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THIRTY-FOURTH  
ADYAR LIBRARY REPORT  
1920

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ADYAR LIBRARY PERMANENT STAFF

1920—21

DIRECTION

*Director* Pandit A. Mahadeva Sastri, B.A.

EASTERN SECTION

*First Pandit* T. V. Venkatarama Sastri.

*Second Pandit* K. Gopalaiyer.

*Third Pandit* N. Ramanatha Sastri.

*Fourth Pandit* T. R. Seshadri Sarma.

Varying number of outside copyists and collators.

WESTERN SECTION

*Librarian* N. I. Venku Aiyer, B.A.

*Library Assistant* B. S. Ramasubbier.

SUBORDINATE STAFF

*Attenders* S. Canniappa Mudaliar.

R. Natesa Naicker.

M. Adikeshava Naidu.

R. Muniswami Pillai.

A. P. Chockalingam.

T. C. Ponnuswamy.

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## THE ADYAR LIBRARY

*To the President, T.S.*—I beg to submit herewith my report of the Adyar Library for 1920 which forms the thirty-fourth of its annual reports.

*Change in the Staff.*—The places of Librarian and Indexer which fell vacant by the death of Mr. Sīva Rao and the resignation of Mr. R. Nammiah were kept vacant for some months with a view to combining the two posts into one and appointing for it a person possessing the necessary literary qualifications. Accordingly, Brother N. I. Venku Aiyer, B.A., a devoted Theosophist of long standing and a retired teacher of physical science was appointed as Librarian in May last. There are no other changes in the staff worth noticing.

*Work of the Staff.*—The four Pandits of the Oriental Section were engaged in the pieces of work allotted to them respectively in the Section, as detailed in the last year's report. While continuing their work further on, they assisted me in the editorial work by way of collating MSS. and preparing press copies. The Librarian's sphere of work was confined to the Western Section. He had to spend some time in studying our methods and getting into touch with the current works. With the help of the Library Assistant, Mr. Rāmasubbier, he deals with the new accessions, classification and indexing in the Western Section.

*Literary Publication.*—This year saw the publication of the volume of Yoga Upaniṣads containing 20 Minor Upaniṣads out of the 108. This forms the second in the series, the first being the volume containing Saṁnyāsa Upaniṣads, edited by my predecessor, Dr. Schrāder. The second volume contains 640 pages and is nicely printed and bound. The whole get-up redounds to the reputation of the Vasanta Press for good printing work under the superintendence of Mr. A. K. Sitārāma Śāstri. The volume has been priced at Rs. 6, which is comparatively cheap, to place it within the buying capacity of the intended students.

*Editorial Work.*—Following up the volume of Yoga Upaniṣads, I have edited twenty-four more Minor Upaniṣads out of the collection of

108 Upaniṣads, with the commentary of Sri Upaniṣad-Brāhmenḍa Yogin. These treat of pure Vedānta and are classified under Sāmānīya Vedānta. A third of the volume has already been printed and the whole is expected to be ready about the middle of the next year. The new volume taken in hand will comprise what are known as the Vaiṣṇava Upaniṣads.

*Search for MSS.*—Unlike the last few years, no person outside the Library staff was available this year for the searching for rare Sanskrit MSS. abroad. This year's collection therefore does not contain many new old MSS. The collection is rather poor, and it comprises mostly new transcripts of old copies borrowed from the owners for the purpose.

*Cataloguing.*—The several catalogues in hand both in the Eastern and Western Sections have been brought up-to-date. But the high cost of printing has precluded the printing of any of these catalogues this year, as was intended.

*Addition to the Library.*—During the year, 66 printed books and 23 MSS. were added to the Eastern Section and 236 books and pamphlets were added to the Western Section. Of the additions to the Library in the Western Section so many as 217 volumes were presented by the friends of the Library and the rest were acquired by purchase.

*Binding.*—This year 125 volumes were bound. The Vasanta Press being now short of men, a large number of volumes still await binding.

*The Use of the Library.*—The following statement shows the use made of the Library :—

Books read in the Library	...	...	753
MSS. read in the Library	...	...	194
Books lent out	...	...	995
MSS. lent out	...	...	22
Visitors to the Library	...	...	2,263

The figures for the year, as compared with those for the last two years, show that the Library was used more extensively during the year than in the two previous years.

*Exchange.*—The relation of mutual exchange of bulletins and reports with the Libraries abroad has been maintained on the usual level.

A. MAHĀDEVA ŚĀSTRĪ,  
Director.

## ABSTRACT OF ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Salaries ... ..				5,717	1	10
„ Fire Insurance ... ..				293	0	0
„ Purchase of Books and Periodicals ... ..				593	10	6
„ „ Manuscripts ... ..				22	4	0
„ Copying Manuscripts ... ..				504	5	6
„ Stationery, Bookbinding and Sundries ... ..				537	3	6
„ Printing 1,000 Copies “Yoga Upanishads” ... ..				2,875	4	0
„ Paper for printing Vol. II ... ..				1,063	12	0
				<u>11,611</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>
<i>Balance to New Account:</i>						
Value of Books and Manuscripts ... ..	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund ... ..	94,592	13	6			
				<u>1,69,592</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>
				<u>1,81,204</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Balance on 1st November, 1919:						
Value of Books and Manuscripts ... ..	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund ... ..	94,752	10	10			
				<u>1,69,752</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>
„ 4 per cent Interest on Rs. 94,750 ... ..				3,790	0	0
„ Contribution from T.S. ... ..				2,500	0	0
„ Donations ... ..				5,000	0	0
„ Rent for Store Building ... ..				30	0	0
„ Sale of Library Publications ... ..				131	12	0
				<u>1,81,204</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>

ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FROM 1ST NOVEMBER, 1920 TO  
31ST DECEMBER, 1921

INCOME	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.	A.	P.
Interest on Capital (5 per cent on Rs. 94,000 ...	4,700	0	0	Salaries ... ..	6,000	0	0
Contribution from Theosophical Society ...	2,500	0	0	Fire-Insurance ... ..	293	0	0
Sale of Books ... ..	500	0	0	Books and Periodicals ... ..	1,000	0	0
Donations (MacDonall Bequest) ... ..	3,300	0	0	Purchase and Copying of MSS....	1,000	0	0
				Bookbinding, Stationery, etc. ..	1,207	0	0
				Literary Work (Publishing Upanishads) ... ..	1,500	0	0
	11,000	0	0		11,000	0	0