

THE JUBILEE OF THE T.S.

THE concluding lines of this brief history are written as members from all over the world are flocking to Adyar for the Jubilee Convention. They meet each morning at 7 a.m. in the large Hall of the Society, and listen reverently to the Prayers of all the great Religions, recited each in its own sacred tongue by one of its followers. The following are the translations of the Prayers whose benedictions surround the members.

HINDUISM

The thousand-headed Purusha, thousand-eyed, thousand-footed, even He, encompassing the Universe on all sides, remained over ten fingers in extent. Purusha alone is all this, that which has been and that which has to be. Moreover, He is the Director of Immortality; and hence manifests Himself as the Universe evolving by means of food. Of this magnitude is His greatness, even greater than this is Purusha. One-fourth of Him forms all created things, the Immortal three-fourths are in the regions beyond.

One Shining Being sits hidden in every creature, pervading all, the Inner Self of all beings, the Watcher over all acts, abiding in all created things, the Witness, the Heart, the Absolute, Free of all attributes.

The One, Self-controlled, who divided manifold the one seed out of which grows freedom from Karma;

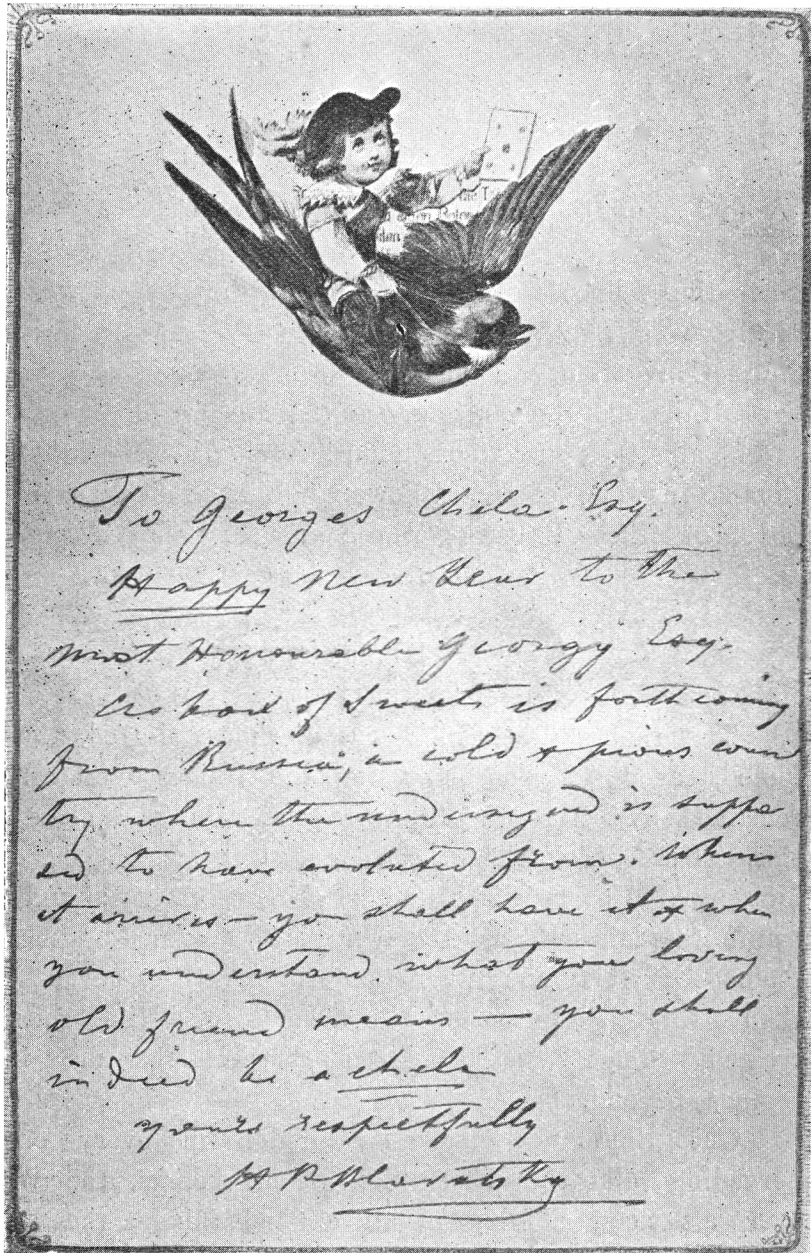


FIG. 198
 LETTER OF H. P. B. TO G. S. ARUNDALE,
 On his sixth birthday

those steadfast ones, inactive, see Him enthroned within their Atmic sheath. For them alone is Bliss Eternal, not for others.

That blessing do we choose, in order that we may sing for the purposes of the sacrifice, and for the Lord of the sacrifice. Divine blessing be ours. May blessing be on the children of men. May that which is of good effect go always singing upwards. May blessing be on us, the two-footed, blessing on the four-footed. Om! Peace, Peace, Peace!

O Devas, may we hear that which is blessed with our ears; O Protectors of worshippers, may we see that which is blessed with our eyes. May we be engaged in adoration; in our bodies, with all our limbs quietened, may we live lives which are helpful to the Devas. May Indra, famous since ancient times, give us a blessing. May Pushan, the Knower of everything, give us a blessing. May Tarkstya give us a blessing. May Brihaspati place a blessing in us. Om! Peace, Peace, Peace!

ZOROASTRIANISM

Blessed was the Thought, and blessed was the Word, and blessed was the Deed of the Holy Zarathushtra. The Celestial Spirits carried forth the Scriptures. Praise to you, O Sacred Scriptures!

With adoration to Thee, O Mazda, we desire Thy gift of gracious help, and stretching forth our hands to Thee we pray for the blessings of Thy bountiful Spirit. We beseech of Thee that our actions towards all may be performed in the spirit of righteousness; and with this we implore from Thee the understanding of Thy benevolent Mind, that we may do reverence to the Soul of the Kine.

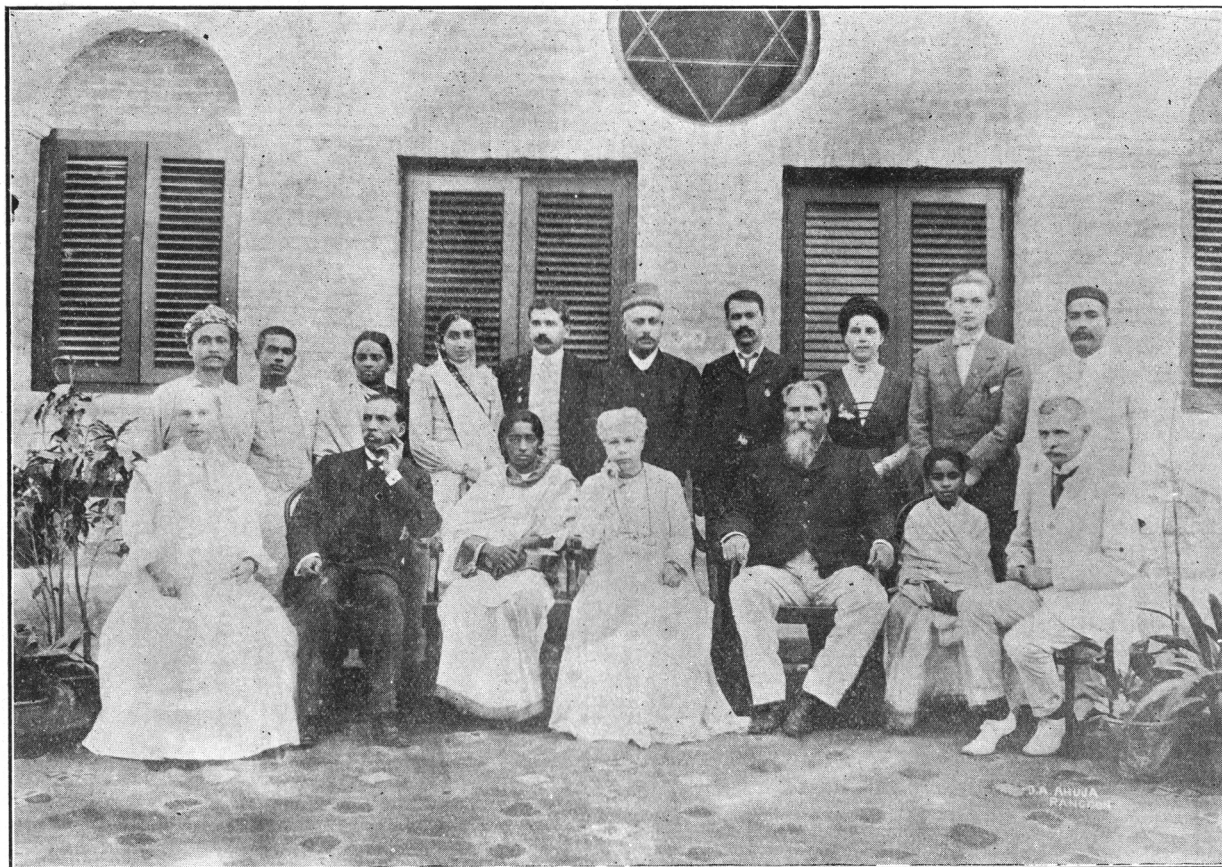


FIG. 199

DR. BESANT IN BURMA, 1911

Standing: Maung Thain Maung, M. Subramania Iyer, Mrs. Laxmi Ammal, Mrs. F. J. Bilimoria, J. C. Bilimoria, D. B. Desai, Nebraj Talwar, Mrs. K. Hamilton, Hubert Van Hook, Dr. T. M. Manickam Pillay.

Sitting: Miss F. Arundale, B. Cowasji, J. Krishnamurti, Dr. Besant, C. W. Leadbeater, J. Nityananda, C. Blech.

We reverently remember Holy Ahunavad Gatha, who is the Chief of Purity. We reverently remember the prayer of Ahunavad Gatha.

JAINISM

Adoration to the Lord, the Destroyer of foes, the Supreme Ruler, the King of those who have attained Victory.

Stare, with gaze fixed, lovingly on the Lord of the Conquerors, salute the Adept in all actions. Salutation to the Master of him who has crossed to the other shore, to the Highest, to Him of great eminence, to Him who is above all chances of destruction, to Him without blemish. Salutation to Him who never grows old, the Immortal, the Ever Wonderful, the Immense Treasure.

Salutation to the Perfect God, full of sweetness. I salute His Feet with my head with great zest, I salute Him at all times with folded hands. Salutation to Thee, the Adept, the Awakened, the Good amongst all people in the World, the Shining One, the Joy of all eyes. Salutation to the Leader of all Devas and Asuras and great men, who, Oh, the wonder of it! serve Him day and night. Salutation to Thee, the Tirthankara, the Giver of Happiness, the Master, the Brother who helpeth without any motive that we can understand. Salutation to Thee who longest for the good of the World, entangled, that takes resort in Thee, who art the Ocean of the Waters of Compassion. Salutation to Thee, who art perceived only in reflection in the glass of Knowledge, whose nature is both Light and Darkness. Salutation to Thee who destroyest the brood of all blemishes and sins, and who removest away all sense of



FIG. 200

C. JINARAJADASA HOLDING THE BUDDHA RELICS, MANDALAY, BURMA, 1915

Standing: Shiva Prasad, _____, N. A. Naganathan, J. David, _____, Mrs. G. Gagarin, M. Subramania Iyer.
 Kneeling, back row: _____, M. Arunachalam Iyer, Temple attendant, Miss M. D. Graham (Mrs. Jinarajadasa), Fritz Kunz,
 B. Jacob, M. Munisamy Iyer, Mrs. K. Hamilton.
 Front row: B. S. Ramaswami Iyer, C. G. S. Pillay, T. M. Sundaram Achary, C. Jinarajadasa holding relics,
 Temple trustee holding cover of reliquary, A. Verhage.

harassment. Salutation to Thee who art the Jewel meditated upon by the World, the World-Teacher, the Blessed of the World, the Lord of the World and of its people. Salutation to Thee who makest possible the crossing of the terrible and endless sea of the worldly life, the Companion on the way to the City of Blessedness. Salutation to Thee, the Refuge of the refugeless, Free of attachment, Free of limitations, Free of form, the Lord of the World. Salutation to Thee, the Enlightener of the meek, the Peerless, the Lord of Charity, the Pure, the Higher Knowledge, the Ruler of Devas.

JUDAISM

May it be Thy will, O Lord our God, and God of our fathers, to cause us to walk in Thy Law and cleave to Thy commandments; and lead us not into sin, transgression, temptation and contempt. Remove from us every evil inclination and cause us to adhere to the good.

Oh, grant us grace, favour and mercy in Thy sight, and in the sight of all that behold us; and bestow gracious favours on us. Blessed art Thou O Lord, who bestowest gracious favours on Thy people Israel. Amen.

BUDDHISM

Praise be to the Lord, the Holy One, Perfect in Wisdom.

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I go to the Buddha for refuge,

I go to the Law for refuge,



FIG. 201
FRANCESCA ARUNDALE



FIG. 202
DR. TH. PASCAL
General Secretary, France, 1899—1907



FIG. 203
HERBERT WHYTE
Founder of the Round Table



FIG. 204
DR. WU TING FANG
Author of the first Chinese Manual
on Theosophy

I go to the Brotherhood for refuge.

For the second time, I go to the Buddha for refuge,

For the second time, I go to the Law for refuge,

For the second time, I go to the Brotherhood for
refuge.

For the third time, I go to the Buddha for refuge,

For the third time, I go to the Law for refuge,

For the third time, I go to the Brotherhood for refuge.

I promise to abstain from taking the life of any
living creature.

I promise to abstain from taking anything with
thievish intent.

I promise to abstain from the evil indulgence of
bodily passions.

I promise to abstain from falsehood.

I promise to abstain from any intoxicating liquor or
drug.

CHRISTIANITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all
desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily
magnify Thy Holy Name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O! Lord Christ, we, Thy faithful soldiers, dedicate
this new-born day to Thee, praying that it may shine in
Thy service as a pure pearl in the chaplet of our life,
O Thou Great King of Love, to whom be praise and
adoration for evermore. Amen.

Teach us, O Lord, to see Thy life in all men and in all
the peoples of Thine earth, and guide our Nation through
its leaders to preserve Thy peace, that the menace of war
be far from our days. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



FIG. 205
THE HON. O. F. S. CUFFE
 General Secretary, European Section
 1898—9



FIG. 206
JOSÉ M. MASSÖ
 General Secretary, Cuba, 1905—1907



FIG. 207
JEHANGIR SORABJI
 General Secretary, India, 1908—11



FIG. 208
PURNENDU N. SINHA
 General Secretary, India, 1919—1923

THEOSOPHICAL WORKERS WHO HAVE GONE TO THE PEACE

To the most Holy and Adorable Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Three Persons in One God; to Christ our Lord, the Only Wise Counsellor, the Prince of Peace; to the Seven Mighty Spirits before the Throne; and to the glorious Assembly of just men made perfect, the Watchers, the Saints, the Holy Ones, be praise unceasing from every living creature; and honour, might and glory, henceforth and for evermore. Amen.

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

ISLAM

In the Name of the Lord, the Kind, the Compassionate.

All honour be to God, the Lord of all the worlds,

The Kind, the Compassionate,

The King, on the Day of Faith;

It is He who is wise, He who is powerful,

Guide Thou us on the Path of Righteousness,

The Path of those who rejoice in Thee,

Not on that of those who ignore Thee and work
injustice. Amen.

SIKHISM

The One Supreme Being, whose Name is Eternal Truth, the Creator, the Spirit, devoid of fear and enmity, Immortal, Unborn, Self-existent, the Enlightener, the Bestower of Grace.



FIG. 209

RUSSIAN WORKERS

Anna Kamensky, Barbara Poushkine, Cécile Helmboldt

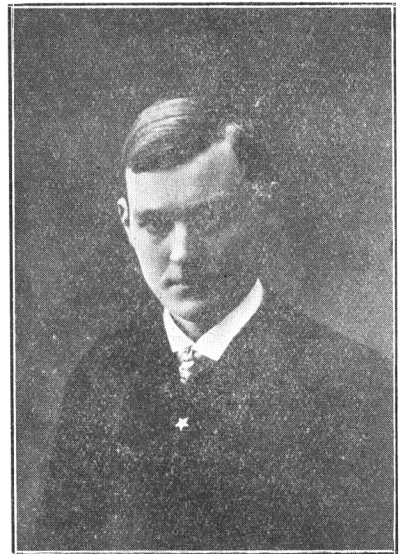


FIG. 210

VAINO H. VALVANNE
Finland

The Pure One was in the beginning, before all ages began; the Pure One exists now, and, says Nanak, shall exist for evermore.

THEOSOPHY

(all recite together)

O Hidden Life! vibrant in every atom;
O Hidden Light! shining in every creature;
O Hidden Love! embracing all in oneness,
May each who feels himself as one with Thee,
Know he is also one with every other.

THE BENEDICTION OF THE FIRST RAY

(given by Dr. Besant)

May the Holy Ones, whose pupils you aspire to become, show you the Light you seek, give you the strong aid of Their Compassion and Their Wisdom. There is a Peace that passeth understanding; it abides in the hearts of those who live in the Eternal. There is a Power that maketh all things new; it lives and moves in those who know the Self as One. May that Peace brood over you, that Power uplift you, till you stand where the ONE INITIATOR is invoked, till you see HIS STAR shine forth.

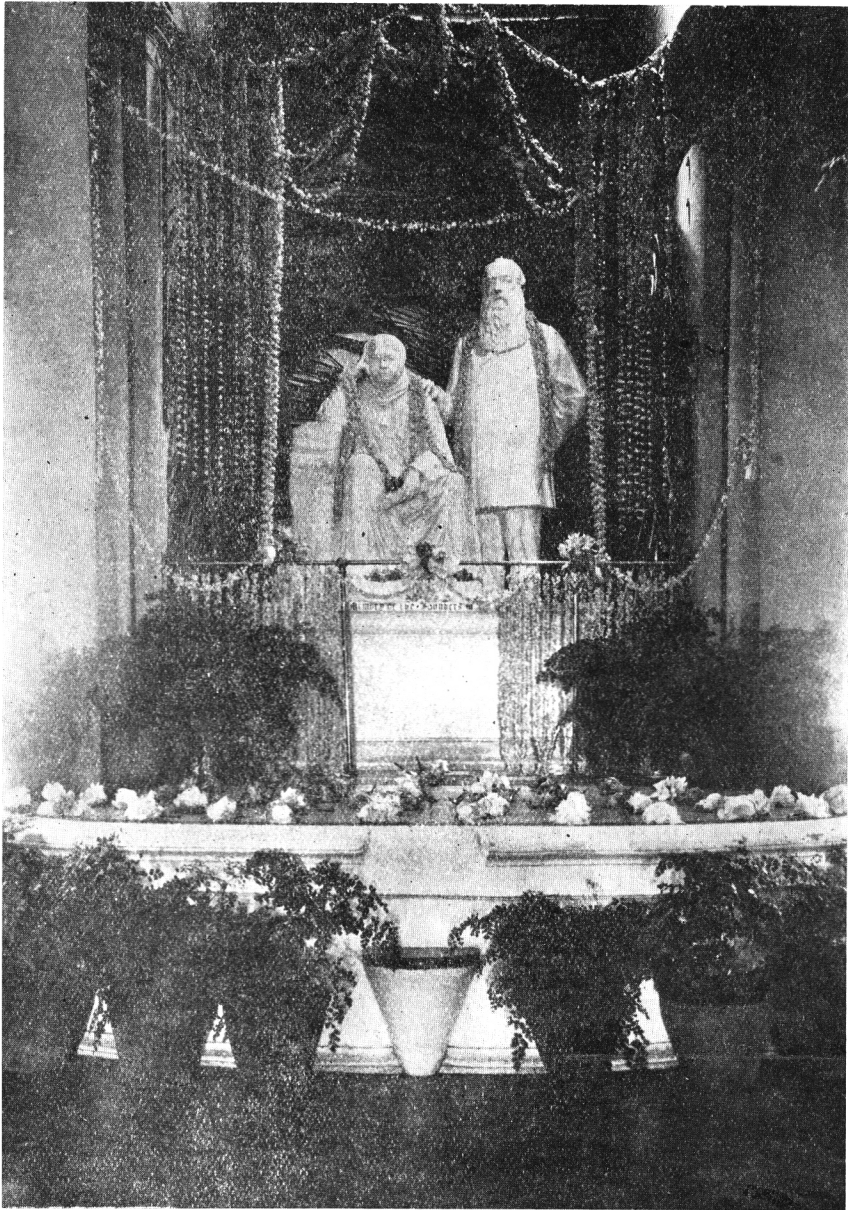


FIG. 211

WHITE LOTUS DAY

Statues of the Founders—Decorations at Adyar