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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL.

On the 18th of April, a Meeting of the General Council was held at Head-Quarters, Bombay, the President in the Chair. Present:—Councillors—the Hon. Rao Bahadur G.H. Deshmukh, D. E. Dudley, M. D., K. M. Shroff, Esq., Tukaram Tatia, Esq., Martandrao Babaji, Esq., and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries.

The President reported the official exchange of papers in ratification of the alliance with the Hindu Sabha of Southern India, and laid the official documents before the Council. The action of the Executive was, upon motion, approved.

A pending negotiation with another Society, comprising several hundred Hindu Members, for an affiliation with the Theosophical Society, was then reported. The papers were, upon motion, referred to the Executive with powers.

Similar action was taken in the matter of an important offer to found a Branch in a European country, that had been received.

The Acting Treasurer, H. P. Blavatsky, then presented a detailed statement of the Society's receipts and disbursements from Dec. 1. 1878 to April 30, 1881; which was received and, the President having relinquished the Chair to Councillor Dudley, a motion by Councillor Shroff was adopted that the account be referred to Messrs. Deshmukh and Tukaram Tatia for audit. A debate then ensued upon the question of its publication, finally resulting in a vote that it should be printed with explanatory notes in the THEOSOPHIST for the information of members and the public; so that the characters of the Founders which had been so shamefully traduced on various occasions, might be vindicated.

Upon motion of Mr. T. Tatia, seconded by Mr. K. M. Shroff, a Resolution was unanimously carried that the General Council has unabated confidence in the President, Col. Olcott, and Corresponding Secretary, Madame Blavatsky; and on behalf of the Society, expresses its sense of the deep obligations to them under which both have been placed by their unselfish, incessant and self-sacrificing labours for the cause of Theosophy and Universal Brotherhood.

Upon motion, the Meeting then adjourned.

DAMODAR K. MAVALANKAR,

Joint Recording Secretary.

A Statement* of Receipts and Disbursements from December 1, 1878,† to April 30, 1881 (twenty-nine months in all) of the Theosophical Society, as rendered by its Treasurer, and audited by two Councillors.

	<i>Receipts.</i>
Initiation fees—	
India : 108 persons paid at	
Rs. 10 each	Rs. 1,080
Ceylon : 246 do. do. do. „	2,460
Europe : 30 do. do. at £1 „	360
	₹3,900 0 0
Forty poor members' fees paid for them by Madame Blavatsky	400 0 0
(109 Buddhist priests initiated in 1880, but not charged fees).	
Cash recovered from H. Chintamon: donations (Rs. 136) and fees (£30); sent by the Theosophical Society, to Arya Samaj through him, but which had been withheld; afterwards offered to Swami, but by him declined	609 3 4
Credit by two quarters of Girgaum house expenses donated to the Society by Colonel Olcott and Madame Blavatsky (see note, debit side of account).....	1,514 0 0
	Carried forward Rs... 6,423 3 4

* American dollars and pounds sterling are reduced to Indian money in the above account at the rate of Rs. 12 per £. The items are derived from careful approximate estimates where vouchers were not available. No charge is included for the personal disbursements of Colonel Olcott and Madame Blavatsky, or on account of the THEOSOPHIST (which is private property). The charges are only for the necessary expenses of travel, of maintaining Head-quarters and of carrying on the work of the Parent Society. Nor does it show any of the receipts or expenses of the Bombay Theosophical Society or of any other Branch, with whose financial affairs the Parent Society has no concern.

† The date when the Founders began packing up and preparing for the voyage to India. They sailed from New York on December 17. For two years previously no initiation-fees had been taken by the Society, but its expenses had been exclusively paid by the two Founders. But shortly before their departure, the fee was re-imposed for the benefit of the Arya Samaj, and the proceeds remitted to Mr. H. Chintamon.

‡ This sum represents the total receipts for initiation fees realized from 533 Fellows for two years, but is no indication of the number of members added during the period covered by the accounts. Only those few are counted who have formally applied for active "Fellowship" in the Parent Society, and been granted diplomas. There are thousands, in affiliated societies and outside the same, who are Theosophists and members of the Theosophical Society, but not Fellows.

Brought forward Rs... 15,513 0 7

Rent, Girgaum Head-Quarters, March 1879 to February 1881.....	810	0	0
Rent of Library, November 1879 to April 1880 (paid by Parent Society)	123	0	0
For S. M. to Smyrna (Nov. 7, 1880).....	200	0	0
Stationery and postage stamps for twenty-six months (March 1879 to May 1881) ...	529	0	0
Telegrams sent from N.-W. P. to Bombay...	19	0	0
Wages, Head-Quarter servants (March 1879 to May 1881)	1,112	0	0
Peon, eighteen months, (half wages charged to THEOSOPHIST account) to April 30, 1881	216	0	0
Estimated household expenses at Girgaum from March 7, 1879 to August 12, 1880 of four persons (Colonel Olcott, Madame Blavatsky* and the two English members) exclusive of rent and servants' wages	3,028	0	0
Head-Quarter expenses, August 12, to December 31, 1880 (two persons being in charge in absence of the Founders)	212	0	0
Law expenses and others.....	227	0	0
Expense of removal to Breach Candy Head-Quarters, cleaning, painting, cartage, coolies, furniture, lamps, &c. (from Nov. 15, 1880)	684	0	0
Books and telegrams ..	63	0	0
Charity to the family of a deceased member	25	0	0
Miscellaneous Society expenses as per Recording Secretary's books—August 27, 1880 to April 11, 1881	1,453	5	10
Lithographing Diplomas and Charters, and printing rules in India	288	0	0
Pamphlets and blanks of various kinds in India.....	325	0	0
Rent, Breach Candy, four months (Rs. 260) Commission Agent's fee (Rs. 15)	275	0	0
One engraved metal seal and press, and one rubber stamp	44	0	0
January 1 to April 30, 1881 expenses for six persons, all Theosophists.....	580	0	0
Additional expenses for furniture and fitting at new Head-Quarters	693	0	0

Total Rs.... 26,419 6 5

H. P. BLAVATSKY,
Acting Treasurer.

E. & O. E.
Bombay, April 17, 1881.

We have carefully gone through all the items of both the credit and debit sides, and have found them correctly stated.

TOOKARAM TATYA,
GOPALRAO HURRY DESHMUKH,

per M. B. N.

ALLIANCE WITH THE HINDU SABHA.

We have great pleasure in announcing that an alliance has been concluded between the Hindu Sabha of Southern India and the Theosophical Society. The text of the articles of affiliation is herewith printed. The negotiations for the interchange of this new pledge of Universal Brotherhood have been going on since the beginning of the year; formal action having been delayed of necessity to await the annual meeting of the Sabha in March. The matter was referred to by President Col. Olcott in his Anniversary Address at Franjee Cowasjee Institute on the 27th of February. The Hindu Sabha is composed of Native Gentlemen in high official position in various States of Southern India and the learned President-Founder is Naib Divan of Cochin State. Among its leading Patrons are M. R. Ry. Rama Varma, Rajah of Parponad, and M. R. Ry. Mana Vikraman, Elya Rajah of Nilambur. The Theosophical Society most cordially echoes back the sentiment, expressed by the President of the Sabha in his official letter, transmitting the document in question, that he hopes "the alliance will bear fruit in an ever-increasing regard by all nations for the science, literature and philosophy of Ancient India."

In the journal of the Sabha (No. 1 of Vishu or 4083 Kali Era) the new title of that body "The Hindu Sabha, affiliated to the Theosophical Society" is given for the first time. The Sabha was organised—1. To cite the Vyasiyan or teachings of Sri Veda Vyasa authority for any doctrine or practice upheld or condemnation of any opposed; 2. To give certificates of qualification and character to learned priests; 3. To encourage the marriage of girls after reaching puberty and the re-marriage of child-widows; 4. To promote unity and good-will amongst the sects and castes of India. These worthy objects, it is claimed, can be upheld by the strictly orthodox authority of the great Rishi Vyasa. In the journal (No. 6 for Vikrama) a decision is reported which has great significance. It says; "A Hindu may associate with a Theosophist at meals, but not with a Christian, Mussulman, etc. etc." This is the first time that our quasi-national relation with the Hindus has been officially affirmed, though we have on several occasions dined with even Brahmmins.

ARTICLES OF ALLIANCE.

Between the Hindu Sabha, of Southern India, of which M. R. Ry. A. Sankariah Avergal is the President-Founder, and the Theosophical Society, of which H. S. Olcott is the President Founder.

Whereas, The objects for which the Hindu Sabha has been organised can best be promoted by co-operation between all the friends of India, her nationality, philosophy, religion and science; and

Whereas, The Founders of the Theosophical Society have ever manifested a sympathy for the said objects, and are zealously working to advance the best interests of India, and make her name honoured throughout the world; and

Whereas, The said Society has tendered to the Hindu Sabha its friendly aid and proposed an affiliation between the two Societies;

Now therefore, Be it Resolved that the said offer be accepted, and that a close and brotherly union be and is hereby declared between the Hindu Sabha and the Theosophical Society.

Resolved, also, that the Hindu Sabha hereby pledges its officers' and members' best exertions to assist in the accomplishment of the aims and objects of the Theosophical Society by every practicable means.

Executed by the undersigned for, on behalf of, and by authority of their respective Sabhas, this 31st day of March, 1881 A. D.; corresponding to 20th Meenam 4982 Kali Era.

(Sd.) A. SANKARIAH, B. A., President, for the Hindu Sabha.

(Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT, President, for the Theosophical Society.

T. S.
Seal.

*Of the above sum the two quarter shares of Colonel Olcott and Madame Blavatsky have been paid by them and credited to the Society (see credit side of account).

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