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PART I

Though the following details cover the period from 1 October, 2012, to 30 September, 2013, the Indian Section deeply regrets the passing away of our International President Dr. Radha Burnier on 31 October, 2013 and pays sincere homage to her.

There is no denying the fact that science and technology have brought about a tremendous change in the world. But is it not a fact, and a sad one, that the technological advance has been accompanied by increasing deterioration of human values, human relationship? The manifold manifestation of destruction, disorder and violence are a clear index of the fact that our inner and spiritual progress have not kept pace with the scientific advancement. The real point to ponder over is what humanistic values we seek to preserve and nurture along with our progress towards technological advancement.

The over exploitation of nature has turned many renewable resources into non-renewable resources. Thus, gradually, man is moving from *prakriti* (nature) to *vikriti* (perversion). Profit- motive and domineering materialistic outlook have deprived human mind of the sense of discrimination and conscience. Constantly and objectively watching, observing with an integrated mind is the first step for self-introspection. One has to be careful that self-introspection is not tarnished by selfish motives and personal considerations. The indiscriminate attachment, in a very subtle way, pollutes one's mind,

society and environment. So, one must try to concentrate on thoughts and action which may help in moving from personal considerations 'to a moral and spiritual self'. It is only when one is able to rise above one's petty, selfish motives, when one is able to free oneself from the fetters of self-centred desires, actions and achievements that one sees and feels the Beauty, Reality of the Vastness of Life; it is only then that one realizes, directly perceives the Oneness and Unity of all life. Then all his actions, endeavours are in complete harmony and accordance with *That* and therein lies the true fulfilment and accomplishment of the sacred purpose of human life.

Buddha said that *trishna* (desire) is the cause of misery and explained the distinction between fulfilment and desire. In the present day world we find that in the name of development we ignore fulfilment and encourage desire. A social scientist once mentioned: "A society, which lays emphasis more on the accumulation of power than on the restraints, on wealth than on morality, on knowledge than on humanism is bound to pay heavy price for its lack of collective wisdom". The mad rush for pelf and power 'has made everybody compete with each other rather than cooperate'.

It is pertinent that an individual's moral force must guide and shape his mental make up and his external activities. For this our effort must be to observe carefully, our every thought and action in their totality, and thereby understand and go beyond narrow personal considerations and outlook. It is necessary to awaken the moral force lying within, which alone should guide thoughts and actions in the right direction.

The Motto of the T.S., the Three Objects and the Basic Principles of Theosophy encourage us to proceed towards the goal and also guide us how to reach there without disturbing the harmony, rhythm, Order and balance of the Nature as well as Human Beings.

Theosophy helps in widening our mental horizon. Its genuine understanding leads to the blending of head and heart. It strengthens

us from within. The deeper we go into it the greater are the chances of transformation. The more we try to put it into practice greater will be the scope to live a life based on harmony, cooperation, compassion, Brotherhood and Love.

The 122nd Indian Section Convention was held on 27 December, 2012. Inaugurating the convention the International President, Dr. Radha Burnier, said that we have to think in terms of what we have to do. Being a member of the TS, one should not think and work in terms of personal likes and dislikes. We must go for the values which are more lasting. It is not easy when we are entangled in physical world. We have to learn first to think and work beyond personal welfare, desire and so forth. We have to proceed towards glorious future and that is what the TS is working for. Help oneself to help others. It is part of a great work. We have to be aware of the Good, True and Beautiful.

The Federation Secretaries conveyed greetings on behalf of their respective Federations.

The General Secretary presented the Annual Report for the year 2011-2012 giving the general survey of the work done during the year under review. It was followed by the Treasurer's Report presented by Bro. P.S.Panchakshari.

Bro. M.P.Singhal, International Vice-President, chaired the Convention and in his Presidential remarks he gave suggestions for the vitality and continuity of membership.

Indian Section Convention – II was held on 29 December, 2012, in which short talks on 'It is not our words, it is our life that affects people' were delivered by Ms. Sandhya Rani (Karnataka Federation), Bro. N.C. Krishna (Rayalaseema Federation) and Col. B.K. Kailash (U. P. Federation).

INDIAN SECTION HEADQUARTERS

Dr. Annie Besant's 165th Birth anniversary was celebrated at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi, on 1 October, 2012. The function started with the Prayers of All Faiths. The General Secretary, while welcoming the members and the guests mentioned that though some of the Indian leaders had worked to inculcate a feeling of self-respect among the people of this country since 1884 Dr. Besant was the first woman and that too a foreigner to think, decide and work in this direction. Dr. Irawati, Associate Professor, Vasanta College for Women, was the guest speaker on this occasion. She dealt with and gave details of the work done by Dr. Besant for the social, moral and spiritual regeneration of India. The learned speaker's way of presentation was so impressive that it created a great impact on girl students who had come to attend the function in large number.

A special programme was organized by the Besant Education Fellowship on 6 October in which two students each from the Besant Theosophical School, Vasant Kanya Inter College and Vasant Knaya Mahavidyalaya spoke on different aspects of Dr. Annie Besant's life and work. It was followed by a cultural programme in which the children of Annie Besant Primary School presented a beautiful dance-drama on Dr. Besant's life. The students and all the teachers of the educational institutions and the workers at the Section Headquarters attended the programme.

The 137th Foundation Day of the TS was observed on 17 November, 2012, at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi. In this connection a meeting was held which was attended by the members, guests and students. After the Prayers the General Secretary explained the significance of the Motto of the TS. It was followed by a talk delivered by Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary, Jt. General Secretary, Indian Section. The main points touched upon in the talk were: Varanasi has a specific and special role in popularization of theosophical ideas and concepts all over the country. The Real Founders of the Society have caused the shift of the HQ of the Society to India, to be nearer to

them and also because of their chief concern for the 'regeneration of India'. The Universal Brotherhood of Humanity became the main plank of the Society's Objects when the General Council met here in Benares (1889-90). Over these years the TS and its literature have widely popularized the concepts such as Unity of Life, Continuity of Life beyond Death, Religious tolerance and Right kind of living as a means to Dharma.

The Support Convention was observed at the Section Headquarters in the Annie Besant Hall on 26 December and 31 December, 2012, which was attended by the members of the Theosophical Society. On 26 December, opening the discussion on the theme of the International Convention 'The Present Shapes the Future', Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya spoke in detail on the importance of remaining fully alive to the present as it enables one to live life fully and beautifully. She further brought out that so much treasure is stored in future but one can only attain it if he successfully handles the challenges of the present. Dr. Pushpalata Pratap contributed further by adding that past should be treated like 'Guru' so that it helps us to rectify our mistakes and make us a better human being. The meeting concluded with the observation that unless we utilize the opportunity available to us in the present, how can we hope to make our future beautiful.

Sri Jwala Prasad Mishra expressed his views on 31 December on the aforesaid theme from the perspective of 'Bhagavadgita'. An indepth discussion on the theme was held with reference to 'Bhagavadgita' in which Dr. Pushpalata Pratap, Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya and others participated.

Adyar Day was observed at the Indian Section Headquarters, Varanasi, on 17 February, 2013. The meeting started with the Prayers of All Faiths. Welcoming the members and the students of Vasant Balika Vihar the General Secretary spoke in brief about the significance of the day. It was followed by a talk delivered by Dr. T. Krishnankutty

Nair, National Secretary, TOS.

White Lotus Day was observed at the Indian Section Headquarters, Varanasi, on 8 May. After the prayers excerpts from *Bhagvadgita*, *The Light of Asia* and *The Voice of the Silence* were read by Dr. Abha Srivastava, Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya and Smt Manju Sundaram respectively. The General Secretary while welcoming the members and the guests highlighted the significance of H.P.Blavatsky's writings and mentioned that in October *The Secret Doctrine* will be completing 125 years of its publication. So the Indian Section has brought out a Special No. of its journal 'The Indian Theosophist' on HPB's 'monumental work'. Seminars and study camps on the various aspects of *The Secret Doctrine* will be organized throughout the year. Bro. Adi Narayan Murti, former Secretary of Rayalaseema Federation and now in charge of the Indian Bookshop at the Section HQ, was the guest speaker on this occasion and he spoke about the significance of the day. The members and guests paid their tributes by offering flowers at the portrait of HPB. Poor people were fed in the morning for which members had donated money.

Kashi Tattva Sabha organized twenty public lectures during the year under review. Nine talks were delivered by the scholars from different fields and the remaining eleven by the members of the T.S. All these talks were related to the motto and the objects of the T.S. Besides, a symposium on the theme. 'To what extent human beings are responsible for the disaster caused by Nature?' was organized in August. Four members of Mahila Mandal expressed their views on the aforesaid theme and they all were unanimous in holding that human race is to be blamed for disfiguring the nature by petty selfish attitude, mindless abuse of nature and complete disregard towards its perservation.

The study of the book *Human Regneration* by Radha Burnier and *An Approach to Reality* by N. Sri Ram were covered in the weekly study meetings. Now, the members are studying *Thought*

Power: Its Control and Culture by Annie Besant.

NORTH INDIA STUDY CAMP

A Study Camp on Dr. Radha Burnier's book *Human Regeneration* was held at the Indian Section Headquarters, Varanasi, from 16 to 20 October, 2012. As per the plan, the International President and Bro. P.K. Jayaswal, National Lecturer, were to direct the study. But the President had to cancel her trip due to some unavoidable reasons and as such the study was directed by Bro. Jayaswal. The International President's following message was read out in the inaugural session which inspired and encouraged the participants to explore the subject in great depth:

MESSAGE

I am happy to have the privilege and pleasure of sending a message for those present at the study camp at Varanasi. Due to various circumstances I could not be present as I thought I would be. Every occasion to think about the implication and the ensuing emphasis on the people who participate makes the difference. Any study camp should make our minds little clearer, a little nobler, much more living than it was before. Just participating in discussing a subject at what we may call a superficial level is of little use. Even if it be of good use that it is not what is possible for us, but something which is much more, something which affects our consciousness and the words we use. The consciousness can clarify beyond expectation and so we can say how good the study was. It can also go beyond the words to a realization which is very high.

What our study is will depend on our minds rising to the highest level, which is a perception of the Truth. We are all trying to understand more and can study, wonder and rise at least for the time being.

This message is not meant to have nice words but invites all of us to rise above our normal level.

With all best wishes and concern that a person can give,

Radha Burnier

Bro. P.K. Jayaswal directed the study. In all, 94 delegates from 13 Federations attended the camp. There were 75 out station and 19 local members. Bro. P.K. Jayaswal had prepared a brief note on each chapter of the book and all the participants were given a set of these papers.

Bro. Jayaswal, dealt with a few chapters on the first two days and then on the third day of the camp six groups were formed as per the chapters given in the book. The members were asked to join a group of their choice. Interaction among the members of each group increased their interest and involvement and which in the process resulted in their greater participation. The leaders of each group presented the findings of the dialogue and discussion of their respective groups. The remaining chapters were taken up by the Director on the 4th and 5th day of the Camp.

In the concluding session, three young participants were asked to give their impressions about the Study Camp.

A dance- drama on Dr. Annie Besant's life and work was beautifully presented for the delegates by the small children of Annie Besant Primary School. This cultural programme was based on Smt. Gyan Kumari Ajeet's poem on Dr. Besant's life and work and was directed by Dr. Abha Srivastava. It was staged in the evening on 16 October, 2012. A programme of Indian Classical Music and the Ritual of the Mystic Star were organized on 18 and 19 October respectively.

The Indian Section of the Theosophical Society organized a Conference on ETHICAL GLOBALIZATION at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi, on 15 and 16 March 2013. It was addressed by a number of learned speakers from different organizations and

institutions and was attended by a good number of audience comprising intellectuals from different spheres of life. It was overwhelmingly appreciated by the audience as the talks delivered by the speakers touched almost every aspect of the subject and gave a deep insight into the complex theme of the conference. Welcoming the gathering on 15 March the General Secretary, Indian Section, maintained that 'ethics is the branch of Philosophy that studies the nature of right and wrong and of moral judgement'. Quoting saints and philosophers, he felt that regeneration can take place only when the mind functions in awareness. He underlined the need to have proper and harmonious blend of hand, head and heart or soul force which would make a complete human being. He raised a question as to what kind of humanistic frame of mind shall produce an ethical environment and the role of organization like T.S. can play to bring about a more just society in future.

In his keynote address Shri Sunil Sahasrabudhey, former Reader at the Gandhian Institute of Studies and at present Chairman of Vidya Ashram, Varanasi, stated that it is the common ordinary life which is the source of ethical values and same is ingrained in the ordinary man. Sri Sahasrabudhey emphasized on the need of valuing the wisdom stored in the ordinary life so as to enrich the human beings globally.

Swami Brahmeshananda from Ramakrishna Mission termed modern age as commercial age in which there is severe ethical deprivation. He opined that the greatest challenge which the medical profession is facing in this commercial age is to carry the results of modern research and technology to the doorstep of poorest of poor. He referred to *aparigraha* as only antidote for the ills of consumerism which has come to stay as a result of globalization.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary, Jt. General Secretary, Indian Section, TS, maintained that ethics, however good or noble, cannot be established by law and legislation alone: they must

grow from the individual heart as a result of one's own reflection and understanding. Dr. N.C.R. stressed on the need of popularizing the right thoughts and ultimately filling the human heart and consciousness with sensitivity which the Theosophical association and philosophy aims at.

Dr. Sushila Singh, Professor Emeritus and member of TS and Besant Education Fellowship, terming technocratization and informatization as a huge challenge, emphasized that to achieve an ideal society, it is imperative that individual within that society acts in accordance with common values and with regard to his responsibility to others.

Sharing his views on education and globalization Professor Sanjay Kumar from the Dept. of English, Banaras Hindu University, highlighted the change in the concepts of education in the era of globalization. Elucidating the real purpose of education Prof. Sanjay clarified that the real purpose of education is training and cultivation of mind, moulding the personality, making one a better and complete human being; one who learns to live with himself, with others (society) and with his physical surrounding.

Professor P.K. Mukhopadhyaya, a retired Professor of Philosophy of Jadavapur University and a former National Fellow of Institute of Advance Studies at Simla, opened the discussion with a subject 'The Reach of Values'. He extensively spoke on supreme importance of man as he is the embodiment of values, giver of value and he himself is value. He further elaborated that man can sustain himself as man when he preserves the values ingrained in him. Speaking on globalization, Prof. Mukhopadhyaya maintained that though economic globalization is a new phenomena there always existed cultural globalization where there was mutual exchange of ideas, culture and modes of life. In economic globalization, he pointed out that there is conflict, self-interest, supremacy and control of economically strong states. Hinting at the connivance of industry with technology, he maintained that industry with the help of technology has practically

reduced man to machine, with the result creativity in man is lost. He brought out the fact that human progress depends on human efforts. The greatest theosophical value in his opinion is freedom of inquiry. Majority of the world needs to feel that there is crisis. Prof. Mukhopadhyaya further elaborated that knowledge is not meant for books but it has to be there with man, with the user.

Throwing light on legal and financial implication of globalization, Shri M.B. Gabhawala, a Chartered Accountant by profession, pointed out the difference between law and ethics. He said that ethics is self imposed and it is the inner compass that makes us choose the right path whereas law is imposed by outside agency and it is difficult to implement in the absence of ethics.

Smt Chitra Saharabudhey of Vidya Ashram eloquently spoke on 'women' revolution with reference to globalization. She emphasized that although source of ethical values is within human beings, it gets measured in the society. She maintained that by natural process of intermingling of the two, creative values are produced. Specifically mentioning about women revolution, she felt that women as a whole are the greatest sufferer in this era of industrialization and globalization. She too, highlighted the fact that industrialization has attempted to rob the women of their innate beauty, art and wisdom. Smt. Chitra maintained ethical values are to be globalized, and it is imperative to give proper regard to the common wisdom inherent in the ordinary man.

Talking on environmental awareness, Professor K.P. Singh, Professor Emeritus and former Head, Dept. of Biology, Banaras Hindu University, reminded the present generation that they are only custodians and not owners of the environment. He forcefully brought this point home that it is the responsibility of citizens of to-day to pass on a reasonably livable environment to the posterity.

The last talk of the conference was by Shri Navaneet Raman, a young member of TS, Varanasi, who discussed the intricacies of

globalization and its impact on Kashi. He wondered as to why whatever human beings devise turns out to be complex. He opined that we are the source of complication. He felt that ethical values got eroded by the globalization and ethical complexities created division in life.

Valedictory address was delivered by Professor P. Krishna, Life Member of TS, and Secretary, Rajghat Education Centre. He drew attention to our education system which has not been able to impart long vision to us and reminded the gathering of global religion that is 'Truth' which the Theosophical Society enunciated long ago. Prof. Krishna emphasized on the need to create a society where there is brotherhood. He pointed out that growing in knowledge is different than growing in wisdom and without wisdom we cannot have ethical Society.

The conference ended with a thought that this brief conference may not bring out the desired results and Smt. Uma Bhattacharyya referred to the welcome address of the General Secretary, T.S., Indian Section, that we need to have many more such conferences, intense interactions and thought provoking discussion at our respective places to generate proper environment where our dream of having a society with high ethical values could be achieved.

In view of the recent natural calamity devastating Uttarakhand, Kashi Tattva Sabha deliberated deeply on the reasons responsible for such huge natural disaster bringing terrible destruction to the mankind. Focusing on the issue, Dr. Kamala Pandey, Head, Sanskrit Dept of Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya chose to speak on *संसाधनों की रक्षा* on 16 Aug. 2013 in which she eloquently brought out how nature which is so gracious and is literally our life-force is being humiliated and floundered with impunity because of our selfish attitude and extreme materialistic approach towards life. She further elucidated that we are in contradiction with resources of nature and thereby disturbing the harmonious balance of five elements enveloping the environment. She underlined the urgent need to bring change in our

attitude and desist from indulging in such mindless act.

Continuing the series further, environment awareness programme was organized at the Indian Section HQs on 18 Aug. 2013 which was attended by about 40 members of Green Eco Movement Society, Indian Academy of Yoga, Banaras Hindu University and people from different walks of life. The programme was conducted by the Secretary of Green Eco Movement Society, Dr. R.K. Bhatia M.D. (Hom). Speaking on the theme “ॐ कृ त्त्तु गृ* Dr. Bhatia insisted that everyone should resolve to plant one tree on his/her birthday and preserve it till it grows. Welcoming the members of the Green Eco Movement and the TS, the General Secretary of the Indian Section, presented the views of Gandhi and Dr. Hazari Pd. Dwivedi and said that the pioneers of the TS have always been deeply concerned about it from the very beginning. In this connection he also mentioned the theme of the song on 'Nature' composed by late Bro. M.G Kanitkar who was a dedicated theosophist and helped the TS in the field of education. The theme of the song beautifully conveys the message that we all have to learn from nature to preserve, nurture and to maintain the balance of nature and harmony among all beings.

Prof. Emeritus K.P. Singh, President of Green Eco Movement Society and a member of the TS, chaired the programme and highlighted the crucial role of trees in human life. He enlightened the gathering with an amazing secret that trees emit six to seven thousand volatile organic substance apart from emitting oxygen particularly in the morning hours of the day which have tremendous influence on human beings' life, mood elevation, sense of well being etc. Dr. S.P. Singh, Head of Deptt of Horticulture, spoke extensively on the importance of greenery in our life and brought out that we can enrich our environment by planting trees not only in outside areas but inside the kitchen and in our living rooms. He revealed that certain plants have the capacity to absorb gases produced in the kitchen and thus make the environment pollution free. The programme ended with

plantation of about seventy plants pertaining to fruits, flowers and having herbal values in the campus area of the Theosophical Society, Indian Section Headquarters, in Varanasi.

To commemorate the 150th Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekanand a public meeting was organized by Ramkrishna Mission in collaboration with the Indian Section of the Theosophical Society at the Section Headquarters on 1 Sept. 2013. The meeting started with the Prayers of Religions. In his welcome address the General Secretary of the Indian Section highlighted how the TS has been working to promote the moral and spiritual aspects of life and to encourage and strengthen Universal Brotherhood. In this context he read out a few quotes regarding spirituality and brotherhood from theosophical literature and also from the sayings of Swami Vivekanand. Apart from the members of the TS, distinguished guests, a great number of students attended the meeting. Swami Varishthanand answered in detail to the various questions raised by the students. Prof. Awadhesh Pradhan, from the Dept. of Hindi, Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Prof. Harikesh Singh from the Faculty of Education(BHU), Dr. Kusum Mishra-Principal, Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalay and two Swamijis from Ramkrishna Mission delivered short talks explaining the philosophy and work of Swami Vivekanand.

STUDY CAMPS AT BHOWALI

Three study camps were organized during the year under review at the completely renovated centre of the Indian Section at Bhowali. Bharat Samaj Pooja was performed and E.S. Retreat was held there in the third week of May before the study camp.

The first study camp was held from 20 to 26 May, 2013. The theme was 'New Radiance in Divine Reflection'. It was directed by Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary and attended by 18 members.

The second camp was held from 30 May to 5 June, 2013. Bro. P.K. Jayaswal, National Lecturer, directed the study on 'Atma Vidya'. It was attended by 22 members.
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The third one was organized on 'Occult Philosophy in Life'. It was held from 19 September to 23 September 2013. The camp was directed by Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary. About 25 people were invited of which 14 persons attended the camp. The following Federations were represented: Kerala, Telugu, Rayalaseema, U.P., Delhi and Maharashtra. The matter covered was mostly from H.P. Blavatsky, which is available in the 12th Volume of her collected writings. The programme started in the morning at 7.30 a.m. with Bharat Samaj Pooja followed by two sessions. Afternoon session was from 3 to 4.30 p.m. From 7.30 to 8.00 p.m. there was meditation/ talk on meditation.

90th SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE

The 90th South India Conference was held in Adyar from 29 to 31 March 2013. The theme was '*The Secret Doctrine – A Synthesis of Science, Religion and Philosophy*'. The books recommended for study were, *Fundamentals of Esoteric Philosophy* by Ianthe Hoskins and *Stanzas of Dzyan*. After the welcome address by Bro. S. Sundaram, General Secretary of the Indian Section, Dr Radha Burnier, International President, introduced the theme, followed by a short talk by Dr Chittaranjan Satapathy on 'The Secret Doctrine – How to Study it'. In the afternoon there were two short talks: Prof. C.A. Shinde and Bro. S. Harihara Raghavan spoke on 'The Secret Doctrine – How it came to be Written' and 'The Secret Doctrine – The Proem'. In the evening the Ritual of the Mystic Star was performed. On the second day there were two morning sessions. In the first, Dr. Nagesh and Bro. C. V. K. Maithreya spoke on 'The Secret Doctrine - The Three Fundamental Propositions' and 'The Secret Doctrine – The One Fundamental Law and the Four Basic Ideas'. In the second session Prof. Shinde and Bro. N.C. Krishna spoke on 'The Secret Doctrine – The Six Numbered Items' and 'The Secret Doctrine – The Five Proven Facts'. The afternoon talks were given by Prof. R. C. Tampi and Ms. Sandhya Rani on 'The Secret Doctrine – Summing

Up' and 'Conclusion', and 'The Secret Doctrine – The Divine Plan'. In the evening Dr. V. P. Visvakumar gave a power point presentation on 'The Secret Doctrine and Serpent Power'. On the last day short talks were delivered by Dr. N. C. Ramanujachary and Dr. M. A. Raveendran on 'The Secret Doctrine – The Evolution of Occult Symbolism' and 'The Secret Doctrine – The Spiritual Ascent'. In the afternoon Prof. R. C. Tampi spoke on 'The Secret Doctrine – Its Impact on World Thought'. The Closing Address was given by Dr. Radha Burnier, International President, followed by a Vote of Thanks by Bro. S Harihara Raghavan, General Manager.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S VISITS

Bro. S. Sundaram, General Secretary, Indian Section, was the Chief Guest on the occasion of the 48th Annual Conference of Utkal Theosophical Federation held in Sambalpur in the second week of February. He delivered the Inaugural Address on the theme of the conference 'Theosophy the Eternal Truth'. The subject of his public lecture was 'From Individual to Indivisible'. Besides, he spoke on 'Why TOS?' in a session of the Theosophical Order of Service there.

The General Secretary delivered the Welcome Address during the South India Conference held at the International Headquarters, Adyar, in the end of March. He inaugurated the Centenary Celebrations of Kerala Theosophical Federation held at Trichur on 25-26 May in which he emphasized that how many Theosophists in past paved the way for Indian renaissance and taught the world the real spirituality which is not divorced from life. The theme of his public lecture there was 'The Essence of Revolution.'

The Golden Jubilee Celebration of Sri Krishna Theosophical Lodge of Davangere was held on 22 June, 2013. Bro. S. Sundaram delivered the Inaugural Address on this occasion on the theme 'LOVE & SERVICE: TWIN STARS OF BROTHERHOOD'. Prior to that he inaugurated the new building of the Lodge and met the office bearers and the members of the Lodge there.

The 104th Annual Conference of Karnataka Theosophical Federation was held in Davanagere on 23-24 June in which the General Secretary released a few books written/translated by the senior members of the Federation. Besides, he delivered the Valedictory Address.

The General Secretary inaugurated the new building of the Theosophical Lodge at Hosadurga and addressed the members there on 25 June. He visited the Lodges at Huliyaar and Tumkur and met some of the members there.

He was invited by the Federation Secretary of Utkal Theosophical Federation to Bhubaneswar in August where he delivered a talk on 'The Essence of Revolution'. Later he visited Cuttack where he addressed the members on 'From Individual to Indivisible'. He was the Chief Guest of the Bihar Theosophical Federation's Annual Conference held at the Federation HQ in Patna on 8 September. He delivered the Inaugural Address on the theme of the conference '*Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*'.

The General Secretary was the Chief Guest on the occasion of the Centenary Conference of Marathi Theosophical Federation held at Belgaum from 21 to 23 September 2013. He delivered the Inaugural Address there on the theme of the conference 'Religion, Philosophy & Science'. The subject of his public lecture was 'Universal Brotherhood'. In his Valedictory Address the General Secretary elaborated certain points to prepare oneself to take up some responsibilities and actively get involved in promoting the work of the T.S.

JOINT GENERAL SECRETARY'S VISITS

Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary, Jt. General Secretary, visited several lodges during the year under review. He spoke at the Theosophical Lodge of Vijaywada on the occasion of Dr. Annie Besant's birthday. He attended to Lodge work at Chitradurga and Kakinada in October, 2012. Spoke at the Indian Section Headquarters on the occasion of

the Foundation Day of the T.S. He gave talk on 'our work as Theosophist' at the Federation Headquarters, Delhi. The theme of his talk at Noida Lodge in November was 'The Secret Doctrine, Knowledge & Empty Vessels'. He visited three Lodges of Marathi Federation in the third week of February, 2013, and spoke on 'Introduction to Theosophy' at Telhara. He had meetings with the members at Akot and Amravati. Dr. Ramanujachary conducted the study class for the members of Kashi Tattva Sabha on *Thought Power, its Control and Culture* (in February). Gave series of three talks on *The Secret Doctrine* in Delhi and introductory talks on 'Theosophy and the Society' at three places in the hill areas of U.P. At Devanahalli School of Ancient Wisdom a series of five talks were delivered in January on 'Beginnings of New Continent of Thought'. Five talks were delivered at the same venue in August on 'Light on the Path'. He delivered B. Mohnangarao Memorial Lecture on 'Living in the Modern World' during the Annual Conference of Telugu Federation at Visakhapatnam in February. He delivered a talk as Chief Guest on the occasion of 125th year of the Theosophical Lodge at Visakhapatnam. The subject of his talk during the conference on 'Ethical Globalisation' at the Section Headquarters was 'Theosophical Ethics'. Conducted the study on 'Karma, Reincarnation and Life after Death' at the Section HQ from 18 to 21 March for the members of Telugu Federation. He conducted a study camp at Bhowali from 20 -26 May on 'New radiance in Divine reflection'. A seminar was conducted by him at Bhowali in September on 'Occult Philosophy on Life'. He attended to the Property Committee's meeting at Delhi on 9 May and had formal discussion with the Secretary of Delhi Federation on 25 September.

NATIONAL LECTURER

Prof. C.A. Shinde visited Pune and Sangli in October 2012. There he spoke on Theosophical subjects and also presided over the Foundation Day celebration of the Lodge at Sangli. He was on lecture tour along with Mr. Ricardo Lindamen during November and

December. He conducted the School of Wisdom at the International Headquarters in November on the theme 'Science of Life'. He visited Lodges and groups of Karnataka Federation along with the Federation Secretary, Ms. K.Parvathamma, in January 2013.

Prof. Shinde spoke on 'Science of Life' at Dayanand Inter College, Lucknow, on 7 March and directed the study camp on 'Spiritual Life & Meditation' held at the Lodge in Gorakhpur in the second week of March. He visited Allahabad on 13 March where he addressed the members of Anand Lodge and Mahila Dharm Lodge. The subject of his talk was 'Science of Life'. He spoke on 'Human Regeneration' during his visit to Noida Lodge and Delhi Federation. He was the chief guest on the occasion of the Annual Conference of Karnataka Federation at Davangere. Besides, he visited the Lodge at Hosadurga with the General Secretary in June. At Pune and Sangli he spoke on 'Role of Corner Stone'. As Chief Guest of the Centenary celebrations of Chintamani Lodge in Karnataka, Prof. Shinde spoke there on 'Dhammapada'.

Prof. Shinde visited some Lodges of Assam and Bengal, Federation where he delivered talks on Theosophical subjects and also conducted study on Theosophical themes and spoke during the Centenary celebration of Marathi Federation held at Belgaum on 23-25 September.

Bro. P.K. Jayaswal directed the study class on 'Science of Yoga' at the School of Wisdom, Adyar, from 26.11.2012 to 8.12.2012. The focus was on explanation of Patanjali's Yoga Sutras in the light of theosophical doctrines regarding human constitution and pilgrimage of the human soul with Kaivalaya as the final goal. He directed the North Indian Study Camp at Varanasi from 15 to 23 October, 2012. 'Human Regeneration' by Smt Radha Burnier was taken up for study. Emphasis was laid on getting insight into the deeper aspects and fundamental objectives of human evolution.

Bro. Jayaswal was the Chief Guest at the Annual Conference

of M.P. & Rajasthan Federation at Ajmer on the 27 and 28 October 2012. He delivered the inaugural address on the Conference theme 'Thought makes the man'. He tried to explain the need to go beyond the thought to ensure human emancipation. Besides, he delivered a talk at the concluding session on the need to work for the society.

Bro. Jayaswal directed the study on Atma Vidya at Bhowali. The week-long study was held during summer.

Bro. B.D. Tendulkar was invited by Utkal Federation in November where he delivered a talk on 'Human Regeneration' at Cuttack Lodge and directed the study of the book *Thought Power : It's Control & Culture*. He directed the study of Annie Besant's book *Ancient Wisdom* at the Federation Headquarters, Bhubaneswar, and delivered the Khageswar Routray Memorial Lecture on 'Relevance of Theosophy in today's context'. The subject of his talk at Sambalpur was 'Human Regeneration'.

Bro. B.D. Tendulkar visited Noida, Delhi and Indian Section Headquarters, Varanasi, in the first week of March where he delivered talk and directed the study of *Thought Power: Its Control and Culture*. He conducted the study of the same book at the Theosophical Lodge of Ujjain and gave a talk on 'Learning Alphabets of Truth'. Besides, he addressed a training session of 64 Headmasters of High School. The theme was 'Today's Education System & Ancient Gurukul'. It was held under the auspices of Sarva Siksha Abhiyan Scheme of the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Bro. Tendulkar visited Nagpur in the third week of March where he directed the study of *Human Regeneration* and conducted a special session on the 'Regeneration of Lodge' at Dhantoli Lodge. He addressed 500 students at Telhara town in Akot on the theme 'Education for Personality Development' and had two sessions for the teachers on the theme 'Theosophical Society & Its Teachings' and 'Relevance of Theosophy in the present day context' respectively.

Bro. Tendulkar was one of the speakers during the Golden

Jubilee of Theosophy Science Group which was celebrated at the International Headquarters, Adyar, on 31 December 2012 and 1 January 2013. The subject of his talk was 'Ancient Wisdom and Holistic Science.'

Bro. Tendulkar was invited by Utkal Federation in July 2013 as well to conduct study class at Sambalpur, Federation HQ, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack Lodge. The books taken up for the purpose were *Thought Power: Its Control & Culture*, *Ancient Wisdom* and *Human Regeneration* respectively.

Delhi Federation organized his programme at the Lodges in Delhi, Noida and Greater Noida where he directed the study on the books mentioned in the previous paragraph. Besides, he addressed the students of Evergreen Public School in Noida on the subject 'Development of Thought Power for a successful happy life'. He addressed the students at Sanatana Dharam Public School as well. The theme of Bro. Tendulkar's talks at Dharwad Lodge in January 2013 were: 'Relevance of Theosophy in the Present Context', 'Universal Prayer: It's Practical Impact', 'J. Krishnamurti's Temple Talks' and *At the Feet of the Master*. He spoke on 'Human Regeneration' at Bangalore City Lodge and on 'Universal Brotherhood' at Malleswaram Lodge during his visit to Bangalore in April, 2013.

He visited the Theosophical Lodges at Adinarayana Swamy, Nakkalahalli, Kadbur and Kondenahalli in Karnataka Federation in April. At these Lodges he spoke on 'Patanjali's Yoga Sutra', 'Science of Yoga', *At the Feet of the Master* and 'Constitution of Man and Reincarnation'.

Bro. N.C. Krishna gave two talks at Sanmarg Lodge, Bellary, in November. The subjects on which he spoke were 'Theosophy and the Divine Feet of the Masters' and 'Discrimination & Method of overcoming the Kama Manas'. He conducted a study camp at Secunderabad Lodge in the second week of November. The subject for study was 'Shat Sampati: the Six Qualifications'.

Bro. Krishna delivered the inaugural address at the South Zone Conferene of Kerala Theosophical Federation which was organized at Anantha Lodge, Trivandrum, on 16-17 February, 2013, in connection with the Centenary of the Federation. The theme of his public lecture was 'Duty of a Theosophist' and he spoke in the symposium on the 'Three Declared Objects'. He spoke on 'Human Regeneration of Lodge Work' on the occasion of the 93rd Annual Conference of Telugu Federation held at Visakhapatnam. In the Centenary Celebration of Kerala Theosophical Federation, held at Trichur, he spoke on 'Five Proven Facts'.

Bro. N.C. Krishna was invited by Utkal Federation in April. He directed the study on Basic Introduction to *The Secret Doctrine* at the Federation Headquarters, Bhubaneswar, on 14-16 April and delivered a public lecture on 'Theosophy & Theosophical Life'. He directed the study of *The Secret Doctrine* at the Lodge in Sambalpur from 18-20 April and delivered a lecture there on 'Dharma of the Theosophist'. His talk on a subject related to Introduction to the Secret Doctrine was held at the Lodge in Cuttack.

Bro. Krishna was one of the speakers in the symposium organized by the Indian Section during the International Convention in December 2012 and spoke in the South India Conference on *The Secret Doctrine: The Five Proven Facts*.

As a resource person, Bro. Krishna helped the members of the Lodge at Hyderabad in the study camps.

Dr. L. Nagesh was one of the speakers in the symposium on 'An Enquiry into Regeneration' held during the International Convention at Adyar in December 2012. The theme of his talk in the 90th South India Conference was 'The Secret Doctrine: The Three Fundamental Propositions'. He conducted the panel discussion on 'Deficit of Universal Brotherhood is the source of all problems of modern life'. This was held during the Annual Conference of Karnataka Federation at Davangere. He spoke on 'Spiritual Life in daily living through 24/ THE INDIAN THEOSOPHIST, Jan./ 2014

devotional songs' during the centenary celebrations of the Theosophical Lodge in Chintamani in the first week of August.

VISITORS

A group of 25 students with their three teachers from the School of Art, Institute of Chicago, came to the Indian Section Headquarters in January. They were keen to know about Theosophy and the work being done by the T.S. in India. The meeting was organized with the General Secretary in the Annie Besant Hall. It was followed by a lively interaction. After the meeting they sat for another session with Mrs. Manju Sundaram. They wanted to know about Saint Poet Kabir's philosophy and were explained the content in great detail. An hour's talk was followed by interaction for another one hour.

A special lecture on 'Comparative Religion' was organized at the Section HQ on February 1, 2013. It was delivered by the renowned scholar of Indian Philosophy, Professor P.K. Mukhopadhyaya. The talk began with the multi-dimensional and complex question, "What is Religion?" In defining religion, a discourse on religion was presented. Traversing through mystic/spiritual and social aspects of religion, the speaker argued in favour of religion with social purpose and elaborated upon its human aspects. Referring to different religions—Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism, he highlighted the common aspects—unity of religions. He emphasized Truth as the core element of all religions and explained the rationality and questioning spirit in religion with particular reference to Srimad Bhagwadgita. The speaker brought in a historical perspective and reconstructed the idea of religion.

A group of students from Christ Nagar wanted to know about the Theosophical Society and what it stands for. In this connection a meeting was organized at the Section Headquarters on 31 August in which the students came with their teacher. The General Secretary gave a detail information about the philosophy of the organization and the history of the TS and various works being done by it India. Dr.

T.K. Nair, Secretary, TOS, in India, explained to them about the Theosophical Order of Service- why it was formed and the various activities which are being conducted by the TOS in this country. These two talks were followed by questions and answers in which the students were given a few more details about the clarifications which they needed.

VISITS

The Students' Welfare Committee for the Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath (Varanasi), organized a study camp at their campus from 3 to 6 October, 2012. This was the first camp of its kind organized for the students of M.A., undergoing different streams of specialization, with a view to exposing students to philosophies and teachings of different religions and to encourage comparative study and deeper enquiry. In all, eight scholars delivered lectures on different religions/paths. Bro. B.D. Tendulkar, National Lecturer, Indian Section, was especially invited by the organizers for this camp. He spoke on History, Philosophy, Motto, Objectives and the mission of Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. In his talks on 4 and 5 October, he emphasized on regeneration of humanity through promotion of Universal Morality and Practical Brotherhood. Besides, he explained the valuable contribution of the T.S., especially in its early phase, for the revival of Buddhism in South East Asian countries-particularly in Sri Lanka. The aforesaid talks evoked positive response, considerable interaction with the audience and keen interest for further and deeper study.

Dr. Sushila Singh, Professor Emeritus, BHU and member of Theosophical Society and member of Besant Education Fellowship, was invited to deliver the prestigious Isaac Sequeira Memorial Lecture at the 12th MELOW International Conference held at Chandigarh on 8-10 February, 2013. Founded in 1998, MELOW (Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the World) has an International Advisory Body. With strong international linkages, it has a membership of approximately 300 from universities in India. MELOW aims to

establish a global network of scholars engaged in common pursuits.

Professor Sushila Singh chose to speak on the intellectual and spiritual journey of Dr. Annie Besant in her presentation entitled 'Art of Self-Telling: Reading Annie Besant's Autobiography'. In her 45-minutes lecture, Prof. Singh focussed on Dr. Besant's self discovery and her journey towards becoming a Theosophist. She spoke of Annie Besant's evolving conviction into Universal Brotherhood, Unity of Religions, attainment of happiness in life and an understanding of the Eternal Peace. The lecture was attended by a large number of delegates including several from outside India, students and citizens from Chandigarh.

PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION

This is one of the onerous responsibilities of the General Secretary of the Section. 'The Indian Section shall superintend and regulate and control the administration and management of the properties through Committee of members duly authorized by the General Secretary.' In terms of the rules, the Zonal Property Committees were organized in 2002, the recent of such review and revision was done in 2011. In spite of various reiterations, various provisions of rules could not be implemented by the ZPCs. There was no periodical and regulated flow of information from the Committees and Federations excepting one or two, and in cases of extraordinaryness such as encroachments and trespasses.

While the properties at places such as Chitradurga, Eluru, Vijayawada and Kakinada were brought into effective administration, places like Gwalior, Gorakhpur still face stiff situation. The main focus is that all registration and documentation is to be organized under the name of the Section, duly authorized by the General Secretary; the utilization of the properties held is to be ensured for right progression of theosophical work such of Centers of Study, Seminars and workshops in the Region and there has to be effective utilization of the incomes thereon.

Recently the Telugu and Rayalaseema Federations had sought certain clarifications in the matter of administration, and the representatives were duly clarified of the issues in a meeting during September 2013. Similar exercise needs to be done in respect of the other Federations and Zones, to bring focus for adoption of regulations. Properties were, in many cases, endowed by the members and public who were in great sympathy to the theosophical philosophy and work. Right management, effective use and openness for development are the needs. It is earnestly desirable that this view is kept alive by the ZPCs, Federations, and Lodges along with the serious members at large.

FINANCIAL POSITION AND REVIEW OF ACCOUNTS

The year ending 31 March 2013 shows Surplus Income of Rs. 66.34 lakhs. Interest earnings are more by Rs. 23.63 lakhs. The total expenses stand at Rs. 30.54 lakhs. Propagation and Property Maintenance Expenses etc. have increased by 6.87 lakhs. Capital expenditure on immovable assets show an increase of Rs. 150.15 lakhs towards infrastructure at Bhowali Study Centre and Indian Section HQ and School building. Due to contribution from sympathizers, individuals and organization Corpus contributions show an addition of Rs. 47.15 lakhs. There is a small drop of investment due to increased investments on assets. We have to meet expenditure of Rs. 115.46 lakhs in coming years, to meet the taxation commitments. There will be stress on more expenses on Propagation of Theosophy and assistance to Lodges during 2013 -2014 and 2014-2015. Treasurer's report deals the matters in detail.

BHOWALI

The Bhowali Centre of the Indian Section has completed the phase I of the civil works. Four camps were successfully conducted there during April-August 2013.

The Centre has accommodation for 30 members and the food

facility is also available there. It is being planned to increase the capacity for providing accommodation to 50 members. Federations, Lodges/ Centers have to come forward to utilize the facility for study camps/ conferences. Mr. Ganga Singh is the care taker looking after the Bhowali premises and delegates' comfort.

When camps are not being held, individual members can utilize the premises for short stay on payment.

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The Section's journal was published every month. The average monthly circulation was 3500 copies during the year under review.

The 'monumental work' of HPB, *The Secret Doctrine* will be completing 125 years of its publication in October 2013, so a Special Number of the journal for the month of April, May & June 2013 was brought out on the aforesaid classic. Six members from India and three from other Sections contributed articles for this Special Number. We received message of appreciation by the members in India as well as from abroad.

'The Indian Theosophist Corpus Fund' remains at Rs. 1,87,426 as on 31 March 2013.

Some members have reported that they are not receiving the journal regularly. Though their addresses have been recorded correctly at the Headquarters and all the copies are promptly delivered at the Head Post Office in Varanasi on 10/11 of every month we have not been able to locate the reason – why some members are not receiving the journal.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Section on 30 September, 2013, was 11569. As compared to the figures of 2012 the number has decreased by 144. There were 1078 cases of members dropped from the roll due to non- payment of annual dues. This year as well one Federation sent the ADS in the second week of October (2013). Besides, most

of those who sent their Annual Dues for the revival of their membership did not send any application along with their dues. Though reminders have been sent by the membership department no replies were received till 30 September 2013.

There were 948 new members, 46 cases of revival of membership and 60 members passed to peace during the year under review.

GONE TO PEACE

Bro. Golok Chandra Datta (Diploma No. 81185), former Secretary of Assam Theosophical Federation and helping as the Publicity Officer till recently, passed to peace on 15 May, 2013. He had served the Federation under various capacities, was author of some literary and also Theosophical Books and had translated books both in English as well as Assamese. He had number of articles to his credit which were published in different journals. Bro. Datta donated his eyes to the Guwahati Medical College.

Bro. J.M. Das (Diploma No. 70971) of B.T.S. Calcutta, Bengal Federation, passed to peace on 30 August. He was member of the Indian Section Council and the National Executive Committee for a few years and served the Federation for several years under various capacities. Being a civil Engineer by profession he helped in the renovation of buildings at the Section Headquarters, Varanasi and at Bhowali.

Mrs Vimala Khara, (Diploma No. 40690) a member of Noida Lodge, passed to peace on 18 February. She joined Vasant Kanya Mahavidyalaya at Varanasi as Lecturer of Political Science in 1954 and retired as Principal in 1992. She was President of Annie Besant Youth Lodge (Varanasi) during 1960-61 and Secretary of Kashi Tattva Sabha during 1985-87.

Sri L.C. Srivastava (Diploma No. 61345), a senior member of Kashi Tattva Sabha (KTS), passed to peace on 8 February. He

was Secretary of the Lodge during 1988-90 and then President as well for two terms.

Sri B. Venkata Rao (Diploma No. 62593), President of Telugu Federation, passed to peace on 25 June. He served the organization under various capacities.

Dr. U.K. Panikar (Diploma No. 78111) of Calicut (Kerala Federation) passed to peace on 27 October, 2012.

Bro. Madhusudan Champaneria, former President & stalwart of Gujarat Theosophical Federation passed to peace on 25 June 2013. In all, 60 members passed to peace during the year under review.

TASKS AHEAD

The content given in the previous pages and the details mentioned regarding the activities of various Federations in Part-II of the report give an idea about the work carried out at various places in the Section during the year under review. But as I mentioned in my previous report, "in such a movement one has to keep going in order to think and work out still better ways of doing and organizing things so that it may provide greater depth and clarity to the members and at the same time may reflect in such a way that the people in general may also realize the significance of the philosophy and work of the organization".

Some Federations did not take advantage of utilizing the services of National Lecturers in their respective areas. The knowledge and experience of the National Lecturers can immensely help in propagating the philosophy and work of the T.S. Besides, the sympathizers and those who are interested in such endeavours, especially students and teachers, too should be approached and invited to the talks and study camps directed by the National Lecturers. This approach will help in reaching and converging the message of Theosophy among the non-members. Similarly, organizing talks at places other than the Lodge will be very effective.

The construction of the building at Bhowali has been

completed. The Indian Section, as it did in past, will be organizing study camps there. The Federations too should submit their plan to have their programme there in collaboration with the Indian Section. Two Federations have already approached the Section with their request for holding study camp at Bhowali in the year 2014.

One Federation has reported that they do not get reports from all the Lodges regarding the activities conducted by them at their respective places. Unless all the Lodges furnish the details it will not be possible to have complete picture of the activities going on at each Lodge of the Federation. As such, it will not be possible for the office bearers at the Federation and Section level to suggest steps for improving the performance at the Lodge level. Besides, publishing of Theosophical activities in Federation's Bulletin and the Section's journal will encourage others as well to promote Theosophical activities and will help in the propagation of the work done among people in general.

Detail Report/News regarding the Theosophical activities being conducted in different parts of Section were received only from some Federations. Unless such news items are received from every region it will not be possible to have a complete picture of the activities/programmes. In order to reach people it is necessary to give good publicity of the work being done at various levels.

As is was mentioned in the previous year's report, the need for organizing Regional Centres for Theosophical studies where we already have infrastructure is to be examined and such centres established.

Involvement of youth in the Theosophical activities was reported only from a few selected areas. Systematic plan for their participation in our programmes will have to be worked out in other areas as well.

The classics *The Key to Theosophy* and *The Voice of the Silence* by H.P.B. will be completing 125 years of their publication in the year 2014. The Indian Section would work out plan of lectures on 32/ THE INDIAN THEOSOPHIST, Jan./ 2014

and study of these two books. Federations and Lodges all over the Section too must think of having similar programmes at their respective places.

As per the original plan, the North Indian Study Camp was to be directed in October 2012 by the International President and Bro. P.K. Jayaswal. But as mentioned earlier the President could not come due to some unavoidable reasons. However, she sent a very encouraging message for the camp. Before I conclude, I would like to thank the International President for having inspired us by sending her message and for enquiring about the development of the various works in the Indian Section from time to time.

Dr. N.C. Ramanujachary, Jt. General Secretary, apart from attending to some property matters also gave talks on Theosophical themes and directed study at various places during the year under review. Bro. P.S. Panchakshari apart from carrying out the responsibilities as the National Treasurer of the Section also helped to very great extent in organizing the conference and study camp at the Section Headquarters and Bhowali. Besides, he took great care in the reconstruction of the Bhojanshala at the Section Headquarters. Mrs. Panchakshari is in charge of the Bhojanshala and takes care of the diners' meals there. Bro. V. Narayanan, apart from looking after the legal matters, put in great effort for the renovation of the Centre at Bhowali. All the National Lecturers very actively encouraged and inspired the members of different Federations by delivering lectures and directing study on Theosophical themes. I am thankful to the members of the Executive Committee for their valuable advice and help from time to time. Dr. T.K. Nair, apart from his responsibilities as National Secretary of TOS, attended to the various matters of the educational institutions. The Presidents and Secretaries of various Federations look after the Theosophical work in their respective regions with great care and concern.

Mr. A.N. Singh, Accountant at the Section Headquarters, apart from his responsibilities in the Account Section, is taking care of cleanliness and beautification of the campus. Mrs. Uma Bhattacharyya, apart from helping in the library prepares draft of the conference and study camp for the Section's journal. Sri. Dibyendu Mishra is taking care of the T.M. Library at the HQ. Sri Kanchan Jaitely apart from the building repair works showed great concern for the welfare of the campus and helped in several ways. Sri. Rajkumar Pandey and Sri Gulab Chand in the membership department and Sri Om Prakash took care of the work on computer and membership records. I thank them all sincerely for their cooperation and the spirit with which they worked for the welfare of the organization.

12.11.2013
Varanasi

S. Sundaram
General Secretary

ANNEXURE - I
Details of Members at the end of the year

	2011-2012		2012-2013
Admission	948	Lapse	1078
Readmission	46	Death/Resignation	60
Transfer from other Section		Transfer to Other Section	Nil
Total :	994	Total	1138

1	No. of members	1.10.2012	11713	Incoming	994
2	No. of members	1.10.2013	11569	Outgoing	1138

S.No.	Federation	1.10.2012	1.10.2013	Gain	Loss
1	Assam	509	497		12
2	Bengal	416	398		18
3	Bihar	260	239		21
4	Bombay	311	311		0
5	Delhi	190	195	5	
6	Gujarat	777	819	42	
7	Karnataka	3073	3051		22
8	Kerala	388	363		25
9	M.P& Raj.	499	491		8
10	Madras	994	1013	19	
11	Marathi	540	512		28
12	Rayalaseema	451	486	35	
13	Tamilnadu	865	792		73
14	Telugu	1017	1046	29	
15	Utkal	272	266		6
16	Uttar Pradesh	851	835		16
17	Headquarters	300	255		45
		11713	11569	130	274

* The Total membership as on 2011-12 in the previous year was 11713.
After verification of records the figures as on 1.10.2013 stands at 11569.

ANNEXURE - II
NEW LODGES FORMED DURING 2012-2013

S.no	Charter No.	Date	Federation	Name of Lodge
1	1493	30.09.2013	Assam	Panjabari
2	1494	30.09.2013	Assam	Sahayatri
3	1495	30.09.2013	Assam	Gandhia
4	1496	30.09.2013	Assam	Bhaskarjyoti

LODGES REVIVED DURING 2012-2013

NIL

LODGES

1.	Number of Lodges and Centres at the beginning of the year	454
2.	New Lodges for which Charters issued	4
3.	Lodges Dissolved	-
	Number of Lodges & Centres at the closing of the year	<u>458</u>

**ANNEXURE - III
DETAILS OF ANNUAL CONFERENCES HELD**

S.No	Federation	Conference	Month	Place	Chief Guest / President
1	Assam	35th	18.11.2012	Guwahti	Bro. Dhirendra Nath Chakravarty
2	Bengal	93nd	5.11.2013	Kolkata	Bro. B.L. Bhattacharya
3	Bihar	108th	8.09.2013	Patna	Bro. S. Sundaram
4	Bombay	81st	30 Sep, 20Oct. 2012	Mumbai	Bro. M.P. Singhal
5	Delhi				
6	Gujarat	Not held			
7	Karnataka	104th	23-25 June 2013	Dhawangere	Bro. C.A. Shinde
8	Kerala	84th	19-20 Oct., 2013	Alleppey	Bro. S. Harihar Raghvan
9	M.P.& Rajasthan	88th	20 Oct. 2013	Ajmer	Bro. P.K. Jayaswal
10	Madras		7Oct. 2013	Madras	
11	Marathi	82st	23-25 Sept. 2013	Belgaum	Bro. S. Sundaram
12	Rayala-seema	100th			
13	Tamil	86th	20-21 Oct. 2012	Dharapuram	Bro. S. Ramu
14	Telugu	93rd	8-10 Feb. 2013	Visakhapatnam	Bro. M.P. Singhal
15	Utkal	48th	10-11 Feb 2013	Sambalpur	Bro.S.Sundaram
16	Uttar Pradesh	93nd	28-29 Sept 2013	Gaziabad	Bro. M.P. Singhal

**ANNEXURE - IV
LIST OF FEDERATION JOURNALS**

2011-2012

S.No	Federation	Name of Journal	Periodicity
1	Assam	<i>Jnana- Jeuti</i>	Yearly
2	Bengal	<i>The Bengal Theosophical Federation Bulletin</i> <i>Theosophy Barta</i>	Monthly Qtrly.
3	Bombay	<i>The Bombay Theosophical Bulletin</i>	Monthly
4	Gujarat	<i>Jyoti</i>	Monthly
5	Karnataka	<i>Theosophy Vani</i>	Monthly
6	Madras	<i>The Madras Theosophical Federation Bulletin</i>	Monthly
7	Marathi	<i>Vishwa Bandhuttva (Jagriti)</i>	Once in two months
8	Rayala-seema & Telugu	<i>Divya Jnana Dipika</i>	Monthly
9	Tamil	<i>Tamizhaga Brahma Jnani</i>	Monthly
10	Utkal	Federation Buttetin <i>Viswadhara</i>	Qtrly.
12.	Uttar Pradesh	<i>Dharma Path Federation Bulletin</i>	Qtrly. Qtrly.

Adhyatma Jyoti, a Qtrly journal in Hindi is published from Allahabad. A number of members from Bihar, M.P.& Rajasthan, U.P. and a few others from non-Hindi speaking areas are subscribers of this journal.

**The Treasurer's
Report for the Year
2012-2013**

**THE INDIAN SECTION
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, VARANASI**

The Treasurer's Report for the Year 2012-2013

The Indian Section's audited accounts and of its subsidiaries, for the year ending 31st March 2013 are placed before you.

(Rs. in lakhs)

A. INCOME

The income for the period 2011-12 is Rs. 182.88 are as detailed below.

Heads	Year ended 31/03/2013	year ended 31/10/2012
Property Income	5.51	4.83
Membership Fees etc	4.13	3.85
Indian Theosophist subscription	0.68	0.66
Interest on investments nett (Sch17)	78.55	54.21
Donations	0.27	0.33
Other receipts	0.29	0.69
Surplus from Indian Book shop	0.20	0.44
Surplus from Chitradurga	3.78	4.45
Surplus from Eluru unit	1.50	1.82
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Sub Total	94.91	71.28
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Sale of Properties & compensation	---	111.60
Capital gain from sale of Natural Fund	1.97	---
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Total	96.88	182.88
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In current year's income (of 12-13) there is an increase of RS. 23.63, lakhs. Capital gains earnings are Rs. 1.97, that is not a recurring feature. That results in decreased earnings of Rs. 86.00.

B) Expenditure :

Property & Maintenance	13.33	10.22
Establishment	5.53	5.36
Contributions	0.49	0.51
Propagation	11.19	7.48
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Subtotal	30.54	23.57
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Surplus transferred to Balance sheet	66.34	159.31
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Total	96.88	182.88
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Expenditure for 12-13 show an increase of Rs. 6.97 lakhs. Property maintenance repairs, electricity charges & electrical maintenance increased by Rs 3.11. Propagation expenses has gone up by Rs 3.71. Increase assistance to Lodges for building repairs & renovation, providing free set of Theosophical books in English & Hindi to several Lodges, Centenary grants to Federations/Lodges are the main assistance given. We envisage increased assistance to Lodges during years 13-14, & 14-15

C) Balance Sheet:-as at 31/03/2012

	(Rs. in lakhs)			
	Liabilities		Assets	
	2012-13	2011-2012	2012-13	2011-2012
Funds	332.12	285.12	Immovable property	210.52 60.37
Surplus	659.51	481.16	Movable Property	8.17 4.61
Deposits	123.82	109.07	Investment	971.51 984.40
Current Lia	70.04	47.98	Staff Fund	2.94 3.05
bilities				
Provision for	2.94	3.05	Capital A/c funits	54.81 47.72
Accumulations	115.46	227.46	Cash Bank Balance	6.58 5.08
			Loans & Adv	48.27 47.81
			ances.	
			Current Assets	1.09 0.80
Total	1303.89	1153.84	Total	1303.89 1153.84

Comments:**A) Liabilities:**

There is a over all increase of Rs. 150.05 of Funds & Assets i.e. from Rs. 1153.84 to Rs. 1303.89. Corpus shows an increase of Rs. 47.15 lakh. Building maintainance Fund by Rs. 3.00, Rs. 4.90 was spent from Ear marked fund. Surplus from Income & Expenditure are Rs. 178.35. (Current surplus Rs. 66.34 Rs. 112.00 utilization, u/s 11= (2), i.e. from Capital Expenditure). Federation and Lodge deposits increased by Rs. 14.75. Current Liabilities show an increase of Rs. 13.66. Accumulation spent amounts to Rs. 112.00, yet to be spent, is Rs. 115.46.

B) Assets:

Immovable & movable assets show an increase of Rs. 153.71 many of them under work in progress at Varanasi, Bhowali Study Centre. Investment show a small drop of Rs. 12.89. It is due to expenses on capital assets.

Outlook:

Funds for meeting capital expenses on on-going works at Varanasi and Bhowali Study centre for 13-14 & 14-15 will be more than the surplus generated from income expenditure account. We have to draw from investments, which invariably leads to decreased interest income. Besides the capital expenditure, there will be increased expenditure on propagation & building repairs etc. Judicious utilization of funds will be the watch word. Part of the capital expenditure is set off against current surplus of Rs. 66.34 towards bringing down the taxable income within limit, for the year 12-13.

Acknowledgement :

I express my deep sense of gratitude to our International President, for her guidance and advice. The same feelings are expressed

towards Vice-President, International Secretary & Treasurer of International Section, at Adyar. My sincere thanks to General Secretary, Jt. General Secretary, Members of Executive Committee, all members of Indian Section Council, all Federation office bearers, and Indian Section Staff at Varanasi, with their cooperation enabled me to carry out the task.

Varanasi
30 September, 2012

P.S.Panchakshari
Treasurer, Indian Section

**THE INDIAN SECTION,
Balance Sheet**

Funds and Liabilities	Schedule	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
FUNDS			
General Fund	1	3,480,322	
Reserve Fund	2	1,047,497	
Propogation Fund	3	139,738	
Earmarked Fund	4	1,524,648	
Corpus Fund	5	19,917,146	
Life Members Fund	6	857,419	
Building Maintenance Fund	7	3,779,279	
Benevolent Funds	8	<u>2,465,774</u>	33,211,823
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
As per last Balance Sheet		48,116,088	
Add : Surplus for the year		6,634,461	
Add : Utilization U/s 11(?) AY 11-12		11,200,000	
Lee : Accumulation U/s. 11(2) AY 12-13			65,950,549
DEPOSITS			
Federation, Lodges & Others	11	11,728,255	
Legacy deposits	12	<u>654,000</u>	12,382,255
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND PROVISIONS			
Sundry Creditors		6,996,790	
Expenses Payable		<u>7,304</u>	7,004,094
PROVISIONS			
Staff Retirement Fund	13		294,276
Accumulation U/S. 11(2)			
AY 2011-12			
Amount set apart		15,196,415	
Less : Utilized and t/f I&E A/c.		(11,200,000)	3,996,415
<u>AY 2012-13</u>			
Amount as apart		7,550,000	
Less : Utilized and t/f I&E A/c		-	7,550,000
		Total	130,389,412

In terms of our report on even date
For M.B. Gabhawala & Co.
Chartered Accountants
APRAMEYA M. GABHAWALA
Partner

Varanasi, August, 7, 2013

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, VARANASI
As At 31st March, 2013**

Properties and Assets	Schedule	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
IMMOVABLE PROPERTY			
At Varanasi	9A	793,478	
Outside Varanasi		680,087	
At Bhowali		<u>2,060,987</u>	
		3,534,552	
Capital work in progress	9 B	<u>17,517,121</u>	21,051,673
MOVABLE PROPERTY			
At Varanasi	10		817,036
TIBBITS MEMORIAL LIBRARY BOOKS			
As Per last Balance Sheet			1,801
INVESTMENTS	14		97,151,451
STAFF RETIREMENT FUND	13		
Deposits- Allahabad Bank		251,776	
Loans		<u>42,500</u>	294,276
Capital Account with Indian Book Shop			
As per Schedule	15		1,033,408
Capital Account with Chitradurga Theosophical Lodge Development Committee			
As per Schedule	16		1,928,466
Capital Account with Eluru Theosophical Lodge Development Committee			
As per Schedule	17		2,519,302
CURRENT ASSETS, LOANS AND ADVANCES			
Sundry Debtors			
Others			107,359
CASH & BANK BALANCES			
Cash in hand		9,548	
With Scheduled Banks		<u>648,585</u>	658,133
LOANS & ADVANCES			
Security Deposit		5,100	
Loans to Lodges & Others		72,500	
Others		<u>4,748,907</u>	4,826,507
		Total	130,389,412

For The Indian Section, The Theosophical Society

A.N. Singh
Accountant

P.S. Panchakshari
Treasurer

S. Sundaram
General Secretary

**THE INDIAN SECTION,
Income and Expenditure Account for**

Expenditure	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
TO PROPERTY MAINTENANCE		
Wood Cutting Expenses	-	
House and Water Taxes	2,268	
Electricity Charges	435,493	
Building Repairs	372,310	
Furniture Repairs	1,924	
Garden Maintenance	138,791	
Sanitation	113,207	
Outside Property Maintenance	48,591	
Watch and Ward	160,745	
Generator Maintenance	<u>59,975</u>	1,333,304
TO ESTABLISHMENT		
Internet Charges	10,087	
House Keeping Expense	10,438	
Honorarium	166,300	
Staff Salaries & Establishment	64,536	
Printing & Stationery	42,837	
Postage, Telegram, Telephone & Fax	25,037	
Audit Fees	4,495	
Legal Expenses	50,842	
Computer Stationery & Expenses	32,670	
Bank Charges	2,177	
Staff Welfare	25,952	
Miscellaneous Expenses	8,382	
Group Gratuity cum Life Insurance Scheme	35,558	
Travelling & Conveyance	<u>73,015</u>	552,326
TO CONTRIBUTION		
Educational & Charitable Institution	10,000	
Diner's Committee	39,000	49,000
TO PROPOGATION OF THEOSOPHY		
Department of Studies	1,158	
T.M. Library Expenses	39,591	
Indian Theosophist Publication Expenses	226,648	
Travelling & Conveyance (for National Lecturers)	31,636	
Propogation	571,000	
Seminar Expenses	12,873	
Study Camp Outside Varanasi	11,224	
Propogation of Theosophy	67,752	
Grant to Lodge Federation	65,000	
Grant for Publication of Federation Journals	80,000	
Study Camp at Varanasi	<u>11,981</u>	1,118,863
Interest on TDS	237	
Surplus for the year carried to		6,634,461
Balance Sheet		
Total		<u>9,688,191</u>

In terms of our report On even date For M.B. Gabhawala & Co. Aprameya M. Gabhawala
Varanasi July 7, 2012 *Chartered Accountants* Partner

**THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, VARANASI
The Year Ended 31st March, 2013**

Income	Amount (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)
TO PROPERTY INCOME		
Residential Charges	447,720	
Maintenance	23,700	
Amenities	2,415	
Garden Receipts	15,200	
Generator Maintenance Receipts	<u>62,000</u>	551,035
TO MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTION		
Annual Dues	355,710	
Entrance Fees	29,010	
Interest on Cumulated dues	28,517	
Charter Fees	<u>175</u>	413,412
Capital Gain On Sale of Mutual Funds		196,655
To Hospitality		24,841
“ Donation & Incentive		26,911
“ Interest (Schedule 18)		7,855,020
“ Indian Theosophist - Receipts		68,005
“ Miscellaneous Income		4,355
“ Surplus from Indian Book Shop		20,134
“ Surplus/(Deficit) from Chitradurga Theosophical Lodge Development Committee		378,143
“ Surplus/(Deficit) from Eluru Theosophical Lodge Development Committee		149,680
Total		<u>9,688,191</u>

For The Indian Section, The Theosophical Society
A.N. Singh *Accountant* P.S. Panchak shari *Treasurer* S. Sundaram *General Secretary*

THE INDIAN SECTION, THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, VARANASI
Schedules : 31.03.2013

Sch. No	Particulars	Amount (Rs.)
1. General Fund		
	As per last Balance Sheet	<u>3,480,322</u>
	Total	<u>3,480,322</u>
2. Reserve Fund		
	As per last Balance Sheet	1,012,497
	Add : Addition made during the year	<u>35,000</u>
	Total	<u>1,047,497</u>
3. Propagation Fund		
	As per Last Balance Sheet	<u>139,738</u>
	Total	<u>139,738</u>
4. Earmarked Fund		
	As per last Balance Sheet	2,015,286
	Add : Addition during the year	-
	Less : Payment made during the year	<u>490,638</u>
	Total	<u>1,524,648</u>
4. Corpus Fund		
5.1	Indian Section Corpus Fund	
	As per last Balance Sheet	15,013,813
	Add: Received during the year	4,715,907
	Transferred from Life Members Fund	-
	Sub-Total (A) :	<u>19,729,720</u>
5.2	Indian Theosophist Corpus Fund	
	As per last Balance Sheet	<u>187,426</u>
	Sub-Total (B) :	<u>187,426</u>
	Total (A+B) :	<u>19,917,146</u>
5. Life Membership Fund		
6.1	Commutated Dues	
	As per last Balance Sheet	789,411
	Add : Received During the year	32,000
	Less : Transferred to Corpus	-
	Payment during the year	-
	Sub- Total (A) :	<u>821,411</u>
6.2	Life Subscription (Indian Theosophist)	
	As per last Balance Sheet	30,408
	Add : Received During the year	2,400
	Less : Payment during the year	<u>400</u>
	Sub- Total (B) :	<u>36,008</u>
	Total (A+B) :	<u>857,419</u>
7A. Building Maintenance Fund		
	As per last Balance Sheet	3,478,768
	Add : Received During the year	129,610
	Interest for the year	<u>242,757</u>
		3,851,135
	Less : Utilised during the year	<u>71,856</u>
	Total	<u>3,779,279</u>