yet formed, that in Benares, meets once a month as a Lodge, and has a number of groups, each working at a different object, and reporting to the whole Lodge.

The pledge of the Order is as follows :

I promise to treat as Brothers Indians of every religion and every province.

To make Service the dominant Ideal of my life.

And therefore :

To seek the public good before personal advantage ;

To protect the helpless, defend the oppressed, teach the ignorant, raise the down-trodden ;

To choose some definite line of public usefulness and to labor thereon ;

To perform every day at least one Act of Service ;

To pursue our ideals by law-abiding methods only ;

To be a good citizen of my municipality or district, my province, the Motherland, and the Empire.

To all this I pledge myself, in the presence of the Supreme Lord, to our Chief, our Brotherhood and our Country, that I may be a true Son of India.

(Signature) _____

The allied Daughters of India take the following pledge :

I promise to do all in my power to promote harmony between the people of every religion and every province.

To make Service the dominant Ideal of my life.

And therefore :

To be ready to make sacrifices for the public good.

To train the younger members of the household in true piety and patriotism ;

To endeavor to restore the ancient Indian ideal of the woman as counsellor and co-worker with her husband in his labors for the public good ;

To serve in all ways possible to me, the Motherland and the Empire.

To all this I pledge myself, in the presence of the Supreme Lord, to our Chief, our Brotherhood and our Country, that I may be a true Daughter of India.

(Signature) _____

Novices—Schoolboys of the three upper classes take the following promise :

I promise to treat as Brothers Indians of every religion and every province, and to perform every day at least one Act of Service.

It is an honorable obligation on the part of every member, pledged and unpledged, to repeat daily the Chain of Union, as follows :

May the One Lord of the Universe, worshipped under many names, pour into the hearts of the Brothers and Sisters of this Order, and through them into India, the Spirit of Unity and of Service.

Officers of every grade, in addition to the pledge, are required to declare :

I pledge my word of honor to protect and help all my juniors in the Brotherhood, so far as lies in my power, and never to advise a course of action in which I am unwilling to take part.

The Order has an organ, *The Sons of India*.

The Chief is Annie Besant; the Recorder, M. B. Rane, M.A. ; the Editor, G. S. Arundale, M.A. ; the Almoner, Laxmi Narayan, M.A.

The following letter has been received :

PRIVATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

22nd December 1908,
GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
CALCUTTA.

DEAR MRS. BESANT,

The Viceroy has carefully considered the papers relating to the 'Sons of India' which you left with me, and I am directed to inform you that H. E. thinks the idea sound. Lord Minto is in full accord with you when you say that the history of the coming years must depend to some extent on the direction in which the rising generation can be steered.

You have the best wishes of the Viceroy for the success of the Society on the lines at present laid down. But what is urgently wanted is to secure some measure of permanency for the principles upon which the Association is based, and to prevent either any modification of these principles or their being twisted to meet other and unworthy ends.

I am to ask you to kindly consider this problem and be good enough to favour me with any suggestions which may occur to you.

I am Sincerely yours,
(Sd.) F. R. DUNLOP SMITH.

Among the first members of the Supreme Council are Sir Subramania Iyer, K. C. I. E.; Mr. Justice Sarada Charan Mittra ; Dr. Sambhare ; E. A. Wodehouse, M. A. ; Ganga Prasad Varma ; the Council is being formed slowly.

ANNIE BESANT,
Chief.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

FOUNDED NOV. 17, 1875 :—INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

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

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION.

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

GENERAL COUNCIL.

Ex-Officio.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Jose M. Massö, 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 Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

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

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

Tumacherla Ramachendra 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 the Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with 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, dated this 3rd day of April 1905.

Witnesses to the Signatures :—

W. GLENNY KEAGEY ...	{	H. S. OLCOTT.
		W. A. ENGLISH,
		S. SUBRAMANIAM.
ARTHUR RICHARDSON ...	{	FRANCESCA E. ARUNDAL.
		UPENDRANATH BASU.
PYARE LAL ...		ANNIE BESANT.
PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ...		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, exclusive of the President, 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 on 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 five 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. 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 Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a Chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

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

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office his successor shall be nominated by the General Council, at a meeting to be held by them, and the nomination shall be communicated to the General Secretaries and to the Recording Secretary. Each General Secretary shall take the votes of the individual members of his National Society and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall take those of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to Adyar. A majority of two-thirds of the recorded votes shall be necessary for election.

11. The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of office shall expire upon the election of a new President.

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

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

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of whom at least two-thirds shall be members of the Council, and it shall consist of seven members, all residents of India, including the President as *ex officio* Chairman, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary as *ex officio* Secretary of the Committee, and three of the members of such Committee shall and three shall not be natives of India or Ceylon.

15. The Executive Committee shall, as far as convenient, meet once every three months for the audit of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the Chairman whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if

not by him, by the Recording Secretary when he is required to do so by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

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

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

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

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

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

21. The funds of the Society not required for current expenses may be invested by the President with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages on such property, and with like advice and consent he may sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer the same, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall apply to the property at Adyar, Madras, known as the Headquarters of the Society.

22. Documents and Conveyances, in respect of the transfer of property belonging to the Society, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary, and shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society.

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

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, affix the Seal of the Society to all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President and by the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President until a successor takes office.

HEADQUARTERS.

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

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion of the Headquarters premises for occupation and 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.

ORGANISATION.

28. Every application for membership in the Society must be made on an authorised form, and must, whenever possible, be endorsed by two Fellows and signed by the applicant; but no persons under the age of twenty-one years shall be admitted without the consent of their guardians.

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.

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

31. When a Lodge or an individual Fellow is, for any serious and weighty reason, desirous of leaving the National Society, to which it, or he, belongs, but is not desirous of leaving the Theosophical Society, such Lodge or individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, severing all connexion with the National Society, provided that the President, after due consultation with the General Secretary of the said National Society, shall sanction the transfer.

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 belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

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

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which if issued, must bear his signature, and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

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

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

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

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

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of Novem-

ber, 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 one-fourth of the total amount received by it from Annual Dues and Entrance Fees, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer on or before the first day of November of the current year.

44. In the event of the withdrawal from the Theosophical Society of any National Society or Lodge thereof, its constituent Charter granted by the President shall, *ipso facto*, lapse and become forfeited, and all property, 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 and shall be delivered up to the President, in its behalf ; and such National Society or Lodge shall not be entitled to continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society. Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall be empowered to revive and transfer the said Charter of the Seceding or National Society or Lodge to such non-Seceding Lodges and Fellows as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of 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 at Adyar and Benares alternately, in the month of December.

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

REVISION.

48. The General Council may, by a three-fourths vote of their whole number in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

[* Rule 43 is suspended for the year 1908-9, and for this year no fourth of Entrance Fees, but only 8*l.* per member on rolls, not dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues, is to be remitted. *By Order of the Council.*]

OFFICERS
OF THE
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
AND
UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD.

GENERAL COUNCIL FOR 1907-08.

Ex Officio.

President.

ANNIE BESANT.

Vice-President.

SIR S. SUBRAMANIA IYER, K.C.I.E.

Recording Secretary.

J. R. ARIA.

Treasurer.

A. SCHWARZ.

General Secretaries.

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Additional.

BERTRAM KEIGHTLEY, M.A.,
Agra, U. P. [1906 for 3 years.]

B. K. LAHIRI, Ludhiana. [1905
for 3 years.]

FRANCESCA ARUNDALE, Benares
City. [1907 for 3 years.]

W. A. ENGLISH, M.D., Adyar.
[1907 for 3 years.]

N. D. KHANDALVALA, Kh. B.,
Poona. [1907 for 3 years.]

V. C. SESHACHARRI, B.A., B.L.,
Madras. [1908 for 3 years.]

D. B. JAYATILAKA, B.A., Colombo.
[1908 for 3 years.]

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HEADQUARTERS.

Executive Committee.

THE PRESIDENT.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

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CABLE ADDRESSES :

The President :—" Olcott, Madras."

Gen. Sec., Indian Section :—" Theosophy, Benares."

Do. European Section :—" Theosophy, London."

Do. American Section :—" Vanhook, Chicago."

Do. Australasian Section :—" Theosophy, Sydney."

Do. New Zealand Section :—" Theosophy, Auckland."

Buddhist Committee :—" Sandaresa, Colombo."

REPORT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

*of a meeting of the General Council T.S., held at Adyar, at 1-30 P.M.,
December 28th, 1908.*

PRESENT.

Annie Besant,	President.
Sir S. Subramania Iyer,	Vice-President.
A. Schwarz,	Hon. Treasurer.
W. B. Fricke.	Recording Secretary.
K. Narayanasvami Iyer,	Gen. Secretary (acting) Indian Section.
V. C. Seshacharri,	Councillor.
W. A. English,	"
F. A. Arundale,	"

1. The minutes of the meetings of December 26th and 28th, 1907, having been printed and circulated, were taken as read, and confirmed. The Council was informed that 13 General Secretaries and 1 Councillor had sent proxies to be used by the President and Recording Secretary on matters on which no votes had been sent.

2. The Recording Secretary informed the Council that the following changes in the General Secretaries had occurred. India, K. Nārāyaṇasvāmi Iyer (acting) *vice* Upendranāth Basu, resigned, from ill-health; Great Britain, Maud Sharpe elected, *vice* Kate Spink; Scandinavia, A. Zettersten, *vice* Arvid Knös, resigned, from pressure of official duties; France, Charles Blech, *vice* Th. Pascal resigned, from illness; Cuba, Rafael de Albear, *vice* Jose M. Massó deceased; Hungary, Gyula Agoston, elected, *vice* Nagy Dezső.

3. The President informed the Council that, acting on the direction given by the Council last year, she had sent out, 8 months before the Annual Meeting, the only names proposed, those of V. C. Seshacharri (for re-election) and of D. B. Jayatilaka. These were unanimously elected. Mr. V. C. Seshacharri resumed his seat. D. B. Jayatilaka took his. The names of the members of the Executive Committee as submitted and voted on, were entered.

4. The President proposed and it was unanimously agreed that :

- (1) This General Council of the T.S. offers its sincere sympathy to Mr. A. P. Sinnett, in the sorrow that has fallen on him by the passing away of his noble wife.
- (2) This General Council of the T.S. joins with the Cuban Section in deploring the great loss sustained by the passing away of its General Secretary, the devoted and indefatigable Jose M. Massó.
- (3) This General Council of the T.S. deeply sympathises with its late colleague, Bābū Upendranāth Basu, Sahab, in his ill-health, and trusts that it may soon again have the benefit of his helpful counsel, when his strength shall be renewed.

- (4) This General Council of the T.S. sends its affectionate greetings to Dr. Pascal, so long the main-stay of the Society in France, and prays for him peace and tranquillity.

5 The votes of the absent members of the General Council were recorded as sent in, and the votes of the members present taken, on the Resolution on the vote of the British Section in Convention assembled, *re* Mr. C. W. Leadbeater and Dr. Van Hook (a letter from Mr. B. Keightley was circulated, and one from certain members of the American Section had been sent to members of the Council).

Resolved: That this Council puts on record its full agreement with the action of Mr. C. W. Leadbeater in tendering, and of the President-Founder in accepting, his resignation, in the hope that the peace of the Society might thereby be preserved, and undesirable controversy avoided.

That this object having been entirely frustrated, and a controversy, ever increasing in bitterness, having arisen, destroying the unity of the Society in Great Britain and in the United States, and hampering the whole work of the Society in those countries, it has become necessary for this Council to intervene in the matter under dispute.

That it therefore re-affirms the inviolable liberty of thought of every member of the Theosophical Society in all matters philosophical religious and ethical, and his right to follow his own conscience in all such matters, without thereby imperilling his status within the Society, or in any way implicating in his opinions any member of the Society who does not assert his agreement therewith.

That in pursuance of this affirmation of the individual liberty of each member and of his individual responsibility for his own opinions, it declares that there is no reason why Mr. C. W. Leadbeater should not return, if he wishes, to his place in the Society which he has, in the past, served so well.

General Secretaries (all Sections save the German), 13 ... For.

" " (German Letter stated that no vote was necessary, as Mr. Leadbeater having resigned, had the right to return, and the German Section would *never* oppose thereto the slightest resistance.)

President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, 4... For.
Councillors : 1. B. Keightley, ... Against.

"	2. B. K. Lahiri, vote not sent	... —
"	3. Francesca Arundale	... Against.
"	4. W. A. English	... For.
"	5. N. D. Khandalvala	... For.
"	6. V. C. Seshacharri	... For.
"	7. D. B. Jayatilaka	... For.

Miss Arundale stated that she considered that a re-investigation of the charges ought to be made, and in the absence of that, a repudiation of the teachings, and recorded her vote against. (Her statement

and that of Mr. Keightley are entered on the minutes and sent to Members of the Council.

6. *Resolved* : That this Council re-affirms the principle laid down by the Judicial Committee and the President-Founder, in the case of Mr. Judge ; that no charge against a member, official or non-official, involving the existence or non-existence of Mahātmās, can be considered, and that the Society as a body remains neutral as to the authenticity or non-authenticity of any statements issued as from the Mahātmās. It further declares that every member is equally free to assert or to deny the authenticity of any such statement, and that no member can be bound to accept or to reject, on any authority outside himself, the genuineness of any such statement.

General Secretaries	14	...	For.
President, V. P., R. S., T.	4	...	For.
Councillors, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,	5	...	For.
„ 1	1	...	Against.
„ 2 no vote sent.		...	—

7. *Resolved* : That the two preceding resolutions be sent by the Recording Secretary to the General Secretary of the British Section, in answer to the appeal made by the British Section in Convention assembled, and to the American signatories.

Agreed.

8. *Resolved* : That this Council agrees with the action taken by the President in issuing *A Letter to the Members of the Theosophical Society* and recommends that letter to the careful consideration of members.

General Secretaries	11	...	For.
„ „ German and Scandinavian agree with general principles, but think it better not to disturb Sections which have remained untouched by the trouble.			
„ „ Italian agrees with <i>Letter</i> , but wishes discretion as to circulation.			—
V.P., R.S., T.	3	...	For.
Councillors, 4, 5, 6, 7,	4	...	For.
„ 3 abstain		...	—
„ 2 no vote sent	1	...	—
„ 1		...	Against.

The American General Secretary, on behalf of his Section, sent a special vote, asking that Mr. Leadbeater should be invited to return. The French General Secretary sent a vote of invitation to return, passed at a Special Convention held to decide the question; 32 delegates for, 4 against, 2 neutral ; Executive unanimous.

The Australian General Secretary sent an invitation to return, from his General Council; 22 for, 2 against.

The British General Secretary sent a vote of support from her Executive; 9 for, 4 against.

The Finnish General Secretary sent a vote of his Section (by a referendum) to invite ; 287 for, 1 against.

All are hereby put on record.*

9. The President proposed the following new Rule :

When a Branch or an individual is, for any serious and weighty reason, desirous of leaving the Section to which it, or he, belongs, but is not desirous of leaving the Society, such Branch or individual may become directly attached to Headquarters, severing all connexion with the Section, provided that the President, after due consultation with the General Secretary of the said Section, shall sanction the transfer.

General Secretaries (6 proxies) ...	12	... For.
" " Scandinavian		... Against.
" " German		... No vote.
P., V. P., R.S., T., ...	4	... For.
Councillors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ...	6	... For.
" 2 ...	1	... No vote.

10. New rule proposed by Executive Committee : in the drafting, a few words had been accidentally changed, and they were restored as sent up by the Committee :

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.

General Secretaries ...	13	... For.
" " German, no vote sent		... —
P., V. P., R. S., T., ...	4	... For.
Councillors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, ...	6	... For.
" 1 no vote sent		... —

The British General Secretary thought 14 days rather short.

11. *Resolved* : That the rooms over the Library built by the President-Founder for the E.S., out of money received from the E.S., partly during his life-time and partly during the last year, together with the second room on the same floor, paid for by the actual President, shall remain in the custody, and for the exclusive use, of the E.S., so long as it shall continue to exist, but, in the case of its ceasing to exist, shall revert to the custody and use of the Theosophical Society, as part of the Headquarters.

* The President received from Britain, votes of 7 Lodges for, 7 against, 1 for investigation ; 60 individuals for, 2 against, and a telegram from Messrs. Mead, Burrows and Kingsland, and Miss Ward, that 500 votes had been received against. From India 108 Lodges for, 6 against, 1 for investigation, 1 that Mr. Leadbeater should be left to apply. In the Indian Convention of 650 delegates, a resolution cordially accepting the decision of the Council and inviting Mr. Leadbeater's return was carried with 7 dissentients and a few abstainers.

General Secretaries	...	13	...	For.
"	German, no vote sent	...	—	
P., V. P., R. S., T.,	...	4	...	For.
Councillors 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	...	5	...	For.
" 1, 2	no vote sent	...	—	

12. *Resolved* : That the words "or in writing" be inserted after the words "in person," in Rule 46.

General Secretaries	...	13	...	For.
"	German, no vote sent	....	—
P., V. P., R. S., T.	...	4	...	For.
Councillors 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	...	6	...	For.
" 2	no vote sent.		—	

13. The letter from the Edinburgh Lodge was withdrawn by the President of that Lodge.

14. *Resolved* : That the Rules and Regulations be brought up to date, and that words in rules no longer in force (owing to the passing away of the President-Founder) be omitted.

15. The President stated that the proposal to remit the election of the additional members of the Council to the Sections, had only obtained 6 votes in favor, so Rule 2 remained unaltered in this respect. Also that the proposal that the General Council should nominate more than one person for the Presidency, and that the election should be by a majority simply, and not by a two-thirds majority, had 17 votes against it, 3 abstentions, and the remaining 5 suggested various plans. Rule 11 therefore remained unaltered.

16. On the proposal that the word 'Section,' when standing alone, should be changed in the Rules and official documents to 'National Society,' and that the designation of the component parts of the T.S. should be the 'British,' or other national, 'T. S.', as the laws of some continental countries did not allow the use of the words 'Section of the T.S.,' and as it was desirable that all should have the same designation :

The Recording Secretary said that the Netherlands Section was incorporated under that name, and that the Dutch General Secretary was therefore opposed to the change.

The Indian Acting General Secretary raised a similar objection as to his Section.

The proposal was carried by 23 votes, 1 against, and 1 not having sent vote, with the proviso that where Sections were already incorporated as Sections, they could continue so to describe themselves within their own countries.

17. The President suggested that the old style of 'Lodge' for 'Branch' be restored, so as to make their Rules, Charters and Diplomas uniform in the nomenclature used. Agreed by 23 votes, 2 votes not sent.

18. The Treasurer's Report, appearing in print, was not read, but he presented the statement of assets and expenditure which appears in the Report, together with the Balance Sheet for 1908-09, as prepared by the Executive Committee (See pp 22-25.)

The President said that in view of the large balance in hand, she would, at their next meeting, propose that the fees and dues should be experimentally reduced during the coming year, and she made the statement then, in order that the members might consider the matter before they next met.

The Council adjourned.

MINUTES

of an Adjourned Meeting of the General Council T. S., held at Adyar at 1 P.M. on December 31st, 1908.

PRESENT.

Annie Besant.	...	<i>President.</i>
A. Schwarz.	...	<i>Hon. Treasurer.</i>
W. B. Fricke.	...	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
V. C. Seshacharri.	...	<i>Councillor.</i>
W. A. English.	...	"
F. A. Arundale.	...	"
D. B. Jayatilaka.	...	"

1. The President referred to the vote taken during the past year, on the proposal of a capitation fee of one shilling, or its equivalent, per active members on the rolls of a Section. 16 members had expressed no opinion. 4 had approved. 4 had negatived, one of whom, Australia, suggested As. 8 per head. France proposed one franc. As a matter of fact, the Sections paid very varying percentages, and Rule 41 is not carried out. Under these circumstances and in view of the available surplus of Rs. 8,690, she proposed as an experiment for the coming year only, and without altering Rule 41 (now rule 43) that the one-fourth Entrance Fees be remitted, and that, in lieu of the one fourth Annual Dues, the Sections should pay As. 8 or their equivalent, for every active member on their rolls, *i.e.*, for every member who was not dropped, or suspended, for non-payment of dues. This would mean, on their present roll of membership, a sum from Annual Dues of Rs. 7,809-8-0, as against the estimated sum of Rs. 11,000 or a deficit of Rs. 3,190-8-0. She believed that increase of membership would largely decrease this deficit, but, if not, they could not use part of the surplus better than by relieving the Sections, and she proposed therefore to set aside Rs. 3,000 for this purpose. After some discussion it was

Resolved: That the Recording Secretary be instructed to write to each General Secretary, stating that Rule 43 was suspended for the current year, and that he should only forward to Headquarters a Capitation Fee of annas 8 (8d, 16 sous, 12½ cents, etc.) for each member entered on his rolls, and not dropped or suspended.

That Rs. 3000 be set aside to meet the possible deficit.

21 votes for, against, none. No votes or proxies, 4.

The President proposed that Rs. 3,500 from the surplus be set aside to build three cottages for the workers at Headquarters.

Agreed, by same votes.

The Recording Secretary proposed that the remainder of the surplus, amounting to Rs. 2,190, be set aside, if not urgently required otherwise, to meet the cost of extending the embankment, and thus safeguarding the estate from floods.

Agreed, by same votes, with proviso that the Convention deficit be first paid.

2. The President proposed that the Headquarters' property should be definitely excluded, by Rule, from the territory and jurisdiction of the Indian Section, as it was already excluded implicitly, by being placed under the sole control of the President.

Agreed, by same votes.

3. A letter was read from the Colombo Buddhist Society, and it was resolved to take no public action in the matter referred to, but to appeal to the theosophical members of the Mahābodhi Society to put an end to the annoyance complained of.

4. *Resolved*: That as Mr. Jehangir Sorabji has been elected General Secretary of the Indian Section, and will be resident at Benares, his place on the Executive Committee, meeting at Headquarters, be filled by Mr. Mahdi Hussain Sahab.

Agreed, as before.

5. As Mr. Hydari was unable to attend, to audit the accounts, it was, while thanking him for revising them at Hyderabad in the past,

Resolved: That Mr. P. D. Khan, and Mr. P. R. Lakshmanram (the accountant who audits the quarterly accounts for the Executive Committee) be appointed auditors for the current year, and that the latter be paid Rs. 75.

Agreed, as before.

6. *Resolved*: That the Executive Committee may transfer the Budget amounts from one item to another.

Agreed, as before.

7. The President brought up a request from Mr. Peter de Abrew to be permitted to put up a small Buddhist Vihara in the Headquarters, in his late father's name, at his own cost :

Resolved : That any one of the great religions may raise a small temple, of architectural beauty, at its own cost, on the Headquarters' property, provided that a plan of the temple be submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee, and that the building become the absolute property of the T.S., for the use of theosophical visitors, or residents of that faith. The temple must not be open to the general public, nor used for any purpose save that of private worship.

The Council adjourned till the Convention expenses were ascertained.

MINUTES

*of an adjourned meeting of the General Council, held at Adyar at 7 P.M.,
on January 7th, 1909.*

PRESENT.

Annie Besant	...	...	<i>President.</i>
A. Schwarz	...	...	<i>Honorary Treasurer.</i>
W. B. Fricke	...	...	<i>Recording Secretary.</i>
W. A. English	...	...	<i>Councillor.</i>
V. C. Seshacharri	...	...	"

Mr. Jayatilaka had given in his vote on the only remaining matters, and the Vice-President sent his proxy.

1. The President proposed, in the continuance of Resolution 17, dated 26th December 1908, that the old names of Fellow and Diploma should be used in all official documents where member and certificate are now found.

21 votes for. Against, none. No votes or proxies, 4.

2. That as the expenses and receipts of and at the Convention nearly balance each other, the Treasurer shall pay any small deficit which may ultimately remain, out of 'miscellaneous' item in the Budget. *
Agreed.

3. That the words "the Vice-President, when resident in Madras," be inserted in Rule 14, after the word Chairman, and that the words "exclusive of the President" be omitted.

21 votes for. Against, none. No votes or proxies, 4.

THE COUNCIL ROSE.

* Budgets follow on pp. 114-115.

T.S. BUDGET

INCOME.		Rs.	A. P.
Donations	...	200	0 0
Garden	...	600	0 0
Fees and Dues	...	8,000	0 0
Rent and Interest	...	7,500	0 0
Residents for Headquarters Expenses	...	1,200	0 0
Voted by General Council, from surplus; of 1908, to cover reduction in Fees and Dues.	...	3,000	0 0
Total Rs....		20,500	0 0

ADYAR LIBRARY

INCOME.		Rs.	A. P.
3½ per cent. Interest on Rs. 1,15,105	...	4,029	0 0
Contribution from T.S.	...	2,000	0 0
Donations	...	800	0 0
Total...		6,829	0 0

PER 1909.

EXPENDITURE.		Rs.	A.	P.
Office Salaries	...	800	0	0
Printing and Stationery	...	1,000	0	0
Telegrams and Postages	...	500	0	0
Stable Expenses	...	2,400	0	0
Taxes	...	170	0	0
Charity	...	100	0	0
Furnishing	...	1,000	0	0
Servants' Wages	...	2,500	0	0
Lighting	...	900	0	0
Garden	...	2,500	0	0
Gulistan	...	1,000	0	0
Discount, Collection and Exchange	...	250	0	0
Construction and Repairs	...	3,000	0	0
White Lotus Day	...	150	0	0
Contribution to Adyar Library	...	2,000	0	0
Miscellaneous, including deficit, if any, on Convention Expenses	...	2,230	0	0
Total Rs...		20,500	0	0

BUDGET

1909.

EXPENDITURE.		Rs.	A.	P.
Dr. Schrader's Salary	...	3,000	0	0
Pandits and attendants	...	1,620	0	0
Rent for Olcott Gardens	...	300	0	0
Insurance Premium	...	200	0	0
Journals	...	250	0	0
Books	...	250	0	0
MSS. and Travelling expenses for collecting MSS.	...	300	0	0
Printing Balance Catalogue	...Rs. 200			
" Upanishads	... " 300	500	0	0
Postages	...	250	0	0
Stationery and Sundries	...	159	0	0
Total...		6,829	0	0

BRANCHES
OF THE
THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY
(Corrected up to December 1908.)

The T.S. in America

(CHARTERED 30-10-1886.

RE-CHARTERED 5-6-1895.)

T. S. IN AMERICA

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Akron, Ohio	Akron, T. S.	1908	Mr. A. Ross Read	Miss Mary K. Neff	748, Grant St.
Albany, N. Y.	Albany Lodge T. S.	1908	Mr. E. A. Doty	Miss Adelaide Overton	294, Quail St.
Anaconda, Mont.	Anaconda T. S.	1902	Mr. Edwin B. Catlin	Mrs. Addie M. Tuttle	Durston Bl'k.
Austin, Texas	Austin T. S.	1908	.....	Mr. Fred H. Smith	1328, W. 6th St.
Berkeley, Cal.	Berkeley T. S.	1908	Mr. W. J. Woods	Miss Rosetta Rich	2221, Bancroft Way.
Boston, Mass.	Alpha T. S.	1897	Mr. C. A. Russell	Mr. Nahum Ward	51, Claxton St., Dorchester, Mass.
Do.	Besant T. S.	1908	Miss Helen M. Biscoe	Mrs. Jennie H. Farquhar, P. T.	451, Poplar St., Roslindale, Mass.
Do.	Boston T. S.	1904	Mr. Carl G. B. Knauff	Mrs. Grace E. B. Jenkins	23, Hallis' St., Newton, Mass.
Do.	Huntington Lodge T. S.	1904	.....	Mrs. Harriet E. Shaw	618 Columbus Ave.
Brooklyn, N. Y.	Brooklyn T. S.	1904	Mr. Harold C. Stone	Mrs. H. C. Stowe, P. T.	172 S. Oxford St.
Buffalo, N. Y.	Buffalo T. S.	1897	Mr. Geo. E. Lesh	Miss Agnes Golden	251 West Ave.
Butte, Mont.	Butte Lodge T. S.	1898	Mr. J. E. Lostin	Mr. J. E. Lostin, P. T.	Box 983.
Chicago, Ill.	Blavatsky Lodge T. S.	1908	.....	Mr. John L. Forsyth	328 Dearborn Ave.
Do.	Chicago T. S.	1894	Mr. E. H. Randall	Mrs. Laura A. Randall	1114 Morse Ave., Rogers Park Sta.
Do.	Englewood White Lodge T. S.	1897	Mrs. Maud L. Howard	Mrs. Gustie M. Trull	528 W. 63rd St.

Do.	Hyde Park T. S.	1907	.....	Miss Lillian Kelting	14 Seeley Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio	Cleveland T. S.	1897	Mrs. Emma H. Carpenter.	Mrs. Mattie E. Harris	39 Strathmore Ave., E.
Denver, Colo.	Colorado T. S.	1906	Mrs. Etta Nienhiser	Mrs. Maude W. Nika	2622 Gūpin St.
Do.	Denver T. S.	1897	Mr. S Zinn	Mrs. Ida B. Blakemore	2130 High St.
Detroit, Mich.	Detroit T. S.	1897	Dr. Martin V. Meddaugh.	Mrs. Alice E. Meddaugh	357 Warren Ave., W.
Do.	Vivian Lodge T. S.	1905	Mrs. Mary G. McCackell.	Mr. Frank H. Wells	Wayne, Mich.
Duluth, Minn.	Duluth T. S.	1906	Miss Alice A. Taylor	Mr. Gustave A. Sigismund.	1915 W., Superior St.
Freeport, Ill.	Freeport T. S.	1898	Mr. Thos. D. Wilcoxon	Miss Alma Kunz	42 West St.
Fremont, Nebr.	Fremont T. S.	1907	Mrs. Hannah B. Stephens.	Mrs. Frances J. Wallis	708 E. Sixth St.
Grand Rapids, Mich.	Grand Rapids T. S.	1903	Mr. Phillip L. Faulk	Mrs. Emily M. Stones	169 Ciot Ave.
Great Falls, Mont.	Great Falls T. S.	1902	Miss Caroline Jardine	Mr. Dudley Crowther	Court House.
Helena, Mont.	Helena T. S.	1908	Mr. Frank W. Mettler	Mr. Frank W. Mettler, P. T.	Helena, Mont.
Holyoke, Mass.	Holyoke T. S.	1899	Mrs. Orpha Bell	Mr. John H. Bell	10 Cottage Ave.
Honolulu, H. I.	Honolulu T. S.	1894	Mr. Jas. J. Young	Mrs. Alice M. Stroup	2400 Rost St., Kalihi.
Do.	Oahu Lodge T. S.	1906	Mr. K. M. Cooper	Mrs. J. H. Townsend	Kapiolani Bld'g.
Jackson, Mich.	Jackson T. S.	1897	Mrs. Moselle I. Lewis	Mrs. Garnet B. Thatcher	414 Webb St.
Joplin, Mo.	Joplin T. S.	1908	.....	Mrs. H. A. Leonard, P. T....	211 N. Wall St.
Kansas City, Mo.	Kansas City T. S.	1897	Mr. Elliot Holbrook	Mrs. Dorothy Manning	2308 Harrison St.
Do. Kans.	Kansas City T. S. (Kans.)	1908	Mr. W. E. Barnhart	Mr. Edward Y. Blum	913 Armstrong Ave.

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Kansas City, Mo....	Lotus T. S.	1907	Dr. C. S. MacClintock	4105 Campbell St.
Lima, Ohio	Lima T. S.	1898	Mr. Wm. van Horn	Mr. L. P. Tolby	217 N. Metcalf St.
Lincoln, Nebr.	Lincoln T. S.	1899	Mrs. Fred. Herman	Mrs. May J. Billingeley	436 S. 10th St.
Long Beach, Cal.	Long Beach T. S.	1906	Dr. Amy J. C. Rowse	Mrs. Mary J. Moore	Box 295.
Los Angeles, Cal....	Los Angeles T. S.	1894	Mr. C. F. Holland	Mrs. George E. Ross	1344 Kellam Ave.
Louisville, Ky.	Louisville T. S.	1908	Mr. Geo. H. Willson	Mrs. Margaret F. Chase	725 S. 32nd St.
Melrose Highlands, Mass.	Melrose Highlands T. S.	1905	Mrs. Mary D. Jones	Mrs. Clara I. Haskell	Spring St.
Minneapolis, Minn.	Minneapolis T. S.	1887	Mr. Lauritz Rusten	Miss Ruth Clawson	Beaufort Hotel.
Do.	St. Anthony T. S.	1907	Dr. Geo. F. James	Mrs. Emma S. Lee	599 River Road, S. E.
Do.	Yggdrasil T. S.	1897	Mr. Gunerius Torseth	Mrs. Lena G. Holt	3708 Upton Ave., S.
Muskegon, Mich....	Muskegon T. S.	1890	Mr. F. A. Nims	Mrs. Minnie W. Chase	470 Lake St.
Newark, N. J.	Newark T. S.	1908	Mrs. Henry Kern	Mrs. Mildred E. Kern	930 Clinton Ave., Irvington, N. J.
Newton Highlands, Mass.	Dharma Lodge T. S.	1897	Mrs. Minnie C. Holbrook.	Miss Phoebe Holbrook	1054 Walnut St.
New Orleans, La.	New Orleans T. S.	1898	Mr. Carl F. Redwitz	Mrs. Marcella O. Hatton.	641 S. Gayoso St.
New York, N. Y....	Central Lodge T. S.	1908	Mrs. Mary M. Dunn	Mrs. Mary M. Dunn	28 W. 65th St.
Do.	Inter-State T. S.	1908	Mr. F. F. Knothe	Mrs. L. S. von Kieffer	250 W. 14th St.

Do.	...	New York T. S.	...	1897	Mr. Earle H. Brewster ...	Mrs. Emilie B. Welton	...	159 E. 36th St.
Norfolk, Va.	...	Norfolk T. S.	...	1904	Mr. Albert P. Warrington.	Miss Marie Pontz	...	14 Pelham Place.
Oakland, Cal.	...	Oakland T. S.	...	1898	Mrs. Cora G. Owens	Mrs. Esther Talbot	...	485 Moss Ave.
Pasadena, Cal.	...	Pasadena Lodge T. S.	...	1896	Mr. Frank T. Merritt	Mrs. Mary O. MacFarland.	...	35 S. Wilson Ave.
Peabody, Mass.	...	Peabody Lodge T. S.	...	1905	Mrs. M. S. Jacobs	Mrs. Grace E. F. Hicks	...	62 Washington St.
Philadelphia, Pa.	...	Philadelphia T. S.	...	1897	Mr. Edw. C. Tingley.	Miss Emma Troth	...	Room 35, 1020 Chestnut St.
Pierre, So. Dakota	...	Pierre T. S.	...	1899	Mr. Henry A. Farmer	Mr. Wallace E. Calhoun	...	Box 182.
Pittsburgh, Pa.	...	Pittsburgh T. S.	...	1907	Mr. John M. MacMillan.	Miss Jeanette M. Eaton	...	7036 Franktown Ave.
Portland, Ore.	...	Portland, T. S.	...	1894	Mr. F. A. Weyers	Mr. Robert G. MacMullen	...	170 Ella St.
Rochester, N. Y.	...	Rochester T. S.	...	1897	Mr. John A. Marzahl	Mr. John L. Goddard	...	87 Ave., D.
Saginaw, Mich.	...	Saginaw T. S.	...	1898	Mr. Lincoln Bradt	Mr. Harvey C. Warrant	...	318 Bearinger B'ldg., E. S.
San Diego, Cal.	...	San Diego T. S.	...	1897	Mr. W. J. Walters	Mrs. Clara B. Walters	...	2 A. St.
San Francisco, Cal.	...	California Lodge T. S.	...	1904	Miss Marie A. Walsh	Mr. J. G. Allan	...	2617 Pine St.
Do.	...	Golden Gate T. S.	...	1895	Mr. Irving S. Cooper	Mrs. Dora Rosner	...	1001 Oak St.
Do.	...	San Francisco T. S.	...	1901	Judge Sydney Thomas	Miss Florence Schinkel	...	1468 Third St.
Santa Cruz, Cal.	...	Santa Cruz T. S.	...	1898	Mrs. Nellie H. Uhden	Mrs. Frances A. Cox	...	538 Ocean Ave.
Santa Rosa, Cal.	...	Santa Rosa T. S.	...	1900	Mr. C. H. van der Linden.	Mr. Peter van der Linden.	...	333 Second St.
St. Joseph, Mo.	...	St. Joseph T. S.	...	1897	Miss Salina Sharp	Mrs. Alice Blum	...	1011 N. 18th St.
St. Louis, Mo.	...	St. Louis T. S.	...	1898	Mrs. Florence W. Richard- son.	Mr. C. F. Johnson	...	3982 Lincoln Ave.

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St. Paul, Minn.	St. Paul T. S.	1891	Mr. H. H. Fuller	Miss Angie K. Hern	259 Dayton Ave.
Seattle, Wash.	Seattle T. S.	1896	Mr. Wm. Barnes	Mrs. C. Wilkinson	5244 University Bld'g.
Sheridan, Wyo.	Sheridan T. S.	1896	Mr. F. Herbat	Mr. Virga N. Ladd	115 S. Gould St.
Spokane, Wash.	Spokane T. S.	1903	Mrs. Lizze Sanders	Mrs. Ada M. Rosenzweig	397 E. Rusk Ave.
Springfield, Mass.	Springfield T. S.	1907	Mr. Frank M. Livingstone.	Mr. Fred. J. Hart	44 Dexter St.
Superior, Wis.	Superior T. S.	1900	Mr. A. L. Williams	Mrs. Mary F. Somerville	1614 12th St.
Syracuse, N. Y.	Syracuse T. S.	1897	Mr. Henry E. de Voe	Miss Fannie C. Spaulding.	2364 Mid'd Ave. Onon, V. S.
Tacoma, Wash.	Tacoma T. S.	1899	Mrs. Adna Beals	Mr. G. A. Weber	1529 S. E. St.
Toledo, Ohio	Toledo T. S.	1892	Mrs. Kate F. Kirby	Mr. Nels Swanson	907 Madison St.
Topeka, Kansas	Topeka T. S.	1897	Mr. Francis M. Groves	Mrs. Jennie Griffin	714 Home St.
Washington, D. C.	Capital City T. S.	1907	Mr. W. W. Baker	Mrs. Florence Duffie	804 I. St., N. W.
Do.	Washington T. S.	1897	Mr. Harrie J. Carnes	Mrs. Sarah M. MacDonald	222 A. St., S. E.
Wilmette, Ill.	Wilmette T. S.	1908	.....	Mr. C. H. Mowry	1907 Forest Ave.
Canada.					
Montreal	Montreal T. S.	1905	Mr. E. R. Dalley	Miss Grace I. Watson	c/o P. O. Box 323.
Toronto	Toronto T. S.	1891	Mr. A. G. Horwood	Mr. Elmer Ogilvie	215 Wellesley St.
Vancouver, B. C.	Vancouver T. S.	1898	Mr. W. H. Varco	Mr. James Cuthbertson	727 Carl Ave.
Victoria, B. C.	Victoria T. S.	1901	Mrs. Mary King	Mrs. E. Dresser	2648 Blanchard St.

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The T. S. in Great Britain

(CHARTERED 19-01-1888.

RE-CHARTERED AS EUROPEAN SECTION 17-7-1891.

NOW KNOWN AGAIN AS BRITISH SECTION.)

T. S. IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Bath	Bath Lodge	1900*	Miss Severs	Miss Sweet	36, Henrietta Street, Bath.
Birmingham	Annie Besant Lodge	1908	George Tubbs	Mrs. Smith	The Cedars, Hillfield Road, Hall Green, Birmingham.
Do.	Birmingham Lodge	1890*	F. J. Hooper	A. P. Wilkins	157, High St., Harborne, Birmingham.
Bournemouth	Bournemouth Lodge	1892*	Dr. Nunn	Mrs. Nunn	Gestingthorpe, King's Park Road, Bournemouth.
Bradford	Bradford Lodge	1902*	F. D. Harrison	Miss Pattinson	41, Woodview, Manningham, Bradford.
Brighton	Brighton Lodge	1890*	Dr. A. King	H. G. Massingham	133, Western Road, Hove, Brighton.
Bristol	Bristol Lodge	1893*	Miss G. Platnauer	T. R. Freeman	30, Cromwell Road, Bristol.
Burnley	Burnley Lodge	1907	W. T. Whitaker	A. H. Jackson	Moseley House, Burnley.
Didsbury	Didsbury Lodge	1902*	E. E. Maraden	Mrs. Worthington	15, Wellington Road, Withington, Manchester.
Dublin	Dublin Lodge	1904*	G. W. Russell	H. F. Norman	34, Wicklow St., Dublin.
Edinburgh	Edinburgh Lodge	1893*	Mrs. Drummond	Mrs. Hay	20, Northumberland Street, Edinburgh.

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Exeter	Exeter Lodge	1901*	Lt. Col. Montague	Miss Wheaton	19, Bedford Circus, Exeter.
Glasgow	Glasgow Lodge	1900	.....	J. P. Allan	5, West Regent St., Glasgow.
Hale	Hale Lodge	1908	D. N. Dunlop	Sidney Ransom	Ferney Lea, Ashley Road, Hale, Cheshire.
Harrogate	Harrogate Lodge	1892*	Hodgson Smith	Mrs. Bell	Dunelm, Franklin Road, Harrogate.
Hull	Hull Lodge	1902*	H. E. Nichol	Mrs. Burton	Vrede, Marlborough Avenue, Hull.
Leeds	Leeds Lodge	1900	E. Outhwaite	F. F. Laycock	37, Wood Lane, Headingley, Leeds.
Liverpool	City of Liverpool Lodge	1895*	M. E. P. Zeper	Mrs. Avery	Eldon House, Hayton, Liverpool.
London	Adelphi Lodge	1891*	J. M. Watkins	W. E. Foster	Ladywell Spencer Road, Harpenden.
Do.	Battersea Lodge	1901*	Miss Bird	A. P. Cattanaach	27, Dault Road, Wandsworth Com., S. W.
Do.	Blavatsky Lodge	1887	G. R. S. Mead	Miss Eardley-Wilmot	28, Albemarle St., W.
Do.	Croydon Lodge	1898*	P. Tovey	Miss K. Veale	The Beeches, Cypress Road, South Norwood Hill, S. E.
Do.	H. P. B. Lodge	1907	Mrs. Sharpe	A. S. Banks	42, Craven Road, Paddington, W.
Do.	Hampstead Lodge	1897*	Mrs. Alan Leo	A. S. Ellerbeck	3, Spring Gardens, Goudar Gardens, Hampstead, N. W.
Do.	London Lodge	1878	A. P. Sinnett	Pres., 14, Westbourne Terrace Rd., W.

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London	North London Lodge ...	1893*	H. Twelvetees	A. C. Marsh	71, Etherley Road, South Tottenham, N.
Do.	West London Lodge ...	1897*	Miss Ward	G. H. Whyte	42, Craven Road, Padding- ton W.
Manchester	Manchester City Lodge	1892*	E. Wood	Miss L. M. Ker	81, Lloyd St., Deansgate, Manchester.
Middlesbrough	Middlesbrough Lodge...	1893*	W. H. Thomas	Baker Hudson	113, Grange Road East, Middlesbrough.
Nottingham	Nottingham Lodge ...	1902	A. Wilkinson	F. A. Johnson	10, Patrick Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.
Plymouth	Plymouth Lodge ...	1902	A. Weekes	R. J. Ellis	53, Peverell Park Road, Plymouth.
Portsmouth	Portsmouth Lodge ...	1907	B. B. Lyons	Mrs. Lyons	St. Catherine's, Grove Road, Southsea.
Scottish	Scottish Lodge (Private Lodge).†	1884*	.....	Dr. G. Dickson	9, India Street, Edinburgh.
Sheffield	Sheffield Lodge ...	1896*	C. E. Young	Mrs. Pexton	The Grange, Dore, Sheffield.
Southampton	Southampton Lodge ...	1903*	Miss E. M. Green	Mrs. Hollick	Henley, Roberts' Road, Hill, Southampton.
Surbiton	Surbiton Lodge ...	1906*	Mrs. Leo	W. Dexter	Valetta, King Charles Road, Surbiton.

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Tyneside	..	Tyneside Lodge	..	1902	J. Watson	...	Lily House, Ocean View, Whitley Bay, Northumber- land.
Wakefield	...	Wakefield Lodge	...	1905*	H. Wilson	...	C. A. Brotherton	...	Craven House, Bellevue, Wakefield, Yorks.
York	...	York Lodge	...	1908*	J. E. Reid	..	.....	...	Pres., 49, Grosvenor Terrace, York.
Antwerp	...	Antwerp Lodge	..	1893*	Belgium. Armand Maciot	...	J. Claessens	...	300, Rue Province Sud, Antwerp.
Brussels	...	Anglo-Belge Branche...	...	1905*	Mrs. Peet	...	Mrs. Peet	...	19, Rue Forrestière, Avenue Louise, Brussels.
Do.	...	Centrale Belge Branche..	...	1898*	N. C. J. Brandenbourg	...	Miss Lilly Carter	...	21, Rue du Vallon, St. Josse-ten-Noode, Brussels.
Do.	...	Brussels Lodge	...	1898	W. Kohlen	...	A. Vonderstraeter	...	19, Rue des Commerçants, Brussels.
Do.	..	Lotus Blanc Lodge	...	1903*	Mme. A. de Martines Waller.	...	Mlle. V. Andre	...	57, Rue Veronèse, Brussels.
Barcelona	...	Ariuna Lodge	...	1908	Spain. Sna. Carmen Mateos	...	Manuel Ramos Quesada,	...	Ronda San Pedro, 38, Barce- lona.
Do.	...	Barcelona Lodge	...	1898	José Granes	...	Francisco Bares	...	Ronda de San Antonio 61, 4°, 2°, Barcelona.
Madrid	...	Madrid Lodge	...	1893*	José Xifré	...	Manuel Treviño	...	127, dup°, 3° Atocha, Madrid.
Lagos	...	Lagos Lodge	...	1904	Africa. A. Diyaolu	...	J. A. Fashanu	...	Martins St., Lagos.

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			Centres.		
	Bridlington Centre	W. H. Sanderson	Roselea, Blackbarn Avenue, Bridlington.
	Cardiff Centre ...	...	.....	W. Patrick	13, Bangor Road, Cardiff.
	Crouch End Centre ...	...	.....	B. G. Theobald	The Hawthorns, Hornsey Lane, London, N.
	Dennistown Centre ...	...	.....	R. J. Somerside	118, Garthland Drive, Dennistown, Glasgow.
	Dundee Centre ...	...	.....	J. L. Eadie	Beechwood Newport-on-Tay, Fife.
	Eastbourne Centre ...	...	.....	Miss Rosemary Greene	67, Royal Parade, Eastbourne.
	Folkestone Centre ...	...	.....	J. Huxtable	Stanhope Lodge 2, Brookman Road, Folkestone.
	Golbourne ...	...	.....	.....	.....
	Greenock Centre ...	...	.....	J. Ross	19, Nelson St., W., Greenock.
	Hampstead Heath Centre.*	...	.....	Miss K. Shaw	Stanfield House, Hampstead, N. W.
	Leeds Centre ...	...	.....	Miss A. K. Kennedy	38, Potternewton Lane, Leeds.
	Letchworth	Miss Hope Rea	Overhill, Letchworth, Herts.
	Lewisham Centre	A. Haddock	73, Drakefell Road, Brockley S. E.

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Margate Centre	H. A. Vase	...	7, Connaught Rd., Margate.
Merthyr Centre *	E. M. Thomas	...	18, Park Place, Merthyr, Wales.
Norwich Centre	.	...	...	.....	...	.....
Oxford Centre	...	...	...	Mrs. Anderson	...	Fairacres House, Oxford.
South Edinburgh Centre	...	...	...	Miss Pagan	...	24, Newbattle Terrace, Edin- burgh.
Stoke-on-Trent Centre.	Thomas Osaman	...	36, South St., Mount Plea- sant, Stoke-on-Trent.

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The T.S. in India.

(CHARTERED 1-1-1891.)

T. S. IN INDIA.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Adoni	The Adoni T. S.	29-12-1882	Mr. T. Parasuram Chetty.	...	Pres., Rambloss Press, Adoni
Adyar	The Adyar Lodge T. S.	28-1-1897	Mr. A. Schwarz	Miss. F. A. Fuller.	Hdqs. T. S., Adyar. Madras. S.
Agra	The Agra T. S.	1893	...	Babu Lakshmi Narayan	Lohamandi Bagh Anta, Agra.
Ahmedabad	The Ahmedabad T. S.	28-3-1899	Mr. Ganesh Gopal Pandit, B.A.	Mr. Chiman Lal N. Doshi, B.A., LL.B.	Bhadra, Ratanpal, Ahmeda- bad.
Ajmere	The Ajmere T. S.	13-3-1906	Babu Fatehchand Mehta.	Babu Choubey Mulchand	Clerk, Asst. S. Office, R.M. Ry., Ajmere.
Akola	The Akola T. S.	13-12-1901	Mr. N.K. Padhke	Mr. W. L. Chiplonkar	Pleader, Akola.
Aligarh	The Aryan Patriotic T.S.	30-3-1883	Babu Kedarnath Chatter- jee, B.A.	Babu Radha Krishna Lal	Postal Press, Aligarh.
Allahabad	The Prayag T. S.	27-7-1881	Babu Rameshwar Prasad	Babu Bhagwandas Bhargava	Vakil, High Court, Allahabad.
Do.	The Anand Bhawan T. S.	12-8-1908	Babu Ganganatha Jha, M.A.	Mrs. M. H. G. Anthony	4, Cutcherry Road, Allaha- bad.
Do.	The Golden Chain T. S.	2-12-1908	Mr. Vishnu Narayan Bhar- gava	Babu Kameshwar Prasad Bhargava.	235, Bahadurgunj, Allaha- bad.
Alleppy	The Annapurna T. S.	20-10-1903	Mr. S. Venkatarama Naidu, L.M.S.	Mr. K. S. Dharmaraja Iyer, B.A., L.T.	Head Master, S. D. Vidhya- sala, Alleppy.
Amalapuram	The Amalapuram T. S.	21-8-1901	Mr. C. Virabhadrayya	Mr. C. Perayya Naidu	Amalapuram.

Ambasamudram	The Ambasamudram T. S.	6-8-1889	Mr. T. Swami Iyer	Mr. H. T. Subbarami Aiyar	Pleader, Ambasamudram.
Amraoti	The Amraoti T. S.	12-1-1900	Mr. N. M. Desai	Mr. B. G. Bodhankar	Pleader, Amraoti.
Amritsar	The Jignyesa T. S.	6-12-1896	.....	Lala Suraj Bhan	Professor, Khales College, Amritsar.
Anamalai	The Anamalai Narayan Lodge.	24-11-1904	Mr. C. R. Nallaveerappa Mudaliar.	Mr. T. M. Gurnamanadaswami Mudaliar.	Misrader, Vettakarampudur, Post Anamalai, District Coimbatore.
Anantapur	The Anantapur T. S.	23-9-1885	M. R. Ry. V. E. Sudarmanam Mudaliar.	M. R. Ry. R. Arunachala Row.	Stationary Sub Magistrate, Anantapur.
Arni	The Sri Krishna Lodge T. S.	1-9-1885	M. R. Ry. T. Krishnaswami Naidu Garu.	Mr. R. Vaidyanatha Iyer	Head Master, Board Middle School, Arni.
Arrah	The Arrah T. S.	19-11-1882	Mr. Kali Prasanna Banerjee.	Mr. Jang Bahadur	Pleader, Arrah.
Aska	The Tattwanu Sandhanam T. S.	10-2-1901	Mr. C. Venkataramaya Pantulu.	Mr. K. Krishna Ramalingam Pantulu.	2nd Grade Pleader, Aska.
Avarami	The Narayan Lodge T. S.	24-2-1908	Mr. S. Madhuranayagam Pillai.	Mr. K. M. Ramaswami Pillai.	Avarami, Pudducherry B. O., via Sikkil, Tanjore Jr.
Badagara	The Mahadeva T. S.	7-8-1902	Mr. T. Kannan Nair	Mr. V. R. Subrahmanya Aior	Pleader, Dt. Munsiff's Court, Badagara, N. Malabar.
Baidyanath	The Brahma Vidya Sabha T. S.	2-2-1899	Babu Beni Madhab Mitter	Rai Bahadur Baroda Prasad Basu.	Retired Executive Engineer.
Bangalore Cant.	The Bangalore Cantonment T. S.	17-8-1886	Mr. N. P. Subramania Iyer, B.A.	Mr. A. Singaravelu Mudaliar	Resident's Office, Bangalore.
Bangalore City	The Bangalore City T. S.	14-11-1905	Mr. Y. Srinivasa Row	Mr. C. R. Doraswami Naidu	Dodanna's Hall, Fort, Bangalore
Bankipore	The Behar T. S.	2-14-1882	Babu Fumendu Narain Sinha, M.A., B.L.	Babu Siva Sankar Sahaya ..	Pres., Government Pleader, Bankipur.
Bankura	The Sanjeevan T. S.	24-6-1893	Mr. C. Shanne	.....	Pres., Bar-at-Law, Bankura.
Bapatla	The Bapatla T. S.	24-1-1901	..	Mr. C. Venkataratri, B.A.	Pleader, Bapatla.

T. 8. IN INDIA—(Continued).

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Barabanki	The Janadaya T. S. ...	2-7-1883	Pandit Parmeshri Das ...	.....	Pres., Govt. Pleader, Barabanki.
Barilly	The Rohilkhand T. S. ...	17-11-1881	Babu Rai Kishan Lal Sahab.	.....	Pres., Barilly.
Barisal	The Barisal T. S. ...	16-6-1887	Babu Dinabandhu Sen ...	Babu Jagdish Mukerjee ...	Head Master, B. M. Institution, Barisal.
Barnipore	The Anandomoyee T. S. ...	31-1-1905	Babu Durgadas Roy Choudhury.	Babu Haridas Roy Choudhury.	Barnipore, 24, Pargannas.
Baroda	The Rewah T. S. ...	19-8-1882	.....	Rao Sahab Trimbakraso S. Deshmukh, L. C. E.	Dandya Dazaar Road, Baroda.
Belgaum	The Belgaum T. S. ...	27-6-1901	Mr. G. B. Kamat B.A., LL.B.	Mr. V. Sakharan Row	Pleader, Belgaum.
Bellary	The Bellary T. S. ...	30-12-1882	.....	The Hon'ble K. Venkata Row.	1st Grade Pleader, Bellary.
Benares	The Kashi Tatwa Sabha T. S.	27-2-1886	Babu Bhagwan Das, M.A.	Babu Ram Saran Das	Asi Ghat near water works, Benares City.
Berhampore (Bengal).	The Adi Bhoutic Bhatri T. S.	8-11-1882	Babu Narendra Krishna Dutt, B.L.	Babu Nafar Das Roy	Zamindar, Gorabazar, Berhampore, Bengal.
Do. (Madras)	The Berhampore T. S.	30-4-1901	Mr. Banga Row	Mr N. Ramamurthy Pantulu	District Munsiff, Berampore, Ganjam.
Berwada	The Berwada T. S. ...	7-10-1887	Mr. T. Venkata Narasiah.	Mr. T. Seehachala Row	Retired Pleader, Berwada.
Bhagalpore	The Bhagalpore T. S. ...	7-11-1882	Mr. Harendra Lal Rai ...	Mr. Anant Prasad	c/o Manager, Bannily Raj, Bhagalpore.
Bhalod	The Bhalod T. S. ...	12-1-1906	Mr. Muljibhai Raghunathji Trivedi.	.....	Pres., Talooka School master Bhalod (Ankleshwar).
Bhandara	The Waranganga T. S. ...	19-3-1903	Mr. Vishwanath Nilkanth Pandit.	.....	Pres., Pleader, Bhandara. ...
Bhavnagar	The Bhavnagar T. S. ...	10-5-1882	Mr. D. Mahipatray Oza ...	Mr. Bhannprasad Dajibhoj.	Blagtolia Street, Bhavnagar.
Bhawaniipur	The Bhawanipur T. S. ...	1-2-1904	.....	Babu Kalidas Roy Choudhury.	56, Fuddopukur Road, Bhawanipur.

Bijapore	...	The Bijapore T. S.	...	8-10-1905	Mr. R. V. Kamitkar	...	Mr. G. K. Harkare	...	Shahapurpett, Bijapore, S. M. C.
Bombay	...	The Blavatsky Lodge T. S.	...	20-2-1880	Mr. N. P. Munshi	...	21, Hornby Row, Fort, Bom- bay.
Do.	...	The Dharmalaya T. S.	...	2-3-1901	.....	...	Mr. Gajanan Vaidya, B.A.	c/o Messrs. Vaidya Brothers, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay.
Broach	...	The Atma Vidya Lodge T. S.	...	10-7-1900	Rao Bahadur Motilal Chunilal.	...	Mr. Thakeral Ghelabhai Dessai	Chunarnada, Broach.	
Budhgaon	...	The Nitee Vardhini T. S.	...	31-10-1905	Rao Bahadur D. K. Pandit	...	Mr. Balvant Pandurang Ghalsasi.	Pleader, Budhgaon Miraj Jr. State.	
Calcutta	...	The Bengal T. S.	...	17-4-1883	The Hon. Norendro Nath Sen.	...	Babu Hirendra Nath Dutta, M.A., B.L.	87, Amherst Street, Cal- cutta.	
Do.	...	The Ananda Darjeepara T. S.	...	31-10-1905	Babu Hari Charan Roy.	...	Babu Rajendra Nath Mittra.	15, Chidam Mudi's Lane, Darjeepara, Calcutta.	
Do.	...	The Madan Mohan Lodge T. S.	...	4-1-1906	Pt. Khirrod Prasad Bidya- binod.	...	Babu Manmath Mohan Bose.	226, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta.	
Calicut	...	The Sri Sankara Char- ya T. S.	...	15-3-1902	Mr. B. Ramunni Menon	...	Mr. Manjeri Sundara Ramah Iyer, B.A., B.L.	High Court Vakil, Chala- puram, Calicut.	
Cawnpore	...	The Chohan T. S.	...	10-3-1882	.....	...	Babu Haran Chandra Deb...	Translator, Judge's Court.
Chapra	...	The Chapra T. S.	...	23-2-1899	Babu Charu Chandra Chowdhury	...	Babu Ram Prasad B.A., B. L.	Pleader, Chapra, Behar.	
Chicacole	...	The Chicacole Lodge T. S.	...	2-7-1903	Rao Bahadur T. V. Siva Row	...	Mr. Gujjari K. Patrudu,	Telegraph Master, Chicacole.	
Chickballapore	...	The Chickballapore T. S.	...	12-6-1903	.....	...	Mr. B. P. Lakshmi Narain Aiyer.	Head Master, A.-V. School, Chickballapore.
Chickmagalore	...	The Sri Dattatriya Lodge T. S.	...	15-5-1905	Mr. M. B. Srinivasa Iyen- gar, M.A.	...	Mr. K. Srinivasa Row	1st Grade Pleader, Chickmag- alore.	

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Chidambaram	The Chidambaram T. S.	25-7-1902	Mr. T. H. Jagannadha Iyer.	2nd Grade Pleader, Chidambaram.
Chingleput	The Chingleput T. S.	7-1-1883	Mr. D. Raghurama Row.	Mr. A. Krishnamachariar	Pleader, Chingleput.
Chinsurah	The Chinsurah T. S.	19-3-1903	Babu Ashutosh Chatterjee, M.A.	Babu Hem Sashi Shome	Sham Babu's-ghat, Chinsurah
Chintamani	The Chintamani T.S.	1-7-1908	Mr. C. Ramachandra Row	Mr. K. Venkatanaruppa	Chintamani, Mysore Province.
Chitaldrug	The Chitaldrug T. S.	10-4-1905	Mr. B. Raghunatha Rao, B.A.	Mr. N. Bhima Rao	Pleader, Chitaldrug.
Chittore (Madras).	The Chittore T. S.	29-4-1884	.....	M.R.Ry. C. M. Duraswami Mudaliar, B.A., B.L.	District Court Vakil, Chittore.
Chittur (Cochin)	The Chittur T. S.	14-10-1902	.....	Mr. P. Karunakara Menon	Pleader, Chittur, Cochin State.
Chodavaram	The Sri Goureshwar Lodge T. S.	24-4-1908	Mr. R. Jagannath Sastry.	Mr. K. Narsimham	2nd Grade Pleader, Chodavaram.
Chuda	The Chuda T. S.	10-1-1905	Mr. Keshavlal P. Vaidya.	Mr. Keshavlal B h a w a n i Shunker Vyas.	Head Master, Sannatana Dharma English School, Chuda, Kathiawar.
Cocanada	The Gantama T. S.	10-5-1885	The Hon'ble K. Perazau Pantulu Garu.	.....	Cocanada
Cochin	The Ramananda T. S.	7-11-1902	Mr. M. Jogiah Pai	Mr. Narayan Vishnoo Mohe.	of Mesara. Ramachandra Mahadev & Co., Cochin.
Coimbatore	The Coimbatore T. S.	7-10-1888	Mr. T. S. Balakrishna Iyer, B.A., B.L.	M.R.Ey. C. T. Tiruvankatasami Naidu.	Thomas Street, Coimbatore.
Colombo	The Hope Lodge T. S.	1891*	Mrs. M. M. Higgins	Miss J. A. Whittam	Musurus School, 8, Rosmead Place, Cinnamon Gardens.
Comilla (Tipperah).	The Tatwagyana Sabha T. S.	28-5-1889	Rajkumar Navadvipchandra Dev Varman Bahadur	Babu Chandra Kumar Guba.	Sherishtadar, Collectorate, East Bengal.

* Became attached to the Indian Section T. S. in 1898.

Conjeevaram	...	The Satyavrata T. S. ...	2-11-1897	Mr. N. Venkata Raghava Iyer.	Mr. G. S. Abboyi Nayadu ...	Retired Sub-Assistant In- pector of Schools, Conjee- varam. Pleader, Coondapur.
Coondapur	...	The Coondapur T. S. ...	27-3-1902	Mr. B. Vaikunta Baligar...	Mr. B. Subbia Row	Pleader, Coondapur.
Cuddalore	...	The Cuddalore T. S. ...	9-1-1889	M.R.Ry. M. Tylansyakam Pillai.	M.P.Ry. R. Venkata Row Garu.	Pleader, District Munsiff's Court, Cuddalore.
Cuddapah	...	The Cuddapah T. S. ...	2-12-1886	Mr. A. Nanjundappa, B.A., B.L.	Mr. C. Ramaia Pantulu Garu, B.A., L.T.	Head Master, Municipal High School, Cuddapah.
Daltonganj	...	The Daltonganj T. S. ...	24-2-1908	Raja Bhagwan Dayal ...	Mr. Kedarnath Datt, B.A., B.L.	Pleader, Daltonganj, Bihar.
Dehra-Dun	...	The Dehra-Dun T. S. ...	8-5-1892	Lala Baldeo Sing	Babu Ishan Chandra Dev, B.A.	G. T. Survey Office, U.P., Dehra Dun.
Delhi	...	The Indraprastha T. S. ...	1-3-1883	Hai Pyarelal Sahab	Miss L. Gmeiner	Rajpur Road, Civil Lines, Delhi.
Dewas	...	The Resant Branch T.S.	9-3-1903	Mr. Gargadhar N. Sastri, M.A.	Mr. Narayan Mahadev Desai	Pres., Supdt., State Educa- tion, Dewas.
Dharwar	...	The Tatvanveshana T.S.	22-10-1902	Mr. R. C. Basaya	Mr. G. A. Subramanya Iyer.	Clerk, Stationery Stores, S.M.Ry., Dharwar.
Dhulia	...	The Dhulia T. S. ...	25-3-1904	.....	Mr. Ramchandra Narsingh Ramsingh	Nazir, Dhulia, Dist. Khan- deeb.
Diamond Harbour	...	The Ganga Sagur T. S.	20-1-1904	Mr. Chundra Kumar Ghose.	Mr. Sarada Prasad Dutt	Muktear, Sub-Division, Dia- mond Harbour.
Dindigal	...	The Dindigal T. S. ...	9-3-1894	Mr. L. A. Vengusami Iyer	Mr. K. Kuppusami Iyer	High Court Yakil, Dindigal.
Dodballapore	...	The Dodballapore T. S.	4-9-1905	Mr. H. Soora Sastri	Mr. D. Kongadiappa	Pleader, Dodballapore.
Durbhanga	...	The Durbhanga T. S....	25-4-1893	Babu Jagadiah Chandrasen	Babu Hari Ram Sahay	Pleader, Laheria Sarsi, Dur- bhanga.
Edamahal	...	The Sri Ram Chandra Lodge T. S.	31-10-1905	Mr. M. R. Vijaya Ragava- lu Naidu Garu.	Mr. L. Subramaniam.	Edamahal via Shiyali, Tan- jore Dist.
Ellore	...	The Gupta Vidya T. S.	7-10-1887	Mr. S. Sitarumatah, B.A., B.L.	Pleader, Ellore.

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Enangudy	The Sri Krishna Lodge.	22-3-1904	Mr. V. Ramachandran Naidu Garu.	Mr. N. Steenivas Naidu Garu.	Enangudy, Tanjore.
Ernaculam	The Ernaculam T. S.	11-1891	Mr. T. C. Krishna Menon.	Mr. P. Govinda Menon	Ernaculam.
Etawah	The Etawah T. S.	17-10-1901	Babu Mohi Lal	Babu Dharm Narayan	Vakil, Etawah.
Etatyapuram	The Etatyapuram T. S.	9-7-1908	Raja Jagaveerama Venkateswara	Mr. V. C. Rangaswami Iyengar.	Head Master, Raja's High School, Etatyapuram.
Fatchgarh	The Gnan Marga T. S.	17-1-1885	Mr. P. T. Brooks	Babu Anand Behari Lal	Vakil, Fatchgarh, U. P.
Ferozepur	The Ferozepur T. S.	24-8-1901	Babu L. Ram Lal	Pt. Bishen Das	English Teacher, Govt. School, Ferozepur.
Ghazipore	The Ghazipore T. S.	2-11-1883	Rai Bahadur Gagan Chandra Roy.	Babu Baijnath	Munsiff, Ghazipore.
Giddalore	The Giddalore T. S.	1-11-1904	Mr. C. Shankar Row	Mr. D. Kasai Reddy	Landlord, Giddalore.
Gooty	The Gooty T. S.	13-12-1888	Mr. A. S. Ponnuswami Iyer	Mr. M. Subba Row	Pleader, Gooty.
Gorakhpur	The Sarva Hitakari T. S.	7-6-1883	Dr. Jageshwar Rai	Babu Ayodhya Das	Bar-at-Law, Gorakhpur.
Gudivada	The Gudivada T. S.	20-12-1898	.....	Mr. T. G. Krishnamurthy	T. S. Gudiwada.
Gulbarga	The Gulbarga T. S.	15-3-1906	.....	Mr. Keshava Gopal Padalkar	Teacher Govt. High School, Gulbarga.
Guntur	The Krishna T. S.	17-5-1882	Mr. G. Suryanarayana Row	Mr. P. Sanjivayya	Sub-Registrar, Guntur, Dist. Krishna.
Guruvayur	The Guruvayur T. S.	24-2-1908	Mr. Kunjannai Rajah	Mr. P. M. Subramania Iyer.	Guruvayur, N. Malabar.
Gya	The Gya T. S.	17-11-1882	Babu Basij Nath Singh	Mr. Nilkantha Sahay	Pleader, Gya, Behar.

Habiganj	The Habiganj T. S. ...	25-9-1897	....	Babu Sudarsana Das, B.A., B.L.	Pleader, Habiganj, Assam.
Hadala	The Hadala T. S. ...	30-6-1902	Darbar Sri Wala Vajsur Valera.	Mr. Anandrai Ranchoddas Vaishnav.	P. O. Hadala, near Kunko- nav, Bombay.
Hindupore	The Hindupore T. S. ...	30-5-1906	Mr. P. Venkatachari ...	Mr. Venugopal Raju ...	Sanitary Inspector, Hindupore.
Hoogly	The Hoogly T. S. ...	2-2-1900	Babu Shyama Das Muker- jee, M.A.	Dr. Prasad Das Mullick, M.B.	Druggist's Hall, Chinsurah.
Hoshiarpore	The Satsanga T. S. ...	23-9-1903	....	Mr. L. Ajudhya Prasad, M.A.	Pleader, Chief Court, Ho- shiarpoore.
Hospet	The Hospet T. S. ...	10-6-1904	Mr. Adoni Bhima Rao ...	Mr. S. Sarvajnacharya ...	Pleader, Hospet.
Hubli	The Hubli T. S. ...	15-3-1904	Mr. S. R. Koppikor ...	Mr. G. A. Hoskote ...	Asst. Acct. and Clerk, Loco- Supdt.'s Office, Hubli.
Hyderabad (Deccan).	The Hyderabad T. S. ...	17-12-1882	Mr. Dorabji Dossabhoj ...	Mr. Jehangir Sorabji ...	Chadder Ghat, Hyderabad, Deccan.
Hyderabad (Sind).	The Brahma Vichara T. S.	26-2-1901	Mr. Khanchand Prataprai, B.A.	Mr. Pahlajrai Lilaram ...	Training College, Hydera- bad, Sind.
Jamnoo	The Ranbir Pratab T. S.	18-1-1901	Rai Sahib Dewan Daya Kishen Kaul.	Mr. Ajudhia Prasad ...	Private Secretary's Office, Srinagar.
Jaynagar	The Radhaballav Lodge T. S.	6-3-1905	Babu Ramdas Banerjee, B.A.	Babu Nanda Gopal Dutta ...	Zamindar, Mojlipore, Jay- nagar P.O., 24-Pargannas
Jhansi	The Sattya Prakash T.S.	4-6-1904	Babu Hur Narayan ...	Babu Devi Dayal Bhargava.	Forest Department, Jhansi.
Jiaganj	The Jiaganj T. S. ...	21-9-1906	Babu Sri Madhav Chatterji.	Babu Panna Lal Singh ...	Jiaganj, Murshidabad.
Jodhpur	The Besant Lodge T. S.	21-8-1903	Pt. Niranjanath Garth a Reva.	Mr. K. Manjunath Bhatji B. A.	Head Clerk, Customs Office, Jodhpur.
Jullandur	The Takvagnyan Pra- charini T. S.	18-11-1893	Sardar Kumar Pratap Singh (of Kapurthala).	Babu Chajjimal Gupta ...	2nd Clerk, Office of Inspec- tor of Schools, Jullandur, Punjab.
Junagad	The Junagad T. S. ...	10-3-1908	Mr. J. Scott, M.A., Bar-at- Law.	Mr. Manilal Keshavlal, B.A....	Nagarwada, Junagad.

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Kandukur	The Saraswathi Lodge T. S.	2-2-1905	Mr. N. Somanna Iyer	Mr. K. Veerabaghaviah	Clerk, Tahsildar's Office, Kandukur, Nellore District.
Kanigiri	The Olcott T. S.	18-12-1890	Mr. P. Venkatappaya	Mr. P. Sankaraya	Taluk Gumasta, Kanigiri.
Karachi	The Karachi T. S.	21-12-1896	Mr. Purushottam Amarsi	Mr. Showkatrai Assumal	Bunder Road, Karachi.
Karkul	The Karkul T. S.	20-3-1901	Mr. K. Subraya Kamath	Mr. K. Lakshmana Pai	Pleader, Karkul.
Karnal	The Brahma Vidya Pracharini T. S.	6-3-1905	Babu Nihal Singh	Pandit Basant Lal	Pleader, Karnal.
Karrikal	The Sri Punitha Lodge T. S.	31-8-1908	Mr. S. Vythyalingam Mudr.	Mr. A. Nanmalwar Iyah	Vadamari Kadu, Karrikal, French India.
Karur	The Karur T. S.	30-1-1896	Mr. T. Padmanabha Iyer	.....	Pres., Pleader, Karur.
Kasargod	The Kasargod T. S.	5-4-1902	Mr. K. P. Achyutayya	.....	Pres., Sub-Registrar, Kasargod.
Kavali	The Kavali T. S.	2-12-1901	.....	Mr. V. Rama Row.	Pleader Kavali.
Kidderpore	The Kidderpore T. S.	24-1-1906	Mr. Brojagopal Goswami.	Mr. Sudhish Chandra Pal	Mudially Garden Reach P.O., Calcutta.
Kishengarh	The Kishengarh T. S.	11-12-1903	.....	Dr. Onkar Singh Powar, L.M.S.	Asst. Surgeon, Kishengarh.
Kodaikanal	The Kodaikanal T. S.	3-6-1905	Mr. S. Sitaramier, B.A.	Mr. G. Nagarajan	3rd Asst., The Solar Physics Observatory, Kodaikanal.
Kollikandangudi	The Skanda Lodge T. S.	24-2-1908	Mr. K. R. Sundaram Pillai.	Mr. T. V. Swaminatha Mudr.	Thirukottaram, via Peralam, S. I. Ry.
Kolar	The Kollahala T. S.	27-7-1905	Mr. S. A. Babu Row	Mr. M. S. Ramachariar	Pleader, Kolar, Mysore.
Kottayam	The Gautom Lodge T. S.	2-11-1903	Mr. S. Kalyanarama Iyer	Mr. P. S. Sadasiva Iyer, B.A.	Teacher, M. T. Seminary, Kottayam.

Krishnaghur	... The Nuddea T. S. ...	3-11-1882	Mr. Narahari Mukerjee ...	Mr. Chandra Bhuan Chakravarty.	Retired Deputy Magistrate, Krishnaghur.
Kulitalai	... The Kulitalai T. S. ...	9-10-1900	.....	Mr. B. S. Ramaswami Iyer.	Pleader, Kulitalai.
Kumbakonam	... The Kumbakonam T. S. ...	24-8-1883	Mr. A. S. Vaidyanatha Iyer, B.A.	Mr. S. Raja Ramaier	Municipal Secretary, Kumbakonam.
Kurnool	... The Sakalatohepa T. S. ...	12-12-1888	Mr. T. Chidambara Row.	Mr. A. Ranganatham Mudr.	Sub-Magistrate, Kurnool.
Kuttaparamba	... The Daksha Lodge T. S. ...	29-10-1906	Mr. P. Narayana Nair B.A.	Mr. K. Kunhiraman	Pleader, Kuttaparamba.
Lahore	... The Lahore T. S. ...	7-7-1887	Sirdar Umrao Singh Mijithia.	Dr. Balakrishna Kaul	Lahore.
Lalgudi	... The Stimati Lodge T. S. ...	3-6-1908	Mr. V. L. Subramania Iyer.	Mr. V. S. Ramachandra Iyer.	Lalgudi, Trichi. Dt.
Lucknow	... The Satya Marga T. S. ...	27-7-1882	Pt. Suryanarayan Bahadur.	Babu Narottam Das	Makbulganj, Lucknow.
Ludhiana	... The Ludhiana T. S. ...	16-10-1891	Mr. Choukash Ramchandran.	Mr. Raghaveshwar Bhattacharya.	Clerk, Civil Surgeon's Office, Ludhiana.
Madanam	... The Anjaneya Lodge T. S. ...	24-2-1908	Mr. G. Narayanaswamy Iyer.	Mr. P. B. Krishnamachary.	Kannikaniar Koil, Madanam B. O., Tanjore Dt.
Madanapalle	... The Jignasa T. S. ...	6-11-1891	Mr. B. Giri Row, B.A.	Mr. B. Seshagiri Row	Pleader, Madanapalle.
Madras	... The Madras T. S. ...	27-4-1882	Mr. V. Sundaramiah	Mr. W. A. Krishnamachariar.	Clerk, Board of Revenue, No. 79 Coral Merchant Street, Madras.
Madura	... The Madura T. S. ...	14-1-1883	Mr. P. Narayan Iyer, B.A., B.L.	Mr. A. Rangaswamy Iyer, B.A., B.L.	High Court Vakil, Madura.
Malegaon	... The Malegaon T. S. ...	13-2-1897	Rao Bahadur Krishna Rao Jai Rao Gupta.	Mr. Bhargav Bhikaji Mulay.	Pleader, Malegaon.
Mangalore	... The Mangalore T. S. ...	13-8-1901	.....	Mr. O. V. Nanjundaya	District Munsiff, Mangalore.
Manjiri	... The Narayana Lodge T. S. ...	11-12-1903	Mr. M. R. Sundram Iyer, B.A., B.L.	Mr. M. V. Eswara Iyer	Manjiri.

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Mannargudi	The Mannargudi T. S. ...	29-2-1891	Mr. S. Sudagopa Mudaliar	Mr. M. V. Dasaratha Banzier	Taluk Office, Mannargudi.
Markapur	The Kesava Samajam Lodge T. S. ...	3-5-1900	Mr. S. Srinivasa Rao, n.a.	Mr. Y. Krishnamachariar	Pleader, Markapur.
Masulipatam	The Masulipatam T. S. ...	13-10-1887	Mr. Kota Ananda Row Pantulu.	...	Pres., Head Clerk, Collector's Office, Masulipatam.
Mayavaram	The Mayavaram T. S. ...	24-8-1883	Mr. T. A. Narasimha Chari, B.A., B.L.	Mr. T. Subramaniya Iyer	Teacher, Municipal High School, Mayavaram.
Meerut	The Meerut T. S. ...	27-2-1882	Pandit Rama Prasad, M.A.	Dr. L. C. Bojjal.	Medical Practitioner, Meerut.
Meiktila (Burma)	The Meiktila T. S. ...	25-3-1903	Mr. K. B. Mukerjee, n.a.	Mr. Maung To Hla	Head Judicial Clerk, Deputy Commr.'s Office, Meiktila.
Midnapur	The Midnapur T. S. ...	17-5-1883	.....	Babu Ishan Chandra Singha.	Pleader, Midnapore.
Mirzapur	The Vaidyeshuri Lodge T. S. ...	24-3-1904	...	Babu Mohendra Nath Ganguli.	Pleader, Wellesleygunj, Mirzapore.
Molkalmura	The Molkalmura T. S. ...	1-3-1901	Mr. V. Srinivasa Iyer	Mr. M. Venkata Rao	Landholder, Molkalmura.
Monghyr	The Monghyr T. S. ...	28-7-1887	.....	Babu Chedi Prasad Choudhary.	Pleader, Monghyr.
Moradabad	The Santidaya Lodge T. S. ...	28-5-1904	Mr. Thakur Sankar Singh Bhupji.	Mr. Lala Ram Sarup	Clerk, Loco. Office, Moradabad.
Morvi	The Morvi T. S. ...	24-1-1908	H.H.T.S. Vaghji Thakur Sahab.	Mr. P. M. Patel, B.A.	Supdt. of Education, Morvi.
Mothari	The Mothari T. S. ...	12-2-1896	Babu Surendra Nath Mazumdar.	Babu Nando Lal Bhattacharjee, M.A., n.a.	Pleader, Mothari, Dt. Channarayana.

Muddebihal	The Muddebihal T. S.	30-8-1902	Reo Sahab D. A. Idgunji.	Rao Sahab A. J. Deshpande	Govt. Pleader, Muddebihal.
Multan	The Multan T. S.	22-12-1896	Rai Bahadur Lal's Hari- chand	Pandit Bal Makund Trikha, B.A., LL.B.	Municipal Fund Clerk, Multan City.
Muttra	The Muttra T. S.	20-2-1891	Pt. Jai Narain Upamanyu.	Dr. Ranji Nall, L.M.S.	Medical Hall, Muttra City.
Muzaffarpur	The Muzaffarpur T. S.	18-1-1890	.....	Babu Raghunandan Prasad Sarma.	Silout P. O., Muzaffarpur.
Mysore	The Mysore T. S.	6-10-1896	Mr. A. Mahadeva Sastri.	Mr. A. Venkatesiah	Asst. Master, Maharajah's College, Dewan's Road, Mysore
Nadlad	The Gopal Krishna T.S.	10-6-1901	Mr. R. B. Lalubhai Parikh	Dr. Ram Singh Debi Singh.	Senior Grade Hospital Assis- tant, Nadlad.
Nagpur	The Nagpur T. S.	7-11-1895	Pt. Piare Lal	Pandit Vishnu Vinayak Tikekar.	Sitaboldi, Nagpur.
Naini Tal	The Kurnanchal T. S.	21-11-1898	Pt. Mathura Dutt Pande, LL.B.	Babu Hira Lal	Clerk, Allahabad Bank, Ld., Naini Tal.
Namakkal	The Namakkal T. S.	22-12-1897	Mr. S. Sundara Aiyer	Mr. N. V. Anantaram Aiyer.	Pleader, Namakkal.
Nandalar	The Nandalar T. S.	12-9-1900	Mr. P. Gopalakrishnaya	Mr. C. Seshachela Aiyer	Pleader, Nandalar, Cuddapah Dt.
Nandod	The Nandod T. S.	29-6-1905	.....	Mr. Chhotalal Motilal Hakshi.	Pt. Ankolshwar, Nandod B. B. and C. I. Ry.
Narasaravupet	The Narasaravupet T.S.	28-2-1892	.....	Mr. K. Vijayana Sastri	Pleader, Narasaravupet.
Narasapur	The Vesishtha T. S.	11-10-1901	Mr. V. B. Lakshminara- simha Sastri.	Mr. A. Tryumbakam	Pleader, Narasapur.
Narsari	The Narsari T. S.	7-12-1901	Mr. Jansetji Byranji Vinsadaji, G. G. M. C.	Mr. Byramji A. Randollia, B.A., LL.B.	Pleader, Narsari.
Negapatam	The Sundara Lodge T.S.	12-8-1883	Mr. V. K. Desikachariar.	Mr. G. Sambasivaio	Pleader, Negapatam.
Nellore	The Nellore T. S.	7-5-1882	Mr. G. Kodandaramanjulu Nayadu.	Mr. N. I. Venku Aiyer	Raja's High School, Nellore.
Neyyattinkara	The Aswatthama Lodge T. S.	24-1-1908	Mr. Harithara Iyer	Mr. N. B. Parameshwara Iyer.	Krishnapuram Street, Ney- yattinkara.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Nilambar	The Nilambar T. S. ...	12-9-1904	Mr. T. Maravikraman ...	Mr. P. K. Kunhiraman Menon.	Nilambar.
Nilphamari	The Nilphamari T. S. ...	14-5-1892	Babu Jankinath Biswas.	Babu Rajani Kantha Sirkar.	Pleader, Nilphamari, Dt. Rungpore.
Noakhali	The Noakhali T. S. ...	20-12-1898	Mr. Kartik Chandra De ...	.....	Pres., Noakhali.
Ongole	The Ongole T. S. ...	1891	Mr. K. Lakshmi Narasinga Rao.	Mr. B. Lakshmi Narain Rao.	Pleader, Ongole.
Palakurichi	The Sri Varada Lodge T. S.	24-2-1908	Mr. C. Dorasami Naidu...	Mr. G. Ramiah Naidu ...	Palakurichi B. O., Tanjore Dt.
Palamcottah	The Palamcottah T. S.	3-10-1905	Mr. Dharmaranga Raja ...	Mr. S. Kumara swamy Reddiar.	Vakil, Palamcottah.
Palghat	The Malabar T. S. ...	11-12-1882	.....	Mr. S. Veeranghava Iyer ...	Sagaripuram, Palghat.
Palkonda	The Palkonda T. S. ...	4-12-1901	Mr. V. Suryanarayan Pantulu.	Mr. B. Chidambaraswami ...	Pres., 2nd Clerk, Sty. Magistrate's Office, Palkonda.
Paramakudi	The Paramakudi T. S.	9-2-1885	Mr. T. V. Kothaudaram Iyengar.	Mr. M. E. Sundara Rajam Iyer.	Vizagapatam Dt. Overseer and Commissioner, Paramakudi.
Parvatipur	The Parvatipur T. S. ...	22-3-1901	Mr. M. Venkanna Pantulu.	Mr. S. Sribaspathy Pantulu.	Pleader, Parvatipur.
Patukota	The Patukota Lodge T. S.	27-6-1898	Mr. T. L. Venkoba Rao	Mr. S. Krishnaswamy Iyer.	Pleader, Patukota.
Peddapuram	The Sri Krishna T. S....	1-6-1901	Mr. C. V. R. Iyengar ...	Mr. S. Velu Mudaliar ...	Pleader, Peddapuram, Godavari Dt.
Panukonda	The Pennukonda T. S....	7-12-1898	Mr. H. Narayan	Mr. H. Sama Rao	Clerk, Dt. Registrar's Office, Pennukonda.
Periyakulam	The Periyakulam T. S.	17-2-1884	Mr. V. Ramabhadra Naidu	Mr. K. Sundara Rajam Iyer	Theosophical Society, Periyakulam.
Peshawar	The Peshawar T. S. ...	24-2-1908	Sirdar Rup Singh	Lala Dwaraka Lal	Office of Inspector-General of Police, Peshawar.

Pollachi	...	The Pollachi T. S.	...	18-6-1888	Mr. M. R. Kalingaroyar	Mr. T. N. Subbaiyar	...	Head Master, Board Secondary School, Pollachi.
Ponani	...	The Trikairi Lodge T. S.	...	1-12-1902	Mr. P. V. Doraswami Iyer	Mr. V. Anantakrishna Iyer	...	Clerk, Taluk Office, Ponani.
Poona	...	The Poona T. S.	...	25-1-1882	Khan Bahadur Naraji Dorabji Khandalwala	Mr. Rajana Linga	...	Pleader, Malcolm Tank Road, Poona.
Prodattur	...	The Prodattur T. S.	...	15-11-1893	.....	Mr. T. K. Ananta Chariar	...	Sub-Registrar, Prodattur.
Purnea	...	The Purnea T. S.	...	20-5-1902	.....	Babu Chhathu Lal	...	Clerk, Collector's Office, Purnea
Puttur	...	The Sarada Lodge T. S.	...	6-1-1902	Mr. M. Laxman Row	Mr. B. Mangesh Row	...	2nd Grade Pleader, Puttur.
Quetta	...	The Quetta T. S.	...	31-10-1905	Mr. Chimandas Bulchand.	Khan Sahib Ardesbir D. Markar.	...	Honorary Magistrate, Quetta.
Quilandy	...	The Quilandy T. S.	...	29-10-1906	Mr. K. Gopala Menon	Mr. V. S. Narasimha Iyer	...	Pleader, Quilandy, Madras.
Quilon	...	The Kanwa T. S.	...	7-10-1903	.....	Mr. V. Natesa Sasstry	...	Dt. Court Vakil, Quilon, Travancore.
Raipur	...	The Raipur Lodge T. S.	...	6-3-1903	Mr. Devendra Nath Choudhuri.	Mr. Chotilal	...	Pleader, Raipur.
Rajahmundry	...	The Rajahmundry T. S.	...	7-10-1887	.....	Mr. K. Keshava Rao	...	c/o Mr. K. Rambraman, Pleader.
Rajkot	...	The Rajkot T. S.	...	21-3-1899	Major W. B. Beale	Mr. H. Narsing Rao	...	Coronation Garden, Rajkote Civil Station, Kathiawar.
Ramnad	...	The Ramnad T. S.	...	25-5-1904	.....	Mr. B. Srikalahastri Iyer	...	Pleader, Ramnad.
Ranchi	...	The Chota Nagpore T. S.	...	12-10-1899	Rai Nana Krishna Roy Sahab.	Mr. Pach Kouri De	...	Govt. Pleader, Ranchi.
Rangoon (Burma)	...	The Rangoon T. S.	...	23-2-1885	Mr. N. G. Cholmely, B.A., I.C.S.	Mr. M. Subramania Iyer	...	Olcott Lodge, 21-49th St., Rangoon.

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Rangoon (Burma).	The Irawadi T. S. ...	20-8-1901	Mr. C. Rangaswami Mudaliar.	Mr. K. G. Manicka Mudaliar.	Currency Office Rangoon.
Do. ...	The Shavai Daigon T. S. ...	15-11-1899	Mr. Maung Po Thine	Mr. Maung Aung Min	49th St., Pazundaung, Rangoon.
Ranipet	The Ranipet T. S. ...	25-3-18 98	Mr. S. C. Srinivasachari.	.....	Pres., Pleader, Ranipet, N. Arcot.
Rawalpindi	The Rawalpindi T. S. ...	1-10-1901	.....	Babu Dharendra Kumar Banerji.	Rawalpindi.
Rishra	The Rishra T. S. ...	17-1-1905	Babu Tincouri Mukerjee	Babu Kshetra Nath Shanne.	Rishra, Dt. Hugly.
Saharanpur	The Fraternity T. S. ...	27-4-1904	Dr. Upendranath Banerjee.	Babu Brij Behari Lal	Pres., Private medical Practitioner, Saharanpur.
Saidapet	The Shrikrishna Lodge T. S.	21-8-1901	Mr. M. Bhashica Charlu.	Mr. P. Jeeyar Naidu	Manager, Dt. Board Engr.'s Office, Saidapet.
Salem	The Salem T. S. ...	13-11-1897	Mr. M. Venkata Row, B.A., B.L.	Mr. N. Anantha Narayana Sastri.	3rd Asst., College, Salem.
Sangrur	The Sangrur T. S. ...	2-10-1896	Babu Raghunath Das	Mr. Shahzad Singh	Translator, Foreign Office, Sangrur, Jind State.
Sassaram	The Sassaram T. S. ...	24-2-1908	Mr. A. Ganesh Prasad	Mr. Harihar Prasad	Pleader, Sassaram, Behar.
Satur	The Satur T. S. ...	27-8-1897	.....	Mr. M. V. Bhagwantha Rao.	Pleader, Satur, Dt. Tinnevely.
Secunderabad	The Secunderabad T. S. ...	25-12-1882	Mr. Bezonji Aderji	Mr. Kavashah Edulji	Pleader, Station Road, Secunderabad, Decan.
Serampur	The Serampur T. S. ...	29-5-1902	Babu Rajendralal Goswami.	Babu Hemchandra Mukerjee	Mukerjeepara, Serampur, District Hugly.
Shimoga	The Durvase Lodge T. S.	10-4-1905	Mr. S. Sectaramiyah	Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B.	Advocate, Shimoga.
Sikkil	The Gnana Sambandha Lodge T.S.	24-1-1908	Mr. S. A. Natasa Moodaliar.	Mr. T. Jotiprasadam Alankondar.	Signaller G. T. D., Sikkil, Tanjore.

Simla	The Himalayan Esoteric T. S.	18-8-1884	.....	Babu Atma Ram	...	D. G. Army Remount Dept., Simla (Punjab)
Sivaganga	The Sivaganga T. S.	20-4-1897	Mr. P. S. Anantanarayana Sastry	Mr. M. S. Ganesa Iyer, B.A., B.L.	...	High Court Vakil, Sivaganga.
Sompot	The Kodanda Ramaswami Lodge T.S.	20-7-1901	Mr. K. Jagannatha Pantulu.	Mr. G. Seetharamamurthi.	...	Pleader, Sompot.
Srinagar	The Kashyappa T. S.	30-9-1900	.....	Mr. Seth Byramji Buttonji Saklot.	...	Srinagar, Kashmir.
Sriyalkuntham	The Agasthia T. S.	30-7-1897	Mr. K. V. Srinivasa Iyer.	Mr. S. Y. Ponnambalanatha Mudaliar.	...	Pleader, Sriyalkuntham.
Sukkur	The Sukkur T. S.	31-3-1908	Mr. Mahtabsingh Advane	Mr. K. Hassanand Keswani	...	Pleader, Sukkur, Sind.
Sultanpore	The Sultanpore T. S.	19-4-1905	Babu Ram Bux	.....	...	Pres., Vakil, Sultanpore, Oudh.
Surat	The Santan Dharma Sabha T. S.	23-4-1887	Mr. Maneklal Nazindas	Mr. N. F. Udhavala	...	Kelapith, Surat.
Tamluk	The Tamralipti T. S.	30-3-1889	Pabu Durgaram Bose	Babu Basant Kumar Sarkar	...	Pleader, Tamluk.
Tanjore	The Tanjore T. S.	23-8-1883	Mr. T. N. Ramachandra Iyer.	Mr. T. Sadasiva Row B.A., B.L.	...	High Court Vakil, Tanjore.
Tanuku	The Tanuku T. S.	20-9-1901	Mr. Varadarajulu Naidn	Mr. P. Sitaram Row	...	Pres., Pleader, Tanuku.
Tellicherry	The Tellicherry T. S.	28-4-1902	Mr. I. Sreenivasa Iyer, B.A.	Mr. K. V. Vaidyanath Aiyer, B.A.	...	Teacher, Brenen College, Tellicherry.
Tenali	The Tenali T. S.	3-3-1900	Mr. C. V. Subramanyam Garu.	Mr. L. Sangameshwar Row.	...	Pleader, Tenali, District Guntur.
Tindivanam	The Tindivanam T. S.	2-7-1900	.....	Mr. V. Muthuswamiah, B.A.	...	2nd-Grade Pleader, Tindivanam.
Tinnevelly	The Tinnevelly T. S.	4-10-1881	Mr. A. Sundara Sastriar	Mr. S. Ramachandra Sastriar	...	1st Asst. Record-keeper, Dist. Court, Tinnevelly.
Tirukoilur	The Tirukoilur T. S.	7-8-1900	Mr. C. V. Narayanaswamy Iyer.	.....	...	Pres., Pleader, Tirukoilur, South Arcot Dist.
Tirupati	The Srinivasa Lodge T. S.	7-4-1898	Mr. V. Sesa Iyer	Mr. S. Ethirajulu Naidu	...	Pleader, Tirupati.
Tirur	The Tirur T. S.	7-10-1884	.....	Mr. S. Subramania Iyer, B.A.	...	Pleader, Tirur, Malabar.
Tiruvalur	The Tiruvalur T. S.	28-2-1898	Mr. T. K. Ramaswamy	...	2nd-Grade Pleader, Tiruvalur, Tanjore District.

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Trichinopoly	The Trichinopoly T. S. ...	23-8-1883	Mr. M. S. Parthasarathy Iyengar.	Mr. K. V. Ramakrishna Iyer.	Pleaser, Trichinopoly, Fort.
Trichur	The Trichur T. S. ...	7-11-1902	Mr. A. Kittunni Menon ...	Mr. N. Sankunni Variar B.A.	Trichur.
Triplicane	The Parthasarathy Lodge T. S. ...	11-2-1898	Mr. R. Satagopachari B.A., B.L.	Mr. C. S. Swaminatha Mudaliar.	18 Venkatachalam Mudaly Street, Triplicane.
Trivandrum	The Trivandrum T. S. ...	31-7-1888	Mr. B. S. Narayana Swamy Iyer, B.A.	Mr. S. Mathasami Iyer	High Court Vakili, Trivandrum.
Tumkur	The Lakshmi Kantha Lodge T. S. ...	19-7-1903	Mr. D. Vasudeviah	Mr. C. N. Venkata Rao	1st Grade Pleader, Tumkur.
Tuticorin	The Therumanthura Lodge T. S. ...	13-4-1904	Mr. T. S. Ramaswami Iyer	Mr. A. Subramania Iyer	Dt. Court Vakili, Tuticorin.
Udaipore	The Udaipore T. S. ...	23-6-1905	Babu Madan Mohan Lal...	Babu Raghuba Dayal, B.A.	Foujdar (Magistrate), Udaipore.
Udipi	The Udipi T. S. ...	18-12-1901	Mr. A. Devappa Punja B.A., B.L.	Mr. V. Lukshman Row	Head Master, L. F. Middle School, Udipi.
Uttakal	The Uttakal T. S. ...	27-8-1906	Mr. A. Annaswami Thever.	Mr. N. Swaminatha Pillai.	Uttakal, Tanjore Dist.
Uttarparah	The Uttarparah T. S. ...	7-3-1903	.....	Babu Sukumar Mukerjee	Ram Sita Ghat, Bhudra Kali Dt.
Valakkarai	The Sri Ranga Lodge T. S. ...	24-2-1908	Mr. R. P. Purnabhottama Naidu.	Mr. M. S. Subba Mudaliar.	Valakkarai, Kalyur B.O., via Negayesam.
Valluvalem	The Mahadeva Lodge T. S. ...	4-4-1908	Mr. P. M. Desikar	Mr. S. Somanandaram Chettiar	Valluvalem B. O., Tanjore Dt.
Vayalpad	The Vayalpad T. S. ...	12-9-1906	Mr. C. Narayana Reddi.	Mr. B. Bhujanga Row.	Vayalpad, Dist. Cuddapah.
Vedaraniem	The Vedarichara Sabha T. S. ...	4-7-1898	.....	Mr. N. Pichai Pillai	Retired Tahsildar, Vedaraniem.
Vellore	The Vellore T. S. ...	21-4-1884	Mr. A. Seethachala Moodaliar.	Mr. V. Nodamuni Moodaliar.	Retired Sub-Assistant Inspector, Vellore.
Vinukonda	The Vinukonda T. S. ...	4-9-1905	Mr. G. Lakshmi Narayan Pantulu.	Mr. A. V. Appa Row	Head Master, L. F. Middle School, Vinukonda.

Vizagapatam	...	The Vizagapatam T. S.	23-9-1887	Mr. P. T. Srinivasa Iyengar.	Mr. U. Appala Narasiah Naidu Garu.	Hospital Asst., Vizagapatam
Vizianagaram	...	The Vasishtha T. S.	18-1-1884	Mr. K. Sambasiva Rao....	Mr. Bikkavalisami	Pres., Dt. Munsiff, Vizianagaram.
Vridhachalam	...	The Vridhachalam T. S.	21-3-1900	Mr. T. A. Shanmugam Pillai.	Mr. V. Murugesu Pillai	Retired Tahsildar, Vridhachalam.
Walwanad	...	The Mandhate Lodge T. S.	24-1-1908	Mr. Rama Verma Valia Rajah.	Mr. K. A. Narayana Iyer	Pleader, Walwanad, South Malabar
Warangal	...	The Satyavichara T. S.	30-7-1890	....	Mr. Narayan Sesha Tirutop.	Asst. Teacher, Govt. School, c/o Station Master, Kazipet, N.G.S. Ry., Warangal.
Yellamanchelli	...	The Sarvasiddhi T. S.	23-4-1901	Mr. G. V. Chalapathi Rao.	Mr. K. V. Ramaniah Pantulu.	Tahsildar, Yellamanchelli.
...	...	Bowringpet Centre (Universal Success).	...	Mr. G. Shama Row	Mr. T. M. Ramachandra Row.	Pleader, Bowringpet, Kolar.
...	...	Buxar Centre	...	....	Babu Kalika Prasad Singh.	Shanipatti, Buxar.
...	...	Gopalgunj Centre	...	Mr. Jotindra Nath Sen	Mr. Beni Madhab Barat	Pleader, Gopalgunj, Saran.
...	...	Koduvayur Centre	...	....	Mr. P. S. Krishnan Kutty Gurukul.	Landlord, Koduvayur, N. Malabar.
...	...	Kristipade Centre	...	Mr. A. Ramadasappa	Mr. B. Krishna Row	Kristapade, Gooty Taluq.
...	...	Muzaffernagore Centre	...	....	Mr. Jaganath Prasad	c/o Babu Jai Lal, Muzaffernagore.
...	...	Nawada Centre	...	....	Mr. Madho Lal	Govt. Estate Clerk, Nawada, Gya.
...	...	Nizamabad Centre	...	....	Mr. B. Govindacharya	Asst. Acct., Dt. Engr.'s Office, Nizamabad, Nizam's Dominions.
...	...	Patna City Centre	...	Khan Bahadur Sarfaraz Hussainkhan.	Babu Siva Narayan Lal Chowdhury.	Jhanganj, Patna City.
...	...	Samastipore Centre	...	....	Mr. Girwardhar, B.A., LL.B.	Pleader, Samastipore.
...	...	Tekari Centre	...	Babu Ramdhan Lal	Babu Raghunath Sen Singh.	Drawing Teacher, Raj School, Tekari (Gya).

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.
Alatur	The Alatur T. S. ...	12-9-1902	Eulandshahar	The Baron T. S. ...	1887*
Almora	The Tatwabodhini Sabha T. S. ...	8-8-1898	Burdwan	The Brahma Vidya Lodge T. S. ...	8-8-1883
Arcot	The Arcot T. S. ...	18-7-1884	Calcutta	The Ladies T. S. ...	1883*
Aryalur	The Krishna T. S. ...	30-10-1900	Chaidighi	The Chaidighi T. S. ...	4-5-1883
Banaberla	The Aryan Lodge T. S. ...	12-2-1900	Chittagong	The Chittagong T. S. ...	7-8-1887
Barakhar	The Sadhusanga T. S. ...	1892*	Cuttack	The Cuttack T. S. ...	9-4-1901
Baram	The Baram T. S. ...	26-12-1882	Dacca	The Dacca T. S. ...	13-8-1883
Beauliah	The Rajshahaye Harmony T. S. ...	20-7-1883	Dharampore	The Ramajayanti T. S. ...	17-6-1888
Bettiah	The Bettiah Centre T. S. ...	6-2-1900	Dharampuri	The Dharampuri Lodge T. S. ...	8-1-1888
Bhawanj	The Bhawanj T. S. ...	16-9-1898	Dumraon	The Dumraon T. S. ...	17-4-1883
Bhimavaram	The Bhimavaram T. S. ...	13-12-1901	Erode	The Erode T. S. ...	1900*
Bilaspore	The Bilaspore T. S. ...	27-5-1903	Gujranwalla	The Gujranwalla T. S. ...	24-12-1884
Bhiwani	The Bhiwani Centre T. S. ...	27-12-1901	Guntur	The Sadvichara T. S. ...	10-1891

Hajipur	...	The Hajipur T. S.	...	15-3-1899	Narail	...	The Narail T. S.	...	30-3-1883
Harur	...	The Harur T. S.	...	5-11-1900	Nasik	...	The Nasik T. S.	...	1891*
Hoshangabad	...	The Normada T. S.	...	7-11-1885	Ottapalam	...	The Ottapalam T. S.	...	14-10-1902
Howrah	...	The Howrah T. S.	...	25-5-1883	Ootacamund	...	The Dodabetta T. S.	...	17-9-1883
Jubbulpur	...	The Bhrigu Kshetra T. S.	...	23-5-1883	Orai	...	The Orai T. S.	...	14-9-1886
Jalpaiguri	...	The Jalpaiguri T. S.	...	5-6-1883	Pahartali	...	The Mahamuni T. S.	...	1887*
Jand	..	The Jand Centre T. S.	...	1894*	Pakur	...	The Pakur T. S.	...	1891*
Jessore	...	The Tattvajnana Sabha T. S.	...	23-3-1883	Palni	...	The Palni T. S.	...	15-10-1897
Jeypur	...	The Jeypur T. S.	...	22-2-1882	Pondicherry	...	The Pondicherry T. S.	...	1-10-1883
Karwar	...	The N. Canara T. S.	...	7-1-1883	Poonamalle	...	The Poonamalle T. S.	...	7-3-1898
Kapurthala	..	The Kapurthala T. S.	..	4-12-1888	Pursawalkum	...	The Shri Rama Lodge T. S.	...	23-1-1898
Krishnagiri	...	The Krishnagiri T. S.	...	24-12-1897	Rai Bareilly	...	The Jnanavardhini T. S.	...	18-10-1883
Kuch Behar	...	The Kuch Behar T. S.	...	1889*	Raichur	...	The Raichur T. S.	..	21-4-1901
Kurundwad	...	The Ganapati T. S.	...	1-7-1904	Rajmahal	...	The Rajmahal T. S.	...	7-10-1887
Malinipuri	...	The Mainpuri T. S.	...	3-10-1905	Ramdasapur	...	The Ramdasapur Centre T. S.	...	15-8-1899
Mandalay	...	The Mandalay T. S.	...	31-1-1902	Rayadrug	...	The Brahma Vidya T. S.	...	18-8-1898
Mombasa (E. Africa)	...	The Mombasa T. S.	..	15-5-1905	Rewah	...	The Rewah T. S.	...	...
Muddehpoorah	...	The Muddehpoorah T. S.	..	17-7-1881	Sambalpore	...	The Sambalpore Centre T. S.	...	17-11-1893
Nandyal	...	The Nandyal T. S.	...	30-8-1898	Searsole	...	The Searsole T. S.	...	28-4-1883

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.
Seoni Chapra	The Seoni T. S.	27-10-1885	Tiruturaipundi	The Bilwanya Lodge T. S.	15-7-1898
Sholapur	The Sholapur T. S.	11-12-1882	Tiruvallore (Dist. Chingleput).	The Veera Raghava Lodge T. S.	1-3-1898
Siliguri	The Siliguri T. S.	3-10-1885	Udamalpet	The Udamalpet T. S.	18-6-1888
Sitamarhi	The Sitamarhi T. S.	10-1-1905	Umballa	The Umballa T. S.	1891*
Siwan	The Siwan T. S.	22-2-1899	Yaniyambadi	The Vani Lodge T. S.	18-12-1897
Srivilliputtur	The Natchiyar T. S.	6-8-1883	Villupuram	The Vasudeva T. S.	30-7-1900
Simla	The Simla Eclectic T. S.	1891*	Wai	The Wai T. S.	28-6-1899
Sholinghar	The Sholinghar T. S.	1889*	Yeotmal	The Yeotmal T. S.	3-1-1902
Srirangam	The Srirangam T. S.	12-11-1900			
Tirupatur	The Brahma Vichara Lodge T. S.	25-1-1884			

* Exact date not given.

Note.—Dormant Indian Branches are often revived, 14 have become active during this past year, and 82 remain dormant.

The T. S. in Australasia

(CHARTERED 1-1-1895.)

T. S. IN AUSTRALASIA.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Adelaide, S. A.	Adelaide T. S.	1895*	Mr. H. G. Olifent	Miss K. Castle	Victoria Square, West, Adelaide.
Allansford, Vic.	Edger T. S.	1906	Mr. I. A. C. Ziegler	Miss E. Ziegler	Allansford, Victoria.
Bendigo, Vic.	Bendigo T. S.	1905	Mr. I. Dyer	Mr. W. T. Williams	216, Don Street, Bendigo.
Brisbane, Q.	Brisbane T. S.	1891	Mr. R. Wishart	Mrs. M. Mildren	School of Arts B'd'g., Ann Street, Brisbane.
Cairns, Q.	Cairns T. S.	1902*	Mr. S. Miller	Mr. G. W. Bates	Lake Street, Cairns.
Fremantle, W. A.	Fremantle T. S.	1900*	Mr. D. B. Ewart	Mrs. H. Patterson	15, Cantonment Road, Fremantle.
Hobart, Tas.	Hobart T. S.	1890	Mr. H. Benjamin	Mr. Keith Dear	Miller's Buildings, Murray Street.
Launceston, Tas.	Launceston T. S.	1900*	Miss M. W. Noble	Mrs. E. Worth	64a Tamar Street, Launceston.
Melbourne, Vic.	Melbourne T. S.	1891	Mr. S. Studd	Mr. C. A. Proctor	268, Flinders Street, Melbourne.
Do do	Ibis T. S.	1894	Mr. W. M. Buckie	Mr. A. E. Fuller	8, Garden Street, South Yarra.
Do do	Eastern Hill T. S.	1906	Mr. I. B. McConkey	Mrs. M. Arundel	268, Flinders Street, Melbourne.
Do do	Besant Lodge T. S.	1908	Mr. H. W. Hunt	Mr. G. W. E. Dempster	163, Collins Street, Melbourne.
Perth, W. A.	Perth T. S.	1897	Mr. F. E. Allum	Mrs. F. Adair	W. A. B'd'g., St. George's Terrace, Perth.
Sydney, N. S. W.	Sydney T. S.	1891	Mr. T. H. Martyn	Mr. H. G. Harrison	132, Phillip Street, Sydney.
Townsville, Q.	Townsville T. S.	1901	Mr. J. H. Horn	Mr. C. A. H. Reye	Horn's B'd'g., Flinders St.

* New Charter.

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The T.S. in Scandinavia

(CHARTERED 7-7-1895.)

T. S. IN SCANDINAVIA.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
			Sweden.		
	Original Swedish Lodge	11-10-1890	.....	.....	.....
Boden	Facklan Lodge*	25-5-1900	Mr. A. Berglund	Mr. A. Berglund	... Boden.
Christianstad	Christianstad Lodge*	15-4-1904	Mr. M. F. Ålund	Mr. M. F. Ålund	... Christianstad.
Eslof	Eslof Lodge*	4-4-1904	Mr. Ax. Körner	Mr. Per Nord	... Trollenäs.
Falun	Falun Lodge*	6-11-1904	Mr. Fr. MunkteU	Mr. Fr. MunkteU	... Grycksbo.
Gefle	Gefle Lodge*	24-4-1904	Miss Hanna Landberg	Mr. P. Wahlström	... 4c. Tvärgatan 55, Gefle.
Göteborg	Göteborg Lodge*	31-10-1893	Mr. Frank Heyman	Mrs. Edit Hedlund	... Victoriagatan 11-B, Göteborg.
Helsingborg	Helsingborg Lodge*	3-2-1906	Mr. S. G. Lilja	Mrs. M. Johansson	... Villa Ernst, Helsingborg.
Hernösand	Hernösand Lodge*	19-7-1903	Mr. E. Lundgren	Mr. E. Lundgren	... Behlädadsaff, Hernösand.
Kiruna	Karnel Lodge*	18-5-1902	Mr. J. A. Fors	Mr. A. P. Landahl	... Kiruna.
Linköping	Linköping Lodge*	1-9-1901	Mr. Ernst Tolf	Mrs. Sigrid Tolf	... Linköping.
Luleå	Bäfrast Lodge*	16-10-1897	Mr. S. I. Sven-Nilsson	Mrs. S. Johansson	... Folkbibliothet, Luleå.
Lund	Lund Lodge*	31-10-1893	Mr. H. Sjostom	Mr. N. af Ekenstam	... St. Patri Kyrkogatan, 10, Lund.
Malmö	Malmö Lodge*	31-1-1904	Mr. G. Kinell	Mr. G. Weesberg	... Ostindiefararegatan, 35, Malmö.
Mjölby	Mjölby Lodge*	8-4-1906	Mr. A. M. Carlsen	Mr. O. E. Lindh	... Mjölby.
Norrköping	Norrköping Lodge*	8-5-1908	Mrs. Frieda Danielsson.	Mr. L. O. Tode	... Östra Kyrkogatan 34, Norrköping

Orebro	...	Örebro Lodge*	...	31-10-1893	Mr. E. Ekland	...	Mr. M. B. Lavén	...	Rosenlund, Wästå, Örebro.
Östersund	...	Östersund Lodge*	...	25-10-1903	Mr. A. Lindeberg	...	Mr. A. W. Lindborg	...	Östersund.
Sollefteå	...	Sollefteå Lodge*	...	28-7-1895	Mr. C. H. Liander	...	Miss H. I. Sundlin	...	Sollefteå.
Stockholm	...	Stockholm Lodge*	...	8-10-1893	Mr. P. E. Liljestränd	...	Mr. T. Fridholm	...	Nybrogatan, 15 A, Stockholm.
Do.	...	Orion Lodge*	...	8-2-1907	Mr. G. Ljungström	...	Mr. C. Söderling	...	Folkungagatan, 99, Stockholm.
Sundsvall	...	Sundsvall Lodge*	...	22-4-1898	Mr. N. E. Selander	...	Miss H. Snallman	...	Sundsvall.
Trelleborg	...	Trelleborg Lodge*	...	1-1-1907	Mr. Lindquist	...	Mr. M. Güntner	...	Södra Åby, Trelleborg.
Upsala	...	Upsala Lodge*	...	5-12-1895	Mr. G. Lindborg	...	Mr. G. Lindborg	...	Börjegatan, 5, Upsala.
					Norway.				
Christiania	...	The Norwegian T. S.*	...	3-9-1893	Mr. J. A. Lundgren	...	Mr. O. Halvorsen	...	Suhmsgade, 16, Christiania.
Do.	...	Christiania Lodge*	...	6-10-1905	Mr. R. Eriksen	...	Miss Eva Blytt	...	St. Olavsgade, 25, Christiania.
					Denmark.				
Aarhus	...	Aarhus Lodge*	...	20-8-1905	Mr. C. Heilskov	...	Mr. R. C. Martens	...	Fredericiagade, 6, Aarhus.
Copenhagen	...	Copenhagen Lodge*	...	17-11-1893	Mr. H. Thaning	...	Miss Anna Schiött	...	Faxegade, 19, Copenhagen.
Do.	...	Eirene Lodge*	...	14-2-1899	Mr. J. F. G. Nagel	...	Mr. Chr. Funder	...	Falldvej, 16, do.
Do.	...	Maria Lodge*	...	19-2-1904	Mrs. J. Meyer	...	Mrs. J. Deichmann	...	Österbrogade, 9, do.

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The T. S. in New Zealand

(CHARTERED 7-4-1896.)

T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Auckland	Auckland T. S.	24-3-1892	Mr. S. Stuart	Mr. W. T. Raymond	Brunswick Arcade, Auckland.
Do.	H. P. B. Branch T. S.	11-2-1903	Mr. J. R. Thomson	Mr. W. Young	351, Queen Street, Auckland.
Cambridge	Cambridge T. S.	7-2-1903	Mr. W. Rout	Mr. W. Rout	Cambridge.
Christchurch	Christchurch T. S.	28-6-1894	Mr. J. P. Cooper	Mr. W. Booth	197a Manchester Street, Christchurch.
Dannevirke	Dannevirke T. S.	8-10-1908	Mrs. Alexander	Mr. H. I. Hawkins	Dannevirke.
Dunedin	Dunedin T. S.	23-5-1893	Mr. J. H. F. Hamel	Mr. M. Cormack	King Edward Street, S., Dunedin.
Gisborne	Gisborne T. S.	12-11-1906	Mrs. Stuart	Miss R. L. Lee	Box 79, Gisborne.
Invercargill	Invercargill T. S.	9-2-1906	Mr. C. Campbell	Mr. O. G. Goldsmith	Box 10, Invercargill.
Motueka	Motueka T. S.	30-7-1907	Mr. L. E. Rhodes	Mr. A. K. Edwards	Bank of N. Z., Motueka.
Napier	Napier T. S.	21-1-1903	Mr. W. G. White	Mrs. W. G. White	Kent Villa, Harvey Road, Napier.
Nelson	Nelson T. S.	26-6-1907	Mrs. Saxon	Miss A. T. Hewatson	32 Victory Sq., Nelson.
Onehunga	Onehunga T. S.	22-6-1904	Mr. W. M. Newton	Mr. J. H. Simpson	Talma Studio, Onehunga.
Pahiatua	Pahiatua T. S.	12-5-1895	Mrs. Baucke, Sen'r.	Mr. Edward Baucke	Pahiatua.
Wanganui	Wanganui T. S.	22-12-1896	Mrs. Mellor	Mrs. Mellor	16, Dublin Street, Wanganui.
Wellington	Wellington T. S.	{ Nov. 1898 1894	Mr. W. S. Short	Mr. H. M. Christie	Gas Co., Wellington.
Woodville	Woodville T. S.	22-5-1895	Mrs. Gilbert	Mr. N. J. Gilbert	Napier Road, Woodville.

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The T. S. in Netherlands

(CHARTERED 14-5-1897.)

T. S. IN NETHERLANDS.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Do.	Amsterdamsche Lodge...	10-4-1891	Mrs. C. M. Perk-Joesten.	Mrs. M. C. V. Godefroy ...	Amsteldijk 27.
...	Wahana Lodge	19-11-1896	F. Zwollo	J. J. C. van der Maas ...	1e Helmerstraat 107.
Arnhem	Arnhem Lodge	21-5-1905	P. M. Coehius	Miss B. Steens Zijnen ...	Eusebiusplein 12.
Blaricum	Gooische Lodge	20-11-1907	A. C. Waller	Miss. C. W. Dijkgraaf ...	Blaricum.
Delft	Delft Lodge	12-10-1905	.....	J. T. van Bergen ...	Coenderstraat 24.
Gravenhage	Gravenhage Lodge	30-3-1897	Dr. J. J. Hallo	Miss G. Slotboom ...	Wagonstraat, 96.
Haarlem	Haarlem Lodge	10-11-1898	J. op't Eijnde	O. E. Hansen ...	Pieter Kiestraat 51.
Helder	Helder Lodge	23-9-1896	T. van Zuijlen	S. Gazan ...	Parallelweg, 34.
Hilversum	Hilversum Lodge	4-4-1903	A. G. Vreede	Miss C. Hubrecht ...	Ceintuurbaan, 2.
Leiden	Leiden Lodge	5-6-1905	J. H. W. van Ophuysen ...	Mrs. C. J. de Prez ...	Rijnsburgerweg 141.
Nijmegen	Nijmegen Lodge	21-9-1902	Mrs. C. van Dam-Nieuwenhuizen.	Miss C. Broers ...	Groesbeekscheveg, 12.
Rotterdam	Rotterdam Lodge	11-3-1897	M. Brinkman	Miss. J. M. Dutilh ...	Mauritsweg 12.
Utrecht	Utrecht Lodge	17-1-1901	F. Brandt	Miss. J. J. van Wijngaarden.	Oude Gracht, T. Z. 19.
Vlaardingen	Vlaardingen Lodge	30-3-1897	F. J. Houben	Mrs. M. A. van Vlaardingen-Kram	Hondiusstr. 6, Rotterdam.
Zwolle	Zwolsche Lodge	20-3-1905	A. Terwiel	J. Polak ...	Smeden, 5.

			DUTCH EAST INDIES.		
Bandoeng	...	Bandoeng Lodge	...	29-10-1908	G. van der Veen
					Mrs. van der Veen
Batavia	...	Batavia Lodge	...	1908	W. Karssen
					P. Drayer
Buitenzorg	...	Buitenzorgsche Lodge	...	2-9-1903	D. van Hinloopen Labberton
					Mrs. W. D. v. Gheel Gilde-meester Leembruggen.
Djokdjakarta	...	Djokdjakarta Lodge	...	13-9-1903	Raden Mas Djajeng Irawan.
					R. M. Notosoebroto
Samarang	...	Samarang Lodge	...	7-9-1901	P. W. v. d. Broek
					Th. Vreede
Soerabaiya	...	Soerabayasche Lodge	...	7-6-1903	Mrs. de Fremery
					J. P. W. Schnurman
Solo	...	Solo Lodge	...	29-10-1908	B. J. Messchaert
					R. Ng. Djojopoespito
					Simpang Park II.

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The T. S. in France

(CHARTERED 2-8-1899.)

T. S. IN FRANCE.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's or President's Address.
Angers	Tolerance*	16-4-07	Mr. A. Ravault	Mr. Huchet	Pres., 33 bis passage Pasteur.
Bordeaux	L'Effort*	31-3-02	....	Mme. G. Dufau	61, rue Fondaudège.
Grenoble	Grenoble Lodge*	25-5-99	Mr. G. Durand	Mme. Rochat	Pres., 7, rue Camille-Desmoulins.
Lyons	Le Rayon*	23-5-99	Mr. Terrin	Lieut. Favre	58, rue Sala.
Marseilles	Fraternite**	15-5-99	Mr. Dianoux	Mr. Pradalet	116, Cours Lieutaud.
Do.	Ans-Bai	27-6-00	Mr. Ed. Maurel	Mr. Leblais	37, Boul'd des Dames
Do.	Sophia	26-1-02	Mme. Paturel	Mme. Porohofehikoff	118, rue d'Endoume.
Do.	L'Anbe	31-3-05	Mme. Bendit	Mme. Gétaz	86, rue St. Jacques.
Monaco	Esperance	2-1-07	Mr. Palmaro	Mr. E. Izard	Pres., Villa Faraldo, rue d'Alsace.
Nice	Vidya*	27-11-02	Mme. Nabonnand	Mlle. Lucie Bayer	25, Boul. Carnot.
Paris	Le Disciple	30-6-99	Mr. J. Morand	Mr. L. Guittou	6, Place de l'Odéon.
Do.	L'Union	24-6-99	Mme. Magny	Mr. Seillon	Pres., 11, rue Stéillot.
Do.	Le Lotus	27-11-99	Mr. D. A. Courmes	Mr. H. Courmes	21, rue Tronchet.
Do.	Le Sentier	15-5-99	Mme. Thomassin	Comtesse J. de Bryas	27, Avenue Montaigne.
Do.	L'Essor	17-1-00	Mlle. A. Bloch	Mr. G. de Fontenay	Pres., 21, Avenue Montaigne.
Toulon	Le Lotus Blen*	6-1-96	Mr. G. Guglielmi	Mme. Guglielmi-Ruyer	46, rue Victor Clappier.

Alger	...	Yoga*	...	18-3-07	Africa. Mr. de Saint-Foix	...	Mr. J. Mélon	...	rue du Pare Mustapha.
Tunis	...	Tunis Lodge*	...	28-8-05	Mr. A. Durneyer	...	Mr. P. Chaffard	...	12, Avenue de Paris.
Geneva	...	Dharma*	...	20-6-01	Switzerland. Mlle. A. Seliger	...	Mlle. Brailard	...	21, rue Malagnon.
Do.	...	Unité	...	20-6-01	Mme. A. Erath	...	Mlle. Romieux	...	Pres., 9, Avenue de la Grenade.
Do.	...	Les Philatéthes	...	12-1-08	M. W. Metford	...	Mlle. Jacquet	...	Pres., 34, rue Candolle.
Do.	...	Agni	...	31-12-03	Mlle. H. Stephani	...	Mlle. M. L. Brandt	...	7, Cour St. Pierre.
Mulhouse	...	Mulhouse Lodge*	...	12-10-07	Alsace Mme. Alf. Favre	...	Mlle. M. Payen	...	Pres., 6, faub. du Miroir.
Nantes	...	Le Raison Ailée	...	11-3-05	} Dormant	...	{ Mr. Huteau Mr. Perretier	...	20, rue des Olivettes.
Nice	...	L'Union de Nice	...	2-7-97		...		...	6, rue Pertinax.
.....	...	Rouen Centre*	...	...	.....	...	Mlle. Decroix	...	52, rue Armand-Carrel.
.....	...	Clermont-Ferrand	...	..	.....	...	Mlle. E. Lamier	...	27, rue Blatin.
.....	...	Pan Toulouse	Mme. Ch. de Lassence Mlle. Jalambic	...	Petit Boulevard. Dir. Ecole Normale d'Insti- tutrices.
.....	...	Reims	Mr. G. Chapuis	...	14, rue Carnot.
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The T. S. in Italy

(CHARTERED 17-1-1902.)

T. S. IN ITALY.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's or President's Address.
Bologna	Bologna Lodge	22-11-1901	Carlo Pilla	Reg. Andrea Campo	Pres., 12, Via S. Isiaia, Bologna.
Florence	Besant Lodge	19-11-1905	Gioacchino Cavallini	Enrico Mannucci	Pres., 85 bis, Via Masaccio, Firenze.
Genoa	Giordano Bruno Lodge.	24-11-1902	William H. Kirby	Reginald G. MacBean	Pres., Villa Cevasco, Cornigliano Ligure.
Do.	Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge	26-3-1904	Dr. J. R. Spensley	Enrico Vannelli	Pres., 9, Piazza Campetto, Hotel Union, Genova.
Do.	Sattva Lodge	6-2-1906	Contessa Ida Reghini	Vittoria Marengo	Pres., 79, Corso Paganini, Genova.
Milan	Lombardia Lodge	3-2-1904	Principessa A. Troubetzkoy	Dr. Luigi Pera	Pres., 86, Via Lorenzo Mascheroni, Milano.
Do.	H. P. Blavatsky Lodge.	16-4-1908	Dr. Alfreds Pioda	Dr. Giuseppe Sulli Rao	Secr., 8, Via Carroccio, Milano.
Naples	Napoli Lodge	7-6-1900	Miss E. Heinecke	Susanna Kramer	Pres., 202, Via Tasso, Napoli.
Palermo	Palermo Lodge	4-2-1904	Ten. Adelchi Borzi	Avv. Giovanni Sottile	Pres., R. Orto Botanico, Palermo.
Rome	Rome Lodge	11-8-1897	Gen. Carlo Ballatore	Avv. Rodolfo Arbib	Pres., 48, Via Campo Marzio, Roma.
Do.	Rinascenza Lodge.	18-10-1902	Alcibiade Mazzerelli	Giuseppe Bellati	Pres., 68, Via Carlo Alberto, Roma.
Turin	Torino Lodge	6-6-1904	Alida de Ulrich	Francesco Riva	Pres., 31, Via Masséna, Torino.
Do.	Leonardo da Vinci Lodge	29-9-1904	Ten. G. B. Mondinelli	Lucio Barbero	Pres., Magazzino Central Militare, Torino.
Do.	H. S. Olcott Lodge	12-5-1907	Conte Aldo Constantin De Magny.	Cesare Bulano	Pres., 40, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Torino.

Do.	...	"Lumen de Lumine" Lodge.	30-10-1907	Milziade Sega	...	...	<i>Pres., 62, Via Colli, Torino.</i>
Venice	...	Venezia Lodge	...	13-3-1908	Alessandro H. Hellmann. Centres.	...	<i>Pres., Ditta Pauly and Co., Venice.</i>
Stresa	...	Verbano Centre	...	1907	Magg. Oliviero Boggiani.	<i>Villa Boggiani, Stresa (Lago Maggiore).</i>

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The T. S. in Germany

(CHARTERED 27-7 1902.)

T. S. IN GERMANY.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's or President's Address.
Berlin	Besant Lodge	25-2-1906	Dr. Rudolf Steiner	Miss Marie von Sivers	Motzstr., 17, Berlin, W. 30.
Bielefeld	Bielefeld Lodge	18-10-1908	Dr. Ludwig V. Roessel	Herr. Böhmeke	Pres., Oestinghauserstr., 5, Bielefeld.
Bonn	Beethoven Lodge	8-6-1906	Mrs. J. Peelen	.....	Pres., Emserstr., 15, Ehrenbreitstein bei Coblenz.
Bremen	Bremen Lodge	6-8-1906	Miss Adelheid Friedrich	Herr. Lehrer Schröder	Pres., Mendestr., 3, Bremen.
Cassel	Cassel Lodge	15-1-1907	Dr. Ludwig Noll	Herr. Ludwig Kleeberg	Pres., Cassel, Wilhelmstr., 24.
Cologne	Giordano-Bruno Lodge	1-3-1904	Miss Mathilde Scholl	Mrs. Gertrude Noss	Pres., Belfortstr., 9, III Cologne.
Dresden	Gral Lodge	18-9-1904	Herr. Hermann Ahner	.....	Pres., Bantznerstr., 30, Weisser Hirsch, bei Dresden.
Düsseldorf	Düsseldorf Lodge	10-10-1904	Mrs. Clara Smits	Herr. Franz Tabuschat	Pres., Ober-Cassel, Düsseldorf, Kaiser Wilhelmring, 42.
Do	Blavatsky Lodge	7-3-1907	Herr. J. L. M. Lauweriks.	.....	Pres., Düsseldorf, Marschallstr., 18, III.
Eisenach	Eisenach Lodge	23-5-1908	Mrs. M. O. Langen	Mr. Ernst Kitzing	Friedrich Wilhelm Str., 11.
Elberfeld	Elberfeld Lodge	17-3-1907	Herr. Felix v. Damnitz.	Mr. Fried Carl Müller	Elberfeld, Kluserhohe, 11.
Esslingen	Esslingen Lodge	11-3-1907	Herr. Hugo Endress	Herr. Ernst Gerst	Pres., Esslingen, Entengraben, 8.
Frankfurt, A. M.	Goethe Lodge	21-1-1906	Herr. Franz Nab	Herr. Jacob Schwinn	Pres., Frankfurt, A. M. Hohenzollerplatz, 1.
Freiburg, I. B.	Freiburg Lodge	20-10-1905	Mrs. Anna Weissbrod	.....	Pres., Freiburg I. B. de Werthstr., 21.

Hamburg	...	Pythagoras Lodge	...	27-3-1898	Herr. G. F. Scharlau	...	Herr. Adolf Kolbe	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Hamburg, Repsold- str., 21a.
Hannover	...	Hannover Lodge	...	7-3-1898	Herr. Wilhelm Eggers	...	Herr. Heinrich Fischer	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Hannover, Vossstr., 43.
Heidelberg	...	Heidelberg Lodge	...	16-10-1906	Herr. Friedrich Schwab	...	.....	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Heidelberg, Ketten- gasse 23.
Karlsruhe	...	Karlsruhe Lodge	...	9-12-1904	Herr. Hugo Harder	...	Herr. Bürk	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Karlsruhe i B, Edel- sheimerstr., 5, III.
Leipzig	...	Leipzig Lodge	...	20-2-1902	Mrs. Elise Wolfram	...	Herr. von Dannenberg	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Leipzig, Steinstrasse, 13.
Malsch	...	Malsch Lodge	...	18-10-1908	Miss Hilde Stockmeyer	...	Herr. Carl Stockmeyer	...	Waldhaus, Amt. Ettlingen.
Mannheim	...	Mannheim Lodge	...	3-2-1908	Herr. Mich. Emmering	...	Herr. Müller	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Jungbuschstr., 7, Mannheim.
Munich	...	Munich Lodge I.	...	6-6-1904	Countess P. v. Kalkreuth.	...	Miss Sophie Stinde	...	Munich, Adalbertstr., 55, III.
Do.	...	Munich Lodge II.	...	22-1-1906	Herr. H. Neher	...	Herr. Josef Elkan	...	Do. Dreimühlenstr., 22 IV.
Do	...	Munich Lodge III.	...	19-10-1907	Herr. Karl Jantsch	...	Herr. Oskar Hoehl	...	Do. Georgenstr., 63 II.
Nuremberg	...	Albrecht Dürer Lodge	...	25-3-1904	Herr. Michael Bauer	...	Herr. Georg Kleuk	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Nuremberg, Wünzel- burgstr., 3.
Pforzheim	...	Pforzheim Lodge	...	18-8-1908	Herr. Alfred Reebstein	...	Miss. M. Lutz	...	West 38, Pforzheim.
Strassburg	...	Goethe-Schiller Lodge.	...	22-3-1908	Herr. Carl Bongard	...	Herr. Ochler	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Jugengasse 6, Strass- burg i, Elsass.
Stuttgart	...	Stuttgart Lodge I.	...	30-9-1905	Herr. Adolf Arenson	...	Herr. Jose Del Monte	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Cannstatt, Stuttgart, Paulinenstr., 13.
Do.	...	Kerning Lodge	...	19-2-1905	Miss Toni Völker	...	Herr. Karl Kieser	...	Stuttgart, Kernerstr., 1.
Do.	...	Schiller Lodge	...	12-12-1907	.....	...	Miss. Lina Weller	...	Stützenburgstr., 11, Stuttgart.
Weimar	...	Weimar Lodge	...	2-5-1908	Herr. Horst von Henning.	...	.....	...	<i>Pres.</i> , Weimar, Loisenstr., 19.
Wiesbaden	...	Wiesbaden Lodge	...	2-2-1908	Mrs. Marie Schramm	...	Dr. Morck	...	Friedrichstr., 8, Wiesbaden.

T. S. IN GERMANY—(Continued).

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's or President's Address.
Basel	Paracelsus Lodge	6-10-1906	Switzerland. Dr. Jan Legutt von Ostheim Herr. Oskar Groscheintz Prof Oskar Boltz Herr. Otto Bietmann Director A. D. Sellin Centres. Herr. Jacob Feldner	Herr. Fritz Edelmann	Pres., St. Johannring 95, III Basel
Berne	St. John's Lodge	15-12-1907		Mrs. Haefliger	Feldeckweg 7, Berne.
Lugano	Lugano Lodge	9-5-1902		Consul Franken	Loretto 6, Paradiso, Lugano.
St. Gallen	Ekkehard Lodge	6-1-1906		.....	Pres., Rorschacherstr., 11, St. Gallen.
Zurich	Zachokke Lodge	10-10-1908		Prof. Dr. Gysi	Pres., Böhlerstr., 285 Kilchberg 6, Zurich.
.....	Regensburg Centre	1906		.....	Dollingerstr., 14. Regensburg.

Address :—Dr. Radolf Steiner, General Secretary, Motzstrasse, 17, Berlin, W., Germany.

The T. S. in Cuba

(CHARTERED 7-2-1905.)

T. S. IN CUBA

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Aguadilla, Porto Rico, W. I.	Hellen P. Blavatsky T. S.	16-5-1908	Mr. Luis A. Torregrosa	Mr. Ramon Vázquez	Apartado 132, Aguadilla, Porto Rico, W. I.
Alto Songo, Or.	Jesus T. S.	13-10-1905	Mrs. Maria Avila Romero.	Mrs. Nemesio Hernandez Avila.	La Patera, Alto Songo, Oriente.
Banes, Or.	Fraternidad T. S.	1903	Mr. Manuel Moreno Solano.	Mr. Eduardo Abril	Apartado 20, Banes, Or.
Cienfuegos	Sophia T. S.	23-10-1902	Mr. Serafin Rosy Utrilla.	Mr. Octavio Guerrero	Houruitiner 9, Cienfuegos.
Duruty, Or.	Progreso T. S.	9-5-1905	Mrs. Rosalia Cabrera y Triana.	Mr. Ramon Rojas	Apartado 54, Duruty, Or.
Havana	Annie Besant T. S.	20-1-1901	Mr. Rafael de Albear	Mr. Juan Cruz Bustillo	Apartado 365, Havana.
Maffo, Jiguani	Humildad T. S.	9-12-1907	Mr. Casiano Garcia Reus.	Mr. José P. Sierra	Maffo, Jiguani.
Matanzas	Dharma T. S.	5-3-1908	Mr. Mates I. Fiol.	Mr. Manuel Rodriguez	Rios 157½, Matanzas.
Palma Soriano, Or.	H. S. Olcott T. S.	23-6-1907	Mr. Jose Sigas Baro	Mr. José Ramirez	Calle 8, Palma Soriano, Or.
Ponce, Porto Rico, W. I.	Ananda T. S.	31-12-1906	Mr. Estevan C. Canavaro.	Mr. Enrique Santiago	P. O. Box 112, Ponce, Porto Rico, W. I.
Sancti Spiritus	Bhakti Gyam T. S.	14-1-1904	Mr. Manuel Janer Roman.	Mr. Mariano Espinosa	San Gonzalo 25, Sancti Spiritus.
San José, Costa Rica, C. A.	Virya T. S.	1-6-1904	Mr. Tomas Povedano	Mr. José Monturiol	Apartado 220, San José, Costa Rica, C. A.
San Luis, Or.	Luz de la Verdad T. S.	24-7-1907	Mr. Estevan Rojas Gomez.	Mr. Manuel Barban	General Garcia 1, San Luis, Or.
Santiago de Cuba.	Kriya T. S.	3-10-1905	Mr. Arturo Villalón	Mr. Manuel E. Rivera	San Basilio alta 74, Santiago de Cuba.
Do.	H. P. Blavatsky T. S.	3-10-1905	Mrs. Feliciano Sanchez	Mr. Modesto Ferrero	San Tadeo alta 44, do.
Do.	Luz de Maceo T. S.	10-11-1905	Mrs. Amalia Nuñez	Mr. Néstor Jimenez Pilot	Santo Tomás alta 45, do.

Do.	...	Loto Blanco T. S.	...19-12-1906	Mr. Frank W. Arrow-smith.	Mr. Sixto del Rio y Duf-four.	Pico Baja, 1,	do.
Do.	...	Estrella de Luz T. S.	3-1-1906	Mrs. Maria Avila de Martinez.	Miss Isabel Martinez Avila.	Calvario Baja 20,	do.
Ti-Arriba, Or.	...	Luz de Oriente T. S.	14-7-1907	Mr. Luis Garcia Reus ... Mexico.	Miss Digna Garcia Modey ...	Ti-Arriba, Oriente.	
Gomez Durango Mexico City	...	Ramacharaka T.S.	20-10-1908	Mr. Anacleto Gonzalez ...	Mr. German Froto	Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico.	
Monterey, Nuevo Leon.	...	Aura T. S.	15-6-1906	Mr. Juan N. Arriaga ...	Mr. Victor J. Moreda	Apartado 102, bis, Mexico, D. F.	
Do.	...	Loto T. S.	28-5-1906	Mr. Silvestre Garza ...	Mr. Cecilio Rodriguez	Zzargoza 210, Monterey, N. L.	
Do.	...	Yoga T. S.	9-1-1907	Mr. Manuel M. Lopez ...	Mr. Francisco Martinez	Diego Montemayor 192½, Monterey, N. L.	
Do.	...	Aryavarta T. S.	29-11-1907	Mr. Cecilio Villarreal ...	Mr. Félix Pérez	Benito Juarez 65,	do.
Saltillo, Coahuila.	...	Jehoshua T. S.	16-3-1907	Mr. Pablo Maldonado ...	Mr. Cesáreo Hernandez Perea.	Admon. Pral. de Timbre, Saltillo, Coahuila.	
San Pedro, do.	...	Himāvat T. S.	28-3-1906	Mr. Sabino A. Flores ...	Mr. Julian Molina	Zzargoza 25, San Pedro, Coahuila.	

Address :—Senor Rafael de Albear, General Secretary, Apartado 365, Havana, Cuba.

The T. S. in Hungary

(CHARTERED 7-7-1907.)

T. S. IN HUNGARY.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Budapest	... Altruismus T. S.	... 16-11-1906	Mr. Lipot Stark	... Dr. Geza Vikar	... V. Lipot Kőr Utea 16.
Do.	... Apollo T. S.	...	Mr. Robert Nadler	... Mrs. Miklos Kaszab	... II. Atilla Utea 81.
Do.	... Bolyay T. S.	...	Mr. Jenő Haranyai	... Dr. Bela Nagy	... VII. Kiraly Utea 77.
Do.	... Blavatsky T. S.	...	Mr. Ivan Stojits	... Mr. Ernő Wimmer	... II. Medve Utea 33.
Do.	... Cho T. S.	...	Dr. Ernő Dery	... Mr. Ernő Angly	... IX. Lónyay Utea 79.
Do.	... Krishna T. S.	...	Mr. Ódon Nérei	... Dr. Mór Biró	... VI. Nyar Utea 7.
Do.	... Pythagoras T. S.	...	Mr. Gyula Agoston	... Mr. Her. Windisch	... II. Bimbó Utea 12.

*Address :—Gyula Agoston, General Secretary, VIII. Rókt Sallard utca 89, Budapest, Hungary.

The T. S. in Finland

(CHARTERED 21-10-1907.)

T. S. IN FINLAND.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
Abo	... Aura Lodge T. S. ...	17-11-1907	Mr. John Troberg	Miss. Helga Sola	Eteläinen takamaa 31, Abo.
Do.	... Aurora Lodge T. S. ...	15-5-1908	Mr. Axel W. Krook	Miss. Suoma Telenius	Eriksgatan 37, Abo.
Aggelby	... Kalervo Lodge T. S. ...	21-10-1907	Mr. Emil Turunen	Mr. Juho Simpanen	Aggelby.
Helsingfors (Sörnas)	... Atra Lodge T. S. ...	do.	Mr. Kalle Turja	Mr. V. Saarikoski	St. Viertotie 26, Helsingfors.
Do.	... Kalveala Lodge T. S. ...	do.	Mr. August Aaltonen	Mr. V. Palomaa	Teosofinen Seura, Helsingfors.
Do.	... Vägen Lodge T. S. ...	do.	Mr. Herman Hellner	Miss Signe af Hallström	Fredriksgatan 32, Helsingfors.
Hälsalmi	... Valoa Kohti Lodge T. S. ...	11-3-1908	Mrs. Kyllikki Ignatius	Mr. Santeri Rissanen	Hälsalmi.
Kotka	... Vainölä Lodge T. S. ...	21-2-1908	Mr. Adolf R. Kankkunen.	.....	Pres., Länsi Esplanadin katu 11, Kotka.
Kurikka	... Etsija Lodge T. S. ...	21-10-1907	Mr. Matti Virtanen	Mr. Samuli Hallberg	Kurikka.
Nokia	... Sarastus Lodge T. S. ...	do.	Mr. M. A. Stark, m. A.	Mr. J. V. Louhivaara	Nokia.
Vasa	... Tähti Lodge T. S. ...	12-8-1908	Mr. Johan E. Hölös	Mr. J. E. Vainionpää	Kasarmikatu 33, Vasa.
Viborg	... Sampo Lodge T. S. ...	21-10-1907	Mr. August Öhberg	Mr. V. Suhonen	Berggatan 3, Viborg.

Address :—Pekka Ervast, General Secretary, Aggelby, Finland.

The T. S. in Russia.

(CHARTERED 12-11-1908.)

T. S. IN RUSSIA.

Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
St. Petersburg	... Maria Strauch	1908	.....	Anna Kamensky	... Kabinetetskaya, 7.
Do.	... H. P. B.	1908	.....	Anna Kamensky	... ..
Do.	... East	1908	.....	Anna Kamensky	... ..
Do.	... Hypathia	1908	.....	Anna Kamensky	... ..
Kief	... St. Sophia	1908	.....	Elisa Radzevitch	... ..
Kaluga	... R. Steiner	1908	.....	Helena Pisareff	... ..
Yaroslavl	... Alba	1908	.....	Kasimir Stabroosky	... ..
.....	... Slovaki	1908	.....	Maria Lohuchansky	... ..

Address : Anna Kamensky, General Secretary, Kabinetetskaya, 7, St. Petersburg, Russia.

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Place.	Name of the Branch.	Date of Charter.	President.	Secretary.	Secretary's Address.
CEYLON.					
Colombo	Colombo Buddhist T.S.	8-8-1880	Mr. R. A. Miranda	Mr. A. Mendis	61, Maliban St., Colombo.
Galle	Galle T.S.	25-5-1880	.....	Mr. D. J. Subaiah	"Subanivasa," Galle.
Kandy	Kandy T.S.	13-8-1880	.....	Mr. H. D. Munnasika Mubandiram.	Kandy.
† SOUTH AFRICA.					
Cape Town, C.C.	Cape Town Lodge	1904	Mr. F. Cooper	Mr. A. Holtzer	c/o Standard Bank, Cape Town.
Durban, Natal	Durban Lodge	1904	Mr. E. G. Martyn	Mr. H. J. S. Bell	B. O. Box 57, Point, Durban.
Germiston, Tr.	Germiston Lodge	1908	Mr. L. B. Yardley	Mr. H. N. Hemsley	69, Queen Street, Germiston West, Transvaal.
Hillbrow,	Harmony Lodge	1904	Mrs. K. E. Wybergh	.....	Pres., P. O. Box 465, Johannesburg.
Johannesburg, Tr.	Johannesburg Lodge	1899	Mr. W. Wybergh	Mr. H. Robins	P. O. Box 3899, Johannesburg, Transvaal.
Pretoria, Tr.	Pretoria Lodge	1904	Mr. Henri Dijkman	Mr. C. E. Gyde	P. O. Box 644, Pretoria, Transvaal.
Do.	Arcadia Lodge	1908	Mr. John Walker	Mr. W. D. Bond	P. O. Box 434, Pretoria, Tr.

† Presidential Agent for South Africa : Mr. Henri Dijkman, P. O. Box 644, Pretoria.

* SOUTH AMERICA.

Buenos Aires Argentina. Do.	Ananda T.S.	...	4-7-1899	Mr. C. H. Baly	...	Mr. Ernesto Moreau	...	Arquitecto S. C. A., 2909- Cordoba-2909, Buenos Aires.
Do.	Luz T.S.	...	8-11-1894	Mr. Alejandro Sorondo	...	.....	...	Pres., Avenida Republica, 8, do.
Montevideo, Uruguay.	Vi Dharma T.S.	...	21-9-1901	Mr. Vicente Daroqui	...	Mr. Daniel Demarchi	...	983, San Jose, do.
Pelotas Rio Grande du Sud, Brazil.	Hiranya T.S.	...	16-8-1905	Mr. José A. Fernandez	...	Mr. F. Diaz Falp	...	Cerrc Largo 32, Montevideo.
Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentina.	Dharma T.S.	...	16-8-1905	Mr. José Pedro Franz	...	Mr. Antonia Luiz Machado.	...	Rua Marechal Deodora 208.
Santiago, Chile	Aurora T.S.	...	1901	.....	...	Mr. Armando E. Rapp	...	Calle Cordoba 686, Buenos Aires.
Valparaiso Chile.	Arundhati T.S.	...	19-4-1902	Mr. Gustavo Valledar Sanchez.	...	Mr. Carlos E. Keymer	...	Casilla 989, Santiago, Chile.
Do.	Lob-Nor T.S.	...	24-4-1902	Mrs. Luisa Wightman	...	Mr. H. Sonderburg	...	Casilla 1488, Valparaiso, Chile,
Sofia	Atlante T.S.	...	1908	Mr. Alfred Weber	...	Mr. Florencio Vial	...	P.O., Box 1300, do.
				BULGARIA.				
	President Olcott T.S.	...	28-3-1907	Mr. Soph. Nickoff	...	Mr. Alex Chichkoff	...	Pres., 129, Positano, Sofia.
				AFRICA.				
Cairo, Egypt	El Hikmet T.S.	...	7-5-1908	Mme. Olga de Lebedeff	...	Mr. L. C. Oltramare	...	P.O., Box 501.
				MAURITIUS.				
Port Louis	Mauritius T.S.	...	26-5-1908	Mr. Soobrayen Ancoordas- samy.	...	Dr. G. Sénéque	...	Port Louis, Mauritius.

* Presidential Agent for S. America : Commandant F. W. Fernandez, 184, Bolivia-Flores, Buenos Aires.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE THEOSOPHIST.

GONE TO THE PEACE.

The Cuban Section has sustained a great loss in the passing away of our Brother Jose M. Massó, on the 26th July 1908. Heart-disease assailed him, and he was confined to his bed for nearly a month. He remained perfectly conscious to the end, and died just at the time when he was wont to begin his daily meditation. Quarter of an hour before, he called "Olcott, Olcott, Olcott," and it may be that the friend whom he so dearly loved came to give him welcome to his new life. He has left behind him a fragrant memory of good work, and I trust that Cuba may give to the General Council and to me a colleague as faithful and loyal as he.

In India, also, we have lost an old and valued worker by the passing of Brother David Gostling, for long President of the Blavatsky Lodge, Bombay; he left us on September 10th, 1908, and his loss will be heavily felt not only by his own Lodge, but also by the Section and the C. H. C. He was one of our most generous supporters financially.

These men have been faithful unto death to the cause they loved, and through all troubles they have stood firm. May the Masters they loved and served outstretch over both protecting hands. "Rest in the Eternal grant to them, O Lord, and may Light perpetual shine upon them."

ANNIE BESANT, P.T.S.

BLAVATSKY GARDENS.

These gardens come into my hands from the present tenant at the end of October, and will thus be available for use during the coming Convention. The bungalow will be open for the reception of students on February 1st, 1909. I have received towards the purchase money from the Executors of Colonel Olcott, Rs. 1,447-2-8 and there is also a debt of Rs. 4,000, due to his estate (which I advanced to close his account, and shall receive next year), making, ultimately, from him Rs. 5,447-2-8. The following friends have contributed :

	Rs. A. P.		
P. D. Khan, Esq. ...	2,000	0	0
A. Schwarz, Esq. ...	1,000	0	0
T. H. Martyn, Esq. ...	1,471	3	3
A friend ...	3,000	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. John ...	300	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Studd ...	75	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Hunt ...	75	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Kitto ...	75	0	0
Mr. and Mrs. Ray ...	75	0	0

			Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. and Mrs. Mc Conkey and Mrs. Gill	...	...	105	0	0
Santa Rosa Branch, California	...	...	268	2	8
M. Mme. and Mlle. Blech	...	...	600	0	0
Ranga Reddy, Esq.	...	...	3,988	9	0
Miss Bowring	...	...	375	0	0
In grateful memory of the Founders of the T. S.	...	...	4,000	0	0
Total			17,407	14	11

Making, with the Colonel's Rs. 1,447-2-8, a total of Rs. 18,855-1-7 towards the purchase money. The total cost of house, land and expenses of conveyance amounts to Rs. 41,006-14-6. Rs. 15,000 remain unpaid of money lent to me without interest by two generous Theosophists.

ANNIE BESANT, P.T.S.

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS.

1. Men and women desiring to study at Adyar must be between 20 and 40 years of age; they must be well educated, and must be members of the Theosophical Society of at least three years' standing; they must have a definite object in view, literary, propagandist, or other philanthropic work.

2. If not personally known to the President of the Theosophical Society, they must send with their application for admission a note of recommendation from the General Secretary of their Section.

3. When they have received notice that their application is granted, students who are westerns, or who live in the western way, must send the following note to the President, Theosophical Society :

I agree to pay weekly Rs. 15 (£1, or \$5) to the Headquarters' Superintendent, making payment of Rs. 60 at the commencement of every four weeks' term, this payment to include the use of a private furnished room, household linen, food, lighting, general service, and the use of the Library and common rooms at Blavatsky Gardens and the Central Headquarters building.

I agree to accept the Regulations in force at the Headquarters, to give one month's notice in writing to the Superintendent of my intended departure, and to leave within a fortnight if requested to do so by the President.

Signed _____

Eastern students, who make their own food arrangements and bring their own bedding, utensils, etc., can have the use of a small room with chauki and writing table at Re. 1-4-0 to Rs. 2 per week without lighting, or Re. 1-12-0 to Rs. 2-8-0 with lighting.

The President retains the power of varying the rules in exceptional cases.

33RD ANNIVERSARY AND CONVENTION.

As usual, I have to ask all delegates and intending visitors to the Anniversary of the Theosophical Society and the Convention of the Indian Section—to be holden at Adyar, on December 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 1908—to notify their coming to me before December 1st, in order that suitable arrangements may be made for their housing and for the supply of food.

It must be understood that *only members of the Theosophical Society* can be provided for, as our accommodation is limited, and members are reminded that their own comfort depends on their sending notice of their coming. With the utmost good will, it is impossible to supply a thousand with food and lodging provided for three hundred, and so on in proportion. Carriages of various kinds are on hire at the stations for arriving guests.

All travellers in India know that they are expected to bring with them such bedding as they are accustomed to use.

The Convention Lectures, to which, as usual, admission will be by ticket only, will be delivered at 8 A.M. in the Headquarters' Hall, on December 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th by Miss Lilian Edger, M.A.; the subject chosen by her is: "Gleanings from *Light on the Path*." This will be the second occasion on which Miss Edger has delivered the Convention Lectures, and her ungrudging and unwearied services to India should ensure for her the warmest of welcomes. The full agenda will be published next month.

I shall deliver a public lecture in the grounds of the Blavatsky Gardens at 8 A.M. on December 28th, on "The Work and Hopes of the Theosophical Society," and, in addition to delivering the closing speech at the Public Meeting in Madras, shall give a lecture in the Headquarters' Hall, *admission by ticket only*, on the evening of December 30th, to close the gatherings.

ANNIE BESANT, P. T. S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following receipts from 19th August to 18th September 1908, are acknowledged with thanks:

ANNUAL DUES AND ADMISSION FEES.			Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. H. Dijkman, Pretoria (£ 10-0-0) ...	...	...	150	0	0
South America (£ 10-16-7) ...	...	...	162	6	0
PRESIDENT'S TRAVELLING FUND.					
Miss Adelia Taffinder, San Francisco (\$ 5) ...	...	...	15	5	0
Mr. Oskar F. Hintze, Frankfort (19s. 6d.) ...	...	...	14	10	0
British Section (£ 50-0-0) ...	...	...	749	15	0
Total ...			1,092	4	0

A. SCHWARZ,
Honorary Treasurer, T.S., Adyar.

OLCOTT PAÑCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS.

Financial Statement.

The following receipts from 19th August to 18th September 1908, are acknowledged with thanks :

DONATIONS,					Rs. A. P.		
Mr. H. D., Havaldar, Bombay	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
Assistant Secretary, Theosophical Society, Karachi	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
A. E. England (2s. 6d.)	...	...	...	...	1	14	0
Mr. H. K. Batlivala, Bombay	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Miss Adelia H. Taffinder, San Francisco (\$ 5)	...	...	...	...	15	5	0
Mr. T. Ramanujam Pillay, Retired Sub-Engineer, Pithapuram	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Mr. N. H. Cama, Jubalporc	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Theosophical Society, Adyar	...	...	...	...	4	8	0
Bangalore City Branch Theosophical Society	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
Mr. N. M. Desai, Distillery Inspector, Akola	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Mr. Chiman Lal Nathabhai Doshi Ratan Pole, Ahmedabad	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Rajkot Branch Theosophical Society	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
Mr. C. Balakrishna, Madura	...	...	...	...	1	11	0
Mr. C. Elyuski, San Francisco (£ 20-9-0)	...	...	...	...	306	11	0
Melbourne Theosophical Society	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
Mr. V. Gopalayya, Engineer, Tanjore	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Mr. R. Seshagiri Rao, Madanapalli	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Miss Ellen Rice, Honolulu (£ 1-0-0)	...	...	...	...	14	14	0
A friend	5,000	0	0
Total					5,574	15	0

A. SCHWARZ,

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, O. P. F. S., Adyar.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE THEOSOPHIST.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS.

It is not possible for me to acknowledge separately the many letters and telegrams of good wishes received for my birthday. So I here thank each one, and most of all those who fed thousands of the poor in my name. Generous love could do me no kindlier service. Dear friends, accept my loving thanks, and may the blessings of the helpless strew your paths with flowers.

ANNIE BESANT.

THE T. S. IN AMERICA.

The good news of the re-election of our valued colleague Dr. Weller van Hook comes from America. He was elected on roll-call of delegates by 198 votes against 57, thrown for his opponent, Mr. Knothe. America has done well in again choosing as her General Secretary this man of noble character and flawless courage. I am happy to welcome him again as colleague on the General Council.

A dignified answer to the attack on Dr. van Hook, in the British Convention, was made by the carrying of the following resolution, presented by Mr. C. Jinarājadāsa :

Resolved : That this Convention of the American Section of the Theosophical Society.

(1) Re-affirms the principle of freedom of opinion within the Society.

(2) Hereby further puts on record that the opinions, theories and declarations of any member, either of a private member, or of one holding any office in the Society, are not to be considered entitled to the description 'Theosophical,' and are not binding on the Theosophical Society in any way whatsoever.

This is well done ; for, as H.P.B. warned us, the one deadly danger for the Theosophical Society is that it should become a sect, and if people—however good, earnest and well-intentioned—succeeded

in forcing on the T. S. a moral, or immoral, dogma, it would become a sect. Sects have always been founded by good people, on conscientious motives, for the love of God and man, but people who thought that their own Shibbolethe was the only password. The danger of religious dogmatism can scarcely avail us, so the old fanaticism now veils itself in the demand for moral dogmatism.

The Convention also requested me to invite Mr. Leadbeater to return to T. S. membership—the first of many similar requests, probably.

AENIE BESANT, P. T. S.

BLAVATSKY GARDENS.

I have received the following further contributions towards the deficit of Rs. 22,151-12-11.

							Rs.	A.	P.
C.	750	0	0
S. J.	600	0	0
A. H.	100	0	0
C. Jenkin	15	0	0
With loving birthday greetings	545	0	0
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							2,010	0	0
Already acknowledged	18,855	1	7
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							20,065	1	7
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Very many thanks.

ANNIE BESANT, P.T.S.

NEW BRANCHES.

INDIAN SECTION.

Location.		Branch Name.		Date of issue of Diploma.
Karrikal, French India	...	Sri Punitha Lodge	...	31-8-'08.
Chintamani, Mysore	...	Chintamani T.S.	...	1-9-'08.

GERMAN SECTION.

Stuttgart	...	Schiller Lodge	...	12-12-'07.
Bern	...	Johannes do	...	15-12-'07.
Wiesbaden	...	Wiesbaden do	...	2-2-'08.
Mannheim	...	Mannheim do	...	3-2-'08.
Strassburg	...	Göthe-Schiller Lodge...		22-3-'08.
Eisenach	...	Eisenach do	...	23-5-'08.
Pforzheim	...	Pforzheim do	...	18-8-'08.

NON-SECTIONALISED—SOUTH AFRICA.

Germiston, Transvaal	...	Germiston Lodge	...	27-8-'08.
Pretoria, do	...	Arcadia do	...	10-10-'08.

NON-SECTIONALISED—SOUTH AMERICA.

Valparaiso, chile	...	Atlante T. S.	...	'08.
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W. B. FRICKE,

Recording Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following receipts from 19th September to 15th October 1908,
are acknowledged with thanks :

ANNUAL DUES AND ADMISSION FEES.				Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. H. Dijkman, Pretoria (£ 9-5-0)	...	...	...	138	12	0
Scandinavian Section for 1908 (£ 18-2-7)	...	...	...	271	14	0
German Section for 1908 (Mg. 900)	652	2	9
Indian Section for 1908	1,206	0	0

DONATION.

A. Theosophist, Adyar	6	0	0
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GARDEN INCOME.

Garden Contractor, 2nd instalment	188	0	0
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Total ... 2,463 4 9

A. SCHWARZ,

Honorary Treasurer, T.S., Adyar.

OLCOTT PAÑCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS.

Financial Statement.

The following receipts from 19th September to 15th October 1908, are acknowledged with thanks :

DONATIONS.				Rs. A. P.		
A friend of Education, Mylapore	...	...	...	6	0	0
Mr. Robert Davidson, Sydney, N. S. Wales (£ 1-10-0)	...	...	...	22	8	0
Mrs. Mary E. MacAdam, Washington, D. C. (£ 2-1-1)	...	...	...	30	10	0
Pathare Prabhu Knowledge Improving Society Service						
Circle, Bombay	...	...	...	25	0	0
Mrs. Lübke, Adyar	...	...	...	5	0	0
Mr. M. H. Master, T. V. Railway, Nundurbar	...	...	...	5	0	0
Secretary, Mysore Theosophical Society	4	0	0
Total				98	2	0

A. SCHWARZ,

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, O. P. F. S., Adyar.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE THEOSOPHIST.

PROGRAMME OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY AND OF THE 18TH INDIAN SECTION CONVENTION, TO BE HELD AT ADYAR, INDIA,

DECEMBER 27TH, 28TH, 29TH AND 30TH.

A Lecture entitled, "The Work and Hopes of the Theosophical Society" will be delivered by the President, at 8 A.M. December 26th, in the Blavatsky Gardens. *Open to the Public.*

December 27th.

- 8 A.M. Miss Edger, M.A. "Gleanings from *Light on the Path.*" I. (*Open to the Public by ticket only.*)
- 10 A.M. to 12. Annual Address by the President. } (*Members only.*)
Reading of Reports from Sections. }
- 3-30 to 4-30 P.M. Open Question Meeting with the President.
- 6 P.M. General Meeting, E.S.

December 28th.

- 8 A.M. Miss Edger, M.A. "Gleanings from *Light on the Path.*" II. (*Open to the Public by ticket only.*)
- 10 A.M. to 12. Indian Section Convention. (*Members only.*)
- 3-30 to 4-30 P.M. Open Question Meeting with the President.
- 7 P.M. Degree I Meeting, E.S.

December 29th.

- 8 A.M. Miss Edger, M.A. "Gleanings from *Light on the Path.*" III. (*Open to the Public by ticket only.*)
- 10 A.M. to 12. Indian Section Convention. (*Members only.*)
- 4-30 P.M. Public Meeting at Victoria Hall.
- 7 P.M. Higher Degrees, E.S.

December 30th.

- 8 A.M. Miss Edger, M.A. "Gleanings from *Light on the Path*." IV. (*Open to the Public by ticket only.*)
 10 A.M. Any remaining Business.
 6 P.M. Lecture by the President. "The Opening Cycle,"
 (*Open to the Public by ticket only.*)

Any further arrangements will be duly notified by hand-bills.

ANNIE BESANT, P. T. S.

BLAVATSKY GARDENS.

These Gardens are being made ready for occupancy.

I have received the following further contributions towards their purchase :

					Rs.	A.	P.
Australian Section	...	...	...	...	1395	0	0
From a friend	...	...	...	...	225	0	0
R. Seshagiri Row	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Madura T.S.	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Already acknowledged	...	...	...	...	20,865	1	7
Total Rs...					22,540	1	7

Cordial thanks.

ANNIE BESANT, P.T.S.

THE T. S. ORDER OF SERVICE.

The growth of the Order now demands the formation of a small Central Council at Adyar. The members have been chosen for the work already done by them in various fields of service.

CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Annie Besant, P. T. S.

Sir S. Subramania Iyer, V.-P. T. S.

V. C. Seshāchārri, Director, Gaṇḍharva Institute.

Carolina Kofel, Superintendent of Pañchama Schools.

A. K. Sītārāma-Shāstri, Superintendent of Vasaṇṭa Press.

A. Schwarz, Treasurer.

Helen Lübke, Secretary.

Provincial Councils will be formed as Local Leagues multiply sufficiently to need their aid ; National Councils, similarly, when Provincial Councils need a centre to unify them. The Central Council keeps a Register in which the names of all Leagues are inscribed.

ANNIE BESANT,

NEW BRANCH.

BRITISH SECTION.

The General Secretary of the British Section has issued a charter on September 22nd, to form a Branch of the Theosophical Society at Hale, Cheshire, to be known as the Hale Branch of the T.S. ; the following are the charter members, *viz.*, D. N. Dunlop, Sidney Ransom, William Owen, Alice Owen, Josephine Ransom, Elinor Dunlop, and Annie Larmuth.

W. B. FRICKE,

Recording Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following receipts from 16th October to 15th November 1908, are acknowledged with thanks :

ANNUAL DUES AND ADMISSION FEES.	Rs.	A.	P.
Presidential Agent, South America, Buenos Ayres (£9-10-0)	142	11	5
Presidential Agent, South Africa, (£4-0-0)	60	0	0

PRESIDENT'S TRAVELLING FUND.

Honorary Treasurer, New Zealand Section, Theosophical Society, (£3-0-0)	44	15	0
Mr. Framjee J. Bilia, 57, Hornby Road, Bombay ...	15	0	0

DONATIONS.

Mr. Anantrai Nathji Bhaw Devani Shed, Bhavnagar, Kathiawar	84	0	0
A friend from Adyar	5	8	0

E. S. T. HALL.

Donations through Mrs. Annie Besant	2,479	11	7
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STABLE.

Donation by Mrs. Annie Besant	825	0	0
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ADYAR LIBRARY.

Donation by Mrs. Annie Besant	500	0	0
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CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS AND GARDEN ACCOUNT.

Donation by Mrs. Annie Besant	6,626	10	2
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Total	...	10,783	8	2
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A. SCHWARZ,

Honorary Treasurer, T.S., Adyar.

OLCOTT PAÑCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS.

Financial Statement.

The following receipts from 16th October to 15th November 1908, are acknowledged with thanks :

DONATIONS.				Rs. A. P.		
Honorary Treasurer, New Zealand Section, Auckland						
(£1-10-0)	...	...	...	22	8	0
Mr. K. M. Bhatje, Head Clerk, Customs Office, Jodhpur ..				5	0	0
Mr. M. N. Ramaswamy Ayer, Anantapur	...	...	...	15	0	0
A Sympathiser	...	...	...	20	11	9
R. (£ 5-0-0)	74	1	4
Total	...	198	5	1		

A. SCHWARZ,

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, O. P. F. S., Adyar.

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SUPPLEMENT TO THE THEOSOPHIST.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The following receipts from 16th January to 15th February 1909, are acknowledged with thanks :

ANNUAL DUES AND ADMISSION FEES.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. Gyula Agoston, Budapest, £6-17-6 for 1908 (Hungarian T. S.)	103	2	0
Presidential Agent, South America, £6-0-0	89	11	1
Do South Africa £2-5-0	33	12	0
Indian Section, part payment for 1909	1,200	0	0
Dutch Section, Amsterdam, for 1908 (£83-4-7)... ..	1,248	7	0
Presidential Agent, South America, (£4-19-1)	74	1	8
Mr. R. T. Tebbitt, Newchwang	15	0	0

WHITE LOTUS FUND.

Dutch Section, Amsterdam (£0-14-2)	10	9	0
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DONATION.

A friend from Adyar	8	0	0
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OLCOTT STATUE FUND.

C. P. and Berar	50	0	0
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Total... 2,832 10 9

A. SCHWARZ,

Treasurer Theosophical Society, Adyar.

OLCOTT PAÑCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS.

Financial Statement.

The following receipts from 16th January to 15th February 1909, are acknowledged with thanks :

DONATIONS.

	Rs.	A.	P.
A friend, Colombo	15	0	0
Mr. Sitaram Ayer, Observatory, Kodaikanal	2	0	0
„ M. H. Master, Nandurbar	5	0	0
A Parsee lady from Bombay... ..	25	0	0
Mr. P. K. Telang, Malhas Road, Bombay	103	0	0
Total	150	0	0

A SCHWARZ,

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, O. P. F. S. Adyar.

NEW LODGES.

Location.	Branch Name.	Date of Issue of Charter.
T. S. IN INDIA.		
Bowringpet, Mysore	... Universal Success Lodge	... 31-12-1908
Benares, U. P.	... Central Hindu College Lodge.	... 30-1-1909
Gwalior, C. I.	... Gwalior Lodge	... 30-1-1909
Washermanpet, Madras	... Washermanpet Lodge	... 9-2-1909
Kadavasal, Tanjore	... District Pranava Lodge,	... 18-2-1909
T. S. IN FRANCE.		
Paris	... Paix Lodge	... 21-12-1908
Rouen	... La Fraternelle Lodge	... 17-1-1909
Paris	... Kosmopolis Lodge	... 18-1-1909
Do	... Lanou Lodge	... 24-1-1909
Nice (dormant Branch)	... L'Union Lodge now in activity.	
T. S. IN NEW ZEALAND.		
Hamilton, N. Z.	... Hamilton Lodge	... 1-12-190

LODGE DISSOLVED.

The Le Sentier Lodge of Paris, France, dissolved on the 15th January 1909, and has returned its charter to the General Secretary.

J. R. ARIA.

Recording Secretary.

Members and Lodges who have not yet paid their promised subscriptions towards the Convention Fund are kindly requested to remit the amounts at their earliest convenience,

A. SCHWARZ,
Treasurer, T.S.

BLAVATSKY GARDENS.

I acknowledge with thanks :

					Rs.	A.	P.
Incognito	...	...	...	...	525	0	0
A Theosophist	...	...	...	...	500	0	0
S	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
					1,125	0	0
Already acknowledged					25,510	1	7
Rs.					26,635	1	7

TELEGRAPH CODE.

Mr. Warrington writes me that *The Century Standard Telegraphic Code*, by J. S. Kornicker, published in 1907, is the best. I shall therefore adopt this from May next, I have also the *Adams Cable Code*, with additions made by Mrs. Russak, that can be used by those who have it as prepared by her.

ANNIE BESANT.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE THEOSOPHIST.

AN INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION WITHIN THE T. S.

I am asked to give publicity to the following statement of a movement under Rule 31 of the T. S. Constitution, and very willingly do so. I sincerely hope that the new association may find a useful field of work, and may be successful on its own lines, and within the restrictions with which it guards its membership. I regard it as a healthy sign that members should group themselves within the Society according to their views, where differences are so strong that they cannot co-operate harmoniously.

ANNIE BESANT, P. T. S.

DEAR BROTHERS,

As from the point of view of many old and devoted Fellows of the T. S., resolutions 5, 6 (last sentence), and 8, passed by the General Council at Adyar on December 26th, 1908, show a lack of comprehension of the gravity and significance of the position which the terms thereof impose on the whole Society, and as they are unable to reconcile themselves to that position, regarding it as prejudicial to the basic ideas of the Movement, they are naturally anxious to dissociate themselves from this action of the General Council. Therefore a few of us, fully cognisant of the value of harmony and solidarity in an organisation like ours, as well as of the power and inspiration behind it, and consequently wishing to put an end to the undesirable conflict between conscience and sentiment or between reason and emotion both within and without, approached the President with the request for a new Section, neither circumscribed by geographical limits, nor bound by all the rulings of the General Council, but free to follow its own independent system of administration, and affianced only to the Parent Society in its original scope and character, besides of course deriving its charter from that authority. The President having kindly granted this petition, saying that she does not think that any members should feel

bound to agree to the votes of the General Council, we are sending round this letter with a view to ascertain the names of those who feel alike in the matter, and would wish to join the new international section of the T. S.

We are

Yours fraternally,

UPENDRANATH BASU

BERTRAM KEIGHTLEY

ISHWARI PRASAD

RAJENDRALAL MUKERJI

LILIAN EDGER

B. K. LAHIRI

N. B. Those desiring to join the above movement or to have any further information are requested to apply to any of the above.

Notice is hereby given that Mr. J. R. Aria is appointed Acting Treasurer of the T. S., in addition to his own duties as Recording Secretary, during the temporary absence and until the return from Europe of Mr. A. Schwarz, the Treasurer.

All cheques and remittances to the T. S. should be made payable to the "Treasurer, Theosophical Society" without giving any name.

ANNIE BESANT, P. T. S.

T. S. ORDER OF SERVICE.

Since the last report the following Leagues have been formed :

League for the Moral Education of Children, Paris.

League for the spreading of elementary theosophical teachings amongst the working classes, Paris.

League for Social Purity and for the disseminating of theosophical teachings upon questions of morals and ethics, Chicago.

One of the most active Leagues, the London League for the Abolition of Vivisection, Vaccination and Inoculation, asks its members to devote at least one hour a week to the study of the subject and invites all who like to do so to make use of the following formula daily, at 8 A.M. : "May Love and Wisdom illuminate the minds of men, teaching them the kinship of all living beings, and their responsibility to protect and help and cherish their 'younger brothers' of the animal world."

Wherever a League is formed the Secretary is earnestly requested to report it at once to the Central Council at Adyar, stating the objects of the League as well as the name and address of the Chairman and the Secretary.

HELEN LÜBKE,

Hon. Secretary,

T. S. Order of Service.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

The following receipts from 16th February to 15th March 1909, are acknowledged with thanks :

ANNUAL DUES AND ADMISSION FEES.

			Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. J. Chillingham Denué, Yokahama...	...	...	3	12	0
Prince A. Gagarin, Adyar	...	...	18	12	0
Presidential Agent South Africa (£3-15-0)	...	...	56	4	0
Mr. Soph. Nickoff, Silistra (£7-14-6)	...	...	115	14	0

DONATION.

A friend from Adyar	...	...	...	7	0	0
Total	...	...	...	201	10	0

A. SCHWARZ,

Treasurer, Theosophical Society,

15TH MARCH, 1909.

Adyar.

OLCOTT PAÑCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS.

The following receipts from 16th February to 15th March 1909, are acknowledged with thanks :

DONATIONS.

			Rs.	A.	P.
Mr. Baij Nath Singh, Head-Master, Zillah School, Gaya.	10	0	0		
Mr. E. B. Hill, Calicut	...	...	25	0	0
Miss Anna Goedhart, East Cleveland	...	...	20	15	0
Mr. J. P. Patel	...	...	5	0	0
Mr. H. K. Mehta (from Sholapur T. S. Members)	...	...	50	0	0
Total	110	15	0

A. SCHWARZ,

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, O. P. F. S.,

15TH MARCH, 1909.

Adyar.

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PRINCIPAL PERIODICALS IN ENGLISH

The Theosophist

(With which is incorporated *Lucifer* founded by H. P. BLAVATSKY.)

Founded by H. P. Blavatsky and H. S. Olcott ; Edited by ANNIE BESANT, P.T.S.

Published at the *Theosophist* Office, Adyar, Madras, S., 12s. or (India) Rs. 8, in advance.

The Adyar Bulletin

The Journal of the Non-Organised Countries, edited by ANNIE BESANT, P.T.S.

Published at the *Theosophist* Office, Adyar, Madras, S., 3s. or Rs. 2 in advance.

Theosophy in India

The Monthly Organ of the Indian Section, T. S., Benares. Indian Subscription Rs. 3, Foreign 4s.

The Theosophic Messenger

The Monthly Organ of the American Section, T. S. ; Editor, 3291, Malden Street, Sheridan Park, Chicago, U. S. A. Rs. 3-6.

The Vahan

The Monthly Organ of the British Section, T. S., 106, New Bond Street London, W. Rs. 2.

Theosophy in Australasia

The Monthly Organ of the Australasian Section, 132, Phillip Street, Sydney, N. S. W. Rs. 4.

Theosophy in New Zealand

The Monthly Organ of the New Zealand Section, 37, His Majesty's Arcade, Queen St., Auckland. Rs. 3.

The Lotus Journal (for Young People)

42, Craven Road, Paddington, London, W. Rs. 2-10

The American Theosophist

496, Broadway, Albany, N. Y. Rs. 4

The South African Bulletin

The Monthly Organ of the South African Theosophists, P. O. Box 644, Pretoria.

The above Magazines, and all new books announced in them, may be subscribed for or ordered through the Manager of the *Theosophist*.

SHORT FORM OF BEQUEST

"I give and bequeath to the Theosophical Society registered and incorporated at Madras, India, April 3rd, 1905, the sum of to be paid within months after my decease (free of duty) exclusively out of such part of my estate not hereby specifically disposed of, as I may by law bequeath to charitable purposes, and I hereby charge such part of my estate with the said sum, and I direct that the receipt of the said Society as provided for in its rules shall be a sufficient discharge for the said legacy."

SUPPLEMENT TO THE THEOSOPHIST.

BLAVATSKY GARDENS.

I acknowledge with thanks :

						Rs.	A.	P.
A Servant at Adyar	...	...	...	...	...	105	0	0
D. D. Jussawalla	...	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
S. V. Gopalasvami	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
A. Nanjandappah	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
P. D. M.	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
S. S.	...	...	...	...	...	15	0	0
C. R. Harvey	...	...	...	...	...	1,500	0	0
From <i>Old Diary Leaves</i> , per T. P. S., London...	...	...	...	...	...	465	13	0
Half profits of President's Bombay Lectures	...	...	...	...	...	370	0	0
Anon.	...	...	...	...	...	5,899	8	0
Panda Baijnath	...	...	...	...	...	400	0	0
A Friend	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	0	0
						9,840	5	0
Already acknowledged						26,635	1	7
						Rs. 36,475	6	7

ANNIE BESANT.

THE VASANTA PRESS.

The Press Building was duly opened on April 15th, 1909, with a slight but pleasant ceremony. All the workpeople, headed by the Superintendent, and the residents in Headquarters, gathered in front of the doors of the large central room, and with a few words the President declared it open, throwing wide the doors and presenting the key to the Superintendent. The whole company then walked round the hall, encircling a type-case, placed in the centre as symbol. Flowers, fruits and sweets were distributed, two fires were lighted and camphor offered and burned, and the President announced that a day's pay would be given to each worker. It is interesting to note that even the small boys have a sense of the value and dignity of their work, "spreading knowledge over India".

THE ADYAR LIBRARY.

Friends everywhere will be glad to know that the Director, Dr. Otto Schröder, has received from several of the leading Orientalists of Europe warm congratulations on his issue of the first volume of the Library Catalogue, and on the scholarly way in which the work has been performed. The Adyar Library has thus entered the circle of European scholarship, and has become one of the recognised Libraries of the world.

ANNIE BESANT, P. T. S.

DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Mr. Leadbeater has been kind enough to make over to our Library no less than 325 volumes, among them many costly and old works.

The University of Uppsala, Sweden (the northernmost of all Universities) has been so liberal as to send, in return for Vol I of our Descriptive Catalogue, 26 academical dissertations and books (in Swedish and German) concerned with oriental and linguistic subjects.

Mr. V. V. Avadhani, B.A., F. T. S., of Guntur has given another proof of his lively interest in the Adyar Library by sending nine bundles of palm-leaf MSS. containing, *inter alia*, two texts which were, as yet, not represented at all in our Library.

We are, finally, obliged to Mr. A. K. Sitarāma Shāstri, Adyar, for the donation of two Advaita MSS.

DR. F. OTTO SCHRÖDER.

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN CEYLON.

AN APPEAL.

The Educational Work carried on in Ceylon by the Buddhist Theosophical Society and the beneficial results that have accrued therefrom to the Buddhist Community are, I venture to think, well-known to the readers of this magazine. As stated in the Annual Report on Buddhist Schools read at the last Convention at Adyar, this Society now maintains 225 Schools with an attendance of over 30,000 children. Though a large majority of these Schools earn grants-in-aid from the Government, the income thus derived is often found insufficient to meet the initial expenses and the cost of maintenance. A deficit has in consequence to be met every year from other sources of income. These annual deficits have now reached a considerable figure and become a serious burden on this Society, hampering its operations. It is now proposed to raise sufficient funds to wipe off this deficit, and enable the Society to start some important undertakings—such as the establishment of a Training School for teachers and the extension of a large

number of schools indispensable for the further development of the work. A sum of £ 1,500 will suffice for this purpose. We are obliged on this occasion to appeal to our brothers and sisters in other lands to lend us help to make up this amount. This educational work in Ceylon was inaugurated in 1880 by the late President-Founder and until his death he watched over its progress with the warmest interest and sympathy. The results that have been achieved are a lasting monument to his foresight and zeal for truth and humanity. We are most anxious to carry on this great work with unimpaired vigor and persistence, and we venture to appeal with confidence to his friends—all who cherish and revere his memory—to come to our help on this occasion so that the movement he started on his first visit to Ceylon may go on prospering in future as it has done in the past.

All communications may be addressed to the Secretary of the Buddhist Theosophical Society, Colombo, or to the undersigned..

D. B. JAYATILAKA B.A.,

*General Manager of Buddhist Schools,
Buddhist Headquarters, 61, Maliban Street, Colombo.*

NEW BRANCHES.

T. S. IN INDIA.

Location.	Branch Name.	Date of issue of Charter.
Alangudicherry, Tanjore Dt. ...	Sri Souriraja Lodge T.S. ...	13-3-'09.
Patiala, Punjaub ...	Patiala Lodge T.S. ...	27-3-'09.

T. S. IN SCANDINAVIA.

Bergen, Norway ...	Bergen Lodge ...	1-3-'09.
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T. S. IN U. S. A.

Pittsburgh, Pa. ...	Iron City Lodge T.S. ...	9-12-'08.
Danvers ...	Danvers Lodge T.S. ...	28-12-'08.
Chicago, Ill. ...	Central Lodge T.S. ...	18-1-'09.

T. S. IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Blackpool, Lancashire ...	Blackpool Lodge T.S. ...	20-3-'09.
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T. S. IN NETHERLANDS.

Batavia, Java, D. E. Indies ...	Batavia Lodge T.S. ...	1-12-'08.
The Hague ...	Blavatsky Lodge T.S. ...	10-2-'09.

T. S. IN FINLAND.

Joensuu ...	Valontaimi Lodge T.S. ...	17-11-'08.
Kuopio ...	Vipunen Lodge T.S. ...	17-3-'09.
Helsingfors ...	Mouna Lodge T.S. ...	21-3-'09.
St. Michel ...	Otava No. 1 Lodge T.S. ...	25-3-'09.

J. R. ARIA,

Recording Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The following receipts from 16th MARCH to 15th APRIL 1909, are acknowledged with thanks :

ANNUAL DUES AND ADMISSION FEES.

			Rs.	A.	P.
Presidential Agent, South Africa (£4-5-0)	63	12	0		

PRESIDENT'S TRAVELLING FUND.

Mr. D. D. Jussuvala, Bombay	25	0	0		
British Section (£28-4-6)	423	5	0		
Total	512	1	0		

J. R. ARIA,

Acting Treasurer, Theosophical Society.

15TH APRIL, 1909.

OLCOTT PAÑCHAMA FREE SCHOOL.

The following receipts from 16th MARCH to 15th APRIL 1909, are acknowledged with thanks :

DONATIONS.

			Rs.	A.	P.
A Friend	25	13	0		
Mr. E. Annaswamy Mudeliar, Krishnagiri	3	0	0		
Miss Ursula Yager, San Francisco (\$50)	153	7	0		

GRANT-IN-AID.

Local Funds H. P. Blavatsky School	308	0	0		
Do. Olcott Free School	425	0	0		
Municipal Funds Damodar Free School	700	0	0		
Do. Tiruvalluvar do.	700	0	0		
Do. Annie Besant do.	400	0	0		
Total	2,715	4	0		

J. R. ARIA,

Acting Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, O. P. F. S.,

15TH APRIL, 1909.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE THEOSOPHIST.

TELEGRAPH CODE.

The *Century Telegraph Code* has been adopted for telegraphic communications between the President and any who choose to get it. Dr. van Hook has notified the President that he is prepared to receive and send messages by it. A copy is kept at the Headquarters, Adyar, and the President has ordered one, which she will keep with her, to be sent to her in England, where it should reach her in the middle of May.

A. B.

BLAVATSKY GARDENS.

I have received the following with thanks :

							Rs.	A.	P.
M. B. Hora	100	0	0
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14TH AUGUST, 1909.

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I have received the following with thanks :

							Rs.	A.	P.
O. S.	375	0	0
A Student	25	0	0
J. Huidekoper	614	13	0
V. C. Seshāchārri	70	0	0
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							1,084	13	0
Already acknowledged							36,725	6	7
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Total							37,810	3	7
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ANNIE BESANT, P. T. S.

THE T. S. ORDER OF SERVICE.

In Melbourne a "League of Helpers" has been formed with the objects to afford help, encouragement, and knowledge to all in need of either. Hon. Secy. J. M. Smith, c/o Besant Lodge T. S.

A "National Slum and Prison Improvement League" is to be formed in Berkeley, Cal., with Mr. Irving S. Cooper as Honorary Secretary. It is in favor of probation work and the establishment of juvenile courts and wants to arrange amongst other things for theosophical lectures in prisons and penitentiaries.

A league has been formed in Paris by Mademoiselle Aimeé Blech called the "League of Unity" and has as its object to promote good will and mutual understanding between the disciples of different teachers.

To this effect members of the league are expected to repeat every morning seven rules which shall impress them throughout the day with feelings of sympathy, respect and confidence and remind them always to lay stress on that which unites rather than on that which divides when they meet with different presentations of theosophical truths.

The "League for Moral Education" started some little time ago in Paris by Madame Waddington, does good work; several heads of educational institutions have joined and it is spreading throughout the provinces of France.

Under the name "L'Oasis" a league has been formed in Toulon (France) with the object of spreading theosophical teachings amongst the workmen of the arsenal. The founder of the league, himself a workman of the arsenal, is a member of the Toulon Branch.

The league which had been recently formed in Toulon with the object of buying theosophical books and distributing them among public libraries and so forth has now formed sub-groups in Bordeaux, Nice and Monaco.

In Amsterdam (Holland) a league has been formed for "Theosophical Education," the league has for its aims: to encourage and promote the study of the education problem in its widest sense; to spread theosophical ideas about the subject; and to promote practical education and the forming of the character in a theosophical sense.

HELEN LÜBKE,

Hon. Secretary, Central Council.

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BROWN BABIES

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BROWN BABIES.

BROWN babies everywhere! I wish you could see the little mites, for nothing but the sight of them in their natural surroundings of warm, Eastern air, red-brown earth, shade of palm-grove and great spreading banyan trees, can call forth quite the same sympathetic feeling of loving protective tenderness.

India—Southern India—teems with babies, tiny toddling brown and black live dolls, without a scrap of clothing, quaint little miniatures of the older folk. It is a calamity for an Indian to be without babies; that there is perhaps very little food for them when they arrive is a secondary consideration. The parents are accustomed to being hungry, and if there is not enough rice to go round—well, the babies get it and father and mother go without. They may die, but that baby should be hungry—no, that cannot be; and how pleased they are if you notice the children, stroke a baby's head or its soft brown shoulder and say "pretty baby"; and the mother's eyes sparkle as she smiles with pleasure. She may not know a word of English, but that makes no difference; the language of the eye and of the heart is the same in all countries.

I was told to be very careful how I looked at or spoke to the children in India, as I might be blamed for having the 'evil eye' if they were ill shortly after my notice; but I never can resist babies, so at the first sight of these lovely little brown ones all warnings were forgotten. I made love to them at once, and now all along the road from Adyar to Madras they know me and their shrill little voices call "salaam, Madam" as soon as they catch sight of me. They are by far the prettiest, most attractive creatures in this land of beauty; and whether I start on my weekly round of visits to their Schools—the Free Pañchama Schools supported by the Theosophical Society—or simply go for a walk or drive with a friend to Madras or an adjoining village, it is the children that are to me the most attractive feature of the roads.

Scarce have we turned the corner of our bangalow when from the servant's quarter two or three little black tots come running towards us (the smallest a tiny boy of two years, with his little hands palms together, thumbs on chest, making a baby salaam, with bent head and dancing black eyes in which lingers yet just

a shade of fear of the white faces) while at a distance their mothers peep delightedly round corners.

Suppose then that we walk to Headquarters as we sometimes do, and take the carriage from there.

Crossing the garden under the shade of the trees we come upon a little dark object curled up on the grass in a shady spot, another baby—its brothers or sisters a few yards off, watching the cows that graze on the scanty grass and keep wide-open eyes for an opportunity of demolishing the few juicy garden plants within reach.

A few yards more and we are in the palm-grove, and “salaam, Madam” sounds out in shrill high tones from the hut of the keeper of the cocoa-nuts; two or three quaint little figures come smiling towards us—a little girl with very long skirt of a bright color, and bare brown little body above it, comes with a baby astride her hip—such a tiny fellow, whose eyes roll very anxiously as we approach, but he holds himself well in hand and doesn’t cry while we pet him.

Still further on children of all sizes play in family groups of two or three, and the shrill ‘salaam’ or ‘good-morning, Madam’ meets us at every turn.

We with sun-hats and umbrellas can scarcely bear the heat and glare of the sun, but they run hatless and often with heads shaved, leaving only a wisp of hair on the crown towards the back of the head.

The girls are always partially clothed, but the boys until quite a good size often wear only one tiny bit of colored cloth; the little ones are dressed if they have a string of beads.

Along the beautiful red-sand roads toward Madras, under the trees which meet overhead, we pass family after family sitting, standing, sauntering slowly along, or taking a meal of rice or queer flat cakes from leaves sewn together into plates; and every group with babies, some brown, some black, some so light-colored as to be just the shade of a biscuit.

Madras babies are very wide awake, owing I think to their being carried astride the hips of their elders as soon as they can sit up, and so seeing all that passes. There is often such an old, wise look on the little faces.

Here is a school, and once more the ringing 'good-morning, Madam' greets us. Scores and scores of little brown figures squat cross-legged on the ground; some wear clothes of gay colors, some a bit of white muslin wrapped round them; some have a mat to sit on, others sit on the warm sand of the floor.

School is opened by teachers and scholars standing with palms together and singing a hymn in Tamil to the three persons of the Trinity—Shiva, Vishnu and Brahmā—or to Īshvara (which means God) for we Theosophists do not try to make them leave their religion for ours. We tell them that we have the same God, only we have different names for Him. Nearly every child has a mark on its forehead. Those who worship Shiva the Father have a little round red spot painted between the eyebrows. The worshippers of Vishnu (the Son or Christ) have two vertical white marks with a red one in the centre, drawn from nose to top of forehead. I do not know yet if any worship Brahma (the Holy Spirit) separately, but they know that *It* pervades all.

Now look at the children. Big girls with smoothly braided hair and flowers in it, and with a few yards of cloth draped round them to form a complete and pretty covering. Big boys, some with coats and below that a cloth draped to the knee, all with earrings, and most with bracelets and anklets and toe-rings, the last-mentioned sometimes of silver or even tin. All girls have nose-rings, and many sit with their legs stretched out straight in front of them holding a tiny baby brother or sister with its head on their feet and its legs round their waist. As it lies thus they rock it to sleep by gently moving their legs from side to side with a rolling motion. The little children learn to draw and to write in the sand of the school-room floor; the bigger children have slates and sheets of common paper, like grocer's paper, and they draw and write beautifully. They write in two languages, Tamil and English, and in some schools they write and speak three languages, Tamil, Telugu and English, but they cannot easily carry on a conversation in English. They learn up to the Fourth Standard in this School, and can then take good places as servants. Some who are clever and studious go further and enter the Universities, and then take positions in offices and shops. All the Post Office officials are Indians, but I don't know if any are Pañchamas—the Pañchamas are Pariahs or outcasts—that is, they have no caste.



CHITRA AND BROWN BABIES.



PHYSICAL DRILL.



The Pañchama school children are much smaller than our children of the same age, and have small, very refined looking hands and feet. They are not well fed enough to be noisy or troublesome, so it is a treat to watch their interested little faces, and the teachers sit on the floor too and are quite one with them. Sometimes a little one falls asleep and is lifted into a quiet corner with "Poor little thing, very likely he has had nothing to eat, so is too tired to keep awake."

They are so used to being hungry that they never think of saying anything unless they feel very, very bad; then sometimes they cry, and when asked what is the matter they say "We hadn't any supper last night, and there was no rice this morning." Then the teachers get something for them to eat.

On White Lotus Day we fed some hundreds of poor people; it takes so little to feed them. Many of the children have only one meal a day—usually supper—though those who can get them take two. Oh, if only you could see them, we should never need to ask for help, for you could not refrain from giving.

Surely you will send help that we may feed and educate these little ones, and give a fair salary to each teacher who so kindly trains them. Money is needed so that each child may have at least two meals a day; at present the rice-cake provided by the school is often all a poor child gets.

Each school also requires to keep a few pieces of cloth, so that children who cannot get any elsewhere can be at least partially covered; and school requisites such as maps, and writing-paper are very badly needed.

Excellent work is done with very scanty materials. In the higher classes the drawing pencil is a bit of charcoal brought from the home fire; the material for moulding models of plants, animals and household objects is either a pulp made of waste paper, or moistened earth. Kindergarten and Infant classes trace their early drawings in the sand of the school floor, and there too they write their first letters.

The work of these children has been sent to several exhibitions and has carried off many prizes. Quite recently the teachers of these Olcott Pañchama Free Schools were requested not to take part in a "nature-drawing" competition, as others would otherwise not go in for it, saying they had no chance against them.

There is also a teacher's training-class in connexion with this work, and all the people under training are actually working as teachers in the Olcott Schools or are under training in ordinary training schools.

Out of their meagre salaries, the teachers have this year started a Provident Fund, putting aside every month a very small sum so as to have something for an emergency. One of our English Theosophists has contributed very liberally towards this.

Poor gentle little mites, with the life of a pariah before them! Surely, surely out of our abundance we can afford a little to make that life brighter. They need so little, ask so little, and are so gentle and grateful that the very sight of a brown baby sends a glow of love all over me.

If you can help us address to Olcott Pañchama Free Schools, c/o Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras, India; and picture the little ones after a day at school sleeping peacefully, because not hungry, on mats in quiet corners; inside or outside matters not in this land of warmth and soft night air.

CHITRA.

Do ye hear the children weeping, O my brothers,
 Ere the sorrow comes with years?
 They are leaning their young heads against their mothers—
 And that cannot stop their tears.
 The young lambs are bleating in the meadows,
 The young birds are chirping in the nest,
 The young fawns are playing with the shadows,
 The young flowers are blowing towards the west—
 But the young, young children, O my brothers,
 They are weeping bitterly!—
 They are weeping in the playtime of the others,
 In the country of the free.

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"How long," they say, "how long, O cruel nation,
 Will you stand to move the world, on a child's heart—
 Stifle down with a mailed heel its palpitation,
 And tread onward to your throne amid the mart?
 Our blood splashes upward, O gold-heaper,
 And your purple shows your path!
 But the child's sob curses deeper in the silence
 Than the strong man in his wrath!"

ELISABETH BARRETT BROWNING.

[A Canarese song, which was an appeal, so touching, as it came from the lips of the children and lads, that it nearly made speech impossible. The pathos of the confiding cry, and the knowledge of the little power to help in the one to whom it was addressed, filled the eyes with tears and choked the breath—Annie Besant in *The Theosophist*.]

Who will protect us on this earth?
 Certainly God alone! We humbly
 Prostrate ourselves at Thy feet, O Mother!
 (Give us shelter in His Name. (Hail etc.—*as before*.)

AN APPEAL TO THEOSOPHISTS.

OLCOTT PAÑCHAMA FREE SCHOOLS.

The name of Colonel H. S. Olcott, President-Founder of the Theosophical Society will go down to posterity as one to be respected and esteemed. Among the many useful works of his great life the founding of the Pañchama Schools for the depressed classes was a highly laudable one. His loving heart could not bear to see the extreme degradation of the down-trodden Pañchamas to whom a passing glance, by their own country-men, was regarded as sacrilegious.

To such a class of people he brought the benefits of education. He was tolerant enough to extend a helping hand to them. He educated them, trained them, and brought them up along such lines that many of them to-day are able to earn a decent living in the world.

This useful Institution is not endowed with a sufficiently large permanent fund, and therefore is not self-supporting. Its existing fund is quite inadequate, and is mainly dependent on liberal donations from friends and sympathisers, to the extent of Rs. 6,000 to 7,000 a year, besides being supported by Grants-in-aid to the extent of Rs. 3,200 annually. Should the contributions fall short heavily in future, as they have fallen at present, the Institution will have to use its Permanent Fund, which would mean a gradual absorption of capital, and a total dead-lock in the long run.

To avoid this mishap, and to put the Institution on a more stable financial basis and make it self-supporting, it is expedient that a fund of not less than Rs. 200,000 (\$ 66,667 or £ 13,333) should be raised, which might yield, at $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, an income sufficient for the support of the schools.

Its present financial statement shows that the interest bearing capital and other securities are worth Rs. 27,000 which give an annual income of Rs. 825, with Grants-in-aid of Rs. 3,200 amounting to Rs. 4,025 yearly, against an expenditure of Rs. 10,000 which deficit is largely made up by donations.

Hence this appeal is made, in the interests of our poor and down-trodden fellow-men, with a sincere hope that it will meet with ready response and hearty support from all earnest Theosophists who thereby will also perpetuate the dear memory of Colonel Olcott in connexion with this useful work.

Any donation towards the Permanent Fund will be thankfully received by the undersigned.

J. R. ARIA,

Acting Secretary and Treasurer, O. P. F. S.