

In 1882, the two Founders undertook further tours in India. Col. Olcott again visited Ceylon, where he cured a paralytic person, thereby discovering his remarkable healing powers, of which he had had earlier only slight acquaintance in the form of mesmeric passes, which he had used on a few occasions. For a few years he cured many others with extraordinary success. Finally, however, he was advised by his master to give up such healing activities, as he was being called upon too frequently to exercise them and the strain on him was too great.

Meanwhile in that same year, Madame Blavatsky went on a visit to Simla and from there journeyed into Sikkim to meet the two Masters who were the “inner founders” of the Society. The seventh Anniversary of the Society was held in Bombay with thirty-nine branches or lodges participating. Blavatsky and Olcott then left Bombay to establish a new permanent international headquarters for the Society in Adyar, Madras (now called Chennai). A history of that event entitled “Leading Them to a Vision” by S. Muthiah was published in the *Hindu* newspaper for October 22, 2007.

“A reader who rather belatedly caught up with my item on *Huddlestone Gardens* (Miscellany, May 21), recently sent me an article by C. V. K. Maithreya which narrates how the brothers Soobiah and Narasimhulu, the sons of Justice Muthuswamy of Salem, had ‘invited’ Blavatsky and Olcott to visit *Huddlestone Gardens*, which was up for sale at the time. When they got there, Mme Blavatsky had ‘an inner call to establish the international headquarters of the Theosophical Society at the place.’ With the help of Iyaloo Naidu and Justice Muthuswamy the sale was put through and the Theosophical Society put down roots on the banks of the Adyar. Soobiah, Maithreya, ... was called by Blavatsky as her ‘son’ and he was present by her side at all the subsequent purchases that were made to expand the *Huddlestone Gardens* property.

“Soobiah who was one of the founders of the Young Men’s Indian Association, was an officer in the Department of Sea Customs. Despite his official position, he involved himself with Annie Besant’s Home Rule movement. When Gandhiji visited Adyar, it was Soobiah who showed him around. Justice Muthuswamy, for his part, was associated with *The Pioneer* of Lucknow, edited by A. P. Sinnett, through a mutual friend, the Theosophist, Alan Octavian Hume.