

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Brahma Sama)

OF

HYDERABAD (DECCAN.)

Principles of Brahmaism.

(Published by the Hyderabad Deccan Brahma Samaj.)

- (1) There is only one God who is the creator, Preserver and Saviour of the world. He is spirit. He is infinite in power, wisdom, love, justice, holiness. He is omnipresent.
- (2) The human soul is immortal and capable of infinite progress.
- (3) The purpose of human life is to realize the unity of all creation in God.
- (4) To be united with God in truth, love and will is religion.
- (5) God alone is to be worshipped; His worship is essential for spiritual growth.
 - (6) God alone is infallible; Man is liable to error.
- (7) Truth is to be reverently accepted from all Scriptures, from all Teachers and from every other source.
- (8) The human soul is capable of direct communion with the Supreme Soul.
- (9) In the ascertainment of spiritual truth the seat of ultimate authority is the human soul.
- (10) The realisation of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man and mercy towards the lower animals is true religion.

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Nyderabad Deccan Brahma Samaj. 1921.

WEEKLY DIVINE SERVICE.

Divine Service was held uninterruptedly every Friday during the year in the bungalow of Mr. Welinkar at Jam Bagh Road. Most of the services were in Hindi; a few were in Telugu. Occasional services in English were also held. The attendance averaged about 40, as in the previous year. It is gratifying to state that during the year under report we had even larger co-operation than during the previous year in the work of conducting our weekly and special services and meetings. The under-mentioned gentlemen helped in this work: Messrs. N. G. Welinkar, Baji Krishnarao, Hafiz Abdul Ali Vakil, M. V. Bhaggyareddy, Baldeo Singh, Rai Basheshar Nath Vakil, G. A. Chandavarkar, M. Lakshminarsaiah Vakil, B. K. Nittyanand, Rang Rao and K. Muthiah.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND MEETINGS.

Ten special services were held the list of which is as follows:--

Date.	Place.	Speaker.	Subject.
20th May 1921.	Mr. Welinkar's	Mr. N. G. Welin- kar.	Divine Service in English.
aist Aug. "	Mr. Ramayya's.	Mr. B. Ramayya.	Memorial Service for the late Jamadar Narainswamy.

26th Aug. 1921.	Mr. Welinkar's	Mr. G. A. Chan- davarkar.	Memorial Service for the late U. Raghnathaya of Mangalore,
23rd Sep. "	do.	Mr. N. G. Welin- kar,	Divine Service in English.
27th Sep. ,,	Humanitarian League's Hall.	Mr. Keshavrao Vakil aud others.	Raja Ram Moh- an Ray Day.
25th Oct. ,,	Mr. Welinkar's.	Mr. N. G. Welin- kar.	Divine Service in English.
8th Jan. 1922.	Mr. Bhaggya reddy's.	Mr. Rangrao.	Family Prayer.
19th Jan. 11	Mr. Shivaram's.	Mr. M. V. Bhag- gyareddy.	đo.
27th Jan. "	Mr. Weilnkar's.	The Rev. F. C. Philip.	Divine Service in English,
17th Feb. ,,	do.	Mr. N. G. Welin- kar.	do.

MISSIONARY WORK.

Our brother K. Muthiah has devoted his whole time to visiting the homes of the members, administering relief in cases of distress and preaching the simple faith of Brahmaism in the places visited. The Samaj Relief Fund gave assistance—though necessarily very limited—in cases of sickness and distress. As in the previous year, Song-Services (Bhajans)—numbering 22 in all—were held by our choir (Bhajan-Mandali) in various centres of the working-class population, such as Osman Shahi, Sectaram Pett, Chanchalguda, Malyapalli, Gosha Mahal, Dhulpeth. The idea of holding open air public meetings for speaking to the Working Classes on religious and social topics has long been in the mind of our President, but owing, chiefly, to the difficulty of organising such meetings the idea has not yet materialised.

RELIGIOUS RITES.

On the 1st of June 1921 was celebrated at Bolarum the Marriage of Gowri Devi, the dautghter of our brother Shivalingam with Sriman Raghaviah son of Sriman J. Ramiah a leading member of the Manyasangam at Bolarum. On the 2nd of March 1922 was celebrated the Namkaran ceremony of Sriman H. S. Parushotham's daughter, Mr. N. G. Welinkar officiating as Minister. On the 30th January 1922 was held the Shradh of the late H. S. Venkatram in the house of his brother Sriman H. S. Shivaram. On the 24th of March 1922 was held the second Shradh of the late Mahalakkhi Ghosh in the house of her daughter Mrs. N. G. Welinkar; Mr. K. Muthiah officiated as minister on the former and Mr. G. A. Chandavarkar as Minister on the latter occasion.

SOCIAL GATHERING, GENERAL MEETINGS.

General Meetings of Members and Sympathisers were held on the 3rd of April and 2nd of October 1921 in Mr. Welinkar's Bungalow. On the latter occasion there was also a Social Gathering. The proceedings on this occasion were interesting and impressive. The Maharaja Sahib of Wanparthy had honoured the meeting by his presence and there was a large attendance of members, sympathisers and friends. After music and refreshments Mr. Welinkar, our President and Mr. G. A. Chandavarkar spoke on the work and needs of the Samaj and made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Mandir Fund. The President announced, amid cheers, a donation of Rs. 600 by Dr. S. Malannah towards the Mandir Fund.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.—(Utsav.)

The Anniversary Meetings took place from the 28th of March to the 3rd of April 1921. Although difficulties of various kinds made it impossible for the Samaj to have the joy and inspiration of the presence of friends and fellow-believers from outside, the meetings were, by the blessing of God. as successful as in the previous year. The following is a brief account of the proceedings.—Devotional gatherings were held in

the morning on Monday March 28th in Mr. Welinkar's Bungalow, on Tuesday March 29th in Mr. Amritalal Sil's Bungalow and on Friday April 1st in Mr. Sheshayya's Bungalow. Messrs. G. A. Chandavarkar. Baji Krishnarao, M. V. Bhaggyareddy and Pandit Gaya Prasad officiated as Ministers at the different services. After the Divine service on Tuesday March 29, a Children's Gathering was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. V. R. Naik. On Friday April 1, after Divine service a Conference of Members and Sympathisers was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Keshavrao Vakil. Matters of importance, such as the improvement of the Samaj Library, the measures to be adopted for the development of the preaching and teaching work of the Samaj, the steps to be taken for pushing on the work of collecting subscriptions for the Mandir Building Fund, were discussed. The evening meetings were held in the Theosophical Society's Hall and were well attended. On Monday March 28, Mr. Welinkar gave a lucid exposition of the Meaning of Theism and the President, Mr. Mirza Samiulla Baig, Chief Justice of H. E. H. the Nizam's High Court supported the conclusions of the speaker in an eloquent speech adorned by apt quotations from oriental poets. On Tuesday there were speeches illustrative of the devotional and philosophical aspects of Hindooism. The former was feelingly presented in a paper by Prof. C.N. Joshi of the Osmania University College, who illustrated his theme by taking as his text the life of Saint Eknath of Paithan; the latter was dealt with in an able speech by Mr. K. Krishna Aiyar, Headmaster, All Saints Institution. The Chair was taken by Rao Bahadur A. Aiyengar. On Wednesday Mr. Welinkar read to the meeting a paper on "The Poetry of Exile" written by Dr. Macnicol of Poona and Moulvi Munazir Hussain of the Osmania University gave an address in Urdu on the Religion of the Quran. Dr. Macnicol, among other thoughts, called attention to the moving beauty of that poetry which describes the longing of the human soul for union with the Supreme Soul who is its home and from whom it finds itself exiled, Moulvi Munazir Hoosain dwelt on the practical, side of Islam and endeavoured to show how it was a religion to live by. The Chair was taken by Nawab Mehdi Yar Jung Bahadur M. A. who with his usual felicity of language summed up the more important points in the paper and the address. On Thursday there was an address in English by Mr. G. A. Chandavarkar on "The Theistic Movement in relation to some "Present-day Questions," followed by a paper on "The Christian Doctrine of Sin" which was specially written for the occasion by Principal John Mckenzie of Wilson College, Bombay and was read to the meeting by Mr. Welinkar. The Rev. F. C. Philip who presided gave expression to the interest with which he had listened to Mr. Chandavarkar's discourse. With regard to Mr. Mckenzie's paper he said that the writer's treatment had been historical and doctrinal and the subject had been developed with great ability along those lines. At the same time the problem of Slu had a strongly practical bearing, as Sin was a tremendous reality and was the basic cause of the world's woe. On Friday the proceedings opened with a short Divine Service conducted by Mr. Baji Krishnarao, Pleader. This was followed by the presentation of the Annual Report of the Samaj which was read by Mrs. Welinkar. Nawab Mehdi Yar lung Bahadur M. A., who presided on this occasion also, referred feelingly to the service which the Brahma Samaj had rendered for nearly a century and was rendering at the present day to the cause of national uplift-moral, intellectual, spiritual. On Saturday a Ladies' Gathering was held which was presided over by Begum Mrs. Nawab Muntaz Yar-ud-Dowlah and was representative of all creeds and communities. The President's grace of manner and the appropriateness of her speech to the occasion were much admired. The same evening Prof. K. Abdul Hakim of the Osmania University College delivered in the Jamshed Hall, Secunderabad, a very able address on "Mysticism" under the Presidency of Khan Bahadur Abdur Rahim. The Lecturer expounded with great skill the significance of Mysticism to Religion, both as a source of spiritual illumination and as a moral dynamic. On Sunday a General Meeting of Members and Sympathisers was held for the election of the Managing Committee and Officers for the ensuing year (See Appendix A.) This was followed by the Priti Bhojan (Dinner) which, as in former years, was generously given by our brother W. Sheshaya. The Samai feels sincerely indebted to the gentlemen who by reading papers, by giving speeches, by presiding at meetings and in other ways contributed to the success of the Utsav. For all the new hopes and aspirations which this sacred season brought with it we give humble and hearty thanks to Almighty God and we bless and praise His Holy name.

THE LIBRARY.

Mr. Mahmood Ali Baig our Honorary Librarian has done steady and good work during the year. New books of the value of Rs. 40 were purchased during the year. English books are classified under six sections: (1) General. (2) Biography. (3) Religion. (4) Philosophy. (5) Literature. (6) Reference. The number of books in Urdu, Hindi and other oriental languages is small, and no necessity has been felt yet for classifying them.

FINANCE.

The year shows an income of Rs. 1060 approximately, and an expenditure of Rs. 810 approximately. Owing to the unceasing efforts of our President Mr. N. G. Welinkar the Mandir Building Fund has made good progress and now stands at Rs. 9400 (O. S.) A list of the amounts promised and those collected is given in Appendix C. Our warmest thanks are due to the noble and enlightened Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda—who has been deservedly styled "Patit-Pawan," the Lifter up of the Fallen—for his munificent gift of Rs. 2,000; also to Nawab Salar Jung Bahadur, Dr. Malannah, Mr. S. G. Velinker Barrister-at-law, Bombay, Mr. S. R. Masood, Director of Public Instruction, Hyderabad Dn. and to our President Mr. N. G. Welinkar for their generous gifts. To all donors we give our sincere thanks for the sympathy they have evinced in the cause of liberal religion which the Brahma Samaj represents.

MEETINGS OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

The Managing Committee held eleven meetings during the year. The principal work of the Committee was the purchase of a site for the proposed Mandir. The site is situated in a certral position in the Residency area, opposite the Theosophical Society's Building and is large enough for a Hall which will seat about 200 persons.

MEMBERSHIP.

The number of Members is 32, the same as in the previous year; the number of Sympathisers is 69 and shows an increase of 7. Two new members Sriman M. Ashanna and Sriman Malayya were admitted as Anushthanic members by initiation on March 3, 1921. We have to mourn the loss, through death, of J Narainswami one of our most earnest and devoted members who remained constant to the Brahma Faith and to the principles of the Brahma Samaj to the last day of his life. In this place we may also give expression to the loss which the Womens' work of our Samaj, in common with the work of so many Reform Associations in Hyderabad, has suffered through the lamented death of Begum Nawab Khediv Jung who had presided at two of our previous Ladies meetings and whose wide learning combined with her deep interest in Women's uplift were a source of strength and inspiration to a very large number of women of all classes and communities with whom her social and educational work brought her into contact.

CONCLUSION.

We praise Almighty God who gave us the gift of another year of "something attempted, something done" in His service. May His blessing rest on the work that is before us.

HYDERABAD DECCAN, 30th March 1922. G. A. CHANDAVARKAR, B. K. NITHYANAND, Secretaries.

Note.—A detailed statement of income and expenditure will be separately issued after being duly audited,

APPENDIX A.

Proceedings of the Annual General Meeting of Members and sympathisers of the Hyderabad Deccan Brahma Samaj held at Mr. Sheshaya's Bungalow on Sunday, the 3rd April 1921.

Mr. Welinkar as President of the Samaj was in the Chair. Business commenced after a short Divine service conducted by Mr. G. A. Chandavarkar.

- 1. The minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed.
- 2. The Report of the Samaj for the year 1920 which had been previously printed and circulated was taken as read and was unanimously adopted.
- 3. Proposed by Mr. W. Sheshayya, seconded by Mr. Mahmood Ali Baig and carried unanimously that the undernamed ladies and gentlemen be elected as Officers and Members of the Managing Committee for the year 1921.

Mr. N. G. Welinkar, President.

M. V. Bhagyyareddy, Minister.

G. A.Chandavarkar.

B. K. Nittyanand.

Amritalal Sil, Treasurer.

Mrs. Malannab.

Mrs. Welinkar.

Mr. B. Chattopadhyay.

J. N. Gangulee.

B. Krishnarao.

" Hafiz Abdul Ali, Vakil. " H. S. Shivaram,

- 4. Proposed from the Chair end carried unanimously that this Meeting gives its sincerest thanks to Mr. W. Sheshayya for his great kindness in entertaining the Samaj to dinner in this as in past years.
- 5. Proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously that Mr. M. A. Baig and Mr. Hanmanthrao Vakil be elected as Joint Librarians.

4th April 1921.

N. G. WELINKAR.

President.

APPENDIX B.

Proceedings of of General Meeting of the Members and Sympathisers of the Hyderabad (Dn.) Brahma Samaj held on the 7th October 1921 at Mr. Welinkar's Bungalow with Mr. N. G. Welinkar in the chair.

- τ. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
- 2. Mr. Welinkar proposed and Mr. Bhagyareddy seconded the following proposition which was unanimously carried.
- "The general Body authorises the Managing Committee to buy the plot of ground selected by the Committee in Gulbag for H. S. Rs. 5,300 for erecting the Samaj Building there-on."
- 3. Dr. Mallanah kindiy agreed to make up the total sum to be paid to the owner.

The President gratefully acknowledged the donation on behalf of the Members and Sympathisers.

4. Mr. Welinkar proposed to write Mr. S. C. Banerjee with a view to utilise his services for collecting subscriptions to the Building Fund. Dr. Mallanah suggested that local men be appointed. The following Sub-committee was there-upon appointed: (1) Dr. Mallanah (President) (2) Mr. N. G. Welinkar Secretary (3) Mr. Mukerjee (4) Mr. Bhaggyareddy (5) Mr. B. Krishna Rao (6) Mr. Shivaram, to collect funds for the Building.

8th October 1921.

N. G. WELINKAR,
President.

Ryderabad Deccan Brahma Samaj. BUILDING FUND. APPENDIX C.

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APPENDIX. D.

THE HYDERABAD DECCAN BRAHMA SAMAJ.

AN APPRAL.

DEAR PROTHER.

By the Grace of God a Brahma Samaj was established here in Hyderabad Deccan, or rather re-established, about six years ago. Since then Divine Worship has been regularly held from week to week and religious and social work steadily carried on by the Samaj. We have now a congregation of about 30 full (Anushthanic) Members and about 50 Sympathisers. The Samaj has been enabled to do some work of religious and social help and up-lift, small work but, we trust, real work, among a large community composed of back-ward and neglected classes to whom such work has been a God-send.

There is now a general and ardent desire among our congregation to give permanence to our Samaj, by providing it with a building of its own. During the past six years our weely services, lectures and other meetings have been held either in private houses or in buildings lent to us by the courtesy of other Associations. This state of things cannot, however, be permanent and we have felt led to make a great effort to collect funds for the crection of a Brahma Mandir in the City. It is estimated that the building, including site, will cost Rs. 20,000. Our small congregation, consisting mostly of people with very slender means, has pledged itself at a Conference recently held under the Presidentship of our esteemed brother Mr. G. B. Trivedi, B. A., Secretary of the Bombay Frarthana Samai, to raise among themselves Rs. 4,000 (four thousand) each member being pledged to contribute a month's income. We may expect another Rs. 2,000 to be contributed by the public of this city. This may seen a small contribution for the First Native State in India to make; but our cause is little understood and still less appreciated here and the amout named above is the utmost that in the present state of public feeling can be expected locally, over and above the contribution of the congregation. Thus we must look for the remaining Rs. 14,000 to friends of the Erahma Faith in other parts of the country particularly in the great centres of Brahma Congregations. We trust that the cause will appeal to the heart of every true Indian Theist and we trust and pray that our Brahma brothers and the friends of Brahmaism everywhere in India may be led to liberally help this effort that a small and struggling Samaj is making. Contributions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the undersigned.

N. G. WELJNKAR.

PRESIDENT.

Hyderabad Deccan Brahma Samaj.

The Ryderabad Deccan Brahma Samaj.

List of Initiated Members,

- 1. Mrs. Malannah.
- 2. Mrs. B. Chattopadhyay.
- 3. Mrs. B. Gangulee.
- 4. Mrs. J. N. Gangulee.
- 5. Mrs. Welinkar.
- 6. N. G. Welinkar, Esqr., M.A. LL.B.
- 7. Dr. S. Malannah, M. D.
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- 17. B. K. Nittyanand, Esqr.
- 18. S. Ballingam, Esqr.
- 19. S. Shivaraj, Esqr.

- 20. K. Shivalingam, Esqr.
- 21. A. R. Mukundswami, Esqr.
- 22. A. R. Hemachalam, Esqr.
- 23. S. Sitaram, Esqr.
- 24. A. Luchmaiah, Esqr.
- 25. M. V. Bhaggyareddy, Esqr.
- 26. Malliah, Esqr.
- 27. R. Luchmaiah, Esgr.
- 28. C. Elaiah, Esqr.
 - 20. M. Bijaiah. Esqr.,
- 30. H. S. Purshottam, Esqr.
- 31. C. Mallesham, Esqr.
- 32. P. Babiah, Esqr.
- 33. G. Malleshrao, Esqr.
- 34. Rang Rao, Esqr.
- 35. K. Ramaswami, Esqr.
- 36. R. Ramaswami, Esqr.
- 37. Mukundam, Esqr,
- 38. M. Ashanna, Esqr.
- 39. Dr. A. K. Ghosb.

The Ryderabad Deccan Brahma Samaj.

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- I. Shet Ganeshmal, Merchant.
- 2. M. Azmatulia Khan, Esqr., B. A., Secretary for Government Examinations, Hyderabad Deccan.
- 3. N. H. Faruki, Esqr., Inspector of Schools, Nizamabad.
- 4. Raghavendra Rao, Esqr., High Court Vakil.
- P. Venkatesulu, Esqr., B. A. Headmaster, Wesleyan Mission High School, Secunderabad Deccan.
- P. Nadrajan Moodliar, Esqr., B. A., Superintendent, Boys' Hostel, Secunderabad Deccan.
- 7. Justice Pandit Keshavrao, Judge, H. E. H's. High Court.
- 8. T. Subba Rau, Esqr., Sub-Overseer, P. W. D.
- Sardar Baldeo Singh, B. A., Assistant Translator, Translation Bureau, Osmania University.
- H. A. Munim, Esqr., B. A., Assistant Accountant General.
- C. Vijiarangam Mudliar, Esqr., Executive Engineer, (Retired).
- 12. M. Rahimuddin, Esqr., M. A., Professor, Osmania University College.
- Lalit Mohan Mookerjee, Esqr., R.A., C.E. Principal, Govt. School of Engineering, Hyderabad Deccan.
- H. V. Krishnaswami, Esqr., B. A., Professor and Librarian, Nizam College.
- D, K. Lele, Esqr., Clerk, Director of Public Instruction's Office.

- 16. V. A. Krishna Sarma, Esqr., Supervisor, P. W. D.
- 17. M. Lakshminarsiah, Esqr., High Court Vakil.
- 18. N. Sridhar Rao, Esqr.
- 19. B. Krishna Iyengar, Esqr., Executive Engineer, Irrigation Branch.
 - 20 R. S. Naik, Esqr., M. A., Brrister.at-Law.
 - 21. K. N. O. Prasadrao, Esqr., Drawing Master, Wesleyan Mission High School, Secunderabad Deccan.
 - 22. V. M. Adiah, Esqr., Supervisor, P. W. D.
- 23. G. T. Chetty, Esqr., Electrician.
- 24. Amritial Sil, Esqr., M. A., Professor, Osmania University College.
- 25. C. Srikishen, Esqr., Rarrister-at-Law.
- A. K. Haravu, Esqr., Representative, Sun Life Assurance Co., of Canada.
- 27. Hafiz Abdul Ali Esqr., High Court Vakil.
- 28. Etrajiloo Esqr., N. O. 3rd Infantry.
- 29. C. Gopal Reddy Esqr., Zamindar.
- 30. M. Mithrapala Esqr., Mint Surgeon.
- 31. V. V. Prem Dass Esqt.
- 32. Baji Krisnarao Esqr., B.A., B.L., Pleader, Secunderabad Deccan.
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