

Together with the Indian Theosophist Bhagavan Das, Besant founded the Central Hindu College (CHC), Benares, in 1898. Seventeen years later, in 1915, the college became the nucleus of the Benares Hindu University. During this period between 1899 and 1903, three textbooks and two story books were published, and a college magazine was founded that continued until the CHC merged into its larger successor. These institutions and publications formed part of a widespread Theosophical educational system which was in turn integrated within the colonial educational system.

