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ADYAR LIBRARY REPORT

1921

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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 1921, forming its Thirty-Fifth Annual Report.

*Changes in the Staff.*—The only change in the staff to be reported is the retirement of the chief attender Kanniappa Mudali, owing to leprosy of a severe type which has completely disabled him. One has to be appointed in his place.

*Work of the Staff.*—The Head Paṇḍiṭ Venkatarama Sastri was engaged in the work of preparing the subject-catalogue of the Eastern section. Paṇḍiṭ Gopalier dealt with the new accessions in the Eastern section. Paṇḍiṭ Ramanatha Sastri was comparing the transcripts made for the Library with the originals. Paṇḍiṭ Seshadri Sarma prepared press-copies of works to be published by the Library. In addition to this usual routine of work, all the four Paṇḍiṭs helped me at the several stages of editing the Upaniṣhaḍs. They were also engaged in collating transcripts of works copied for scholars abroad at their request. This year there was a demand for transcription and collation of fourteen different works from scholars engaged in research work in Calcutta, Lahore and Madras. The Librarian, Mr. N. I. Venku Iyer, and the Library-Assistant, Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier, between them dealt with the new accessions in the Western section, revision of the catalogues in the Western section and general correspondence.

*Literary Publication.*—The printing of the volume of the Sāmānya Vedānta Upaniṣhaḍs, the third volume in the series of the Minor Upaniṣhaḍs published by the Library, which was sent to the press at the end of the last year has just been finished and will be published about the end of this month. This volume comprises twenty-four Upaniṣhaḍs including such classical Upaniṣhaḍs as Kaushītakī, Maiṭrāyanī and Subāla Upaniṣhaḍs.

There has been a delay of three months in the printing of this volume, which was a little unexpected. While on this subject I cannot resist

the temptation to testify to the pleasure I feel in having the Samskr̥t texts printed at the Vasantā Press. In my long experience of Ḍevanāgarī printing I have not had such clean proofs sent to me as the Vasantā Press has been sending.

*Editorial Work.*—The next volume taken up for edition will comprise all the Vaiṣṇava Upaniṣhaḍs, fourteen in number. They include such important Upaniṣhaḍs as Nrisimha-tāpaniya, Tripāḍvibhūti-Nārāyana, Rāmatāpani and Gopālatāpani with the commentaries of Shri Upaniṣhaḍ Brahendra-Yogin. The press copy of the whole volume is ready, and nearly half the volume has been completely edited. As a preparation for editing these Upaniṣhaḍs and the Upaniṣhaḍs of the Shākṭa school, which deal with the Manṭra system of spiritual culture, I have undertaken for the Baroda Government an edition of Parasurāma-kalpa-Sūtra with an elaborate commentary, which exhaustively treats of Shri-Vidyā system of the Manṭra-Shāstra. It has been also arranged to print this work at the Vasantā Press at the cost of the Baroda Government.

*Search for MSS.*—We have not been more fortunate than last year in securing MSS. of rare works. Unless one or two Paṇḍits of the Library be specially deputed to the work, there is no hope of getting information about rare works. I have hitherto avoided this way of securing rare MSS., as involving a disproportionate cost. In former years people outside the Library staff were available for the work, and information was supplied without much cost to the Library. Only transcripts of a few rare works not of a high order have been obtained for the Library in the course of this year.

*Cataloguing.*—The several catalogues both in the Eastern and Western sections have been brought up-to-date, but none of them could be printed for want of funds. There is a great demand for printed catalogues of the several sections of the Library, especially of the section relating to Indian subjects. I am trying to bring out a printed catalogue of the Indian section in the coming year.

*Additions to the Library.*—In the Eastern section 43 printed and 11 manuscript volumes were added, while the volumes added in the Western section number 424. More volumes might have been purchased for the Western section, but for a considerable portion of the year's allotment having gone to meet pre-war bills, presented for payment.

*Binding.*—Of the new accessions to the Library, 225 volumes in all have been newly bound.

*Use of the Library.*—There were 1,060 visitors in 1921 as against 920 in 1920, and 1,433 vols. were lent out for study outside the Library as against 1,041 in 1920. The staff of the National University located in the vicinity make an increasing use of the volumes of the Library.

*Exchange.*—The mutual exchange of reports and bulletins between this Library and some of the important Libraries in different parts of the world has been maintained. Copies of the last Annual Report were sent to these libraries, out of which 41 responded :

British Empire	...	...	...	...	12
United States of America	...	...	...	..	23
Switzerland	...	...	...	...	2
Holland	...	...	...	...	1
Japan	...	...	...	...	2
Sweden	...	...	...	...	1

A. MAHĀDEVA ŚĀSTRĪ,

*Director.*

## ABSTRACT OF ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Salaries ... ..				6,434	12	0
„ Purchase of Books and Periodicals ... ..				1,246	0	1
„ „ Manuscripts ... ..				54	2	0
„ Copying Manuscripts ... ..				452	2	9
„ Stationery, Bookbinding and Sundries ... ..				840	11	4
„ Fire Insurance ... ..				293	0	0
„ Printing 1,000 Copies “Vedanta Upanishads.”				1,491	4	0
				<u>10,812</u>	0	2
<i>Balance to New Account :</i>						
Value of Books and Manuscripts ... ..	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund ... ..	91,754	15	1	<u>1,66,754</u>	15	1
				<u>1,77,566</u>	15	3

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Balance on 1st November, 1920 :						
Value of Books and Manuscripts ... ..	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund ... ..	94,592	13	6	<u>1,69,592</u>	13	6
„ 5 per cent Interest on Rs. 94,592 ... ..				4,729	8	0
„ Contribution from T.S. ... ..				2,500	0	0
„ Sale of Library Publications ... ..				642	6	0
„ Donations ... ..				80	14	9
„ Comparing Charges ... ..				21	5	0
				<u>1,77,566</u>	15	3



ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FROM 1ST NOVEMBER, 1921 TO  
31ST OCTOBER, 1922

INCOME	1921	1922	EXPENDITURE	1921	1922
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
Interest on Capital (5 per cent. on Rs. 91,755) ...	4,729	4,588	Salaries ... ..	6,435	6,800
Contribution from T.S. ...	2,500	2,500	Fire Insurance ... ..	293	293
Sale of Books ...	642	900	Books and Periodicals ...	1,246	1,300
Donations, etc., Sundries ...	102	3,012	Purchase and Copying MSS.	506	500
			Book Binding, Stationery, etc. ... ..	588	850
			Literary Work (Publishing)	1,491	1,257
		11,000			11,000