THE JUBILEE YEAR

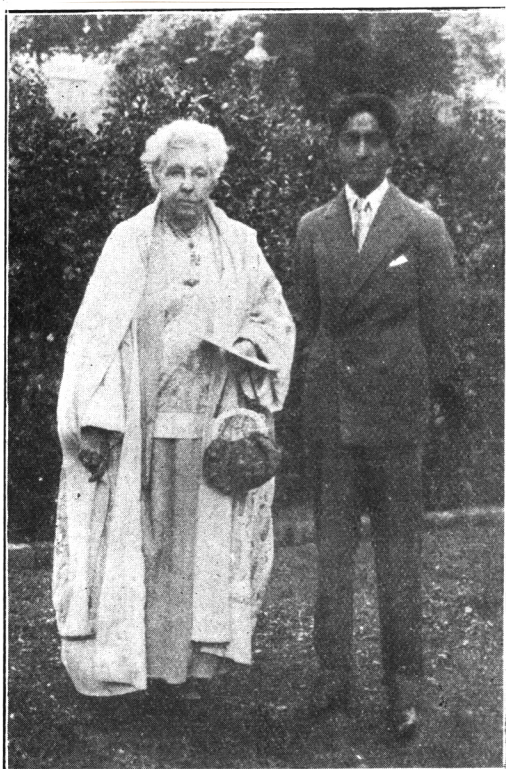On July 4th, 1925, Dr. Besant sailed from Bombay to England carrying with her the "Commonwealth of India Bill". This Bill is the result of three years' work by many Indian patriots who desire to present to the British Parliament a Constitution for India made by Indians. The Bill was presented for its first reading in the British Parliament on December 17th. Dr. Besant's political activities for India, both in India and in England, have been combined with her Theosophical work, and each year that she has visited England, a series of lectures on Theosophy has been given in Queen's Hall, London, not to mention frequent lectures in the principal cities of Britain. In the Jubilee year of 1925, she lectured in Queen's Hall on "World Problems of To-day":

FIG. 194

DR. BESANT AND J. KRISHNAMURTI AT OMMEN, 1924

September 13th   A SURVEY OF WORLD CONDITIONS.
                    Should they be changed by force or
                    reason ?
September 20th   THE PROBLEM OF COLOUR.
                    To whom does the world belong?
                    The burden of civilization.
September 27th   THE PROBLEM OF EDUCATION.
                    Education and Culture.
                    The necessity of Beauty in a Nation's
                    Life.
October 11th   THE PROBLEM OF CAPITAL AND LABOUR.
                    The organization of Production and
                    Distribution.
October 18th   THE PROBLEM OF GOVERNMENT.
                    Autocracy, Aristocracy, Democracy.
                    Rights and Duties, Order or Chaos ?
                    Brotherhood or Death ?
November 1st   THE COMING OF THE WORLD TEACHER.

On Dr. Besant's departure for England in July, the Vice-President was left in charge at Adyar, to make the necessary preparations for the Jubilee Convention. Numerous Committees were organised for this work. All members, both resident at Adyar and visitors, are co-operating to make the Jubilee Convention a success. On November 25th, Dr. Besant with Mr. J. Krishnamurti, Bishop J. I. Wedgwood and Bishop G. S. Arundale and others arrived in Madras. On December 2nd, the President and the Vice-President travelled to Ceylon to meet Bishop Leadbeater and his party of 73 members from Australia and New Zealand, and escorted them to Adyar, where they arrived on December 6th.

FIG. 195
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