

The General Council.—At the General Assembly held 16th July 1961, and in accordance with the statutes of the Theosophical Society in Viet-Nam, a new General Council was chosen for a term of three years, 1961 to 1964. The undersigned was re-elected as General Secretary.

The Council is composed of sincere and devoted workers who enjoy the confidence and collaboration of the members, and has great hopes of bringing about continued improvements in the Theosophical movement in Viet-Nam.

Activities.—After its election, the General Directive Council formed a Committee for Theosophical Propaganda. This Committee has gone to work actively to encourage the study and the diffusion of Theosophical thought.

Study Meetings are arranged twice weekly, one for the study of *The Solar System* by A. E. Powell, and another on *Commentaries on At the Feet of the Master* by Annie Besant and C. W. Leadbeater.

Public lectures are arranged for the first Sunday of every month. A large and sympathetic audience attends each time and we think that they are becoming more and more interested in Theosophy.

The Review *Tim Hieu Thong-Thien-Hoc* (Seeking to Understand Theosophy), the

official organ of the Section, valiantly continues its mission of propagating Theosophy in Viet-Nam, and also keeping the members informed of the activities of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, of Sections throughout the world, and of our own country. This Review appears every second month, 3,000 copies being printed. The propagation of Theosophical literature is maintained through this Review, and our Section is very grateful to Mme. and M. Nguyen-Van-Huan.

In addition to our regular meetings we celebrated the commemorative festivals of the Society. These festivals keep alive in our hearts the high examples of our Theosophical leaders.

We also keep in mind the activities of our International Headquarters at Adyar, and the difficulties which they have to face. This year happily we were able to send our dues amounting to \$VN 6,000, and also a contribution of \$VN 7,000 for the new Adyar Library building.

Membership.—The vigour of our Section continues to grow, in spite of the very critical political situation of our country, and in spite of some losses, especially through death and resignations. We have at the present 636 members, an increase of 42 members over last year.

Lodges.—At present the Section has fourteen Lodges. The most active Lodges are grouped in the capital, Saigon. In the provinces, most of the Lodges remain inactive, due to the fact that effective members and workers are few, or that the Lodges are situated in places that are difficult of access.

Social Work.—Parallel with the work of spreading Theosophy the Section also works for brotherhood, taking part in such social work as help for Tibetan refugees in India (8,000 \$VN), assistance to the victims of floods in the provinces of the West (23,000 \$VN), etc.

The Theosophical Orphanage is still our main social activity. The new orphanage building is finished; it cost more than a million \$VN. The laying of the foundation stone took place on White Lotus Day, 8th May 1961, and the Orphanage was recently inaugurated by the Minister of Finance. Under the supervision and care of Drs. Cao-Van-Tri and Huynh-Cong-

Chieu, and the active participation of many other members of the Society, both in material and financial aid, the Orphanage is able to shelter, care for and educate nearly eighty orphans or abandoned children.

Conclusion.—Before closing this annual report I think it is useful to mention also our visit, in April and May 1961, to the Theosophical centres in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan.

In conclusion, the General Council and the Vietnamese Section have done all they possibly could to spread the illuminating light of Theosophy. Although facing situations which become more and more difficult in this country, the results obtained confirm our confidence in the compassion and the wisdom of our Masters of the Wisdom. May this Society, which is Their Work, progress in accordance with Their design.

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