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ADYAR LIBRARY REPORT
1922

ADYAR LIBRARY STAFF

1923

DIRECTION

Director Pandit A. Mahadeva Sastri, B.A.

EASTERN SECTION

First Pandit T. V. Venkatarama Sastri.

Second Pandit N. Ramanatha Sastri.

Third Pandit T. R. Seshadri Sarma.

Fourth Pandit *Vacant.*

Varying number of outside copyists and collators.

WESTERN SECTION

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

Library Assistant B. S. Ramasubbier.

SUBORDINATE STAFF

Attenders R. Natesa Naicker.

M. Ādikeshava Naidu.

R. Muniswami Pillai.

A. P. Chockalingam.

T. C. Ponnuswamy.

T. S. Balakrishnan.

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THE ADYAR LIBRARY

To the President, T.S.—I beg to submit herewith my report of the Adyar Library for the year 1922 forming its Thirty-sixth Annual Report.

Changes in the Staff.—The chief attendant Canniappa Mudali, who had to retire on account of an attack of leprosy, was finally discharged and granted a compassionate pension in consideration of his faithful service of over 20 years in the Library. Pandit Gopāla Aiyer, the 2nd Pandit, who served in the Library for nearly 20 years, died last month, after an illness of over six months, during which he could not do any work for the Library. The vacancy has not been filled yet. His widow has been given a small pension.

Work of the Staff.—Eastern Section. The Head-Pandit Venkata-rāma Sāstri was mainly engaged in examining and describing the new acquisitions of MSS. Between him and Pandit Rāmanātha Sāstri, the subject catalogue of Samskr̥ṭ printed works was finished. They also compared the new transcripts of MSS. with the originals. Pandit Seshādri Sarma's main work consisted as usual in preparing press copies of the works intended for publication. To his share has fallen Gopāla Aiyer's usual work of preparing index cards and registering new accessions of MSS. and printed books in the several registers. Besides attending to these items of work these Pandits assisted me in the editorial work by way of collating MSS. and reading press-proofs at the several stages, Pandit Rāmanātha Sāstri's special share in this connection being the preparation of alphabetical indexes of names and important terms.

Western Section.—The Librarian Mr. N. I. Venku Aiyer and the Library Assistant Mr. B. S. Ramasubbier between them dealt with the new accessions, the maintenance of the several registers being distributed between them. The latter also attended to the binding of the old and new volumes and the clerical work relating to general correspondence. The Librarian besides revised the subject catalogue of the Indian

Section. In the cataloguing of Western Section we had at our disposal the honorary services of Mr. Y. Srinivāsa Rao, Mr. Mehta, and my son Mr. M. Krishnan, B.T., of the National University. Mr. Mehta prepared an analytical catalogue of the *Modern Review* volumes. Mr. Krishnan revised and rewrote the catalogues of books relating to Reference, Occultism, Theosophy, History, Biography, Education and Linguistics. The catalogues of these Sections will be printed one after another.

Literary Work.—The volume of the Sāmānya Vedānta Upaniṣhaḍ, comprising twenty-four out of the 108 Upaniṣhaḍ, and dealing with pure Vedānta, was published in the early part of the year. The next succeeding volume will contain Vaishṇava Upaniṣhaḍ comprising fourteen out of the 108 Upaniṣhaḍ. These Upaniṣhaḍ relate to the cult of Viṣṇu in His various aspects, such as Nārāyaṇa, Vāsudeva, Kṛṣṇa, Gopāla, Ḍaṭṭātreya, Nṛsimha Rāma, Hayagrīva, and Garuda. All these Upaniṣhaḍ will be accompanied by commentaries of Shri Upaniṣhaḍ-Brahmendṛa Yogin, who has written commentaries on all the one hundred and eight Upaniṣhaḍ. The volume is in the press and will be published in the course of the next year.

The next volume of Upaniṣhaḍ which is under preparation for publication will contain Shākṭa and Shaiva Upaniṣhaḍ with Shri Upaniṣhaḍ-Brahmendṛa's Commentaries. It will complete the series of the Minor Upaniṣhaḍ included in the scheme of Dr. Schrāder, my predecessor in office as Director of the Adyar Library, who brought out the first volume of the Minor Upaniṣhaḍ, comprising the twenty treating of Samnyāsa. The press-copy of the Shākṭa and Shaiva Upaniṣhaḍ is now under preparation and will be ready for printing by the time the volume of Vaishṇava Upaniṣhaḍ is printed.

In the course of the year I passed through the press my edition of the Samskr̥t text of Parasurāma-Kalpa-Sūtra with Rāmesvara-vriṭṭi and Umānanda-Padḍhati, which was prepared for the Gaekwad's Oriental Series and printed at the Vasantā Press, Adyar. The familiarity with the technicalities of the Manṭra-Shāstra, which I have acquired by a study of these texts, stands me in good stead when editing the Vaiṣṇava and Shākṭa Upaniṣhaḍ which are interspersed with the technicalities of the Manṭra-shāstra.

Collection of MSS.—This year we have been more fortunate in this part of our work. My friend Pandit R. A. Sāstri (formerly of the Adyar

Library) has supplied for almost nominal prices seven collections of Samskr̥t MSS. made in Northern and Southern India. They contain several rare works. Transcripts also of some rare works lately acquired by the Madras Government Oriental MSS. Library have been made for this Library, and my thanks are due to the Curator of the Government Oriental MSS. Library for kindly permitting my copyists to take copies of these works. The results of the search made for the Madras Government Oriental MSS. Library show that there may still exist in Southern India Samskr̥t works known to Samskr̥t Scholars only in name or not known at all.

Additions to the Library.—The additions in the Eastern Section comprise 60 printed books and 12 pamphlets and 349 Manuscripts. Of these Manuscripts 36 are new transcripts and the rest are old ones. In the Western Section the additions consist of 364 books and 168 pamphlets, all printed. These additions include presentations numbering 216. The donors are as follows: The Theosophical Publishing House—162, Dr. Annie Besant—9, Mr. C. Jinarājādāsa—5, The University of Illinois—5, The Brahmavidyāshrama—9, Panda Baijnath—7, Miss English—4, Mrs. Adair—2, Mr. B. S. Rāmasubbier—3, Mr. M. Krishnan—2, Sir J. Woodroffe—1, Library of Congress—1, New York State Library—1, University of Missouri—1, Mr. R. L. Jones—1, Mr. Shahpurji—1, Anonymous—1, and Mr. Adikesavalu—1.

Binding.—Three hundred books and 315 pamphlets were newly bound this year.

Use of the Library.—Two thousand one hundred and eighteen persons visited the Library as against 1,060 in 1921. A few of them visited with the object of consulting rare books and MSS. in the Library; and the volumes consulted number 533. The volumes lent out for study this year number 1,878 as against 1,433 in 1921. The increase in the number of volumes lent out this year is due to the use made of the Library by the staff of lecturers and students in the newly opened Brahmavidyāshrama, within the precincts of the Adyar Headquarters of the Theosophical Society. Transcripts of 21 MSS. in this Library were supplied to scholars in Lahore, Calcutta and Poona, at their own cost.

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 as usual. Copies of the Annual Reports

of the Adyar Library 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. MAHADEVA SASTRI,
Director.

ABSTRACT OF ADYAR LIBRARY ACCOUNT

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
To Salaries				6,568	14	0
„ Fire Insurance				293	0	0
„ Purchase of Books and Periodicals				1,665	12	10
„ „ MSS.				182	11	0
„ Copying Manuscripts				633	6	0
„ Stationery, Bookbinding and Sundries... ..				1,175	6	0
„ Printing 1,000 Copies of Samanya Vedanta Upanishads ”				610	0	0
				11,129	1	10
<i>Balance to New Account :</i>						
Value of Books and MSS.	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	95,000	0	0			
				1,70,000	0	0
				1,81,129	1	10

	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
By Balance on 1st November, 1921 :						
Value of Books and MSS.	75,000	0	0			
Endowment Fund	91,754	15	1			
				1,66,754	15	1
„ 5 per cent Interest on Rs. 91,754				4,587	11	0
„ Contribution from T.S.				2,500	0	0
„ Donations				6,608	3	9
„ Sale of Library Publications				597	0	0
„ Comparing Charges, etc.				81	4	0
				1,81,129	1	10

ADYAR LIBRARY BUDGET FROM 1ST NOVEMBER, 1922 TO
31ST OCTOBER, 1923

INCOME	Rs.	A.	P.	EXPENDITURE	Rs.	A.	P.
Interest on Capital (5% on Rs. 95,000)	4,750	0	0	Salaries	6,800	0	0
Contribution by T.S.	5,000	0	0	Fire Insurance	293	0	0
Sale of Books	600	0	0	Books and Periodicals	1,700	0	0
Donations	1,443	0	0	Purchase and Copying MSS.	800	0	0
				Bookbinding, Stationery, etc.	1,000	0	0
				Publishing	1,200	0	0
	11,793	0	0		11,793	0	0